



April 29, 2018

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., April 30	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., May 1	8:30 AM NO MASS
Wed., May 2	12:05 PM Stupfel Family relatives
Thurs., May 3	12:05 PM John Diederich
	8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Mary
Fri., May 4	4:30 PM Jeff Fisher
Sat., May 5	8:00 AM For cancer patients
Sun., May 6	9:30 AM Lois Olsen
	11:00 AM Mary Gardner

St. Mary Weekly Calendar

April 30 (Mon)

- 6:00 PM Writing & Telling Your Jesus Story with Kristin Bird/CR
- 6:30 PM Twinning Committee Meeting/L7
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

May 1 (Tue) OFFICE CLOSED—Staff Retreat

- 8:30 AM NO MASS
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 4:30 PM Server Training/Church
- 6:00 PM Quilting Group/L7
- 6:00 PM Book Club (*The Storyteller*)/L2
- 6:30 PM ALPHA—Pastoral Council/L1-3
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Community Room

May 2 (Wed)

- 9:30 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 12:35 PM Holy Hour
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 5:30 PM IPRF Catechist Appreciation
- 6:30 PM Server Training/Church
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

May 3 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 5:30 PM Evening ALPHA/L1-3
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting/Community Room

May 4 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 9:15 AM Home & Fire Safety Class/Community Room

May 5 (Sat)

- 9:00 AM Confessions
- 4:30 PM Mass

May 6 (Sun)

- 8, 9:30 & 11 AM Masses
- 12:00 PM Server Training/Church
- 12:15 PM Vintage Age Brunch—Pullman's
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts after 8 & 9:30 AM Masses



Make a Note!

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

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.

Bishop's Appeal 2018

We have reached 97% of our 2018 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!

Next Weekend's Events

- Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale (after all Masses)
 - Elizabeth Ministry Card Sale (in the Marian Way after all Masses)
 - Mother & Unborn Baby Collection (take a card from the tree in the Marian Way)
- St. Joe's Food Program Collection (canned or dried fruits and veggies)

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—\$2,207.00 Weekend—\$11,036.56
(no Children's Collection due to cancelled Masses)

Sunday Mass Time Changes

Over the last three years the Pastoral Council, Pastoral Staff, and Liturgy Committee have been discussing the possibility of going from three Masses to two Masses on Sunday morning. Many parishioners have asked when we were going to make the change. Recently, we received comments on our parish-wide survey stating that parishioners felt that now was the time.

The Pastoral Council decided to take on this project. Fr. Bill and the staff were not actively involved so that the final recommendation of Mass times would come from the Pastoral Council as representatives of the parishioners. After discussion and focus groups with over 100 parishioners, and prayerful consideration as a council, we recommended to Fr. Bill that our two Sunday Mass times be at 8 and 9:45 AM. Fr. Bill has agreed and these Mass times will begin on Sunday, May 27, 2018.

We know these Mass times will affect those of you who worship at our 11 AM Mass the most, and would like suggestions on how we can make this transition as smooth as possible for you. Also, we would like to thank all the parishioners who participated in this process. The discussions were healthy, challenging, and showed that in the end, we are committed to making the sometimes hard but necessary changes that will lead to the health and growth of our parish family.

If you have questions or comments, contact us at stmary@stmaryparish.org.

Receiving Notifications from St. Mary

If you would like to receive information via text message from us, text **stmaryapple** to **84576**.

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply.



Vintage Age Brunch

Sunday, May 6 • 12:15 PM • Pullman's
619 S. Olde Oneida Street, Appleton

All senior age men & women are invited to join us! No reservation needed.

St. Joe's Food Program Collection Next Weekend, May 5 & 6!

In May we are collecting canned or dried fruits and veggies. Nothing glass or perishable please.

Place in totes by the altar. Thank you for your generosity!



A presentation and reflection on St. Bernadette & Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, May 20th, 12:15 - 2pm
St. Mary's Community Room

Lunch is included Childcare will be provided

No charge, but please RSVP by Monday, May 14 to tmullaney1954@gmail.com or Mary Ann at 739-5119.

Pastoral Council Nominations

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

Nominate someone by writing his or her name on one of the slips of paper in the pews and placing it in the boxes near the church exits, or by calling or emailing the parish office (920-739-5119 or stmary@stmaryparish.org).

Mother & Unborn Baby Care Collection

Please consider taking a card from the tree in the Marian Way (available April 28-May 6). 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.

handmade card sale

Elizabeth Ministry handmade cards will be sold before and after all Masses next weekend, May 5 & 6, 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 families of 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, call us at 739-5119.



ENCOUNTER

By Mary Ann Otto

MARY ANN OTTO

St. Mary & St. Joseph
Pastoral Minister
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RESOURCES

Casting Crowns
"Praise You In This
Storm"
(available on YouTube)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Writing and Telling
Your Own Jesus Story
with Kristin Bird
April 30 6-8 pm
St. Mary Community Rm.

