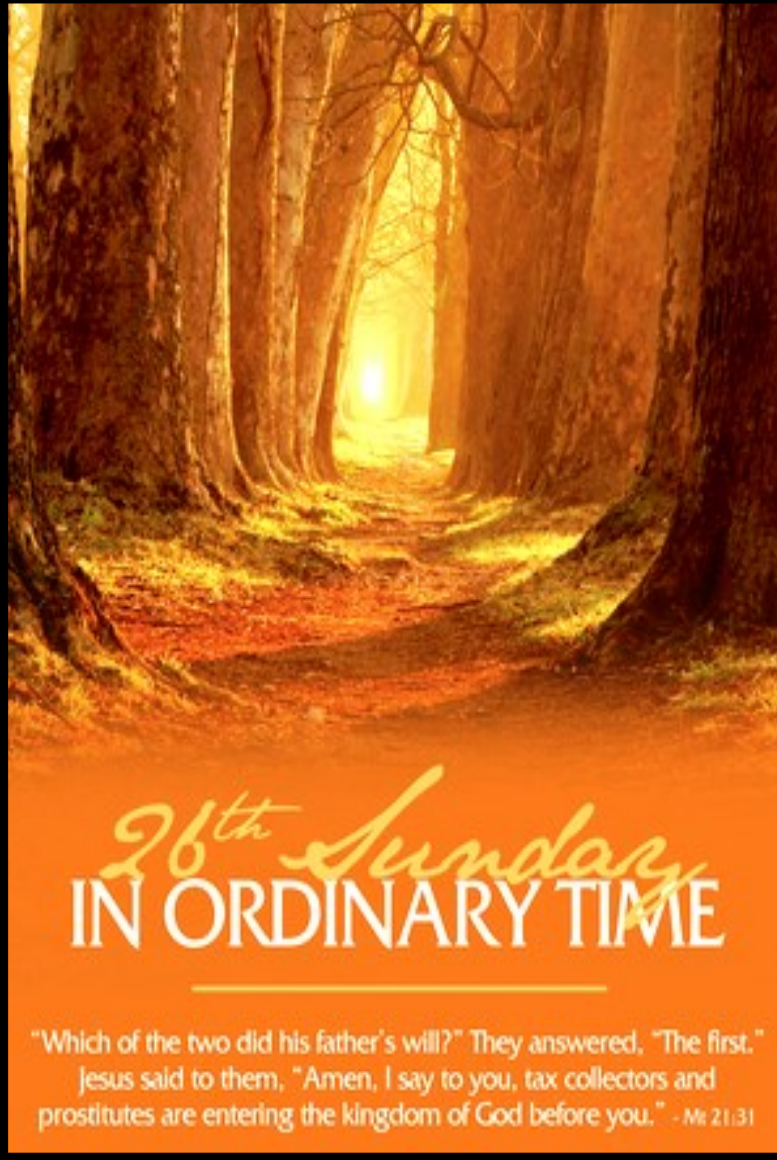


# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



## Mass Schedule

- Monday, Sept 28th      **St. Wenceslaus**  
No Mass                      **St. Lawrence Ruiz**
- Tuesday, Sept 29th      **Sts. Michael, Gabriel**  
No Mass                      **St. Raphael, Archangels**
- Wednesday, Sept 30th      **St. Jerome**  
No Mass
- Thursday, October 1st      **St. Thérèse**  
Communion Service 8:15 am  
Adoration Following
- Friday, October 2nd      **Holy Guardian Angels**  
No Mass
- Saturday, October 3rd  
Confessions 4:15- 4:50 pm  
Mass 5:15 am  
† Poor Souls in Purgatory
- Sunday, October 4th      **Respect Life Sunday**  
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
Maximus Gutierrez S.P.I.  
**Life Chain following 10:30 Mass**
- Confessions 9:30 -10:20 am  
Mass 10:30 am  
† Fr. Joseph Keating

## Readings for the week of September 27, 2020

- Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/  
Mt 21:28-32
- Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-  
3, 4-5 [1]/ Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/  
Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/  
Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130  
[135]/ Lk 10:17-24
- Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/  
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**Welcome Fr Apfelbeck**

**Thank you & God Bless you  
For helping out while  
Monsignor is away**



**From your pastor . . .**

By the time you are reading this column, God-willing I should have arrived in Shippensburg, Pa. and be visiting with my Aunt and Uncle. While I am writing this before I leave (Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>), I am anticipating traveling by motorcycle, unless my good mother intercedes again this year with bad weather or some other way. I don't think that is going to happen.

