

ST. MARY
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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

Holy days: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule

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

Sunday, February 4, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases . . .

Mark 1:33-34



*A Catholic Community
to Call Home*



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., Feb. 5	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Feb. 6	8:30 AM	John Schultz
Wed., Feb. 7	12:05 PM	Bob Keenan
Thurs., Feb. 8	12:05 PM	David Robert Balliet
Fri., Feb. 9	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Sat., Feb. 10	4:30 PM	Donna & John Francek
Sun., Feb. 11	8:00 AM	Sharon Bengel
	9:30 AM	Esther Steeber
	11:00 AM	John Sktozke

St. Mary Weekly Calendar

February 5 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
- 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6
- 6:30 PM THEO/L7
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25 Meeting/Large Conference Room

February 6 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Book Club/L7
- 6:00 PM Quilting Group/L1-3
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Community Room

February 7 (Wed)

- 9:30 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 12:35 PM Holy Hour
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

February 8 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass

February 9 (Fri)

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

February 10 (Sat) Men's CRHP Retreat @ St. Joseph

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

February 11 (Sun) Men's CRHP Retreat @ St. Joseph

- 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses
- 9:15 AM RCIA/L1&3
- 9:30 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L4
- 10:30 AM Confirmation Parent/Candidate/Sponsor Meeting/L1-3
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses/St. Anne Room



Connect with us



NEWS

**IPRF Classes Wednesday, February 7 • K-11
4:30 & 6:30 PM @ St. Mary, St. Joseph, CELC**

Confirmation Meetings

The Confirmation teen/parent/sponsor meetings for current 11th grade students of both St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes are being held on:

Sunday, Feb 11 • 10:30 AM • St. Mary, LL1

Sunday, Feb 11 • 7:30 PM • St. Joseph, Holly Hall

Please note: parents/teens from either parish may attend either meeting—you don't need to attend at your home parish. Pick the one that works for you.

Mens CRHP Retreat

February 10 - 11

"It opened my eyes still further to the power of God's grace in others. What a beautiful gift— thank you so much!"

There's still time to register! Take time to share this weekend with Jesus. Find registration brochures in the Marian Way. Questions? Contact Mary Ann at (920) 739-5119 or motto@stmaryparish.org.

Fitness Class at St. Mary

Wednesdays • 1 PM • Room L1

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!

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

Contributions

Office—\$2,052.00 Weekend—\$8,533.12
Children's Collection—\$26.76

annual parish fundraiser
**shamrock
 shenanigans** 
 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.

Also, please consider becoming a sponsor. Stop in or call the parish office for more details (739-5119).



FEBRUARY 14, 2018

**MASS TIMES @ ST. MARY
 7 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:30 PM**

Little Black Books for Lent are available now in the Marian Way!
 (suggested donation \$1 per book)

Matthew 25 Committee News

St. Mary Parish has enabled Matthew 25 Committee to respond to World Bicycle Relief, especially in Africa. This organization mobilizes people through the power of bicycles. In many countries, distance is a barrier to education, healthcare and economic opportunity. The bicycle has been found to be one of the best means to eradicate poverty in developing nations.

Thank you for your generosity to the Matthew 25 committee. You are making a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world.



St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System

Future Family Scrip Credit

Helping future Xavier families with tuition

Did you know that you can start funding a Xavier education for your child before she or he even begins school? Upon the birth of your child, contact Roy Clark at the Xavier Scrip office to set up a Scrip Account. Then, purchase Scrip through Xavier—and invite extended family and friends to do the same! The credits from monthly purchases will be accrued until your child starts school at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Schools. For more information, please contact Roy at (920) 702-5510 or rclark@xaviercatholicsschools.org.



**FELLOWSHIP OF
 CHRISTIAN
 ATHLETES**

FCA Faith and Family Night

Enjoy a great night out for FCA Faith and Family Night at a Wisconsin Herd game on February 9, 2018 at 7 PM. Bring your friends and families for an exciting time!

To see more details and purchase tickets, visit <https://groupmatics.events/s/email/HERDFCA>.

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 December of 2017, Pope Francis did a series of interviews on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer for Italian television. The interviewer was a Catholic priest and prison chaplain. Speaking about the petition "Lead us not into temptation," the Holy Father suggested that this translation may not be helpful. **Pope Francis said, "I am the one who falls. But it's not God who pushes me into temptation to see how I fall. No, a father does not do this. A father helps (me) up immediately. The one who leads us into temptation is Satan. That's Satan's job."**

In the Mass in Spanish, this line is *no nos dejes caer en la tentacion* which is translated as *do not let us fall into temptation*. In the Italian-approved Bible, the Italian is translated as *do not abandon us in temptation*, however, this translation is not used in the Italian Lord's Prayer at Mass.

