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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



November 27, 2016



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Mass details. Includes dates from Mon., Nov. 28 to Sun., Dec. 4.

WEEKLY EVENTS

November 28 (Mon)

6:30 PM Handbells/Choir Loft

November 29 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
11:30 AM Children's Choir/McDonald St. Campus
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:00 PM First Reconciliation/St. Joseph
6:30 PM Emmanuel Choir/L5
6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting/Large Conference Room

November 30 (Wed)

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

December 1 (Thurs)

- 11:30 AM Children's Choir/Marquette St. Campus
12:05 PM Mass
6:00 PM First Reconciliation/St. Mary
6:00 PM CRHP Potluck & Caroling/SJ Holly Hall

December 2 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

December 3 (Sat) St. Nick Gift-Giving Weekend

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

December 4 (Sun) St. Nick Gift-Giving Weekend

- Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
9:00 AM Alpha Preview/L1-3

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: Nov.14-18: \$1772.00

CHILDREN'S: \$24.00

WEEKEND: Nov.19-20: \$10,586.58

Prayer Requests: Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@yahoo.com) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534) if you have a prayer need. In your prayers, please remember the needs in our prayer basket, including: marriage troubles, safe travels, healing for my husband, for the conversion of a family, for God's mercy to break patterns of sin & addiction, and for someone who received a cancer diagnosis.



Our Advent project is taking shape in the Marian Way. Be sure to check it out and don't forget to return your stars!

In Joy & Sorrow...

Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

In last Sunday's Life Section of the Appleton Post-Crescent Newspaper was an article titled the "12 Days of Christmas." The article's intent was to help us "navigate the entertainment portion of this festive season." The dates for all upcoming Christmas concerts and their venues were listed. Note that every date on the proposed calendar was before December 25.

Not wanting to be a scrooge about all of this, I would remind one and all that the Christmas Season begins with the celebration of the Lord's Incarnation on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day, and continues for what is pretty close to twelve days, with the celebration of the Feasts of the Holy Family, Mary, the Mother of God, the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. Note that the season of preparation for the annual celebration of the mystery of our God's Incarnation is called Advent. Let's not loose Advent in this mad rush which anticipates and celebrates Christmas even before it arrives. For our secular society, the celebration of December 25 is somewhat anti-climatic and even superfluous.

Let's not rush Christmas but truly enter into the spirit of the Advent Season. This year Advent happens to be a full four weeks-long as Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. Advent is the season for waiting in joyful hope. It is the season of longing and expectation. Advent is not so much a penitential season so should feel very different from Lent, our time of preparation before the feast of Easter.

Hope is one of the theological virtues and stands alongside faith and love. Hope is more than optimism or seeing the glass half full rather than half empty. Hope is so much deeper than that. The great playwright and former President of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Havel said this about hope: "It is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that springs when things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good."

Advent is the season of hope which takes its cue from the great picture of tranquility and peace which the prophet of hope, Isaiah, presents in his chapter 11, verses 5-6: "Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be the guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to lead them."



Certainly in today's world, our Advent hope is exactly this vision of tranquil unity where people of different cultures and religions, different experiences and socio-economic statuses, different ethnicities and skin colors live together guided by the compassion, respect and sensitivity that Jesus modeled for us.

Meeting in Baltimore, on the first day of their Fall General Assembly, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement that captured some of our hope for this Advent and beyond into 2017. "We pray that as the new administration begins its role leading our country, it will recognize the contributions of refugees and immigrants to the overall prosperity and well-being of our nation. We will work to promote humane policies that protect refugees and immigrants' inherent dignity, keep families together, and honor and respect the laws of this nation. Serving and welcoming people fleeing violence and conflict is part of our identity as Catholics...May all of us as Catholics and Americans remain a people of solidarity with others in need and a nation of hospitality which treats others as we would like to be treated."

I don't know about you but this is my great hope that I will be praying will come true for all of us in this season of Advent 2016 and on into the New Year of 2017. Happy Advent! -Father Bill +

## Adult Faith Formation

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

### Young Adult Bell Ringing & Caroling

**Saturday, December 10 • 4-6 PM • Woodman's East Entrance**  
In your 20's & 30's? Grab your jingle bells, Christmas sweaters, and crazy hats, and join us as we help raise money to feed & serve the poor. Afterward, we'll dash over to Culver's for a treat. RSVP to Carol please – family and friends welcome! (Woodman's east entrance is by the liquor department).

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

**Tuesday, December 6 • 6 PM • St. Mary Community Room**  
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 Zaretske 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!

### 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.

### 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).

## St. Mary Magical Night of Fun

Our annual parish fundraiser is on February 18, 2017, and we are seeking items for bucket raffles. If you would like to donate any crafts, woodworking projects, concert tickets, sporting event tickets, homemade jams, jellies, pickles, gift certificates of any denominations to restaurants, etc., please contact Katie Schuh at schuhfam@new.rr.com or (920) 739-0032. Items are needed no later than Friday, February 4, 2017.

### First Reconciliation

**Tuesday, November 29 • 6 PM • St. Joseph Church**  
**Thursday, December 1 • 6 PM • St. Mary Church**  
Please attend whichever evening works best for your family – you aren't required to attend at your home parish. The children's reconciliation books can be returned these evenings.



**Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet ONLY on the 6<sup>th</sup> in December.** There will be NO December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting because of the Christmas Holidays. We will resume on Tuesday January 3, 1-3 PM at St. Joseph LL9. Thank you for volunteering your time and skills.

### Needs Tree Cards Still Available

If you forgot to take a card last weekend, there's still time! Take a card and fill a need for someone who may not be remembered at Christmas. Please return gifts by Sunday, December 4. Thank you for your help.

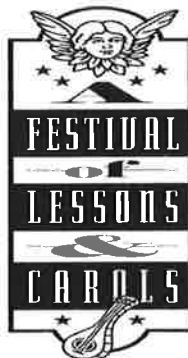


### How to Pray So That It Works!

The next sessions of this series will be Dec. 4, 11, and 18. Meet from 9:15-10:30 AM in Room 1 of St. Mary's lower level. Call Sister Joanne with questions (739-5119).

### A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Saturday, December 3, 2016, 1 PM and 4 PM**  
**Lawrence Memorial Chapel**  
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The magnificence of Christmas will be once again discovered in one of the Fox Valley's most beloved events. Share the Yuletide season with the Appleton Boychoir as they tell a magical story that begins "Once in Royal David's City" and ends with the glorious "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Purchase tickets at [www.appletonboychoir.com](http://www.appletonboychoir.com) or by calling the Boychoir Office at (920) 955-2224. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### 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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