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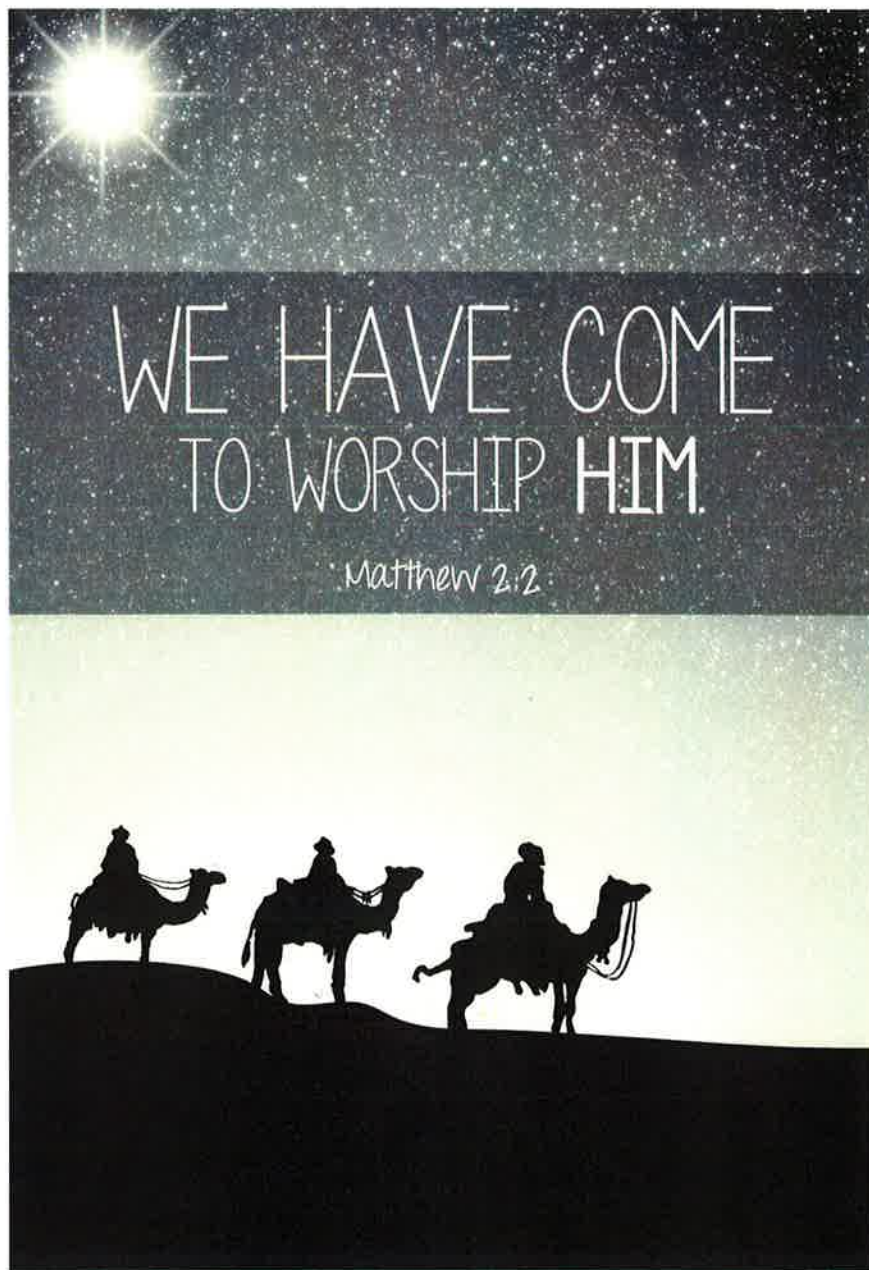
Friday 8 AM – Noon

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



Sunday, January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord



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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*



Our project is underway!

