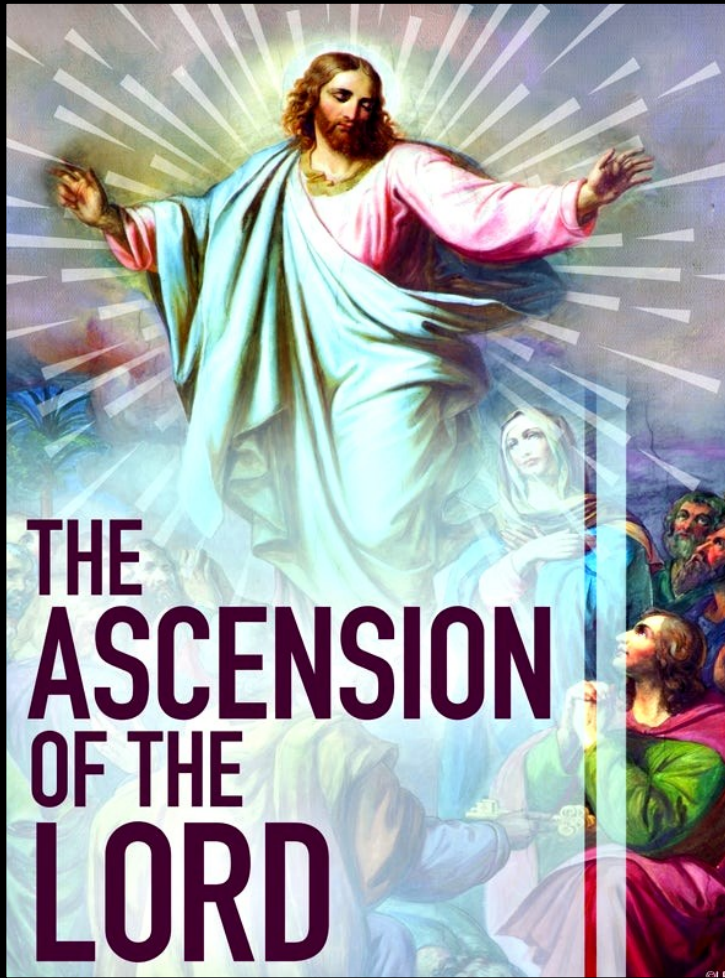


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 17th, 2026

Saturday, May 23rd, 5:15 pm

Reader: Gretchen Jelinek

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Jolene Frawley

Servers: Ethan Kauffman, Morgan Worthington
Brielle & Sienna Weeden

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family Scrip: Judy Murphy

Sunday, May 24th, 8:00 am

Reader: Paul Peckham

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Gregg Schmitt

Servers: Leo, Luke & Nicholas Perna,

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Brian Parker Family Scrip: Christine Schmitt

Sunday, May 24th, 10:30 am

Reader: Alisa Weiss

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Gloria Joseph

Servers: Giada Johnson, Harper Schell,
Elijah & Molly Weiss

Gifts: Brian Weiss Family Scrip: Suzanne Walter

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 18th **St. John I, Pope**
No Mass Seminarians to pray for:

Tuesday, May 19th
Mass 8:15 am Deacon Kyle Lang
† Duane & Donna Meyer

Wednesday, May 20th **St. Bernardine**
Mass 8:15 am Alex Radtke
† Bill Schroeder

Thursday, May 21st **St. Christopher Magallanes,
& Companions,**
Mass 8:15 am John Francis
† Joanne Loats Adoration following Mass

5:00 to 7:00 pm Adoration and Confession

Friday, May 22nd
Mass 8:15 am Luke Kaiser
† Cameron Peckham

Mass 10:00 am at Schmitt Woodland Hills
† Bernie Sander

Saturday, May 23rd
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm Levi Speth
Our Parish Family

Sunday, May 24th **Pentecost Sunday**
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am Andrew McNally
† Sally Kraemer

