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Saturday – 9 AM

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**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

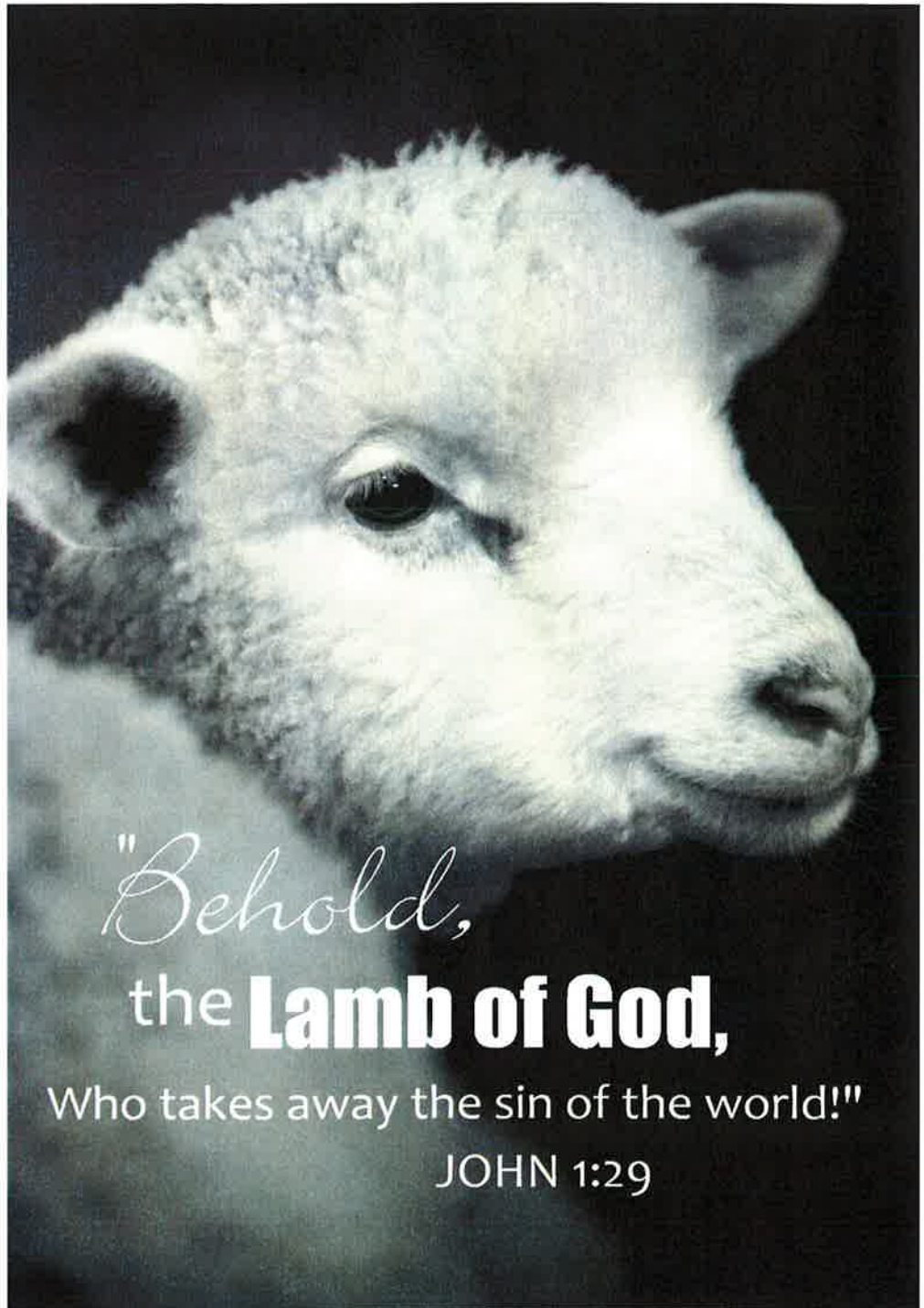
Sundays: 8, 9:30, 11 AM

Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM



*"Behold,*

**the Lamb of God,**

**Who takes away the sin of the world!"**

**JOHN 1:29**

**January 15, 2017**

**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Mass details. Includes entries for Mon., Jan. 16 through Sun., Jan. 22.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 16 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir/Choir Loft
6:30 PM THEO/Community Room

January 17 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM No Mass
11:30 AM Children's Choir/McDonald St. Campus
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:30 PM CrossWalk Choir/L5
6:30 PM Understanding Your Emotions\*\*/SJ Holly Hall

\*\*Destress & Feel Your Best with Victoria Gossens (originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 17) will be rescheduled for a later date. Check the bulletin.