We know you are interested to see what's happening in church. Check out the pictures of the renovation in the Marian Way before and after Mass each week as we display new pictures of the progress the construction workers are making! You can also see lots of photos at our website www.stmaryparish.org. Hover over "Parish Photos" and click on "Church Renovation" to see regular photo updates. Please remember that NO ONE is allowed in church because of insurance reasons. Thank you for staying away from the construction zone.

Connect with us!



Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

Please join us for this video series by Bishop Robert Barron. The cost for materials is \$15.00. For more information, or if you would like to join a group, please contact Mary Ann Otto at 739-5119 or motto@stmaryparish.org.



Save the date!

Annual Parish Fundraiser
Saturday, March 3
Waverly Beach

New Fitness Class at St. Mary



Please join us for 45 minutes of stretching, strengthening and exercising on Wednesdays (beginning January 17) at 1:00 PM in our Lower Level Room 1. Studies show that regular practice of such classes offer numerous physiological and psychological health benefits for all age groups. Benefits can be particularly helpful in decreasing blood pressure, improving flexibility, balance and range of motion, and relieving the symptoms of arthritis, hypertension and osteoporosis. All are welcome at this fun, faith filled class! No registration needed.

IPRF
Inter-Parish Religious Formation
Serving the Appleton-St. Mary since 1986

NEWS

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Parents of 2nd graders of 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.

IPRF Classes resume Wednesday January 10

4:30 & 6:30 PM: K-11 Classes @ St. Joseph, St. Mary & CELC

Coffee & Donuts



in the St. Anne Room during renovation!

Beginning January 7

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult,

please contact:

Jayne Stefanic

Diocesan Assistance Coordinator

Diocese of Green Bay

920-272-8174

or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US –
THERE IS HOPE!**



Diocese of
Green Bay

Trees Needed

St Vincent de Paul Appleton is looking for artificial Christmas Tree donations to restock for Christmas 2018.

Please box or bag all pieces of the tree together.

Proceeds from the items sold in the store help people in need in our community. The store/donation center is located at 1924 W. College Avenue.

Contributions

December 23-25

Office Envelopes—\$28,461.00 Weekend—\$27,830.91

Children's Collection—\$21.00

December 30-31

Office Envelopes—\$19,191.00 Weekend—\$11,960.72

Children's Collection—\$81.00

St. Mary Weekly Calendar

January 8 (Mon)

5:00 PM New Hand Bell Ringer Orientation/St. Anne Room

6:00 PM Fundraiser Meeting/L7

6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

6:30 PM Matthew 25 Meeting/Large Conference Room

January 9 (Tue)

8:30 AM Mass

2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

6:30 PM Joint Facilities & Finance Committee/Community Rm.

6:30 PM First Eucharist Parent Meeting/St. Joe's Holly Hall

7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L2

January 10 (Wed)

12:05 PM Mass

4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes

6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

January 11 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass

6:30 PM First Eucharist Parent Meeting/Community Room

January 12 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass

January 13 (Sat)

9:00 AM Confessions/Chapel

4:30 PM Mass

January 14 (Sun)

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

Mon., Jan. 8	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Jan. 9	8:30 AM	For our homebound parishioners
Wed., Jan. 10	12:05 PM	John Stathopoulos
Thurs., Jan. 11	12:05 PM	For our young families
Fri., Jan. 12	8:30 AM	For our parishioners in nursing homes & assisted living facilities
Sat., Jan. 13	4:30 PM	Al Neveau
Sun., Jan. 14	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St Mary
	9:30 AM	Kevin Roche
	11:00 AM	The Lutz Family

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.

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.

At the beginning of a New Year,

it does each one of good to reflect upon how we need to stretch ourselves so as to be more holy as the Lord God is holy. Now, as I have often said, it is unhelpful to equate holiness with perfection. It is inaccurate to think that you or I could never be a saint, because we could never be holy enough. We are called to grow in holiness. We are all called to be saints. The saints were not perfect people but they were people who gave their lives completely to Jesus so as to allow Jesus and his Spirit to guide them. The bottom line about holiness may be to simply try as best we can to have the heart of Jesus.



