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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



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage
about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of
the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." Lk 20:37-38

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**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

Mon., Nov. 7	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tues., Nov. 8	8:30 AM	Shaun Abraham (21 st Birthday)
Wed., Nov. 9	12:05 PM	Repose of the Soul of Orlando Morales
Thurs., Nov. 10	12:05 PM	Walter & Jean T. Consie
Fri., Nov. 11	8:30 AM	Poor Souls
Sat., Nov. 12	4:30 PM	Mary Ellen Hietpas
Sun., Nov. 13	8:00 AM	Stuart Belhumeur & Lucas Porter
	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	11:00 AM	Joan Kolosso (91 st Birthday)

WEEKLY EVENTS**November 7 (Mon)**

- 6:30 PM Handbells/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM Scripture Study/L7
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25/Large Conference Room

November 8 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 9:00 AM Coffee & Cookies Playdate/Babysitting Room
- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/McDonald St. Campus
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Facilities Committee/L7
- 6:30 PM Emmanuel Choir/L5
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council/Community Room
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee/L7
- 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation/L2

November 9 (Wed)

- 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

November 10 (Thurs)

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

November 11 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

November 12 (Sat)

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

November 13 (Sun)

- 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: Oct. 24-28: \$1708.16
CHILDREN'S: \$18.40
WEEKEND: Oct. 29-30: \$8529.92

Prayer Requests: Contact Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) or Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) if you have a prayer need. In your prayers, please include the requests in our prayer basket.

*In Joy & Sorrow...***Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith**

This past Monday and Tuesday (Oct 31/Nov 1), Pope Francis made a quick pastoral visit to Sweden to observe the beginning of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. If you recall your church history, it was on October 31, 1517 that the Augustinian monk, Father Martin Luther, nailed his *Ninety-Five Theses* to the front door of the Catholic Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Those *Theses* challenged in very strong words some of the practices of the Catholic Church which Luther assessed to be corrupt. Five hundred years later, I doubt that Martin Luther could have imagined that he would be considered the founder of the Lutheran religion, as well as having sparked the formation of many other Protestant denominations. Nor could he have imagined that the Papacy of the Catholic Church would have remained solidly in place to this day.

One of the moving snapshots of Pope Francis' visit is a picture of the Pope embracing the archbishop and head of the Lutheran Swedish Church, who is a woman. That image did spark a question from a Swedish journalist on the plane back to Rome last Tuesday afternoon about women and ordination in the Catholic Church. Pope Francis was very certain that Saint Pope John Paul II had spoken definitively on this matter and that there remains no possibility ever that women will be welcomed into the ordained priestly ministry of Jesus in the Catholic Church. This teaching does become a "challenge" in our ecumenical dialogues with other Christian denominations. I am thinking in particular of the Anglican and Lutheran traditions where there are not only women priests but also women bishops.

In Sweden, there were four events in which Pope Francis participated. There was an ecumenical prayer service in the Lutheran cathedral in Lund, as well as the signing of a joint declaration by Pope Francis and the bishop who heads the World Lutheran Federation. There was another ecumenical event in Malmo, where a number of a personal witness talks were given by Catholics and Lutherans testifying to the ways in which these two Christian denominations work closely together. Finally, there was a Mass in Malmo on All Saints Day. While this column does not afford me the opportunity to review closely each of these events and, in particular what the Holy Father said, I would offer some impressions on an important topic in Pope Francis' heart, as well as in the hearts of our all of our Protestant sisters and brothers.

In the joint declaration is the following statement: "Many members of our communities yearn to receive the Eucharist at one table, as the concrete expression of full unity. We experience the pain of those who share their whole lives (in the sacrament of marriage), but cannot share God's redeeming presence at the Eucharistic table. We acknowledge our pastoral responsibility to respond to the spiritual thirst and hunger of our people to be one in Christ. We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed. This is the goal of our ecumenical endeavors, which we wish to advance, also by renewing our commitment to theological dialogue."

I still recall Pope Francis' visit to a Lutheran Church in Rome in November of 2015 when a Lutheran woman, whose husband is Catholic, asked if she could receive communion in the Catholic Church. While it is not my competence to look into the heart of Pope Francis, I can only take at face value what his answer to that question was. He talked about doctrine as being a "difficult word to understand," but he asks himself, "Don't we have the same Baptism? If we have the same Baptism, shouldn't we be walking together?" Pope Francis suggested that language among Christians is the same when we teach our children about Jesus' dying and rising. In regard to the Last Supper, Francis said to this Lutheran woman, "See for yourself. This is my Body. This is my Blood. Do it in remembrance of me - this is a viaticum that helps us to journey on. Talk to the Lord (about receiving communion.) Then go forward." Pope Francis then said he "wouldn't ever dare to allow this, because it's not in my competence."

