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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.*

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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

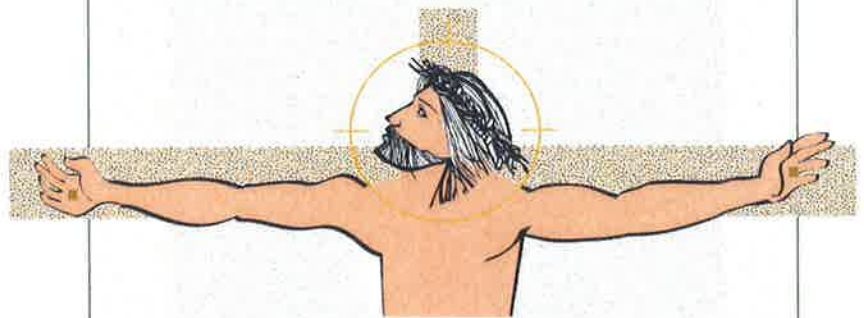
Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM



For the sake of the joy that lay before him



He endured the cross
and he has taken his seat
at the right hand
of the throne of God



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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2016**

**With the Lord there is mercy
and forgiveness**



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., August 15	8:30 AM	Guardian Angels
Tues., August 16	8:30 AM	Lloyd Schabow
Wed., August 17	12:05 PM	Jack Prendergast
Thurs., August 18	12:05 PM	Margaret Walsh
Fri., August 19	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Sat., August 20	4:30 PM	Mary Ann Schubert
Sun., August 21	8:30 AM	Judy & Gene Wendt
	10:30 AM	Anne Konz

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

- August 15 (Mon)**
8:30 AM Mass (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- August 16 (Tues)**
8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- August 17 (Wed)**
12:05 PM Mass
- August 18 (Thurs)**
12:05 PM Mass
- August 19 (Fri)**
8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- August 20 (Sat)**
School Supply Collection
9:00 AM Confessions/Church
9:30 AM Cookies & Craft Day/Community Room
4:30 PM Mass
- August 21 (Sun)**
School Supply Collection
Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Prayer Requests: Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please include the requests in our prayer basket: for our political leaders, for the conversion of friends, for healing of addictions and anxiety, and for happy and healthy workplaces.

CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFICE: August 1-5 \$11,832.00 **CHILDRENS:** \$29.00
WEEKEND: August 6-7 \$14,099.40



The Warming Shelter Committee would like to extend its most sincere thanks to all who donated their time and talent last week. You made a difference!

One of my favorite poems is "God's Grandeur" by Father Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ.

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reck* his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell, the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs -

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

(*I might offer an interpretation of the above question as referring to our duty to take heed [reck] of the rule of nature in our lives. I will get back to this poem at the end of this reflection!)

Some of you, like me, are so confused and conflicted about our choices for President as we prepare to cast our votes on Tuesday, November 8. Some of you have asked me in private, "Father, I don't know what to do. Can you help me?" I am not sure that I can.

I am not a bishop, but I am guessing that our bishops are going to remain on the sidelines this election year as the divisions across our nation are so deep. I am guessing that they, like me, would encourage you to read their document entitled, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." This document is pretty much the same document that was presented to us in 2007 and 2011 to aid us in our discernment process. For this election year, the Bishops have added a new introductory note and have inserted into the document the teachings of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. The document invites our prayer and reflection on the following issues in the light of the platforms of our two political parties: The ongoing destruction of over one million innocent human lives each year by abortion; physician-assisted suicide; the redefinition of marriage, the vital cell of society, by the courts, political bodies, and increasingly by American culture itself; the excessive consumption of material goods and the destruction of natural resources, which harm both the environment and the poor; the narrowing redefinition of religious freedom, which threatens both individual conscience and the freedom of the Church to serve; economic policies that fail to prioritize the poor; a broken immigration system and a worldwide refugee crisis; and wars, terror, and violence that threaten every aspect of human life and dignity. I am grateful to Vatican Radio for the above summary of the issues addressed in [On Faithful Citizenship](#).

Neither political party embraces consistently the Social Justice Teachings of our Catholic tradition. The challenge for us as responsible Catholic voters is to survey all of the pro-life issues which extend from the human being in the womb to the human being who is dying. In between certainly are the issues mentioned above as well as any other issues which impinge upon the dignity of every human person and the common good. I am thinking of persecution of Christian and other religious minorities, health care, gun control, care for our common home which is our planet earth, the death penalty, nuclear disarmament, and our national responsibility to a global community. Perhaps you can think of additional life issues as well.

Then, after careful study of the issues and much heart-wrenching prayer, and with an informed conscience, we do our best to vote responsibly.

