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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

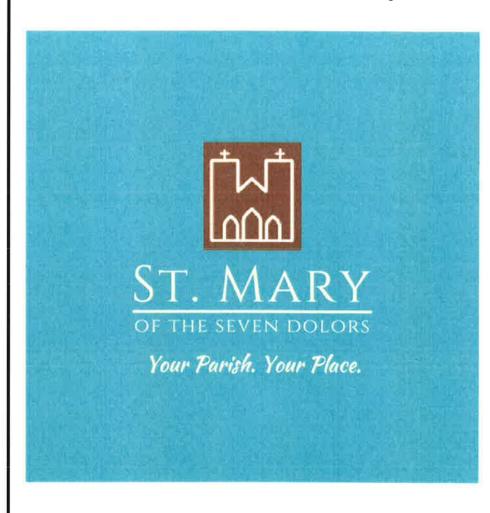
Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

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

A Catholic Community
to Call Home

September 17, 2017 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Stewardship Celebration Weekend Fall 2017

"You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God . . ."

2 Corinthians 9:11

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Sept. 18	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Sept. 19	8:30 AM	Special Intention
Wed., Sept. 20	12:05 PM	Mary Gardner
Thurs., Sept. 21	12:05 PM	Walter & Jean T. Consie
Fri., Sept. 22	8:30 AM	Geraldine & Arnold Van Handel
Sat., Sept. 23	4:30 PM	David Wagner
Sun., Sept. 24	8:00 AM	Josephine Bruch
	9:30 AM	Mary Sue Zanzig-Zboralske &
		Pete Zanzig

11:00 AM Lillian "Jon" & Marvin Curler

WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 18 (Mon)

6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft

6:30 PM THEO/Community Room

8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

September 19 (Tue)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9

2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

September 20 (Wed)

12:05 PM Mass

4:30 PM & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes

September 21 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass

September 22 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

September 23 (Sat)

9:00 AM Confessions/Church

1:30 PM Wedding - Maggie Wallace & Michael Reader♥

4:30 PM Mass

September 24 (Sun)

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass



The Fox Cities Marathon & Half Marathon are next Sunday, September 24. You may want to allow extra time for your drive to Mass. Congratulations to all participants!

Prayer Requests

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@yahoo.com) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office— \$6,330.00 Weekend— \$11,415.07 <u>Children's Collection</u>: \$17.00

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

One of the pearls of insight gleaned from the Vatican Council was the notion that the Church is best defined as the People of God. In the Document on the Church (*Lumen Gentium* [Light of the Nations]), a whole chapter was dedicated to explaining this notion, and this chapter preceded any discussion of the hierarchical structure of the Church (Pope, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious). Through the great dignity bestowed through the waters of Baptism, every believer is given a share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal ministry of the Lord Jesus. Baptism is the first and foremost sacrament that conforms all us, whether ordained or non-ordained, to the mind and heart of Jesus. Each of us has a baptismal priesthood, which confers upon us a great responsibility for sharing in the ministry of the Church to the world.

Prior to Vatican Council II, Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman, had a sense of the great role of the People of God in the Church. He hoped, "I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men (and women) who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold, and what they do not hold, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity." The People of God are empowered to work alongside Church leaders so that the Kingdom of God, which is a way of being together in peace and love, justice and forgiveness, and joy and hope, can more and more break into this confused and complicated world of ours.

At Saint Mary Parish, you, the People of God, through the waters of baptism, have been given a great responsibility to share, with the Pastor, in bringing the Good News wherever we go. You are responsible for the quality of faith, hope and love in your parish. You are responsible to form your family into a domestic church, where Jesus and His Way, Truth, and Life, are prominent. You are responsible to embrace your vocation as another Christ. The days when "Father" or "Sister" did everything in the parish are long gone and, thank the Lord, will never return. The parish needs to be a partnership between people and pastor where there is a high level of commitment and collaboration. It is

this shared commitment and collaboration that affords the Holy Spirit an opening to deepen the spiritual life of every member of the faith community. We are all called to be friends and missionary disciples of Jesus who make him alive in the twenty-first century.

This is why the sharing of your gifts and talents for the ministry of the Church is so critical. Every one of us should be contributing something of ourselves to deepen our participation in the mission and vision of the Parish. We are not afforded the luxury of sitting back and watching other people do this ministry. This is why **Steward**-

ship of Time and Talent is so important. It is the doorway through which we enter into our baptismal priesthood. It is my heartfelt hope that more and more of us take very seriously our ownership of Saint Mary Parish and its mission and vision. What bit of your time and talent are you willing to share to advance the Gospel of Jesus at Saint Mary Parish and beyond? I challenge you to step up to the plate. I need you and your fellow parishioners need you. As I wrote above, you and I need to be another Christ. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta reminds us of Saint Paul's declaration, "I live no longer, but Christ lives in me." Mother Teresa goes on to say, "Christ prays in me. Christ thinks in me. Christ looks through my eyes. Christ speaks through my words. Christ works with my hands. Christ walks with my feet. Christ loves with my heart." Ultimately this is what stewardship is all about; we are becoming Christ for the good of our parish, our community, and our world! Father Bill +



Connecting faith & finances for good.

As the Christian community comes together to pray for and reach out to those who have been affected by the recent disasters. Thrivent Financial is mobilizing its financial resources and members nationwide to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who are interested in ways to help with the recovery efforts are encouraged to visit www.Thrivent.com to learn more about the organization's \$3 million match on individual personal donations and other ways in which they can help.

Needed!

On Sunday, Oct. 1, three RCIA Inquirers will meet for the first time. Presently, we have no sponsors. Please consider being a sponsor to one of these persons. Former RCIA Candidates, this is a good way to pay back what someone did for you when you entered the Church. Call Sr. Joanne at 739-5119, or sign up in the Community Room this weekend!

Caring for our Parishioners in Nursing Homes



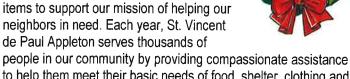
Over this past year, more people from our parish have entered nursing homes. We want to keep connected with them. Please consider being matched to one of them as your contribution of time & talent stewardship

for the coming year. Call Sr. Joanne at 739-5119, or sign up in the Community Room this weekend!

Help your neighbors in need this holiday season by donating gently used or new artificial Christmas trees and wreathes!

The St. Vincent de Paul Appleton Christmas Store located in Northland Mall opens on Monday, Oct. 2. Hours are 9 AM—4 PM, Monday through Saturday. We are in need of gently used

or new artificial Christmas trees and wreathes. As you get ready for the holiday season, please consider donating these items to support our mission of helping our neighbors in need. Each year, St. Vincent



to help them meet their basic needs of food, shelter, clothing and more. Donations are accepted at our Donation Center at 1924 W. College Avenue in Appleton. Thank you in advance!

Stewardship Celebration Weekend THIS WEEKEND!



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Please stop in the Community Room after all Masses this weekend to check out the wonderful stewardship opportunities available! Refreshments will be served. See you there!

Caring About Our College Students



We are currently updating our contact information for our college students. If your young adult would like to receive care notes and packages from the parishioners during the year, please email their names and addresses to

Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org. Also, if you will be going to visit your student, or if your student will be home for the weekend, please email the same address for a small encouragement bag. They will be ready for pick-up at the Mass you attend.

Two weeks to sign up for Retrouvaille!

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In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Bill Wiesner. 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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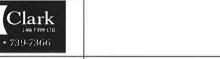
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