I believe this longing for unity is a strong urge in the heart of Jesus. He expressed that longing so powerfully at the Last Supper. We must remind ourselves again and again that it is the Lord's Table not the Catholic or Lutheran Church's Table. Pope Francis always speaks in a way that opens doors. While I believe that this is how the Holy Spirit works, know that there are many other Catholics who are very uncomfortable with this openness that seems to be so very much a part of Pope Francis' papal ministry.

Again, I encourage you to read all of the Pope's words in Sweden by visiting the Vatican Radio or Zenit websites.

- Father Bill +

Adult Faith Formation

*Please pre-register for these events. RSVP Carol Jensen by phone (739-3700 x 22) or email (cjensen@stmaryparish.org).

Young Adult Night Out

Open to all in their 20's and 30's at St. Joseph and St. Mary! Join us at Spectators Bar & Grill (W6165 Greenville Dr.), not far from the Fox River Mall. Our treat – pizza and drinks – as we give thanks for you! RSVP Carol.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

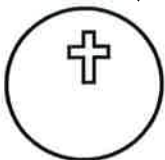
We have wonderful prayer shawls to warm the hearts and bodies of those who need some comfort: those who are ill, going through chemotherapy, in nursing homes, grieving – in short, anyone who needs one. They are knitted by parishioners from both St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes. Please call Carol (739-5119) if you know of someone who would be comforted by receiving one – never any charge to you.

Twilight Advent Evening of Reflection

Tuesday, December 6 • 6 PM • St. Mary Community Room
With Sr. Judy Miller, C.S.J. Let's be honest – we live in a culture that values "doing." Waiting, just waiting, on the other hand, is deemed rather useless. We are taught early that the more we do, the better and more successful we will be. And then comes Advent, the beginning of our liturgical year, asking us, quite honestly, to do nothing – nothing but wait and see and wonder. Four entire weeks of waiting. Why? What is being asked of us? What do we hope to gain by waiting? In this hectic time of preparing for Christmas, this event provides an opportunity to reflect upon the importance of this lovely yet challenging season and enter into an Advent experience in the company of others. Fee: \$7/participant. Includes evening candlelit meal of roast turkey, baked potatoes, salad, desserts, and beverages. Please pre-register before Nov. 30 with the registration form in next week's bulletin.

All Day Adoration on Election Day

Put your prayer power to work on Election Day, November 8! St. Bernard Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 AM to 8 PM. Spend an hour with Jesus on this important day.



- Mass at 8:00 AM
- Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 AM – 7:40 PM
- Closing Benediction at 7:40 PM

Pray the results for every contest be clear and for the better of our country, the rights of all people be protected, and we all come to know what it truly means to be One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with liberty and JUSTICE for all.
God Bless America!



Christmas Flower & Worship Fund

Our church is especially beautiful during the Christmas season. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas flower & worship environment fund, you can use the special envelope provided with your monthly envelopes, or cut out this form and return to the parish office with your contribution. Please return by Sunday, December 18 so we can include you in the insert of our Christmas bulletin.

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Christmas Eve
4:00, 6:30, 10:00 PM

Christmas Day
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Help us honor Mary, Our Blessed Mother



Thank you to those who have shared their images of our Blessed Mary. Stop to look at them in the Marian Way. It is a wonderful display for our parish to see. November is another month to highlight Mary. If you have icons, pictures, or prints of Mary with other

Saints, or if you have pictures of Saints to share, please contact Tom Walter at the parish office (739-5119).

Community Events

Family Friendly BINGO • Saturday, November 12 • 5 PM

St. Nicholas in Freedom will start selling cards and food after 4 PM Mass, and BINGO will start at 5:45. Everything you need to play will be for sale. Bring family and friends! Children are invited and welcome to play with a parent or guardian.

VolunteerFEST • Tuesday, November 29 • 4-6:30 PM

Join us at Waverly Beach in Menasha to meet and mingle with representatives from over 40 local nonprofit organizations! Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and learn about how to get started. RSVP <https://volunteerfest2016.eventbrite.com>.

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for those who have lost a loved one. At this time, we especially remember the family of Florence (Koemer) Jungen. 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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