

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

4th Sunday  
of Easter  
April 21st,  
2024

Good  
Shepherd  
Sunday



Jesus said:  
“I am the good  
shepherd. A  
good shepherd  
lays down  
his life for the  
sheep”  
Jn 10:-11

## Saturday, April 27th, 5:15 pm

**Readers:** Candace McGrath  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Sara Schultz  
**Servers:** Eleanor Jelinek, Owen Drier, Avery Kepler  
Brielle Weeden  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Kevin Jelinek Family **Script:** Judy Murphy

## Sunday, April 28th, 8:00am

**Lectors:** Paul Peckham  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Easton Jelinek, Colyns Morris, Luke Perna  
Adelyn Wertz  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Gregg Schmitt Family **Script:** Fran Wilkinson

## Sunday, April 28th, 10:30 am

**Lectors:** Alisa Weiss  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Will, Ella, Elijah & Molly Weiss  
**Gifts:** Brian Weiss Family **Script:** Judy Barnicle

## Parish Calendar of Events

04/27 Saturday, Sportsman's' Extravaganza  
NEXT SATURDAY  
05/02 Thursday, May Crowning at 8:15 am Mass  
05/02 Thursday, Confirmation at Viroqua 6:30 pm  
05/02 Thursday, Day of Prayer 7:00 pm  
05/18 Saturday, Knights of Columbus Bingo  
6:30 pm at the Community Center  
05/20 Monday, Installation of  
Bishop Gerard W. Battersby in La Crosse  
06/07 Friday, 10:00 am –8:30 pm Eucharistic Rally  
La Crosse

## Mass Schedule

**Monday, April 22nd** **Earth Day**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, April 23rd** **St. George**  
Mass 8:15 am **St. Adalbert**  
† Tim Forslund

**Wednesday, April 24th** **St. Fidelis**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Deborah Burke

**Thursday, April 25th** **St. Mark**  
No Mass

**Friday, April 26th** **Arbor Day**  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Mike Kaul

**Saturday, April 27th**  
Confessions 4:30 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm  
Ziaja Family SP.I.

**Sunday, April 28th** **5th Sunday of Easter**  
Confessions 7:30 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
† Bill Schroeder

## **From your pastor . . .**

As you may know, we adjusted the Mass schedule on Fridays beginning in Lent and continuing into the Easter season. Instead of a morning Mass, an evening Mass at 5:15 is scheduled. The response in terms of attendance has been mixed with an increase of worshipers during Lent but not as many during the Easter season. The Easter season ends with the celebration of Pentecost Sunday on May 19. This will mean that on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> we will return to the morning (8:15 a.m.) Mass. If you have a particular point of view that you would like to share regarding a weekday late afternoon Mass, please share it with me.

Back in 2019 when the plan was disclosed for changing the carpet in the sanctuary to the marble tile that we presently have, a few parishioners approached me about the possibility of bringing back a communion rail so those who wished to kneel during reception of Holy Communion could do so. I indicated that I was very much open to this idea, but it would not be considered at the same time as the sanctuary floor project. At that time I had in my mind that the next project would be the removal of the asbestos tile in the nave of the church as well as other matters of renovation that were completed last year.

I did encourage those who approached me about the communion rail to find a way to determine the interest of other parishioners in such a project. A few months later they presented to me several pages with the signatures of 82 parishioners who were in favor of bringing back the communion rail. We are now at a point where a communion rail is being considered. I have contacted a firm that has access to the same marble quarry in Italy that made our ambo (lectern). I have asked them to prepare a rendering of a custom-made communion rail that would be harmonious with the ambo, altar and baptismal font that is in our sanctuary.

In the weeks to come, I wish to present in this column the theology that is involved with the presence and use of a communion rail. Also, when the renderings are ready, they will be made available to the parishioners of Saint Mary's. I do wish to make it known now, that having a communion rail does not mean that parishioners will be required to kneel for communion. Those parishioners who cannot kneel or don't want to kneel will be able to stand and receive Holy Communion. Having a communion rail makes it possible for those who do wish to kneel for Holy Communion can do so.

