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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

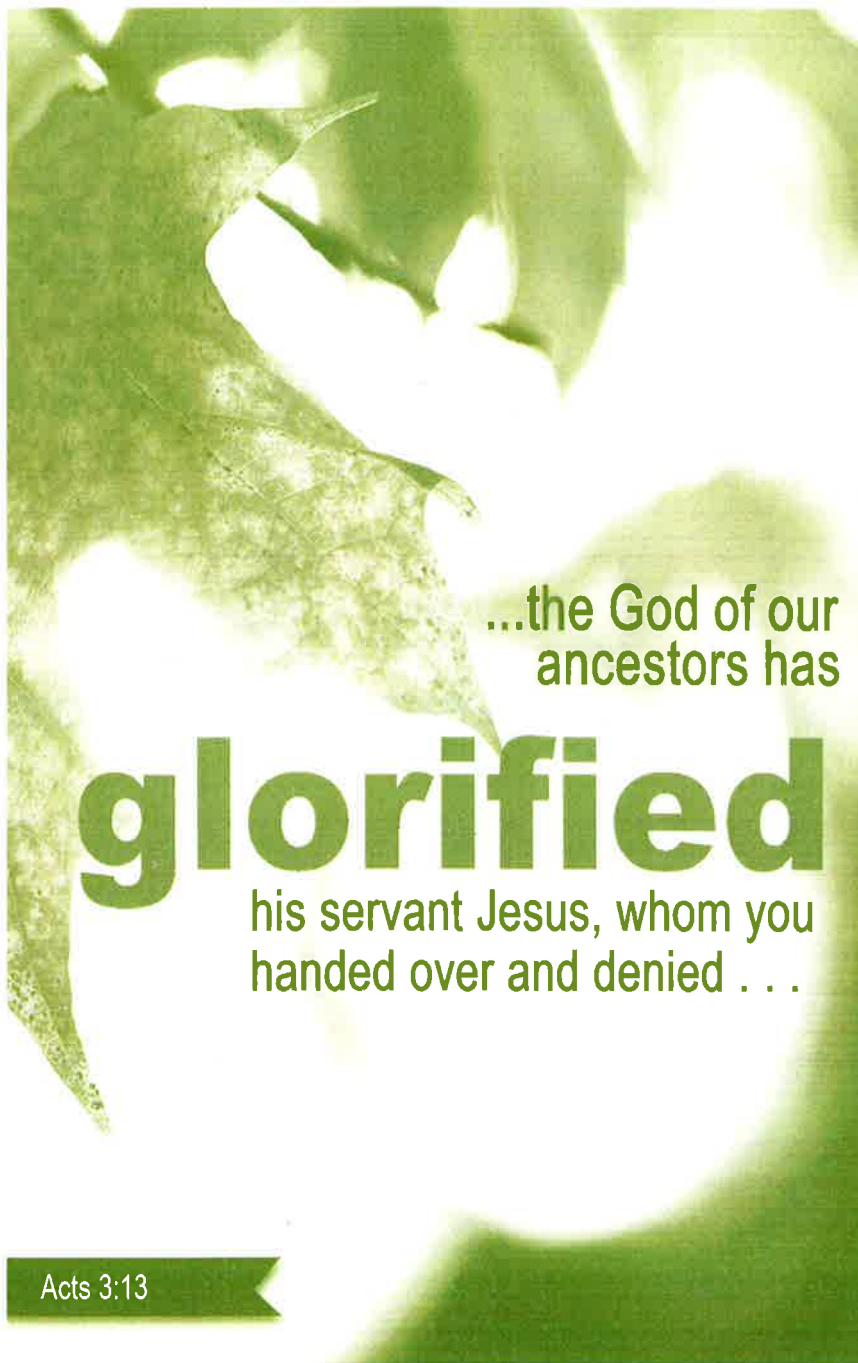
Holy days: see bulletin

Summer Mass Schedule

Saturday evening: 4:30m, Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

*A Catholic Community
to Call Home*

Sunday, April 15, 2018



...the God of our
ancestors has

glorified

his servant Jesus, whom you
handed over and denied . . .

