

# ST. MARY

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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

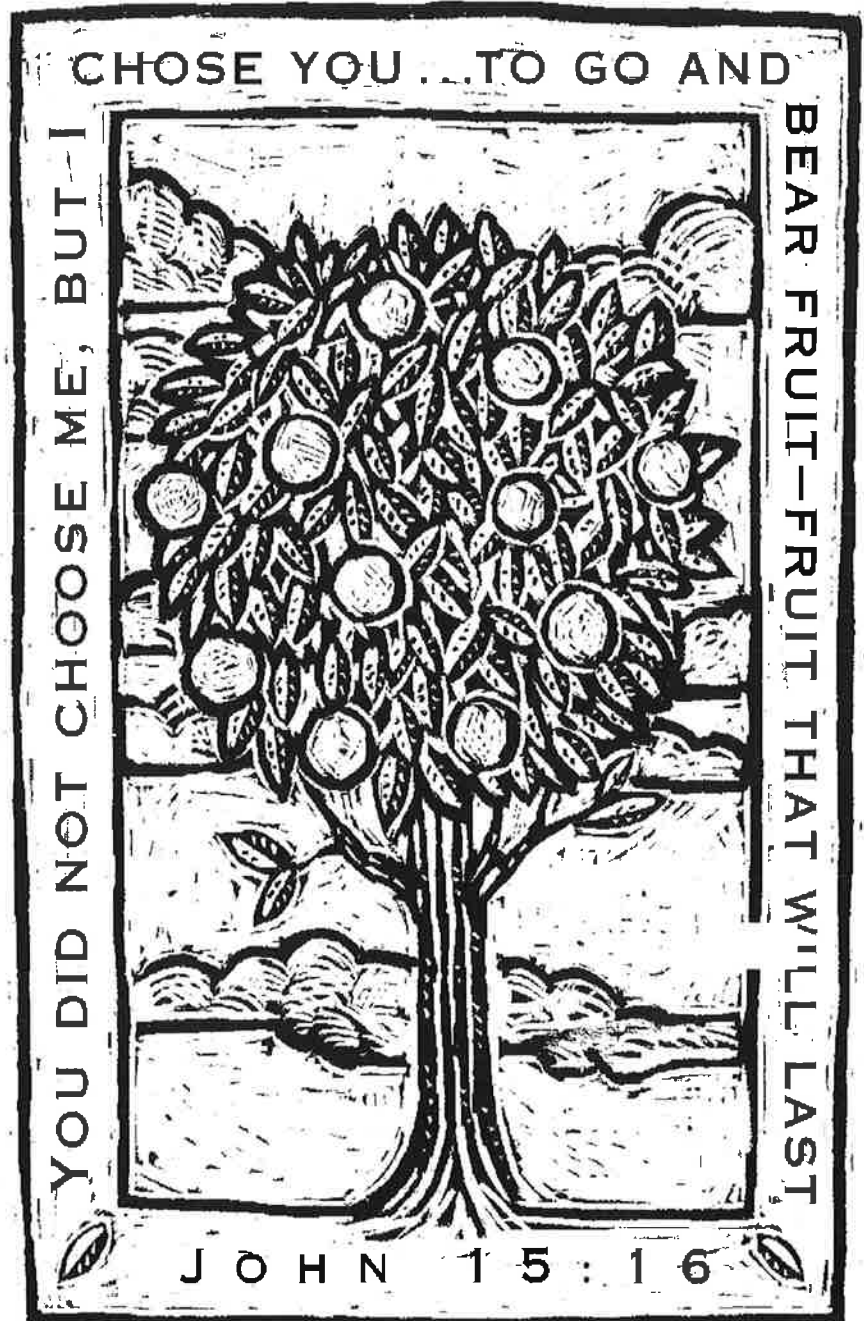
Summer Mass Schedule

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

*A Catholic Community  
to Call Home*

# Sunday, May 6, 2018

## Sixth Sunday of Easter



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., May 7	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., May 8	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed., May 9	12:05 PM	Bill Hoffman
Thurs., May 10	12:05 PM	Carol Killoren
Fri., May 11	8:30 AM	Jerry Morrissey
Sat., May 12	4:30 PM	Anita Lardinois
Sun., May 13	8:00 AM	Janice Vande Hey
	9:30 AM	Carol Killoren
	11:00 AM	Mugs Hughes

