

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to his disciples:  
"You are the salt of the earth.  
But if salt loses its taste, with  
what can it be seasoned? You  
are the light of the world. A  
city set on a mountain cannot  
be hidden."  
- Mt 5:13a, 14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## February 5th, 2023 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Saturday, February 11th, 5:15 pm

**Lector:** Susan Tully

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Riley & Danicka Spencer, Eleanor Jelinek,  
Brielle Weeden

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Kevin Jelinek Family

**Scrip:** Nancy Schumacher

### Sunday, February 12th, 8:00 am

**Lector:** Chay Schmitt

**Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Alexander & Carter Kloehn, Brielle Weeden,  
Emma Jelinek

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Gregg Schmitt Family

**Scrip:** Jonna Ray

### Sunday, February 12th, 10:30 am

**Lector:** Jonah Zorea

**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully

**Servers:** Lydia Durst, Jolee Larse, Mara Puls, Baylee Wertz

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Aharon Zorea Family

**Scrip:** Mary Jo Nigl

## Mass Schedule

- Monday, February 6th **St. Paul Miki and Companions**  
No Mass
- Tuesday, February 7th **Mass in Commons**  
Mass 8:15 am  
Dowding Family SP.I.
- Wednesday, February 8th **Mass in Commons**  
Mass 8:15 pm **St. Jerome Emiliani**  
† Phillip Broadbent **St. Josephine Bakhita**
- Thursday, February 9th **Mass in Commons**  
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**  
† Jane Guelig & Joan Bestor
- Friday, February 10th **St. Scholastica**  
Mass 2:15 pm **Mass in School Gym**  
† Frances Pepich
- Saturday, February 11th **Our Lady of Lourdes**  
Confessions 4:00 4:50 pm  
Mass 5:15 pm **Mass in School Gym**  
Frank & Vietta Reising SP.I  
70th Wedding Anniversary
- Sunday, February 12th **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Confessions 7:30 to 7:50 am  
Mass 8:00 am **Mass in School Gym**  
Our Parish Family
- Confessions 9:30-10:20 am  
Mass 10:30 am **Mass in School Gym**  
† Robert "Bob" Jones



*Sunday, February 12th, 2023*

## Parish Calendar Events

- 02/22 ASH Wednesday, PCCW Soup / Supper  
following 5:15 pm Mass 6:00 to 7:30 pm
- 02/24 Friday, Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:00 pm Drive Thru only
- 03/24 Friday, Fish Fry 4:30 to 7:00 pm Drive Thru only
- 03/01 Wednesday, March 1st, PCCW Scholarship deadline

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

In this column I wish to continue the introduction of the National Eucharistic Revival, which is an initiative taken up by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to encourage among the Faithful, a deeper appreciation of the gift to us that Christ makes of Himself in the Holy Eucharist. The bishops have stated that their reason for this initiative is the condition of humanity throughout the world which is hurting in many ways and is straying far from God. But closer to home, Bishops are very well aware of a poll taken by the Pew Research Center (this is an organization that the bishop's uses frequently and have developed a trusting relationship with as seeking the truth rather than promoting a particular ideological agenda). According to the Pew Research Center, only 31% of Catholics believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This is a significant statistic that indicates the erosion of a central Catholic belief. The bishops should be rightly concerned.

The Eucharistic Revival comes to the fore after the worldwide synodal process requested by Pope Francis. You may recall our parish participating in the Synodal process on February 2, 2022. I advertised it in the bulletin as "The Pope wants to hear from you." We did not have many parishioners come to the listening session (I believe it was about 30), however those who shared their perspective concerning the state of the Catholic Church were recorded and passed on to the Diocese which collected all the testimonies from every parish and sent it on to the National Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), who then passed it on to the Vatican. This process was employed in every nation throughout the entire world.

I suspect that one of the realities the bishops confronted when the results of the listening sessions were compiled was what the Pew Research Poll indicated – an erosion of belief in the Holy Eucharist, thus giving motivation to take up the National Eucharistic Revival.

