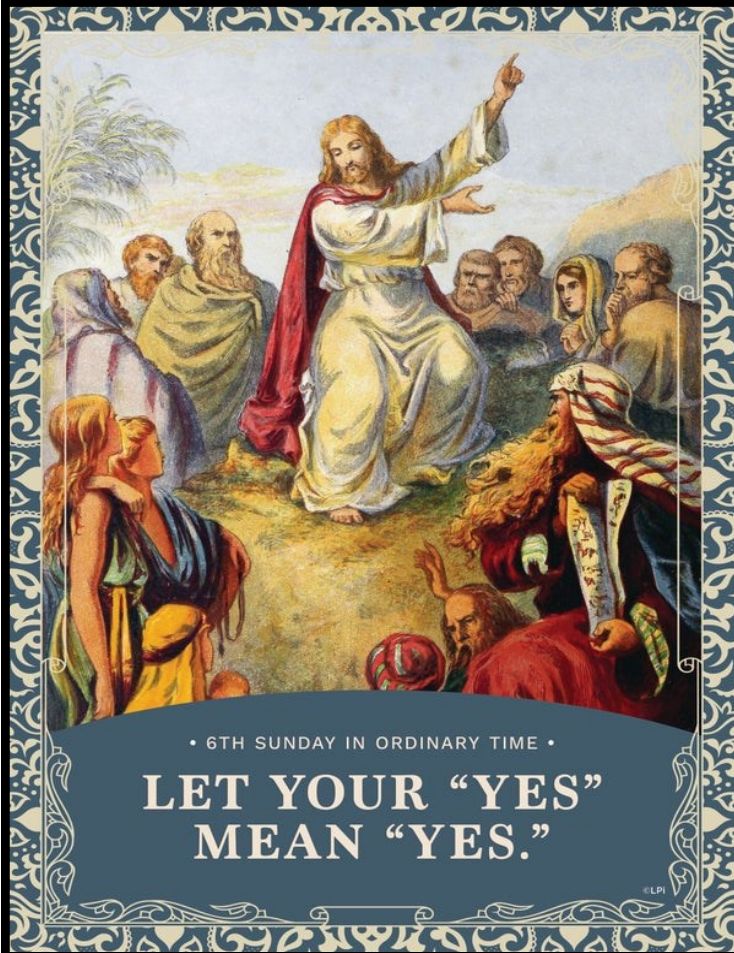


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



February 15th, 2026

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 21st, 5:15 pm

Reader: Candace McGrath

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Nyla & Vessell Rush, Brielle & Sienna Weeden

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family Scrip: Susan Tully

Sunday, February 22nd, 8:00 am

Reader: Paul Peckham

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Easton & Emma Jelinek,
Cameron & Ellie Wertz

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Gregg Schmitt Scrip: Christine Schmitt

Sunday, February 22nd, 10:30 am

Reader: Mary Ellen Boak

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Johnathon & Mary Lynn Hergert
Jolee Larse, Andrea Ortiz

Gifts: Aharon Zorea Family Scrip: Emily Zorea

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 16th **Presidents' Day**
No Mass

Tuesday, February 17th **The Seven Holy Founders
of the Servite Order**
Mass 8:15 am
Rory Schultz SP.I.

Ash Wednesday, February 18th

Mass 8:15 am Day of Fasting & Abstinence
Staff of St Mary's

Mass 5:15 pm

† Richard "Tony" Schulze

PCCW Soup & Sandwich Supper

Mass 7:00 pm Spanish

Thursday, February 19th

Mass 8:15 am

† Julie Keller

4:00 to 7:00 pm Adoration

4:30 to 7:00 pm Confession (Spanish & English)

Friday, February 20th

Mass 8:15 am

† George H. Mutz

Saturday, February 21st **St. Peter Damian**

Confessions 4:30 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

† Helen Wolfe

Sunday, February 22nd First Sunday of Lent

Confessions 7:15 am

Mass 8:00 am

Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45 am

Mass 10:30 am

† Al Walter

Confessions 12:30 (Spanish)

Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish)

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LENT

— 40 Days Of Renewal —

From your Pastor

One of the questions that I have heard often is, “Why does the Church have so many rules and laws?” It is a good question to be considered, especially since the Church seems to have something to say about nearly every aspect of life. So why does the Church seem to want to provide us with guidelines that pertain to so many things? The short answer is love. If God didn’t love us, we could do whatever we wanted, and He wouldn’t care. Yet God truly cares and loves us beyond measure, and in that love, provides us with rules to live by. These rules are not meant to make us jump through hoops or make our lives more difficult but give us parameters to be able to live to each day in the fullness of faith. They are like rules to a game. If the game had no rules, nobody would want to play and it would be chaos. Yet, when the rules are there, when they are followed, everyone can play to their greatest ability. So it is with our faith and the rules that God provides. In His love, he wants us to live well and to live our best life to succeed in our goal to get to heaven. Thus, God gives us the fulfilment of the law in Christ, handed down through the Church, to help us in our daily lives to grow closer each day to our heavenly goal.

As we look ahead to this week, we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time where the Church encourages us to focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three practices are ways in which we can go back to the basics, to take some time to consider things that we maybe should be doing more of and maybe some things we should give up.

