

**ST. MARY**  
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Monday-Thursday 8 AM – 4:30 PM

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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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System Office 735-9380

**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*

**February 18, 2018**

**FIRST  
SUNDAY IN**

**LENT**

*"This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at  
hand. Repent, and believe  
in the gospel."*

*Mark 1:15*



Weekly Mass Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Day/Date and Time/Event. Rows include Mon., Feb. 19 (12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph), Tue., Feb. 20 (8:30 AM For all cancer patients), Wed., Feb. 21 (12:05 PM For those struggling with addiction), Thurs., Feb. 22 (12:05 PM Fr. Mike O'Rourke & Sally Slivinski), Fri., Feb. 23 (8:30 AM For our college students), Sat., Feb. 24 (4:30 PM Sedella Jacob), Sun., Feb. 25 (8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary, 9:30 AM John Littmann, 11:00 AM John Skotzke)

St. Mary Weekly Calendar

February 19 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM THEO/L7
6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

February 20 (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/L4
6:30 PM Lenten Education Series: NAMI 101 & "Breaking Stigma Through Telling Your Story"/L1-3
7:00 PM Human Concerns Committee Meeting/L7

February 21 (Wed)

- 9:00 AM Mom's Group/Babysitting Room
12:05 PM Mass
1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes
6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/Community Room

February 22 (Thurs)

- 8:30 AM Coffee & Cookies Playdate/Babysitting Room
12:05 PM Mass
6:00 PM 1st Eucharist Parent/Child Meal & Education Night/CR

February 23 (Fri)

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

February 24 (Sat)

- 9:00 AM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass

February 25 (Sun)

- 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses
9:15 AM RCIA/L6
9:30 AM Lenten Education Series: Youth Mental Illness 101/L1-3
Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses/St. Anne Room

IPRF NEWS
Inter-Parish Religious Formation
IPRF Classes - Wednesday, Feb. 21, 4:30 & 6:30 PM
K-11 Classes @ St. Joseph, St. Mary & CELC
Lenten Service Project
Our IPRF Lenten service project will be collecting for the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Each child will receive a rice bowl at class next week.

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.

St. Mary & St. Joseph

2018 Inter-parish

Lenten Soup & Stations

Join us for Stations of the Cross followed by a delicious meal & good conversation.

THURSDAY EVENINGS @ 5:30 PM

February 22 and March 1, 8, 15 and 22

This year, all dates will be held at St. Joseph due to the St. Mary church renovation project, but St. Mary will lead on the evenings of March 1 & 15.

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—\$4,394.00
Weekend—\$8,992.34
Children's Collection—\$13.00



Connect with us

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!

Help us to make this year's event a success by picking up your raffle tickets in the Marian Way.



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



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).

 **Inter-Parish**  
*Tuesday Evening Book Club*

All are welcome! Please join us!  
6:30 PM, Tuesdays @ St. Mary

*Upcoming Book Selections*

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

May 1: *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult



*Mass of Healing*  
*St. Pius X Church*

Friday, March 2 • 6:30 PM

The St. Pius X Healing Ministry invite you to a mass of healing. After Mass, the sacrament of the sick, confession, adoration and prayer teams will be available for individual prayers. A healing novena will be given out at the mass to continue Jesus' healing in your life. Questions? You can contact Deacon Dan through St. Pius X parish office at 733-0575 (ext 328).

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross have an opening for a full-time cook (up to 40 hours/week & every 3rd weekend). See the full job posting at [www.gbfranciscans.org](http://www.gbfranciscans.org). Contact Jenny Majkowski at [jmajkowski@gbfranciscans.org](mailto:jmajkowski@gbfranciscans.org) or (920) 884-2720 for more information.

**ALPHA**  
**IS**  
**COMING**



*See flyer for details*



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St. Mary Parish is eligible to receive Thrivent Choice dollars. Thrivent Choice is a member benefit of Thrivent Financial that provides the opportunity to designate dollars to organizations that are close to our hearts, like St. Mary Parish. Thrivent members have until March 31, 2018 to designate their 2017 Thrivent Choice dollars. Please call Ted Suess, Financial Advisor with Thrivent Financial, at (920) 636-8885 with any questions.

**In Loving Memory**

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Jason Pietsch. 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.



Religious art helps me to pray. During the Holy Season of Lent, I have enshrined in my living room on an easel a print of Russian artist Iwan Kramskoy's "Christ in the Desert" (1872).

