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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

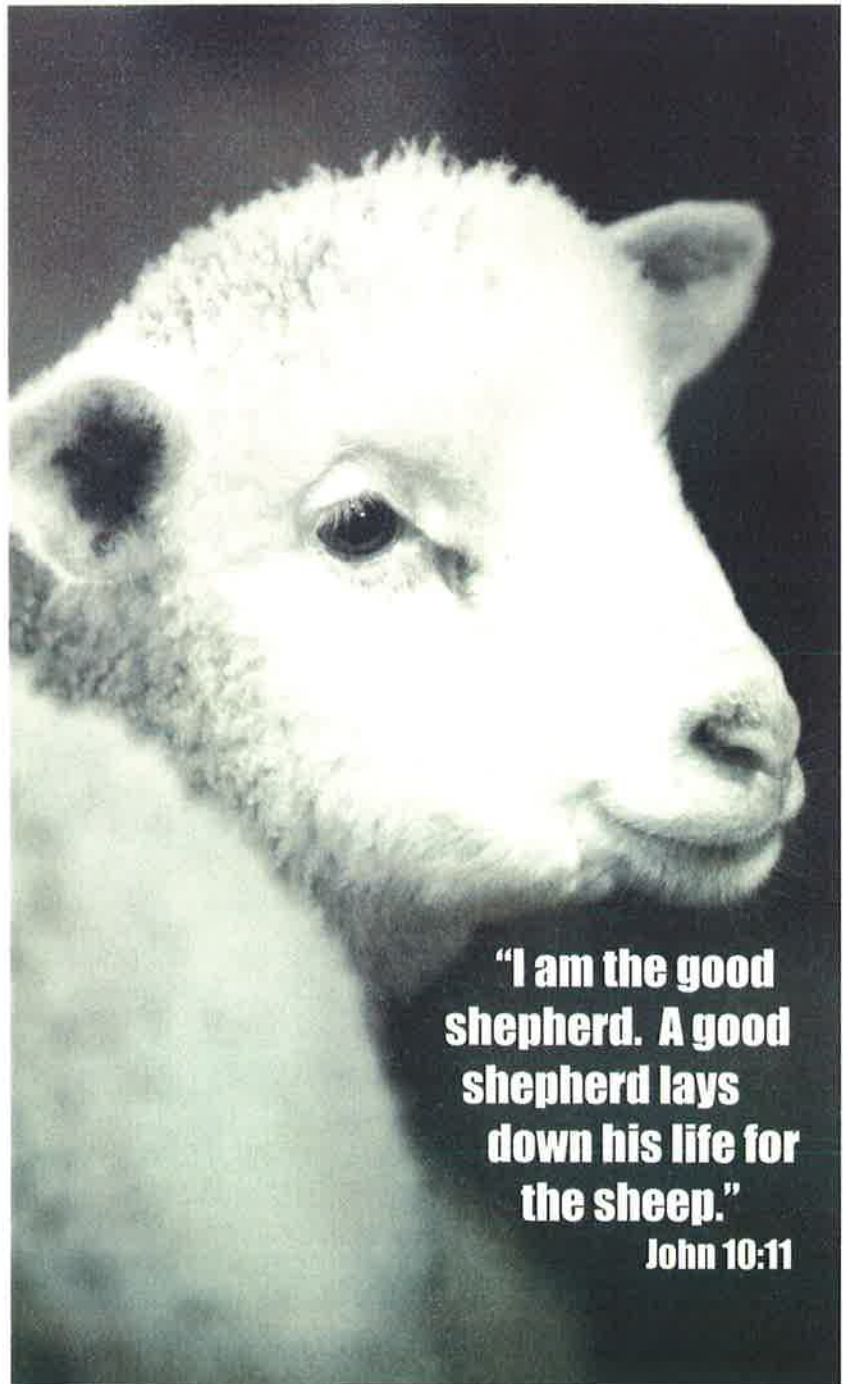
Summer Mass Schedule

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

*A Catholic Community
to Call Home*

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter



"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

John 10:11



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., April 23	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., April 24	8:30 AM Patrick Seely
Wed., April 25	12:05 PM Norman Rohm
Thurs., April 26	12:05 PM In Thanksgiving for Guardian Angels
Fri., April 27	8:30 AM Fr. Mike O'Rourke
Sat., April 28	4:30 PM Emmett & Georgiann Hoks
Sun., April 29	8:00 AM Florence & William Polley
	9:30 AM John Schultz
	11:00 AM John Spencer

St. Mary Weekly Calendar

April 23 (Mon)

6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

April 24 (Tue)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

April 25 (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 26 (Thurs)

8:30 AM Coffee & Cookies Playdate/Babysitting Room
12:05 PM Mass

April 27 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

April 28 (Sat) First Eucharist Weekend

9:00 AM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass
ALPHA Retreat Day/Community Room
Mother & Unborn Baby Collection begins this weekend

April 29 (Sun) First Eucharist Weekend

8, 9:30 & 11 AM Masses
Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
Mother & Unborn Baby Collection begins this weekend



Make a Note!

