

# 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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## CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OFFICE

735-9380

## 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

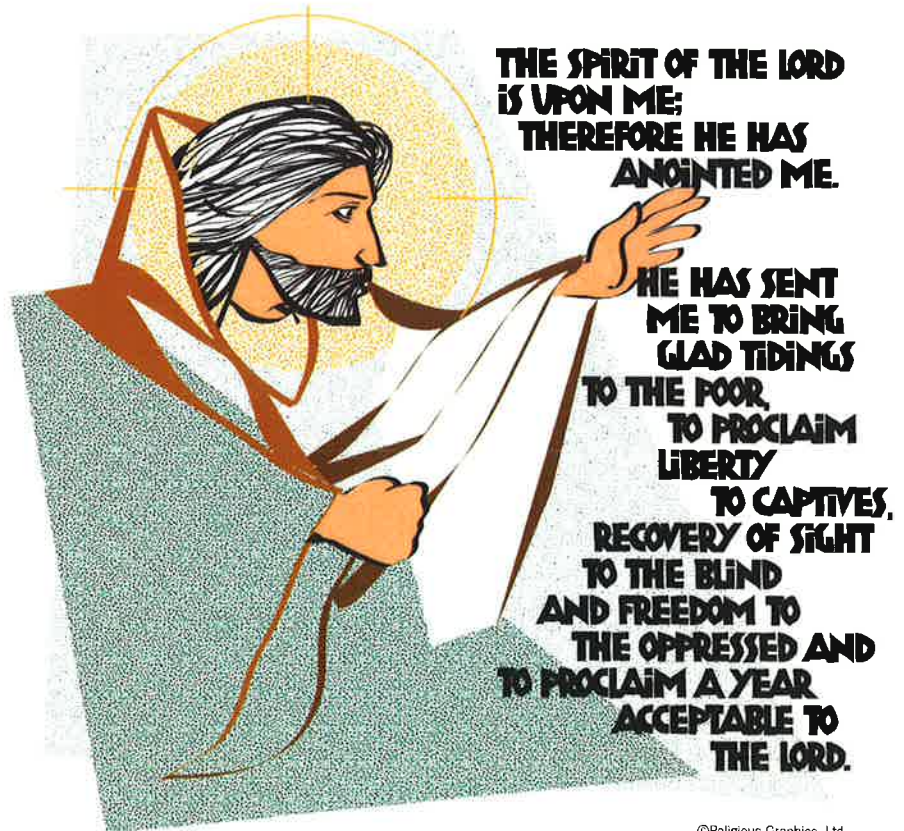
## MASSES:

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



**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD  
IS UPON ME;  
THEREFORE HE HAS  
ANointed ME.**

**HE HAS SENT  
ME TO BRING  
GLAD TIDINGS  
TO THE POOR,  
TO PROCLAIM  
LIBERTY  
TO CAPTIVES,  
RECOVERY OF SIGHT  
TO THE BLIND  
AND FREEDOM TO  
THE OPPRESSED AND  
TO PROCLAIM A YEAR  
ACCEPTABLE TO  
THE LORD.**

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*If one member suffers,  
all the members suffer with it;  
if one member is honored,  
all the members share its joy.*

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**Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**January 24, 2016**

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Sing to the Lord, all the earth!



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon. Jan. 25	12:05 PM	Mass/St. Joseph
Tues. Jan. 26	8:30 AM	Marjorie Albrecht
Wed. Jan. 27	12:05 PM	Leonard & Lorraine Mangan
Thurs., Jan. 28	12:05 PM	Pat Goslin
Fri., Jan. 29	8:30 AM	Roger Niles
Sat., Jan. 30	4:30 PM	Henry & Germaine Doerfler
Sun., Jan. 31	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:30 AM	Marie Smits
	11:00 AM	Wilfred Powers

**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:  
†Beckett David, child of Adam & Ashley DeBruin

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families and friends of those who have lost a loved one. May fond memories comfort you during this difficult time.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Jan. 24 (Sun) 1st Eucharist Enrollment Weekend**

Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 9:30 AM Masses  
9:30 AM Babysitting available  
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy  
Raffle Tickets & Fundraiser Tickets

**Jan. 25 (Mon)**

6:30 PM Handbells/Church

**Jan. 26 (Tues)**

9:00 AM Playdate/Babysitting Rm  
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

**Jan. 27 (Wed)**

4:30 & 6:30 PM Religious Education Classes  
6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne

**Jan. 28 (Thurs)**

6:30 PM Emmanuel Choir/L5  
7:00 PM Focus on Depression/Community Rm (see article)

**Jan. 29 (Fri)**

8:30 AM Mass

**Jan. 30 (Sat)**

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

**Jan. 31 (Sun)**

**Blessing of the Throats after all Masses**  
**Catholic Education Week begins**  
Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 9:30 AM Masses  
9:30 AM Babysitting available  
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy  
2:00 PM Legacy Scholarship & Ice Cream Social/Gym  
Raffle Tickets & Fundraiser Tickets

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>OFFICE:</b> Jan. 11-15	\$4,046.00
<b>CHILDREN'S:</b>	\$9,007.05
<b>WEEKEND:</b> Jan. 16-17	\$ 17.25

In Joy and Sorrow PONDERING TOGETHER THE TREASURES OF OUR FAITH



This past Friday, January 22nd, marked the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision, *Roe vs. Wade*, which made abortion legal on demand across our land. To date, nearly 56 million precious little ones have been denied the right to life. We continue to cry out on their behalf. Every human being, born and unborn, is created in the image and

likeness of our Creator God; every human being is sacred and has great dignity. To date, we probably have the most pro-life Congress ever. To date, there has been a slight decline in the number of abortions each year. To date, more and more Americans, including women and young people, stand tall on the right-to-life of the unborn. Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, chairman of the US Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, writes:

*We live in an increasingly divided nation, where people of different views as well as different races, religions, and national origins often seem to lack the patience and good will to respect each other and try to live in harmony. Abortion itself, despite the endorsement of our highest legal tribunal and many political and cultural elite, is as controversial as ever. Most Americans oppose a policy allowing legal abortion for virtually any reason - though many still do not realize that this is what the Supreme Court gave us. Most want to protect unborn children at later stages of pregnancy, to regulate or limit the practice of abortion, and to stop the use of taxpayer dollars for the destruction of unborn children... The great majority of Americans do not see the unborn child as an illness or a tumor. They are repelled when they see the callousness of the abortion industry... They do not want to be pushed into actively promoting or paying for abortion. They do not want doctors and nurses who are sensitive to the value of life at its most vulnerable to be driven from the healing professions. They are open to hearing a message of reverence for life. In taking up this challenge, we who present the pro-life message must always strive to be better messengers. A cause that teaches the inexpressibly great value of each and every human being cannot show disdain or disrespect for any fellow human being. We should celebrate human freedom, always reminding others that this freedom is ours so we can freely choose the good - and that to enjoy this freedom, each of us must first be allowed to live. And especially in this Year of Mercy, we recall with Pope Francis that each human life is created by a God whose love is infinite - and that this same love is a source of unbounded mercy and forgiveness for all who have fallen short of God's plans for us. For its part, through the healing ministry of Project Rachel, the Catholic Church seeks to offer this gift of God's mercy and reconciliation to all who have been involved in abortion... Let us never be distracted by the false charge that this life-affirming cause is merely a political or partisan issue. It is an essential moral vision that lifts up every human person. With Pope Francis let us remember that "this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right... It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating human life." (The Gospel of Joy, nos. 213-4) Genuine progress must be progress for all, beginning with those most vulnerable who cannot speak for themselves. May God bless our efforts to uphold human life!*

Let us continue to pray for all those who find themselves un-expectedly pregnant. Let us do all in our power to be supportive in these difficult situations - always doing all we can to help to bring a new child into the world. Let us address as a nation the growing gap between the rich and the poor. Let us pray for the healing of guilt for those who have experienced the loss of precious human life through abortion. I am always available if anyone wants to talk to me about these heartbreaking issues.

