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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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Privacy is assured

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Congratulations on your engagement.
Please contact Deacon Gerry at the parish
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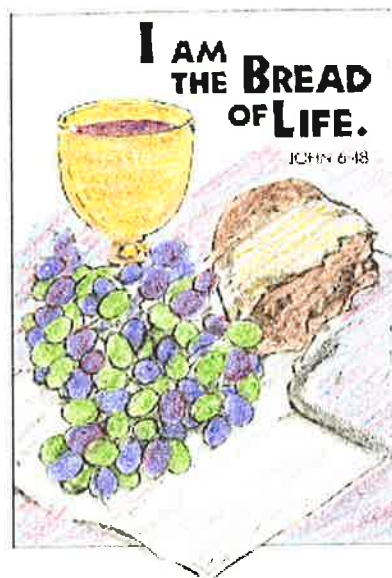
MASSES:

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



FIRST EUCCHARIST

April 23-24, 2016

First Communicants

Keira Andrews
Jon Baer-Bos
Ryan Campana
Henry Davis
Haileigh Dunnihoo

Mariah Frase
Bernice Geurts
Evan Grade
Dylan Herbst
Cecilia Higgins
Reid Hinkens
Braylon Ise
Cameron Jones
Braeden Karls
Michael Koga
Vanessa Korth
Brynn Krull
Joy Krull
Lydia Kruse
Nathan LaMarche
Meghan LaMarche
Caden Lederhaus
Xavier Maloney
Katherine Midtvedt
Anna Olesen
Addison Prien
Wyatt Rouamba
Michael Schopf
Jasmine Tang
Mikayla Tang
Isabella VanBrocklin
Marie Walker
Katherine Zwicker





WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Apr. 25	12:05 PM	Mass/St. Joseph
Tues., Apr. 26	8:30 AM	Vic & Marian Barlow
Wed., Apr. 27	12:05 PM	Florence Polley
Thurs., Apr. 28	12:05 PM	Special Intention
Fri., Apr. 29	8:30 AM	The Lutz Family
Sat., Apr. 30	4:30 PM	Georgiann & Emmett Hoks
Sun., May 1	8:00 AM	Lois Olson
	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary & Our Twinning Parishes
	11:00 AM	Viola Chuchel

BAPTISMS

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome to our Faith Community:

- †Alexander Hiroyuki, child of Anthony & Lisa Lindberg
- †Hudson Lee, child of Aaron & Sarah Nicolais

IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families and friends of Wally Vetter, Tom Scheiber, Jim Bushman, David Wagner, Rita Hein (mother of Edith Hein and sister-in-law to Merlin & Anna Hein) and Grace Bohman (mother of Paula LeMere). May fond memories comfort you during this difficult time.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Apr. 24 (Sun) 1st Eucharist Weekend

- Coffee & Donuts after the 8 & 9:30 AM Masses
- 9:30 AM Babysitting Available
- 1:30 PM Handbell Open House/Choir Loft

Apr. 25 (Mon)

- 5:00 PM Handbell Open House/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM Handbells/Church
- 6:30 PM Adult Confirmation Class/SJ 214

Apr. 26 (Tues)

- 9:00 AM Playdate/Babysitting Rm
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:30 PM CPR-AED Training for Ushers/Community Rm

Apr. 27 (Wed)

- 4:30 & 6:30 PM RE Closing Liturgies/SM Church & Community Rm

6:30 PM CRHP Mtg/L7

6:30 PM Adult Choir/St. Anne

Apr. 28 (Thurs)

- 10:00 AM Caregiver's Café: Making Time for You/ SJ Holly Hall

6:30 PM Emmanuel Choir/L5

Apr. 29 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

Apr. 30 (Sat)

9:00 AM Confessions/Church

May 1 (Sun)

- St. Joseph Food Pantry Collection of Canned/Packaged Food
- Mothers' Day Cards available after All Masses
- Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Weekend
- Xavier Food Fair
- Coffee & Donuts after the 8 & 9:30 AM Masses
- 9:30 AM Babysitting Available
- 9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 12:15 PM Vintage Age Brunch/Pullman's

In Joy and Sorrow PONDERING TOGETHER THE TREASURES OF OUR FAITH

In 2011, Amy Welborn, as editor, and Ann Kissane Engelhart, as illustrator, published a children's book entitled Friendship with Jesus: Pope Benedict XVI Speaks to Children on their First Holy Communion. As our Parish welcomes its precious children to the Lord's Table for the first time this weekend, I took this beautiful book off my shelf and prayed through it once again. The children meeting in Rome with Pope Benedict had some excellent questions for him. Kids are always known for asking challenging questions!



