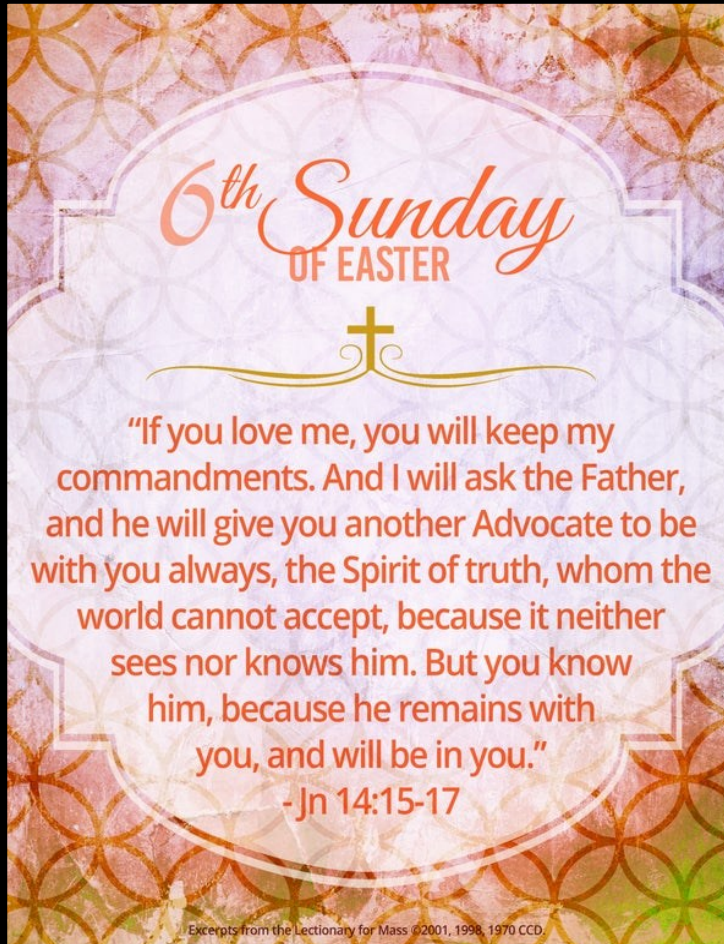


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



May 10th, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 16th, 5:15 pm

Reader: Judy Murphy

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Sara Schultz

Servers: Colin & Ethan Kauffman
Evan Drier, Rohen Logue

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family **Script:** Nancy Shumacher

Sunday, May 17th, 8:00 am

Reader: Mark Jelinek

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Mary Ellen Boak

Servers: Colyns & Lincoln Morris
Carter Jelinek, Cameron Wertz

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Andrew Wright **Script:** Jonna Ray

Sunday, May 17th, 10:30 am

Reader: Gloria Joseph

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jeffrey Joseph

Servers: Brayden Arms, Andrea Ortiz
Madalyn Stadele

Gifts: Donna Bodinet Family **Script:** Colleen Schroeder

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 11th
No Mass

Tuesday, May 12th **St. Nereus, St. Achilleus,
& St. Pancras**
Mass 8:15 am
† Marie Triggs

Wednesday, May 13th **Our Lady of Fatima**
Mass 8:15 am
Lynette & Don Yahn SP.I.

Thursday, May 14th **St. Matthias**
Mass 8:15 am
Staff of St Mary's **Adoration following Mass**

5:00 to 7:00 pm Adoration and Confession

Friday, May 15th **St. Isidore**
Mass 8:15 am
Nora Fieldhouse SP.I.

Saturday, May 16th
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
L&D of the Bradford & Mutz Family

Sunday, May 17th **The Ascension of the Lord**
Confessions 7:15 am **7th Sunday of Easter**
Mass 8:00 am
† Sara Triggs

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 12:30
Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish)
† Jerry & Florence Durst

Parish Calendar of Events

05/13 Wed., Spring Program 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm
05/16 Saturday, KC Bingo Community Center, 6:30 pm
05/17 Sunday, Children's Liturgy, 8:00 am Mass
05/17 Sunday, Graduation Mass, 10:30 pm
05/17 Sunday, Youth Group 4:00 to 8:00pm
05/27 Wednesday, 8th Grade Graduation
05/28 Thursday, Extravaganza wrap up mtg 6:30 pm
06/01 Monday, PCCW Pot Luck 6:30 pm

From your Pastor

I want to begin by wishing all mothers a happy Mother's Day! This goes out of course to biological mothers, as well as spiritual mothers, Godmothers, and all who fulfill the call to motherhood. It is appropriate that Mother's Day falls in the month of May, the month of Mary who provides the perfect example of motherhood and exemplifies the virtues needed to be lived out as a mother. I pray that through her intercession, all mothers may find great joy in their call to be mothers and may see their role in bringing forth life into this world as truly a gift from God, as co-workers in His ongoing creation. I also ask that we pray for all mothers who are struggling, in any way, that they may find hope and strength to persevere and cherish their children as they endure hardship. May all of us be quick to thank and offer assistance to those feeling burdened in their vocation.

