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We are committed to nourishing spiritual needs and responding with our gifts to Jesus' call to stewardship both locally and in our world.

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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

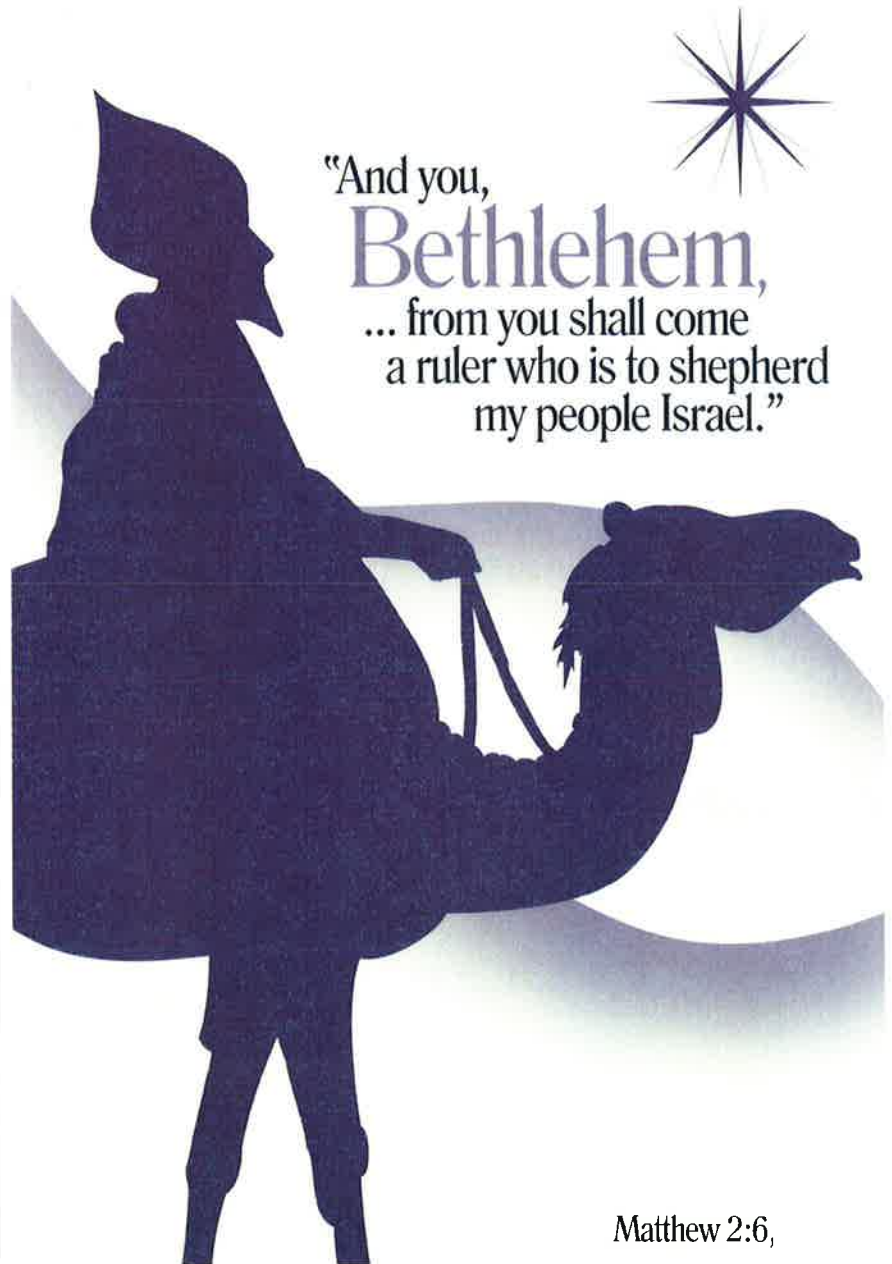
Sundays: 8, 9:30, 11 AM

Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM



"And you,  
**Bethlehem,**  
... from you shall come  
a ruler who is to shepherd  
my people Israel."

Matthew 2:6,

## Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2017



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Location/Minister. Rows include Mon., Jan. 9 (12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph), Tues., Jan. 10 (8:30 AM Raymond & Genevieve Kappell), Wed., Jan. 11 (12:05 PM Tom Scheiber), Thurs., Jan. 12 (12:05 PM Jim Hoffman), Fri., Jan. 13 (8:30 AM Marguerite Van Gorp), Sat., Jan. 14 (4:30 PM LaVonne Ritzman), Sun., Jan. 15 (8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary, 9:30 AM Kevin Roche, 11:00 AM Jack Prendergast).

WEEKLY EVENTS

January 9 (Mon)

- 5:00 PM New Ringers Orientation/Choir Loft
6:30 PM Handbell Choir/Choir Loft
7:00 PM Safety Committee/Large Conference Room

January 10 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
11:30 AM Children's Choir/McDonald St. Campus
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:00 PM Facilities Committee/Community Room
6:30 PM CrossWalk Choir/L5
6:30 PM Understanding Your Emotions/SJ Holly Hall
7:00 PM Baptism Preparation/L2
7:00 PM Finance Committee/Community Room

January 11 (Wed)

- 9:30 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
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 12 (Thurs)

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

January 13 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

January 14 (Sat) First Eucharist Enrollment

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

January 15 (Sun) First Eucharist Enrollment

- 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 26-Dec. 30: \$11,287.00
CHILDREN'S: \$136.50
WEEKEND: Dec. 31-Jan. 1: \$10,885.17

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 basket.

