

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his

23rd Psalm

*The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.*

Confessions

Saturday May 9th 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 10th, 9:00 to 10:00 am



O Mary,

you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most
Blessed Sacrament.

I love Thee above all things and I desire to receive Thee
unto my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace Thee as if Thou wert already come,
and unite myself wholly to Thee;
never permit me to be separated from Thee.

Amen

From your pastor:

I hope all of you are remaining healthy and strong, physically and spiritually during this continuing “sheltering in place and social distancing.” I continue to lift to our Lord the needs and concerns of the parishioners of Saint Mary’s Parish during my daily Mass. Please communicate to the rectory by phone or email any particular concerns that need my personal pastoral attention and/or prayers.

This past Saturday was when our Sportsman’s Extravaganza was planned to be held at the Richland Center Community Center. Obviously this event had to be cancelled. However, we did conduct the drawing for the forty acres of hunting land. We did this in the Commons/Convent on Saturday in the early afternoon. The winner was David Manthe from Madison. He was very happy when I called him with the news and immediately stated he would be taking the \$25,000 grand prize. This leaves our acreage once again available for next year’s drawing. Our ticket numbers were down this year as could be expected. We have been selling approximately 250 tickets the night of the drawing at the Extravaganza, so that was a significant loss this year. However, we are thankful as a parish for all who contributed to our Catholic school by purchasing a ticket for the drawing. A thank you to Steve Bauer, Donna Urbach and Cheryl Blankenship who witnessed the drawing and appear in the video that has been posted on our parish website. I include a very special thank you to all the parishioners who under Sharon Schmitz’s direction mailed out the tickets as well as to Betty Stibbe, who once again processed all of the returned tickets.

Speaking of our parish website, we have been working for the past months with Deacon Tully providing leadership on a new website format. It has taken some time for this to happen in that we had to change from our past web provider to a new one which allows us now to have significantly more freedom and versatility. We are hoping that in the next weeks the new website is up and running. In the meantime, there is a temporary website that is working and provides information concerning the parish.

Our school administrators, faculty and staff are very busy in coordinating a fruitful final month of virtual schooling for our students. I wish to acknowledge the hard work that is being done daily in cooperation with parents in making certain our students are learning academically during this time. Questions about graduation and other such matters are in limbo until we receive a green light from the State of Wisconsin.

I am aware of the impatience that some are having with our state government and the restrictions that are in place. This past Friday there was a public demonstration at the Capitol in Madison concerning this matter. There are many different points of view on all of this, however I am of the opinion that we place our trust in our elected officials to provide us with guidance in situations like this. When it comes to decisions that involve the citizenry of a county, state or nation, the Church traditionally defers to the civil authorities’ direction. However, if something was being advocated that is clearly contrary to the common good and the dignity of the human person, the Church would speak out and provide a conscientious response based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That having been said, the one concern that I have and will be watching closely is that the allowing of Church gatherings be treated equally to other institutions that are given allowance for public gatherings. I am in contact with a number of brother priests from our diocese who are concerned about this matter. Thus far, I do not detect any discrimination against the Church or other religious organizations. However, we should maintain a continual vigilance.

I will close this column by presenting a spiritual reflection that I gave over WRCO radio this past week. It is called the “pastor’s minute.” Some of you have told me you heard it and recommended that I reproduce it in writing. I am happy to do that.

“This is Monsignor Roger Scheckel, pastor of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Richland Center
After six weeks of social distancing and sheltering in place, the words from Psalm 13 may describe your own thoughts and feelings:
“How long O Lord? Will you forget me forever? Will you hide your face from me?””

The sacred author was expressing sorrow for a particular misfortune that had beset him. However his greater sorrow was to be found in what he construed to be God’s absence and that he was being left alone in his suffering.

In the end, he is consoled as he remembers God’s past faithfulness during his lifetime.

It could be possible that during these days of the pandemic, you question the seeming absence of God in bringing this suffering to its end.

If this is so, follow the example of the Psalmist by reaffirming your trust in God by remembering all the good that God has done for you during your own lifetime. After sanctifying your memory in this way, allow the Psalmist’s prayer to become your own:

“I have trusted in your merciful love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt generously with me.”