Andrea asked the Pope: "In preparing me for my First Holy Communion day, my teacher told me that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. But how? I can't see him!"

Pope Benedict responded: "No, we cannot see him, but there are many things that we do not see, but they exist and are essential... We don't see an electric current, for example, yet we see that it exists; we see this microphone, that it is working, and we see lights.

Therefore, even if we do not see the very deepest things, those that really sustain life and the world, we can still see and feel their effects... So it is with the Risen Lord; we do not see him with our eyes, but we see that wherever Jesus is, people change, they improve... Therefore, even if we do not see the Lord himself we still see the effects of the Lord: so we can understand that Jesus is present. And as I said, it is precisely the invisible things that are the most profound, the most important. So let us go to meet this invisible but powerful Lord who helps us to live so well."

Giulia asked: "Your Holiness, everyone tells us that it is important to go to Mass on Sunday... Could you say something to our parents to make them understand that this is important?"

Pope Benedict replied: "I would think so, of course, with great love and great respect for your parents, because they certainly have a lot to do. However, with a daughter's respect and love, you could say to them: 'Dear Mommy, dear Daddy, it is so important for us all, even for you, to meet Jesus. Meeting Jesus enriches us. It is an important part of our lives. Let's find a little time together; we can find a way.'"

Alessandro asked: "What good does it do in our everyday life to go to Holy Mass and receive Communion?"

Pope Benedict answered: "It centers life. We live amid so many things. And the people who do not go to church do not know that it is precisely Jesus they lack. But they feel something is missing in their lives. If God is absent from my life, if Jesus is absent from my life, then a guide, an essential friend is missing; a great joy is missing from my life as well, the strength to grow as a person, to overcome my vices and to mature as a human being."

Finally Anna asked: "Dear Holy Father, can you explain to us what Jesus meant when he said to the people who were following him: 'I am the bread of life?'"

Pope Benedict: "It means that Jesus himself is the nourishment we need for our soul, for our inner self, because the soul also needs food. We really need God's friendship, which helps us to make the right decisions. We need to mature as human beings. In other words, Jesus nourishes us so that we can truly become mature people and our lives become good."

We pray for all the children receiving Jesus for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We pray that each one of them will always treasure this moment when Jesus holds them close to his heart; when his heart speaks to their hearts. We pray that the Mass, the Sacraments of Word and Eucharist, may always be the heartbeat of their friendship with Jesus. We pray that this holy friendship may always be a source of love, joy and peace in their lives. We pray all of this for ourselves, too, who perhaps through the years, have taken for granted the precious gift of unselfish love which the Lord showers upon us through His precious gifts of His Word, His Body, and His Blood! Let all say, Amen!

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFICE: April 11-15 \$1,266.00 **CHILDREN'S:** \$27.00
WEEKEND: Apr. 16-17 \$12,041.31

6-WEEK CHALLENGE TO DOUBLE YOUR MONEY!

St. Mary Cemetery has received a very generous offer. A family fund within the Community Foundation of the Fox Cities is willing to match any gift to the cemetery up to a total of \$10,000. **The deadline for donations is May 15, 2016.** Please do not reduce your contribution to the parish to support this effort to help our cemetery. Cash and checks will be accepted at the parish office, can be placed in the weekend collection, or mailed to the office. Please make checks payable to: St. Mary Cemetery. If you have questions please contact Brian at 739-5119. These funds are designated to improve the appearance of the grounds at the cemetery and can be used for labor, supplies, and equipment to accomplish that. Thank You!

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 and handouts.



Follow-Up Weekend April 23-24

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

If you missed signing up at the Time & Talent Fair last weekend, be sure to stop in the Community Room after Mass to check out the many volunteer opportunities St. Mary Parish offers. 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.

