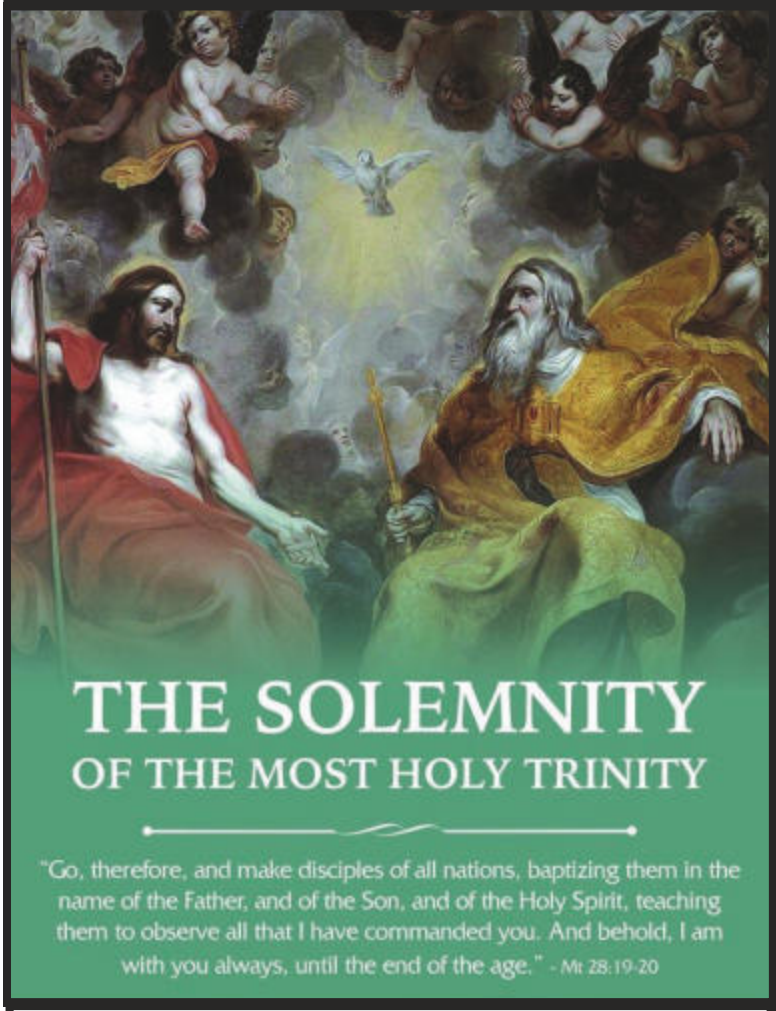
# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church




## Mass Schedule

Monday, May 31st — The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass — Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 1st
Mass 8:15 am — St. Justin
† Jeanette Homb

Wednesday, June 2nd — St. Marcellinus
Mass 8:15 am — St. Peter
Betty & Richard Wastlick SP.I.

Thursday, June 3rd — St. Charles Lwanga
Mass 8:15 am Adoration following Mass
† Adelaide R. Anderson

Friday, June 4th — First Friday
Mass 8:15 am
† Marie Triggs

Saturday, June 5th — First Saturday
Mass 8:15 am
† Ella Schumacher

Confessions 4:20-4:50 pm
Mass 5:15 pm — St. Boniface
† Ralph & Sally Kraemer

Sunday, June 6th
Confessions 7:30 -7:50 am
Mass 8:00 am — The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:50 -10:20 am
Mass 10:30 am
† Kathy Stadele

**Readings for the week of May 30, 2021**

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| Sunday: | Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/ Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20 |
| Monday: | Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/ Lk 1:39-56 |
| Tuesday: | Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17 |
| Wednesday: | Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/ Mk 12:18-27 |
| Thursday: | Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34 |
| Friday: | Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/ Mk 12:35-37 |
| Saturday: | Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/ Mk 12:38-44 |
| Next Sunday: | Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/ Heb 9:11-15/ Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 |

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have ever offered to die for you
**Jesus Christ**
and the American Soldier

One died for your soul
The other died for your freedom

## From your pastor . . .

I learned this past week at the Presbyteral Council meeting with Bishop Callahan that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will commence on Sunday, June 27th. I believe the Bishop is planning to correspond with all Catholics in the La Crosse Diocese about this through a mailing that will come to your homes.

