

ST. MARY

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*St. Mary Parish of Appleton
is a Catholic faith community that makes Eucharist the
primary celebration of our unity in Christ.
We are committed to nourishing spiritual needs and
responding with our gifts to Jesus' call to stewardship
both locally and in our world.*

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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:

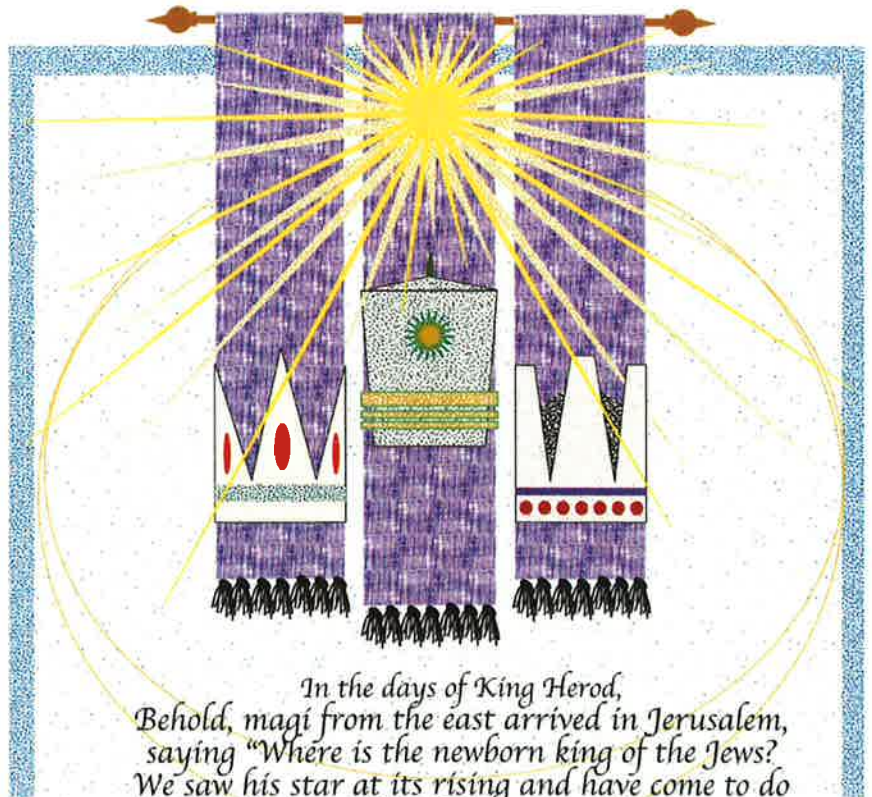
Daily: Tues. & Fri. 8:30 AM

Wed. Thurs. 12:05 PM

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sundays: 8, 9:30, 11 AM

Holydays: see bulletin



*In the days of King Herod,
Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,
saying "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do
him homage."*

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*They opened
their treasures and
offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense
and myrrh*

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord


January 3, 2016

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Shed Your light upon our hearts, Lord!



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. Jan. 4	12:05 PM	Mass/St. Joseph	
Tues. Jan. 5	8:30 AM	Jerry Morrissey	
Wed. Jan. 6	12:05 PM	DeWain Locy	
Thurs., Jan. 7	12:05 PM	Stephen Foltz	
Fri., Jan. 8	8:30 AM	Mary Jury	
Sat., Jan. 9	1:00 PM	Wedding Amber Bougie & Tyler Zak	
	4:30 PM	Sophie Dawidowich	
Sun., Jan. 10	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary	
	9:30 AM	Alice & Vernon McGinnis	
	11:00 AM	Pat Gosling	



Mass Intentions Needed! We are in need of Mass Intentions for weekdays. If you would like a Mass said for a family, a family member, loved one, friend, or other intention, please call the parish office (739-5119). Thank you and God bless. Remember: only 2 Masses per family can be scheduled on weekends.