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

**Prayer Requests:** Contact Luanne Witthuhn ([dlaawi@yahoo.com](mailto:dlaawi@yahoo.com)) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534) 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.

**Important Pictorial Directory Information:**

If you used the LifeTouch Visitor Pass and had your photo taken at a parish other than here at St. Mary's, please contact Donna Van Grinsven (735-9198) immediately! This is to ensure your photo is included our St. Mary Parish Pictorial Album which will be published in the near future. Thank you!

**Bring in Old Palms:**

We've just celebrated Christmas and are already looking toward Lent and Easter (March 27). Ash Wednesday is February 10, just 5 weeks from now! Each year on Palm Sunday fresh, green palm fronds are used, and you were invited to take them home. Many of you placed them behind a crucifix or in some other favorite place in your home. They have since dried and are ready for proper disposal. Since they are blessed, we encourage you to **return them to bins in back of church on or before Sunday, Feb 7**, so they may be burned into the ashes that will be used on Ash Wednesday.



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION EXPERIENCES:**

**Focus on Depression - Thurs., Jan. 28, 7 PM**

St. Mary Community Room

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](mailto:cjensen@stmaryparish.org) OR 739-5119). Free will offering.

**Retreat and Program Brochures** for both the **Jesuit Retreat House** in Oshkosh and the **Norbertine Spirituality Center** in DePere are available at both parishes: St. Mary's on the library shelves in a clear plastic stand  
St. Joseph on the Adult Ed bulletin board.

**Bible Study Scheduled to Resume with Lesson 5**

The Book of Exodus beginning:

Monday evenings, Feb. 15, 6:30 PM, St. Mary Parish, Room L07, and/or  
Friday mornings, Feb. 12, 10 AM, St. Joseph Parish, Room 214.

**In the Near Future:**

**Feb. 16 - Hospice Nurses and Heaven**

**Feb. 23 - The Things That Last Forever: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory**

*Both programs are 6:30 PM at St. Mary Parish Center.*

**Christ Renews His Parish Renewal Weekends**

**Men's Weekend**

**Feb. 27-28, St. Joseph Parish Center**

**Women's Weekend**

**Mar. 5-6, St. Mary Parish Center**

Brochures can be found at the back of church.

**ST. MARY PARISH FUNDRAISER**

**February 6**

**Waverly Beach**

**Doors open at 6 PM - Dinner at 7 PM**

**Join us for a fun night!**

**Wear your Sports attire**

**(Any Sport! Any team!)**



ONLY ONE MORE WEEK to purchase your event tickets for our annual fundraiser! Tickets are available at the Scrip table in the Marian Way after all Masses OR in the parish office during regular office hours now through next Sunday, Jan. 31. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.stmaryparish.org](http://www.stmaryparish.org). Cost: \$30 per person which includes dinner and entertainment by Comedy Sportz Entertainment. There will also be games of Heads/Tails, Wild Card Game, and much more. *NOTE: Raffle tickets are also available after Masses, in the parish office, and at the event.*



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

We wish to thank all who helped with the Lifetouch Photography project for our St. Mary Parish pictorial family album. Special thanks to Father Bill for his support and extra efforts to have as many parishioners as possible represented in the directory. Many thanks to the parish staff, whose assistance, availability, and support was invaluable. A special thank you to Rachel Yogerst, who so generously gave of her time and expertise to create the layout of the activity pages in the album. To all the hosts/hostesses and schedulers who so graciously gave of their time to greet and assist families as they came for their photo appointments, thank you.

This project was truly an example of team effort and cooperation, and hopefully, when we receive the completed album, will be a lasting tribute to all the wonderful, faith-filled members of our St. Mary Parish.

Sincere thanks to all from the coordinating committee:

Donna Van Grinsven

Marge Schnese

Vicki Hoffman



**WHAT: Catholic Central Ice Cream Social**

**WHEN: 2 PM Sunday, January 31**

**WHERE: Catholic Central Gym**

You are invited to an ice cream social next Sunday, Jan. 31, to celebrate the success of the Legacy Scholarship Fund! We have exceeded our fundraising goal because our community believes in Catholic Education. We think that calls for a party! All are welcome!!