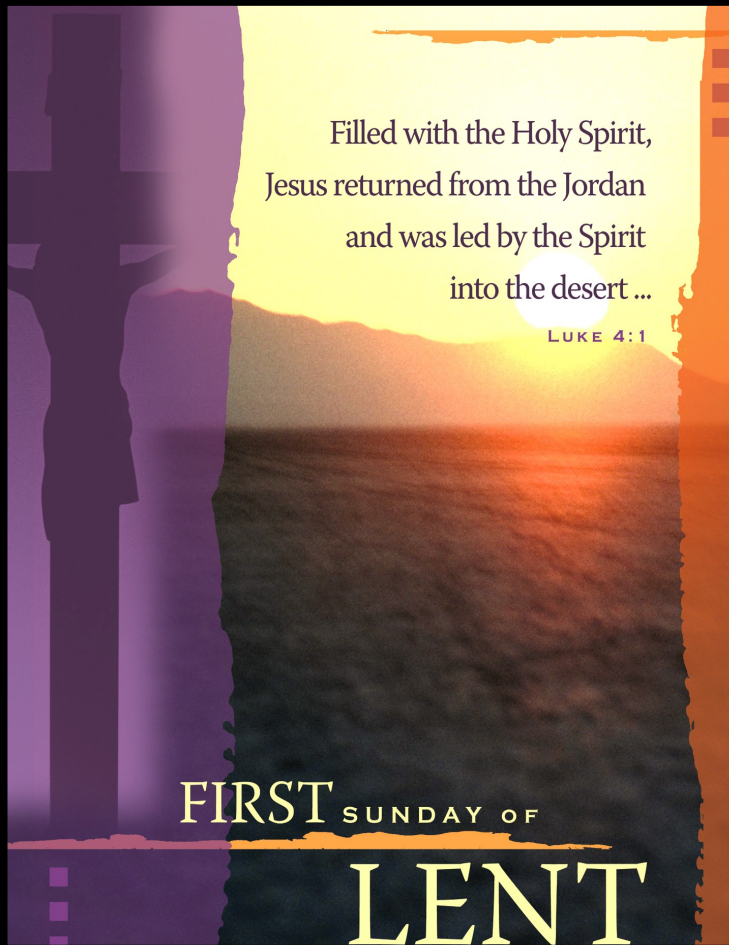


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



First Sunday of Lent
March 9th, 2025

Saturday, March 15th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Judy Murphy
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Declan Jelinek, Brielle & Sienna Weeden
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Kevin Jelinek **Scrip:** Susan Tully

Sunday, March 16th, 8:00 am

Reader: Chay Schmitt
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Alexander Kloehn, Vessell Rush,
Blake Parker, Gage Tennant
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Brian Parker **Scrip:** Jonna Ray

Sunday, March 16th, 10:30 am

Reader: Sara Schultz
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Kathryn & Madalyn Stadele,
Andrea Ortiz, Baylee Wertz
Gifts: Katy Ueek Family **Scrip:** Colleen Schroeder

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 10th
No Mass

Tuesday, March 11th
Mass 8:15 am
† Juanita Tully

Wednesday, March 12th
Mass 8:15am
Frank Ward SP.I.

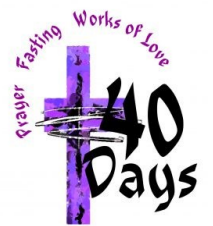
Thursday, March 13th
Mass 8:15am
† Mary Ann Krajco

Friday, March 14th **Day of Abstinence**
Mass 5:15
† Fr Leon Rausch
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15th
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
Cynthia Flores SP.I.

Sunday, March 16th **Second Sunday of Lent**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
† John J Honer

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



Parish Calendar of Events

- 03/09 Sunday ... Knights of Columbus
4th degree meeting at 6:30 pm
- 03/09 " " Knights of Columbus Council mtg 7:00pm
- 03/13 St Marys' School Science Fair ... 8:00 am
- 03/15 Saturday, Knights of Columbus Bingo 6:30 pm
at the Community Center
- 04/11 Friday ... Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:00 pm

From your pastor . . .

We have entered the penitential season of Lent, a time for spiritual renewal and conversion. To assist with our spiritual growth, I wish to offer some meditations on Lent that were written by Pius Parsch, (1884 -1954), a priest who belonged to the community of the Canons Regular at the abbey of Klosterneuburg in Germany. He was a leading expert in liturgical theology and wrote a number of books, including The Church's Year of Grace, from which the following meditation is taken. Because this text was written before the Second Vatican Council, there are some terms that need translation or explanation. I have provided this with the use of parentheses,

“If we visited a religious community on Ash Wednesday we would immediately sense a new and utterly different spirit; a holy gravity envelopes all the members; oral and written communications with the world is restricted; holy silence, greater reflection, more frequent use of penances, an intensified prayer life – all this indicates their conviction that ‘a time for the spirit’ has come. Communities exemplifying these liturgical ideals should be our inspiration.

