

From your pastor . . .

As a follow up to last Sunday's announcement regarding the coming on July 1, 2025 of Fathers Nate Kuhn and Juan Pedro to provide leadership and service as pastor and associate pastor to Saint Mary's Parish, inquiries have been made about the status of Deacon Tully. I wish to assure all parishioners that Deacon Tully will remain in the parish in his capacity as deacon.

I take this opportunity to extend to all mothers a blessed Mother's Day and express on behalf of all of us who came into this world because of our mother's – a special thank you for providing to each of us the gift of life.

On this Mother's Day let us also remember to include Mothers of adopted children. While they may not give life to their children through birth, they have given life in so many ways throughout their (child's) children's lifetime. We ask God to bless in a particular way those mothers of adopted children. May they be rewarded for their kindness and love.

Finally, we ask God our Father to give a special place in His presence to those mothers who have left this world through death and have gone before us into the fullness of life. May they rest in peace.

I will conclude this column by reprinting a short description of Mothers that I printed a few years ago. It is from Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty. Cardinal Mindszenty was born in 1892 and died May 6, 1975 serving as the Primate of Hungary and archbishop of Esztergom from October 2, 1945 to December 18, 1973. For five decades he personified uncompromising opposition to fascism and communism in Hungary in support of religious freedom. During World War II he was imprisoned by the pro-Nazi authorities. After the war, he opposed communism in Hungary and the communist persecution in his country. As a result, he was tortured and given a life sentence in a 1949 show trial that generated worldwide condemnation, including in a United Nations resolution. After eight years in prison, he was freed in the Hungarian Revolution of 1956 and granted political asylum by the United States embassy in Budapest, where he lived for the next fifteen years. He was finally allowed to leave the country in 1971. He died in exile in 1975 in Vienna, Austria.

The short description of Mothers is entitled: The Most Important Person.

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any Cathedral – a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.

The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God than any other creatures. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation.

What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a Mother?

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel





CONFIRMATION May 1, 2025

Abigail Jo Salisbury- Ewing, Daryn Kepler,
Alexander Joseph Kloehn, Naila Valentina Lorenzo,
Alexis Pacheco Anaya, Yovani Serna,
Vanessa Sanchez, Blake William Stibbe,
Ellavy Darlene Weiss, William Kenneth Weiss
(in alphabetical order)



FIRST COMMUNION May 4, 2025

William Kelly Green, Reagan Grace Jelinek,
Allisyn Marie Kepler, George Ty Carver Laubmeier,
Stefano Mata, Jackson Duane Mueller, Marshall James
Olson, Leo Anthony Perna, Brayden Elias Reichert,
Fulton James Salisbury, Olivia Ann Stadele, Elizabeth
Ueek, Sawyer John Weeden, Brooklyn Grace
Worthington, Andras Josh Zimmerman
(listed in alphabetical order)



Youth Group
Sunday, May 18th
6:00 pm to 8:15 pm
Watching the movie Cabrini
(Last group meeting for the School year)



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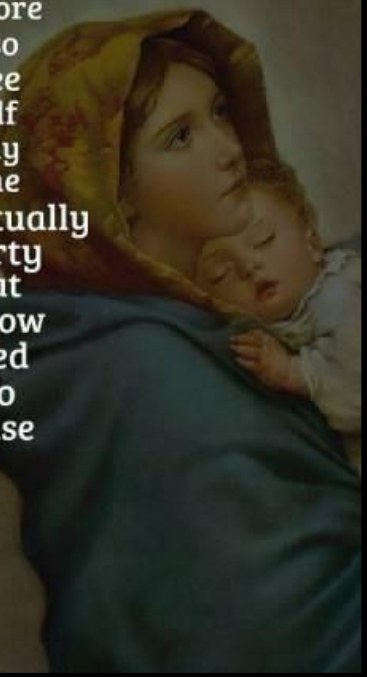
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Spring Program
Wednesday, May 14th
1:00 & 6:30 pm (undercroft)

“If you have never before
prayed to Mary, do so
now. Can you not see
that if Christ Himself
willed to be physically
formed in her for nine
months and then be spiritually
formed by her for thirty
years, it is to her that
we must go to learn how
to have Christ formed
in us? Only she who
raised Christ can raise
a Christian.”

~Quotable Fulton J. Sheen.



Readings for the week of May 11, 2025

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/ Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
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 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Jn 15:9-17
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/ Jn 13:16-20
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 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13(see 1)/ Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



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Scrip News

Are you a new user of St. Mary Scrip program?
Our advice? Start with gas and groceries! These are frequent purchases, so there's no better way to spark the habit than with a reloadable gas or grocery card.

We are happy to show you how. Just ask our sellers, the scrip coordinator at scrip@stmarysrc.com or visit raiserright.com.
Let's keep earning for St. Mary's.

BELIEVE IN THE REALITY OF HELP AND HEALING, THERE IS HOPE
The Diocese of La Crosse is committed to creating a safe environment within the Church and within our society for children and youth. We continue to express a special care for and a commitment to reaching out to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer) please fill out the report from found at:

www.dioc.org/safe-environment/reporting

Alternatively, you can contact
Mrs. Teresa Brown
Complaint Intake Agent
The Diocese of La Crosse
P.O. Box 4004
La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@52213dioc.org

May 3/4, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,064.00
Offertory.....	747.27
Student Offertory.....	61.40
Religious Ed.....	10.00
Holy Day.....	35.00
Total.....	\$4,917.67
ACH Tithe, March 2025	\$5,815.00

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