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am Ethan Marohl
† Terry Boak

Confessions 12:30
Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish) Cade Statz
† Otis & Mary Ann Scott

Parish Calendar of Events

05/17 Sunday, Youth Group 4:00 pm at the Rectory
05/27 Wednesday, 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 pm
05/28 Thursday, Extravaganza wrap up mtg 6:30 pm
06/01 Monday, PCCW Pot Luck 6:30 pm

From your Pastor

Today we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, in which we remember the moment when Jesus returned to be with the Father in heaven. This day is a day of rejoicing as the earthly mission of Jesus was completed and He commissioned the Apostles to go forth into the world to continue the work He had begun. As they stood with Him about to ascend to heaven, they heard the words, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." This instruction is given to all of us as followers of Christ, for as disciples, this is our mission.

As Jesus returns to heaven, He reminds us that in order for us to receive the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, He must ascend to heaven. I can only imagine the Apostles who were there with Him, standing and watching Him disappear from their sight. The emotions that they would have experienced, watching their dear friend, their Lord, depart from them. I know in my mind on a human level, I might be thinking, not again! But on the spiritual side, hearing Jesus' instructions, I may be feeling ready to go, like players after receiving a rousing speech from their coach before a game.

It is this last image that I want to focus on for us today. We are being prepared to be sent into the world. These last couple of weeks, I have been preaching about the meaning of discipleship and what friendship with Jesus looks like. As a friend of Jesus, it is necessary for us to live in a way that makes this friendship true, more than just words being said. If we are truly disciples of Jesus, our actions will show this, our decisions will reflect this.

As we prepare for next week and the celebration of Pentecost, the descending of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and all of us, we are getting ready to be sent forth with great zeal and love of God and of our neighbors. With this in mind, I am going to be starting a ministry invitation for the parish. Beginning next weekend, I will have signup sheets for various ministries that you are invited to consider being part of. Some of them, for example, will be various ministries at Mass, such as reading, ushering, bringing up gifts, and serving. Other ministries include different parts of parish life, such as involvement in potential committees like the Social Justice and Charity Committee, or other new committees, such as a Family Life Committee or an OCIA Committee for helping welcome new members into our parish family. My invitation for us this week, as we consider the great mystery of God's love for us, is to prayerfully ask ourselves, how can I live as a disciple of Jesus? How is Jesus inviting me to generously respond to the call to follow Him? What does loving Jesus look like in my own life, in my own family, in the parish? These signup sheets will be available for a few weeks to give everyone a chance to see what is available and to reflect on and pray about the opportunities. Please consider this an invitation for each of you to ask how you can offer the gifts that God has given to me in service of others.

I pray that as our eyes become fixed upon Jesus, like the Apostles as they watch Him ascend to Heaven, our hearts may be stirred to consider responding to His outpouring of love.

