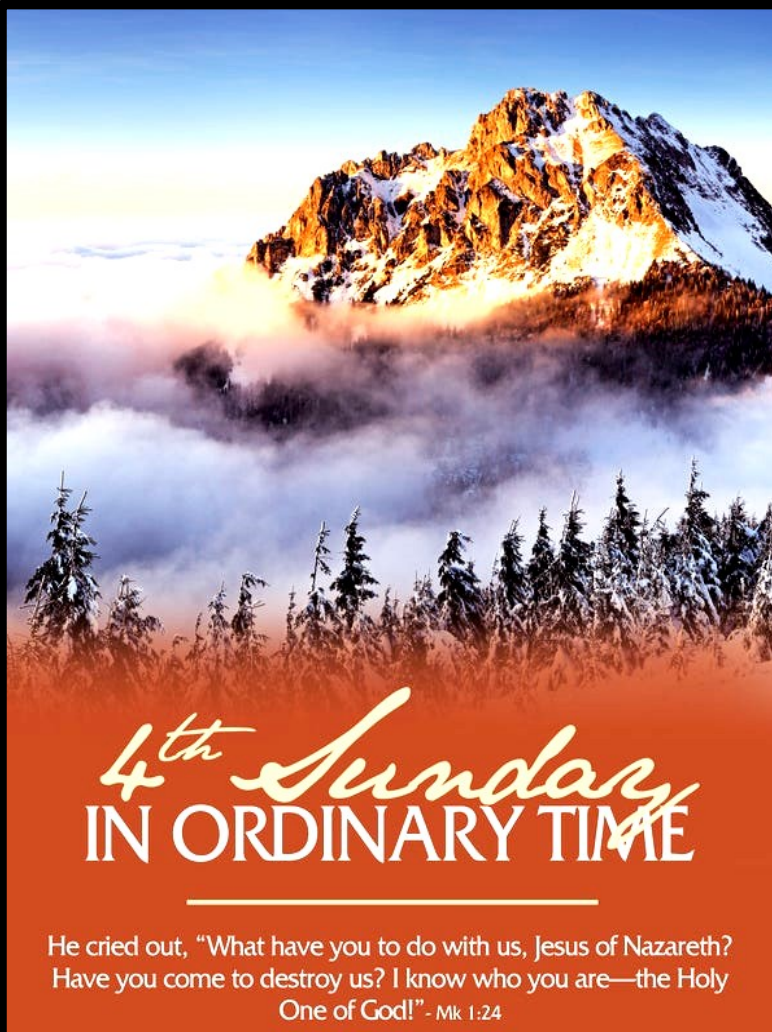


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



4th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

He cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" - Mk 1:24

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/ Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16, 19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Mass Schedule

Monday, February 1st
No Mass

Tuesday, February 2nd
Mass 8:15 am **The Presentation of the Lord**
† Norbert Dolezal

Wednesday, February 3rd **St. Blaise**
Mass 8:15 am **St. Ansgar**
† Joan Bestor & Jane Guelig
(**Blessings of Throats at Mass**)

Thursday, February 4th
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration Following Mass**
L& D members of the
Edward & Julia Collins family

Friday, February 5th **St. Agatha**
Mass 8:15 am
† Norbert & Frances Dolezal

Saturday, February 6th **St. Paul Miki & Companions**
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† Virginia Murphy

Sunday, February 7th **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Robert Bindl

Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

World Day for Consecrated Life
Tuesday, February 2, 2021

WORLD DAY
for
CONSECRATED
LIFE

Consecrated life means going to the very root of the love of Jesus Christ with an undivided heart and putting nothing ahead of this love.

Pope Benedict XVI

From your pastor . . .

A number of parishioners have asked about our pictorial directory. As you know it has been months since the photographers were here in the parish. We have been told that the delay has to do with the COVID-19 and the fact that Life Touch has had to lay off many employees. We have been assured a number of times that our directory will eventually get to us, but the exact date remains uncertain. I apologize for this delay but there is not much that can be done than to continue to be patient.

The remainder of this column will bring to a conclusion the reproduction of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' (USCCB) statement entitled, "Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines". The first three installments appeared in the last three columns which can be accessed through our parish website www.stmarysrc.com . The statement is written in *italics* with footnotes appearing in parentheses.