One other matter that is sometimes asked about with communion rails is the presence of a gate that is opened and closed at various times, before, during and after the Mass. When it is closed, it can give the impression of being a barrier between the sanctuary and the nave, separating the priest and ministers from the people of God. This will not be a concern for what is being proposed for our church in that there are no plans for having a gate with the railing. There will be a permanent opening between the sanctuary and the nave.

As stated above, I will be presenting more information concerning the communion rail in the near future.

I mentioned today in my homily on the occasion of Good Shepherd Sunday that we pray for our new shepherd, Bishop Gerard Battersby, who will be installed as our diocesan bishop on May 20<sup>th</sup> next.

I recommend praying the following prayer that appears in the Roman Missal in the days leading up to the installation Mass.

*O God, eternal shepherd of the faithful, who tend your Church in countless ways and rule over her in love, grant, we pray, that Gerard, your servant, whom you have set over your people, may preside in place of Christ over the flock whose shepherd he is, and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine, a Priest of sacred worship and as one who serves them by governing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

“Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing...”  
 “The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us— that is all He asks.”  
 St. Therese of Lisieux



### First Holy Communion 2024

Nayeli Bingham, Griffin Cosgrove, Sophia De La Cruz, Estrella De La Cruz, Victoria De La Cruz  
 Ryder Durst, Johnathon Hergert, Mary Lynn Hergert, Killian Machovec, Briggs Marshall, Scarlett Moerer,  
 Lyncoln Morris, Alayna Mueller, Olivia Mueller, Flor Pacheco, Nyla Rush, Ellie Wertz, Lexi Wertz

**Congratulations!**



"When a woman is pregnant, she is not "expecting a child" - she already has one.  
 She is not "going to be a mother" - she already is a mother.  
 The baby is not "on the way", the baby has already arrived.  
 If we are going to change the way society treats unborn children,  
 we have to change the way we speak about them." ~Frank Pavone

If you, or someone you know is in need of prayer, please send your prayer request to [prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com](mailto:prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com)

### Readings for the week of April 21, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14  
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

### -MONTH ONE-

Developing **Baby Spiritual Adoption** Program  
 Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of her brain, spinal cord, and nervous system by the 20th day. Her heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from her mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of her mother to give her the most precious gift of all - - the gift of life.

**Sportsman's  
Extravaganza  
Saturday, April 27th, 2024**



**Grand Prize \$25,000.00  
or 40 Acres of Land**

**Tickets available at the rectory or  
at the door**

**NEXT  
SATURDAY**

**Still accepting Door Prizes !**

**National Day of Prayer  
May 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm  
At the Church of the Nazarene  
OUTREACH CENTER  
391 S Main St  
Richland Center, WI**



**KC CHURCH LEAGUE TEAM**

**Dust off your glove and limber up! The  
Knights are going to field a team for Church League  
Softball in 2024.**

**Grant Worthington 608-475-3548 and Bennie Green  
608-475-1583 are hoping to put together a roster.  
Please sign up if you would like to play. Grant and  
Bennie will let you know the details when they be-  
come available. Games are played Tuesday nights and  
are a great opportunity for fellowship for players and  
fans alike! Players on the team are to be members of  
the Council or the church.**

**They can be male or female at least 13 years old.**

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/904044FAAA92EA46-48661861-kcchurch>

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4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

**April 13/14, 2024**

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,456.00
Offertory.....	745.25
Student Offertory.....	14.12
Building & Maint.....	100.00
Total.....	\$5,315.37
03/15/2024 ACH Contributions .....	\$6,205.00
March Fish Fry Proceeds /School .....	\$1,158.67
Pancake Proceeds / Cemetery .....	\$600.00

**2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal**

Goal ...	\$33,800.00
Amount Received (as of 3/25/24)	\$44,382.00
Exceeding Goal ...	\$10,582.00

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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.