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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.

MASSSES:

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

"Come after me,
AND I WILL
make you
fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19



January 22, 2017

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



In Joy & Sorrow...

Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Jan. 23	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tues., Jan. 24	8:30 AM	NO MASS
Wed., Jan. 25	12:05 PM	Mary Gardner
Thurs., Jan. 26	12:05 PM	Fred Therrian
Fri., Jan. 27	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving
Sat., Jan. 28	4:30 PM	Sue Schouten
Sun., Jan. 29	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:30 AM	Henry & Mary Steffens
	11:00 AM	Mary Ann Schubert

WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 23 (Mon)

6:30 PM Handbell Choir/Choir Loft

January 24 (Tues)

8:30 AM **No Mass**

11:30 AM Children's Choir/McDonald St. Campus

2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

6:30 PM CrossWalk Choir/L5

6:30 PM Human Concerns Committee/L1-3

January 25 (Wed)

11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus

12:05 PM Mass

4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes

5:45 PM IPRF Choir/St. Anne Room

6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne Room

January 26 (Thurs)

11:30 AM Children's Choir/Oneida St. Campus

12:05 PM Mass

6:00 PM Alpha/SJ Holly Hall

January 27 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

6:00 PM Evening for Couples/Community Room

January 28 (Sat)

9:00 AM Confessions/Church

4:30 PM Mass

January 29 (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: Jan. 2 - Jan. 6: \$3250.00

CHILDREN'S: \$17.30

WEEKEND: Jan. 7 - Jan. 8: \$13,063.08



Prayer Requests:

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@yahoo.com) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534) if you have a prayer need.

In your prayers, please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

Monday, January 23, marks that heart-breaking day, 44 years ago, when the US Supreme Court decided to give to women the constitutional right to choose abortion. This decision, Roe vs. Wade, became the law of the land. Abortion is an intrinsic evil. As Christians who embrace the undeniable rightness of the Fifth Commandment, "Thou shall not kill", we certainly must never stop speaking out for the rights of that defenseless little baby in the womb who does not yet have a voice. If we do not speak out for her or him, who will?

All of human life is sacred from the womb to the tomb. Every human being is created in the image and likeness of God. Every child in the womb is a miracle and is, from the moment of her or his conception and even before that, loved personally by God. A nation which does not recognize the core dignity of the unborn child is a nation that stands at the top of a slippery slope. If we do not preserve and protect the unborn child, it becomes even easier to denigrate the dignity of other human beings. And if we speak out for the God-given dignity of our sisters and brothers of other races or religions, all the while denying the right to life to the unborn, we are not being consistent in our belief.



In 1983, the former Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, gave a pivotal address that suggested that we must uphold a consistent ethic of life. Just as abortion is an assault against the sanctity of life, we cannot ignore other assaults as well, like war, capital punishment, euthanasia, poverty, health care which is not available to all, unjust wages, gun violence, a broken immigration system, and exploitation of the environment. Certainly abortion stands alone as heinously evil, but these other life issues cannot be ignored. There is a link between all

of them if we stand on the side of the dignity of all human life. Pope Francis suggests that even care of the environment is the responsibility of us all because if we don't, it will be our poor sisters and brothers who will suffer the most.

Cardinal Bernardin suggested the image of the seamless garment of Jesus, stripped from his bleeding body by the Roman soldiers, as a way to remember the consistent ethic of life. The soldiers wanted to tear Jesus' outer garment so that each one of them would have a souvenir. They discovered, however, that it could not be torn into pieces, and so they threw dice to see who would get the morbid prize.

The life issues cannot be separated from each other. We are encouraged to resist the temptation to pick and choose. We must confront both the intrinsic and structural evils in society. I would suggest that addressing and lessening poverty and providing health care for the poor and a just wage (structural evils) will certainly lessen the number of abortions across our land. Going hand in hand with changing the law must be the Church's work of changing hearts. This is our work as the People of God.

How do we teach our children the preciousness of all of life? How do we walk compassionately with a young woman who suddenly finds herself pregnant and is so scared? How do we touch and warm hearts with tenderness and not harsh judgment? How do we bring healing and reconciliation to the hearts of young women - and men - who are experiencing the emotional trauma that comes after having an abortion? How do we become more courageous to speak about and live the social justice teachings of our church?

On Monday, a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Life, we join the whole church in praying: God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father Bill (away and enjoying 80 degree + temperatures, Mai Tai's, and gorgeous sunsets on the Hawaiian beach!!!) +

Adult Faith Formation

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

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 in bulletin and 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)

Mention that you are a member of St. Mary, Appleton, at checkout and St. Patrick's will donate 10% of proceeds to use toward our parish youth programs.



Time Change due to Packer Game

Xavier Night of Prayer

Sunday, January 22

6:30-8:30 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. Contact Juan Aragon at 19jaragon@xaviercatholicschools.org for more information.

St. Vincent DePaul Outlet Store

\$5 Bag Sale!

Saturday, Jan. 28 9 am – 4 pm

Fill bags with clothing and shoes for just \$5 each – no limit! The outlet store is located just west of our main thrift store on College Ave.



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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 with your child(ren)'s name(s), grade(s), and school(s). We want to celebrate all our students here at St. Mary Parish.



ALL ARE INVITED

Let us thank you with a delicious start to your day!

On Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 5), the parish Catholic school families want to thank ALL parishioners for their very generous support.

Please let us serve you a Pancake & Pigskin breakfast in the Community Room from 8:30-11:30 AM.

We are thankful for the opportunity to send our children to Catholic day school, and your support makes it possible.

You are appreciated and remembered in our prayers!



Do you look around church and worry because pews are empty? Do you know any disengaged Catholics who need help to renew their faith? Are you bothered by the lack of attendance by young adults and families?

Help yourself and others address these issues with a special event by internationally acclaimed speaker and best-selling author Matthew Kelly. Join us in Green Bay on Sat., May 6 or Sun., May 7, 2017 for this amazing, life-changing event.

Cost is \$39/person, which includes motivating materials worth more than the cost. For tickets, visit dynamiccatholic.com, and click on Events→"Passion & Purpose"→Get Tickets! or contact Kim @ 920-327-2228.

These dates are almost sold out already, so don't wait!

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 Harold Deprez. 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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