I am going to stop here because the conversation becomes more complicated as Scripture scholars go back and parse very carefully the original Greek text of the Lord's Prayer as found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Also, I do not expect that our American Bishops will be too enthusiastic about tweaking the words in the Our Father as prayed during the Mass. I do think, however, that it is helpful to keep in mind that God does not lead us into temptation but rather God is intent on not wanting us to fall into temptation. Because trust is so vital in our friendship with the Lord, I do think that we can never lose trust that the Lord would never lead us into temptation. Think about that when you pray the Lord's Prayer, especially *Do not lead us into temptation*.

I also think that there is a bigger issue here and that is how you and I image God. **Sometimes we forget that we are created in the image and likeness of God. Rather we fall into the trap of creating God in our image and likeness.** We attribute to God characteristics that really are not in the Lord's makeup. While there may be barriers in our own hearts, there are no barriers in the heart of the Lord. No one is excluded from the Lord's love. And the Lord always leads with mercy and not with justice.

Some of us have this notion that God is an enforcer of the law and that God observes our every thought and move and keeps an accurate registry of our weaknesses and infractions. God is quick to punish us. God is ready to judge us and God, like the King, will place us among the favored sheep or the unfavored goats. There is a hell and God will send unrepentant sinners there. In this, there is reason to be afraid of the Lord.

I would suggest, however, that the Lord does not send anyone to hell, understanding that hell is more than a place but rather an eternal state of separation from God. By the way you and I live our lives, we place ourselves

among the sheep or the goats. This is our doing and not the Lord's.

We cannot earn the Lord's love. The Lord's love is pure gift that only needs to be received with open hearts. It is the reception of the Lord's love that bends us towards goodness in all of our thoughts, words, and actions. Salvation is a gift; we cannot merit it. It is a concern of mine that in the new translation of the Mass, there is way too much of this "merit" language. It communicates the wrong message. **Let me be clear. You and I do not have to merit the Lord's love. We only have to receive it.** We cannot earn heaven. Salvation is a pure gift to us from the Lord. The Lord is not a harsh taskmaster, calling us on the carpet whenever we mess up. He does not lead us into temptation. He need not be feared. Rather, the Lord loves us unconditionally. Open your heart to this Lord and do not be afraid. Perfect love drives out fear. (1 John 4:18) Father Bill +



Why did the Matthew 25 Committee choose NAMI for this year's Lenten Alms?

Approximately 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. experiences mental illness in a given year. Approximately 1 in 25 adults in the U.S. experiences a serious mental illness in a given year that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities. The Fox Valley is no stranger to these statistics. We all know teens and adults living with depression, anxiety, panic disorder, substance abuse, emotional distress and maybe even suicidal thoughts or feelings. Similar to last year's Lenten focus on Memory Care, the more we know about this illness, the more we can reduce the stigma of this disease, find supportive care and live well with mental illness.

As a parish, we have two goals this Lent. Firstly, we want to financially support options in our community to enable persons with mental health illness to live as fully as possible. Secondly, we want to educate ourselves in ways we can personally relate to individuals to reduce isolation, confusion, negative emotions and strained relations.

Financial donations can be put in a labeled envelope and dropped in the collection or the labeled boxes at the entrances of the Community Room.

Educational opportunities!

Sunday mornings and Tuesdays evenings during Lent

9:30-10:30 AM on February 18 & 25, March 4 & 11

6:30-7:30 PM on February 20 & 27, March 6 & 13

All sessions will be held in rooms 1-3 of the Lower Level.

All are welcome! Please invite your family and friends.

Celebrate Appleton's Emerald Isle Heritage at the St. Mary Parish

Shamrock



Shenanigans

ALL are
invited!
Bring your
friends!

Sat., March 3, 2018

Waverly Beach

N8770 Fire Lane 1, Menasha, WI 54952

6 PM - Doors Open/Fun Begins!

**6:30 – 8 PM - Buffet of Irish &
American Fare**

Add to the fun! Join in the
Irish Libation Celebration



Two selected tap beers or soda drinks
included with ticket. Additional Irish
beers & whiskeys available for sale.

Make merry like the Irish do! Gather with fun folk, eat and drink festive food,
and enjoy an adult evening of **Irish music, games, raffles, drawings & more!**

Music by
Third
Class
Minstrels
7 – 10 PM

TICKETS = \$25 early bird; \$30 after Feb. 18; Available at:

- St. Mary Parish Office, 312 S State St., Appleton, WI
- After all weekend Masses during month of February
- Order on-line (Go to www.stmaryparish.org and click on "Shamrock Shenanigans" in the left column)

For information, contact Theresa Rohm at St. Mary Parish, 920-739-5119. Proceeds benefit the parish.

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