III. A Caution Against Complacency

While having ourselves and our families immunized against COVID-19 with the new vaccines is morally permissible and can be an act of self-love and of charity toward others, we must not allow the gravely immoral nature of abortion to be obscured. It is true that one can receive benefits from an evil action in the past without intending that action or approving of it. The association with the evil action that comes with receiving benefits from that evil action, however, can have a corrupting influence on one's perception of the evil action, making it more difficult to recognize it as evil. Experiencing the benefits that have resulted from the evil action, one might become desensitized to the gravely evil nature of that action. One might become complacent about that action and ignore the obligation to do what one can to oppose the evil action. Another consideration is the fact that one's receiving benefits from an evil action might affect how others perceive that original evil action, thereby giving scandal. Others might be less inclined to see that action as evil. They might interpret one's acceptance of benefits from an evil action as an indication that one does not consider the action to be truly evil, which in turn might diminish their sense of urgency of opposing that evil. They also might miss opportunities to do what they can to oppose it. In both cases, a certain complacency about that evil action could be the result.

With this in mind, we should be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research.

The world is currently facing a health crisis. The number of deaths from COVID-19 is now almost one and a half million worldwide. In the United States, the toll is approaching 300,000. Given the urgency of this crisis, the lack of available alternative vaccines, and the fact that the connection between an abortion that occurred decades ago and receiving a vaccine produced today is remote, inoculation with the new COVID-19 vaccines in these circumstances can be morally justified.

For our part, we bishops and all Catholics and men and women of good will must continue to do what we can to ensure the development, production, and distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine without any connection to abortion and to help change what has become the standard practice in much medical research, a practice in which certain morally compromised cell lines are routinely used as a matter of course, with no consideration of the moral question concerning the origins of those cell lines.

*Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhodes, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Chairman, Committee on Doctrine
Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, Chairman,
Committee on Pro-Life Activities.*

This brings to a conclusion the United States Bishop's Conference's statement on this matter. I hope that in reproducing this statement it has helped in bringing about a better understanding of the moral issues that are involved with the vaccines.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION

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ST. MARY'S PCCW INVOLVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The PCCW will award three scholarships for graduating seniors whom are members of St. Mary's Parish.

For more information refer to the application. Applications are in the main entrance of the church. The deadline is March 1st, 2021

2020/2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have responded

Target \$33,855.00 Currently at \$44,256.00

January 23/24, 2021 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,192.00
Offertory.....	77.00
Religious Education.....	210.00
Pastoral Care.....	41.00

Total..... \$2,520.00

December (ACH) Automatic Contributions... \$6,220.00

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January 30, 2021 at 1:00pm "Walking with Moms in Need"

A Pro-Life Virtual Afternoon Reflection



Some people accuse pro-lifers of caring only about the child in the womb and not women in need. Not true at all, as you will see from this virtual afternoon of reflection on January 30, 2021 with keynote speaker Bob Perron, Executive Director of JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando, FL.

You will also hear about the fourteen Pregnancy Care Centers in the Diocese of La Crosse and what you can do to help one near you. This afternoon of reflection will have broad appeal for families, adults and teens.

Register Today at diolc.org/respect-life



Please welcome to our parish family

Brooks Oliver Gorious

Baptized December 20th, 2020

Parents, Andrew and Heather Jo

Please pray for Brooks as he continues to grow in his faith.



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February 6, 5:15 P.M. Judy Murphy
February 7, 8:00 A.M. Betty Wastlick
February 7, 10:30 A.M. Emily Zorea



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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.

Each year, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week beginning the last Sunday of January. We know at St. Mary we have many reasons to celebrate, and we want to do that with as much community spirit as we can.

This year we will acknowledge Catholic Schools Week this week, but we plan to push off our larger activities to May. By holding off, we will have more outdoor opportunities and more ways to celebrate more fully with one another as an entire school. You will hear more from us as that time approaches! Thank you for all you do to support our school; we keep you in our prayers.


Catholic Schools
Faith. Excellence. Service.

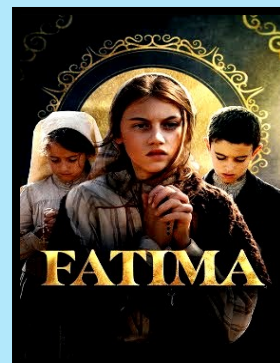
From the National Catholic Education Association:

The CSW 2021 theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith.

As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.

The CSW logo emphasizes that the Catholic school, like the Catholic Church, is not a building or an institution, but it is the people. As the people of God, we work together to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise up the next generation to do the same. The image of teachers and students forming the foundation of the school shows that they are active people of faith who serve others and God. May we all strive to live in active service of Jesus and his mission as we nationally join together during Catholic Schools Week and always.

St. Mary Parish & School Movie Night



Fatima – Newly released 2020 version
Free Entry

Ticket reservations required due to COVID
social distancing requirements
Tickets available after weekend Masses

Date: February 13, 2021

Time: 6:45 PM (Movie length is 1:53)
Where: St. Mary School Gymnasium

Bring blankets and lawn chairs or use our chairs
students will have soda, popcorn,
ice cream and cotton candy available
for reservations please email
Susan Tully @ stully@mwt.net