Acts 3:13



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., April 16	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., April 17	8:30 AM David & Patricia Hahneman
Wed., April 18	12:05 PM John Schultz
Thurs., April 19	12:05 PM Nicholas & Sedella Jacob
Fri., April 20	8:30 AM Charles Dungan
Sat., April 21	4:30 PM Edward & Dorothy Frahm
Sun., April 22	8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:30 AM Mackswell Jacobson
	11:00 AM Bill Hoffman

St. Mary Weekly Calendar

April 16 (Mon)

- 6:00 PM Writing & Telling Our Own Jesus Story with Kristin Bird/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM THEO/L7
- 8:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting/L6

April 17 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:30 PM ALPHA—Pastoral Council/L1-3

April 18 (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/St. Anne Room

April 19 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 5:30 PM Evening ALPHA/L1-3

April 20 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

April 21 (Sat) Spring Engaged Retreat Day

- 9:00 AM Confessions
- 4:30 PM Mass
- Blood Pressure checks in the Marian Way after Mass
- Elizabeth Ministry card sale in the Marian Way after Mass

April 22 (Sun)

- 8, 9:30 & 11 AM Masses
- 9:30 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L4
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 9:30 AM Masses
- Blood Pressure checks in the Marian Way after Masses
- Elizabeth Ministry card sale in the Marian Way after Masses

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.



NEWS

IPRF Classes - Wednesday, Apr. 18, 4:30 & 6:30 PM
K-10 Classes @ St. Joseph, St. Mary & CELC

Register for Religious Education Classes for 2018-19
Wed., April 18 • 4—7:30 PM • St. Mary Community Room
*Register your children if they attend public school, grades K-11 (12th graders complete their preparation for Confirmation). Children from St. Joseph & St. Mary Parishes attend classes in a combined program, Inter-Parish Religious Formation (IPRF).

IPRF Pizza & Bake Sale

Wed., April 18 • 5—6:30 PM • St. Mary Community Room

Writing & Telling Our Own Jesus Story

How can we share Jesus with our families, friends and others if we do not know how we came to know Him or how He has impacted our lives?

Kristin Bird of Burning Hearts Disciples returns to St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes to help us follow Jesus's command to "Go Make Disciples!"

WHEN: Monday, April 16, 2018, 6:00-8:00 PM

WHERE: St. Mary Community Room

HOW: Email stmary@stmaryparish.org to let us know you are attending (to help with handouts, etc.)

COST: Free will offering appreciated

FELLOWSHIP: Save room to celebrate Easter and Jesus with an ice cream social!

Bishop's Appeal 2018

We have reached 90% of our parish goal. We're almost there! Thank you to those who have contributed already. We have always been able to meet our goal, and it is due to the generosity of our parish family. If you have not yet sent in your contribution, please do so as soon as you can. You can find blue donation envelopes in the back of church. Let's do this together!

Contributions

Office— \$14,646.65 Weekend—\$9,033.88
Children's Collection—\$31.00

A CIA-Faith Mission Operatives Presentation

*God's Precious Gift ...
That Few Seem to Want*

Fr. John Girotti
invites you to
Rediscover God's Channels of Saving Grace

"MERCY!" We cry out for it in childhood games, appeal for it in our prayers and beg for it at the time of death. So why do we reject God's forgiveness offered through Confession and mock the idea of Purgatory? It's time we come to our senses and reclaim this priceless gift Jesus paid for with His life!

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 7 PM

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W Prospect Ave, Appleton

No tickets or reservations needed/Freewill offering encouraged

For details, google CIAFMO or call Susan at 920-450-3025

INVESTIGATE YOUR FAITH!

CIAFMO is a Diocese of Green Bay recognized lay ministry.

Fr. Girotti, a canon lawyer with the heart of a pastor and a gift for plain speak, is both popular and beloved by NE Wisconsin audiences. He can be heard on *Relevant Radio*.

"In all honesty, I'm a bit of a speaker snob. And I've heard lots of speakers in lots of venues. Fr. Girotti ranks with the best!" -- Mike Mauthe, Xavier HS principal

ST MARY BOOK CLUB

UPCOMING READS

May 1: *The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult

June 5: *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate

July 10 (note—2nd Tuesday due to July 4th Holiday):

The Bright Hour: A Memoir of Living and Dying by Nina Riggs

August 7: *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo

Please join us! All are welcome!

