

# 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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#### 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 25, 2018*



*"This is my beloved Son.  
Listen to him."*

*Mark 9:7*



### Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., Feb. 26	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Feb. 27	8:30 AM Bob Keenan
Wed., Feb. 28	12:05 PM Erika Meyer
Thurs., March 1	12:05 PM The Lutz Family
Fri., March 2	8:30 AM Melvin & Anita Lardinoio
Sat., March 3	4:30 PM Rita Bushman Scovronske
Sun., March 4	8:00 AM Bob Ryan
	9:30 AM Parishioners of St. Mary
	11:00 AM Mugs Hughes

### St. Mary Weekly Calendar

#### February 26 (Mon)

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

#### February 27 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:30 PM ALPHA-Pastoral Council/L4
- 6:30 PM Lenten Education Series: "Is it Teenage Moodiness or More?"/L1-3

#### February 28 (Wed)

- 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

#### March 1 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 3:00 PM Purple Angel Training/L3
- 5:30 PM Soup & Stations (St. Mary hosts at St. Joe's)

#### March 2 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:30 AM—5:30 PM Adoration/Community Rm. (all are welcome)

#### March 3 (Sat) St. Joe's Food Program Collection

- Women's CRHP Retreat @ St. Joseph
- 9:00 AM Confessions
- 9:00 AM—12:00 PM Adoration/Community Rm. (all are welcome)
- 4:30 PM Mass—First Communion Blessing
- 6:00 PM Shamrock Shenanigans Fundraiser at Waverly Beach

#### March 4 (Sun) St. Joe's Food Program Collection

- Women's CRHP Retreat @ St. Joseph
- 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses—First Communion Blessing
- 9:15 AM RCIA/L6
- 9:30 AM Lenten Education Series: Crisis De-escalation and Suicide Prevention Strategies for Youth & Adults/L1-3
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses/St. Anne Room

#### ADORATION DURING LENT

FRIDAYS 9:30 AM-5:30 PM + SATURDAYS 9 AM-NOON



**IPRF Classes - Wednesday, Feb. 28, 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 received a rice bowl at class on February 21.

**First Communion Blessing**  
Our First Communion Blessing will take place at Masses next weekend, March 3-4. First Eucharist candidates should attend the Mass they signed up for at their parish.

### Last chance to register! Women's CRHP Retreat March 3-4 @ St. Joseph

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).



St. Mary & St. Joseph  
2018 Inter-parish

## Lenten Soup & Stations

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

**Contributions**

Office—\$ 2,388.00    Weekend—\$8,318.00  
Children's Collection—\$21.00

# shamrock shenanigans

march 3, 2018  
waverly beach, menasha



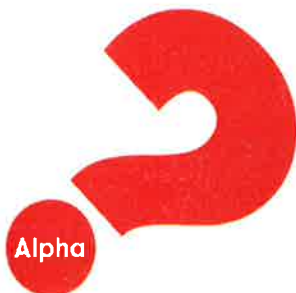
**Make merry like the Irish do! Gather with fun folk, eat and drink festive food and libations, and enjoy an adult evening of live Irish music, games, raffles & more!**

Event 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. Tickets are \$30 each and include a buffet of Irish and American fare, as well as two select tap beers or sodas.

## Volunteer Receptionist Needed

We're looking for a receptionist every other THURSDAY afternoon from 12:30—4:30 PM. This volunteer position includes greeting visitors to the parish office, answering phones, and helping with light office work. Being a receptionist in our lively parish office is a great way to meet parishioners and community members! If you have questions or are interested in the position, contact Julie or Annie at [stmary@stmaryparish.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryparish.org).

