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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



from the Book of Sirach

*Conduct your affairs with humility, and you will
be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself
the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor
with God. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms
atone for sins.*

*Learn from me
says the Lord
for I am meek and humble of heart*

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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 2016**

How Blessed are the Peacemakers!



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., August 29	8:30 AM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tues., August 30	8:30 AM	Mary Ann Schubert
Wed., August 31	12:05 PM	Yvonne Therrian
Thurs., Sept. 1	12:05 PM	Ruth Voster
Fri., Sept. 2	8:30 AM	Jack Prendergast
Sat., Sept. 3	4:30 PM	Marie DeBruin
Sun., Sept. 4	8:30 AM	Vera Bertram
	10:30 AM	Spiritual & Physical Well-Being of Barb Killick

BAPTISMS

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

†James Victoria, child of Bryan & Evan Rezin

WEEKLY EVENTS

August 29 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM Alpha Training
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Open House/Choir Loft

August 30 (Tues)

- Door Country Getaway Retreat
- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

August 31 (Wed)

- Door Country Getaway Retreat
- 12:05 PM Mass

September 1 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass

September 2 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

September 3 (Sat)

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:30 PM Mass

September 4 (Sun)

- Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 AM
- 12:15 PM – Vintage Age Brunch @ Spats

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFICE: August 15-19 \$3236.10

CHILDRENS: \$42.25

WEEKEND: August 20-21 \$10,153.36

In Joy and Hope: PONDERING TOGETHER THE TREASURES OF OUR FAITH

On Thursday, August 18, the faculty, staff and administration of Saint Francis Xavier Schools System came together for their in-service meeting to kickoff the new school year. Fittingly first, we gathered for Mass in the XHS Theater. I thought I would share with you some of the excerpts from the homily that I preached on that morning.

I began by making the observation that the end of summer is usually bittersweet but that I was excited to get us thinking and praying together at the beginning of a new school year. I mentioned, too, that the whole country of India, all one billion or so people, are excited as all preparations are in place for the canonization of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta on Sunday, September 4, by Pope Francis. I told just a bit of her beautiful story, in particular her "call within the call." For many years, Mother Teresa was a teacher in an all-girls Catholic School in India until the Lord called her to a new ministry of outreach to the poorest of the poor in India and eventually, in almost every nation in the world.

"Each one of here this morning has been called by Jesus - some as pastors, some as administrators, some as teachers & coaches, some as partners in administration (whether that is about increasing enrollment, managing finances or building up endowments), and some as staff (in the office, cafeteria, or maintenance). We are all called to a specific task that is made holy because you and I are doing it and not somebody else."



Referring to the Gospel of the day, I commented, "At the wedding feast, after begging everybody & anybody to come into the banquet hall, the king seems unreasonable to expect that a young man, just coming off of the street, should be dressed in a wedding garment. He may have protested, "Sir, I really didn't have time to change because I was literally dragged into this banquet hall!" But what is important to know is that the early Christian community added this to the story. The original parable did not mention anything about the necessity of the wedding garment. But for early Christians, it served as a reminder to baptized believers of the importance of never forgetting that we have been clothed in Jesus. We have put on Jesus."

"For you and me, this morning, I would propose that this baptismal garment, not visible to our eyes but certainly apparent to the eyes of the Lord, gets us to what I want to say about your *call within the call* and my *call within the call*. Whatever our position description, we are called to be witnesses to Jesus. I have said this before, with a nod to Blessed Pope Paul VI, who said it first, that what the world needs most of all is for teachers to be witnesses. So whatever your job here, let me suggest this goal for you and me in this new school year: Do your best at what you do and even more so, be a witness of Jesus to our children, to our young people, and to their parents and families. There you have your *call within the call*. Be a minister of the Lord to our kids and their parents."