We meet from 6-7 PM in Room L2



Baptized in water, this precious child has been clothed in Jesus.

Mabel Josephine,
daughter of Tanner & Leah Zak

**OWN A PIECE OF
ST. MARY HISTORY**

Church renovations are complete! There are several light fixtures that are no longer being used, and they are being made available to parishioners for purchase. Call Brian Dresang at (920) 739-5119 if you would like to stop in the parish office to see them.

Easter Baskets Needed



Our Human Concerns Committee is in need of gently used Easter baskets. They should have a handle and be in good condition. Please, no baskets that were used to hold plants. Drop off any donations in the parish office. Thanks for your generosity!

handmade card sale

Elizabeth Ministry handmade cards will be sold before and after all Masses next weekend, April 21 & 22 in the Marian Way. Buy your Mother's Day, Father's Day and all-occasion cards while the supply lasts. Proceeds help to finance gift kits for pregnant women and new mothers in our parish. Cards are only \$3 each or 2 for \$5. What a bargain!



In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Carol Davis. 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, call us at 739-5119.



Right away last Monday morning at 6 am, I downloaded and printed Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation, which he has titled "**Rejoice and Be Glad (Gaudete et Exsultate): On the Call to Holiness in Today's Word.**" This document penned by Pope Francis adds to his body of work which includes *The Joy of the Gospel*, *The Joy of Love*, and *On Care for our Common Home*. Of this group of work, I feel that *Rejoice and Be Glad* is the most beautiful and inspiring. It is just 177 paragraphs long so it does not take a whole lot of time to read. But it is certainly worthy of a second and even third reading, all done in a spirit of pondering over the Lord's invitation to grow in holiness, which is a universal call to every Christian.

I cannot do the work justice in this brief summary and encourage you to pray over the document yourself. It is very user-friendly and is written in Pope Francis' familiar homey style. Its five chapters begin with the call to holiness (I) (paragraphs 3-34); a clear identification of *two subtle enemies* (Gnosticism and Pelagianism) that tend to turn holiness into an elitist, intellectual, or sheer human will form (II) (paragraphs 35-62); the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew as a blueprint to holiness (III) (paragraphs 63-109); characteristics of holiness in the current world (patience and meekness, humor, courage and fervor) (IV) (paragraphs 110-157); and a description of the spiritual life as *combat, vigilance and discernment*. (V) (paragraphs 158-177)

Here are some provoking quotes. There are many so my first reading only captures those which really struck me.

My modest goal is to re-propose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. (2)

(The Letter to the Hebrews) invites us to realize that a *great cloud of witnesses* impels us to advance constantly towards the goal. **These witnesses include our own mothers, grandmothers or other loved ones.**

Their lives may not have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord. (3) (My comment: Do include fathers, grandfathers and other loved ones!)

...We need only find a more perfect way of doing what we are already doing. *There are inspirations that tend solely to perfect in an extraordinary way the ordinary things we do in life.* (Saint Francis de Sales) When Cardinal Francois-Xavier van Thuan (of Vietnam) was imprisoned, he refused to waste time waiting for the day he would be set free. Instead, he chose *to live the present moment, filling it to the brim with love.* He decided *I will seize the occasions that present themselves every day; I will accomplish ordinary things in an extraordinary way.* (17)

When somebody has an answer for every question, it is a sign that they are not on the right road. They may well be false prophets, who use religion for their own purpose, to promote their own psychological or intellectual theories. **God infinitely transcends us, he is full of surprises.** We are not the ones to determine when and how we will encounter him; the exact times and places of that encounter are not up to us. Someone who wants everything to be clear and sure presumes to control God's transcendence...God is mysteriously present in the life of every person, in a way that he himself chooses, and we cannot exclude this by our presumed certainties. Even when someone's life appears wrecked, even when we see it devastated by vices or addictions, God is present there. (41-42)

Not infrequently, contrary to the promptings of the Spirit, the life of the Church can become a museum piece or the possession of a select few. This can occur when some groups of Christians give excessive importance to certain rules, customs or ways of acting. The Gospel then tends to be reduced and constricted, deprived of its simplicity, allure and savor. (58)

Look for some more thoughts and quotes next week! I will be re-reading this beautiful spiritual meditation a couple times more this coming week! Father Bill +



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