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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

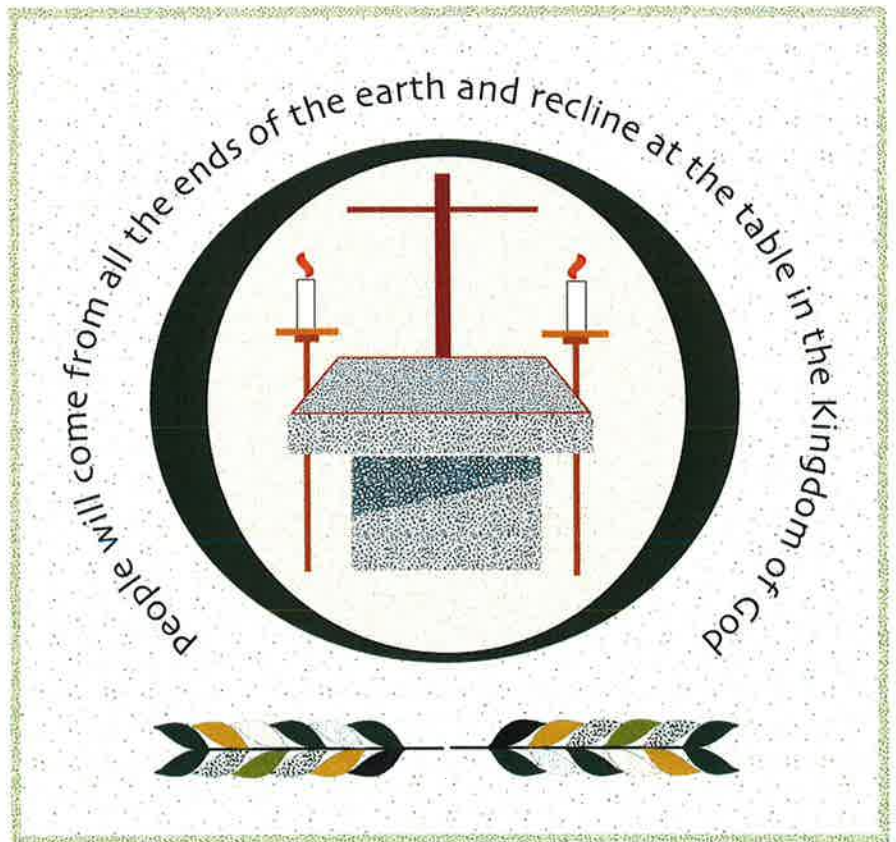
Sundays: 8, 9:30, 11 AM

Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM



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**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2016**

Turn your ear and answer me, my God!



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., August 22	8:30 AM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tues., August 23	8:30 AM	Jeff & Mary Prickette
Wed., August 24	12:05 PM	Tom Scheiber
Thurs., August 25	12:05 PM	Marcy Kobbs
Fri., August 26	8:30 AM	Arch Angels
Sat., August 27	4:30 PM	Orvil Mueller
Sun., August 28	8:30 AM	Bill Polley
	10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary

IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for those who have lost a loved one. We especially remember the family of Richard Van Dyke (father-in-law of Dennis Douglas). May fond memories comfort you during this difficult time.

BAPTISMS

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome to our Faith Community:

†Leo Christopher, child of Ben & Natalie Sankey

WEEKLY EVENTS

August 23 (Tues) Office Closed

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

9:00 AM Coffee & Cookies Playdate/Pierce Park

In case of rain, meet in St. Mary Babysitting Rm.

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9

2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

6:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting/Large Conference

August 24 (Wed)

12:05 PM Mass

August 25 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass

6:00 PM Alpha Celebration Dinner/Community Room

August 26 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

August 27 (Sat)

9:00 AM Confessions/Church

4:30 PM Mass – Backpack Blessing & Family Fun Night

August 28 (Sun)

Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Prayer Requests: Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@yahoo.com) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534) if you have a prayer need. Please include the prayer requests in our prayer basket.

CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFICE: August 8-12 \$4213.00

CHILDRENS: \$19.00

WEEKEND: August 13-14 \$9533.65

MISSIONARY COLLECTION: (to date): \$3123.84

In Joy and Sorrow PONDERING TOGETHER THE TREASURES OF OUR FAITH

Truth be told, I may have developed an obsession of sorts. I feel driven to clock 10,000 steps each day. When that goal is reached, there is a high of sorts as a buzzing notification happens around my left wrist where can be found my Fitbit. On these hot and humid days, I have discovered that walking later in the evening, and in the dark, provides a space and time away from the seeming chaos of some of my days. To get outdoors and to walk under the stars, with the waxing moon on these nights, is restorative. It is as if you can just soak up some of the peace and calm.

It is my habit to pray the rosary while walking, and, after doing this for months now, you begin to breathe in the mysteries of the Lord's life, and Mary's, as well. It becomes second nature to just know the joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and luminous mysteries of the rosary.

