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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

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March 4, 2018



THIRD SUNDAY
In Lent

*“Destroy this temple and in three
days I will raise it up.”*

John 2:19



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., March 5	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., March 6	8:30 AM Mary & Charlie Kettner
Wed., March 7	12:05 PM Bill Polley
Thurs., March 8	12:05 PM Carol Killoren
Fri., March 9	8:30 AM Ed & Mary Holtz
Sat., March 10	4:30 PM Robert Schabel
Sun., March 11	8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Guardian Angels 9:30 AM Thomas & Virginia Scheiber 11:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary

St. Mary Weekly Calendar

March 5 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM THEO/L7
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25 Committee Meeting/Large Conference Rm.
- 6:30 PM Hand Bell Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

March 6 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Quilting Group/L7
- 6:30 PM Inter-parish Book Club/L2
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Lenten Education Series: Crisis De-escalation/L1-3

March 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/Community Room

March 8 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 5:30 PM Soup & Stations/@ St. Joseph

March 9 (Fri)


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

March 10 (Sat)

- 9:00 AM Confessions
- 9:00 AM—12:00 PM Adoration/Community Rm. (all are welcome)
- 4:30 PM Mass

March 11 (Sun)

- 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses
- 9:15 AM RCIA/L6
- 9:30 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L4
- 9:30 AM Lenten Education Series: Hope for Recovery/L1-3
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses/St. Anne Room



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

SAVE THE DATE!
Mark your calendars for our Way of the Cross Family Night on Wednesday, March 21 at 4:30 & 6:30 PM at St. Joseph Parish. More details to come.

Adoration during Lent

Fridays 9:30 AM-5:30 PM and Saturdays 9 AM—noon

All are welcome!

Drop in and spend a little quiet time with Jesus.

World's Poor Collection

Next weekend - March 10 & 11

Be sure to pick up an envelope on tables near the entrances or in the Marian way.



St. Mary & St. Joseph
2018 Inter-parish

Lenten Soup & Stations

Thursday Evenings @ 5:30 PM
Remaining dates: March 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 again on the evening of March 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—\$3,599.00 Weekend—\$8,199.50
Children's Collection—\$18.00

I N S E P A R A B L E

A new Lenten program from St. Mary Family Life Ministry!

Find packets at the kid's table in the Marian Way or at stmaryparish.org under Family Life Ministry.

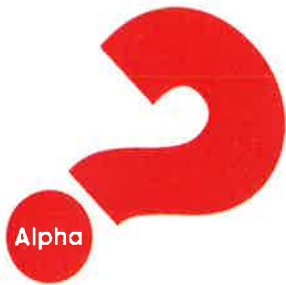
"How good and how pleasant it is . . . to dwell in unity."
Psalm 133:1

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.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2018

We have reached 35% of our parish goal. Thank you to those who have already contributed! There are extra blue donation envelopes on the table in the Marian Way if you need one.



ALPHA IS HERE

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. Mary

See full details at stmaryparish.org under the Adult Education Ministry tab

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.

Flower/Worship Environment Fund

We are on track to be back in our beautiful, refreshed church building by Holy Week! If you would like to contribute to our Easter flower & worship environment fund, you can use the special envelope provided with your monthly envelopes, or cut out this form and return to the parish office with your contribution.



Please return by Sunday, March 25, so we can include you in the insert of our Easter bulletin.

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A Lenten Retreat for Women

"The Women of Holy Week"

Saturday, March 17 • 9:30 AM - 3:45 PM

St. Bernadette School Cafeteria

Join Sr. Elise Cholewinski and Ann Sirianni as we learn about the women who were with Jesus during his time of death and resurrection. There will be time for listening, sharing, reflecting, and of course, prayer.

There is a \$25 fee for the retreat, which includes morning refreshments, lunch, and a copy of a wonderful book about the Triduum. To register, please contact Ann Sirianni at (920) 734-7502 or asirianni@saint-bernadette.org.

Stewardship in Action →

Thank you to all who made soup or helped in the kitchen for Soup & Stations on Thursday, March 1. Sharing your time and talent helps make the Lenten journey special for many!

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 his dream to rebuild the Church of the Diocese of Green Bay, Bishop David Ricken has invited us to embark on a new adventure together. If we do not do things differently as a Church and if we do not jettison the "status quo," we will become dead on arrival. Bishop has encouraged us to focus on discovering Jesus, knowing Jesus, worshipping Jesus, and sharing Jesus. This renewal of the Church of Green Bay must begin with you and me giving our lives to Jesus. Our hearts must beat with the rhythm of Jesus' heart. Jesus is my heart's heart. Jesus is your heart's heart. We must be still and just let Jesus gaze upon us with great love as we gaze back at him. This is the essence of prayer.

I want to take this opportunity to share with you a Letter that Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote to her sisters on March 25, 1993. Of course, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord to Blessed Mother Mary. You and I would not even be talking about a friendship with Jesus if it was not for the "Let it be" of Mary. Her "Yes!" to do all in her power to please the Lord God made possible the Birth of Jesus.

