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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
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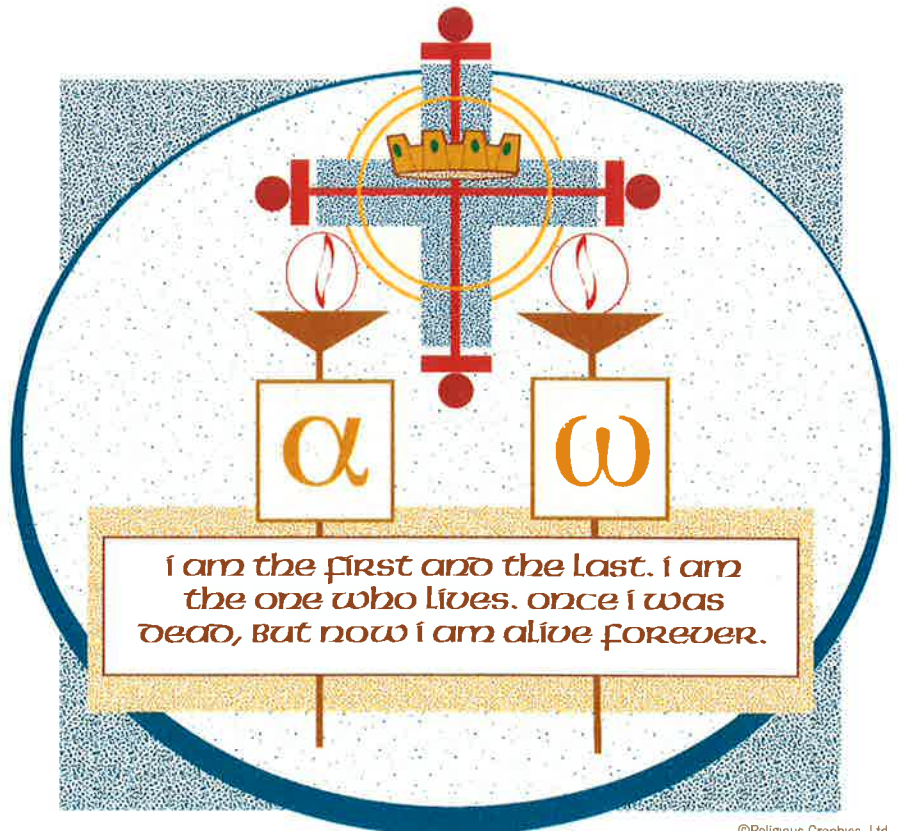
BAPTISM: Please contact Sr. Joanne at the
parish office

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



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the alpha and omega

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**Second Sunday
of Easter
Divine Mercy**

April 3, 2016

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Jesus, I trust in You!



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Apr. 4	12:05 PM Mass/St. Joseph
Tues., Apr. 5	8:30 AM Joseph F. Bertram
Wed., Apr. 6	12:05 PM John Tarr
Thurs., Apr. 7	12:05 PM Marjorie Albrecht
Fri., Apr. 8	8:30 AM George Mickelson
Sat., Apr. 9	4:30 PM Harold & Jean Clark
Sun., Apr. 10	8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:30 AM Bill Garvey
	11:00 AM Shirley Winkowski

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

Apr. 3 (Sun)

Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Joseph Food Pantry Collection of Boxed Meals
Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 9:30 AM Masses
9:30 AM Babysitting Available
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
7:30 PM Confirmation Class/SJ

Apr. 4 (Mon)

6:30 PM Handbells/Church
6:30 PM Adult Confirmation Class/SJ 214
6:30 PM THEO/Community Rm
6:30 PM Matthew 25 Mtg/Lg Conference Rm

Apr. 5 (Tues)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Mtg/SJ 209
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:00 PM Quilting Group/L6
6:30 PM Pastoral Council/Community Rm

Apr. 6 (Wed)

12:35 PM Adoration/Church
4:30 & 6:30 PM Religious Ed Classes
6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne

Apr. 7 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass/St. Mary
6:30 PM Emmanuel Choir/L5
6:30 PM Adult Ed Mtg/SJ 214

Apr. 8 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

Apr. 9 (Sat)

9:00 AM Confessions/Church
9 AM-Noon 1st Eucharist Retreat/St. Mary
1-4 PM 1st Eucharist Retreat/St. Mary

