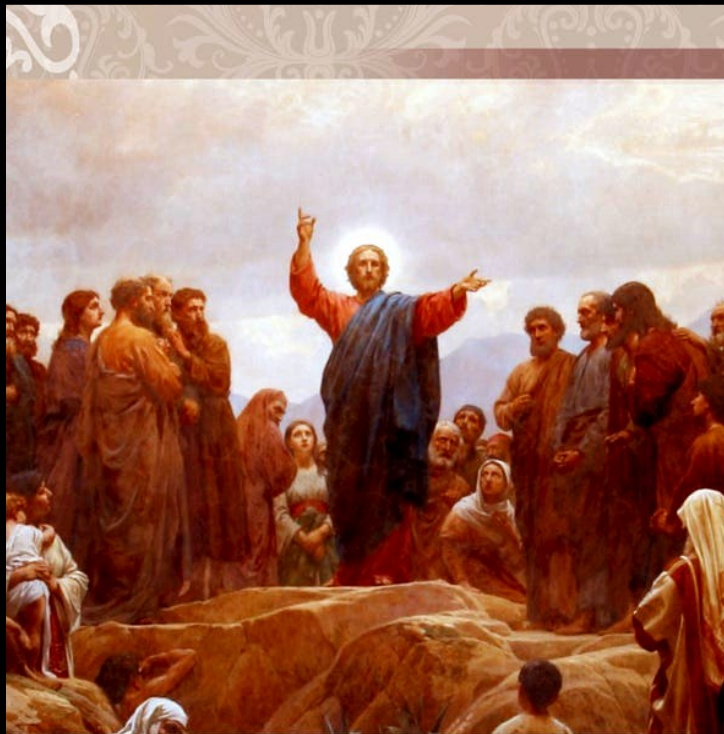


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025

Saturday, March 1st, 5:15 pm

Reader: Mary Ellen Boak

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jolene Frawley

Servers: Ethan Kaufmann, Andrew & Sofia Mata,
Mark Olson

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: TBA Family **Scrip:** Judy Murphy

Sunday, March 2nd, 8:00 am

Reader: Paul Peckham

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Easton & Emma Jelinek, Colyns Morris,

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Andrew Wright Family **Scrip:** Fran Wilkinson

Sunday, March 2nd, 10:30 am

Reader: Alisa Weiss

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Ella, Molly, Elijah, & Will Weiss

Gifts: Brian Weiss Family **Scrip:** Shelly Schmidt

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 24th
No Mass

Tuesday, February 25th
Mass 8:15 am
Sara Schultz SP.I.

Wednesday, February 26th
Mass 8:15am
† Mary Ryan

Thursday, February 27th **St. Gregory**
Mass 8:15am
† Marquel Wuolle

Friday, February 28th
Mass 8:15 am
Karen Hall SP.I.

Saturday, March 1st **First Saturday**
Mass 8:15am
L& D members of the Frances Pepich Family

Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
L& D members of the Fieldhouse Family

Sunday, March 2nd **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Al Walter

Parish Calendar of Events

- 03/02 Sunday ... Youth group 6:00 –7:30 pm commons
- 03/03 Monday ... PCCW meeting 6:30 pm
- 03/05 ASH Wednesday ... Mass 8:15 am & 5:15 pm
- 03/05 Wednesday... Soup & Supper following Mass
- 03/07 Friday ... St Mary's Fish Fry ... 4:30 to 7:00 pm
- 03/08 Saturday... Men of the Cross
Blessed Sacrament Parish, La Crosse
- 03/09 Sunday ... Knights of Columbus
4th degree meeting at 6:30 pm & Council 7:00pm

From your pastor . . .

The priests of the Diocese were sent a letter written by Bishop Battersby that he has asked to be published in our bulletins or put on our parish websites. It concerns an issue involving our present Vice-President, J.D. Vance, during a television interview when he commented about the United States Catholic Conference (administrative arm of the United States Catholic Bishops) and its relationship with the federal government concerning immigration matters. The Vice-President was recently received into full communion with the Catholic Church (August 11, 2019). During this interview identified himself as belonging to a group of “devout Catholics.” Bishop Battersby’s letter will appear in *italics* and be quoted fully.

*Diocese of La Crosse
Office of Bishop*

A devout Catholic

“Recently, the Vice-President offered what seem to be a repeated trope these days, viz., the Catholic Church is increasing her financial health by accepting grants from the federal government. Our government asks to use our on-the-ground expertise to assist migrants. Not only do we not get rich from this association, but we actually spend more than any of the government grants contribute. We do what the government won’t or can’t. We don’t ask about a migrant’s status when someone approaches us who is hungry, thirsty or in need of shelter. We serve Christ, following the biblical imperative: whatsoever you do to the least of my people ...cf. Matthew 25:40-45. Perhaps you don’t know this, but the Catholic Church is the largest provider of social services in the world, and only second in the United States, behind the federal government. You should be proud of the fact that together by God’s grace we accomplish much in answering the scriptural mandate to love. Cardinal Dolan replied to the Vice-President perfectly, he called Vance’s assertion, a scurrilous lie. As I told Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene who made a similar accusation, the Church is not in charge of the border, the federal government is, time to quit the sleight of hand Congress and do your job.

