

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



4th Sunday
OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30th, 2025

Saturday, April 5th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Christina Koch
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Carter & Eleanor Jelinek, Rohen Logue
 Ronan Ringelstetter
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Judy Murphy

Sunday, April 6th, 8:00 am

Reader: John Tennent
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Oliver Cosgrove, Cameron Wertz,
 Wyatt & Brynlee Mueller
Ushers: Knights of Columbus
Gifts: Gregg Schmitt Family **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

Sunday, April 6th, 10:30 am

Reader: Cheryl Blankenship
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Brayden & Tristan Arms, Andrea Ortiz
 Alex Ueeck
Gifts: James Ueeck Family **Scrip:** Suzanne Walter

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 31st
No Mass

Tuesday, April 1st **Monsignor on Retreat**
No Mass

Wednesday, April 2nd **St. Francis**
No Mass

Thursday, April 3rd
No Mass

Friday, April 4th **Day of Abstinence**
No Mass **St. Isidore**
Communion Service 5:15 pm
Stations of the Cross following

Saturday, April 5th **St. Vincent Ferrer**
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
Maly Krajco SP.I.

Sunday, April 6th **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Evelyn Davis Stewart

Parish Calendar of Events

- 04/05 Sat.. Knights of Columbus Bingo 6:30 pm
Community Center
- 04/06 Sunday ... Youth Group , 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- 04/11 Friday ... Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:00 pm
- 04/13 Sunday... Knights of Columbus Council mtg 7:00pm
HOLY WEEK
- 04/13 Palm Sunday ... Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
- 04/15 Tuesday ... Chrism Mass 10:30 at St Joseph the
Workman Cathedral in La Crosse
- 04/17 Holy Thursday ... Mass of the Last Supper 7:00 pm
- 04/18 Good Friday ... Service at 1:00 pm
- 04/19 Saturday Easter Vigil ... 8:00 pm w/ Incense
- 04/20 Easter Sunday ... 8:00 am Mass .. NO Incense
10:30 Mass w/ Incense
- 04/26 Saturday... Extravaganza 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 05/01 Thursday ... Confirmation at St Mary's 6:30 pm
- 05/04 Sunday ... First Holy Communion, 10:30 Mass

From your pastor . . .

The following notice was published in this week's Diocesan Chancery Bulletin:

“The Most Reverend Gerard W. Battersby, D.D. Bishop of La Crosse, makes the follow announcement (s):

The Reverend Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel, Pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Richland Center, has requested the status of Senior Priest, and it has been granted, effective July 1, 2025”

This announcement means that my last day as your pastor, (which began July 1, 2011), will be June 30, 2025. What has initiated this decision is that my 70th birthday happens this coming June. In the meantime, this parish of Saint Mary's will be considered “open” for any priest within the Diocese of La Crosse, to be given consideration by the Diocesan Personal Committee and the Diocesan Bishop to become the next pastor.

Some of you may wonder what I am going to be doing in the future. At this point I don't have everything worked out – my plans will unfold over time. I do know that I must clear out from Saint Mary's rectory my possessions accumulated over 41 years of priesthood to make room for the next priest – and that must be done by June 30th. Likely I will return to the farm that I grew up on in Crawford County, where my two brothers, my nephew and their wives are presently living. I had a cabin built by the Amish in 2003 a couple of hundred yards from the shore of the Wisconsin River, where I can reside. I have been advised by other priests who have had experience in taking Senior Priest Status to not sign up for too many responsibilities for the first year. I think I will take that advice. Over time I will make myself available for help-outs, especially on weekends so that pastors can get away for vacation, so it is very likely that on some Sunday morning in the future you will look out into the sanctuary and say, “Oh no, he's back!” I have reflected a little on my priorities for the time ahead and have come up with 1. Prayer (this including Mass help-outs), 2, reading, 3. traveling, 4. hunting and 5. fishing.

Along with my leaving in the future, there are two others from the parish staff who have made it known they will be leaving their positions.

Mrs. Candace Mc Grath, who has served as Coordinator of the Religious Education program for the past ten years has submitted her resignation, effective immediately. Candance has recently faced some health issues and has turned over the responsibility of the Religious Education program to Cheryl Blankenship and a few assisting volunteers on an interim basis to bring the year to conclusion. The permanent replacement of the Religious Education Coordinator will be a decision to be made by the new pastor when he arrives in July. I am taking this opportunity to express on behalf of the entire parish gratitude to Candace for the dedicated work that she carried out in our parish on behalf of the education and formation of the children and youth.

