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We are a welcoming Catholic community of disciples centered in Jesus Christ moving outward to fulfill God's mission.



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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

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM


Holydays: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30m, Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

*A Catholic Community
 to Call Home*



THE CHILD GREW...
 AND  THE
FAVOR OF
GOD
 WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40

Sunday, December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



IPRF NEWS

Inter-Parish Religious Formation

IPRF Classes - Wednesday, January 3

4:30 & 6:30 PM, K-11

Classes @ St. Joseph, St. Mary & CELC

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Parents of 2nd graders at St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishes are asked to attend one of our First Communion PARENT ONLY meetings (children do not attend).

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6:30-7:30 PM

St. Joseph, Holly Hall

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:30-7:30 PM

St. Mary, Community Room

Parents from either parish may attend either meeting. First Communion preparation materials for home study with children will be distributed at this meeting.



Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a retreat designed to bring members of our parishes closer together with Christ. It is an avenue for spiritual growth and friendship. St. Mary and St. Joseph combine resources to run one shared retreat per year. Our **men's retreat weekend** is February 10 & 11, 2018. We are planning to provide more information during Masses the week of January 6 & 7. Please consider attending – we'd love to have you!

Coffee & Donuts



in the St. Anne Room during renovation!

Beginning January 7

Connect with us!



Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

Please join us for this video series by Bishop Robert Barron. We set the dates for the series using the model from the past which provided both a morning and evening opportunity for participants. The dates and place are as follows:

Session I: Pride and Humility

Jan. 8 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish

Jan. 12 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish

Session II: Envy and Admiration

Jan. 15 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish

Jan. 19 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish

Session III: Anger and Forgiveness

Jan. 22 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish

Jan. 26 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish

Session IV: Sloth and Zeal

Jan. 29 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish

Feb. 2 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish

Session V: Avarice and Generosity

Feb. 5 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish

Feb. 9 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish

Session VI: Gluttony and Asceticism

Feb. 12 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish

Feb. 16 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish

Session VII: Lust and Chastity

Feb. 19 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish

Feb. 23 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish

The cost for materials is \$15.00. If you would like to join a group please contact Mary Ann Otto at 739-5119 or motto@stmaryparish.org. Be sure to state which time and place works for you.



Volunteers Needed

St. Paul Hospice in Kaukauna is looking for volunteers to provide companionship and support to patients and their families. If you would like to 'share in the care' as a hospice volunteer, please call Pam at (920) 766-6180.

Holy Hour @ St. Mary Appleton

First Wednesday of every month

12:35—1:35 PM (immediately following 12:05 PM Mass)

Next opportunity: Wednesday, January 3



St. Joe's Food Program Collection
Next Weekend, January 6 & 7!

In January, we are collecting international food items. Bring in your family's favorite Italian, Chinese, Mexican, Korean, African, Thai, etc. food items! Nothing glass or perishable please. Place on carts in the Marian Way. Thank you for your generosity!



On behalf of the Fox Valley Warming Shelter, I want to personally thank your pastor and congregation members for your support in December. The staff, the board, and especially our clients are very grateful for everyone who helped in any way. A special thank you to Jan and Dick Watson for all their work in coordinating this effort. It is only through the generous gift of talent and time by such dedicated volunteers that our mission of sheltering those who are homeless is possible. For any of you who enjoyed your experience at the Shelter and would like to volunteer again, we would love to have you! Please call Connie at 419-0928 or email vcfvws@gmail.com. Thank you all!
 Connie Raether
 Volunteer Coordinator, Fox Valley Warming Shelter

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

St Mary Staff wish you a very Blessed New Year!

St. Mary Weekly Calendar

January 1 (Mon) Happy New Year!

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room

January 2 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 11:35 AM Children's Choir Practice/McDonald St. Campus
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Quilting Group/L1-3
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

January 3 (Wed)

- 11:45 AM Children's Choir Practice/Marquette St. Campus
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 12:35 PM Holy Hour
- 4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes
- 5:45 PM IPRF Children's & Youth Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

January 4 (Thurs)

- 11:25 AM Youth Choir Practice (1) / Xavier Middle School
- 11:45 AM Youth Choir Practice (2) / Xavier Middle School
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:30 PM Women's CRHP Committee Meeting/L7
- 6:30 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting/Large Conference Room

January 5 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass

January 6 (Sat) St. Joe's Food Program Collection

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

January 7 (Sun) St. Joe's Food Program Collection

- 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses/St. Anne Room

Weekly Mass Schedule

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| Mon., Jan. 1 | 8:30 AM | Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Paul Gerard Engel |
| Tue., Jan. 2 | 8:30 AM | Bill Balza |
| Wed., Jan. 3 | 12:05 PM | Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Anita Lardinois |
| Thurs., Jan. 4 | 12:05 PM | Clem Bardon |
| Fri., Jan. 5 | 8:30 AM | Hubert Schraufnagel |
| Sat., Jan. 6 | 4:30 PM | Dodie Weberpal |
| Sun., Jan. 7 | 8:00 AM | Parishioners of St. Mary |
| | 9:30 AM | Thomas & Virginia Scheiber |
| | 11:00 AM | Bertilla Meullenbach |

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 time. If you have lost a loved one and would like to have him or her remembered in the bulletin, please call us at 739-5119.

