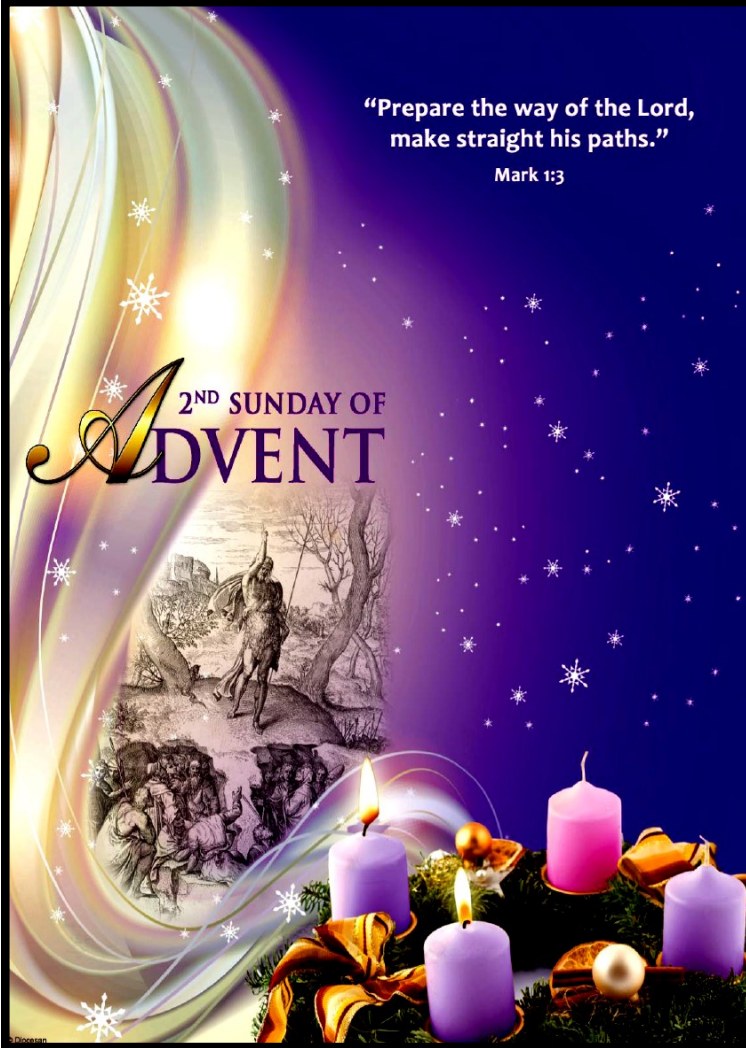


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."

Mark 1:3

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Mass Schedule

Monday, December 6th No Mass	St. Nicholas
Tuesday, December 7th Vigil Mass 5:15 pm † Joe Murphy	St. Ambrose, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, December 8th Mass 8:15 am † Marie Ryan Mass 5:15 pm † Ray Stafford	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thursday, December 9th Mass 8:15am † Kathy Stadele	St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin Adoration following Mass
Friday, December 10th Mass 8:15 am Deacon Tully SP.I.	Our Lady of Loreto
Saturday, December 11th Confessions 4:20-4:50 pm Mass 5:15 pm Cameron Schultz SP.I.	St. Damasus I,
Sunday, December 12th Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am Mass 8:00 am † Elton Cahow Confessions 9:50 -10:20 am Mass 10:30 am Our Parish Family	3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 11th @ 5:15 pm

Lector: Colleen Pulvermacher
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Eleanor & Mason Jelinek, Aubrey Kohlstedt,
Andrew Mata
Ushers: Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Kevin Jelinek Family
Scrip: Nancy Schumacher

Sunday, December 12th @ 8:00 am

Lector: Mark Jelinek
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Abe & Wes Bosworth, Emma Jelinek,
Ainsley Myers
Ushers: Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Bryan Myers Family
Scrip: Christine Schmitt

Sunday, December 12th @ 10:30 am

Lector: Gloria Joseph
Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully
Servers: Jay & Jolee Larse, Mara Puls, Will Weiss
Ushers: Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Jeffrey Joseph Family
Scrip: Mary Jo Nigl

Parish Calendar Events

12/05	Sunday, KC Meeting 7:00 pm
12/07	Tuesday, Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 5:15 pm
12/08	Wednesday, Immaculate Conception 8:15 am Immaculate Conception Mass 5:15 pm
12/15	Wednesday, St. Mary School Christmas Concert 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
12/21	Tuesday, Advent Confessions 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
12/22	Wednesday, Advent Confessions 5:00 pm-7:00 pm
12/23	Thursday, Advent Confessions 5:30 pm-7:30 pm Confessions 1 Hour before Sunday and Christmas Masses)
02/05	Saturday, Synod held in the Undercroft from 9-11 am

From you pastor . . .

I hope all of the hunters in the parish had good success over this past deer season. There is some more time coming up where the State of Wisconsin allows more harvesting of deer, but the nine-day gun season has concluded. I was successful on opening day when I was able to bag two antlerless deer. They will provide some meat for the sausage that we serve at the upcoming Sportsman's Extravaganza that is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th at the Community Center. Hopefully we will be able to have it this year, having had to cancel for the past two years because of Covid-19. Be sure to mark your calendar for the Extravaganza.