I will use the remainder of this column to communicate to you the letter that Bishop Callahan sent to his priests this Friday, September 18. It contains an explanation for the reversal of his decision to re-impose the Sunday Mass obligation. The obligation to return to Sunday Mass had been announced earlier to the priests as taking place on the first Sunday in October. The Bishop's letter appears in *italics*.

*18 September 2020*

*Year of Saint Joseph*

*Dear Brother Priests and Deacons and dear People of God*

*I extend my sincere thanks to you all for the fidelity with which you have been returning to the Sunday celebrations of the Mass across the Diocese. It gives me great hope that the yearning of our hearts truly is for the loving presence of our Lord and savior and that "our hearts are restless till they rest in You." The increasing number of faithful who are returning to our churches continues to help us all understand more deeply the true meaning of our responsibility to worship God together and remain in Communion with Him.*

*After a great deal of consultation among the leadership of the priests and inquiry among a number of God's people, I have decided to NOT re-impose the obligation to attend Mass throughout the Diocese at this time. This is not to minimize the importance of the communal celebration of the Holy Eucharist. While this is a departure from the decision of my brother bishops in Wisconsin, it is not mean spirited. I am considering the high number of new COVID cases in our area and the growing number of congregants, and the ability we have of safely social-distancing in our churches. These factors create a large number of situations that bring us back to the very reason why we lifted the obligation in the first place.*

*We will monitor the number of COVID cases in the Diocese, the progress towards a vaccine and the amount of people returning to the celebration of the Mass, as we make our future decisions regarding the lifting of the dispensation for the obligation to attend Mass. Know that while the obligation remains dispensed the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath remains, if you are unable to attend Mass or join one of the live stream Masses then please keep the day holy through the reading of Scripture, recitation of the Rosary and other spiritual activities. Please continue to follow the instructions for the return to Mass as earlier issued, use common sense, and continue to pray for one another as we make our way through this.*

*God be with you.*

*+William Patrick Callahan  
Bishop of La Crosse*

The practical implications of the Bishop's decision is that we will not return back to scheduled liturgical ministries, e.g. scheduled readers, servers and ushers, as we had originally planned. We will return to these ministries when the obligation is in force. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

If you would, please include a petition for my safe travel in your prayers.

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**





**September 19/20, 2020 Stewardship**

Adult Tithe.....	\$3171.00
Offertory.....	215.20
Building & Maintenance.....	1.00
Pastoral Care.....	1.00
Parish Festival .....	151.00
Total.....	\$3539.20
August (ACH) Automatic Contributions.....	\$6,330.00
September (ACH) Automatic Contributions...	\$5,970.00

Thank you to the Stadele Family Trust for the generous donation to St Mary's Catholic School in memory of Mary E. Stadele.  
God Bless You

**LIFE CHAIN**

Sunday October 4th  
immediately following 10:30 am Mass  
placards will be provided  
refreshments afterwards in the undercroft.

**Pray the Rosary with the Bishops for Pro-Life**

Beginning October 4<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Callahan, join each of our five Wisconsin Bishops for a live-streamed Pro-Life Rosary from 7:30-8:00 PM on five consecutive Sundays. October is both Respect Life month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our Bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. The closing Rosary will be led by Archbishop Jerome Listecky on Nov. 1, The Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints. For more details on this statewide pro-life prayer initiative, visit [diolc.org/live](http://diolc.org/live).  
May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation and our world.

**Schedule of Pro-life Rosaries – Sundays, 7:30-8:00 PM**

- October 4 – Bishop Callahan, Diocese of La Crosse;
- October 11 – Bishop Donald J. Hying, Diocese of Madison;
- October 18 – Bishop David L. Ricken, Diocese of Green Bay;
- October 25 – Bishop James P. Powers, Diocese of Superior;

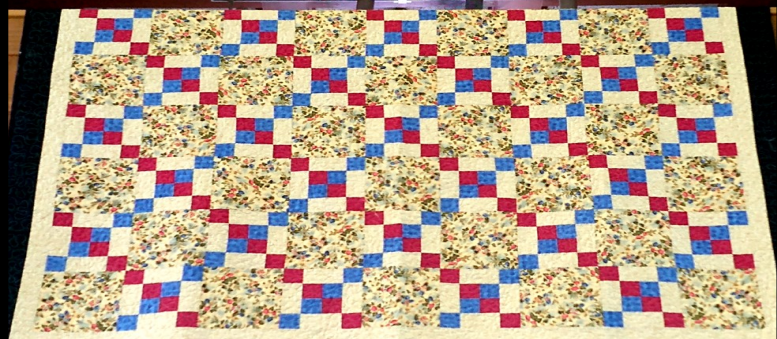
**ST. LUKE OCTOBER 2 DRIVE THRU FISH FRY**

