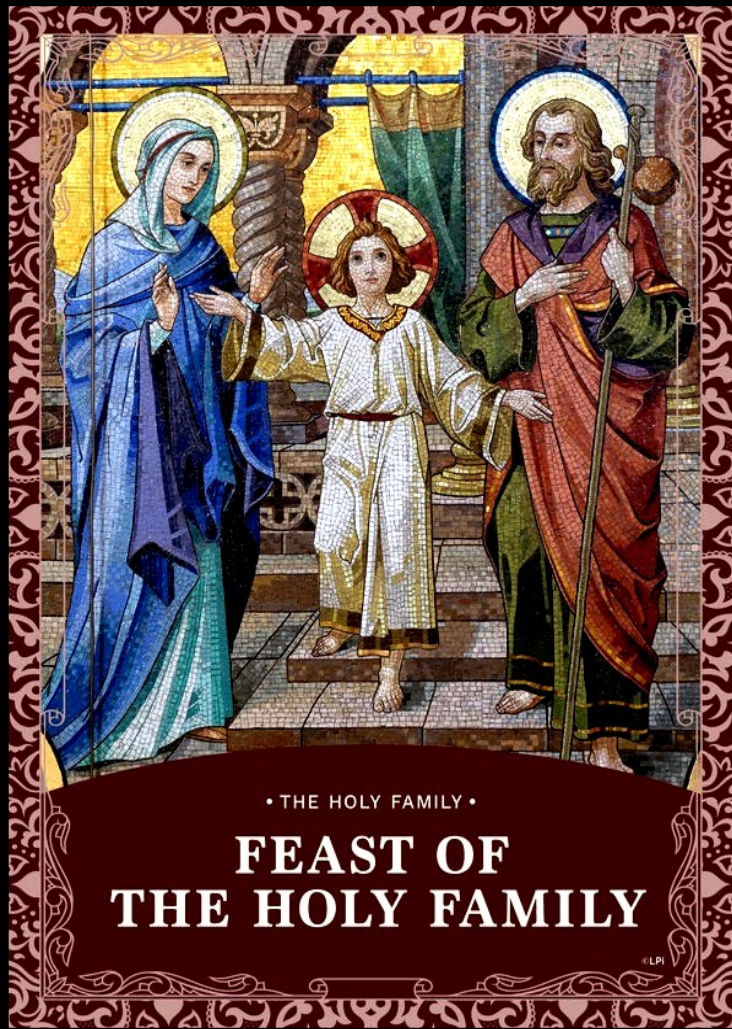


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



December 29th, 2024

Saturday, January 4th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Susan Tully
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Mark Olson, Danicka Spencer,
Evan & Owen Drier
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Steven Bauer Family **Script:** Nancy Schumacher

Sunday, January 5th, 8:00 am

Reader: Gregg Schmitt
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Alexander Kloehn, Bryce Kohlstedt,
Adelyn & Cameron Wertz
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Andrew Wright Family **Script:** Jonna Ray

Sunday, January 5th, 10:30 am

Reader: Alisa Weiss
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Will, Ella, Molly & Elijah Weiss
Gifts: Brian Weiss Family **Script:** Mary Jo Nigl

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 30th
No Mass

Tuesday, December 31st
Vigil Mass 5:15 pm
† Ben Ryan
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1st **Holy Day of Obligation**
Mass 9:00 am
† Mark Schwingshagl

Thursday, January 2nd **St. Basil & St Gregory**
Mass 8:15am **Adoration following Mass**
† Jerry & Florence Durst

Friday, January 3rd **Most Holy Name of Jesus**
Mass 8:15 am **First Friday**
† Bernard Johnson

Mass 10:00 am **Schmitt Assisted Living**
† Art & Kathryn Boak

Saturday, January 4th **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**
Mass 8:15 am **First Saturday**
† Deborah Burke

Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† John J. Honer

Sunday, January 5th **The Epiphany of the Lord**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
Fran & Laurie Krajco Family SP.I.

Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Parish Calendar of Events

01/05 St Mary's Youth Group 6:00 –7:30 pm
Mary, Mother of God...Mother Knows Best
01/11 Knights of Columbus Bingo 6:30 pm
Community Center
01/22 to 01/26... March for Life, Washington, D.C.

From your pastor . . .

I again take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Christmas season and New Year. We are in the heart of the Christmas season with today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. On January 1st (Wednesday) we shall celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Two Masses will be celebrated to assist you in attending Mass: 5:15 p.m. on New Year's Eve (Tuesday), 9:00 a.m. on New Years Day (Wednesday). Please don't allow yourself to begin the New Year in the wrong way by deliberating missing Holy Mass. Next Sunday, (January 5th) we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany that recalls the arrival of the three Magi to Bethlehem. The Christmas season will come to its conclusion with the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord on Sunday, January 12th.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we pray in a particular way through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, constituted of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for the well-being and protection of the families of our parish and families throughout our county, state and nation. The family is the first and primary social cell of the larger society. Without having strong and intact families our nation suffers gravely. Pope Saint John Paul II wrote these important and prophetic words, "The future of humanity passes by way of the family." One of the most important ways that families are strengthened is through the Catholic Faith and the Church. Our parish and our Catholic school in particular are here to serve as an essential help to parents and families.

I wish to use the remainder of this column to give a brief financial update concerning the progress of the Diocesan Annual Appeal that is taking place throughout our Diocese and within our parish. Because the bulletin must be published at an earlier date than normal during Christmas and New Years, this accounting is from December 17, 2024, so by the time you read this in all likelihood the numbers have changed.