## Sessions Begin Early March



### Early Bird Alpha

Wednesdays, 6-7:30 AM @ St. Joseph

### Daytime Alpha

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 AM @ St. Mary

### After Work Alpha

Thursdays, 6:30-8 PM @ St Joseph

All Alpha sessions include a meal followed by a talk and small group discussion. Bring a friend, a buddy, a spouse, a sibling—all are welcome at Alpha! If you would like to know more, or want to register for a session, contact Mary Ann Otto at 920-739-5119 or [motto@stmaryparish.org](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org).

## St. Joe's Food Program Collection Next Weekend, March 3-4!

This month, we are collecting breakfast items like pancake mix, syrup, cereal, granola bars, or oatmeal. Nothing glass or perishable please. Place donations on the collection cart in the Marian Way. As always, thank you for your generosity!



*Can you help?*

Children enter Child Protective Services through no fault of their own. Recently, the opioid crisis has resulted in a large number of children entering care. Each abused or neglected child deserves a voice in the court system and you can help through CASA of the Fox Cities. We pair volunteer advocates with children to ensure that they are not lost in the system and to support these kids by providing a strong, consistent presence in their lives. If you have a passion for helping children and 10-12 hours a month to give, we need you!

Please consider attending one of our upcoming informational sessions to learn more:

- Wednesday, March 7, 12—1 PM
- Monday, March 12, 5:30—6:30 PM

All sessions will be held at our office building at Abby Bank Building, 1500 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton.

To RSVP or have your questions answered, contact Jill at (920) 257-4733 or [jill@casafc.org](mailto:jill@casafc.org) for more information. Thank you so much for your consideration!

## I N S E P A R A B L E

A new program from St. Mary Family Life Ministry—find packets at the kid's table in the Marian Way or at [stmaryparish.org](http://stmaryparish.org) under Family Life Ministry.

"How good and how pleasant it is...to dwell in unity."  
Psalm 133:1

### 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.

Last Saturday, over one hundred members of our faith communities of Saint Mary and Saint Joseph Parishes participated in a Discipleship Training Seminar. Participants testified to the electricity that was in the air as they were welcomed and guided through the Great Hall, the Church, and into Holly Hall at St. Joseph Parish. I cannot express gratitude enough to Mary Ann Otto, and her many helpers, for coordinating this important event in the life of our parish. As you know, Mary Ann, our new Pastoral Minister for Missionary Discipleship, is a precious gift to our parishes, sent to us by the Lord, and filled with the Holy Spirit. It was her dream to make this day happen. Many felt that the Holy Spirit was truly present. I thought of the Upper Room in Jerusalem on that First Pentecost, when the disciples, huddled around Mary, still confused by Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, still afraid of the Roman authorities, but now emboldened when the Holy Spirit of the Lord's fiery love blew through that room. They left that room, their hearts filled with the joy of knowing and loving Jesus. And they were no longer afraid to tell others of this marvelous Good News of God's love, stronger than sin and even death itself.

My friends, now is the time for a New Pentecost. You should not be surprised when I tell you that over the last ten years in the Diocese of Green Bay, the numbers of Baptisms, First Eucharists, Confirmations, and Marriages celebrated annually have declined by almost 50%. We are not engaging our young people. They may be spiritual but they are not religious. Perhaps some of your children and grandchildren fall into this category. In the US, there are approximately 30 million former Catholics; when asked their religious affiliation, they respond, "None." We need to get our heads out of the sand (hope that doesn't sound too harsh), and figure out quickly a new way to reach them. Also, even among our regular churchgoers, there are a significant number of people who do not have a personal friendship with Jesus, who do not pray daily, who do not read the Bible daily, and who do not believe that Jesus is Really Present in the Eucharist; that is, they do not believe that what appears to be bread and wine is not, but rather has been transubstantiated into the Body and Blood of the Risen Jesus.