St. Luke's will be hosting a "drive thru" only fish fry on Friday, October 2, serving from 4:30 to 7:30 PM or until gone. Along with the fish fry we will be selling homemade Pumpkin Pies.



**2020 Parish Festival Drawing Winners**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	\$5,000.00	Audrey Honer, RC
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,500.00	Sawyer Weeden, RC
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$1,000.00	Kerry & Sheila Melby
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$500.00	Pat McGuire, RC
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$500.00	Wallace Cooper & Elliot
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$500.00	Linton Brewer
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$250.00	Susan Starkey, Gays Mills
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$250.00	Amanda Wallerman, Norwalk,
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$250.00	Allan Beatty, RC
10 <sup>th</sup>	\$250.00	Audrey Honer, RC
11 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Margaret Rossing, Lone Rock
12 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Harry Montieth, RC
13 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Gail Surrem, RC
14 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Debra Coppernal, Spring Green
15 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Francisco Ortiz, RC
16 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Jane Jelinek, RC
17 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Margaret Lewis, Viola
18 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Zach Durst, RC
19 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Robert & Maureen Smith, RC
20 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Don Cosgrove, Madison, WI
21 <sup>st</sup>	\$100.00	Julie Cairns, RC
22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$100.00	Kim Jewett, RC
23 <sup>rd</sup>	\$100.00	Chuck Brewer, RC
24 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Jerome & Sandy Durst, RC
25 <sup>th</sup>	\$100.00	Veronica Foley



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**CURRENT BID AT \$400.00**

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## SCRIP NEWS

Visit the Scrip-to-Go table in the foyer of the church after Mass. If you have any questions about the Scrip program, get your answers there! There is **NOTHING** to join, buy as often as you like. It is a WIN/WIN for our church and school since you will be purchasing cards to use as cash to buy what you buy anyway. Write a check, pay with cash or find out how to use your credit card for online card ordering. You can find the order form on the Parish website and plan ahead!! Scrip wants you!

Contact your Scrip Coordinator at [scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com)

October 3, 5:15 P.M. Judy Murphy  
October 4, 8:00 A.M. Betty Wastlick  
October 4, 10:30 A.M. Mary Jo Nigl



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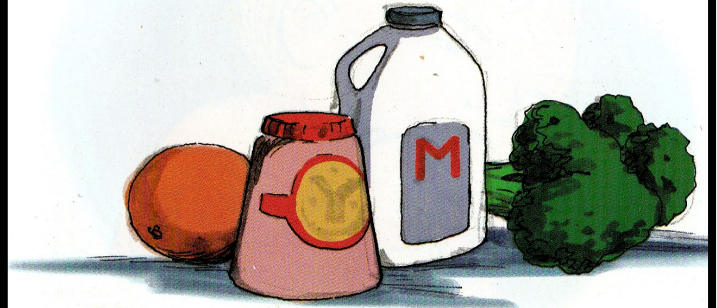
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### Wedding Planning Information

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 TWENTY-SEVEN



Got some milk? Gotta have it because I'm growing, growing, growing at a rapid pace now! My muscles, my skeleton, and my lungs are all maturing every day. And, again, my brain is going through a time of rapid growth. All of this happening with me means I'm requiring a lot of nutrition—plenty of protein, vitamin C, folic acid, iron, and especially calcium. Every day about 200 milligrams of calcium is deposited in my bones so they can harden and grow stronger! That's a lot! So, Mom, please drink milk and eat plenty of broccoli and yogurt, okay?

*"I chose you before I gave you life,  
and before you were born I selected you."*

—JEREMIAH 1:5

I'm so glad that I'm a chosen one of God, aren't you?

Love,  
Baby Margaret Mary

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**May God Bless you for choosing Life for your baby!**

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Please join us on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, at 11:15 a.m. for a meditation on the Holy Rosary followed by the Holy Rosary at 11:45 a.m., and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 12:15 p.m. Confession will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 a.m. and also following Mass.