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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

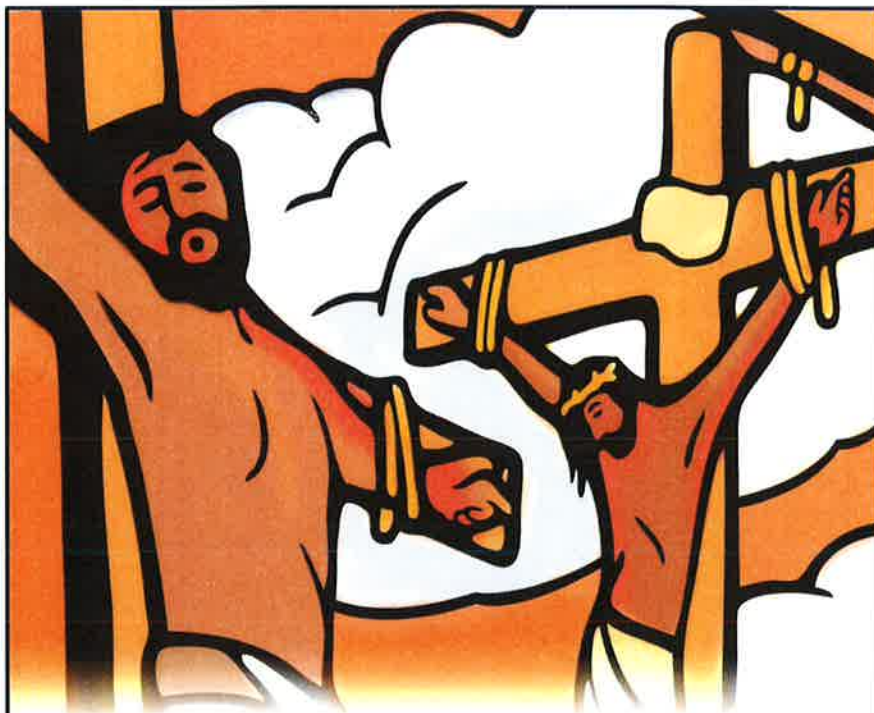
Sundays: 8, 9:30, 11 AM

Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into
your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise." *Lk 23:42-43*

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Adult Faith Formation

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

Twilight Advent Evening of Reflection With Sr. Judy Miller, C.S.J.

Tuesday, December 6 • 6 PM • St. Mary Community Room
We live in a culture that values "doing." And then comes Advent, asking us to do 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.

Mercy & Hope For Those With Addictions

Monday, December 12 • 6:30 PM • St. Mary Community Room
Jane Zaretzke from the Mooring Programs will be with us to talk with family members, friends, co-workers, and those who struggle with addiction about the effects of addiction and the possibility of mercy and hope. No need to pre-register, just plan to join us on this evening. Friends are always welcome!

Through the sacrament of Baptism, we welcome to our faith community:
† Leo Lorenzo Eladio, child of Joel & Yvette Herrera



Advent Mini RCIA

In past years, "cradle Catholics" have asked for a mini RCIA that would refresh their faith. This year, Sister Joanne will offer a four-week Advent RCIA starting on Sunday, November 27. Please join us – no registration needed. Remember, babysitting is available during 9:30 Mass! Questions? Call Sr. Joanne 739-3700 ext. 14.
When: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18 (Sundays) from 9:15 – 10:30 AM
Where: Room 1 on the Lower Level
For whom: Persons who are already professed Catholics
Topic: How to pray so it really works!

Needs Trees Are Up

Please take a card and fill a need for someone who may not be remembered at Christmas. The gifts are for families, group homes, nursing homes, and other agencies that help people. Please return gifts by Sunday, December 4. Thank you for your help.



Annual Christ Renews His Parish Potluck Dinner and Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 1, 2016 • 6-8 PM
St. Joseph Holly Hall
6:00 Gathering & Social, 6:30 Dinner with caroling to follow. Bring a dish to share. Families, friends and children welcome!
RSVP Carol (739-3700 x 22) or cjensen@stmaryparish.org.



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Thank you for your donation of 390 lbs of food on 10/3/2016.

During this season of thanksgiving, we at St. Joe's are counting our blessings. At the top of our list is you! Without your kind gift, we would be unable to serve the 800+ families who walk through our doors each week. You make it possible for our clients to know that they will have food on the table this time of year when family gatherings are so important. The meals you provide through your wonderful gift show what can happen when a community comes together to help those in need.

On behalf of our board, staff, volunteers, and clients, I thank you for your gift.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Monica M. Clare
Executive Director



Alpha Preview Days

Our first Alpha course is almost finished and we're getting ready to start a new course in January (Thursday evenings, 6:00 PM).

We invite you to learn more about Alpha! Join us for coffee, juice, donuts, and fresh fruit on:

Sunday, December 4 • 9 AM • St. Mary/Lower Level Rm. 1&3
OR Sunday, December 18 • 9 AM • St. Joseph/Holly Hall
If possible, please let Carol know which session you would like to attend. Call (739-5119) or email (cjensen@stmaryparish.org).

