

# ST. MARY

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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

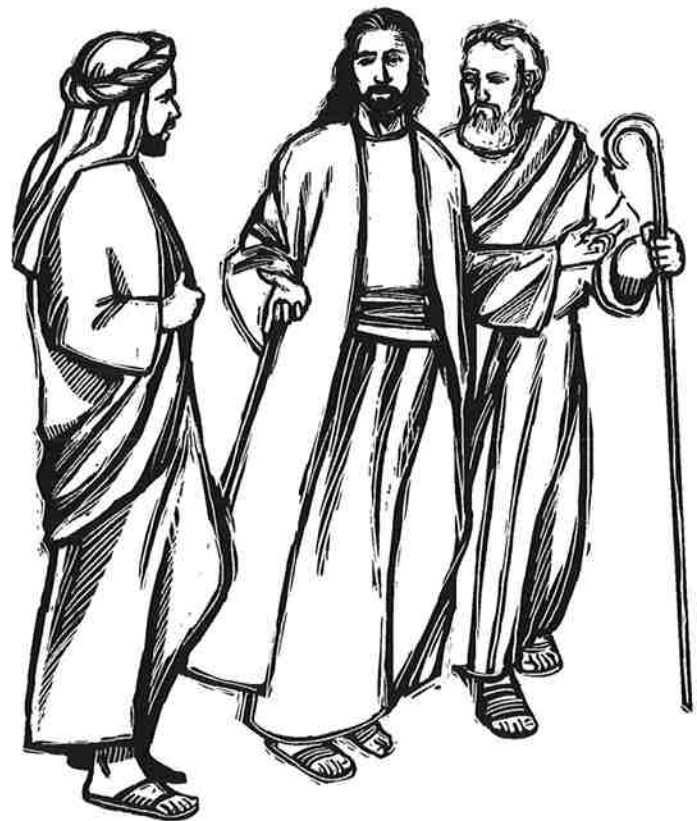
Summer Mass Schedule:

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

*A Catholic Community  
to Call Home*

## Sunday, January 14, 2018

### *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*



He first found his own brother  
Simon and said to him,  
**"We have found  
the Messiah."**

John 1:41



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., Jan. 15	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Jan. 16	8:30 AM	For our loved ones who have died
Wed., Jan. 17	12:05 PM	For all cancer patients
Thurs., Jan. 18	12:05 PM	For victims of natural disasters
Fri., Jan. 19	8:30 AM	For all who feel like outsiders
Sat., Jan. 20	4:30 PM	Jeanne Gabert
Sun., Jan. 21	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:30 AM	John Littmann
	11:00 AM	Leonard Peot Family

St. Mary Weekly Calendar

January 15 (Mon)

- 3:00 PM Purple Angel Training/L3
- 6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

January 16 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Alpha (Pastoral Council)/L1-3
- 7:00 PM Human Concerns Committee Meeting/L4

January 17 (Wed)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM IPRF Catechist In-service/St. Joseph Holly Hall  
NO IPRF Classes!
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

January 18 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass

January 19 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 10:00 AM Seven Deadly Sins-Seven Lively Virtues/L1&3

January 20 (Sat) Human Concerns New Sock Collection

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Chapel
- 4:30 PM Mass—First Communion Enrollment
- Blood Pressure checks in Marian Way after Mass

January 21 (Sun) Human Concerns New Sock Collection

- 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses—First Communion Enrollment
- Blood Pressure checks in Marian Way after all Masses
- 9:15 AM RCIA/L1&3
- 9:30 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L4
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass



**NO IPRF Classes Wednesday, January 17!**  
 ↳ Catechist In-service @ St. Joseph Holly Hall, 6 PM

**First Communion Enrollment Weekend, Jan. 20-21**  
 Reminder—First Eucharist candidates bring a loaf of bread to the Mass they signed up for.

**annual parish fundraiser**  
**march 3, 2018**  
**waverly beach, menasha**

**Make merry like the Irish do!**  
**Gather with fun people, eat and drink festive food and libations, and enjoy an evening of Celtic music sure to take you across the sea all the way to the Emerald Isle!**

Plan to attend, and help us to make this year's event a success by picking up your raffle tickets in the Marian Way now. Sell them to friends & family or purchase them yourself! Extra tickets are available.



