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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

What

**EYE**

has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
 and what has not entered the

Human



what God has prepared  
 for those who love him, this God  
 has revealed to us through the

**SPIRIT.**

1 Cor 2: 9-10

February 12, 2017 – Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Location. Rows include Mon., Feb. 13 (12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph), Tues., Feb. 14 (8:30 AM Mary Ann Schubert), Wed., Feb. 15 (12:05 PM Harry Hoehne), Thurs., Feb. 16 (12:05 PM Lucille Martin), Fri., Feb. 17 (8:30 AM Tom Scheiber), Sat., Feb. 18 (4:30 PM Harold & Jean Clark), Sun., Feb. 19 (8:00 AM Bob & Sis Balliet, 9:30 AM Lloyd Sloat, 11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

February 13 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir/Choir Loft
6:30 PM Fundraiser Meeting/Large Conference Rm.

February 14 (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 First Eucharist Potluck/St. Joe's Holly Hall
6:30 PM CrossWalk Choir/L5
7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L2

February 15 (Wed)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus
12:05 PM Mass
4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes
4:30 & 5:40 PM IPRF Grade 6 Chili Project/Community Room
5:45 PM IPRF Choir/St. Anne Room
6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne Room

February 16 (Thurs)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Oneida St. Campus
12:05 PM Mass
6:00 PM Alpha/St. Joe's Holly Hall
6:00 PM First Eucharist Potluck/Community Room

February 17 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

February 18 (Sat) Blood Pressure Checks in Marian Way

- 8:00 AM Alpha Retreat/Community Room
9:00 AM Confessions/Church
4:30 PM Mass
6:00 PM Parish Fundraiser/Waverly Beach

February 19 (Sun) Blood Pressure Checks in Marian Way

- 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. 30 - Feb. 3: \$12,324.56

WEEKEND: Feb. 4-5: \$14,292.61 CHILDREN'S: \$17.00



Prayer Requests: Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. In your prayers, please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

In Joy & Sorrow...

Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

Believe it or not, the Holy Season of Lent is fast-approaching. Ash Wednesday will be observed on March 1. Six weeks later, of course, is the great celebration of the pinnacle of our faith, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which will be on Sunday, April 16. I am excited whenever Easter appears later rather than earlier on the calendar. In Northeastern Wisconsin, an Easter celebration of new life in March does not always feel very spring-like. Our odds for this are a whole lot better when Easter is in April. To review, remember that Easter is a moveable feast in the Church. Its date is determined by the following formula: Easter is always on the first Sunday after the first day of Spring and the first full moon of Spring. This year the first day of spring falls on Monday, March 20 and the first full moon of Spring is on Tuesday, April 11.

Unlike Advent, which is a season of expectant waiting with joyful hope, Lent has a more serious tone and is a sober call to conversion, that is, a change of heart. This penitential posture before the Lord will be expressed in our Lenten liturgies by focusing the introduction of the Mass on looking to the Cross of Jesus, kneeling before the Lord, and praying together the Confiteor (I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters...). Turning our hearts back to the Lord requires some discipline on our part. The Church provides a three-fold discipline for our Lenten practice: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Each year, our Matthew 25 Committee invites us as a loving community to come together around a genuine need that will be a significant part of our personal almsgiving. I am happy to announce that the Fox Valley Memory Project will be our almsgiving focus this Lent. I am grateful for the beautiful ministry of our Matthew 25 Committee as they invite us to always consider genuinely the needs of the those members of the Body of Christ, near and far, who are vulnerable or struggling. - Father Bill +

Focus of 2017 Lenten Alms

Why was the Fox Valley Memory Project chosen for this year's Lenten Alms?



More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's today. Matthew 25 committee members knew this fact when they chose Memory Care for this year's Lenten Alms. They are also aware of this statistic within their own surroundings. They have personal experience of a parent, grandparent, sibling, neighbor, co-worker, classmate or friend struggling with its disabilities. They believe many of our parishioners know this same experience.

As a parish, we have two goals this Lent. First, we want to financially support options in our community to enable persons with memory loss to live as fully as possible at each stage of this disease. Secondly, we want to educate ourselves in ways we can personally relate to the individual to reduce isolation, confusion, negative emotions and strained relations.