What intrigued me was not the accusation from the Vice-President but the assertion that, and this somehow justified their positions, they were devout Catholics. President Biden repeatedly asserted this about himself. It seems to me to be a rather unusual thing to say about oneself, kind of like asserting that you are extraordinarily handsome. The appellation so it would seem comes from others who viewed repeatedly one’s integrity as a Catholic man or woman. Being a devout Catholic would seem to be a sanctity. There are saints, that is, those set apart for Christ and on the path of sanctify and those who by their own choices are not. Being a devout Catholic is simply being Catholic, only heroism whose ardor is given by God, sets one apart as an exemplar of discipleship, that’s what we call a saint. Each of us are called to be saints, it is said, it’s the only real tragedy in life if we do not become so.

The people in my life who taught me the most about the journey of faith, taught me that it was not about them, not about me, it was about Jesus. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches, without him we can do nothing (cf. John 15:5). Let Jesus make you a saint. Your job and mine is to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, to surrender to him that his plan may be accomplished in us, to say in wonder and with some trepidation with St. Peter: to whom shall we go Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (cf. Joh 6:68). To be a Catholic is a great gift from God. It is given to us so that you and I might be witnesses for others’ sake. Jesus gives a rather powerful commandment to those who profess their love for him; if you love me, keep my commandments. (John 14:15). Let’s keep his commandments for love of him, lets forsake all other paths as good as they might see, let’s become the saints we’re called to be, let’s be Catholic.”

*Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby
Bishop of La Crosse*

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary’s Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION VIRTUAL BABY SHOWER

The month of February 2025

Gifts donated to: The Door of Hope Pregnancy
and Family Care Center, Viroqua, Wisconsin
Needs List (New Items ONLY)



New baby clothes size 6month -2Toddler

Wipes, Wraps and carriers,

Baby socks for 6 months plus, Baby shoes, Baby bottles
Formula, Tummy Time Mat, Baby Play Arch or Gym
Monetary Donations (put into the collection basket)

There will be a box in the back of church

Ash Wednesday Soup and Supper Sandwich



Wednesday, March 5, 2025

6:00 to 7:30 pm Following the 5:15 Mass

Everyone Welcome

Free will donation, proceeds go to Local Food Pantry
Sponsored by the Parish Council of Catholic Women

St. Mary/s PCCW Scholarship

Applications are to be submitted to:

St Mary of the Assumption Parish

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

160 West Fourth Street

Richland Center, WI 53581

Applications available at the Parish Office 608-647-2621
must be received no later than ... **March 1, 2025**

**FREEDOM IN
FORGIVENESS**
BREAKING THE CHAINS THROUGH GOD'S GRACE
March 8, 2025 | LA CROSSE
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
Featuring: Bob Kroll | Dominic Carstens | Bishop Battersby
**MEN OF
THE CROSS**

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Thrift Store Volunteers Needed

St Mary's is one of the churches that are part of
Church Women United.

This group started the Thrift Store.

St Mary's is in need of a few more volunteers.

This is something that you can do to give back to the
Richland community.

You would be bagging and checking out customers.

Shifts are W-T-F 4 hours 9-1 or 1-5,

Saturday 10-1 and 1-4.

**We try to only ask you for 3 to 4 hours
every other month.**

You can work with a friend or partner. If you think this
is something you might be interested in please call
608-647-3594 with questions.



Thank you for considering.

EMBRACING YOUR CALL TO HOLINESS

Living Our Journey of Lent through
the eyes of women

Saturday, March 8th, 2025

8:00 am—4:00 pm

(8:00 to 9:30 Registration)

St. James the Greater Parish

2502 11th St. Eau Claire, WI. 54703

Emcee: Beth Mahoney NCCW President

Marge Fenolen "When's God going to show up"

Our Day will also include: Confessions 7:30 am (optional)

Rosary 8:10 (optional) Holy Mass 9:00 am (optional)

Continental Breakfast 7:30 –9:30 am (optional)

Confessions & Adoration (11:30 –1:30)

Lunch 11:30– 1:00



Altar Server for the month of January
Sienna Weeden

Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/
Lk 6:27-38
Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/
Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/
Mk 9:38-40
Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/
Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1
Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



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5. You're in!

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2. Click Sign-up
3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

Changes that went into effect July 1, 2024

from the Catholic bishops
of the State of Wisconsin

Mass Stipend \$20.00 (formerly \$10.00)

Funeral fee \$75.00 (formerly \$50.00)

Wedding fee \$100.00 (formerly \$75.00)

These offerings are paid to St Mary's Parish



Fish Fry

Friday, March 7th

Drive Up Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00 pm

Baked or fried fish, Baked or cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce and a garlic biscuit.

The cost of the meal is \$12.00 with the option to add extra fish for \$2.00 per piece.

proceeds benefit St Mary's School



February 15/16, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$4875.00
Offertory.....	716.06
Student Offertory.....	28.13
Pastoral Care.....	15.00
Building & Maintenance.....	10.00
Catholic Schools.....	95.00
Religious Education.....	10.00
Total.....	\$5,749.19

Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal: \$32,715.00

Total Pledged : \$39,425.00

Total Received to date (1/28/25) \$38,785.00

Over Goal Received: \$6,070.00

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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.