I went on to elaborate that a minister of the Lord is one who prays (not to offend anyone, but do not tell me *my work is my prayer*. That may well be, but when, where and how do you pray - coming before the Lord in silence and stillness every day?), who serves by reaching out and caring for those in need, and who acts to promote human life and dignity, family life, and care for the environment and common good.



"Pray. Serve. Act. When we do these things, we will be witnesses and better able to minister to our children, young people & their families." I ended with a powerful email that the U.S. women religious (sisters) received during the time of their investigation by the Vatican: *You were present at my birth at Good Shepherd Hospital in Portland, Oregon. You held my hand on the first day of school at Saint Ignatius in Sacramento. You taught me to play the guitar. You helped me learn the centrality of the Eucharist and what it means to go to confession. You showed me how to be a woman & a Catholic. You challenged me to think smarter, act bolder & love harder.*

"There it is! Do you recognize it? *The call within the call*. Let us minister together to our kids and their families helping them to think smarter, act bolder, and love harder! Let us pray and serve and act together! *Let us be seven steps ahead of our kids and two steps behind Jesus!* Let us be for others!"

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).

What is Alpha?

An opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment. Not so much a course as an Experience! This year's program runs for 10 weeks on Thursday evenings, beginning September 8. Each week, we'll meet at 6 PM to share a meal, listen to a talk, and gather in small groups for discussion. Have questions about your faith? Been away from the church? Need a boost for your life or your faith? See the flyer with complete schedules and topics at the back of church. Please let Carol know if you can join us!

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.

Bible Study – The Eucharist in Scripture

Offered twice each week! Cost for study set materials: \$15 – yours to keep! Begins the week of September 26. Pre-register with Carol.

- Monday Evenings / 6:30-8 PM / St. Mary Parish Center
- Friday Mornings / 10-11:30 AM / St. Joseph Parish Center



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.



St. Joseph Food Program Collection

September collection next weekend (the 3rd & 4th). Bring anything you'd pack in a lunch – the healthier the better! Individual packs are great! Nothing perishable please. Place in totes by the altar.

Is Now the Time For YOU to Act?

An invitation or encouragement is often needed by someone who wants to look into becoming a Catholic Christian. Inquiry sessions begin Sunday, Sept. 11. Help someone you know make contact with Sr. Joanne at 739-5119!

Scrip Sellers Needed after Masses

We need help selling Scrip after our 4:30, 9:30, and 11:00 Masses. Can you help? Email Julie & Annie at stmary@stmaryparish.org.

Habitat for Humanity News

There are four remaining days to our commitment to help build the houses on the property located at Pierce Ave. & Spencer St.

- Tuesday, September 27
- Wednesday, September 28
- Saturday, October 1
- Saturday, October 8

There will be a table in the Marian Way this weekend where you can sign up to help on any of these days. We need your help!



Why Loved Ones Leave the Church

Monday, September 26 • 6:30 PM • St. Bernard, Appleton
Fr. John Girotti explores the reasons why loved ones drift away from the regular practice of the Catholic faith. Many who are skeptical of "organized religion" will identify themselves as "spiritual" but not "religious." What can be said of this growing phenomenon? Many parents are asking, "I raised my children Catholic, so why did they leave the church?" Fr. Girotti will unpack methods of how Catholics can share their faith & inspire others to be intentional participants of the Eucharistic celebration.

Praying For Your Children Every Month

Every third Tuesday during the school year • 6:30-7 PM
Xavier High School Chapel

Parenting is the best of jobs and, at times, the most difficult of jobs – one where we need God to guide us and a community to support us. This time is open to all parents, relatives & neighbors to pray together for any & all of your children. No need to sign up! Contact Ann



(amcknight@xaviercatholicschools.org) with any questions.

Fall Grief Gathering Series

September 15, 22 & 29 • 6:30-8 PM • St. Therese Church

Next Vintage Age Brunch Sunday, Sept. 4 at Spats!

Join us at 12:15 PM at Spats – "The Tav on the Ave" – at 733 W. College Avenue.



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