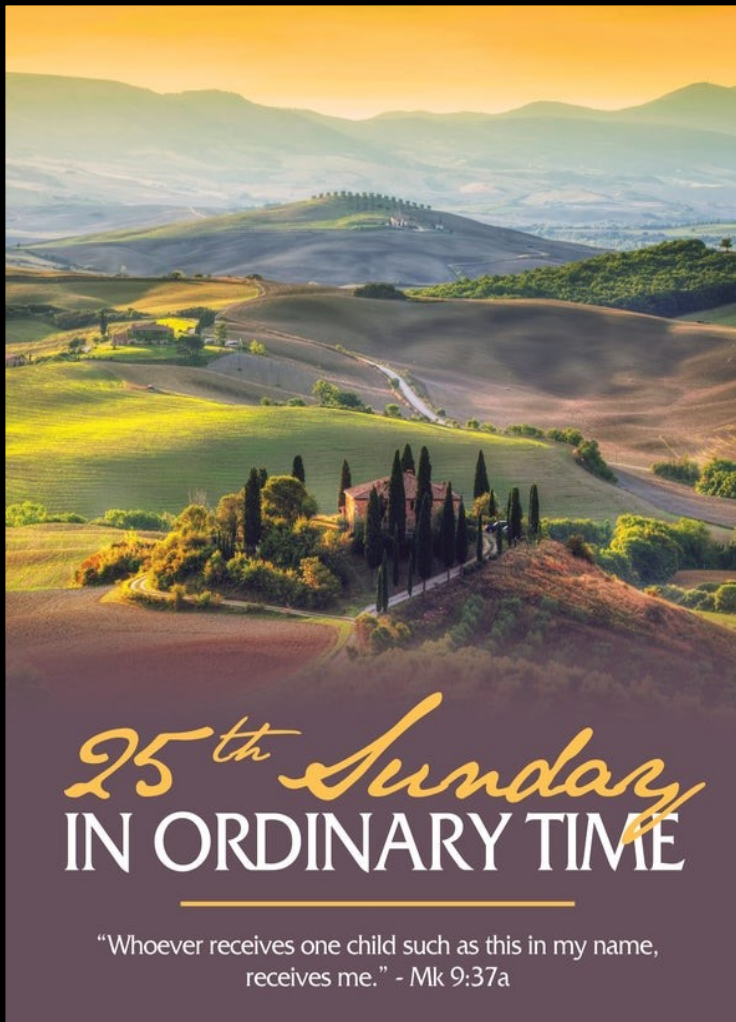


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Mass Schedule

Monday, September 20th **St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn**
No Mass **St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang**

Tuesday, September 21st **St. Matthew**
No Mass

Wednesday, September 22nd
No Mass

Thursday, September 23rd **St. Pius**
No Mass
Communion Service-Outside of the Mass 8:15am
Adoration following

Friday, September 24th
No Mass

Saturday, September 25th
Confessions 4:20-4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Edmund Guelig

Sunday, September 26th **26th Sunday Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
Georgine & Charles Worthington SP. I.
66th year Wedding Anniversary

Confessions 9:50 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Mike Nigl

Saturday, September 25th @ 5:15 pm

Lector: Donna Urbach
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Alex & Riley Spencer
Ushers: Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Steven Bauer Family

Sunday, September 26th @ 8:00 am

Lector: Mark Jelinek
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Abe & Wes Bosworth
Ushers: Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Andrew Wright Family

Sunday, September 26th @ 10:30 am

Lector: Emily Zorea
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Brayden & Tristan Arms, Isaac Gald & Jonah Zorea
Ushers: Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Aharon Zorea Family

Welcome!

Father Kurt Apfelbeck

Thank you for helping out while Msgr. is away



From your pastor . . .

By the time you are reading this column I will have arrived in Death Valley, Nevada on my vacation. I am traveling with a good friend and brother priest, Father Sebastian Kolodziejczyk, who serves as the pastor in Arcadia. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travel. Thank you.

With this column, I wish to bring to a close the pastoral letter against racism from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops entitled "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love." I hope you have been able to benefit from reading it over these past months.

Conversion of All

As St. Paul proclaimed, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason, I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting Life" (1 Tm 1:15-16). St. Paul's own conversion is a powerful reminder of how God's grace can transform even the hardest of hearts. Prayer and working toward conversion must be our first response in the face of evil actions. "I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance" (Lk 15:7). Therefore, we must never limit our understanding of God's power to bring about the conversion of even those whose hearts appear completely frozen by the sin of racism. Our communities must never cease to invite and encourage them in love to abandon these sinful thoughts and destructive ways.

Conversion is an essential aspect of evangelization, which "is a question not only of preaching the Gospel in ever wider geographic areas or to ever greater numbers of people, but also of affecting and as it were upsetting, through the power of the Gospel, mankind's criteria of judgment." (41) Like St. Paul, this requires us to examine our most deeply held "values, [our] point of interest, lines of thought, sources of inspiration and models of life" – all that may be "in contrast with the Word of God and the plan of salvation." (42)

Our Commitment to Life

The injustice and harm racism causes are an attack on human life. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently and forcefully against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other forms of violence that threaten human life. It is not a secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, targeted for abortion, have less access to healthcare, have the greatest numbers on death row, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives when facing serious illness. As bishops, we unequivocally state that racism is a life issue. Accordingly, we will not cease to speak forcefully against and work toward ending racism. Racism directly places brother and sister against each other, violating the dignity inherent in each person. The Apostle James commands the Christian "show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ" (Jas 2:1).