January 18 (Wed)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus
12:05 PM Mass
6:00 PM Catechist Inservice/Community Room
6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne Room

January 19 (Thurs)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Oneida St. Campus
12:05 PM Mass
6:00 PM Alpha/SJ Holly Hall

January 20 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

January 21 (Sat) Sock Collection

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
4:30 PM Mass

January 22 (Sun) Sock Collection

- 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: Jan. 2-Jan. 6: \$4098.00 CHILDREN'S: \$36.00
WEEKEND: Jan. 7-Jan. 8: \$9974.73



Prayer Requests:

Contact Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) or Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) if you have a prayer need. In your prayers, please include the requests in our prayer basket, including: for a loved one who is not in good health.

In Joy & Sorrow...

Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

January 18-25 marks the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Of worthy note in 2017 is that the Christian Church is remembering the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. You will recall that on October 31, 1517, the Augustinian monk, Fr. Martin Luther, nailed his 95 Theses to the main door of the Catholic Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Some historians are not absolutely sure that Luther used a hammer and nails to physically nail a piece of paper to the church door. That may be a bit of a legend. Martin Luther had legitimate concerns about the Catholic Church, especially the fact that exorbitant money was being collected from repentant sinners, money which was being used to help build Saint Peter's Basilica. He thought it scandalous that sinners were being convinced that they could shorten their anticipated stay in purgatory by making a hefty donation. He discouraged and even condemned this buying of indulgences.

Five hundred years ago, the Catholic Church was fractured into the Christian denominations that are still present in our communities today: Lutheran, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian (or Anglican throughout the rest of the world), Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, Assembly of God, and the evangelical communities too many to be named. Our own Alliance Church in Appleton would be one of these evangelical communities.

I believe that Jesus was very sincere in giving us his last Will and Testament, if you will, on the night before he was to suffer, at the Last Supper, as found in Chapters 14-17 in the Gospel of John. Jesus' heartfelt prayer in those final comments to his closest friends was that "they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you." (17:21) Jesus is still patiently waiting for his dream of unity among all Christians to be realized.



Since the Decree on Ecumenism, which was promulgated at the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), we Catholics have worked hard with our Protestant sisters and brothers to move forward together, although there have been periods where we have seemed to stall in our desire to do so.

I think this is the "gist" of the Decree on Ecumenism:

All in the Church must preserve unity in essentials. But let all, according to the gifts they have received enjoy a proper freedom, in their various forms of spiritual life and discipline, in their different liturgical rites, and even in their theological elaborations of revealed truth. In all things let charity prevail. If they are true to this course of action, they will be giving even better expression to the authentic catholicity and apostolicity of the Church. On the other hand, Catholics must gladly acknowledge and esteem the truly Christian endowments from our common heritage which are to be found among our separated brethren. It is right and salutary to recognize the riches of Christ and virtuous works in the lives of others who are bearing witness to Christ, sometimes even to the shedding of their blood. For God is always wonderful in His works and worthy of all praise. (taken from section 4 of the document)



Let us join hands with all of our Christian sisters and brothers and do good together. It is in this circle of humble service for the poor that we will move closer to one another as together we move towards Jesus, the Lord, who is always at the center of all of our lives.

The ecumenical prayer service hosted by Saint Joseph Parish this past Thanksgiving Eve was a beautiful experience of Christian sisters and brothers coming together to give praise and thanks to God. Hopefully, this experience can happen again on Thanksgiving Eve 2017! 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](mailto:cjensen@stmaryparish.org)).