Financial donations can be put in a labeled envelope and dropped in the collection, or you can drop donations in labeled boxes on the stands in back of church.

Educational opportunities will be offered from 9:30-10:30 am on the first three Sunday of Lent and repeated Tuesdays of the first three weeks from 6:30-7:30 PM. Invite family and friends.

In support of our brothers and sisters who live with Alzheimer / Dementia, whether at home or in a facility, let us each commit ourselves to make a difference this Lent.

## 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)).

Wellness Series with Victoria Gossens, LCSW.

(Rescheduled because of the icy weather in January)

Tues., Feb. 21: Understand your God-given Emotions

Tues., Feb. 28: De-stress & Feel Your Best

Both sessions begin at 6:30 PM and are being held in St. Joseph Holly Hall. Park in St. Joe's east lot, next to the back of the Radisson Paper Valley hotel. Free will offering at each session. Please pre-register with Carol if you have not already done so.

Lenten Bible Study Series: People of the Passion

A six week study focusing on the characters who participated in some dramatic way in the suffering and death of Jesus.

Offered Monday evenings (6:30-8 PM) at St. Mary in Room L7 or Friday mornings (10-11:30 AM) at St. Joseph in Room 214.

Begins the week of February 27. Study materials, which are yours to keep, are \$13. Please pre-register with Carol.

Men's Renewal Weekend • Christ Renews His Parish • Feb. 25-26

Deepen your faith, connect with other men in your parish community, and grow in appreciation of scripture and the Holy Spirit. Registration forms are in the back of church - deadline is Feb. 19.

Women's CRHP Renewal Weekend coming up! March 25-26, 2017



From all of us at St. Mary Parish

### St. Valentine Facts

1. The flower-crowned skull of St. Valentine is exhibited in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome.
2. Relics of St. Valentine can be found in St. Anton's Church in Madrid, and other churches throughout Europe.
3. Some scholars believe that Valentine's Day was introduced by Geoffrey Chaucer in his *Parlement of Foules*, written in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.
4. St. Valentine is the patron saint of not only love, but also beekeepers, protection against fainting, the plague, and epilepsy.

### Ash Wednesday is March 1

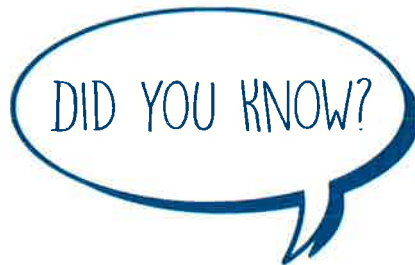
	MASS SCHEDULE
	12:05 PM – St. Mary & St. Joseph
	4:30 PM – St. Mary
	6:30 PM – St. Joseph

### OURS Through Adoption

of Northeastern Wisconsin is presenting a speaker and dinner event at Legends Brewhouse in De Pere on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Our keynote speaker, Victoria Hodgkiss, will address adoption truths and myths, historical viewpoints, educational materials and resources, birthparent involvement/non-involvement, questions and concerns of children who have been adopted, and issues related to race and school. To register, visit [www.oursthroughadoption.org](http://www.oursthroughadoption.org). For more information, visit our website or contact OURS at [oursthroughadoption@gmail.com](mailto:oursthroughadoption@gmail.com) or 920-435-2626.



## 5 Myths About CRHP Weekends



### 1. You can't attend more than one time.

Attend as often as you need.

### 2. You have to be Catholic to attend.

Men and women who are spouses of one of our parishioners or attend Mass with us on the weekend are very welcome whether they are Catholic or not.

### 3. You have to be a "retreat" kind of guy/gal.

Truthfully, we don't even know what this is. Everyone is welcome! No one has to be an expert in scripture or theology. Never attended a retreat? Glad to have you!

### 4. I can't come because I snore or use a C-PAP machine.

We'll find a private space for you to sleep, or if health issues are a problem, you can sleep at home and come back on Sunday morning and join us for breakfast.

### 5. I'm quiet – will I be forced to talk in front of others?

No one will force you to talk – but we do encourage you to listen, think and have a good time!

### In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for those who have lost a loved one.

We remember especially the family of Jayne Voissem. 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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