This will allow for a return to the use of liturgical ministers – ushers (a regular collection taken up), readers, servers and extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion when needed. Deacon Tully and I will be processing out of the Church after Mass where we will now greet parishioners. Also this means that our undercroft will be available for public gatherings, including funeral luncheons (providing this corresponds to the PCCW schedule). Also, the meetings of the consultative bodies such as the finance and pastoral council can also begin to meet. In the past we have not met during the summertime, so we will consider whether to wait or schedule during the summer.

It has been a long wait. Thank you for your perseverance. If you have any questions about how things will proceed please contact the rectory and we will try to respond. We may not have an immediate answer for every question.

As you may have noticed, I am no longer using a cane to aid my walking. While there is still some pain when I "overdo" it, for the most part the healing is on its way to completion. Thank you for your prayers for my recovery.

I will continue with the teaching that has been ongoing over the past weeks concerning the Church's response to the issue of racism. The document that I am reproducing in *italic* type is from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, entitled, *Open Wider Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love – A Pastoral Letter Against Racism.* This statement was promulgated in 2018.

*"Although our nation has moved forward in a number of ways against racial discrimination, we have lost ground in others. Despite significant progress in civil law with regard to racism, societal realities indicate a need for further catechesis to facilitate conversion of hearts. Too many good and faithful Catholics remain unaware of the connection between institutional racism and the continued erosion of the sanctity of life. We are not finished with the work. The evil of racism festers in part because, as a nation, there has been very limited formal acknowledgment of the harm done to so many, no moment of atonement, no national process of reconciliation and, all too often a neglect of our history. Many of our institutions still harbor, and too many of our laws still sanction, practices that deny justice and equal access to certain groups of people. God demands more from us. We cannot, therefore, look upon the progress against racism in recent decades and conclude that our current situation meets the standard of justice. In fact, God demand what is right and just.*

*As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our brothers and sisters. We must create opportunities to hear, with open hearts, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters, if we are to be moved with empathy, to promote justice. Many groups, such as the Irish, Italians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Poles, Jews, Chinese, and Japanese, can attest to having been the target of racial and ethnic prejudice in this country. It is also true that many groups are still experiencing prejudice, including rising anti-Semitism, the discrimination many Hispanics face today, and anti-Muslim sentiment. Especially instructive at this moment, however, are the historical and contemporary experiences of Native and African Americans."*

The next installment will focus on the experience of the Native American People in the United States.

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

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

CONFIRMATION MAY 21, 2021

Breathe in my, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend All that is holy.
Guard me, then O Holy Spirit, that I always May be holy. St. Augustine

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plans for welfare and not for evil,
to give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah- 29.11

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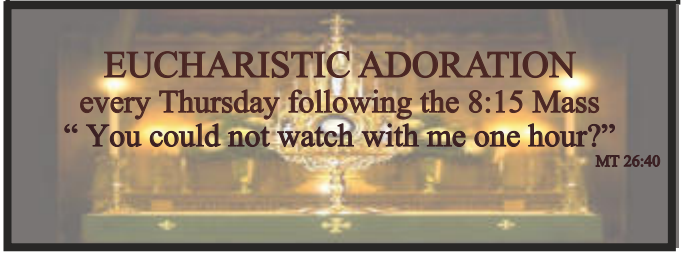
**God Bless You !**
**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**
**On your 37th Anniversary of**
**Ordination to the Priesthood**
**May 26, 2021**

## O Jesus, Eternal Priest,

Keep your priests within the shelter of
Your Sacred Heart,
Where none may touch them.
Keep unstained their anointed hands,
Which daily touch Your Sacred Body.
Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
Let your holy love surround them and
shield them from the world's contagion.
Bless their labors with abundant fruit
may the souls to whom they minister be their
joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful
and everlasting crown.

St. Therese of Lisieux

**Happy Birthday Monsignor Scheckel**
**June 2, 2021**



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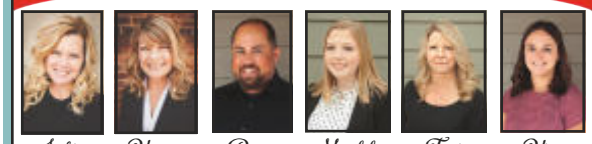


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