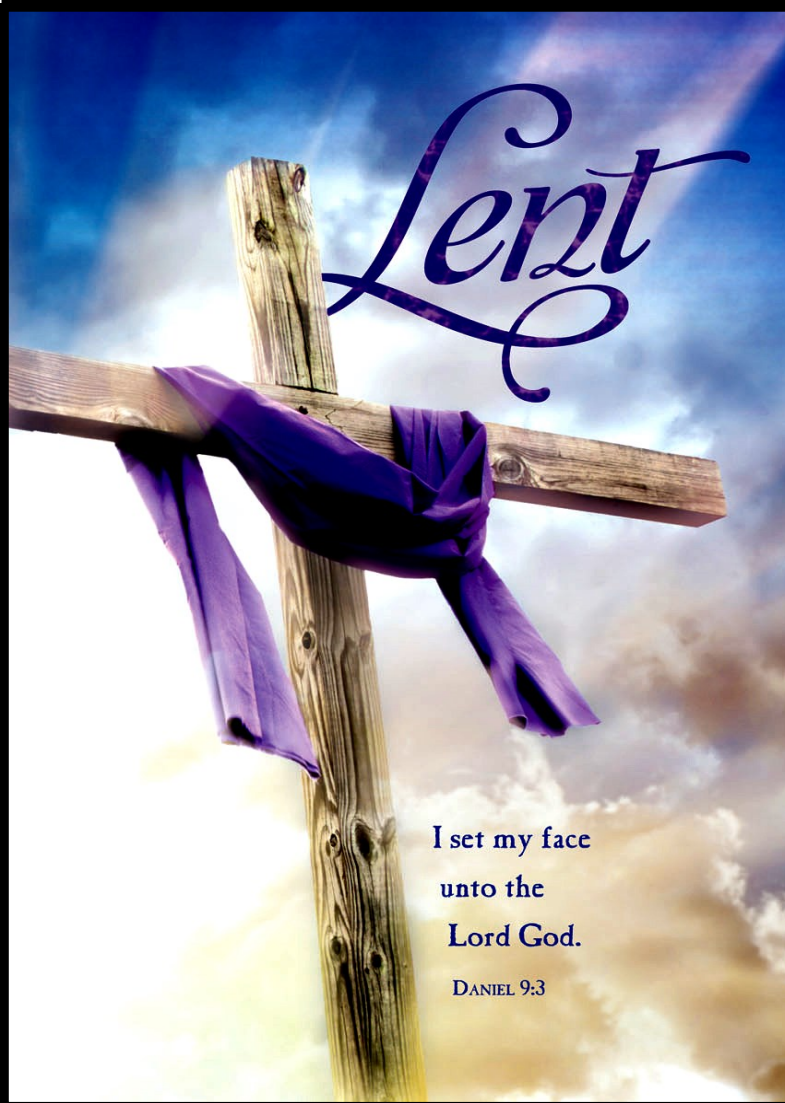


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Mass Schedule

Monday, February 15th
No Mass

Tuesday, February 16th
No Mass

Wednesday, February 17th **Ash Wednesday**
Mass 8:15 am **Fasting and Abstinence**
Rory Schultz SP.I.

Mass 5:15 pm
† Jack Shilling

Thursday, February 18th
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration Following Mass**
† Charlie Ray

Friday, February 19th **First Friday of Lent**
Mass 8:15 am **Fasting**
† Paul Ryan
Stations of the Cross with Adoration
6:00 to 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 20th
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 am
† Bridget De Cleene

Sunday, February 21st **First Sunday of Lent**
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am
Our Parish Family
Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
† John T Goodman

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:3111:1/
Mk 1:40-45
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk
8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10
[11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2
Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15

Lent
fast · give · pray

"The reality of death rearranges our priorities."

MATTHEW KELLY, *Resisting Happiness*

BEST LENT EVER

From your pastor . . .

Perhaps you have noticed that I have been limping more while celebrating the Mass and my genuflections have become more and more like curtsies. This is because I have some significant arthritis in my right knee that will need surgical attention. I have surgery scheduled for March 17th at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. So while you may be drinking a green beverage (the Memorial of Saint Patrick) I will be having a complete knee replacement. I will be in need of a couple of weeks of recuperation, so I have asked Father Kurt Apfelbeck from the Diocesan Chancery Office to fill in for me. You may recall that Father Kurt was here this past fall when I was visiting my dying aunt in Pennsylvania. God willing, I hope to be back on the altar for Holy Week and Easter.

