

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

### Saturday, January 6th 5:15 pm

Lector: Susan Tully

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Eleanor Jelinek, Andrew Mata,  
Owen Drier

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family Scrip: Susan Tully

### Sunday, January 7th 8:00 am

Lector: Mark Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Alexander Kloehn, Ainsley & Everett Myers  
Wyatt Mueller

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Bryan Myers Family Scrip: Christine Schmitt

### Sunday, January 7th, 10:30 am

Lector: Gloria Joseph

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Connor Stoltz

Gifts: Jeffrey Joseph Family Scrip: Shelly Schmidt

### Mass Schedule

Monday, January 1st **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Mass 8:15 am **World Day of Prayer for Peace**

† Alan Welte

Tuesday, January 2nd **St. Basil & St. Gregory**

No Mass

Wednesday, January 3rd **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Mass 8:15 am

† The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 4th **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

Mass 8:15 am

**Adoration following**  
Jim McGlynn SP.I.

Friday, January 5th **St. John Neumann**

Mass 8:15 am

Nico Alandy SP.I.

Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Woodland Hills

† Frances Pepich

Saturday, January 6th

Mass 8:15 am

**St. André Bessette**

† Richard Johnson

Confessions 4:15 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

† Edwin & Agnes Slaney

Sunday, January 7th **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Confessions 7:30 am

Mass 8:00 am

**Our Parish Family**

Confessions 9:30 am

Mass 10:30 am

† Ruth Williams

### Parish Calendar Events

01/13 Saturday ... Pre-Cana at Viroqua

01/17—01/21 ... March for Life, Washington DC

02/16 Friday ... Drive Up Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00 pm



## **From you 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 Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Tomorrow (Monday) on January 1<sup>st</sup> we shall celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Because this solemnity appears on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed. Because of this decision on the part the Bishops of the United States, only one Mass, at 8:15 a.m. will be offered on Monday. Next Sunday 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 Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

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. One of the ways that families are strengthened is through the Catholic Faith and the Church. Our parish and our Catholic school are to serve as an essential help to parents and families.

On this point I wish to share with you a small part of a written interview with Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, our parish son that appears in the book entitled: Hope for the World: To Unite All Things in Christ. The question and answer that appears here is timely considering the feast day we are celebrating and the apostolate of the Catholic School we maintain within our parish.

*Q. How do you envision the continuity between the family, the school, and the parish? For the sake of coherence, what can be done to ensure that there is an unbroken thread connecting these three essential poles of family life?*

*A. There must be an obvious continuity that is as perfect as possible between education in the family and education in the school. The quality of the communication between the parents and the teachers must be manifested in visible cooperation, and the children will notice it right away. Everyone –the family, the school, the pastor, and the faithful involved in the life of the parish – must have a uniform approach to life, which springs from the unity of the faith. When there is a rupture between the school and the family, it creates immense confusion in the minds of the youngsters. I am thinking of that educator whom I met one day in the United States who told me that the family was a backward structure detached from the real world, and that it was therefore necessary for the school to replace the parents and substitute for them. This is a very harmful point of view, which gives rise to real disasters. Parents, even with their faults (and we all have them), are the best educators to form the personalities of young people, their spiritual life, and to transmit a culture to them. This is because God entrusted to them the children that they received from Him, and their mission is sacred.*

*The mistake that people make is to cite the example of failings that may exist in some families. Certainly, there are families with an absent, alcoholic father. If I may say so, the exceptions, the aberrations do not define what the rule ought to be. ...Let us not forget that the Lord gives graces to families and that nature is well made anyway. I often observe this tendency to highlight what does not work instead of seeing what is going well.*

May you have a blessed beginning to this new year of 2024.

