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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

May 7, 2017

... the
sheep
follow
him
because
they
recognize
his
voice.

John 10:4

*Fourth Sunday
of Easter*





WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., May 8	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tues., May 9	8:30 AM	Nicholas & Sedella Jacob
Wed., May 10	12:05 PM	Dick Burger
Thurs., May 11	12:05 PM	Daniel & Catherine Garvey
Fri., May 12	8:30 AM	Tom Scheiber
Sat., May 13	4:30 PM	David Wagner
Sun., May 14	8:00 AM	Catherine Garvey
	9:30 AM	Geraldine Van Handel
	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 8 (Mon)

- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir Dinner/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Handbells/Choir Loft
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

May 9 (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 Facilities Committee/Community Room
- 6:30 PM CrossWalk Choir/L5
- 6:30 PM Adult Confirmation Class/L7
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee/Community Room
- 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation/L2

May 10 (Wed)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne Room
- 6:30 PM Resisting Happiness Book Discussion/L7

May 11 (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 12 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 10:00 AM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible/SJ214

May 13 (Sat)

Mother & Unborn Baby Care Collection

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Retreat/SJ Holly Hall
- 4:30 PM Mass (rosary before Mass)

May 14 (Sun) Mothers' Day

Mother & Unborn Baby Care Collection

- Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM (rosary before 8 AM Mass)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9:30 AM Mass

Prayer Requests

Contact Mary Jo Ziliisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—April 24-28: \$2,861.00
 Weekend—April 29-30: \$9,287.61
 Children's Collection: \$18.87

In Joy & Sorrow...

Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

The dedication of May as Mary's month has a long tradition in our Catholic Church. The first evidence of this devotion reaches back to the thirteenth century. Certainly, Mary has always had a preeminent role in our Church. She is "*Theotokos*", the Mother of God, because she gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

Mary is truly the disciple *par excellence*, meaning that you and I can never match her commitment and fervor to the Lord. Her "Yes!" to the Lord's plan was wholehearted. Mary never doubted for a moment her "Yes." The Word of God was so deeply embedded in her heart that the Word of God became flesh in her womb.

Mary was conceived with no stain of sin because the Mother of God could never have any association whatsoever with sin. This is not to say, however, that she did not have any sin. The grace of Jesus' saving death and resurrection was granted to her, even before the Lord's death and resurrection happened in time. The prayer over the gifts of bread and wine for the Mass of the Immaculate Conception of Mary says this in this fashion: "...grant that, as we profess her, on account of your prevenient grace, to be untouched by any stain of sin..." Just in case you ever wonder what *prevenient grace* means, it is the grace of the Paschal Mystery (the saving death and resurrection of Jesus) filling Mary at the moment of her conception, making sure that no sin ever touched her.

Mary's body, because it had given birth to the Body of the Son of God, was preserved from any tinge of corruption that every other human body experiences at the moment of death. This is the miracle of her Assumption, body and soul into eternal life.

No doubt, because of the above reasons, Mary has a preeminent place in our Church. In a patriarchal church with a male leadership, Mary has always been significant in the lives of believers because she introduces the feminine dimension into the life of the Church. Holiness is always about balance and, because our Church is holy, there needs to be a holy balance between its masculine and feminine attributes. Without diminishing the beautiful devotions the Church has regarding Mary, like the Holy Rosary, May Crowning, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, or the devotion to places like Lourdes, Fatima and our own Champion, Wisconsin, I want to emphasize the rich tradition of the biblical roles of Mary. In many ways, Mary was not a silent and submissive woman but rather a strong and determined woman who challenged the status quo.



I treasure this Litany of Mary of Nazareth, composed by Pax Christi USA, because it alludes to what I am suggesting. I encourage you to think about Mary along these lines.

Mother of the liberator, pray for us. Mother of the homeless, pray for us. Mother of the dying, ... Mother of the nonviolent, ... Widowed mother, ... Mother of a political prisoner, ... Mother of the condemned, ... Mother of the executed criminal, ... Mother of disappeared persons, ... Mother of all mothers who grieve the loss of their precious children because of violence, pray for us.

Oppressed woman, lead us to life. Liberator of the oppressed, lead us to life. Marginalized woman, ... Comforter of the afflicted, ... Breaker of bondage, ... Political refugee, ... Seeker of sanctuary, ... First disciple, ... Sharer in Christ's ministry... Spirit-filled woman in the midst of the disciples in the upper room on that first Pentecost, lead us to life.

Mary was a woman fully empowered by the Holy Spirit, always speaking on behalf of the Lord's *anawim*, the little ones, the poor and the powerless.

Happy Mary's month of May! 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 and Gathering
Sunday, May 7 • Glass Nickel Pizza Company 2120 W. College Ave. 11:15 AM. Young adults in their 20's and 30's – single or married, with or without children. The pizza is our treat. Please let us know in advance if you can join us and how many will attend (920) 540-6145. Join fellow young adults who are on the journey and striving to live as followers of Christ.

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.

Disciples in Retirement
Wednesday, May 24 • 6:30 PM • St. Joe's Holly Hall
 If you are recently retired or planning on retiring in the near future, we invite you to join us to talk with a panel of folks from our parishes about how they live as disciples in retirement and what advice they would have for those about to retire. Please pre-register with Carol.

Christ Renews His Parish – Reunion, Luncheon & Reflection
Sunday, May 21 • 12:15-1:30 PM • St. Mary Community Rm.
 Please pre-register by e-mailing tmullaney1954@gmail.com or calling Carol before May 15.

Cemetery Decorating Assistance Day

Friday, May 19 • 3-6 PM • St. Mary Cemetery
 Need help carrying items to a loved one's grave? Need help locating a grave or have questions about decorating rules at our cemetery? Stop out on Friday, May 19th from 3-6 PM. Tim, our new cemetery lead, and volunteers will be there and ready to help!



Mothers' Day 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 cards 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!

Sacred Artwork

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 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.



Roses for Mom

For sale in the Marian Way after Masses on Mother's Day Weekend

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Our Lenten Alms collection raised

\$6,854.26

for the Fox Valley Memory Care Project.

Thank you for your outstanding generosity. You are making a difference in the lives of those struggling with memory loss, as well as those who love and care for them.

Benefit Concert

May 21 • 2 PM

St. Mary Church

Lyra Vocal Ensemble of St. Petersburg, Russia, will perform Eastern Orthodox Catholic music, and Schola d'Arezzo of St. Norbert Abbey will perform Gregorian chant. This is a rare & exciting opportunity to see an internationally renowned vocal ensemble right here in our beautiful church!

Free will donations will be gratefully accepted
Proceeds benefit Holy Resurrection Monastery in St. Nazianz



All are free & open to the public!

May 10, 7 PM

Xavier High Choir Concert at XHS Fine Arts Theatre

May 11, 6:30 PM

Xavier Middle School Band Concert at XMS

May 16, 6:30 PM

Xavier Middle School Choir Concert at XMS

May 17, 6:30 PM

Orchestra Concert at XHS Fine Arts Theatre
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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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