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BAPTISM: Please contact Sr. Joanne at the
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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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard
seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and
planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Lk 17:5-6

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Mass Location/Event. Includes dates from Oct 3 to Oct 9.

WEEKLY EVENTS

October 3 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
6:30 PM Handbells/Choir Loft
6:30 PM Scripture Study/L7
6:30 PM Matthew 25/LC

October 4 (Tues)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/McDonald St Campus
1:30 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:00 PM Quilting Group/L1-3
6:30 PM Emmanuel Choir/L5
7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation Committee/L7

October 5 (Wed)

- 10:00 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
11:30 AM Children's Choir/Oneida St. Campus
12:05 PM Mass
12:40 PM Adoration
4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes
5:45 PM IPRF Choir/St. Anne Room
6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne Room

October 6 (Thurs)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus
12:05 PM Mass
6:00 PM Alpha/Community Room

October 7 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
10:00 AM Scripture Study/SJ 214

October 8 (Sat)

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

October 9 (Sun)

- 7:30 AM Rosary/Church
Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9:30 AM Mass
Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses

CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFICE: Sept. 19 - 23: \$3138.00 CHILDREN'S: \$15.00
WEEKEND: Sept. 24 - 25: \$7250.87

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

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



Nobody would probably ever label me a "St. Francis of Assisi"-kind-of-guy, simply because I am not a great fan of pets, especially pets that would live in the same house with me! I also find myself often in a tug-of-war with those darn chipmunks, who have a knack for tearing up the lawn in my backyard! I certainly, however, would do no harm to any animal!

Tuesday marks the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, who is probably one of the most revered of all our saints. Among his friars, Francis lived such a gentle, humble and simple life. He purposely was never ordained a priest, because he never wanted to get caught up in any ambition whatsoever. Francis was a great peacemaker and was probably one of the first diplomats to the Middle East, seeking out a Muslim sultan to talk about terms for peace. Not only did Francis love animals, but he was also the first environmentalist. He truly believed that human beings were meant to be one with creation and that we were related to the sun and moon, the plants and the animals. In effect, they are our sisters and brothers.

Pope Francis, the first Pope ever to be named after the humble, poor friar named Francis, wrote a beautiful encyclical letter, in which Saint Francis was eminently featured. Released over a year ago, this beautiful teaching to all of humankind is entitled "On Care for our Common Home." Its Latin title is Laudato Si', which are the first words of the encyclical letter, translated into English as "Praise be to you." This 184-page document addresses the reality of the deterioration of our environment, which the Pope courageously attributes to human activity. It is our "unfettered greed", according to the Pope, which has resulted in increased pollution, inequality, and global warming. Some, as you might guess, are very critical of Pope Francis and accuse him of involving himself in science, which should be none of his business.

As Catholics, I would encourage you to take a look at this document. Because it is an encyclical, it has the highest status as a teaching document of our church. It bears more weight than a papal letter or exhortation. I do not think it is an option to summarily dismiss this encyclical without giving it a careful reading.

Just a brief outline of the Table of Contents will give you an idea of the breath of the document. Chapter 1 addresses pollution and climate change, the scarcity of water in some parts of the world, the loss of biodiversity, as well as other changes happening to our common home. Chapter 2 centers on the theology of creation, which the Pope explains so beautifully. Chapter 3 addresses the problems that arise when human beings put themselves over and above creation. Chapter 4 is entitled "Integral Ecology", which is a key theme for Pope Francis in which he explores the idea that we are all interconnected in the web of creation. Chapter 5 presents some strategies for lessening the stressors that are placed on our environment. Chapter 6 concludes the encyclical with a meditation on the spirituality of ecology. This last chapter is especially moving and is a beautiful springboard to praying with gratitude to the Lord for the gifts of creation.

As we celebrate the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4, let this be our prayer. Pope Francis has penned this prayer, which he has entitled "A Prayer for our Earth," and has included it at the very end of "On Care for our Common Home."

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey toward your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.



Father Bill +

Adult Faith Formation Events

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

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. Six sessions total for this study.

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

Planning a Funeral That Reflects Your Life

Tuesday, October 11

1 PM with Fr. Jim Leary • St. Joseph Holly Hall

7 PM with Sr. Joanne Goessl • St. Mary, rooms LL 1 & 3

We invite you to attend one of these sessions that will help you think about music, scripture readings, and other aspects of Catholic funerals that will help you plan a celebration of life that reflects yourself or a loved one.

October Vintage Age Brunch

Sunday, October 2 • 12:15 PM • Stone Cellar Brew Pub

1004 S. Olde Oneida St. (Between the Locks)

Park behind the building and take the elevator to the lower level

Light up the Night



Thursday, October 13 • 6-8:30 PM

Appleton Memorial Park Pavilion

Join us to honor those we loved and lost too soon to suicide. The program will include a candle-lighting ceremony (candles provided) and a time to share and reflect. A picture of your loved one to share is welcome. Light refreshments will be served. The path of grief and mourning can be long. You are not alone on this path. This is an opportunity to meet companions on your healing journey.

Healing Mass

October 8 • 7 PM • St. Mary, Greenville

Experience a healing Mass that will include the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Adoration, and opportunities to receive prayer and ministry. All who desire physical, emotional, or spiritual healing are invited.

Future healing Masses will take place on Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Feb. 11, Mar. 25, Apr. 22 & June 3.



SERVICE OF
HEALING

October is
Respect Life Month
Join us to pray the rosary in
church before all 4:30 PM and
8:00 AM Masses in October



Human Trafficking Awareness Event

Human trafficking victimizes thousands of people here in Northeast Wisconsin and around the world. A first step to eradication is to build awareness. The ECSW Women of the ELCA, along with

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Human Trafficking



Peace Lutheran, presents an awareness event on November 12. The keynote speaker is Theresa Flores, a human trafficking survivor. Other speakers include Sr. Celine Goessl and Lt. Andy Oppermann of the GB Police Department. This event is free & open to the public, but participants must register at <http://trafficking11216.eventbrite.com>.

It's Fall Festival Time

St. Edward Parish

Oct. 15 • 6 PM • Grand Meridian, Appleton

Dinner tickets \$25

Great food, auctions, raffles, and fun!

Holy Family Catholic School

Oct. 21 • Doors open 5 PM, hors d'oeuvres

start at 6 PM • Cobblestone Creek, Brillion

Tickets: \$15 (includes hors d'oeuvres & your chance to win \$500 in cash). Raffles, auctions, fun!



Pray for our Kids

Join us every third Tuesday during the school year from 6:30-7 PM in the Xavier High School Chapel. It's a time to ask God to make His presence a part of our children's lives and to work powerfully on their behalf. Open to all – parents, relatives, neighbors, or friends. Contact Ann McKnight (amcknight@xaviercatholicschools.org) with any questions.

Community Events

Heart of Mercy Growth Seminar

October 10, 17 & 24 • 7-8:30 PM • St. Paul Parish, Combined Locks

Explore various topics chosen especially for this Jubilee Year or Mercy. Different speakers each week!

Benefit for Kathy Reiland

October 28 • 4-8 PM • St. Edward, Mackville

Join us in the school basement for our World Famous Fish Fry, raffles, and lots of fun. Dine-in only.

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 them remembered in the bulletin, please call the office at 739-5119.

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