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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

*A Catholic Community  
to Call Home*

Sunday, February 11, 2018  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MOVED WITH PITY,  
HE STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND . . .

*"I will do it. Be made clean."*

MARK 1:41





### Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., Feb. 12	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Feb. 13	8:30 AM Geraldine & Arnold Van Handel
Wed., Feb. 14	7:00 AM Robert Schabel
	12:05 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Fisher & Davies Families
	4:30 PM Orvil Mueller
Thurs., Feb. 15	12:05 PM Harry Hoehne
Fri., Feb. 16	8:30 AM For all cancer patients
Sat., Feb. 17	4:30 PM In Memory of James Hamilton
Sun., Feb. 18	8:00 AM Bill & Delores Springer
	9:30 AM Thomas & Virginia Scheiber
	11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary

### St. Mary Weekly Calendar

- February 12 (Mon)**
  - 6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
  - 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6
- February 13 (Tue)**
  - 8:30 AM Mass
  - 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
  - 6:30 PM Facilities /Finance Committee/Community Room
  - 7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L2
- February 14 (Wed) ASH WEDNESDAY**
  - 7:00 AM Mass
  - 12:05 PM Mass
  - 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
  - 4:30 PM Mass
  - 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
- February 15 (Thurs)**
  - 12:05 PM Mass
  - 6:30 PM Women's CRHP Meeting/L7
- February 16 (Fri)**
  - 8:30 AM Mass
  - 10:00 AM Seven Deadly Sins-Seven Lively Virtues/L1&3
- February 17 (Sat)**
  - Discipleship Formation Seminar, St. Joe's, 8:30am-3:30pm**
  - 9:00 AM Confessions
  - 4:30 PM Mass
  - Blood Pressure Checks in Marian Way
- February 18 (Sun)**
  - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses
  - Blood Pressure Checks in Marian Way after all Masses
  - 9:15 AM RCIA/L1&3
  - 9:30 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L4
  - 9:30 AM Lenten Education Series: NAMI 101 & "Breaking Stigma Through Telling Your Story"/L1-3
  - Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
  - Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses/St. Anne Room



**Religion Classes - Wednesday, February 14**  
**Attend Mass with your family for Ash Wednesday!**  
**Mass will be offered at 4:30 PM at St. Mary and 6:30 PM at St. Joseph.**

## Women's CRHP Retreat

**March 3-4 @ St. Joseph**

*"It opened my eyes still further to the power of God's grace in others.*

*What a beautiful gift— thank you so much!"*

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](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org).



## Mass Intentions

Contact Julie or Annie at the Parish Office if you have Mass intentions. We have lots of weekday Masses available for 2018! There are also many weekend Masses still open. Call us at 920-739-5119 or email us at [stmary@stmaryparish.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryparish.org)

## 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.



**Connect with us**

### Contributions

- Office—\$2,286.00
- EFT—\$10,454.65
- Weekend—\$10,522.92
- Children's Collection—\$18.00

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If you would like to sponsor the event, call Deacon Gerry in the parish office (739-5119).

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Events tickets are for sale in the parish office, online at [www.stmaryparish.org](http://www.stmaryparish.org), and after all weekend Masses at the Scrip table (\$25 early bird, \$30 after February 18).



Thank you to the late Bill Balza for remembering St. Mary with a gift from his estate. Bill was a long time member and generous contributor to our parish, and in true fashion to his giving spirit, left St. Mary this wonderful gift. Rest in peace, Bill.

St. Vincent de Paul-Appleton is hiring! We are looking for a dependable Truck Driver/ Donation Center Lead. This is a full-time position with 100% paid health care benefits, time-off, and holidays. The Truck Driver/Donation Center Lead is responsible for the coordination and distribution of donations of furniture and miscellaneous items from donors. All interested applicants should visit our website ([www.svdpappleton.org](http://www.svdpappleton.org)) or Facebook page, or stop in the office to pick up an application. Please consider joining our team today!



## Discipleship Formation Seminar

### Next Saturday, February 17

St. Joseph Parish  
8:30 AM—3:30 PM

No cost to you, lunch included!

YOUR Church needs you! All are invited and encouraged to attend this event—an honest presentation about the challenges and opportunities of the future. See flyer for full details.

