

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



“ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your
hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” Jn14:27

May 25th, 2025
The 6th Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 31st, 5:15pm

Reader: Susan Tully

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Rohen Logue, Ronan Ringelstetter

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steve Bauer Family **Scrip:** Judy Murphy

Sunday, June 1st, 8:00 am

Reader: John Tennant

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Easton & Emma Jelinek,
Luke & Nicholas Perna

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Gregg Schmitt Family **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, June 1st, 10:30 am

Reader: Katy Ueek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Blake & Makenna Mueller,
Alex Ueek, Molly Weiss

Gifts: Brian Weiss Family **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

Mass Schedule

Monday, May 26th **Memorial Day**
No Mass **St. Philip** Rectory Closed

Tuesday, May 27th **St. Augustine**
Mass 8:15 am
† Barton Wilson

Wednesday, May 28th
Mass 8:15 am
Reed & Janie Manke SP.I.

Thursday, May 29th **St. Paul VI, Pope**
Mass 8:15 am
† Richard Ziaja
Mass 7:00pm 8th Grade Graduation Mass
† William Hilleman

Friday, May 30th Last Day of School
Mass 8:15 am Student Mass
† Al Walter

Saturday, May 31st **The Visitation of the**
Confessions 4:30 pm **Blessed Virgin Mary**
Mass 5:15 pm
Our Parish Family

Sunday, June 1st **7th Sunday of Easter**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am **The Ascension of the Lord**
Stacia Kohlstedt SP.I.

Confessions
Mass 10:30 am
† Bill Schroeder

God Bless you
Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel!
On your 41st Anniversary to the priesthood
May 26, 1984

“You are a priest forever, by the order of Melchizedek”
We give Thanks to God for you and your dedication.

Parish Calendar of Events

05/27 Tuesday, Church league baseball game , 7:00 & 8:15
05/29 Thursday ... 8th Grade Graduation Mass 7:00 pm
05/30 Friday ... Last Day of School
06/07 Saturday ... Knights of Columbus Bingo 6:30 pm

From your pastor . . .

The month of May is dedicated in the life of the Church for special devotion to Mary. One of the traditional devotions is the crowning of the image of Mary with flowers, this having taken place here in our church two weeks ago at Mass with the school children when the 2nd grade girls who had made their first Holy Communion a few days previous were involved in the crowning of this beautiful statue of Mary that stands here in the sanctuary.

Our devotion to Mary is often assisted by a statue, a painting, or some icon of Mary. As beautiful and as meaningful as such images can be, it is possible for Mary to be viewed primarily as a beautiful image, that can over time distance her from being a real, biological, historical, and celestial person. To help us appreciate Mary's personal connection with God's plan of redemption, I wish to offer some reflections based on one of her titles, that being, Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. The more we appreciate Mary's role in her Son's real presence in Holy Communion, the more we shall appreciate her as a human being who is united to believers in the Church as well as participating in everlasting life with her Son, Jesus in heaven.

What follows in this column is from a talk that I gave to the Marian Catechist Apostolate a few years ago.

What our Catholic Faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn, its faith in Christ. God's plan of salvation involved the incarnation of the second person of the Blessed Trinity, God the Son who, when entering this world received a body prepared for him by the free cooperation, of a woman, that woman being the Virgin Mary of Nazareth.

On this point, the Second Vatican Council in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium* stated the following: "The Father of Mercies willed that the incarnation should be preceded by assent on the part of the predestined mother, so that just as a woman had a share in the coming of death, so also should a woman contribute to the coming of life."

Having assented to becoming the mother of the savior, Mary was granted the graces that made her vocation possible, her vocation as Mother of God, Mother of the Church and Mother of the Eucharist. Her vocation was made possible not through any personal merit she achieved but only through divine initiative. Mary conceives God the Son in her virginal womb through the power of God, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, coming from above, overshadowing the Virgin Mary at the annunciation is the same Holy Spirit who is described as coming down on our altars like the dewfall, changing the creatures of bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

By Faith we can discern why God wanted his son to be born of a virgin. Mary's virginity includes not only her biological status as revealed in her statement, "how can this be since I do not know man." Her virginity also includes the reality that her Faith is untarnished by any doubt, involving the undivided gift of herself to carry out God's will. Saint Augustine underscored this truth when he stated: "Mary is more blessed because she embraces Faith in Christ than because she conceives the flesh of God."

In the second chapter of the Book of Genesis are recorded the words attributed to the first man, Adam, when he observed his spouse, Eve for the first time: "This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." So too, it is to be understood that Jesus took his human flesh from the flesh of Mary." From whom else would he have received it? Here we can recognize supreme importance of Mary's Immaculate Conception and her perpetual virginity as it corresponds to Christ's real presence in Holy Communion. In our receiving of Holy Communion, not only are we united in communion with Jesus Christ, but to Mary, his mother and our mother as well. In acknowledging this, it is important to understand that we are not consuming Mary's flesh in our Holy Communion, but the flesh she conceived in her immaculate and virginal womb, and then brought to birth in her Son, Jesus Christ.

When we come forward to receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we will always find Jesus as did the Magi at Bethlehem as recorded in the gospel of Saint Matthew, "on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

Saint John Bosco, once said that in our reception of Holy Communion "we should image the most holy Madonna Herself who comes to give us the holy host." When reflecting on this point we can envision Mary as our ever-present Mother, who is involved in making it possible for us to receive her Son as sacred food from heaven in Holy Communion.

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Mary's role in the Church and in the lives of believers is inseparable from her union with her son and flows directly from it. After Jesus' ascension to his Father in heaven, Mary directs her concern to the Church on earth, through her prayers joined to the Apostles in the upper room of the Last Supper, imploring the Holy Spirit to be sent to the church, the same divine person who overshadowed Mary in the annunciation.

Mary's eternal union with her son is brought to completion in her Assumption. The Assumption of the B.V.M. is a singular participation in her son's resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. It is an anticipation of what God the Father intends to accomplish at the end of time for all those who have died in communion with his son, Jesus Christ.

Mary's assumption signals to the Body of Christ on earth, the Church that the teaching of Jesus at the Synagogue in Capernaum is the truth, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day."

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



Graduation 2025

St Mary's Catholic Grade School & Richland Center High School

Back row: Cameron Schultz, Lillian Tydrich, Wes Bosworth, Garrison Weiss,
Mason Jelinek, Lilly Parker and Ava Cosgrove

Middle row: Jolee Larse, Wyatt Mueller, Owen Drier, Truman Chapman

Front row: Eleanor Jelinek, Gavin Gochenaur, and Adelyn Wertz

Readings for the week of May 25, 2025

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/
Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

May 17/18, 2025

Adult Tithe..... \$3,381.00
 Offertory..... 772.58
 Student Offertory..... 80.44
 Religious Ed..... 20.00
 Total..... \$4,254.02
 ACH Tithe, March 2025 \$5,815.00

2025, Extravaganza Profit... \$27,908.65
2025, Land Ticket Profit ... \$73,212.50

2024/2025 Calendar Drawing Profit
\$85,236.00

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 for 4th Grade Teacher
 (Bachelor Degree required)

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Our Mission:

Our Catholic Faith is the foundation and tradition of providing a quality, virtue –based education in a Christ centered environment focused on excellence in academics, worship and service.



Memorial Day 2025

Sacrifices Remembered, Heroes Honored.

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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.