**In Christ through Mary,
Fr Nate Kuhn**

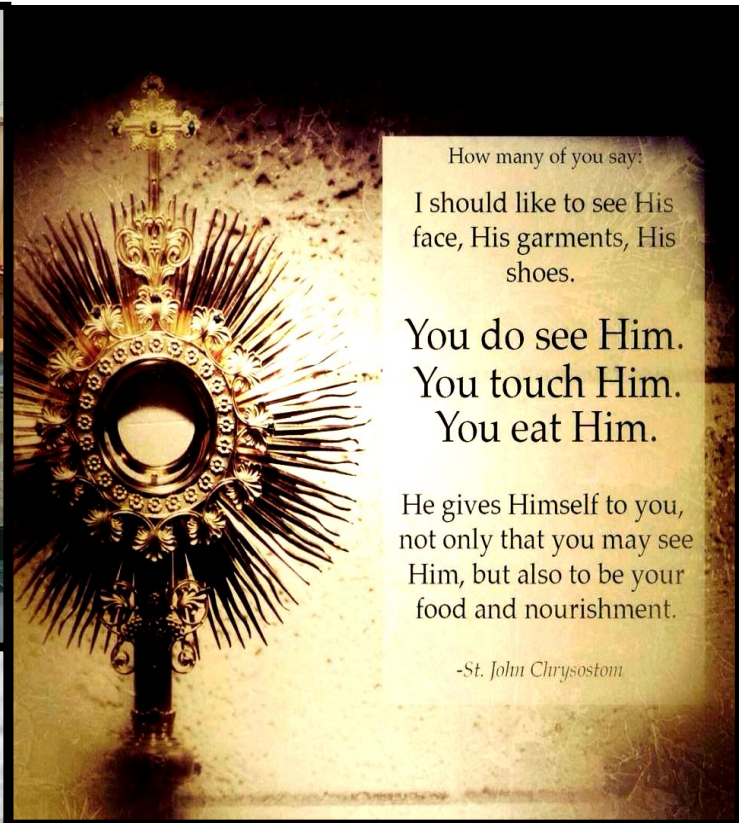




Please welcome to our parish family
Emery Alice Moore

Baptized,
 May 10, 2026

Parents,
 Derek and Savannah Moore
 Please pray for her as she grows in her faith.



How many of you say:
 I should like to see His
 face, His garments, His
 shoes.

You do see Him.
 You touch Him.
 You eat Him.

He gives Himself to you,
 not only that you may see
 Him, but also to be your
 food and nourishment.

-St. John Chrysostom

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 every Thursday following 8:15 am Mass
 & 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Diocesan Annual Appeal
 Goal: \$33,415.00 Amount Received: 50,770.00
 Amount Received Over our Goal, \$17,355.00
 4/14/2026 *Thank you !*

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| <p>Already have a FORMED Account ?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit FORMED .org 2. Click Sign In 3. Enter your email 4. Click link in email 5. You're in! | <p>Want to create a new FORMED account?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit FORMED.org 2. Click Sign-up 3. "I belong to a Parish 4. Find St Mary's by zip 5. Enter your email, done! |
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St Mary's School Weekly Intention

Heavenly Father, thank you for the many blessings, lessons, friendships, and memories from this past 8th grade school year. We are grateful for the teachers, families, and classmates who helped us learn and grow throughout the years. As we prepare to begin high school, guide us with wisdom, courage, and confidence. Help us work hard, make good choices, and stay faithful to You in all that we do. Bless us and all of the students of Saint Mary's School with success in our future studies, kindness toward others, and strength to face new challenges in the years to come. Amen.

-8th Grade

- Readings for the week of May 17, 2026**
- Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 1:17-23/ Mt 28:16-20
 - Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
 - Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
 - Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17:11b-19
 - Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Jn 17:20-26
 - Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ Jn 21:15-19
 - Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
 - Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/ Jn 20:19-

April 9/10, 2026

Adult Tithe.....	\$5,628.00
Offertory.....	1,028.00
Pastoral Care.....	50.00
Building & Maintenance.....	115.00
Religious Education.....	10.00
Parish Festival.....	50.00
Holy Day.....	75.00
Total.....	\$6,956.00
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

Scrip News

Here's why we love RaiseRight: the Everyday Earnings Engine. This fundraising system turns all your spending into earnings for St. Mary School and Parish. It works with your routine making fundraising an effortless part of your life. Stop by the Scrip sellers after Mass for local cards or contact scrip@stmarysrc.com to learn more and join the RaiseRight program for over 750 brands.

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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

Help Wanted

Part time Custodian (Long Term)

Part Time Custodian (Summer Help)

Contact Stacia Kohlstedt
stacia.kohlstedt@stmarysrc.com
608-647-2422

Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Office Closed
Tuesday- 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday –9:00 am to 5:00 pm

If there is an emergency, Leave a message on
the Rectory phone and your call
will be returned.