It seems appropriate that our second reading from the first letter of St. Peter begins by exhorting us to "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks for a reason for your hope..." This for me personally has always been a powerful statement and truly a daunting challenge at times. This statement presumes that we are always hopeful. I know I am not alone when I say there are times that I find it difficult to be hopeful. Some of this comes from allowing my focus to be on the things of the world, in which there is always a cry for God's intervention and healing. Other times, it comes from fatigue or a lack of perseverance. Yet, our task is to be hopeful, because we have every reason to be.

So, what is our reason for hope? This of course follows in our reading from St. Peter but also in our Gospel. The God of the universe, who created all things, out of pure love for us, sent His son into our world to suffer and die to open for us the way to heaven. As if just loving us wasn't enough, God was willing to give everything for us so that we might truly understand the lengths He is willing to go. Do we deserve this? Nope. And even though we may not deserve it, this gift is freely given to us. As Jesus says, although He is with the Father in heaven, we are not alone, we are not abandoned. Rather, we have the Holy Spirit alive and active both in us and in the world around us. We have access to Jesus as He gives us Himself in the most Holy Eucharist. We have many reasons to hope!

Therefore, let us turn to God each day and find our hope in Him. He offers us this gift, He continually pours His love into our hearts, if only we trust in Him and ask. And once we have this hope, let us not shy away from sharing it with those we meet, ready to give the reason for this hope.

Lastly, just a few updates. I want to once again thank everyone who helped with the Extravaganza. We are still finalizing some of the bills and totals, so we should have the final numbers in the next week or two. Thank you to all for making it a great event!

This coming week, we have the Spring concert for the school. For this concert, the students have the privilege of singing at the Richland Center City Auditorium, located downtown. There will be two performances on Wednesday, May 13th at 1:00pm and 6:30pm. Hope you can join us!

Finally, this coming Thursday was traditionally celebrated as Ascension Thursday. But, that has since changed as most of the Bishops of the United States have transferred the celebration of the Ascension to the following Sunday. So, in case you were wondering, this Thursday is not a Holy Day of Obligation since we will celebrate the Ascension next Sunday.

In Christ through Mary.
Fr Nate Kuhn



CONFIRMATION
2026



Please Pray for Our 2026 Confirmation Youth

Brayden Arms, Aubrey Kohlstedt, George Laubmeier, Fynn Lemke, Rowan May, Laif Morris, Blake Mueller
Owen Mueller, Ainsley Myers, Amayrani Ortiz, Kenia Ponce, Conner Stoltz (alphabetically listed)



St Mary's School Weekly Intention

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for this new week and for each of our friends. Fill our hearts with joy, patience, and love. Help us to have kind hands, gentle words, and listening ears. Bless our Spring Program this week help us to be brave and to share joy with everyone who watches. Thank You for loving us so much. Amen.

Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

JESUS SAID:

I AM the Living Bread that came down from Heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



John 6:51



April 25/26, 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$3808.00
Offertory.....	811.76
Student Offertory.....	24.12
Pastoral Care.....	70.00
Parish Festival.....	20.00
Total.....	\$4,733.88
April ACH Tithe.....	\$5,665.00

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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.

PCCW Potluck

Monday, June 1st 6:30 pm

At Eunice Keepers Shelter

Church Softball League

Practice is set for May 9th at 12:30 pm

Must be 13 or older to play.

Scrip News

We love our St. Mary School students and we are using Raiseright to help our families with their tuition.

Simply shop, dine, or book travel through our RaiseRight account. Brands share a portion back to St. Mary's as earnings—and we'll put those earnings toward your child's tuition to lower your costs. Family members can put their earnings toward your tuition as well. Contact scrip@stmarysrc.com to learn more and don't forget our local Scrip cards sold after Mass.

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Let's get scripping!! scrip@stmarysrc.com.

contact scrip@stmarysrc.com.

St Mary's has an Open Position Part Time Spanish Teaching Position

Email Mrs. Kohlstedt for
more Information

stacia.kohlstedt@stmarysrc.com

Or Apply on WECAN

Looking for **part time custodial help**
for the summer and cleaning of the school
after the children have gone home.
Contact Stacia at the school 608-647-2422

FAMILY VACATION RAFFLE

St. Mary's 7th Grade Class Fundraiser

Round trip airfare up to \$1,000.00 to sunny
Punta Gorda, Florida. Ground Transportation not
included. Free 7 day stay at Coastal Cozy. Stay
must be booked during an open rental period before
the end of 2026. Rental details can be found at
Coastal-Cozy.com.

Tickets : \$20.00 each or (3) for \$50.00

Drawing will be held May 13th following the
St. Mary's Spring Concert Contact a 7th Grade
Student or stop in at the
School Office to purchase your tickets