Going Forward

Almost thirty years ago, St. John Paul II reminded us just what is at stake. Each person "is called to a fullness of life which far exceeds the dimensions of his earthly existence, because it consists in sharing the very life of God. The loftiness of this supernatural vocation reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life." (43) We are all called to that great life, to the communion of heaven where "a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue [stand] before the throne and before the Lamb" (Rev 7:9). That Lamb, Christ, showed us that the very life of God is love, and love requires something of each of us. We pray that the reader will join us in striving for the end of racism in all its forms, that we may walk together humbly with God and with all our brothers and sisters in a renewed unity. For there is no place for racism in the hearts of any person; it is a perversion of the Lord's will for men and women, all of whom were made in God's image and likeness. We end by adopting the words of St. Paul: Brothers and sisters, "be on guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love" (1 Cor. 16:13-14).

As in all things, we turn to prayer, asking Our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf.

"Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when ' we have failed to love and respect one another. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: Prayer for us.

(41) St. Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 19 (42) *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, no. 19. (43) St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, no. 2. Deacon Tully will be writing this column for the next couple of weeks.

May God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



Oct. 2nd & 3rd

Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"How can I go home to a comfortable bed, knowing there are thousands of children that are out there in the streets; sleeping outside in the cold, hungry, with no hope in their mind?"
- Fr. Joseph Walijewski

October 2nd & 3rd, Msgr. Joseph Hirsch will share the story of Casa Hogar, a home for youth in Peru, with the mission of delivering high quality care in a family environment. There are 72 children and 9 families who live at Casa Hogar ranging in age from 5 to 17 years living together today because of the vision and sacrifices of Fr. Joseph Walijewski.

Through his stories, Msgr. Hirsch tells how over the years, Casa Hogar has provided many children with a safe and caring environment where they gain the confidence to develop skills that empower and enable them for a more promising future. All thanks to the generosity and support of many people and organizations.

To learn more about Fr. Joseph Walijewski and Casa Hogar Juan Pablo go to: www.homeajpm.org

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"The key to *extraordinary* success is consulting with God through the *power* of prayer."

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September 11/12, 2021 Stewardship	
Adult Tithe.....	\$2,850.00
Pastoral Care.....	155.00
Building & Maintenance.....	145.00
Offertory.....	441.00
Student Offertory	37.59
Holy Day	5.00
Total.....	\$3,633.59
<i>August (ACH) Automatic Contributions...</i>	
	\$6,080.00

St Mary's Parish Festival

Saturday, October 9, 2021

Food, Drinks, Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Games

Tickets available \$25.00 per ticket or 5 for \$100.00 1st Place Prize \$5,000.00

Total of \$11,500.00 in prizes

Festival begins following the 4:00 pm Mass Drawing held at 8:00 pm

Looking for NEW Silent Auction Items....

Scrip Gift cards are always popular!



A Special Thanks from St. Mary School

St. Mary School Staff and Students want to extend a thank you to all of our parishioners for their support of our school. As we head into our new school year, we continue to be blessed by the generous contributions of our church.

In addition, we have received many Memorials and Donations that have greatly enhanced the spiritual, academic, and physical aspects of our building. They make a difference and are very appreciated. We will keep you in our prayers this year and are grateful that you do the same.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION every Thursday

"You could not watch with me one hour?"

”MT 26:40

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

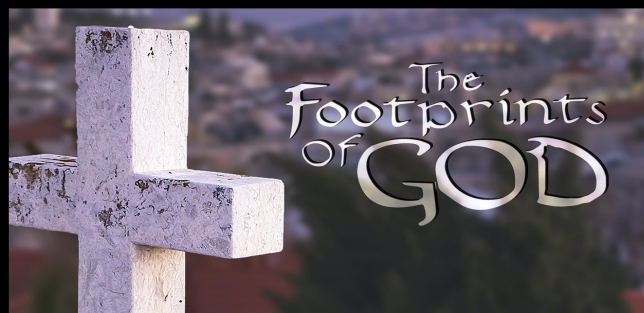
Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16 4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/ Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1- 6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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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.

The Diocese of La Crosse is working with Catholic Charities
to assist the Afghan refugees recently brought to Fort
McCoy, near Tomah, Wisconsin. Catholic Charities has provided
a list of items needed at this time. The list may change
and grow, but for now,
ONLY these items are urgently needed:

- Men's unbranded, modest clothing , shirts , pants, socks etc.
- Women's unbranded , modest long sleeve crew neck shirts, long pants, socks , undergarments etc. **Summer and Fall clothes Only**
- Children's, unbranded , modest clothing in all sizes
- Blankets, swaddles, backpacks, diapers,
- Bars of soap, Shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste , toothbrushes.

-Only NEW items can be accepted. There will be a box in the cry
room next to the main foyer of the church.
Please bring items by September 21.

- The main collection point for items through the diocese is in La
Crosse. Volunteers are needed to bring our donations to La
Crosse. Please call the church office, if you would like to assist in
this way.

- Catholic Charities is also pleased to accept monetary donations
to help the Afghan refugees.

- Please see this website for further ways you can help:
<https://www.weau.com/2021/08/27/fort-mccoy-gives-tips-ways-community-members-can-help-afghan-guests/>

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