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER & MEMORIALS

### *In Loving memory of*

Janet Aber “ Byron & Dorothy McBain  
Audrey Barnett “ Christmas Flowers  
Jack Bauer “ Janice Bauer  
Dave & Anne Barsi “ Francis Barsi  
“ Phylis Barsi  
“ Henry Nellett  
Ronald & Janet Bladl “ Lyle & Ruby Baltz  
“ Irvin & Florence Bladl  
“ Flowers  
Virgil Cosgrove “ St. Mary’s Parish Family  
Jerome & Sandy Durst “ Joe Jara & Jara Family  
Mimi Jara “ Andrea Yu  
“ Felix & Yu Families  
Gretchen Jelinek “ Marvin & Mary Jelinek  
Irene Joyce “ Joe Joyce  
“ John & Marguerite Kinney Family  
“ Harry & Erma Joyce Family  
Kraig & Jean Kinney “ Kraig Goplin Families  
“ Hackl & Stanek Families  
“ Daisy Fuzz  
Fran & Laurie Krajco “ Christmas Flowers  
David & Delores Lenz “ Doerrerr & Lenz Families  
Mary Lu Marshall “ Jack & Shirley Curnow  
Candace McGrath “ Nicholas Lawson  
“ William L. Richardson  
Tena Moore “ Flowers  
Bernadine Mueller “ Mueller & Seep Families  
“ Francis Mueller  
“ Randy Mueller  
“ Miranda Mueller  
“ Linda Mueller  
Marcia Mueller “ Randy Mueller  
“ Miranda Mueller  
“ Carol Kraska  
“ Martin (Pat) Kraska  
Judy Murphy “ Flowers  
Jennifer Myers “ Agnes Auz  
“ Keith Auz  
“ Kenneth Auz Sr.  
Phil & June Nee “ Jim Nee  
“ Rosemary Nee  
“ Frank Stafford  
Audrey Oliver “ Flowers  
Paul & Julie Peckham “ Jane & Edmund Guelig  
“ Agatha & Cameron Peckham  
“ Jesse Shields  
“ Mary Ann Peckham  
“ Bill Shaw  
Vicki & Tom Peckham “ Wayne & Marcella Faber  
“ Cameron & Agatha Peckham  
“ Mary Laubmeier  
Rodney Reetz “ Sandy Reetz  
“ Nordy & Fae Reetz  
“ Cleo “Tootie” Hasburgh

Audrey Pletzer “ Herb Pletzer  
Frank & Vietta Reising “ Tina Franseen  
“ Mr & Mrs. Eugene Reising  
“ Seth Grenday  
Paul & Mary Jo Salisbury “ Francis Mueller  
“ Randy Mueller  
“ Miranda Mueller  
“ Linda Mueller  
“ Mueller & Seep Families  
Randy & Shelly Schmidt “ Mary Laubmeier  
Jason & Sara Schultz “ Christmas Flowers  
Colleen Schroeder “ Bill Schroeder  
“ Alice Richards  
“ Helen Schroeder Olsen  
“ Ronald Olsen  
“ Joseph Weisensel  
David & Doreen Short “ Frances & Ina Schultz  
Joseph Simon “ Carl Simon  
“ Margaret Simon  
“ Simon & Vodak Families  
Ronald & JoAnn Tennant “ Joe & Marguerite Slaney  
“ Larry & Lillian Tennant  
Joe & Sue Triggs “ Charles Beranek  
“ Joanne Beranek  
June Welte “ Alan Welte  
Brad & Diane Walker “ Christmas Flowers  
Richard Wastlick “ Betty Wastlick  
Brian & Alisa Weiss “ Jerry Hackl  
“ Gary Weiss  
Gloria Wisniewski “ Dr. Roman Wisniewski  
“ Mrs. Roman Wisniewski  
“ Sharon Wisniewski  
“ Walter & Mary Wisniewski  
“ Henry & Pearl Wisniewski  
Linda Wymmer “ Flowers  
Melanie Ziaja “ Richard Ziaja  
“ Clara Zydlo



### Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40  
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
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 16/17, 2023 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,592.00
Offertory.....	352.53
Student Offertory.....	19.60
Catholic School Support .....	25.00
Pastoral Care .....	5.00
Christmas Flowers .....	25.00
Holy Day.....	10.00
Holy Christmas.....	2525.00
Total.....	6,554.13

(ACH) Automatic Contributions ..... \$6,205.00

**Thank You & God Bless You!**



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With sorrowful hearts,  
we express our profound condolences  
to the family of

**Daniel J. Richgels**

Who entered into eternal rest  
December 15th, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and  
May perpetual light shine upon him  
May his soul and all the souls of the faithful  
departed through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.

Amen

**SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR SALE !**

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

**The Family of Gordon Moore**

Would like to express our gratitude to the people  
of St. Mary's Parish for their support.  
A special thank you to Mark Jelinek and the staff  
of Pratt Funeral Home, Monsignor Scheckel,  
Deacon Tully, the Knights of Columbus,  
Jesse Peckham and the Funeral Choir,  
the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The ladies of the PCCW who provided the  
funeral dinner, the staff and students of St. Mary's  
School and all who have supported Gordon  
with love and prayers in his life and in his death.

May God Bless you for your kindness !

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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.