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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday - 9 AM

Other times by request

Privacy is assured

BAPTISM: Please contact Sr. Joanne at the
parish office

MARRIAGES:

Congratulations on your engagement!

Please contact Deacon Gerry at the parish
office at least 6 months before your planned
wedding date.

MASSES:

Daily: Tues. & Fri. 8:30 AM

Wed. Thurs. 12:05 PM

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

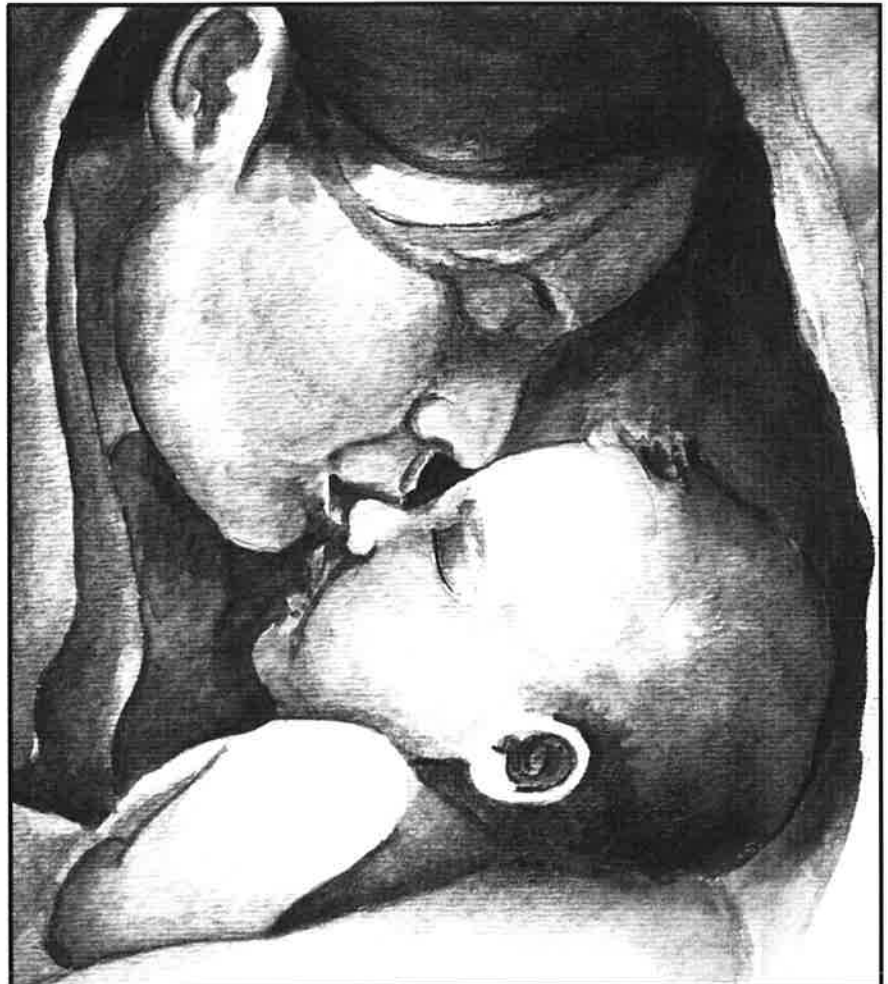
Sundays: 8, 9:30, 11 AM

Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM



And Mary kept all these
things, reflecting on them
in her heart. Luke 2:19

January 1, 2017



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Mass Location/Minister. Includes entries for Mon., Jan. 2 through Sun., Jan. 8.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- January 2 (Mon) 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
January 3 (Tues) 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
January 4 (Wed) 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus
January 5 (Thurs) 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Oneida St. Campus
January 6 (Fri) 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
January 7 (Sat) 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
January 8 (Sun) Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9:30 AM Mass
Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses

CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFICE: Dec 19-Dec. 23: \$12,857.00
CHILDREN'S: \$8.00
WEEKEND: Dec. 24-25: \$23,323.31

Prayer Requests: Contact Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) or Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) if you have a prayer need.

In Joy & Sorrow...

Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

Still basking in the Christmas light of God's marvelous love for us shown in the gift of Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Mary, and allowing some time for my creative juices to recharge, I would simply like to share with you some excerpts from Pope Francis' homily in Rome on Christmas Eve.

"The Gospel ...speaks of the emperor, the governor, the mighty of those times, but God does not make God's Self present there; God does not appear in the grand hall of a royal palace, but in the poverty of a stable; not in pomp and show, but in the simplicity of life; not in power, but in smallness which surprises.



