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CONFESSIONS:

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:

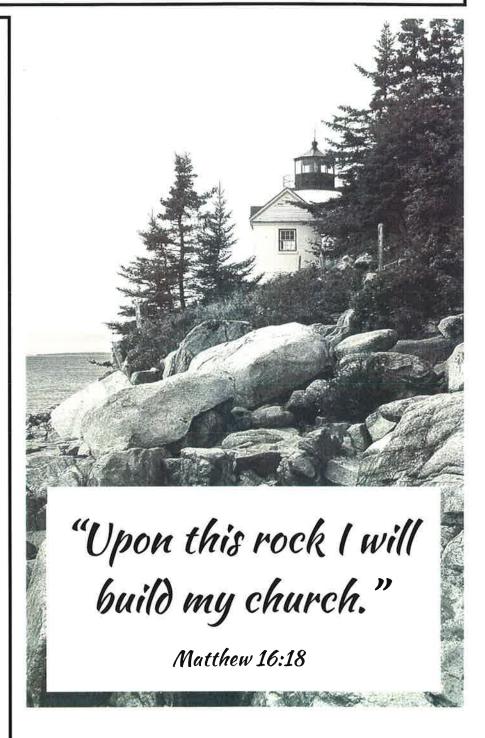
Daily: Tues. & Fri. 8:30 AM / Wed. & Thurs. 12:05 PM

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30m, Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

A Catholic Community
to Call Home



August 27, 2017 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., August 28
Tue., August 29
Wed., August 30

12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Thomas & Virginia Scheiber
12:05 PM James K. Murphy & Patricia
A. Murphy

Thurs., August 31 12:05 PM Michael Barker

Fri., Sept. 1 8:30 AM Thomas & Virginia Scheiber Sat., Sept. 2 4:30 PM Hattie Jome & Bob Jome Sun., Sept. 3 8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Mary

10:30 AM Maurie DeBruin

WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 28 (Mon)

6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft 8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

August 29 (Tue)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

August 30 (Wed) 12:05 PM Mass

August 31 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass

September 1 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

September 2 (Sat)

Monthly St. Joe's Food Program Collection

9:00 AM Confessions/Church

2:00 PM Wedding — Amanda Gantz & Bradley Thelen ♥

4:30 PM Mass

September 3 (Sun)

Monthly St. Joe's Food Program Collection

Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Noon: Vintage Age Brunch-Pullman's

September 4 (Mon)

Labor Day—Office Closed



I promise to love you and honor you all the days of my life!

Keitha McCarthy & Tom Horan

United in the Sacrament of Marriage on August 25, 2017

Prayer Requests

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office— \$2,988.00 Weekend— \$10,147.14 Children's Collection: \$14.00

IN JOY & SORROW: Pondering Together the Treasures of Our Faith

Be it resolved: In April 2024, seven years from now, and God-willing, at the age of sixty-nine, I will do my darndest to get to a place in the US to view a total solar eclipse. Unless you and I were somewhere on the path of totality which cut a 70-mile swath across America beginning in Oregon and ending in South Carolina last Monday, we missed out on the real spectacle.

To witness the "Diamond Ring", that last glowing pinprick of light with the yellow corona circling around the sun, to witness the sunshine extinguished by total darkness and to see the stars shine in the noontime and hear crickets sing, and to witness the second "Diamond Ring" as the moon begins to move away from the sun - these are truly once-in-a-lifetime moments of wonder and awe. A young woman and mother in Oregon declared, "One of the most incredible things I've ever seen. It made me cry, and my children cheered." Someone else declared, "It's a good reminder that, regardless of what we control or think we can control, we're only a very small part of the grand scheme of things." On Garrett Mountain in New Jersey, overlooking the culturally-diverse city of Patterson, people were explaining to one another in many different languages how to use eclipse glasses. As reported by *USA Today*, on Monday, in a summer of shock - threats of nuclear war from North Korea and racial violence in Charlottesville - so many people were graced by a few hours of awe.

Truly, we human beings are small in the face of the immensity of the universe. Truly, we are dependent on the Lord of Creation for even the next breath we take. We would not be around very long without the warmth provided by the sun. Either we would die of starvation or thirst, or we would freeze to death. Without the light, we would be lost forever in the despair of total and constant darkness.

We are one with all of creation. We do not stand apart or above creation. We are caught up in the web of life and are one with the sun, the moon, and the stars, the oceans, the lakes and the rivers, the mountains and the plains, the plants and the animals, the birds and the reptiles. The spark of the divine is in all created things because our Creator has put that spark there. This interconnectedness is to be celebrated not only between us human beings but between us and all created things. Saint Francis of Assisi spoke so eloquently of our connection to Brother Sun and Sister Moon. And this is why care for the earth, our common home, is so critical. If we destroy our environment, we are certain to destroy ourselves.