BAPTISMS

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome to our Faith Community: †Brady James ,child of Ross & Cindy Street



IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families and friends of John Glugla (father of Deborah Abbott & Sharon Springhetti), Nancy Eckberg (Alice Steffens' sister), and who have died. May fond memories comfort you during this difficult time.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Jan. 3 (Sun) Feast of the Epiphany
Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 9:30 AM Masses
9:30 AM Babysitting available
NO Children's Church
Raffle Tickets & Fundraiser Tickets



Jan. 4 (Mon)
6:30 PM THEO/Community Rm
6:30 PM Matthew 25/Lg Conference Rm

Jan. 5 (Tues)
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Mtg/SJ 209
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg/Community Rm

Jan. 6 (Wed)
12:35 PM Adoration/Church
4:30 & 6:30 PM Rel Ed Family Night
NO Adult Choir/St. Anne

Jan. 7 (Thurs)
6:30 PM Adult Ed Mtg/SJ 214
7:00 PM Women's CRHP Mtg/L7

Jan. 8 (Fri)
8:30 AM Mass
Jan. 9 (Sat)
4:30 PM Mass



Jan. 10 (Sun) Baptism of Our Lord
Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 9:30 AM Masses
9:30 AM Babysitting available
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy
Raffle Tickets & Fundraiser Tickets

In Joy and Sorrow

PONDERING TOGETHER THE TREASURES OF OUR FAITH

For the New Year, some thoughts from Ellen Goodman, of the Washington Post Writers Group, and a prayer of blessing from Father Ed Hayes:

Most of us look away when we pass strangers. It is the exceptional person who stops to help the woman maneuvering her kids and groceries up the staircase. We rarely give up our place in line or on the subway or bus. Locked into our automobiles, we prefer gridlock to giving way. These daily encounters, when they are angry or alien, diminish our lives. When they are pleasant, we feel buoyed. Yet when we sit at home and make resolutions, we think about what we can accomplish in private spaces at home and work. Too many have given up the belief that they control the shared, public world. As individuals, we can change the contour of the day, the mood of a moment, the way people feel. The demolition and reconstruction of public life is the result of personal decisions made every day: the decision to give up a seat on the bus; the decision to be patient or pleasant against all odds; the decision to let that jerk take a left-hand turn from a right-hand lane - without rolling down the window and calling him a jerk. It's the resolution to be a civil, social creature. This may be a peak period for the battle against the spread of a waistline and creeping cholesterol. But it is also within our willpower to fight the spread of urban rudeness and creeping hostility. Civility doesn't stop nuclear holocaust and doesn't put a roof over the head of the homeless. But it makes a difference in the shape of a community, as surely as lifting weights can make a difference in the shape of the human torso.

Lord, You who live outside of time, and reside in the imperishable moment, we ask Your Blessing upon Your Gift to us of Time. Bless our clocks and watches, You who kindly direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours. May they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience. May these, our ticking servants, help us not to miss that which is important, while You keep us from machine-like routine. May we ever be free from being clock watchers and instead become time lovers. Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks and months, of holidays and holydays, fasts and feasts - all our special days of remembering. May these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for magi and pyramid priests, now grace our homes and our lives. May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days, as they teach us the secret that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation. Bless, Lord, this New Year, each of its 366 days and nights. Bless us with happy seasons and a long life. Grant to us, Lord, the New Year's gift of a year of love. Amen.

In this New Year, may the Lord bless you with the grace to live only in the present moment, day by day, with peace and trust in whatever comes your way. May you not be weighed down by the past or anxious about the future. It is always best to just live in the present moment in the presence always of our dear Lord Jesus, who is always at our side!

Happy New Year! Happy Leap Year, too!



Fr. Bill+

Prayer Requests: Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. **Please include** the prayer requests in our prayer basket and all other needs we've been asked to pray for.



CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFICE: Dec. 21-24 \$3,330.35 CHILDREN'S: \$9.00
 CHRISTMAS: DEC. 25 \$28,696.04 WEEKEND: Dec. 26-27 \$16,357.35



**Save the Dates: Apr. 17, 18, 19
 Acts of Mercy, A City-Wide Mission**

We invite you to join with Catholics from throughout Appleton for "a spellbinding encounter with the life of Jesus." Frank Runyeon, professional actor and performer of Biblical texts, will be with us to bring the Gospels and the Letter of James to life. Perfect for all generations.

Sunday, Apr. 17, 3 PM – Luke: Stories of Mercy;
 Monday, Apr. 18, 6:30 PM – John: Signs of Mercy;
 Tuesday, Apr. 19 – 6:30 PM - James: Works of Mercy.

Sponsored by all eight Appleton Catholic parishes. The Mission will be held at St. Thomas More Parish, 1810 N. McDonald St., Appleton.

Christ Renews His Parish Renewal Weekends

As we begin a New Year,

We invite you to join us to be renewed in your faith.