As we walk with Jesus through these next 40 days, we are invited to deepen our relationship with God to anticipate and appreciate the great sacrifice Jesus made for us through His Passion and Death. Perhaps during this Lent, we can set some more time aside throughout each day, to pray individually and as families, to more deeply consider God’s great love for us.

When it comes to fasting, this one can be more challenging. In a world where the sentiment is to do whatever you want and to freely indulge, the Church invites us to consider disciplining our desires. Sure, maybe we can have a second portion at a meal; maybe we want that snack to hold us over or because we are still just a bit hungry. But, if we actively resist those desires, if we work at disciplining our will, we can grow spiritually. If we willingly choose to give up something good, something we enjoy, we strengthen our willpower so that when a moment arises, a temptation or a challenge, either physically or spiritually, we will be able to use the strength we have gained from our discipline.

Lastly is the practice of giving alms. Most often we think of this as simply giving money to support those in need. And while this is part of this, it can also be more. As a parish, we will continue to have the boxes available to support Lydia’s House, but there are ways that you, both individually and as families can give. There are opportunities for service, such as with the local food pantry and other community organizations that provide necessary services. My encouragement is to find a way to be generous, even if it is only in little ways, as a way to deepen our unity with one another and to grow in the virtue self-donation and generosity.

My prayer, as we enter this Lenten season, is that we take advantage of this time. I always say I have a love-hate relationship with Lent. I know I need this time to refocus, yet I will often find myself wanting to complain or whine about the inconveniences of this season. My hope is that we all make this a joyful time to preparation and see it as an opportunity to grow closer to Christ.

In Christ through Mary,

Fr Nate Kuhn



Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal ... 33,415.00 Amount Received ... \$ 45,720.00
Amount Over ... \$12,305.00 as of (2/3/26)
Thank you!

St. Mary/s PCCW Scholarship

Applications are to be submitted to:

St Mary of the Assumption

Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW)

160 West Fourth Street Richland Center, WI 53581

Applications available in the entrance of Church

Or Parish Office 608-647-2621 must be received

no later than ... **March 15, 2026**

St. Mary's Fish Fry Friday February 20, 2026

Father McKeivitt Council # 3492

Fish Fry will be a drive-thru only. 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
Baked and Fried Fish, cheesy and baked potatoes, cole-
slaw, aplesauce, and a garlic biscuit.

**\$13.00 per meal, with the option to add extra fish for \$3
per piece, up to 3 pieces per meal.**

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

Readings for the week of February 15, 2026

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1
Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2
Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the earth, making us, and our
good life. Please help us to lift others up and
love each other. Please keep us healthy and
help others who have pain or are hurting. We
love you.

-4k

February 7/8, 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,330.00
Offertory.....	2,110.00
Students Offertory.....	17.41
Building & Maintenance.....	70.00
Total.....	\$3,527.41
January ACH Tithe	\$5,665.00

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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.

ASH Wednesday Mass at 8:15am & 5:15 pm

**Soup & Sandwich Supper
Wed, February 18th**

6:00 to 7:30pm (following the 5:15 Mass)



Proceeds benefit Richland Community Food Pantry
All are Welcome! **Sponsored by PCCW**

Hey Teens and Support Leaders, PIZZA



Interested in "LIFE" issues? Meet with the new Chapter and TEEN Director for Wisconsin Right to Life. **Matt Peeters** Join us on **February 26th at 4:30 p.m. at PARK STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH** (Enter the Seminary side door next to Bindl's Tire) Come learn about Camp and Teen boxes delivered right to your door. This is being sponsored by your Richland County Right to Life, LLC group. Please contact Deb Niemeyer RC RTL at 608-585-3401 or contact at d.thriftylady@yahoo.com Just let us know how many are coming by February 10th for the **PIZZA AND POP and MATT!!!** Regular meeting will start at 6:30p.m.

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of your love.

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Pope Pius X

The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.

Scrip News

The weather outside may be frightful, but the season can still be delightful! Earn for St. Mary's on outerwear, boots, sleds, and more cold-weather gear, then bundle up and head outdoors. We can order Columbia, LLBean, Sierra or our to-go box has Amazon, Cabela's, Menard's and WalMart. Order directly from raiserright.com, your weekend sellers or your coordinator at

scrip@stmarysrc.com
contact scrip@stmarysrc.com.

Parish Calendar of Events

02/15 Sunday, Youth Group 6:00 to 8:00pm
02/18 Ash Wednesday, Mass at 8:15 am & 5:15 pm
02/18 Soup & Supper following Mass
02/20 Friday, Fish Fry 4:30 to 7: 00 pm
02/28 Saturday, KC Bingo Community Center, 6:30pm
03/01 Sunday, Youth Group 6:00 to 8:00 pm
03/08 Sunday, Youth Group Skating, 4:30pm to 7:00 (tentative)
03/11 Wed., Extravaganza planning meeting 6:30pm
03/14 Saturday, KC Bingo Community Center, 6:30pm
04/18 Extravaganza ... Save the Date!

Embracing Your Call to Holiness

Women's Retreat
Saturday, March 14th, 2026
St. James the Greater Parish
2502 11th St, Eau Claire, WI.
54703

8:00 am to 4:00 pm
www.ldeccw.com for more information