Goal: \$32,715.00
Total Pledged and Received: \$34,600.00
Amount Received: \$31,010.00
Over/under goal: (\$1,705).
Average gift amount: \$313.30

Thank you to all who have given generously to the Appeal. As you can ascertain, at this point we have pledged above the goal that was assigned to us. We will continue to keep the campaign going with the hope that more parishioners will respond with the same generosity as those who have already responded.

May you enjoy this New Year's Day with family and friends. Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

Prayer to the Holy Family
Look upon my family in Your loving kindness,
preserve us from danger,
give us help in time of need,
and grant us the grace to persevere to the end
in imitation of Your holy Family,
so that having revered You and
loved You faithfully on earth,
we may praise You eternally in heaven.

“ If we paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ’s love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude”
 St Angela of Foligno

CHRISTMAS FLOWER & MEMORIALS

In Loving memory of

Janet Aber	“	Charles Aber
Ronald & Janet Bladl	“	Lyle & Ruby Baltz
	“	Irvin & Florence Bladl
Jon & Bosworth	“	Flowers
Cheryl Blankenship	“	Marty Blankenship
	“	Edward & Elsie Gaura
Mike & Sheila Bradford	“	Edgar & Marian Sutton
	“	Francis Bradford
	“	Virginia Bradford
	“	Nathan Murray
Linton Brewer	“	Mary Lou Brewer
Loretta Delagrave	“	Warren Delagrave
Timothy & Karen Honer	“	Harold & Veronica Miller
	“	Dora Mary Haskins
	“	Linda Miller Baum
	“	Gordon & Mary Ann Moore
Gretchen Jelinek	“	Marvin & Mary Jelinek
Randy & Kim Jewett	“	Lynn Gregoire -Jewett
Irene Joyce	“	Joe Joyce
	“	John & Marguerite Kinney Family
	“	Harry & Erma Joyce Family
Kraig & Jean Kinney	“	Kinney Families
	“	Hackl Families
	“	Goplin Families
	“	Stanek Families
Nancy & Mark Kraemer	“	Makovec Families
	“	Kraemer Families
Sawyer & Mary Clare Kruse	“	Parker Kruse
Jamie & Angela Larse	“	Margaret Pringle Heitke
	“	Vince Heitke
Ann Machovec	“	Larry Machovec
	“	Frawley & Machovec Families
Mary Lu Marshall	“	Jack & Shirley Curnow
	“	Johnathon Swenink
Tena Moore	“	Christmas Flowers
Bernadine Mueller	“	Mueller & Seep Families
	“	Francis Mueller
	“	Randy Mueller
	“	Miranda Mueller
	“	Linda Mueller
Judy Murphy	“	Joe Murphy
	“	Ella & Ivan Anderson
Phil & June Nee	“	Jim Nee
	“	Rosemary Nee
	“	Frank Stafford
Audrey Oliver	“	Flowers
Paul & Julie Peckham	“	Edmund & Jane Guelig
	“	Cameron & Agatha Peckham
	“	Meghan Hansen
	“	Bill Shaw

Audrey Pletzer	“	Herb Pletzer
Rodney Reetz	“	Sandy Reetz
	“	Nordy & Fae Reetz
	“	Cleo “Tootie” Hasburgh
Terry& Barb Ryan	“	Foley, Ryan & Families
	“	Bock Families
Paul & Mary Jo Salisbury	“	Francis Mueller
	“	Randy & Marcia Mueller
	“	Miranda Mueller
	“	Linda Mueller
	“	Mueller & Seep Families
Colleen Schroeder	“	Bill Schroeder
Nancy Schumacher	“	Jean Ann Repsumer
Ronald & JoAnn Tennant	“	Slaney Family members
	“	Tennant Family members
Joe & Sue Triggs	“	Charles Beranek
	“	Joanne Beranek
	“	Leo & Marie Triggs
Brad & Diane Walker	“	Christmas Flowers
Richard Wastlick	“	Betty Wastlick
Brian & Alisa Weiss	“	Jerry Hackl
	“	Gary Weiss
June Welte	“	Alan Welte
Linda Wymer	“	Eric Wymer
Melanie Ziaja	“	Richard Ziaja
	“	Clara Zydlo

School Calendar Sale

The 11th annual St. Mary All-School Calendar is on sale now - 2025! Created specially by our 8th grade students in computer class, it includes pictures of our school students and staff and special dates. Calendars are \$10 each. Proceeds go towards their class mission trip. If interested, contact the school office, 647-2422.
 Thanks for your support!



Christmas Angel Gifts

Thank you
 To everyone who gave a gift to all who are in the assisted living in our area.

God Bless you!

**Diocese of La Crosse
PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 2025**

The March for Life will be in Washington, D.C.

January 22nd to 26th
through the Diocese of La Crosse

The Total cost is \$415.00 per person

The parish will make available ...
\$265.00 towards the total cost.

The youth will need to make a request to the
parish with their cost of \$150.00

Contact the Rectory 647-2621



TO DEFEND HUMAN LIFE
FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

**30 Minutes B.C.
A Nativity Play**



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5. Enter your email, done!

Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

- Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13(see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

December 14/15, 2024

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,565.00
Offertory.....	334.88
Student Ofertory.....	25.74
Pastoral Care.....	55.00
Building & Maintenance.....	55.00
Catholic School Support.....	45.00
Holy Christmas.....	135.00
Holy Day.....	210.00
Religious Share The Care Retirement.....	100.00
Christmas Flowers.....	285.00
Total.....	\$4,810.62

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**Your contribution would be on the 15th of every month,
distributed however you wish. e.g. tithe, 10.00 to school etc.
No checks to write, Save time and money !**

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Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church
please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,
but **not less than six months**
prior to the proposed wedding date.