From here on out, at Saint Mary Parish, our only prayer in the Eucharistic assembly will be this: That the Holy Spirit of Wisdom and Good Council guide us as we prepare to vote responsibly in November, we pray ...Lord, hear our prayer. Nothing else will be said publicly by me.

Going back to Father Hopkins' poem, I believe that, not only is there a "dearest freshness deep down things" in the beauty of creation, but there is a "dearest freshness deep down" in each one of us! We are a good and decent people. Imagine the Holy Spirit brooding over our troubled nation "with warm breast and with ah! bright wings."

Finally, I am recalling the beautiful prayer of the mystic, Julian of Norwich, a medieval contemplative nun, who said, "All will be well and every manner of thing will be well." Let us trust in the closeness of the Holy Spirit of Discernment in all of our decision-making!

Google "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" if you are interested in reading this important document! I would encourage you to do so.

Thanks for taking the time to read this *In Joy and Sorrow*!

- Father Bill +

Adult Faith Formation Events

*Please pre-register for these events. RSVP Carol Jensen by phone (739-3700 x22) or email (cjensen@stmaryparish.org).

St. Mary & St. Joseph Young Adult Summer Picnic Sunday, August 21 • Noon • 615 N. Union Street, Appleton

If you are between the ages of 21 & 39, join us at the home of Mike and Laura. Come right after Mass! Brats, burgers, hot dogs & drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair. Bring a friend! Bring a co-worker! Bring your kids! All are welcome! RSVP by noon on August 19th so we will be sure to have enough food.

Alpha Celebration Night

Thursday, August 25 • 6:00 PM • St. Mary Community Room
Have questions about faith? Been away from the church? Need a refresher or boost for your faith? Join us as we: share a meal, watch the film "Is There More to Life Than This?" and share more information about the Alpha program, beginning in September. No pressure – just good food, people, and community! Guests are always welcome – bring a friend or family member. RSVP Carol.

Save the Date – Door County Retreat Days

August 30-31st! Come for the day or stay overnight. Enjoy the peace & beauty of Door County. Brochures with complete information are available at the back of St. Mary & St. Joseph churches, as well as on the library shelves at St. Mary and the Adult Ed. bulletin board at St. Joe's. Please register by August 26.



Young Adults Away From Home

Each year, we send several mailings to parish young adults who are attending college or serving in the military. We invite parents, friends, or young adults themselves to submit their school or military addresses before Sept. 20 to be added to our mailing list. If your address has not changed from last year, we will move it to our current list. Send mailing information to Carol (739-3700x22 or cjensen@stmaryparish.org) or drop it in the weekend collection at St. Mary or St. Joseph.

Religious Education (IPRF) Registration Happening Now!

Religious Education classes are filling up for some grades at certain times. Please register soon so that we can recruit catechists, gather materials, and finalize class lists. A printable registration form can be found on our website (www.inter-parish.org) or at our office on the second floor of St. Joseph Parish Center (Holly Hall entrance). Questions? Contact IPRF at 738-7413 or iprf@inter-parish.org.



If you have lost a loved one, and would like us to mention his or her name in the bulletin, please contact the parish office at 739-5119 and ask for Julie or Annie. Our prayers are with you.

Do you have an eye for decorating?



Do you have interior design talent? Do you enjoy looking at our beautiful church, but thought of something or some way that would add to the beauty? Would you share your talent for decorating with us? Contact Tom Walter at the parish office if you are interested.

Our annual school supply collection is going on now through August 21! This year's donations will go to Harbor House and the Christian Appalachian Project. Thank you!

ROCKs Annual Backpack Blessing Mass & Family Fun Night

Saturday, August 27 • 4:30 Mass

Kids – bring your backpacks to Mass for a special blessing! Afterward, all are welcome join us at the playground across the street for dinner, leadership & engagement activities, a photo booth, and an inflatable bounce course. We'll conclude the evening with a campfire & s'mores bar!



Cookies & Crafts Day

Saturday, August 20 • 9:30-11 AM • Community Room

This event is open to children in 1st - 4th grades and their parents. The crafts will be a reflection of our Catholic faith. Please RSVP to Betsy Pfantz at the parish office no later than August 18th if you can join us! Hope to see you there!

Liturgy Committee Resuming

Tuesday, August 23 • 6:30 PM • Large Conference Room

Any parishioners who would like to participate are invited to join! Please contact Tom Walter at the Parish Office for further information. Thank you!



Bells of St. Mary Handbell Choir

We're always looking for people interested in ministering through music! We rehearse Monday evenings, September through May. Performances average one weekend per month, with seasonal highlights. Previous handbell experience is not required, but the ability to read music or experience with other instruments or ensembles is an asset. Sub positions are open for those who would like to participate but are unable to commit to all obligations. Please contact Martha Paalman (mpaalman@stmaryparish.org) or visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/bellsofstmary) for more information.

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