

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 15th
No Mass

Tuesday, March 16th
No Mass

Wednesday, March 17th **St. Patrick**
No Mass

Thursday, March 18th **St. Cyril**
No Mass

Friday, March 19th **St. Joseph**
No Mass *Abstain from meat*
Stations of the Cross with Adoration
6:00 to 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 20th
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† Roy Meier

Sunday, March 21st **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
Deceased members of the
Michael & Margaret Geoghegan family

Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Kathy Stadele

Christ died for us,
that we may be
forgiven



Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/
Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6
[1]/ Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-
33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Fourth Sunday of Lent

LENT
prayer • fasting • almsgiving

“Everyone who
suffers is on a cross.
Some ask to be
taken down, like
the thief on the
left. Others want
to be taken up,
like the thief on
the right.”

~ Quotable Fulton J. Sheen.

From your pastor . . .

If you did not hear the announcement made at the Masses last weekend, the parish pictorial directories have finally arrived. Those who had their photo taken and published in the directory are entitled to a free copy. The books are located in the back pew (Blessed Mother's side of the Church) in boxes. Each book has a name tag attached to the back cover and they have been placed in alphabetical order for convenience. If you would like to purchase a copy you can do so for a cost of \$10 by stopping at the rectory to make the purchase. I hope that you enjoy the directory.

In last week's column I wrote about certain moral questions surrounding the use of the new Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccine. I reproduced the official statement made by the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This was done because an official statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops had not yet been developed and published. Such a publication from the USCCB has been published and is reproduced below.

On March 2, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine recently approved for use in the United States.

“The approval of Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine for use in the United States again raises questions about the moral permissibility of using vaccines developed, tested, and/or produced with the help of abortion-derived cell lines.

“Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines raised concerns because an abortion-derived cell line was used for testing them, but not in their production. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine, however, was developed, tested and is produced with abortion-derived cell lines raising additional moral concerns. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has judged that ‘when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available . . . *it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.* [1] However, if one can choose among equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion – derived cell lines should be chosen. Therefore, if one has the ability to choose a vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna's vaccines should be chosen over Johnson & Johnson's.

“While we should continue to insist that pharmaceutical companies stop using abortion-derived cell lines, given the world-wide suffering that this pandemic is causing, we affirm again that being vaccinated can be an act of charity that serves the common good.”

[1] Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, “Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines” (17 Dec. 2020), no.2

[2]

In following the recommendation of the USCCB, if you are choosing to be vaccinated you may wish to ask which vaccine will be used. If it is the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you could instead ask for the Moderna or the Pfizer vaccine.

I recently read a letter to the editor in the Wisconsin State Journal that was critical of anyone raising ethical or moral questions concerning the production of vaccines from abortion-derived stem cells. The author of the letter was of the opinion that the only issue that mattered was one's physical health. Physical health is important but so is one's spiritual and moral health. Don't be afraid to ask whatever questions your conscience moves you to ask concerning these matters.

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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When you go to Mass
Don't Forget
to pick up your Church Directory!

March 6/7, 2021 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$5,090.00
Offertory.....	257.00
Pastoral Care.....	80.00
Building & Maintenance.....	55.00
Religious Education.....	6.00
Festival.....	25.00
Easter.....	50.00
Easter Flowers	336.00
Endowment Fund.....	56.00
Holy Day.....	1.00
Cemetery Fund.....	122.00
Total.....	\$6,078.00

January (ACH) Automatic Contributions... \$6,220.00
February (ACH) Automatic Contributions \$6,170.00

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Easter Memorial Flowers

Durst & Larse Families	in honor of	St. Mary's Families
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Mari Lu Marshall	in memory of	Parents & Grandparents
Candace McGrath	in memory of	Nicholas Lawson
Harry Monteith	in memory of	Eric D. Monteith
	"	Helen L. Monteith
	"	Ralph W. Monteith
Tena Moore	in memory of	Donald Moore
Judy Murphy	in memory of	Joe Murphy
Paul & Julie Peckham	in memory of	Jane & Edmund Guelig
	"	Agatha Peckham
	"	Joan & Harvey Bestor
Frank & Vietta Reising	in memory of	Tina Reising Franseen
Cathy Ryan	"	Paul Ryan Family
Paul & Mary Jo Salisbury	in memory of	Francis Mueller
	"	Randy Mueller
	"	Miranda Mueller
	"	Linda Mueller
Jason & Sara Schultz	"	Easter Flowers
Eva Shilling	in memory of	Ewing & Shilling Families

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Scrip Sellers



March 20 5:15 P.M. Jolene Frawley
March 21 8:00 A.M. Colleen Schroeder
March 21 10:30 A.M.

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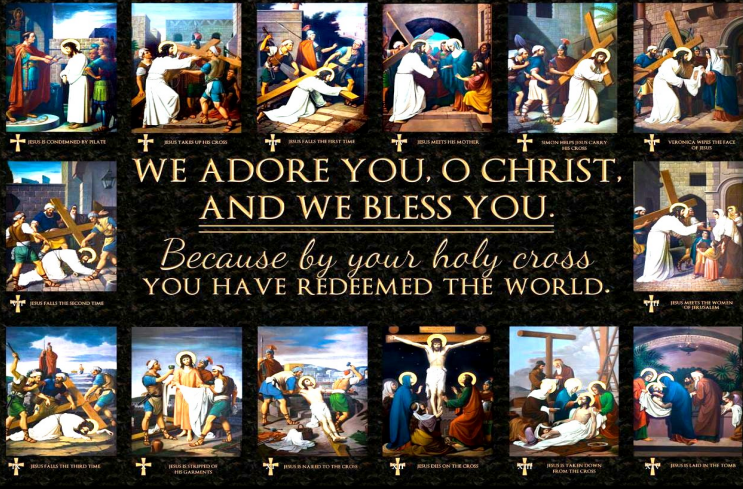
Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate towards Easter Flowers in memory of loved one. There is an envelope in your packet, or you may use any envelope. Include your donation along with your intention Place in the collection or drop off at the rectory.



2020-2021 Calendar Drawing Winners

March 2, 2021 ...Dean Rossow, Oshkosh, WI
March 4, 2021 .. Clayton & Laura Eddy, Soldiers Grove, WI



**Stations of the Cross and Adoration
Every Friday in Lent
6:00 to 7:00 pm**

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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.



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary,
be with us this day.
You protected and cherished the Virgin;
loving the Child Jesus as your Son,
you rescued Him from the danger of death.
Defend the Church,
the household of God,
purchased by the Blood of Christ.
Guardian of the Holy Family,
be with us in our trials.
May your prayers obtain for us
the strength to flee from error
and wrestle with the powers of corruption
so that in life we may grow in holiness
and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.
Amen.



ST. MARY'S BOOK FAIR

Wednesday, March 17 from 3:30-6:30
Saturday, March 20 from 6:00-7:00
Sunday, March 21 from 9:00-noon



Please welcome to our parish family

Valentia Mia Rice

Baptized March 6, 2021

Parents, Douglas & Luisa

Please pray for Valentia as she continues
to grow in her faith.