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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

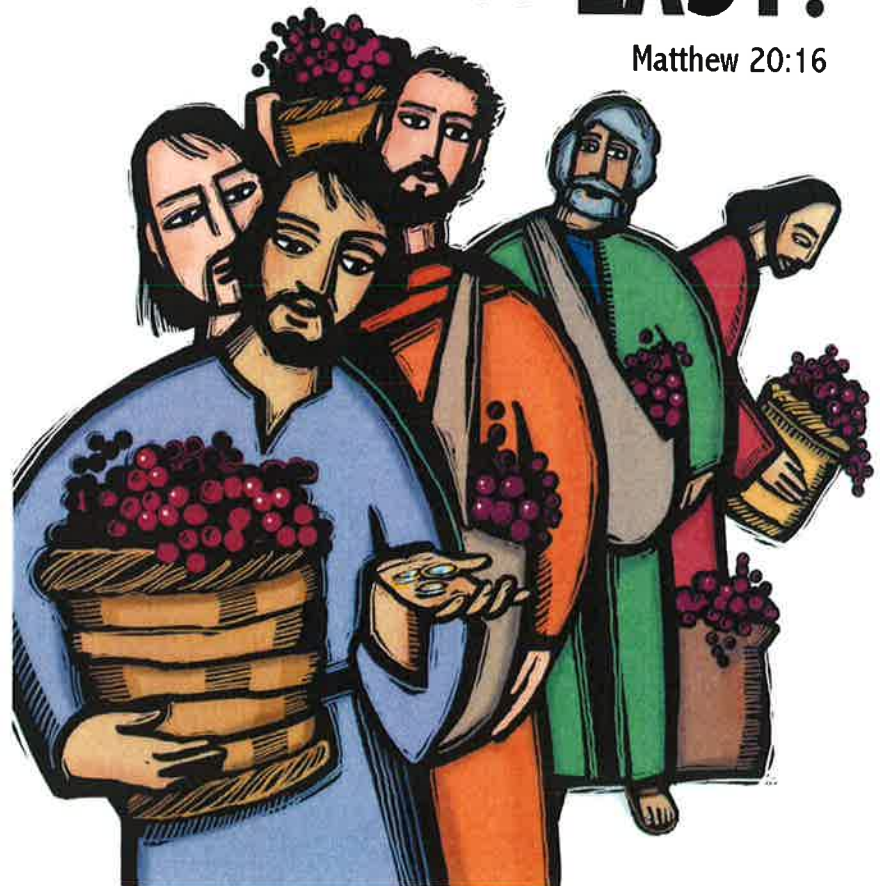
Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

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

Thus, the **last**
will be **FIRST**,
and the **first**
will be **LAST.**

Matthew 20:16



*A Catholic Community
to Call Home*

**September 24, 2017
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Sept. 25	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Sept. 26	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed., Sept. 27	12:05 PM	Al Neveau
Thurs., Sept. 28	12:05 PM	For the safety of all travelers
Fri., Sept. 29	8:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of the Gus Ristow Family
Sat., Sept. 30	4:30 PM	John Kitslaar
Sun., Oct. 1	8:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Guardian Angels
	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	11:00 AM	Ron & Shirley Dix

WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 25 (Mon)

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

September 26 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 11:35 AM Children's Choir Practice/McDonald St. Campus
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

September 27 (Wed)

- 11:45 AM Children's Choir Practice/Marquette St. Campus
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 4:30 PM & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes
- 5:45 PM IPRF Children's & Youth Choir Practice/St. Anne
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

September 28 (Thurs)

- 11:25 AM Youth Choir Practice (1) / Xavier Middle School
- 11:45 AM Youth Choir Practice (2) / Xavier Middle School
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:30 PM First Reconciliation Parent Mtg./Community Room

September 29 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

September 30 (Sat) St. Joe's Food Program Collection

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 1:30 PM Wedding - Maria DelPonte & Blake Blaskowski ♥
- 4:30 PM Mass

October 1 (Sun) St. Joe's Food Program Collection

- 7:30 AM Rosary in church
- Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- **9:30 Mass—Confirmation/First Eucharist Buddy Mass**
- Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
- Vintage Brunch at 12:15 PM—Pullman's

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— \$3,508.00 Weekend— \$10,343.62
Children's Collection: \$13.00

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

Friday (9/22) marked the autumnal equinox, the day when the daytime hours equaled the nighttime hours. I don't know about you but I always experience a tinge of melancholy as we say goodbye to summertime and welcome the fall. While the beauty of the colors of autumn always catches my eye, I am well aware that the days are getting shorter and shorter and that we are on our way to the first day of winter, the shortest day of the year. The growing season is nearly over and the cold and frost are on the way. It all feels just a little bit sad to me. Diminishment, darkness and death seem to be the calling cards for this time of year. As the Liturgical Year counts down the last Sundays in Ordinary Time, even the Scriptures focus on the last things of the end of time, heaven, hell, and the final judgment.