Bishop David Ricken has set us on a course to change the face of our parishes. His hope is that every Catholic, young and old, may (re)discover Jesus, follow Jesus, worship Jesus, and share Jesus. I have mentioned often the William Hunt painting, which depicts Jesus standing outside the door of a cottage, lantern in hand as it is dusk, dry stalks of flowers framing a door that has not been opened in awhile, and knocking to be welcomed in out of the night. Interestingly, there is no handle on the outside of the door, so only someone from inside the cottage can open the door. Scripture has Jesus declare, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter the house and dine with him (her), and she (he) with me." (Rev. 3:20) The door is my heart and your heart. Only you and I can invite Jesus into our hearts. Have you intentionally extended that invitation to Jesus. "Jesus, come into my life. I am not even sure what it is that I believe about you and your life, death, and resurrection. But I am willing to give my heart to you, putting my hand into your hand, and walking with you in both good and bad times. Jesus, I trust that you will make a difference in my life."

This experience is grounded in the reality that God is love and has created me for a relationship with God. There is an admission that I have broken my relationship with God by my sin. Jesus invites me to draw near to him, embracing the wonder of his dying and rising for me, trusting in him, turning from sin, and giving my life to him. Jesus now fills my heart with the Holy Spirit, bringing me to new life in his Church, and sending me out on mission to share the Good News about this abundant, new life with others, just like the disciples did on that first Pentecost.

My friends, we have to trust that Jesus can transform us, and once filled with a new awareness of his life within us, we have to find ways to reach out and share this experience with others.

This is the vision and mission of our faith community for the future! Next up: What is Alpha? Stay tuned! Thanks for taking the time to read this *In Joy and Sorrow!* Father Bill +



**Next up in our series of  
Lenten Education Opportunities:  
Crisis De-escalation and Suicide Prevention  
Strategies for Youth and Adults**

*Sunday, March 4 at 9:30 AM or Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM  
Room L1-3 (lower level)*

This session will address how you might know if your child or family member is thinking about suicide. You will learn about warning signs of suicide, what to do if you think someone you know is contemplating suicide, and where to go for help. You will also learn some techniques to support someone in crisis and manage to de-escalate a crisis situation.

**Lenten Educational Opportunities!  
Sunday mornings and Tuesdays evenings during Lent**

Remaining sessions

9:30-10:30 AM on March 4 & 11

6:30-7:30 PM on February 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!**

# SHAMROCK SHENANIGANS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 6 PM WAVERLY BEACH

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and two selected tap beers or sodas

**PURCHASE TICKETS**

- ONLINE AT [STMARYPARISH.ORG](http://STMARYPARISH.ORG)
- IN THE ST. MARY PARISH OFFICE
- AFTER ALL WEEKEND  
MASSES AT THE SCRIP TABLE

MUSIC BY  
**THIRD CLASS  
MINSTRELS** 7-10  
PM

# MID-WINTER MAKEOVER UPDATE

Issue: 4  
February 23, 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
- Stations of the Cross have been cleaned and restored

## What work is ongoing?

- Pew repair work
- Artistic painting of pillars and side devotional areas
- Tabernacle refinishing
- Installation of flooring under pews

## What comes next?

- Flooring in sanctuary will be installed
- Pew refinishing

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

## EXTRAS

The project is currently on track for church reopening on Palm Sunday Weekend, March 24-25.

A design board with swatches in is the Marian Way - check it out!



# ***In Mary's Footsteps***

## ***6<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Conference***

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*\*previously known as Feminine Genius Women's Conference*

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***Rose Sullivan, Executive Director – National Conference for Diocesan Vocation Directors***

***Deborah Gretzinger, Coordinator of Faith Formation St. Agnes Parish, Green Bay***

***Bishop David Ricken, Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay***



Registration - 7:00 a.m.; Conference 8:00 a.m.

Concluding Mass - Bishop Ricken @ 4:00 p.m.

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Pre-Registrations now through February 2nd, 2018: Adults: \$40;  
Students: \$10 Registrations Jan 16th – March 5th, 2018: Adults: \$45;  
Students: \$15 Registration at the Door: Adults: \$50; Student: \$20

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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