The second parish staff position that will need to be addressed is the retirement of Patrick Schwingle as our parish custodian, which will be effective, June 30, 2025. The search for Patrick's replacement will begin immediately, by making it known first to members of Saint Mary's Parish. If you have an interest in the custodial position, a job description will be posted on the bulletin board in the main vestibule in the near future with instructions for submitting an application and resume. Because the summer months involve a great deal of custodial work, it will be advantageous for the new custodian to be in place during some of the summertime so he or she can learn from Patrick the various tasks that have to be done. Also, I take this opportunity to express gratitude to Patrick for his dedication in maintaining and improving the physical plant of our parish since 2013. Many important projects were carried out with his guidance and under his supervision over the past 11+ years.

There will be many more things to report in the days ahead, but this should be enough for this column. Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



"It is so hard to admit
that one is a sinner;
it is so hard to climb
the hill of Calvary and
kneel beneath a cross and
ask for pardon, forgiveness.
Certainly it is hard.

But it is harder to hang there."

~Archbishop Fulton Sheen~



Chrism Mass

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Cathedral of St. Joseph the Workman, La Crosse
The Chrism Mass is one of the diocesan highlights at which the Bishop blesses the oils for the celebration of the sacraments of baptism and the anointing of the sick, and consecrates the sacred chrism used in the sacraments of confirmation and holy orders. Priests also renew their priestly promises at this Mass, and the faithful pray for them. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending!

Thrift Store



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.

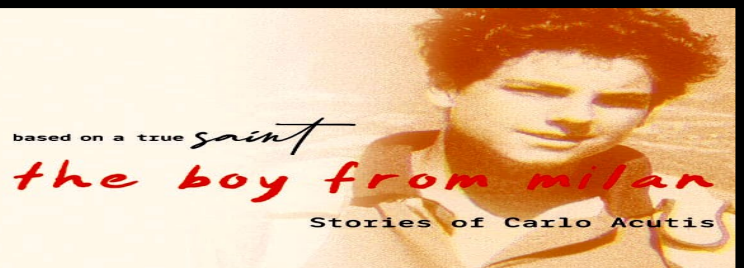
You can work with a friend or partner. If you think this is something you might be interested in please call 608-647-3594 with questions.

Thank you for considering.

Scrip News

Spring is in the air! Can't wait to get at that yardwork?

Stock up on all your supplies with Ace Hardware, All American Do-It Center, Menards, Target or Walmart Scrip gift cards from our Scrip-to-go box. Rather go elsewhere? We can order Home Depot, Lowes and Fleet/Farm for you. Not sure? Try a Visa gift card, good anywhere Visa is accepted. Just order from your Scrip seller, ask your Scrip coordinator at scrip@stmarysrc.com or shop on your phone with the RaiseRight app. scrip@stmarysrc.com



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

Easter Flowers

Please use the envelopes in your packet or any (marked envelope)

MARRIED COUPLES:

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - call now. Contact Denise and Greg - 563-920-9419 or sign up at wwme.org. Upcoming dates: April 25-27 in Epworth, IA and September 12-14 in Dubuque, IA.

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2
Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/
Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

LOST & FOUND

If you have left or lost items in church,
please check the wicker 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.
**This is the last weekend to claim any lost items
or these items will be donated to the local
Thrift Store**



**Fish Fry
Friday, April 11th**

Drive Up Fish Fry, 4:30 – 7:00 pm
Baked or fried fish, Baked or cheesy
potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce
and a garlic biscuit.

**The cost of the meal is \$12.00 with the
option to add extra fish for \$2.00 per piece.**
proceeds benefit St Mary's School

Changes that went into effect July 1, 2024

from the Catholic bishops
of the State of Wisconsin
Mass Stipend \$20.00 (formerly \$10.00)
Funeral fee \$75.00 (formerly \$50.00)
Wedding fee \$100.00 (formerly \$75.00)
These offerings are paid to St Mary's Parish

March 22/23, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$5,617.00
Offertory.....	509.36
Student Offertory.....	32.93
Pastoral Care.....	300.00
Religious Ed.....	70.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care.....	57.00
Easter.....	50.00
Holy Day.....	50.00
Easter Flowers.....	150.00
Religious Retirement.....	50.00
Endowment Fund.....	60.00
Total.....	\$6,946.29

ACH Tithe, January 2025 \$5,690.00

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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.