## St. Mary Weekly Calendar

### May 7 (Mon)

- 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Potluck/St. Anne Room
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25 Committee Meeting/Large Conference Rm
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

### May 8 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting/Community Room
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting/Community Room
- 7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L2

### May 9 (Wed)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

### May 10 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 3:00 PM Purple Angel Training/L6
- 5:30 PM Evening ALPHA/L1-3

### May 11 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

### May 12 (Sat)

- 9:00 AM Confessions
- 4:30 PM Mass
- Return items for Mother & Unborn Baby Collection

### May 13 (Sun) Ascension of Our Lord

- Happy Mother's Day!**
- 8, 9:30 & 11 AM Masses
- Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass
- Return items for Mother & Unborn Baby Collection



## 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. Thank you!

## 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.



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

*Theodore James,*  
son of Tyler & Amber Zak

## Bishop's Appeal 2018 Last call!

We have reached 97% of our 2018 parish goal! We're almost there! If you have not yet sent in your contribution, please do so as soon as possible. Blue donation envelopes are in the back of church or the parish office.

## 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](mailto: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. View privacy policy & terms at [flocknote.com/txt](http://flocknote.com/txt).



## PRAYER NEEDS

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

## Contributions

Office— \$2,575.00    Weekend—\$9,762.25  
Children's—\$23.00

## Just a Reminder!

We will be going to our new Sunday Mass schedule on May 27th (Memorial Day Weekend). Our Sunday Masses will be at 8 AM and 9:45 AM. Questions or comments? Contact us at [stmary@stmaryparish.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryparish.org).



### 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.



### Kick-off to Summer Sale

#### St. Vincent de Paul—Appleton

Enjoy 30% off storewide, including a large selection of furniture, 50% off clothing, AND a brat fry courtesy of the American Legion Post 38 on Thursday, May 10, 9 AM—8 PM.

### XAVIER CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS!

"Calico Tiger" by Christian B. Garrison

7 PM • Thursday, May 24 • Xavier Fine Arts Theatre

This heart warming play teaches a valuable lesson with lively humor, jungle antics and live music, and is ideal for children in Pre-K through fifth grade. Tickets are available at [www.xaviertheatre.com](http://www.xaviertheatre.com) or (920) 733-8840.

## Job Opportunity

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Schools is seeking an Executive Assistant. This position will assist in administrative and support functions for the president, as well as provide administrative support in Advancement. Candidates with a minimum Associates degree must demonstrate strength in computer, communication and organizational skills. Demonstrated ability to maintain confidential information and present a professional presentation both in person and on the phone also required. A successful candidate will possess a service-minded attitude to contribute to our overall mission of excellent Catholic education. To find out more about this opening please visit our website at: <http://www.xaviercatholicschools.org/About/Job-Opportunities> or contact Christine Mazier, HR Administrative Specialist at 920-735-9380 ext.5213.



## IT'S FOOD FAIR TIME!

**This Sunday, May 6 • 9 AM—4 PM • Xavier High School**  
Everyone is invited! Bring your friends and family to this fun-filled event featuring great food from around the world, children's games, raffles, fabulous musical entertainment and much more! Admission is free so bring the family!

### Chicago Urban Immersion Experience

July 10-13, 2018

This trip for youth and young adults will immerse you in a life of service of those in need (youth must be entering into the ninth grade in fall and at least 14 years old when we leave).

### Faith FACTOR Service Camp

July 23-26, 2018

A local service camp serving those in need of the Fox Valley Area, for youth in grades 6-12.

More info at [www.inter-parish.org/youth-ministry.html](http://www.inter-parish.org/youth-ministry.html).



## New Coordinator Needed

After 12 years as the Elizabeth Ministry Coordinator, Sally Thomson has decided it's time for a change of pace! Thank you, Sally, for your many years of dedicated ministry with this group! We are now in need of a new coordinator. If you're interested or have questions about what this position entails, please contact Betsy at the parish office.