One of the greatest spiritual writers of our time, Father Henri Nouwen once said, "A life without a quiet center easily becomes destructive." There is something about spending time apart from the frantic pace of our lives that becomes life-giving. There were a couple of days two weeks ago when I couldn't walk due to a sharp, stabbing pain in my left side. I suspect it was a muscle that just tensed up; it works itself out in a couple of days; it might not reappear for months at a time. I really missed my evening walks on those days!

With Labor Day looming and the start of a new school year, there is still time to go outside and play! The neighbor kids have been enjoying jumping on a new trampoline in their backyard. It is a delight to see and hear how much these little guys delight in being outdoors and bouncing around under the summer sky. I am sure their parents are OK with this; hopefully, it dissipates some of the boundless energy that children always seem to have. As kids, my sister, brother, and I always had to be coaxed back into the house at the end of those summer days! You just wanted to play for fifteen minutes more and it was worth it to plead with your Mom so that she would see it your way.



I hope you had some great moments this summer just to be outdoors and to soak up the grandeur of God's creation. I hope you enjoyed some fresh corn-on-the-cob, a barbecue, a cucumber salad, a BLT sandwich, and a barbecue. If not, it is still not too late. And of course, autumn, another glorious season, is just around the corner!

With the beginning of a new school year, children and parents, here are some prayers for you to offer to the Lord. I am grateful once again to Father Austin Fleming, the [Concord Pastor](#), for sharing these prayers with all of us.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to be the best student I can be. Help me to study well and to study often, especially when I don't feel like studying at all. Help me to be honest when I'm tempted to cheat. Help me to listen to my teachers and coaches. Help me to play fair and to play safely. Help me to be kind to everyone at school and especially to those whom others treat unkindly. Help me to treat others as I would like them to treat me. Help me to be a good friend to others. Help me to help others who need my help. Help me to do the best work I can do. Help me to use all the gifts you have given me. Help me to love and respect my parents. Help me to trust in you, Lord, and in your love for me. Help me, Lord, I need you! Amen.

PARENTS' PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Dear Lord, as my children leave for school, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Guide and guard my children and keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen. Father Bill +

Bells of St. Mary Handbell Choir



Open House Monday, August 29
6:30-8 PM in the St. Mary Choir Loft
Questions? Contact Martha Paalman
(mpaalman@stmaryparish.org).

Adult Faith Formation Events

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

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.

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 church and on the library shelves. Please register by August 26.

The Role of Deaconesses in the Early Church

Tuesday, September 13 • 6:30 PM • St. Joseph Holly Hall
Dr. John Craghan, retired professor of religious studies at St. Norbert College, will help us understand the role of women deacons in the early church, focusing on both scripture and early church documents. Fee: \$5. Please pre-register with Carol.

Intimate Graces: A Marriage Enrichment Evening

Monday, September 19 • 6:30 PM • St. Therese, Appleton
Presented by all eight Catholic Appleton parishes!
Teresa Tomeo and her husband, Dcn. Dom Pastore, will share real life stories of struggle and growth in marriage. Using the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, they will give practical suggestions about how to foster deeper intimacy in any marriage and unpack how husband and wife can become a haven of compassion and virtue for each other. Registration forms are at the back of church.



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.

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 to 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!



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!

Winter Clothing Drive for Harbor House



We are in need of winter clothing donations. If you have gently used boots, jackets, or winter clothing, call 920-687-1511 anytime now through October 31 and we will pick them up and deliver them to Harbor House for you! There is a special need for older teen boys' outerwear. Thank you!

Community Events

Their Story and Ours: The Exodus and the Exile – August 26

6:30 AM • St. Bernadette School Cafeteria
Sister Elise Cholewinski will present a Bible study on how you can relate the Israelites' Exodus and Exile to your own life. \$3 offering includes coffee and Manderfield's baked goods.

St Mary (Stockbridge) Annual Fall Festival – August 27-28

Two days of food, live music, games, and fun for the whole family! Enjoy outdoor Masses at 4 PM Saturday and 9:30 AM Sunday. Free corn roast after Saturday Mass and lots more!

Chip In For Life Golf Outing – Monday, September 12

\$100 per person includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, dinner & prizes at Fox Valley Golf Club. Have a great time and support Mother & Unborn Baby Care. (<https://fvmubc.org/events/golf-for-life>)

National Day of Remembrance for the Aborted Child – Sept 10

1:00 PM • St. Mary's Cemetery (1201 Buchanan Rd. **Kaukauna**) • Bishop Ricken will be our celebrant. Bring an unwrapped newborn gift (to be donated to Mother & Unborn Baby Care) and your lawn chair. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 1033.

Holy Cross 6th Annual Walking Pilgrimage – September 16-18

Join us as we walk from Kaukauna to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion. Call Deacon Bruce Corey (766-3773) for more information or to register.

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Do you have a talent for decorating? Do you enjoy looking at our beautiful church? Would you share your time and artistic talents with our parish? Please contact Tom Walter at the parish office if you are interested (739-5119).

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