Christmas Stars

Good seats are still available for this spectacular, Broadway-style revue featuring a cast of over 250 performers ranging in age from kindergarten to senior citizen. There are always extra fun and surprises each year. Visit www.christmasstars.org or call 920-733-8840 for tickets.



In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for those who have lost a loved one.

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.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Location/Person. Includes entries for Mon., Nov. 21 to Sun., Nov. 27.

WEEKLY EVENTS

November 21 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM Handbells/Choir Loft
6:30 PM THEO/Community Room

November 22 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
9:00 AM Coffee & Cookies Playdate/Babysitting Rm.
11:30 AM Children's Choir/McDonald St. Campus
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:30 PM Emmanuel Choir/L5
7:00 PM Appleton Christmas Parade (State St. closed)

November 23 (Wed) NO IPRF CLASSES

- 12:05 PM Mass

November 24 (Thurs) THANKSGIVING

OFFICE CLOSED

- 8:30 AM Mass

November 25 (Fri)

OFFICE CLOSED

- 8:30 AM Mass

November 26 (Sat)

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

November 27 (Sun)

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

- Babysitting available - 9:30 AM Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word - 9:30 AM Mass
Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses

CONTRIBUTIONS

- OFFICE: Nov. 7-11: \$6147.00
CHILDREN'S: \$28
WEEKEND: Nov. 12-13: \$11,660.48

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.



The St. Mary Annual Bake Sale is December 10 & 11! See flyer in this week's bulletin for details.

In Joy and Sorrow PONDERING TOGETHER THE TREASURES OF OUR FAITH

As we observe Thanksgiving Day this week, by gathering around the Table of Word and the Table of the Eucharist for Mass, then gathering with family and friends around a table weighted down with delectable vittles, maybe catching a good football game after, or taking a quick nap brought on by a full belly, I want to share one of the most inspirational pieces I have read this year. It is titled "The Power of a Dinner Table" by David Brooks, one of my favorite writers for the New York Times. It is the story of Santi, who went to public schools in Washington, DC.

Santi had a friend who sometimes went to school hungry so Santi invited him to occasionally eat and sleep at his house. That friend had a friend and that friend had a friend, and now when you go to dinner at Kathy and David's house (Santi's parents) on Thursday night there might be 15 to 20 teenagers crammed around the table, and later there will be groups of them crashing in the basement or in the few small bedrooms upstairs.

The kids who show up at Kathy and David's have endured the ordeals of modern poverty: homelessness, hunger, abuse, sexual assault. Almost all have seen death firsthand - to a sibling, friend, or parent. It's anomalous for them to have a bed at home. One 21-year-old woman came to dinner last week and said this was the first time she'd been around a family table since she was 11.

And yet by some miracle, hostile soil has produced charismatic flowers.

Thursday dinner is the big social occasion of the week. Kids come from the around the city. Spicy chicken and black rice are served. Cell phones are banned. "Be in the now," Kathy says.

The kids call Kathy and David "Momma" and "Dad", are unfailingly polite, clear the dishes, turn toward one another's love like plants toward the sun and burst with big glowing personalities. Birthdays and graduations are celebrated. Songs are performed.

I started going to dinner there about two years ago, hungry for something beyond food. Each meal we go around the table, and everybody has to say something nobody else knows about them. Each meal we demonstrate our commitment to care for one another. I took my daughter once and on the way out she said, "That's the warmest place I can ever imagine."

The kids need what all adolescents need: bikes, laptops and a listening heart. "Thank you for seeing the light in me," one young woman told Kathy after a cry on the couch. David and Kathy have set up a charitable organization called AOK, for All Our Kids, to help each of the kids come into his or her own fullness. Four started college this year, and one joined City Year, the national service organization.

The adults in the community give the kids the chance to present their gifts. At my first dinner, Edd read a poem from his cracked flip phone that I first thought was from Langston Hughes, but it turned out to be his own. Kesari has a voice that somehow emerged from New Orleans jazz from the 1920's. Madeline and Thalya practice friendship as if it were the highest art form. Jamel loses self-consciousness when he talks of engine repair. They give us a gift - a complete intolerance of social distance. When I first met Edd, I held out my hand to shake his. He looked at it and said, "We hug here," and we've been hugging and hanging off each other ever since.

Bill Milliken, a veteran youth activist, is often asked which programs turn around kids' lives. "I still haven't seen one program change one kid's life," he says. "What changes people is relationships. Somebody willing to walk through the shadow of the valley of adolescence with them."

Souls are saved in bundles. Love is the necessary force. The problems facing this country are deeper than the labor participation rate and ISIS. It's a crisis of solidarity, a crisis of segmentation, spiritual degradation, and intimacy. Sometimes Kathy and David are asked how they ended up with so many kids flowing through their house. They look at how many kids are out there, and respond, "How is it possible you don't?" Happy Thanksgiving! +Fr. Bill



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