There will be no 8:30 AM Mass on Tuesday, May 1 or Tuesday, May 15.

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

IPRF
Inter-Parish Religious Formation

NEWS

IPRF Classes (Gr. K-10) on Wednesday, April 25th:

LAST CLASS! Families, please join us at 5:30 PM at St. Mary Church for a May Crowning followed by walking tacos and an ice cream social in the Community Room.

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.

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Do you want to know and celebrate exactly how uniquely you have been created and how you can use your God-Given talents to serve others and give glory to our incredible God? Join us for a four week *Living Your Strengths* workshop on Friday mornings (May 11, 18, 25 and June 1) or Monday evenings (May 7, May 14, May 21, and June 4). This enjoyable workshop is perfect for couples that are dating, engaged, or married as well as friends, siblings and colleagues who want to understand each other's similarities and differences. The cost is \$20 to cover the cost of the book, and scholarships are available. Bring a friend for fellowship and to gain insights that will serve you for a lifetime! To register for either session, contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org or 920-739-5119.

Bring a friend—this opportunity is not limited to St. Mary Parishioners!

Mother & Unborn Baby Care Collection

Please consider taking a card from the Mother & Unborn Baby Care Collection tree in the Marian Way (available April 28-May 6). Each card lists a baby or toddler item needed by a struggling family in our community. Purchase a new item or bring in a gently used one to fill the need. Return items on Mother's Day Weekend, May 12 & 13.

Contributions

Office— \$3,559.00 Weekend—\$1,742.00
Children's Collection—\$16.00

Receiving Important Notifications from St. Mary



Last weekend's cancellation of Masses was highly unusual. We tried our best to reach all parishioners, and hope you got word in time. We have the capability to send you important information about updates, cancellations, and programs via text message. If you would like to receive this kind of communication from us, and are not already, text **stmaryapple** to **84576**.

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RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30th!!!

Writing & Telling Our Own Jesus Story

Due to our winter weather, last week, we have rescheduled this workshop with Kristin Bird. If you were signed up for the original date, please call or email us to let us know if you can make the new one! Thank you!

NEW DATE!! Monday, April 30, 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: Bring a friend. This opportunity is not limited to St. Mary Parishioners!

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

Pastoral Council Nominations

Do you know a parishioner who would be a great addition to our Pastoral Council? Please nominate her or him. We will accept nominations through Sunday, May 6.

Our Pastoral Council is the principal consulting body to our pastor, Fr. Bill, and meets monthly. A member term is 3 years. Nominate a person by writing his or her name on one of the slips of paper in the pews and placing it in the boxes near church exits, or by calling or emailing the parish office (920-739-5119 or stmary@stmaryparish.org).

ALPHA – Is there More to Life Than This?

Summer ALPHA sessions are now forming. Relax with this summer faith opportunity. Join with others for a meal, fellowship, video and discussion that explores Important basic questions of our Christian faith that will help us to live more fully what it means to be Catholic.



An evening ALPHA experience will be offered Wednesday evenings from 6—7:30 PM at St. Joseph Parish June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 8, 15, 22, and 29.

RETREAT DAY: Saturday, August 4.

A morning ALPHA experience will be offered Tuesday mornings from 9—10:30 AM at St. Mary Parish June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, August 7, 14, 21, 28.

RETREAT DAY: Saturday, August 4.

Bring a friend—this opportunity is not limited to St. Mary Parishioners! All are welcome at ALPHA!



*Attn: 7th, 8th, & 9th
Grade Boys—
Summer Action Retreat!*



A great opportunity for boy in grades 7-9! This Action Retreat will be held at St Lawrence Seminary in Mt Calvary, WI. It includes Mass and Prayer, Field Olympics, Outdoor Games & Team-Building Activities. It will be a fun learning experience with boys from all over the Midwest. Cost is only \$50. For more details or to register, contact Fr Jim at St Joe's (920) 419-8738.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the families of Carol Davis, Audrey Deprez, Robert Schabow, and Leo (Bud) Smudde. 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.**

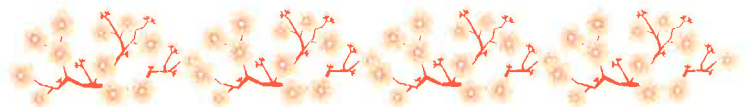
Their lives may not have been perfect, yet even amid their faults and failings they kept moving forward and proved pleasing to the Lord. (3) (My comment: Do include fathers, grandfathers and other loved ones!)

...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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