"Let us allow the Child in the manger to challenge us, but let us also allow ourselves to be challenged by the children of today's world, who are not lying in a cot caressed with the affection of a mother and father, but rather suffer the squalid mangers that devour dignity.

"The mystery of Christmas, which is light and joy, questions and unsettles us, because it is at once both a mystery of hope and of sadness. It bears within itself the taste of sadness, inasmuch as love is not received, and life discarded.

"Yet Christmas has essentially a flavor of hope because, notwithstanding the darker aspects of our lives, God's light shines out. His gentle light does not make us fear; God who is in love with us, draws us to himself with his tenderness, born poor and fragile among us, as one of us.



"Let us touch the tenderness which saves. Let us draw close to God who draws close to us. Let us pause to look upon the crib, and imagine the birth of Jesus: light, peace, utmost poverty and rejection.

Let us enter into the real Nativity with the shepherds, taking to Jesus all that we are, our alienation, our unhealed wounds. Then, in Jesus, we will enjoy the flavor of the true spirit of Christmas: the beauty of being loved by God. With Mary and Joseph we pause before the manger, before Jesus who is bread for my life.

- Father Bill+

Adult Faith Formation

Please pre-register for these events.
RSVP to Carol Jensen by phone (739-3700 x 22)
or email (cjensen@stmaryparish.org).

Give Yourself a Gift!

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreats

Men's: February 25-26 / Women's: March 25-26

Here's what last year's participants liked best:

"The beautiful shared testimonies of faith walks and reflections afterward. The whole experience was very nice and definitely a growth experience.

"Meeting new women in our parishes."

"Enjoyed time to focus with other men, away from distractions."

"Wonderful hospitality from beginning to end."

Brochures for CRHP can be found at the back of church. No cost to you! Questions? Call Carol at 739-5119.

January Opportunities

Understanding Your God-Given Emotions: Worry, Fear, Sadness, Anger, Joy, Love, with Victoria Gossens, MSW.

January 10, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Holly Hall. Free will offering.

Alpha Begins January 12! Thursday evenings, 6:00 PM. Register before January 7.

De-Stress and Feel Your Best with Victoria Gossens, MSW.

January 17, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Holly Hall. Free will offering.

QPR Training for Suicide Prevention by Prevent Suicide-Fox Cities. January 31, 6:30 PM, Community Room. Please register before January 24.

Happy
New
Year!



FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY NEW SERIES BEGINS 1/6/2017

HOW BIBLES ARE DIFFERENT...THE APOCRYPHA



Start the New Year with a walk through seven books found in Catholic bibles but not in Protestant versions since the second canon. Fr. Don Zuleger will explore unique messages found in 1&2

Maccabees, Judith, Tobit, Baruch, Sirach and Wisdom. A \$3 offering includes coffee & Manderfield's baked goods. For more information, please visit www.foxvalleybiblestudy.org.

Sessions begin at 6:30 AM

St. Bernadette School Cafeteria

2331 E. Lourdes Drive, Appleton

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Read All About It!



The Parish Council Minutes from the December 9th meeting are located in the library in the Marian Way! Pick up a copy and find out what your parish leadership is talking about today!

1st Eucharist Parent Meetings

If your child or children will be preparing for 1st Eucharist this year, we ask that you (parents only) attend a meeting to hear more about the process. There are two meeting times to choose from:

Tuesday, Jan. 3 • St. Joe Holly Hall • 6:30 PM

Thursday, Jan. 5 • St. Mary Community Room • 6:30 PM

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one of these evening meetings. You will choose the First Eucharist Mass time for your child at this meeting. Thank you!



Would you like to find out what opportunities are available at Xavier Middle School for your child's future?

Join us for Parent Preview Night on

Wed., Jan. 18th from 6:30 – 8:00 PM to

find out how we can support your child in

becoming the best version of themselves through academics, faith, service, fitness, and the arts. Care programs and confidential financial options are available. For more information, visit www.XavierCatholicSchools.org or call (920) 735-9380.



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www.stmaryparish.org.
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helpful links, and more!



The St. Joseph Food Program collection will be January 7th and 8th because of the holiday the first weekend. Please bring any international food items. Get creative! Choose something you

think would be delicious (but nothing perishable, please). Thank you for your continued help to feed those in need. Sponsored by your St. Mary Human Concerns Committee.

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for those who have lost a loved one. At this time, we especially remember the families of Sue Kerr and Jean Schuchart. May fond memories comfort you during this difficult time.

If you have lost a loved one and would like to have him or her remembered in the bulletin, please call the office at 739-5119.

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