Apr. 10 (Sun)

Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 9:30 AM Masses
9:30 AM Baptism Celebration Mass
9:30 AM Babysitting Available
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
7:30 PM Confirmation Class/SJ

CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFICE: Mar. 21-25 \$2,778.35 **CHILDREN'S:** \$24.80
WEEKEND: Mar. 26-27 \$12,462.12
LENTEN ALMS FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTER : \$7,752.01

In Joy and Sorrow PONDERING TOGETHER THE TREASURES OF OUR FAITH

In the spirit of letting my creative juices recharge after the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, I am grateful to Valerie Shultz for the following meditation. She often writes for the Jesuit publication, America Magazine. As an aside, I would recommend the America Magazine website if you are looking for some good spiritual and faith formation reading. Here's Valerie's "Jesus Rises on Easter, and We Rise, Too."

A lesson of the Easter season, what we glean from retelling and reliving the story of the passion and crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, is that just as Jesus teaches us how to suffer and die, he also teaches us how to rise.

And I'm talking about rising before we die. Before our final rising to the next life, we rise in many smaller ways as we travel our unique road of life. The holy season of Easter reminds us each year of God's promise to raise us up. Our yearly celebration of Easter renews us and re-ignites our faith and restores our hope. But maybe it is in our daily risings that we best understand God's constant presence and grace.

We use the expression "to rise to the occasion" when someone behaves commendably and nobly, when we see the best that humanity can be. And these daily risings that I'm talking about often seem neither saintly nor glorious, but they connect us all the same to the sacred.

When parents bite back harsh words and instead show only a calm face of love, is that not a kind of resurrection? When we go to Subway and buy a sandwich for some suspicious character hanging around outside, and offer it without cringing, we rise. When we swallow our fear and speak up on behalf of someone who is being treated unjustly, we rise. Anytime we put our creature comfort second to a fellow person's, we rise. Those corporal works of mercy, the things we do for the least among us, the ones enumerated in Matthew 25, the feeding, the sheltering, the clothing, the visiting, are all small lessons in resurrection. When we breathe a simple thank-you to God for a beautiful warm day or the last piece of pie or a child's trust or a co-worker's help or a spouse's kiss or any of the thousand blessings we experience in a normal day, we rise. And with each tiny resurrection, we are transformed. How could we not be?

If we say we follow Jesus, then we must absorb all that he teaches us in his brief human incarnation, in the suffering and the celebrating, in the dying and rising. Easter shows us that all the opposites go hand-in-hand, that they balance each other and help to define each other. We are glum Christians if we are only about the suffering; we will not inspire anyone with a sad or accusatory testimony. We are shallow, sappy Christians if we are only about the rising; if we only acclaim what my friend calls "pretty Jesus," a testimony with no depth.

In our lives and in our faith, we fall, but we rise. We doubt, and yet we rise. We even despair, we feel abandoned, but then Jesus, usually looking like someone else, grasps our hands, pulls us up, dusts us off, and we rise.

As the poet, Maya Angelou writes:

Just like moon and stars,
With certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise...
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear,
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear,
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise,
I rise,
I rise.



**ARISE!
AWAKE!**

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, relationships, employment, and all other needs we've been asked to pray for.

2016 BISHOP'S APPEAL – "FACES OF GOD'S MERCY"

We've never missed our goal & are so close... Let's do it this week! Thank you to all who have already given. As of this past Tuesday, we have received **\$63,429** or approximately **87%** of our goal. Please send in your pledge/contribution this week. If each of us gives generously from our gifts, we will reach our assessment. **Please mail your completed pledge card directly to the Office of the Bishop** or return it in the collection. Pledge cards are available at the back of church.

Lenten Alms

Homeless Connections is grateful and delighted to receive the gift of \$8,252.01 from our parish to carry on its mission to the homeless of the Fox Cities. Our donation will also help reach the required goal to have an anonymous donor match up to \$50,000. We were proud to send the check and most grateful for each contribution you made.

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT OUT! Thursday, April 14, 6:30-7:30 PM, Copper Rock Coffee, 210 W. College Ave.

Young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to join us for a cup of coffee or juice and dessert (our treat). We'll share some prayer, a little scripture, and talk about what's happening in your life. Please let us know you can join us (739-3700 ext 22 or cjensen@stmaryparish.org).