But there is always the beauty, the light and the life, which can never be denied, especially as the days begin to get longer after the first day of winter and we move once again towards the season of spring.

Here is a poem that catches my mood, and maybe it will catch yours, too. It is by the German poet, Rainer Maria Rilke.

*The leaves are falling, falling as if from far up,
as if the orchards were dying high in space.
Each leaf falls as if it were motioning "no"
And tonight the heavy earth is falling
away from all other stars in the loneliness.
We're all falling. This hand here is falling,
And look at the other one. It's in them all.
And yet there is Someone, whose hands
infinitely calm, holding up all this falling.*



I suppose as I grow older, I realize more certainly that I am moving towards the autumn of my own life. Accompanying aging is always diminishment, which is about letting go. I have to let go of the fact that I cannot do what I used to do ten or twenty years ago. I realized on my vacation to Virginia that I am longer sure of foot enough to handle hiking trails that are strewn with too many rocks. I have come to realize that celebrating three Sunday morning Masses back-to-back is more of a challenge for me. So many of our elders deal with diminishments in vision, in hearing, in mobility, in mental sharpness, and in overall health. It is not easy to let all of this go.

Whether young or old, autumn reminds us that letting go is not the end of the story. In letting go of anger or bitterness, of an unwillingness to forgive, of a grudge, or of a painful memory there can be a freedom and healing. What do you need to let go of this autumn season?

Remember that all of this falling during autumn is charged with the promise of newness. Seeds are being planted and leaves are being composted as earth prepares for yet another burst of green at springtime.

Might this not be true in our own lives? Letting go requires a deeper trust in the Lord. Newness always has the upper hand. Beauty and light and life always follow diminishment, darkness and death.

Have a Happy Autumn! Father Bill +



Catechesis of the Good Shephard



Beginning this October!
Open to children ages 3-6
Sundays during 9:30 Mass
(this program will replace our
Liturgy of the Word for
Children program)
To sign up, contact
Besty Pfantz at 739-5119
or bpfantz@stmaryparish.org

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

Beth Sewais & Nathan Vanderloop

United in the Sacrament of
Marriage on September 15, 2017



**October
VINTAGE
BRUNCH**



**Sunday, October 1
12:15 PM**

Pullman's
619. S. Olde Oneida St.
Appleton

See you there!

New choir!



Friends & Family Choir

A few times a year, during the 9:30 Mass, we're inviting any and all interested parishioners to sing with this informal choir. The Friends & Family choir will be located in the choir loft, and will practice for about 15 minutes before the Masses they'll sing at. All ages are welcome—great for families with kids! We hope you'll join us! Interested? Got questions? To join or for more details, contact Betsy Pfantz at 739-5119 or bpfantz@stmaryparish.org.

**St. Joe's Food Program Collection
Next Weekend, Sept 30-Oct. 1 !**



In October, we are collecting baking supplies: flour, sugar, baking powder & soda, salt & pepper, spices, mixes, pie fillings, oil & shortening, etc. Nothing glass or perishable please. Place in totes by the altar. Thank you for your generosity!

**Parent Meetings for
First Reconciliation**

All 2nd grade children of St. Mary and St. Joseph are invited to participate in preparation for First Reconciliation (Confession). If you would like your child to participate, attend a PARENT ONLY meeting on:

Tuesday Sept. 26 • 6:30 PM • Holly Hall at St. Joseph
Or **Thursday Sept. 28 • 6:30 PM • St. Mary Community Rm.**

Parents from either parish may attend either meeting—you do not have to attend the one at your home parish. Please contact IPRF with questions at 738-7413 or iprf@inter-parish.org.

Family Night Out

Join us Tuesday, October 10th at Xavier Fine Arts Theatre for "Whose Spaghetti is it Anyway?" – a night of food and fun for the family. Tickets include a pasta dinner and a Fishsticks Improv Comedy performance. There will also be a wine and dessert cash bar. Special family pack and senior pricing is available. All proceeds will benefit St. Thomas More Parish and St. Vincent de Paul, Appleton. Visit stmccath.org for more information and to order tickets!

Save
the date



Pancake & Pigskin Breakfast!

It's time for football . . . and a parish pancake breakfast. Plan to stop in the Community Room between 8:30 and 11:30 AM on Sunday, October 8th for delicious buttermilk pancakes, French toast sticks, sausage, bacon, fruit, coffee, milk and juice! Hosted by our Parish Social Events group.

St. Joe's Pumpkin Patch Hayride

Sunday, October 8, 1-3 PM at Cuff's Farms. Sponsored by the St. Joe's Parish & Family Life Group. See flyer in this week's bulletins for details. Register with St. Joe's by Mon. Oct. 2.

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. 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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