May God’s blessings come upon you and remain with you. Amen”

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel



THE PROLONGED ASSAULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS NATURALLY LEADS TO SADNESS AND FEAR. BUT WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS THE LORD OF NATURE AND OF HISTORY. USING NATURAL MEANS TO DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST THE PESTILENCE, WE DO NOT FORGET OUR PRIMARY MEANS OF DEFENSE: PRAYER, ESPECIALLY THE ROSARY AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. CHRIST NEVER ABANDONS US.

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MOVE for Virtues!
 Faith & Hope - Physical Wellness - Community Spirit

Each year St. Mary School participates in Walk for Virtues. It's not only an important fundraiser for our school, it is a way we celebrate the virtues. This year Walk for Virtues is taking on a different tone; due to social distancing guidelines, we will now "MOVE for Virtues!" This will be done within the families and at home, but we will be doing so in spirit with one another.

A parishoner heard Ms. Faber and Mrs. Kohlstedt discuss Move for Virtues on WRCO (listen here: <https://www.wrco.com/wrco-broadcasts/the-morning-show.html>) and suggested this could be expanded to the Parish and greater community. What a great idea! Here is more information you may need to know:

Activity: What does it mean to Move for Virtues? You may take a long walk, pick up trash outdoors, rake and clean up the yard of an elderly neighbor, etc. If you are confined to your home, you may have some simple exercises you can do - whatever they may be - so you can be connected to the event!

Location: Homes/yards or public areas, following distancing guidelines - must be done in full compliance with guidelines set forth by the state!

Time: Please commit to a 2-3 hour time frame for your activity on Fri., May 8th!

Donations: All can participate, regardless of ability to donate! If interested: -send a check to St. Mary School Walk for Virtues (155. W 5th St.), OR -contact a current student about a pledge, OR -donate electronically: <https://bnqn.smarttuition.com/?id=idp4qkska0z>

Share! Please consider taking a picture of your activity to send to the school: vicki.faber@stmarysrc.com or stacia.kohlstedt@stmarysrc.com. We will be creating a collage of all families doing the activities to share!


 Faith - Hope - Brotherly Love - Generosity - Friendship - Respect
 Fortitude - Temperance - Prudence - Justice - Charity

Week ending April 30th, 2020

Adult Tithe.....	\$6,480.00
Building & Maintenance.....	5.00
Pastoral Care	45.00
Easter	295.00
Festival	25.00
Total.....	\$6,850.00
April (ACH) Automatic Contributions.....	\$6,120.00

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Ps 117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12



A full size copy can be found in the back of church

"I will never leave you
nor forsake you."

Hebrews 13:5

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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.

WEEK SEVEN



*T*old you I'd be back, and here I am again! I like the number seven, so this "seven week mark" is pretty special to me. I am no longer an embryo—now I'm a fetus! Fetus means "little one," and that's a pretty good description from your point of view because I'm just about an inch long. Wow, a whole inch! Even though it may not seem like much to most people, it's a lot to me because that's thousands of times larger than when I first came into existence at conception! My embryonic tail is gone and all of my organs, muscles, and nerves are beginning to function. I've even got eyelids that are beginning to cover my eyes! That's quite a bit for a compact model, don't you think?

*"Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;
His greatness is beyond understanding."*

—PSALM 145:3

Life! What a great gift it is from our great God! Please take a stand for life—I'd really appreciate it. Enjoy your gift of life and I'll join you in praising God for it!

Love,
Baby Margaret Mary

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Pregnancy Helpline of Boscobel

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Services include free baby clothes, (birth –2T), free baby furniture, referrals for ultra sounds, adoption, healing from abortion. Support before and after your baby arrives.

May God Bless you for choosing Life for your baby!



"SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM"

How to Spiritually Adopt a Baby

1. Stop in Church and pick up a Spiritual Adoption Card
2. Choose a Baby's Name,
3. Write your name on the card that you will return.
4. Pray Daily for your Baby.

Scrip News

May 10th is Mother's Day. Pamper Mom with shopping for her favorite brands, lunch at a local restaurant, buy ingredients for her favorite recipe or give her a gift card for an upcoming project. The Scrip-to-go Box is currently at the rectory or contact your scrip coordinator at scrip@stmarysrc.com for a special order or an online shopping invitation

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