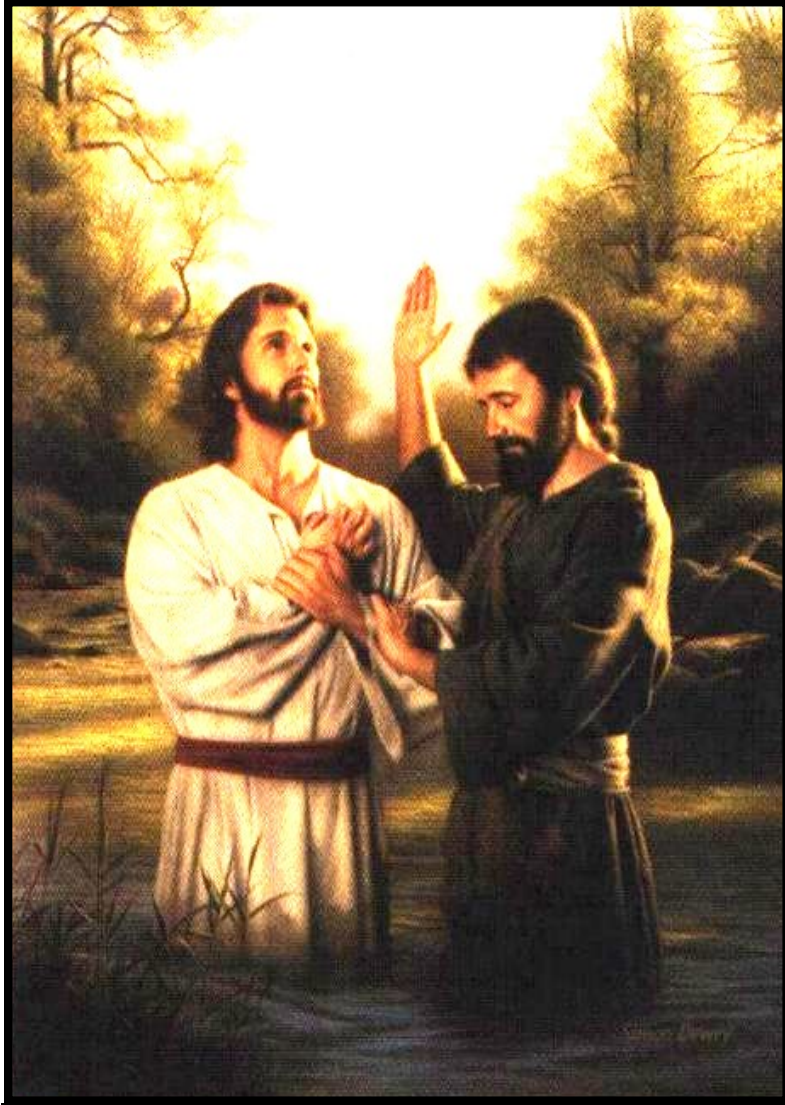


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Mass Schedule

Monday, January 11th
No Mass

Tuesday, January 12th
Mass 8:15 am
welfare of Denn families

Wednesday, January 13th **St. Hilary**
Mass 8:15 am
welfare of Dowding families

Thursday, January 14th
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration Following Mass**
welfare of Nelson families

Friday, January 15th
Mass 8:15 am
welfare of Heintz families

Saturday, January 16th
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† Agatha Peckham

Sunday, January 17th **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Evelyn Davis Sutton

Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Readings for the week of January 10, 2021

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding; in all your ways submit
to him, and he will make your paths
straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

From your pastor . . .

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the many parishioners who have greeted me with cards and various gifts during this Christmas season. Thank you for your kindness.

As I indicated in my last column, I will reproduce in full using the next couple of columns, Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines that has been published by the Committee on Pro-life Activities from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This will give a fuller explanation of the reasoning behind the Bishops' Conference giving permission for the Faithful to use the Pfizer and the Moderna Vaccines while prohibiting the use of the Astro Zeneca Vaccine, particularly in terms of any relationship between the production of the vaccines and abortion.

The text from the USCCB will appear in *italics*.

1. Moral Concerns about the Creation of Vaccines

As Pope Saint John Paul II never tired of proclaiming to the world, "the Church has always taught and continues to teach that the result of human procreation, from the first moment of its existence, must be guaranteed that unconditional respect which is morally due to the human being in his or her totality and unity as body and spirit." (Evangelium Vitae, no. 60) Recognizing that respect due each member of the human race, the Church does not now and has never accepted abortion: "Christian Tradition . . . is clear and unanimous, from the beginning up to our own day, in describing abortion as a particularly grave moral disorder." (Evangelium Vitae, no. 61.

It is because of this respect for the human person that the USCCB, in collaboration with other organizations working to protect human life, has been engaged in a campaign advocating for the development of a vaccine for COVID-19 that has no link to abortion. For example, in April 2020, four USCCB bishops, the Chairman of the Committee on Doctrine, the Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, The Chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health Care Issues, along with representatives of twenty other organizations, wrote to the Commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration asking it to help ensure "that Americans will have access to vaccines that are free from any connection to abortion." The signatories pointed out that there is no need to use morally compromised cell line to produce a COVID-19 vaccine, or any vaccine. Other cell lines or processes that do not involve cells from abortions are available and are regularly being used to produce other vaccines.

While some pharmaceutical companies have been working on a vaccine for COVID-19 without using morally compromised cell lines at all, other have been using such cell lines in either the design and development phase or in both. Still others have been making use of a morally compromised cell line only for a confirmatory test of the vaccine's efficacy. This leads many people who are concerned for the sanctity of human life to ask if it is ethical to accept any of the vaccines that have some connection to abortion.