**PRAYER NEEDS**

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

**Contributions**

Office Envelopes—\$4,874.00 Weekend—\$9,196.61  
Children's Collection—\$60.00  
Retired Religious Collection—\$3,157.00



Connect with us!

# THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY

Open auditions for **The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play**, a musical drama based on the life of Christ, will be held on Thursday, January 18 & Saturday, January 20, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre (1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton). Performance dates are March 22-25, with a special performance for Religious Education groups on March 21. Singing and non-singing roles are available. Those auditioning will also be asked to do a dance audition. To register for an audition time please go to: [www.newpassionplay.org](http://www.newpassionplay.org) and follow the audition link on the main menu.

## Fox Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines

Open House Tuesday, January 16, 7-9:30 PM

If you enjoy singing, come join the fun and harmonize with new friends. Any woman of average singing ability, with or without vocal training, will find a part that fits her voice range. Attend our open house at Grace Lutheran Church (lower level), 900 N. Mason St., Appleton. Contact Terrie at [foxvalleychorus@gmail.com](mailto:foxvalleychorus@gmail.com). For more information, visit our website: [www.foxvalleychorus.org](http://www.foxvalleychorus.org).

## Fitness Class starting at St. Mary!

Wednesdays • 1 PM • Room LL1

Join us for 45 minutes of strength and stretching to improve flexibility, balance, and range of motion. No registration needed for this fun and faith-filled class!



## World's Most Famous Fish Fry

St. Edward Parish, Mackville

February 16 February 23

March 2 March 9

March 16 March 2

## Inter-parish Book Club

Are you looking for a great read and some stimulating discussion this winter? Join the St. Mary/St. Joe's Book Club! We meet at 6 PM at St. Mary Parish in room LL4.

Upcoming dates and book selections are listed below. Send questions to Jessica Michels at [jessicamichels@gmail.com](mailto:jessicamichels@gmail.com).

**February 6:** *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving

**March 6:** *How to Be a Muslim: An American Story*  
by Haroon Moghul

**April 3:** *Playing Hurt: My Journey from Despair to Hope*  
by John Saunders and John U. Bacon



## Coffee & Donuts

-in the St. Anne Room

during the church mid-winter makeover project! Use the stairs next to the library or take the elevator to level "B."



## New Sock Collection • January 20-21

Let's keep some feet warm at Homeless Connections and the Fox Valley Warming Shelter this winter!

Bring in a **NEW** pair or package of socks and place in the collection container in the Marian Way.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Sponsored by the Human Concerns Committee

If you no longer need a pyx to take Communion to a friend or family member, please return it to the parish office or give to a hospitality minister at Mass. Thanks!



### 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.

## I stumbled upon an interesting study

recapped in the *Washington Post* about bluebirds in 240 nesting sites surrounded by natural gas treatment facilities in northern New Mexico. Imagine this: The bluebird did not realize what she was getting herself into when she chose her new home. It was only as the days and weeks wore on that the low whine of the machinery started to take a toll. It was harder to hear the sounds of approaching predators, or even the normal noises of the surrounding world, so she had to maintain constant vigilance. Her stress hormone levels became skewed; her health deteriorated. She couldn't resettlement elsewhere, because she had a nest full of hatchlings to tend. Yet her chicks suffered too, growing up small and scantily feathered - if they survived at all. One of the scientists concluded that "noise is causing birds to be in a situation where they're chronically stressed...and that has really huge health consequences for birds and their offspring."



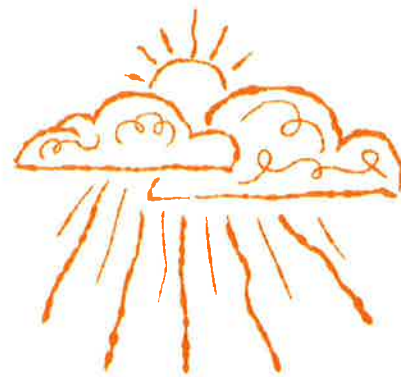
Friends, if this is true for birds, one wonders what the impact of constant noise is on the human person. Without guessing the consequences to our physical and emotional well-being, I would suggest that being immersed in constant noise is a real detriment to our spiritual lives.