Summer ALPHA
Morning and evening
sessions forming now!

"Living Your Strengths"
Workshops
Friday morning and
Monday evening
sessions beginning in
May.

*Contact Mary Ann to
sign up for events or
workshops.*

CONTACT INFO

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(920) 739-5119

I feel very blessed! What a lovely gift that my first column is during the Easter Season. It is a time when the **GREATEST STORY** ever told continues to unfold in scripture and hopefully in our hearts. The disciples are meeting the Risen Lord and we can feel their excitement. Their surprise and amazement prepares us for our own personal encounters with Jesus. Our moments become important chapters in our own Jesus Story.

My latest chapter of meeting the Risen Jesus happened a week ago. Let me tell you this story: My husband and I are part of an Ecumenical Prison Ministry. About four times a year we go to the Oshkosh Correctional Facility on a Sunday evening and provide two worship services for about 250 inmates. It is always a moving experience from the reality of the tight security getting in and out of the facility to standing in line shaking hands with the inmates as they enter and also leave the service. Some are so young and some are so old. They could be our grandfathers, fathers, brothers, sons and grandsons.

It is especially difficult for new volunteers not to be saddened by the state of the inmates lives even though they know they are paying for their crimes.

Those who believe see the face of Jesus when we look in their eyes.

The prison has an amazing worship band and choir made up of inmates. It is multicultural and the energy in the room when they are leading worship is unmistakable. The depth of the songs in the context of the setting brings people to their feet and in my case, tears to my eyes.

One of the songs we sang together was Praise You in This Storm by Casting Crowns (please watch it on YouTube). It is a song about the hope that God would reach down and save us during the storms in our lives. Though there is a longing to hear God's voice during this time, there is faith that God never leaves us and that he holds each of our tears in his hand. The song helps us to make a conscious choice to praise God in our darkest moments.

Powerful message.
Powerful delivery.

Last Sunday in a storm-filled place, I remembered the thunder of my own life and I had an incredible encounter with the love and mercy of the Risen Jesus. I was surprised and blessed!

You have Jesus stories, too. Remember them. Share them. Spread the Good News!

Bring a spouse, friend, sibling, colleague, girlfriend or boyfriend! These opportunities are not limited to St. Mary & St. Joseph parishioners!

WRITING AND TELLING YOUR OWN JESUS STORY WITH KRISTIN BIRD

Due to the snowstorm, this workshop has been rescheduled for Monday, April 30th! Join us for this wonderful opportunity to explore how Jesus has impacted your life, and for fellowship and an ice cream social in the St. Mary Parish Community Room from 6-8 PM.

Summer ALPHA sessions are forming now!

An evening ALPHA experience will be offered Wednesday evenings from 6—7:30 PM at St. Joseph Parish. DATES: 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. DATES: June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, August 7, 14, 21, and 28. RETREAT DAY: Saturday, August 4

Is there more
to life than
this?

Alpha

Explore Your Talents with "Living Your Strengths"

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?

This enjoyable workshop is perfect for couples that are dating, engaged, and married as well as friends, siblings and colleagues who want to understand each other's similarities and differences and gain insights that will serve you for a lifetime.

Join us for a four week Living Your Strengths Workshop! Friday mornings (May 11, 18, 25 and June 1) at St. Joseph or Monday evenings (May 7, 14, 21, and June 4) at St. Mary

To sign up for any of these opportunities, contact Mary Ann Otto at 920-739-5119 or motto@stmaryparish.org

The cost is \$20 to cover the cost of the book. Scholarships are available!



HOME & FIRE SAFETY CLASS

WHO: older adults

WHEN: Friday, May 4 @ 9:15 AM
(Feast day of St. Florian, patron saint of firefighters)

WHERE: St. Mary Community Room

WHAT:

- **Battalion Chief Joseph Strauss of the Appleton Fire Department will discuss home & fire safety**
- **Sign up for a smoke detector inspection performed in your home by Mr. Strauss**
- **Have faulty smoke detectors replaced at no cost to you**

Why: Arm yourself with information and enjoy coffee & refreshments.

RSVP
739-5119 or
stmary@stmaryparish.org

Come to a presentation and reflection on
the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes

St. Bernadette, Yesterday and Today

given by Denise Stoker

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018
12:15 – 2:00 PM

St. Mary's Community Room

**All parishioners, friends, and families with children
are welcome!**

Luncheon will be served, including a
child's menu, followed by the
presentation and reflection.

Children are invited to watch the presentation OR
childcare will be provided by Virtus-trained adults.



Kindly **RSVP** to: tmullaney1954@gmail.com by **Monday, May 14.**

Please include the number of adults and children,
and how many children will need childcare.

If you do not have email, please call MaryAnn at 920-739-5119

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