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St. Mary Parish of Appleton is a Catholic faith community that makes Eucharist the primary celebration of our unity in Christ. We are committed to nourishing spiritual needs and responding with our gifts to Jesus' call to stewardship both locally and in our world.



THE SACRAMENT OF

First Communion



Congratulations:

Isabel Anderson
Aaron Bekkers
Kyle Bishop
Charles Blevins
Sarah Clark
Lyla Cooke
Elizabeth Davis
Marcella DeLain
Mackenzie Dunnihoo
Aubrey Duwe
Riley Freese
Mariyah Gonzalez
Eric Graf
Benjamin Hardin
Hannah Heegeman
Angela Herman
Mviannmary Herman

Maxwell Hicks
Devin Hodgkiss
John Hurteau
Brendan Hyatt
Kendall Johnson
John Krieg
Brecken Kriese
Elle Krull
Morgen Kurland
Sophia LaBash
Evan Lesselyong
Owen McGreevey
Rylan Mendoza
Sophia Miller
Jakson Murray
Ayden Neely
Megan Nelson

Noah Nicolini
Owen Peterson
Conor Petrie
Olivia Przybylski
Charles Rein
Anna Rislov
Tevyn Rosenow
Joseph Russell
Katherine Thompson
Jackson Verbrick
Grayce Verkuilen
Graham Wall
Tessa Wallace
Charles Williams
Thomas Yogerst
Lydia Young

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., May 1	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tues., May 2	8:30 AM	Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Mary Elizabeth Hurley
Wed., May 3	12:05 PM	C & C Morgan Family
Thurs., May 4	12:05 PM	Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Steve Bartels
Fri., May 5	8:30 AM	St. Mary & Twinning Parishes
Sat., May 6	4:30 PM	Lucille Martin
Sun., May 7	8:00 AM	Helen & Gordon Pippert
	9:30 AM	Jeff Fisher
	11:00 AM	Phoebe Ann Kempen

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 1 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Handbells/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25/Large Conference Room
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

May 2 (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
- 6:00 PM Quilting Group/L1-3
- 6:30 PM CrossWalk Choir/L5
- 6:30 PM Adult Confirmation Class/L7
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Community Room

May 3 (Wed)

- 9:30 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 12:40 PM Adoration
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne Room

May 4 (Thurs)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Oneida St. Campus
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:30 PM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible/L7

May 5 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 8:30 AM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible/SJ214

May 6 (Sat)

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:30 PM Mass (rosary before Mass)

May 7 (Sun)

- Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM (rosary before 8 AM Mass)
- 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: April 17-21: \$3548.00
WEEKEND: April 22-23: \$7497.70

In Joy & Sorrow...

Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

Jesus felt he needed to set his disciples straight about the inestimable worth of children in the heart of the God. Remember when the children buzzed like little bees around Jesus and the disciples tried to shoo them away. In the time of Jesus, children had little or no value. They were a part of that "throw away culture" that Pope Francis often mentions. In the time of Jesus, children, widows, and aliens (foreigners or strangers) were held with little or no consequence. They were pushed aside. Not so, however, for Jesus. In his heart, every person has sacred dignity. The Lord has a special love for those who don't always feel like they are a respected part of society.

Jesus reminded his disciples, and reminds us, too, that we adults are to become more childlike in our relationship with him. We are to have this unquestionable trust in the Lord's closeness to us. We can never pride ourselves on being independent or self-sufficient. Like children, we are dependent on the Lord for it is by his grace that we are able to take our next breath. We place our lives into his hands and trust that all will be well, even when things do not seem to be going well.

On this First Communion Weekend, we are privileged to witness the joyful excitement of our children who are opening their hearts and hands to Jesus in the Most Precious Gift of His Eucharist for the first time. They come to the Lord's table so trusting, realizing that they need to depend on the Lord for everything. Hopefully their enthusiasm causes our hearts to be rekindled with a greater love for the Lord and the Precious Gifts of His Word and Sacraments.

I enjoy sharing with kids Amy Welborn's book, Friendship with Jesus: Pope Benedict XVI Speaks to Children on their First Holy Communion.

I also enjoy sharing with them the artwork of Ann Engelhart, which is such a beautiful part of Amy's book. Pope Emeritus Benedict enjoyed answering the questions posed to him by children who had received their First Communion.

Andrea asked him, "My teacher told me that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. But how? I can't see him."

Pope Benedict responded, "There are many things that we do not see but they exist and are essential... We don't see electrical current yet we see that it exists; we see this microphone, that it is working, and we see lights. Therefore, even if we don't see the deepest things, those that really sustain life and the world, we can still see and feel their effects. So it is with the Risen Jesus. We do not see him with our eyes but we see that wherever Jesus is, people change, they improve..."