In Joy & Sorrow...

Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

As we begin a new year, I think it will do us good if I reiterate some of the thoughts I proposed for our reflection in last weekend's homily. Inspired by the image of Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, as a woman who pondered, who "treasured all these things in her heart," I suggested that this pondering or treasuring was not just a sentimental sitting back and thinking how beautiful life was. Taking our cue from the Greek, symbolousa, which was the word the author of Luke's Gospel used, Mary's pondering was a real struggle to put all of the pieces of her life together, like someone poring over a great jigsaw puzzle.

As we embark on a new year, it would do us good to make room for symbolousa in our own lives. We pray for a greater desire to take time to discover how the Lord is at work in our lives. This working of the Lord, for He is always close to us, occurs in both good and bad times, happy and sad times, and healthy and sick times.

As many of us are serious about maintaining our physical health in terms of adequate exercise and rest, and healthy eating, we might be just as disciplined about our spiritual lives, specifically deepening our friendship with the Lord. In the New Year, how will you and I "walk in the Lord, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:6-7)?



Being more devoted to daily prayer may be a resolution worth considering. Here are four ways of prayer to help you grow in your friendship with the Lord. You might just pick one of these.

- 1. Pray over the daily Mass readings. Many of us do not have the luxury of attending daily Mass but we could familiarize ourselves with the readings for that day. Just Google "daily readings." What word or phrase from the daily readings caught your attention? Ponder its meaning in your life. Offer a prayer to the Lord. To conclude your prayer time, rest in the Lord's presence, apart from all words and thoughts, for five minutes or so.
2. End your day with the daily examen. Surrounded by the light of the Lord's love, give thanks and ask for forgiveness as you review your day. Look forward to tomorrow and ask for the Lord's help. Google "daily examen" to learn more about this prayer style first proposed by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits).
3. Explore Centering Prayer as a possible style of prayer for you. Google "centering prayer" to get started.
4. Check out Morning or Evening Prayer by Googling "Liturgy of the Hours." This is the official prayer of the whole Church and includes the praying of the psalms (so meaningful as these are the same psalms that Jesus prayed), a reading, a New Testament Cantic, petitions, the Lord's Prayer, and a closing prayer. If you are not up to praying the entire thing, just pick a psalm and petitions to pray or some other variation.

As we struggle sometimes to put the pieces of our lives together, time spent with the Lord in quiet and still prayer can be a great help. We are slowly transformed and become more peaceful, trusting, and courageous. This time with the Lord becomes like an anchor in our sometimes topsy-turvy lives. Walking in him, rooted in him and built upon him, we make our way no matter what. Fr. 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)).

**Understanding Your God-Given Emotions: Worry, Fear, Sadness, Anger, Joy, Love, with Victoria Gossens, MSW.**  
 January 10, 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.**  
 January 17, 6:30 PM, St. Joseph Holly Hall

We experience stress every time we have to adapt to a positive or negative change in our life (e.g. a job loss or change, addition to the family, changes of seasons, or loss of a loved one). Although experiencing stress is normal, this session will focus on learning effective strategies to minimize the negative impact of stress. Free will offering.

**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: \$25/couple. See registration flyer in this week's bulletin.

## Alpha Begins Again

Thursday, January 12, 6 PM, St. Joseph Holly Hall



*If you have questions about your faith . . . if you've been away from the church . . . if you need a boost for your faith . . . if you're searching or curious . . .*

Join us on Thursday evenings in St. Joseph Holly Hall. At 6 PM, we'll share a meal, then watch a short video and discuss in small groups.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. It's not so much a course as an EXPERIENCE! Please let us know if you'd like to join us before Jan 7. Contact Carol at 739-5119 or [cjensen@stmaryparish.org](mailto:cjensen@stmaryparish.org). Alpha flyers with more details are available at the back of church.

**Thank you to the students who attended our Day Of Service on December 29!**



We put together 175 Birthday Bags for St. Joe's Food Pantry and decorated and delivered 200 cookies to Harbor House. Special thanks also to those who donated supplies for the birthday bags – many IPRF families included!

**Can you help us take down Christmas decorations?**  
 We'll be working after 11 AM Mass on January 8<sup>th</sup> and again at 9 AM on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.



CIA+Faith Mission Operatives invites you to a...

## Teaching Mass

*Understanding the Eucharist, so that the Mystery of Jesus can unfold in our lives*

Presider Fr. Tim Shillcox, O.Praem

**MONDAY, JAN. 9, at 7 P.M.**

**Xavier H.S. Fine Arts Theatre**  
 1600 W Prospect Avenue Appleton, WI



Photo courtesy of Sam Lucero, The Compass

Have you ever wondered "Why do we do that in Mass?" Or tried to explain the meaning of different parts of the Liturgy? Or wished your kids could get past their boredom to see the beauty of this most precious sacrament? Then, don't miss this! And bring those you love!

No sign-up needed/Info: Google CIAFMO or call Susan at 920-450-3025

CIA+Faith Mission Operatives wants YOU to investigate your faith!



## Sock Collection

**January 21-22**

**Let's keep some feet warm at the Homeless Connection and the Fox Valley Warming Shelter this winter!**

**Place your donation of new socks in the collection bin in the Marian Way.**

**Thank you!**

Sponsored by the 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 Jack Kottke and Dennis Flenz. 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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