The hymn at Matins (Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours), urges a number of the traditional Lenten practices: Let us be more sparing in speech, food, drink, sleep, and amusement; let us be more zealous in keeping watch.’ In almost every Lenten Collect (liturgical prayer that is prayed by the priest with outstretched arms and hands) there is reference to physical fasting (often in such strong words as castigare, (to punish) macerere (to soften or to steep) : how ashamed must they be who actually make no effort in this matter!

Closely related to fasting is almsgiving. Our alms for Christ's poor brethren we lay upon the altar at the Offertory of the Mass. And what of our prayer life? Certainly, we will devote more time to the Church's official prayer book, the Breviary, perhaps it would be good to say certain Hours at very definite times and with special fervor.

Our best efforts should be directed to the worthy celebration of the Lenten Masses. The ideal would be daily Mass. The ancient Church remains our model; then the clergy and people offered the Eucharistic liturgy of Lent with their Bishop every day. This service had as its object the preparation of the catechumens for Easter, the conversion of penitents, and spiritual renewal of the faithful. As friends of the liturgy, we are convinced that the Mass is the very center of religious life, that it is the fount from which all graces flow, that it is the food and medicine of God's life within us. Consequently, no other single item will receive as much time and attention as the daily Lenten Mass.

We disciples of the school of the Gospel have a new and overwhelming reason that calls us to ascetic duty. We are sinners, at least potentially; we must forestall or atone for our faults. We must expiate our shortcomings; we must punish the existing or nascent disorder in our being devastated by original sin and actual sin; we need some redeeming penalty.

Finally, we have the obligation and the desire to follow in the footsteps of our Master, who said: ‘If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me’ Mat. 16:24. The imitation of Christ: what a program!

Now we will merely reread to you a quotation from the ancient and great Origen; here it is: Do you want me to show you again what fasting you must practice? Fast (that is abstain) from all sin.’ This is the fasting that pleases God.”

Please remember that the Mass on Fridays during Lent is at 5:15 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross. Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioner of Saint Mary's Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

“ Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing...”
“The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us– that is all He asks.”
St. Therese of Lisieux

Do you feel called to be a Deacon?

The deacons of the Diocese of La Crosse seek to live their vocation as humble images of Christ the Servant. They are mostly men with wives and families. They have had, and often continue to have, active careers. Before they began their formation toward the diaconate, most were already serving their parishes as dedicated members of the laity. The Church needs more servant leaders. The Church needs more deacons. If you think that God may be calling you to this ministry, now is the time to inquire and explore. Contact Deacon Tully (drdon@mwt.net ; 608-475-0304) or me now to discuss the formation process and get more information for our upcoming Discernment Retreat which is required for entry into the program.

Deacon Bob Riedl Director
Office of the Diaconate

La Crosse riedl@diolclergy.org



LOST & FOUND

If you have left or lost items in church, please check the whicker drawers in the vestibule of church There are also some coats etc. in the closet to your left as you enter into the doors of the vestibule.

Please share this with anyone who may be looking for a lost item.

After March 31st, these items will be donated to the local Thrift Store

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

Rose Mary Wanless

Who entered into eternal rest
February 15, 2025

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

Amen



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.

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LENT

– 40 Days Of Renewal –

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



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FREE SOUP SUPPER

In Celebration of St. Patrick's Day

Homemade Soup, Sandwiches,
Shamrock Shakes & Shamrock Cookies

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

Fellowship Hall
Immaculate Conception Church
Boscobel, WI

Dine-in or Take-out

Serving from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Pre-ordered deliveries available
beginning at 4:30 PM

To arrange for in-town deliveries:
Please call 608-375-4257

Sunday, March 9 between 10 AM and 12 noon
or Monday, March 10 between 4 and 6 PM

Hosted by: Youth in Grades 6-12

<u>March 1/2, 2025</u>	
Adult Tithe.....	\$3,875.00
Offertory.....	678.00
Student Offertory.....	46.89
Pastoral Care.....	75.00
Cemetery Care.....	55.00
Endowment Fund.....	20.00
Easter Flowers.....	75.00
Total.....	\$4,824.89
ACH Tithe, January 2025	\$5,690.00

Diocesan Annual Appeal Goal: \$32,715.00
Total Pledged : \$39,525.00
Total Received to date (1/28/25) \$38,900.00
Over Goal Received: \$6,185.00

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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.