Register: email your name, phone number, email address and any food allergies to [stmary@stmaryparish.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryparish.org)

Questions: contact Mary Ann Otto at 920-739-5119 or [motto@stmaryparish.org](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org)



## February 14, 2018

### Mass Schedule

### 7 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:30 PM

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT**  
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*St. Mary & St. Joseph will work together again this Lent to offer Soup & Stations. Please join us! Watch upcoming bulletins for more details.*



### In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of Mary Ellenbecker and Carol Killoren. 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 am putting my fingers to the keyboard on Tuesday afternoon (2/6) after spending the morning visiting the children in grades K-4 through 4 at our Xavier Elementary School at the Marquette Campus. If you are looking ahead on the church's liturgical calendar and are a good guesser, it should not surprise you that I talked about Lent in all of the classrooms.

I reminded our children that Thursday, Dec 21, 2017 marked the first day of winter and, since that day, we have been gaining just a little bit more light each day. I anticipated with them the coming of spring, which we will mark on Tuesday, March 20. On that day the amount of daylight will equal the amount of nightlight. As the days lengthen, we prepare to welcome spring and to be encouraged by the signs of new life that accompany this favorite season. The little children love to talk about trees donning new leaves (They, however, don't use the word donning). We talk about animals having babies and everyone knows that a baby deer is called a fawn.

I reminded the older children that our word Lent comes from an Old English word which means to *lengthen*. As the days lengthen, we celebrate these forty days of Lent, anticipating the gifts of new life that accompany our journey with Jesus towards Easter glory.

Of note this year is that Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day. All the children knew well that the symbol for Valentine's Day is the heart. This is fortuitous as Lent is a time to look into our hearts and to honestly discern if there is anything there that we would not find in the heart of Jesus. We are invited to spring clean our hearts. In the heart of Jesus are gratitude, kindness, courage, tenderness and joy, as well as many other virtues. How well do our hearts beat in sync with the heart of Jesus?



In his annual message for this Lent, Pope Francis wonders if our hearts have become cold. He recalls that the great poet, Dante, pictured the devil in hell seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. Dante suggests that hell is ice rather than fire.

"We might ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool? More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, the root of all evil (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follow . . . All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own certainties: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm,

the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbor who does not live up to our expectations . . . Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm . . . If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our hearts, know that this never is the case in the heart of God! God constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew." Pope Francis' entire message is worth praying over as Lent begins and is available at [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va).

The image of spring training, alongside that of spring cleaning, can also help us understand the purpose of Lent. As our Milwaukee Brewers baseball team returns to Arizona for spring training, they are all about getting back in shape and reviewing the basics of their sport. Lent is our spring training. The church suggests that the three disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (works of charity) are our regimen to get back into spiritual shape. In his Lenten Message, Pope Francis beautifully describes each of these disciplines.

Finally and most importantly, we journey in faith with Lang and Jake, who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist to be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening. We pray that their hearts be warmed by the marvelous love of Jesus! We pray that our hearts be changed as Jesus touches us with the fire of his love! Father Bill +



## First in our series of Lenten Education Opportunities: Breaking the Mental Health Stigma

Meet Sunday, February 18 at 9:30 AM or Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 PM in room 1 of the Lower Level. Learn about various programs, classes and offerings by NAMI Fox Valley, and hear the impact NAMI has on individuals' lives through a testimonial story of someone with mental health challenges and family members. Utilizing the recovery definition, dimensions and principles established by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), this presentation brings to life and builds understanding of this new way of looking at living with a mental illness.

**Lenten 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.

# MID-WINTER MAKEOVER UPDATE

Issue: 3

February 9, 2018

## What has been completed?

- Sanctuary lights have been installed
- Backlighting for sanctuary stained glass has been installed
- Plaster repair work
- Lights in church nave have been removed and sent out for rebuilding
- Marble has been cleaned, repaired, and sealed

## What work is ongoing?

- Pew repair work
- Artistic painting of pillars and side devotional areas
- Tabernacle refinishing
- Stations of the Cross cleaning and restoration

## What comes next?

- Flooring under pews will be installed
- Flooring in sanctuary will be installed

**Fundraising Goal: \$450,000**  
**Pledged & paid to date:**  
**\$308,396**

## EXTRAS

An anonymous donor has given a gift of nearly \$20,000 to cover the cost to clean, repair, and seal our Stations of the Cross. Thank you to our donor for this amazing gift!

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