Acts of Mercy, A City-Wide Mission, April 17, 18, 19

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!

Sun. April 17 – 6:30 PM – *Luke: Stories of Mercy*

Mon., April 18 – 6:30 PM – *John: Signs of Mercy*

Tues., April 19 – 6:30 PM – *James: Works of Mercy*

Sponsored by all eight Appleton Catholic parishes and held at St. Thomas More Parish, 1810 N. McDonald St., Appleton.

Scripture: Head and Heart: Would you like to learn more about Scripture... from the basics of how to find books and quotes in the Bible to how to make it more a part of your daily prayer? We invite you to bring YOUR questions to a basic information session about scripture and the Bible **Thursday, Apr. 28, 6:30-8 PM, St. Mary Parish Center, Rooms LL 1 & 3.** Please pre-register (739-3700 ext 22 or e-mail: cjensen@stmaryparish.org). Free will offering to help defray the cost of materials.

Parish Administrative Assistant

Due to a retirement, St. Mary Parish, Appleton is looking for a full-time parish administrative assistant for a vibrant parish serving over 1,100 families. We seek an individual who loves the Lord, has passion for the Catholic faith, and demonstrates a positive spirit in all they do. This position requires use of Microsoft Office and other church related computer systems, strong verbal and written communication skills, and ability to maintain confidentiality. Candidate must have excellent organizational skills as well as a willingness to make decisions collaboratively. Duties include: being support for all staff members, working with many volunteers of the parish, and managing all the details for our members in support of their Catholic faith. We would consider multiple part-time employees (job share) for the right candidates. Please submit resume by April 22, 2016, to: *St. Mary Parish, Attn: Brian Dresang, 312 S State Street, Appleton WI 54911.*



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
Time & Talent Weekend April 16-17**

"We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance." Eph. 2:10

Many of you are already involved in the life of St. Mary Parish. All of us need to utilize our gifts of time and talent in service to our Lord. **How do we do that?** Through the many volunteer opportunities St. Mary offers. You are the "parish ministers." Please take the time between now and then to prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts of time and talent. The Ministries of our Parish are successful because of the involvement and commitment of YOU! This is accomplished with all of us giving a grateful return to the Lord though the gifts He has given us.

EXAMPLES OF STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

PASTORAL COUNCIL SERVICE:

On April 16-17, our Time & Talent weekend, you will have an opportunity to nominate someone for Pastoral Council. Terms will expire for 3 adults. Please give some prayerful thought to whom you might nominate, OR consider if **you** might be a candidate. An orientation session will be scheduled for those nominated. On May 15 new council members will be selected by a random drawing to serve on the Council.



The **BELLS OF ST. MARY HANDBELL CHOIR** is always looking for people interested in ministering through music. The choir rehearses at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings, September through May, in the choir loft at St. Mary Parish. Performances vary throughout the year averaging one weekend per month with Christmas Eve and Easter seasonal highlights. We also occasionally do additional Community Outreach in the form of concerts at local Nursing and Assisted Living Homes. Previous exposure to bells is not a requirement, but the ability to read music and experience with other instruments or ensembles is an asset. Regular membership in the choir requires a steady commitment to practice and performance schedules. Swing/substitute positions are also open for those interested in participating but unable to fully commit to all obligations. If you're interested in learning more about the Handbells or joining the choir, please contact Martha



Paalman (mpaalman@stmaryparish.org or 920-420-6481), visit our facebook page (www.facebook.com/bellofstmary), or stop by the choir's table during Time and Talent Weekend.

St. Mary & St. Joseph InterParish Mass & Picnic

Additional volunteers are needed to help **Coordinate the plate lunch OR park set-up** for the St. Mary/St. Joseph Mass & Picnic, Saturday, July 9. Would you prayerfully reflect on helping our parish in one of the above leadership roles to make this social event a success? Ask a friend to consider helping with one of these planning roles. We have an outline to follow and a lot of support from the planning team. Questions or if you would like more information, please contact Theresa Rohm at the parish office (739-5119).



PARISH RECEPTIONISTS & SUBS: Welcoming individuals to help in the parish office one-half day every other week or weekly. Times: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM & 12:30-4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or 8 AM-Noon Friday. Duties include: greeting people, answering phones, and doing light office tasks. Substitute receptionists are also needed. Consider being a part of this remarkable ministry.