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

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:tmullaney1954@gmail.com) or Mary Ann at 739-5119.

### Christmas Stars Open Auditions

For singers and dancers, adult (high school & above) and children in Grades K-8. Auditions will be held on Monday, May 14 from 6—9 PM and Saturday, May 19 from 9 AM—noon at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre (on the XHS campus).

### In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Lois Burch. 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.

# IN JOY & SORROW

WITH FR. BILL  
SWITCHTENBERG

I am sincerely grateful to the members of the Pastoral Leadership Council for spearheading the discussion regarding our Sunday Mass schedule. In the life of the Catholic parish, the Mass schedule affects every member of the community and every member has an opinion. The key is to listen to a representative sample of worshipers to get as accurate a sounding as to the most reasonable path that will move us forward. The Pastoral Leadership Team and I stayed out of these discussions. The only criteria that I asked the Council to consider were to reduce the Sunday schedule from three to two Masses and to provide a little bit more time in between the Masses. I believe that their recommendation of an 8 AM and 9:45 AM Mass on Sundays is certainly doable and reflects the discussions the Council members had with over 100 people. Some may argue that we should have involved more people in the discussion but, in the end, I believe the outcome would have been the same. I realize that we are asking those who preferred the 11 AM Mass to make the biggest adjustment. The Council members are doing their best to talk with those people who are most concerned.

I would like to encourage us to try to see the bigger picture. I would like to frame this change, which involves a loss, in a positive light. I believe that we have a wonderful reservoir of people in this parish who are deeply committed to the Mass and its life-transforming power. I believe that we have well-prepared Lectors (Readers) who proclaim the Word of God with a genuine conviction. I believe that we have talented musicians and choirs who lead us in lifting our hearts and voices in praise to the Lord. I believe that we have dedicated Communion Ministers who truly recognize Jesus in the People of God who come forward with open hands and hearts to receive the Precious Body and Blood of the Risen Lord Jesus. I believe that we have warm and welcoming Hospitality Ministers (Ushers) and Greeters. I believe that we have generous young people who are eager to minister as Servers. I believe we have faithful people who prepare our altar and bear our gifts so we can worship as the Family of God. I believe that we have a core group of people who tend lovingly to the liturgical environment with flowers, Christmas crèche, Lenten Cross, and candles.

And most importantly, I believe that we have a wonderful assembly of worshipers who are serious about participating fully, consciously and actively at the Mass.

I also believe that all of this juice and joy, if you will, loses something if it is spread out too thin. The power of the Mass in bringing all of us together around the Table of the Lord's Word and the Table of the Lord's Eucharist is enhanced proportionately to the number of people in the assembly. Even though we have been growing as a parish, when we spread ourselves over three Masses when two Masses are sufficient, the quality of the Mass is lessened.

I don't have to tell you that we have a priest shortage in our Church. And frankly, even if we had a plethora of priests, I do not think it is a good idea to have a Mass in which the church is only half full. The sense of intimacy and closeness is lessened and one person may find himself or herself in a silo of sorts with no one within arm's length of him or her.

I was happy to preside at the three Sunday Masses over the last four years. But, truth be told, it has become more and more of a challenge for me in terms of stamina. A good chunk of Sunday afternoon for me is to take a nap. I am exhausted. I can assure you that I put my whole mind, heart and spirit into celebrating the Mass with reverence. I do not wing it. I do not just go through the motions. I do not cut corners to shorten the Mass and believe strongly that we can offer the Lord a full, quality hour every week. You have every right to get on my case if I consistently go over an hour.

I understand fully that change is always difficult. I also believe that change can be a good thing if we see the bigger picture, let go of our own preferences, and trust that the Spirit of the Lord is always guiding us to make our experience of giving praise and thanks to the Lord even richer!

Thank you for taking the time to read this **In Joy and Sorrow**.

*Fr. Bill +*

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](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org)

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

# Betsy Pfantz & Sam Hokamp

(St. Mary Family  
Life Minister)

We would like to  
celebrate the  
sacrament of  
marriage with our  
parish family!

We're getting  
married and  
you're invited to  
witness our vows!

June 2, 2018  
1 o'clock  
St. Mary Parish



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