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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

Love
your
enemies

MATTHEW 5:44

February 19, 2017

*Seventh Sunday of
Ordinary Time*





WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Mass details. Includes dates from Mon., Feb. 20 to Sun., Feb. 26.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

February 20 (Mon)

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

February 21 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
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

February 22 (Wed)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus
12:05 PM Mass
4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes - Lent Family Night
5:45 PM IPRF Choir/St. Anne Room
6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne Room

February 23 (Thurs)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Oneida St. Campus
12:05 PM Mass

February 24 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

February 25 (Sat) Men's CRHP Weekend

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

February 26 (Sun) Men's CRHP Weekend

- 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: Feb. 6-10: \$4573.00
WEEKEND: Feb. 11-12: \$9816.27 CHILDREN'S: \$23.54



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, especially for family members, safe travel for families, for daughter's recovery, and for my Mom who passed away on Saturday.

In Joy and Sorrow

PONDERING TOGETHER THE TREASURES OF OUR FAITH

For awhile I allowed myself to become obsessed with the upheaval happening in Washington, DC and reverberating throughout our nation and even the world. I have since pretty much divorced myself from all TV and newspaper news, social media and Twitter. I receive the morning newspaper on my doorstep and that is the extent of my keeping abreast of current events.

Reading Bishop James Conley of Lincoln, Nebraska's column in Crisis Magazine did me a lot of good. I would encourage you to read the entire piece. You can find it at www.crisismagazine.com/2017/the-age-of-noise. (Be assured that I am still keeping up closely with all things Pope Francis and the Church!)

Here are some poignant excerpts:

"We are, today, awash in information, assaulted, often, with tweets and pundits analyzing the latest crisis in Washington, or difficulty in the Church, or serious social, political, or environmental issue. It can become, for many people, overwhelming...No person can sustain the kind of noise - polemical, shrill, and reactive - which has become a substitute for conversation in contemporary culture. Nor should any person try. The age of noise diminishes virtue, and charity, and imagination, replacing them with anxiety, and worry, and exhaustion...The Lord did not make us for this kind of noise. He made us for conversation, for exchange and communion. And our political community depends upon real deliberation: serious debate and activism over serious subjects. But the Lord also made us for silence. For contemplation. For quietude. And without these things anchoring our lives, and our hearts, the age of noise transforms us, fostering in our hearts reactive and uncharitable intemperance that characterizes the media and social media spaces which shape our culture. The age of noise is grinding away at our souls...My good friend Chris Stefanick, a wise speaker and author, wrote last week that we should read less news and read more Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. He's right...we'll be truly happy, through Jesus Christ, when we spend more time reading Scripture and spending time before the Lord in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament."



That serves as a good reminder for us! Did you sign up yet for spending time before the Lord in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the Holy Season of Lent? Lent is fast-approaching! Sign up now!

Father Bill +



All adult men, ages 18 and older are invited to attend the next Knights of Columbus meeting being held at our parish on Thursday, March 2nd from 7 - 8 pm in Rm L1 on our lower level. There will be a social hour after the meeting. You do not need to be a member to attend the meeting!

Adult Faith Formation

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

Wellness Series with Victoria Gossens, LCSW.

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

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 and the power we each have to control how we react to them. You will learn healthy ways to calm and release emotions.

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

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 season, 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,

NOTE: 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

This six week study focuses on the characters who participated in some dramatic way in the suffering and death of Jesus. It will be offered Monday evenings, **beginning February 27th** (6:30-8 PM) at St. Mary Parish in Room L7 or Friday **mornings beginning March 3rd** (10-11:30 AM) at St. Joseph Parish in Room 214. 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 – Registration deadline is **Tuesday, February 21st**.

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

This is invitation weekend at St. Mary's!

Substitute Money Counters Needed

St. Mary is looking for one or two parishioners who would be interested in sharing your talents by substituting for our money counting teams. Candidates need to be available on Sunday mornings between 9 AM and 12:30 PM. Attention to detail is a must. Accounting, financial or mathematical interests or background preferred. Training is required. If this is something you might consider, please contact Theresa in the parish office for more information (739-5119 or trohman@stmaryparish.org).



Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome
to our faith community:

† Olive Virginia, child of Colin & Terra Boeckers

Lenten Alms 2017

What is the Fox Valley Memory Project?

In the fall of 2011, concerned citizens gathered to discuss how our area could improve the quality of life for those living with dementia in our community. A steering committee was formed, funding came from local foundations, staff was hired, the public informed with the goal to create a dementia-friendly community that cares, engages, respects and supports those experiencing dementia and their loved ones. The doors to the Memory Loss Resource Center opened in the spring of 2013. Small steps were taken to offer community education and to welcome persons experiencing memory loss along with caregivers and family. At this time, more programs and opportunities have been added. With additional volunteers and funds, the future holds more possibilities.



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 Memory Care Opportunities

Place: St. Mary Lower Level: Room 1

Sunday: 9:30-10:30 am; Repeated Tuesday: 6:30-7:30 pm

March 5 and 7; The Distinction and Progression of Alzheimer, Dementia and Aging

March 12 and 14: Communication Tips and Techniques with the Challenging Behaviors of Persons with Dementia.

March 19 and 21: Virtual Dementia Tour; Experience the struggles of a person with dementia.

March 26 and 28: In-home Dementia Care; Caregiver self-care, struggles with anger, guilt.

*Please register ahead of time: Sr. Joanne 920-739-5119
Invite family and friends*

St Joseph & St Mary Parishes Present A GREAT JOURNEY A MISSION TRIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PLANNED BY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Young Neighbors in Action is a week-long summer service learning experience for 9th through 12th graders. Young Neighbors provides a solid, Catholic approach to service and justice that balances Scripture and Catholic social teaching, direct service, and a justice consciousness. It provides the experiences, skills, and learning needed to make change possible. Come join us as we travel to the Detroit, Michigan area on June 24 – July 1, 2017. We'll offer a week of participating in mission, growing in faith, joining in prayer and serving those in need. The theme is "**Anointed to Serve**", and is based on Luke 4:18: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."



To register or for more information, please contact Peter Leiterman, Coordinator of Youth Ministry for St Joseph and St Mary Parishes. Peter's phone number is (920) 738-7413 and his email address is peter@interparish.org. Registration deadline is **March 1st**!

In Loving Memory

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