**RESCHEDULED DUE TO WEATHER! Understanding Your God-Given Emotions: Worry, Fear, Sadness, Anger, Joy, Love, with Victoria Gossens, MSW.**

**January 17, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Holly Hall**

Emotions aren't good or bad, they just ARE! It's what we do with them that can get us in trouble. This overview of how amazing the mind is will help you to better understand what influences emotions, how important emotions really are, and the power we each have to control how we react to them. You will learn healthy ways to calm and release emotions. Free will offering.

**De-Stress and Feel Your Best with Victoria Gossens, MSW (originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 17) will be rescheduled for a later date. Watch the bulletin for details.**

**QPR (Questions, Persuade, Refer) Training for Suicide Prevention by Prevent Suicide-Fox Cities**

**January 31, 6:30 PM, St. Mary Community Room**

Please register before January 24. Free will offering.

**Evening for Couples**

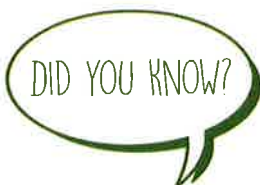
**Friday, January 27, 6 PM, St. Mary Community Room**

Break the January doldrums and join us for a catered meal and an uplifting marriage talk by dynamic Catholic speaker Rich Curran: "When We Said 'I Do' . . . If Only We Knew." Cost for meal and amenities: \$25/couple. See registration flyers at the back of church.

## Sacred Art

During the Advent and Christmas seasons, St. Patrick's Bookstore & Gifts loaned St. Mary several sacred art pieces to display in our "Mary's Way" corner. If you are interested in purchasing any of them, they are available at the store, located in the Northland Mall. The names of the pieces we displayed are:

- L'Innocence \$84.99 (NW-900C4)
- Sacred Communion \$79.99 (NW-NE19D9)
- Immaculate Heart Panel \$39.99 (69968)
- Madonna and Child Plaque \$50.99 (66205)
- Nativity Picture \$42.99 (NW-122B2)
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel \$42.99 (NW1413BJ)
- Pregnant Mary \$55.99 (P54-Framed)



Purchases from St. Patrick's earn money for our parish. Just mention that you are a member of St. Mary, Appleton, at checkout. St. Patrick's will donate 10% of proceeds to use toward our parish youth programs.

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome to our faith community: † Leon Donald, child of Kyle & Natalie Klika.



Our annual parish fundraiser is on February 18, 2017, and we are seeking items for bucket raffles. If you would like to donate any crafts, woodworking projects, concert tickets, sporting event tickets, homemade jams, jellies, pickles, gift certificates of any denominations to restaurants, etc., please contact Katie Schuh at [schuhfam@new.rr.com](mailto:schuhfam@new.rr.com) or (920) 739-0032.

Items are needed no later than Friday, February 4, 2017.

## Where do your kids go to school?

Betsy Pfantz, our Family Life Minister, would love to know! Send her a quick message at [bpfantz@stmaryparish.org](mailto:bpfantz@stmaryparish.org). We want to celebrate all our students here at St. Mary Parish!

Thank you for your donations to our Matthew 25 Committee. This past week St. Mary made two donations. \$1000 went to Sophia's Circle, which is a place of safety & healing for women in Chicago who are homeless, battered, imprisoned, and carrying wounds from drugs, violence, prostitution & trafficking. \$500 went to Journey Together Service Dogs which is in partnership with Outagamie inmates who help train dogs for veterans with PTSD. Your generosity is making a real difference!



## Xavier Night of Prayer (in the afternoon)

**Sunday, January 22**

**2:30-4:30 PM • Xavier High Chapel**

All high school students are welcome to come to Xavier's monthly Night of Prayer. You do not need to attend Xavier to attend this amazing prayer event put together by high schoolers, for high schoolers. There will be music, talks, Adoration & Confession, food, and fun! Contact Juan Aragon at [19jaron@xaviercatholicsschools.org](mailto:19jaron@xaviercatholicsschools.org) for more information.

We'd like to thank Mary Beth & Barry James, Judilynn & Jim McDermott, Katie & Mark Schuh, and Sue & Mike Otto for their generous gift to us – the **Resisting Happiness** books by Matthew Kelly. Thank you for helping us grow in our faith! Keep reading your books. We'll have an opportunity to share and discuss in the coming months.



## In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for those who have lost a loved one. At this time we remember the family of Gerald Ebben. 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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