In mentioning the Extravaganza and the fact that on that night it involves the raffling of numerous hunting rifles and shotguns, I wish to again point out that the winners of those prizes must pass a background check as well as meet all of the state and federal requirements before they take ownership of a gun at that event.

I bring this up because much is being made about guns being visible and prevalent in Wisconsin since the tragedy that happened in Kenosha. National attention continues to be focused on Wisconsin and some of the reports and commentators question the so called "gun culture" that exists in our state. When something like a Kenosha happens there are many voices who want to exploit it to maintain that ownership of guns is some kind of evil, which it is not.

What is not reported in the media is that on the day after the verdict was announced in Kenosha (Nov.20th), according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources over 550,000 men and women carrying high power long barreled rifles and shotguns walked throughout every county in the State of Wisconsin. This happened for nine consecutive days. No one was intentionally shot or killed, nor did anyone try to forcibly try to take a gun away from anyone and get shot as a result. These hunters engaged in safety, ethical principles proper to hunting as well as an etiquette of behavior that made for a harmonious and peaceful experience for thousands of hunters.

Obviously, my bias shows through on this issue of the right to bear arms. I grew up on the farm and started hunting with my father and brothers when I was 10 years old. The point that I wish to make in writing about this is that there is nothing incompatible between the teaching of Jesus Christ and the bearing of arms for sporting purposes and self-defense.

The issue of self-defense can at times become complex as was the situation in Kenosha. From the perspective of our Catholic Faith, to defend one's life from an unjust aggressor when such a defense ends with the death of the aggressor is not a sin.

Having access to the teaching of the Church through the Catechism of the Catholic Church can be important and helpful when considering the matter of self-defense. I will quote from paragraphs 2263-2265 of the Catechism to set forth some of the relevant teaching.

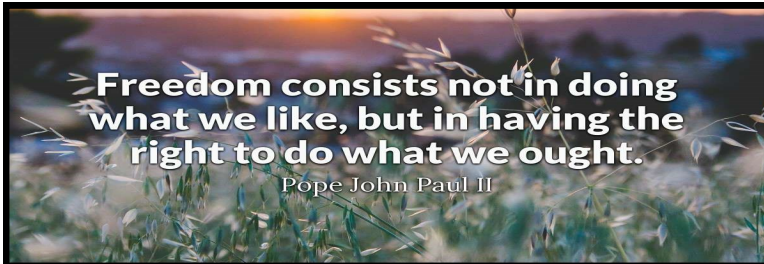
"The legitimate defense of persons and societies is not an exception to the prohibition against murder of the innocent that constitutes intentional killing. The act of self-defense can have a double effect: the preservation of one's own life and the killing of the aggressor. The one is intended, the other is not.

Someone who defends his life is not guilty of murder even if he is forced to deal his aggressor a lethal blow. Legitimate defense can be not only a right but a grave duty for one who is responsible for the lives of others. The defense of the common good requires that an unjust aggressor be rendered unable to cause harm."

We live in a time when serious matters unfold very quickly and cause significant public reaction. It is important to have the Church's teaching close by to provide correct thinking and direction during such times.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



BrainyQuote

**Pilgrimage for Life 2022
March for Life in Washington DC**

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from Conception to
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The Knights of Columbus #3942 Council

Will be collecting food and money
for the local food pantry.

We will have containers at all of St Mary's exits during
the months of November & December.
Please bring non-perishable food items and cash donations
Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked
Food Pantry and put in the collection or
dropped off at the parish office.



Readings for the week of December 5, 2021

- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/
Lk 3:1-6
- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is
35:4f]/
Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is
40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-
12/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/
Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/
Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

November 27/28, 2021 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,488.00
Offertory.....	511.75
Pastoral Care.....	100.00
Religious Education.....	10.00
Building & Maintenance.....	320.00
Christmas Flowers.....	185.00
Festival.....	20.00
Total.....	\$3,634.75

November (ACH) Automatic Contributions \$6,505.00

Christmas Angel Gifts

St Mary of the Assumption Church and School
Will be collecting donations for our local nursing
homes. Containers will be set up in the church
entrance and at school.

Please put the items in the box
before December 17th,

Some of the items that we are looking for are
blankets, lap robes, wheelchair bags, gripper socks,
puzzles, sugar free candy and cookies etc.
A more complete list can be found at the
entry of the church.



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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.



Christmas flowers

Please use the envelopes in
your packet or any (marked
envelope) to make a
memorial for a loved one.

Order of Confession

Priest: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen

Penitent: Bless me Father for I have sinned. My last confession was _____ ago and these are my sins. (At this point you make a complete confession of your sins to the best of your recollection.) . . . **and I am sorry for these and all the sins of my life.**

(The priest will give you words of counsel and assign your penance)

Penitent: (Recites this Act of Contrition or any other one they may wish to use) **O My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. And I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments. But most of all because they offend you my God who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.**

Priest: (Recites the prayer of absolution) God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Penitent: And His mercy endures forever.

Priest: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

Penitent: Thanks be to God.

(You now leave the confessional to carry out your assigned penance.)