Guilia asks, "Your Holiness, everyone tells us that it is important to go to Mass on Sunday. We would gladly go, but often our parents do not take us because on Sunday they sleep. The parents of a friend of mine work in a shop, and in my family we often go to the country to visit our grandparents. Could you say something to them...?"

The Pope: "I would think so, of course, with great love and great respect for your parents, because they have a lot to do. However with a daughter's respect and love, you could say to them, *Dear Mommy, dear Daddy, it is so important for us all, even for you, to meet Jesus. Meeting Jesus enriches us. It is an important part of our lives. Let's find a little time together; we can find a way to get to Mass.*"

We ask the Lord to gently hold close to His Heart our precious children, today and everyday! Father Bill +

Adult Faith Formation

Please register with Carol Jensen for these events – call 739-3700 x22 or email (cjensen@stmaryparish.org).

Young Adult Meal, Social & Gathering—Glass Nickel Pizza Co. Sunday, May 7 • 11:15 AM

Open to those in their 20's & 30's (single or married, with or without children). The pizza is our treat! Please let Carol know in advance if you can join us and how many will attend. RSVP by noon on Friday, May 5.

Book Discussion: *Resisting Happiness*

Wednesday, May 10 • 10:00 AM • St. Joe's Rm. 209

OR Wednesday, May 10 • 6:30 PM • St. Mary Rm. L7

If you received one of the free copies of the book *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly, we invite you to join us for one of two book discussions. Please preregister with Carol. Need a book? Call in advance and ask for one.

Nominations for parish Pastoral Council will be held next weekend, May 6 & 7.

Please give some prayerful thought to whom you might nominate, or consider if you might be a candidate



Mothers' Day Weekend

Mother & Unborn Baby Care Collection

Please consider taking a card from the Mother & Unborn Baby Care Collection tree in the Marian Way (available April 29-May 7). Each card lists a baby or toddler item needed by a struggling family in our community. Purchase a new item or bring in a gently used one to fill the need. Return items on Mothers' Day Weekend. Thank you!

St. Joe's Food Program Collection Next Weekend, May 6 & 7!

In May we are collecting canned or dried fruits and veggies. Nothing glass or perishable please. Place in totes by the altar. Thank you for your generosity!



Dear St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners,



More than two years ago my mother was diagnosed with dementia. During these past two years it has been challenging to work on a full time basis and help my family give my Mom the care and attention she needs and deserves. Shortly before Easter I let Fr. Bill and Fr. Jim know that I will be retiring at the end of June, but it will really be much earlier than that since I have four weeks of vacation

time that I have not taken this year. I feel very blessed to have worked at both St. Mary and St. Joseph parishes for the past 19 years. Thank you for sharing your friendship, the events of your lives and your faith. I have many wonderful memories: Renew 2000 faith sharing groups when we had over 500 parishioners in small groups, parish camping trips, lots of wonderful Women's Days, great speakers and meals, Bible studies, watching the Lawrence students grow and develop during their four years among us, seven years of Christ Renewals His Parish retreats and now Alpha. Thank you – and be assured of my continued prayers for continued blessings and growth in both St. Mary and St. Joseph parishes. - Carol Jensen

Habitat for Humanity Build

Sign up sheets are in the Marian Way for three dates. Volunteers are needed to help build and to provide meals.



We are happy to welcome to our faith community:

† Rylan Matthew, child of Reiner & Andrea Mendoza

† Lucas Cameron, child of Brian & Sara Oberhart



Vintage Age Brunch

Sunday, May 7 • 12 PM • Pullman's 619 S. Olde Oneida Street, Appleton
All senior age men & women (married, single, or widowed) are invited to join us!
Meet between noon and 12:15 PM at Pullman's. No reservation needed.

Thank you!

Thank you to St. Patrick's Gift and Bookstore for loaning us the Divine Mercy picture used last weekend. Remember, if you make any purchases at St. Pat's, tell them you are a member of St. Mary and we'll receive a donation toward our youth programs. Thank you to Foxley's Art & Framing for the *Let the Children Come to Me* picture we used for our First Eucharist weekend liturgies. Thank you also to the parishioners who shared their sacred art with us during Lent and Holy Week. The month of May is almost here! Any sacred art of our Blessed Mother would be appreciated to display. Contact Tom Walter (739-5119) if you would like to share your icons, prints, or pictures.

Prayer Requests

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@yahoo.com) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

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 Linda Buss and Maxwell Jacobson. 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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