Christ Renews His Parish has touched the hearts of more than 277 parishioners since we began. Two teams of parishioners (men and women) have been preparing to welcome you. Our weekend dates are:

Men's Weekend – Feb. 27-28, St. Joseph Parish Center
Women's Weekend – Mar. 5-6, St. Mary Parish Center

Our time together begins Saturday morning and ends at about noon on Sunday. **Plan to spend this weekend being inspired, renewing your faith and drawing closer to Jesus.** We are proud to say that there is no cost to you to participate because of the generosity of our parishioners. Questions? Contact Carol at 739-5119.

Christ Renews His Parish Christmas Potluck

January 10; St. Joseph Parish Center Holly Hall, 11 AM

Please bring a dish to pass. We'll provide plates, silverware, and beverages. Pre-register before 4 PM on Jan. 7 so we know how many to plan for (cjensen@stmaryparish.org OR 739-3700 x22). Family members and guests are always welcome. Food can be dropped off Jan. 10 beginning at 9 AM. And don't miss our sing-a-long!



**Share the Love and Comfort of Christ
 Wrapped up in a Prayer Shawl**

If you will be visiting friends or family members who are dealing with illness, grief, death, loneliness, or someone who just needs a bit of comfort, we invite you to contact us so that you can pick out a prayer shawl as a gift for them. We have shawls for both men and women and would be happy to share them with you. Please contact Carol (cjensen@stmaryparish.org OR 739-3700 x22).

Prayers for Families: We invite you to check out our prayer display for families (St. Mary's Marian Way or St. Joseph's Great Hall on the Adult Ed bulletin board). Examples of prayers include: celebrating the New Year, birthdays, babies, children, pets, students beginning high school, new drivers, plus others are among those you can pick out from the display.

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCES:

Sat., Jan. 23, 10 AM–Noon:

St. Joseph Holly Hall



*The Music of Our Lives: Fun and Faith Reflections
 for Baby Boomers*

Using the music of our teenage years, we'll reflect on the past and the present as well as our relationship with God. Please pre-register (739-3700 x22 OR cjensen@stmaryparish.org) before Jan. 22. Free will offering.

Thurs., Jan. 28, 7 PM

St. Mary Community Room

Focus on Depression



Presenters: Dr. Jim & Laurie Richter

1) Depression, Anxiety, Grief – What are the Differences?

Explore what your doctor needs to ask, different medical models of depression and anxiety conditions, as well as approaches to and goals of treatment. Dr. James Richter is a family physician with 30 years of experience recognizing and treating these conditions. He will provide an informal presentation and answer questions related to this topic.

2) Finding God in Depression

Dealing with clinical depression can be a time of isolation, loneliness, and a deep feeling of being disconnected from God. Laurie Richter, Spiritual Director, explores ways of finding God in the darkness of depression.

Pre-register before Jan. 26. (cjensen@stmaryparish.org OR 739-5119). Free will offering.



Getting Married? Any time is a good time to get engaged, right? It seems Christmas is often a special time when couples announce their engagement. With that in mind, we encourage couples who plan on getting married at St. Mary to contact the parish sooner rather than later in their planning. Six months before the wedding date is the minimum amount of time to contact the parish (920-739-5119). It's a wise idea to contact the parish even before setting a date with the reception hall.

Project Andrew Dinner: The Green Bay Diocesan Vocation Office is hosting an "Andrew Dinner." Join Bishop Ricken and Fr. Daniel Schuster at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, Jan. 12, at St. Matthew Parish, 130 Saint Matthew St., Green Bay. These dinners are for all high school or older men who show even an entry-level interest in a vocation to the priesthood. The evening begins with Mass followed by dinner and discussion. This is a good way to meet other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. It is a time to pray about your vocation and learn more about hearing the voice of Jesus Christ in prayer. This is not a "recruiting" event. Do not be afraid to check it out and meet other young disciples who are brave enough to attend. RSVP at vocations@gbdioc.org.

Reporting Sexual Abuse: If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is now under the age of 18 by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, please immediately call the civil authorities and then the Diocese. If the person was abused as a minor, but is now an adult, please contact: Jayne Stefanic, Diocesan Assistant Coordinator, Catholic Diocese of Green Bay, P.O. Box 23825, Green Bay, WI 54305-3825. Telephone: 1-877-270-8174 or 920-272-8174. We always encourage you to report the incident to local civil authorities.