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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*

**November 12, 2017**  
*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



**Therefore, stay  
awake,  
for you know  
neither the day  
nor the hour.**

**Matthew 25: 13**



**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

Mon., Nov. 13	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Nov. 14	8:30 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed., Nov. 15	12:05 PM	Deceased Members of the Arnoldussen & Schumann Families
Thurs., Nov. 16	12:05 PM	For People who Suffer from Addiction
Fri., Nov. 17	8:30 AM	Marcella Morse
Sat., Nov. 18	4:30 PM	Frank Olson
Sun., Nov. 19	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:30 AM	Harold DePrez
	11:00 AM	Bertilla Muellenbach

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**November 13 (Mon)**

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

**November 14 (Tue)**

- 8:30 AM **NO MASS**
- 11:35 AM Children's Choir Practice/McDonald St. Campus
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 7:00 PM Human Concerns Committee Meeting/L4
- 7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L2

**November 15 (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

**November 16 (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 Women's CRHP meeting/L7

**November 17 (Fri)**

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

**November 18 (Sat)**

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:30 PM Mass (Blood Pressure checks after Mass)
- Advent Pop-Up Sale in Marian Way with St. Pat's  
Bookstore before/after Mass**

**November 19 (Sun)**

- 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses
- Advent Pop-Up Sale in Marian Way with St. Pat's  
Bookstore before/after all Masses**
- 9:15 AM RCIA/L1-3
- 9:30 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L4
- Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses**
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass**
- Needs Trees go up in the Marian Way Nov. 18/19!



**Contributions**

Office— \$12,681.56 Weekend— \$11,794.24  
Children's Collection: \$15.00

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

Probably the Catholic priest with the greatest name recognition right now in the US is Father James Martin, SJ. I believe that his writing has done a lot of good for many Catholics. If you are not familiar with his work, you might consider reading one of his books. Off the top of my head come to mind the following: Jesus, A Pilgrimage, (excellent if you always wished to be a pilgrim to the Holy Land but most likely will never get the chance) My Life with the Saints, A Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything, Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Sensitivity and Compassion, and In All Seasons, For All Reasons: Praying Throughout the Year.

In response to yet another horrifying mass shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, I was reminded of Father Martin's prayer. Please join me in reflecting on its message.

*Almighty God, I come before you once again, after another shooting. I am sad, God. So I ask you to receive into your loving care the souls of those who were killed, to care for those who were wounded or hurt in any way, to console the family members and friends of those who died or were wounded, to strengthen the hands of the rescue workers, medical professionals and caregivers. I pray to for the shooter, as I must as a Christian. All of this makes me inexpressibly sad, God. But I know that the sadness I feel is your sadness. It is the same sadness your Son expressed when he wept over the death of his friend, Lazarus.*



*I am tired, God. I'm tired of the unwillingness to see this as an important issue. I'm tired of those in power who work to prevent any real change. I'm tired of those who say gun violence can't be reduced. All this makes me tired. But I know the tiredness I feel is your tiredness. It's the same tiredness that Jesus felt after his own struggles against injustice that led him to fall asleep on the boat with his disciples.*

*I am angry, God. I'm angry at the seeming powerlessness of our community to prevent this. I'm angry at the selfish financial interests who block change. I'm angry that these shootings happen at all. But I know that this anger is your anger. It's the same anger Jesus felt when he overturned the tables in the Temple, angry that someone would be taken advantage of in any way.*

*Help me see in these emotions your own desire for change. Help me see in these feelings your moving me to act. Help me see in the reactions your pushing me to do something. Because I know this is the way you move people to action. And I know that you desire action. For Jesus did not stand by while people were being hurt. He plunged into their lives. So help me to answer these questions: How can I help? How can I fight against gun violence? How can I urge my political leaders to enact change? How can I help people understand that this is an issue about life? I am sad over the loss of life, tired of excuses for the loss of life, and angry that we are paralyzed by the loss of life.*

*So... Turn my sadness into compassion. Turn my tiredness into advocacy. Turn my paralysis into the freedom to act. Help me to be compassionate, to advocate and to act, as your Son did, Almighty God.*



Thank you for taking the time to read this *In Joy and Sorrow*. Father Bill +

**Families of 2nd Graders**

Remember that the First Reconciliation Retreats are being held next **Saturday, Nov. 18**. Check to see if you signed up for the morning or afternoon retreat time and please make sure your child attends. Both retreat times are being held at St. Joseph. Questions? Call the IPRF office at 738-7413.



Baptized in water, this precious child has been clothed in Jesus.  
+ **Braelynn Mae, daughter of James & Kimberly Merdan**

*RCIA Rite of Welcoming*

Next Sunday, November 19 at the 8 AM Mass, two adults will be welcomed into the second stage of becoming Catholic Christians. Please join us as we give these people encouragement and promise them our prayers.



**Behold the Lamb**

**Wednesday, November 29 • St. Mary Church**  
Mark your calendars for the presentation of Andrew Peterson's *Behold the Lamb*—the TRUE tall tale of the coming of Christ. More details to come.

**End of Life - What you need to know!**

**Thursday Nov 16 • 1:30-3:30 PM • St. Bernard Parish Hall**  
Join Dr. Robin Goldsmith, Joe Tremblay and Attorney Gregory J. Vanevenhoven to learn about rights and moral responsibilities in any medical situation—especially in cases of emergency. Don't be caught off guard!

**Eucharistic Spirituality Retreat, Dec. 1-3**

Contact Deacon Gerry at 739-5119 or [schraufnagel@stmaryparish.org](mailto:schraufnagel@stmaryparish.org), or pick up a flyer in the back of church for more information.

**Prayer Needs**

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

**★ ADVENT POP-UP SALE**

**Shop the best of St. Pat's bookstore right here in the Marian Way, before and after all weekend Masses on November 18-19.**

**Shop books, devotionals, jewelry, Bibles, stationery, Advent Candles & Wreaths, Nativity Sets, baby gifts, and more!**

*- pay with cash, check, or credit card -*  
*A portion of all sales will benefit St. Mary youth programming*

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

*Amanda Wert & Bryan McConnell*  
**United in the Sacrament of Marriage on November 4, 2017**



**MIDWINTER MAKEOVER**

Starting in January, we will be painting, fixing pews, improving lighting and flooring and refurbishing the Stations of the Cross in church. There were six listening sessions in August and September. If you were not able to attend one of these, but have questions or comments, please contact Brian at [bdresang@stmaryparish.org](mailto:bdresang@stmaryparish.org) or 739-5119.

*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 17** so we can include names in the insert of our Christmas bulletin.

**Please print!**  
**In memory of:**

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**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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