Here is Mother Teresa's letter:

*Jesus wants to tell you again...how much love He has for each one of you - beyond all you can imagine. I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus - one to one - you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in chapel - but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how He looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus - not from books but from being with Him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you? Ask for this grace, He is longing to give it. Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying, "I thirst" in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as a real living person - not just an idea. **How can we last even a day without hearing Jesus say, "I love you?" Impossible.** Our soul needs that as much as the body needs to breathe the air. If not, prayer is dead - meditation-only-thinking. Jesus wants each of you to hear Him - speaking in the silence of your heart. Be careful of all that can block that personal contact with the living Jesus. The devil may try to use the hurts of life, and sometimes our own mistakes - to make you feel it is impossible that Jesus really loves you, is really cleaving to you. This is a danger for all of us. And so sad, because it is completely opposite of what Jesus is really wanting, waiting to tell you. Not only that He loves you, but even more - He longs for you. He misses you when you do not come close. He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. When not accepted by others, even by yourself sometimes, He is the one who always accepts you. **My children, you don't have to be different for Jesus to love you.** Only believe. You are precious to Him. Bring all you are suffering to His feet - only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest. You all know in your mind that Jesus loves you - but in this letter, Mother wants to touch your heart instead. Jesus wants to stir our hearts...*

Friends, if we were to discover this Jesus, if everyone we know were to discover this Jesus, if those who are hurting or isolated or alone were to discover this Jesus, think of the power of love that would be unleashed in our hearts and in our Church. The spiritual journey cannot be detoured around this essential moment of intimacy with the Lord. There is no spiritual life without this realization of the Lord's closeness to us. This communion of self with the Lord always moves outward to communion with others, the Church. A sense of "Jesus and me" which is not complemented by a sense of "Jesus and us" is a dead end.

This is what Bishop means by "discovering Jesus." Have you discovered Jesus? Would the Alpha course be an impetus towards this discovery? What is Alpha anyway?



Stay tuned! And cut out Saint Mother Teresa's prayer and keep it close to you. Share it with family and friends. Father Bill +



Next up in our series of Lenten Education Opportunities:

Hope For Recovery: Living Well with Mental Health Challenges through Peer Services

Sunday, March 11 at 9:30 AM or Tues., March 13 at 6:30 PM
Room L1-3 (lower level)

In this session you will learn what living with recovery means for people living with mental illness. Learn about practical tools to educate and increase awareness about the true nature of mental illness while also breaking down stigma. Powerful and hopeful, this sharing of recovery stories is appropriate for all ages. Learn about the history, definition and value of peer support in the world of mental health and substance use/addiction recovery. Through personal testimonies, 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**

Remaining sessions

9:30 AM, March 4 & 11 AND 6:30 PM, 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.

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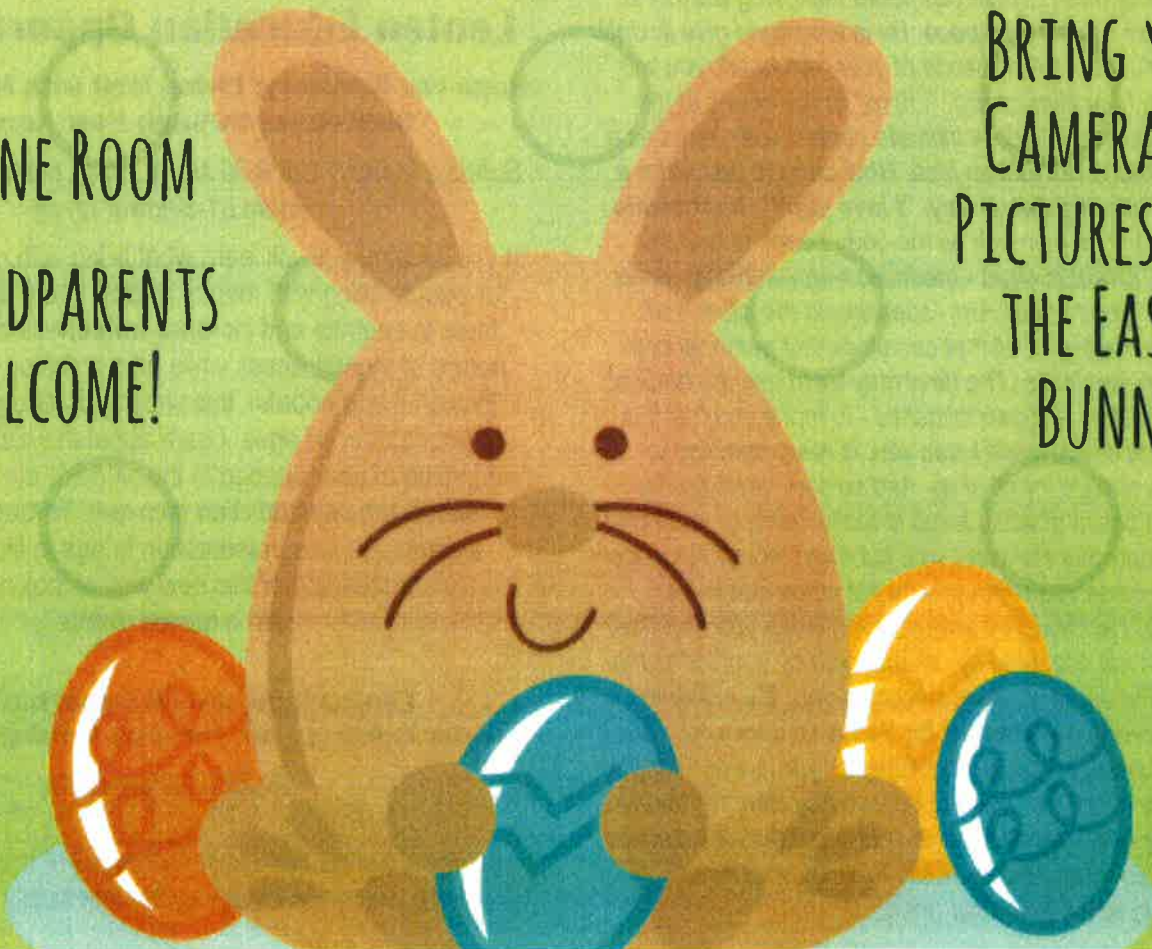
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