Food Fair at Xavier: Sunday, May 1: We are in need of donations of gently used books, CDs, videos, games, and puzzles for our Used Book Sale. Donations can be dropped off at Xavier High School before Friday, April 29. Questions? Contact Kim Oskar (830-1822).

**Caregiver's Cafe - Making Time for You
 April 28, 10 AM - St. Joseph Holly Hall**

An expert from the Outagamie County Aging and Disability Resource Center will be with us to support those who are caregivers. Join us for new ideas and resources that will directly help you as you care for your loved ones. Table topics include: Being a strong caregiver--- Taking Care of Myself--- Building a Strong Support System. Refreshments will be served.

Vintage Age Brunch

Don't forget our first Vintage Age Brunch is next Sunday, May 1. This is open to all senior age men and women, married, single, or widowed. Meet between noon and 12:15 PM at Pullman's. No reservations needed.



Human Concerns St. Joseph Food Pantry Monthly Collection

is next weekend April 30-May 1 for: canned fruit, vegetables, or any packaged non-perishable fruit such as raisins or dried fruit.

Remember nothing perishable.



Our Dresser Program is Back!

The Human Concerns Committee is happy to announce that our "Dresser Program" is once again an outreach ministry of St. Mary Parish, but we need your help. We want to fill "dressers" with new or gently used baby things for families in need. These could be clothing, blankets, diapers, wipes, bottles, or any item you know a baby needs. We will have a baby tree in the Marian Way the next two weekends, April 23-24 and April 30-May 1. It will be decorated with cards listing specific needs. If you are able, please take a card or two, purchase the items, (or bring in your gently used items) and return them to church by Mothers' Day weekend, May 7-8. All donations will be given to Mothers and Unborn Baby Care on Wisconsin Avenue, Appleton. Your generosity will make a huge difference in the lives of many little ones. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Would you like to minister through music?

Consider joining the **BELLS OF ST. MARY.** Rehearsals: 6:30 PM Monday evenings September-May. The choir plays at various Masses throughout the year, averaging one weekend per month with Christmas Eve and Easter seasonal highlights. We also occasionally do Community Outreach concerts at local Nursing and Assisted Living Homes. Previous exposure to ringing bells is not a requirement, but the ability to read music and experience with other instruments or ensembles is an asset. 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.* Need more info? Questions? Contact Martha Paalman (mpaalman@stmaryparish.org or 920-420-6451). Check out our facebook page (www.facebook.com/bellsfstmary).

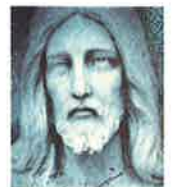


Save the Date: Mother and Child Supper, Thurs., May 5, 2016

A special dinner for mothers and their children of all age, followed by musical entertainment with a Hawaiian theme: Tropical Dreams! Dinner includes: Choice of Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Garden Salad, Rolls, Homemade Desserts, Milk, Water or Coffee. Cost: \$8.50 /per person. Checks payable to: St. Mary Parish. Please pre-register before noon Monday, May 2, 2016.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR THIRD CHRIST
 RENEWS HIS PARISH REUNION & REFLECTION
 Sunday, May 15, 2016 – 12:10-1:30 PM
 St. Mary Parish Community Room**

Make new friends! Greet old friends! This "mini retreat" features a witness talk, prayer, and discussion. Lunch will be served (free-will offering accepted). Invite an adult parishioner who has not attended a CRHP retreat OR feel free to come by yourself if you are curious about Christ Renews His Parish! All are welcome! RSVP by Monday, May 9, to: tmullaney1974@gmail.com.



Thank you to everyone who donated Easter Baskets to the Human Concerns Committee. The committee coordinates every year with the IPRF 7th and 8th grade students on their service project to put together Easter baskets which are delivered to group homes and places such as the Warming Shelter and Homeless Connection. The students and committee bring bags of individually wrapped Easter candy, pick out a basket, add candy, and a small stuffed animal. Each student also makes an Easter card to go with the basket and add a prayer card. It is their way to let others know they are remembered at Easter.

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