*Wikipedia* describes the painting this way:

"Cold colors reflect the chill dawn in the background. The thoughtful figure of Christ, wearing a dark wrap and red tunic underneath, is slightly shifted to the right of center...The painting emphasizes Jesus' human constituent of hypostatic union and features a mind in struggle. (*Hypostatic union is a Greek technical term which captures the notion that Jesus is one person with two natures; that Jesus is one with God; that he is the divine, while being fully human at the same time. Now that I have muddied the waters even more...*) Because the horizon divides the canvas plane almost in half, the figure of Jesus dominates the painting space and harmonizes with the stern wilderness simultaneously."

I have been to the desert, most recently Death Valley in California, and a long time ago, the Sinai Desert in Egypt. There is a silence in the desert that is so pervasive that you feel you can almost reach out and touch it. The surroundings are harsh and there is a great emptiness in the desert. The distractions of ordinary life disappear in the desert. One can pray deeply in the desert without realizing it.

As we enter the Holy Season of Lent, you and I are not about to pack a suitcase and make a pilgrimage into the desert for forty days. Yet, in the silence and simplicity of Lent, sitting quietly and empty of all thoughts, we may enter an interior desert at any time and discover Jesus close to us in all his power and love.

Lent is a time to be thoughtful; to look within and discover our great thirst for the Lord, and, at the same time, to discover the ways we substitute other things for this desire for the Lord Jesus. We have become quite adept at running away from those feelings of loneliness and emptiness that sometimes touch our lives. Rather than channeling those feelings into a single-hearted desire for the Lord, we allow all other sorts of desires to seduce us. Possessions, power, pride, lust, and popularity may be just a few of those things we think will satisfy our desire. But, as I like to say, there is a

God-shaped hole at the center of our being and only God can fill that hole. When we substitute other things, we are still left seeking for something more.

In the end, Lent may be more about opening our hearts wide to Jesus and trusting that a deeper friendship with him will truly make the biggest difference in our lives. Lent is about letting the Lord come closer so that he can change our hearts. Lent is not so much about our achieving this or that - making a list of what we are doing for Lent. Rather Lent is about what the Lord will achieve through us if we but give him more of ourselves.

There really isn't a whole lot to do in the desert but just to sit still and to get in touch with our deepest thirsts for whatever we need in our lives this Lent and beyond, and to just trust that Jesus alone can quench those thirsts.

Happy Lent! Father Bill +



**Next up in our series of  
Lenten Education Opportunities:  
Is it teenage moodiness or more?**

*Sunday, Feb. 25 at 9:30 AM or Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 PM  
Room L1-3 (lower level)*

This session will provide an overview of mental illness, including the categories of mental health conditions, their incidence and biological basis, treatment and recovery, the adverse effects of stigma, and the importance of advocacy. Learn about NAMI Fox Valley's role in the community to engage youth in recognizing symptoms and seeking treatment early to improve overall quality of life and recovery.

**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.

**If possible, please register for our education sessions  
by calling the parish office at (920) 739-5119.**

**Thanks!**

# St. Mary & St. Joseph

## 2018 Inter-parish Lenten Soup & Stations

JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED  
BY A DELICIOUS MEAL & GOOD CONVERSATION

*Thursdays 5:30 PM*

February 22

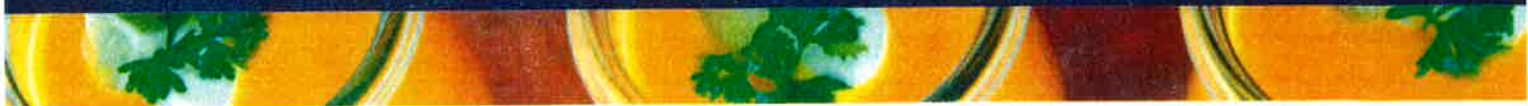
March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

**THIS YEAR, ALL DATES WILL  
BE HELD @ ST. JOSEPH DUE  
TO THE ST. MARY CHURCH  
RENOVATION PROJECT**



 <p><b>Hill Top Bakery</b> Mark &amp; Lynn Engel - Owners 100 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street Kaukauna, WI 54130 920-766-1771</p>	<p><b>LAMERS</b> The Passenger Professionals Charters • Escorted Tours Custom Trip Planning <b>832-8800 • www.golamers.com</b></p>	 <p><b>Jacob's Meat Market</b> American Style Sausages, Hot Gift Basket Products 345 N. Iowa St., Appleton 734-1551 www.JacobMeatMarket.com</p>	<p><b>CUSTOM PRINTING</b> 731-0105 1861 Commercial St., Appleton</p>
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