I hope and pray that hearts were touched last Monday afternoon. We can never forget that we come from God, we belong to God, and we are on our way back home to God. Sometimes our own problems get in the way of our remembering what we are all about as precious daughters and sons of God. The darkness can never overcome the light, not in our universe and not in our hearts!

Looking forward to April of 2024, I hope that this prayer composed by Father Edward Hay's resonates within you:

May I join you, cosmic congregation of galaxies, as you dance with delight before our God. You spin and leap with brilliant bursts of light, never tiring of your sacred circle-play. May I join you, star-children of countless constellations, in the worship of our common Creator, in your rotating rituals of nuclear energy as you sing cosmic chants of divine fire. May I join you, I who find my times of devotion so often flat and fireless, bound by routine and uninspired, stagnant due to their lack of zeal. May I join you, so that my prayers may also spin with sparkling splendor, spawning long tails of luminous devotion to carry my praise and adoration straight to the heart of my Beloved God. Thanks for taking the time to read this *In Joy and Sorrow*.



Thursday, September 21

Milwaukee Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist & The Basilica of St. Josephat. Venerate Saint Padre Pio and pray with others. Watch the bulletin for more details!

Mid-Winter Makeover Information Sessions:

Thursday, August 24 - 12:45 PM in Church Thursday, August 24 - 6:30 PM in Church Sunday, September 10 - after all Masses 9:00 AM in the St. Anne Room 10:30 AM in the St. Anne Room Noon in Church Tuesday, September 12 - 6:30 PM in Church

Our church needs to be spruced up and we want to hear from you! Please make plans to attend one of these sessions to share ideas and discuss details.

Extend the Invitation

Ask a person you know who is without a church or seldom attends the church of his or her baptism to "come and see" the Catholic Church. Call Sr. Joanne at 739-5119!

The Bells of St. Mary Choir Needs Ringers!

Come to an Open House on Monday, August 28 from 6-8 PM to see what it's all about! For more information contact Martha Paalman at mpaalman@stmaryparish.org or 920-420-6481, or visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/bellsofstmary.

Please help our neighbors in need! Everyone deserves a good night's rest!

St. Vincent de Paul Appleton's Bed Program provides box springs and mattresses to people who are in need at no cost to the household. Since December of 2016, the Bed Program has served a total of 204 individuals by providing them with a new, clean bed to sleep on. Our team continues to identify people who are in need every day, and we need your help to replenish program funds. Donate any amount today and help purchase a box spring and/or mattress for a neighbor in need! To donate, visit www.svdpappleton.org or send a check to: St. Vincent de Paul (1924 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI, 54914). Thank you!

Seminarian Collection 2017

Thank you to those who have participated! So far this year, our parish has raised \$5,280.00. There is still time to respond to the great need we have to support our local seminarians. Mail in your pledge card or visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.

September Vintage Age Brunch

Sunday, Sept. 3

Noon

Pullman's
619 S Olde Oneida Street
Appleton
See you there!





St. Joe's Food Program Collection Next Weekend, Sept. 2 & 3!

In September, we are collecting anything you could put in a bag lunch—the healthier, the better!

Nothing glass or perishable please.

Place in totes by the altar.

Thank you for your generosity!

Scrip News

Please note—the Summer Scrip Office Hours of 7:30 AM-1:30 PM will end Tuesday, August 29, as the school year begins the next day. School year hours are as follows:

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM to noon

Additionally, the office will be open Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 PM until 4:00 PM.

RCIA Needs Sponsors!

Our first RCIA session is on October 1 for three persons interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church. Presently, we do not have a sponsor for each of them. If you have never been a sponsor for an adult, please consider offering yourself for this wonderful experience. Not only will you become a supportive friend for someone seeking a deeper faith, but it is guaranteed that you will grow spiritually and become more knowledgeable of the Catholic Church yourself. Call Sr. Joanne at 739-5119.

Bus Pilgrimage

St. Therese Parish invites you to join them on a bus pilgrimage to the twin cities on Sept. 25th & 26th. We will be touring the Basilica of St. Mary & the Cathedral of St. Paul and doing a little sight-seeing. \$215 includes hotel, transportation, tours and all meals. Contact Karen Redlin at (920) 731-1991 or St. Therese Parish at (920) 733-8623 to register.

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Dan Mahony. 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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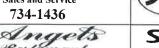
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