As I said before, this school year, I am teaching your children this simple prayer: Jesus, give me a heart of gratitude, that I may thank you...a heart of kindness that I may imitate you... a heart of courage that I may follow you, a heart of tenderness that I may cry with you, and a heart of joy that I may sing with you.



Indeed the heart of Jesus was filled

to overflowing with gratitude, kindness, courage, tenderness and joy. All of prayer is about creating those still moments when your heart can touch the very heart of Jesus. Prayer is your heart in dialogue with the heart of Jesus. Prayer is becoming more and more like Jesus. Prayer changes our hearts. Prayer is about humbly asking the Lord with great trust,

*"Lord, what do you want me to do?
Lord, what do you want me to feel?
Lord, what do you want me to say?"*

In the heart of Jesus is only compassion. Compassion is feeling with another person. Compassion is another person's pain in your heart. We may never be able to alleviate the suffering of our immigrant or refugee sisters and brothers, our LGBT brothers and sisters, our poor or homeless or addicted or persecuted or imprisoned sisters and brothers.



But we can open ourselves to their pain. We can hold their pain in our hearts and bring them to the Lord in prayer - holding them up to the light of the Lord's healing love. We can ask for the grace of tears so as not to forget them when we come before the Lord.

In the New Year, and every day,

we might beg the Lord to give us his heart. His heart was filled with a hospitality which he extended to every person. What eventually led to Jesus' death was his uncomfortable message which went so much against the grain and stretched the perspective of people who were pretty set in their ways. Jesus rocked the boat and, to silence him and keep things status quo, he was put to death. I think that if Jesus would step into our churches today, he just may speak a message that some people do not want to hear. That is why it is so important to ask the for heart of Jesus - that we might see people and situations as Jesus sees them.

Let's together have this as our New Year's resolution: Jesus, give me your heart of gratitude, kindness, courage, tenderness and joy.



And for good measure, may you and I consider Pope Francis' New Year's Resolutions:

Don't gossip. Finish your meals. Make time for others. Choose the *more humble* purchase. Meet the poor *in the flesh*. Stop judging others. Befriend those who disagree. Make commitments, such as marriage. Make it a habit to *ask the Lord*. Be happy.

Happy New Year! Father Bill +

What is the Epiphany?

The Epiphany is a day dedicated to the birth of Christ, which includes a nod toward the three Kings who came to visit Him. Christ revealed himself in the form of a newborn babe to the Three Wise Men, who traveled from their countries to pay tribute to the Son of God. The Gospel of Matthew describes three Wise Men, named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, who were told of Christ's birth and set off, following the Star of Bethlehem, to meet the baby Jesus. Each king brought with him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to represent Jesus' elevated position, divine birth and mortality respectively.

Epiphany Around the World

In Spain, Christmas presents are delivered by the Three Wise Men on January 6, while in Venice, "La Befana," an imaginary old woman in Italian folklore, brings children gifts on the Epiphany Day.

An old Catholic tradition is the Star Singers, which are groups of people who dress as the Wise Men and carry a wooden star who go door-to-door to sing and collect donations for the poor.

In Germany, if the Star Singers (Sternsinger) come to your door, they offer a blessing for your home. If you accept, they write 20 * C + M + B + 14 in chalk above your doorway. The numbers represent the year and the letters represent the phrase "Christus mansionem benedictat," meaning "God bless this house."

In Bulgaria it is traditional for an Eastern Orthodox priest to throw a cross in a river. It is believed whoever recovers the cross will be healthy through the rest of the year, as will any who join in a dance within the river's frigid waters.

Mexico makes King's bread, called Rosca de Reyes, which has a circular shape and is decorated with figs, cherries or dried and candied fruits. In Spain, the King's bread includes baking a Jesus figurine and a bean into the bread. Whoever discovers the figurine is crowned king or queen of the celebration, while the person who discovers the bean must pay for the following year's Epiphany party.

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