In Joy & Sorrow – Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

For the last twenty-plus years, I have celebrated New Year's Eve in Sobieski with my friends, Mary and Bob and Betty and Dennis. We have great conversation, way too much food, and then enjoy some friendly card playing. The main entree is always whole beef tenderloin from the Mecca, if you will, of butchers, Maplewood Meats, in Pulaski. I usually don't do too well at the card playing; it's five-handed Sheephead with the Jack of Diamonds as the partner. I am usually home and in bed before midnight, as I need my sleep, especially as I get older.

Philosophers remind us that time is nature's way of preventing everything from happening at once. The passage of time gently carries us from one situation to another and as we age, hopefully, we grow in our appreciation of the Lord's closeness to us in every one of those situations. The beginning of a New Year is a moment to pause, to look back and to look ahead, always with a heart that trusts that the Lord is with us.

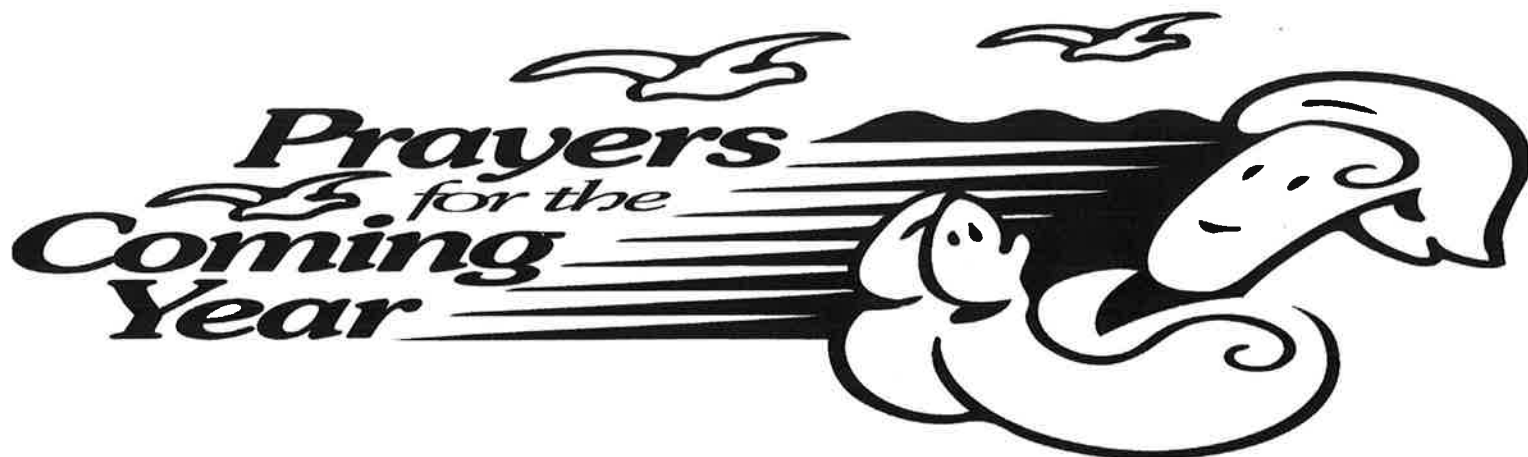
I found this prayer for the New Year by Debbie McDaniel among my collection of saved papers.

So let us pray:

Dear God, thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray that your Spirit lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you help us to release our grip on the things to which you've said "no", "not yet", or "wait." We ask help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts. We ask for your wisdom, for your strength, and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others will be drawn to you. We pray that you would keep us from the snares and traps of temptations. We pray that you would whisper in our ear when we need to run and whisper in our ear when we need to stand our ground. We pray for your protection for our families and friends...Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your Spirit. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence. We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, and in our lives, for this coming year...May we be lovers of truth. May the fruits of your Spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in the world, for your glory and purposes...To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Happy New Year!

Father Bill +



Why attend a Holy Hour?

... and what should I do while I'm there?

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." Saint Teresa of Calcutta

25 WAYS TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS By Eileen McCarthy

Slowly read scripture until something hits you. Then listen.

Say a rosary.

Tell Him your failures. Ask for help. Then listen.

Let God look at you.

Say one Our Father slowly.

Tell Him something that made you happy.

Say one Hail Mary slowly.

Then listen.

Say the Creed slowly.

Tell Him what you are afraid of. Then listen.

Pray for vocations.

Tell Him what angers you. Then listen.

Renew your loyalty to His Church.

Speak about your loved ones.

Lean on Him. Tell Him you love Him.

Pray for an enemy.

Thank Him for the Sacraments.

Talk with Him about work.

Slowly recite the Beatitudes.

Sing a song for Him in your heart.

Ask Him to show you the next step.

Promise to trust Him.

Pray for the world.

Imagine Mary sitting next to you
and praying with you.

Look at yourself. Count your gifts.

Then thank Him.

Enjoy just being in His presence.

www.saintpetercatholic.com

Holy Hour

@ St. Mary Appleton

First Wednesday of the month

12:35 PM - 1:35 PM

All are welcome!

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