The Holy See, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy for Life, has offered guidance on the question of whether it is morally acceptable to receive a vaccine that has been created with the use of morally compromised cell lines. Both the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy for Life emphasize the positive moral obligation to do good and in so doing to distance oneself as much as possible from the immoral act of another party such as abortion in order to avoid cooperation with someone else's evil actions and to avoid giving scandal, which could happen if one's own actions were perceived by other people to ignore or to minimize the evil of the action. Our love of neighbor should lead us to avoid giving scandal, but we cannot omit fulfilling serious obligations such as the prevention of deadly infection and the spread of contagion among those who are vulnerable just to avoid the appearance of scandal.

I realize this subject matter is rather dense and may be tedious to read, but given the importance of the production of a vaccine for COVID-19 and that there is an expectation that the majority of the world's populations will be involved in receiving it – I believe that the Church's position be made available to the Faithful.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

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PRAYER

GATEWAY TO THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

Archbishop Paul Coakley

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Located in the south-west vestibule of St. Mary's is a lending library. There are books, DVDs, and CDs about a wide range of topics from Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, Pope Benedict, Pope Francis, Pope John Paul II, on prayer, on saints, on teaching of the Church. Simply sign out the article and return it when you are through. Borrow and share with family and friends.

Check it out !!!



Welcome to our parish family

Rohen Joelle Logue

Baptized

December 06, 2020

Parents, Shawn & Jennifer

Please pray for Clayton as she continues to grow in her faith.

2020/2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have responded

Target \$33,855.00 Currently at \$42,581.00

End of Year Contributions

Tithe.....	\$5,271.00
Parish Festival.....	502.00
Holy Day.....	5.00
Christmas.....	1,045.00
Total.....	\$6,823.00

January 2/3, 2021 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,986.00
Offertory.....	362.00
Catholic School Support.....	1.00
Religious Education.....	80.00
Pastoral Care.....	55.00
Building & Maintenance.....	56.00
Holy Day.....	67.00
Total.....	\$3,607.00

<i>November (ACH) Automatic Contributions...</i>	\$6,220.00
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ST. MARY'S PCCW

INVOLVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The PCCW will award three scholarships for graduating seniors whom are members of St. Mary's Parish.

For more information refer to the application. Applications are in the main entrance of the church. The deadline is March 1st, 2021

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2020/2021 Calendar Drawing Winners

- December 10, 2020 ... Kari (Kennedy) Annen, Stoughton, WI
- December 15, 2020 ... Tracey Harnisch, Kenosha, WI
- December 17, 2020 ... Sam/Ryan Jones, Richland Center, WI

SCRIP NEWS

Did you know that a dedicated group of parishioners are in the vestibule of church after every weekend mass selling Scrip cards? Stop by and thank them for their work and to find out about all the cards that are available for immediate purchase. They can even take special orders for over 750 gift cards from Amazon to Zappos! and everything in between.

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January 17, 8:00 A.M. Colleen Schroeder
January 17, 10:30 A.M.

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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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

Janet Aber	in memory of	Byron & Dorothy McBain
Jim & Linda Barnett	"	Charles Barnett
	"	Tom Barnett
William & Audrey Barnett	"	Christmas flowers
Jack Bauer	in memory of	Janice Marie Bauer
Joan Borland	in memory of	Bernard Coy
Virgil Cosgrove Family	"	Connie Cosgrove
Agnes Dearborn	in memory of	Courtlynn Schneider
Jerome & Sandy Durst	"	All St. Mary's Families
Kraig & Jean Kinney	in memory of	Kinney & Hackl Families
	"	Stanek & Goplin Families
Bill & Judy Hilleman	in memory of	Patrick Hilleman
	"	Hilleman Families
		Harris Families
Mimie Jara	in memory of	Joe Jara
	"	Andrea Yu
	"	Jara, Felix, Alona, &
	"	Bernardo families
Jelinek Family	in memory of	Marvin & Mary Jelinek
Irene Joyce	in memory of	John & Marguerite Kinney
	"	Families
		Harry & Erna Joyce
		Families
Mary Knothe	in memory of	Mike Knothe
	"	Mark Knothe
Ann Machovec	in memory of	Larry Machovec
	"	Deceased Members
	"	Frawley Families
	"	Machovec Families
Mari Lu Marshall	in memory of	Jack Curnow
	"	Curnow & Trojan
	"	Families
Candace McGrath	"	Nicholas Lawson
Donna Meyer	"	Duane Meyer
	"	Duane Meyer Family
Harry Monteith	in memory of	Eric D. Monteith
	"	Ralph & Helen Montieth
Judy Murphy	in memory of	Joe Murphy
Gordon Moore	"	Christmas flowers
Bernadine Mueller	in memory of	Seep & Mueller families
Phil & June Nee	in memory of	Frank Stafford
	"	Jim Nee
Rod Reetz	in memory of	Sandy Reetz
	"	Nordy & Fae Reetz
	"	Tootie Hasburgh
Frank & Vietta Reising	in memory of	Tina F000000ranseen
Cathy Ryan	in memory of	The Ryan Family
Paul & Mary Salisbury	in memory of	Francis Mueller
	"	Randy Mueller
	"	Miranda Mueller
	"	Linda Mueller
Colleen Schroeder	in memory of	Bill Schroeder
	"	Helen Schroeder
	"	Arnold Schroeder
	"	Joe Weinsensel
Jason & Sara Schultz	"	Christmas flowers
Joe & Sue Triggs	"	Charles Beranek
	"	Jeanne Beranek
	"	Leo & Marie Triggs
	"	Carl P & Margaret
Joe Simon		S Simon
		Christmas flowers
Brad & Dianne Walker	"	Ruth Williams
Louie Williams	in memory of	Richard Ziaja
Melanie Ziaja	in memory of	