Pope Benedict XVI in an address to the monks of a Carthusian monastery in Italy (October 2011) made these observations: "Technical progress, markedly in the area of transport and communications, has made human life more comfortable but also more keyed up, at times frantic. Cities are almost always noisy, silence is rarely to be found in them because there is always lingering background noise, in some areas even at night...The youngest...seem to want to fill every empty moment with music and images, as for fear of feeling emptiness. This is a trend that has always existed, especially among the young and in the more developed urban contexts, but today it has reached a level such as to give rise to talk about anthropological mutation.

Some people are no longer capable of remaining for long periods in silence and solitude."

Pope Benedict goes on to suggest that "by withdrawing into silence and solitude, human beings...expose themselves to the reality of their nakedness, to that apparent *void*, ... in order to experience instead Fullness, the presence of God: in the air we breathe, in the light that we see and that warms us, in the grass, in stones...God, the Creator of all, passes through all things but is beyond them and for this very reason is the foundation of them all."

Put more simply, I would encourage you to take the risk to carve out some time for silence and solitude on a daily basis in the New Year. I am not talking about periods of time lasting hours but rather just minutes. If you have never done this, I might suggest beginning with five minutes. Your morning prayer might be to simply pray a passage from Scripture. The Psalms may be a good place to start. Pray that Psalm a couple of times. Listen for what the Lord may be saying to you. And then just be silent and sit still for five minutes. Close your eyes. Breathe in and out deeply. Set a timer if this would be of help to you. Gently introduce into your prayer life these moments of silence and stillness. No words need be expressed before the Lord. He already knows what is in your heart. Let go of any thoughts. Just bathe in the peaceful presence of the Lord. Just rest surrounded by the light of his marvelous love. Try it. It might possibly change your life.



Finally, I am reminded that the great monk, Father Thomas Merton (Trappist, not Carthusian) said, "The friend of Jesus is necessarily a friend of silence."

Father Bill +

What is the state of the Catholic Church in our country & diocese? Why have we lost many of our people, especially our children & grandchildren?

What is the most important proclamation we as disciples of Jesus should make? How do we share Jesus with others?

How has our Church evangelized in the past? What are our successes & mistakes?

What is the next step for our parishes in sharing the Good News that is Jesus Christ? Things need to & will look different!

# BIG Questions

Are you concerned for the future of our Church?

## Discipleship Formation Seminar

Saturday, February 17, 2018

8:30am-3:30pm

St. Joseph Parish, 404 W. Lawrence St., Appleton, WI

YOUR Church needs you! Everyone from St. Mary/St. Joseph is invited and encouraged to attend this event, an honest presentation about the challenges and opportunities of the future. Lunch included.

**Registration:** Email your name, phone, email address and if you have any food allergies to [stmary@stmaryparish.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryparish.org) by Feb. 12. Questions: Contact Mary Ann Otto at 920-739-5119 or [motto@stmaryparish.org](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org)

**Cost:** No charge thanks to a generous grant from the *Come Follow Me Fund/ CIA-Faith Mission Operatives*

This seminar is open to surrounding parishes & will be advertised thru the Diocese.

**Alternate Date:** Unable to attend on February 17? Please consider attending the Discipleship Formation Seminar on February 24 at St. Francis Xavier Middle School.\* You can register for this event by emailing [stmary@stmaryparish.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryparish.org). Just state that you would like to attend the Feb. 24 event. (\* Not the same presenter)



Presenter Kristin Bird

Kristin's passion for the faith and gift of teaching enable her to craft dynamic talks and retreat experiences. Working with the Diocese of Green Bay Evangelization Team, she has been instrumental in bringing the discipleship message to the Curia, clergy and parish staffs. A national Catholic speaker with more than 15 years of experience in professional ministry and a Master's degree in Pastoral Studies, Kristin is the executive director of Burning Hearts Disciples. She and her husband, Tony, are parents of three young children.

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