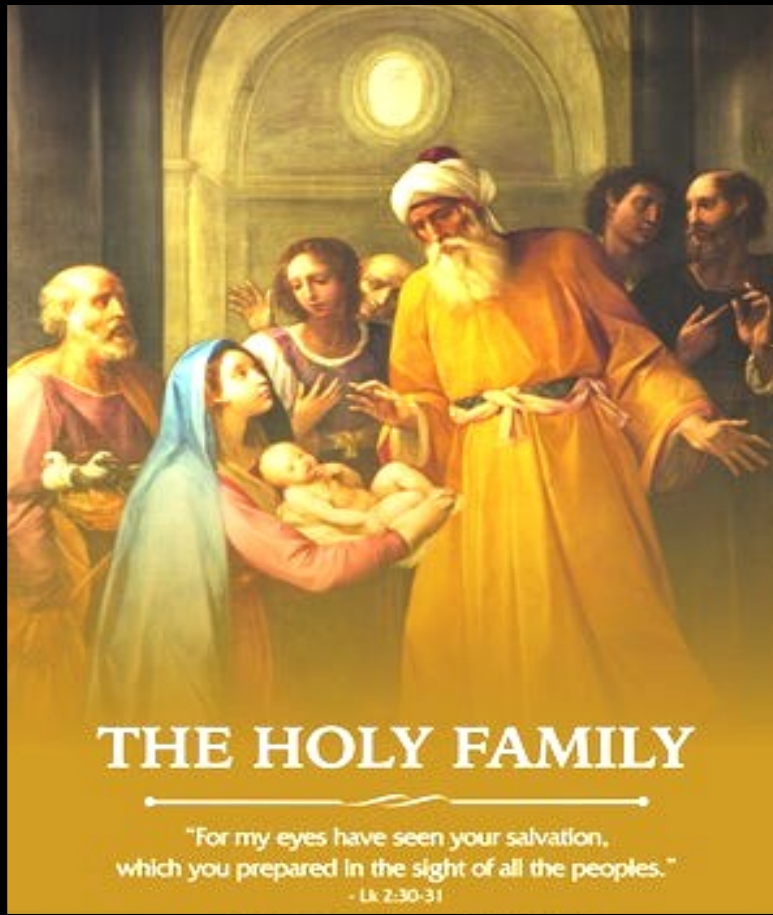


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendour of true love,
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

for the
Synod of Bishops
on the Family
OCTOBER 2014

COMPOSED BY
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SOLEMNITY
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of God

JANUARY 1

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 28th **The Holy Innocents**
No Mass

Tuesday, December 29th **St. Thomas Becket**
No Mass

Wednesday, December 30th
No Mass

Thursday, December 31st **St. Sylvester I**
Vigil Mass 5:15 pm
† Ben Ryan

Friday, January 1st **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
Mass 8:00 am
† Agatha Peckham **World Day of Peace**

Mass 10:30 am
† Charlie Ray

Saturday, January 2nd **Sts. Basil & Gregory**
Mass 8:15 am **First Saturday**
† Herb Pletzer

Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† Janice Marie Bauer

Sunday, January 3rd **The Epiphany of the Lord**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
Betty & Joe Makovec

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

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22- 40 or 2:22,
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

From your pastor ...

I take this opportunity to extend to all parishioners of Saint Mary Parish, a blessed Christmas Season. A special thank all of the parishioners who have been involved in readying our church and parish for the celebration of Christmas as well as the feast days that will be included in the Christmas season, namely, the Feast of the Holy Family, (today) , the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, (Jan. 1) – a Holy Day (but this year not of obligation), the Solemnity of the Epiphany, (Jan.3) and the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, (Jan. 10th), which will bring to a conclusion the Season of Christmas.

I extend a particular thank you to Patick Schwingle, Elizabeth Peckham, Mari Lu Marshall, Cheryl Blankenship, and other volunteers who were involved in the decorating of our Church inside and outside. Thank you to those who donated the poinsettias (or the money that purchased them) that beautify our church sanctuary. While the pandemic curtailed some of our celebration, particularly the use of the choir, nonetheless we were able to maintain the sacredness and the beauty of this holy and grace-filled season.

Finally a special thank you to all who participated in our Parish Advent Angel project that provided gifts to nursing home residents and others who were able to receive a Christmas gift because of your generosity.

In celebrating the sacred event of Christmas, we once again welcome the Christ child into our world and our lives. Jesus is the light that has come into our world to overcome the darkness of sin and death. As we begin to observe in nature the slow retrieval of more daylight with the slow tilting of the earth toward the sun, so too our lives should tilt more and more toward the Son of God who has come as spiritual light for us and for all the people of the earth.

Be certain to ask God for the grace to make this Christmas season more than a holiday that passes by quickly, but rather for it to be a time when our lives are changed for the better by having been receptive to those powerful graces that God makes available to us during these holy days. By receiving into our lives these abundant graces, we shall experience ever more firmly and surely the peace and good will that was proclaimed by the angels at the first Christmas.

I would like to again bring to your attention the Diocesan campaign that is taking place in all the parishes to support our Cathedral Church in the necessary repairs that she needs at this time. Brochures can still be found in the pews for the purpose of making a contribution. It also appears on our parish website with a link to the Diocesan website. The Cathedral in every Diocese is considered the Mother Church of that Diocese. On the Feast of the Holy Family, how fitting it is that we would come to the aid of our Diocesan Mother Church.

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

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year,

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

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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 !!!

Christmas Angel Gifts

Thank you to all who brought various gifts for the local nursing homes.

Your kindness was a bright spot in their day knowing they have not been forgotten.

Thank you again for letting the Light of Christ shine through all of you!

*May God's blessings be yours this Christmas Season and always.
St Mary of the Assumption Church and School*



We may be tempted to say, 'Our Lord is enough for me. I have no need of Mary'. But Jesus needed her, whether we do or not. And, what is more important, our blessed Lord gave us His Mother as our Mother. As with Cana, she knows what we need before we do. She is the link. The mother is not the doctor, and neither is Mary the Savior.

But Mary brings us to the Savior.

- Fulton Sheen

2020/2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have responded
Target \$33,855.00 Currently at \$42,006.00

December 12/13, 2020 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	4,177.00
Offertory.....	175.25
Catholic School Support.....	125.00
Building & Maintenance.....	26.00
Cemetery Fund.....	20.00
Holy Days.....	82.00
Religious Retire	46.00
Christmas Flowers.....	325.00
Christmas	65.00
Total.....	\$5,041.25
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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

SCRIP NEWS

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 January 03 8:00 A.M. Betty Wastlick
 January 03 10:30 A.M. Emily Zorea

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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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MEMORIALS

Janet Aber	in memory of	Byron & Dorothy McBain
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 & Erma 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
Cathy Ryan	in memory of	The Ryan Family
Paul & Mary Salisbury	in memory of	Francis Mueller
	"	Randy Mueller
	"	Miranda Mueller
	"	Linda Mueller
Jason & Sara Schultz	"	Christmas flowers
Frank & Vietta Reising	in memory of	Tina Franseen
Colleen Schroeder	in memory of	Bill Schroeder
	"	Helen Schroeder
	"	Arnold Schroeder
	"	Joe Weinsensel
Joe & Sue Triggs	"	Charles Beranek
	"	Jeanne Beranek
	"	Leo & Marie Triggs
Brad & Dianne Walker	"	Christmas flowers
Louie Williams	in memory of	Ruth Williams
Richard Ziaja	in memory of	Melanie Ziaja