The bishops have developed a website that is devoted to the National Eucharistic Revival and what follows comes from various postings from the Bishops' Conference as well as from individual bishops in their own diocese. What I will share with you below comes from that website.

"The Eucharistic Revival will highlight the three traditional "transcendentals" which belong fully to God himself. Truth, Beauty, and Goodness. In addressing the truth, the bishops acknowledge the need for the doctrine – the unchanging truth of the Eucharist – to be clearly taught, understood, and most importantly, believed by all the faithful. The Revival also presents an opportunity for the faithful to discover anew the rich beauty of the Mass itself with the poetry of its prayers, antiphons, intentionally selected readings and feasts, symbols and actions. Furthermore, the Church has produced a treasury of beautiful hymns, art and architecture which expound the mystery of the Eucharist and draws hearts to ponder Christ's presence and sacrifice more deeply. Finally, the Eucharist is the sacrament of Charity which both enables friendship with God and authentic love of neighbor because of that friendship with God. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we remember that Jesus emptied himself to become man and gave his life for the world. Likewise, in celebrating the Eucharist, we are called to imitate Jesus in accompanying and serving others to lead them to relationship with Christ."

This paragraph employs the description of the Holy Eucharist as the "Sacrament of Charity." This is the title of a papal text written by our late Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. In future columns, I believe it may be fruitful to reproduce parts of this text.

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

## Gift Bearers Needed

At Sunday Mass, members of the congregation bring forward an offering of bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist. This offering is presented to the priest or deacon on behalf of the entire parish and will become the body and blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, at the consecration. Many times people bring forward the gifts to commemorate a special event – anniversary, baptism of a child, or for a special remembrance. Individuals or whole families are welcome to bring up the gifts together. Please consider participating in this special ministry. Interested? Contact Deacon Tully at [donald.tully@stmarysrc.com](mailto:donald.tully@stmarysrc.com)

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**St Mary's Fish Fry, Richland Center**  
**Drive Thru Only**  
Friday, February 24th 4:30 to 7:00 pm



### Prayer Chain

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, please send your prayer request

[prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com](mailto:prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com)

### PCCW SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadline is March 1st, 2023.  
There will be applications available at  
St. Mary's School Office!

### CONSEQUENCES OF DIGITAL ADDICTION WHAT'S THE HARM?

Hosted by: LIFE GUARDIANS

Join Dr. Aharon Zorea, UW Professor and published author, for an honest discussion on invisible digital addictions affecting the entire family.  
Consequences of digital addictions.



SUNDAY, March 19th,  
7:00—9:00 pm  
Boscobel Bowl & Banquet  
Hosted by LIFE GUARDIANS

Free Event \* Door Prizes \* Snacks Provided  
Donations are appreciated to defray expenses and overages will go to support Charity Clinic in Platteville  
For adults and kids alike.



**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
every Thursday following Holy Mass



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ready for  
removal of  
the Floor.

### RICHLAND COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS

Delivery Drivers desperately needed  
to bring meals to those in need.  
Only 1 hour of your time  
Monday, Wednesday or Fridays  
As little as 1 time a month is a HUGE help !  
Please contact Tanya Webster,  
Nutrition Program Coordinator  
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Adult Tithe.....	\$ 3,075.00
Offertory.....	404.00
Pastoral Care.....	116.00
Religious Education.....	10.00
Total.....	\$3,605.00
December (ACH) Automatic Contributions	\$5,830.00

### Consider ....Automatic Tithing

our contribution would be a one time withdrawal on the 15th of every month ., distributed however you wish. e.g. 10.00 to tithe, 10.00 to school etc. No checks to write.... Save time and money !

## THE BAPTISM OF JESUS BY JOHN THE BAPTIST



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3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

## PCCW SOUP/SUPPER

Immediately after Ash Wednesday Mass on February 22nd 6:00 to 7:30 more info forthcoming!



## Readings for the week of February 5, 2023

Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/ Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

## SCRIP NEWS

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We have gift cards for them, too. Questions?

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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.