The Season of Lent begins this week with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, when two Masses will be celebrated. The morning Mass at 8:15 a.m. will include the students from the school. While they will take up a good portion of the pews and the choir loft, there will be eight pews in the back of the church (three on the Blessed Virgin Mary side and five on the Saint Joseph side) that will be available for parishioners. The afternoon Mass will be at 5:15 pm.

Please remember that Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Ashes will be distributed at each of the Masses. Due to the Corona Virus, the Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome recently released the following instructions for the distribution of ashes: "The Priest says the prayer for the blessing of ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel', or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.' The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything."

The US Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship continues: "These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. The distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here. Therefore, the Committee encourages ministers to provide some explanation to the faithful, to avoid unnecessary confusion." The following comes from our Diocesan Office of Sacred Worship: "The faithful ought to be alerted to this alternative manner of distributing ashes in 2021. As the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship notes, while sprinkling ashes upon the top of the head is not customary in the United States, this legitimate manner of giving ashes is practiced in other countries around the world. The Ash Wednesday text from the Missal themselves speak variously of ashes "put on our heads" receive[d] upon our heads," and "placed on the head." The practice also recalls Old Testament accounts of "the Israelites gathered together while fasting and wearing sackcloth, their head covered with dust" (Nehemiah 9:1).

I have read these instructions carefully and they are presented as an alternative to imposing the ashes on the forehead as we typically do. After consulting with Deacon Tully, we will provide this alternative of sprinkling the ashes on the top of the head in a person's hair if we are directed to do so by the person pointing to the top of his or her head at the time they approach either of us otherwise we will impose the ashes on the forehead with our thumbs in the usual manner. To repeat the formula for the imposition of ashes to each individual person does not seem to pose any more of a risk of spreading the pandemic than speaking the acclamation "Body of Christ" at the time of Holy Communion, and therefore will be used with each individual person.

If you have any concerns about this matter, please make contact with Deacon Tully or me to discuss it.

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

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

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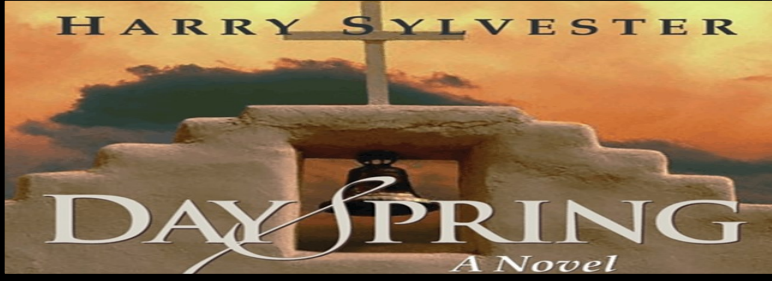
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Scrip Sellers

- February 20 5:15 P.M. Jolene Frawley
- February 21 8:00 A.M. Colleen Schroeder
- February 21 10:30 A.M. Judy Barnicle



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 !

Target \$33,855.00 Currently at \$44,271.00

February 6/7, 2021 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,410.00
Offertory.....	308.00
Religious Education.....	50.00
Catholic School Support.....	56.00
Pastoral Care.....	5.00
Building & Maintenance.....	55.00
Parish Festival.....	50.00
Total.....	\$3,934.00
January (ACH) Automatic Contributions...	\$6,220.00



St Mary's Catholic School

3K, 4K, and Kindergarten Open House and Registration will take place on Monday, March 1st from 4-6 pm.

Come and check out our programs!

(Parents may register students without attending the event. Accommodations will be made for proper distancing.)

Contact stacia.kohlstedt@stmarysrc.com or 647-2422 with any questions

Prayer Chain

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is in need of prayer,
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prayer.chain@stmarysrc.com



Please welcome to our parish family

Caroline James Green

Baptized January 31, 2021

Parents, Bennie & Elizabeth

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



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2020-2021 Calendar Drawing Winners

- January 28, 2021 ... Gary Almerli, North Freedom, WI
- February 2, 2021 ... Richard Fischer, Franklin, 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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
every Thursday following the 8:15 Mass
"You could not watch with me one hour?"

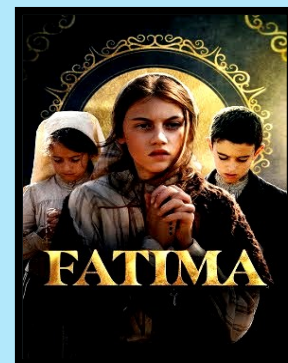
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St. Mary Parish & School Movie Night



**Fatima – Newly released 2020 version
Free Entry**

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

New Date

Date: February 20, 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