

# ST. MARY

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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: 4:30 PM, Sundays: 8:00 & 9:45 AM

*A Catholic Community  
to Call Home*

# Sunday, May 20, 2018

## Pentecost

THEN THERE APPEARED  
TO THEM TONGUES  
AS OF FIRE,  
WHICH PARTED  
AND CAME TO REST  
ON EACH ONE OF THEM.

ACTS 2:3



### Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., May 21	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., May 22	8:30 AM	Ashley Mielke & Family
Wed., May 23	12:05 PM	Bill & Charlotte Diederich
Thurs., May 24	12:05 PM	A Special Intention
Fri., May 25	8:30 AM	Janice Vande Hey
Sat., May 26	4:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Sun., May 27	8:00 AM	Harold & Fritzie McGinnis and Kathy Noack
	9:45 AM	Rita Bardon

### St. Mary Weekly Calendar

#### May 21 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM Living Your Strengths Workshop/L3
- 6:30 PM Twinning Committee Meeting/L7
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

#### May 22 (Tue)

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

#### May 23 (Wed)

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

#### May 24 (Thurs)

- 8:30 AM Coffee & Cookies Playdate/Babysitting Room
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 5:30 PM Evening ALPHA/L1-3, 4

#### May 25 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 9:00 AM Place flags on veterans' graves at cemetery
- 10:00 PM Living Your Strengths Workshop/St. Joseph

#### May 26 (Sat)

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

#### May 27 (Sun)

- 8 & 9:45 AM Masses

#### May 28 (Mon) Memorial Day (Office closed)

- 8:30 AM Mass at St. Mary Cemetery Chapel

### Reminders

The Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day (Monday, May 28). Have a safe and happy holiday! Thank you to all who have served!

Mass times change next weekend (Memorial Day weekend). Sunday Masses will be at 8 AM and 9:45 AM. Questions or comments? Contact us at [stmary@stmaryparish.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryparish.org).

## MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS

### Help us honor our veterans!

If you are able to help place flags on veterans' graves at our cemetery (2121 W. Prospect Avenue), join us at 9 AM on Friday, May 25. Rain or Shine!

### 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 to [tmullaney1954@gmail.com](mailto:tmullaney1954@gmail.com) or Mary Ann at 739-5119

### 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 (739-5119).

### 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— \$2,726.00    Weekend—\$10,233.25  
Children's—\$10.00



## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

celebrated within all Masses next weekend (May 26-27)

Our faith community will pray for persons in our parish who are in need of the Lord's precious gifts of healing, strength, courage, patience, and freedom. The Sacrament includes the

laying on of hands by the priest and the anointing with blessed oil on the forehead and palms of the hands of the person in need of healing. This prayer accompanies these gestures: "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord Jesus in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit."

Those to be anointed would include: persons struggling with the process of aging, those facing or recovering from surgery, those dealing with serious health issues, those dealing with chronic depression and anxiety and other mental illnesses, those struggling with any addiction, those grieving and struggling to let go of a loved one who has died, those struggling in marriage and other significant relationships, and those tormented by doubts regarding their faith.

## Summer Help Needed!

We are in need of some summer help at our parish cemetery with lawn care and grounds maintenance. 15-20 hours each week and very flexible schedule. Main responsibilities will be to mow grass and trim brush. If you are interested or have questions, contact Brian at [bdresang@stmaryparish.org](mailto:bdresang@stmaryparish.org).

## Free Easter Plants!

Now that the Easter season is finished, we have a variety of Easter plants looking for a home! If you have a "green thumb" and would like to "resurrect" one of the remaining plants, they will be put out for the taking. Thank you again to the many who gifted to the flower fund.

## Summer Coffee & Donuts



Not to worry—you can still join us for Sunday morning Coffee & Donuts twice a month during the summer!

### Dates:

June 3 & 17, July 8 & 22,  
August 5 & 19



Is there more to life than this?  
**ALPHA sessions begin in June**

To register, contact Mary Ann at  
[motto@stmaryparish.org](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org) or 739-5119

## Matthew 25 Committee News

A donation of \$1,500.00 was sent to Homeless Connection this past week to be included in the matching funds. We specifically requested that they apply some of the donation to parenting classes for homeless families. Thank you for your donations to Matthew 25 Committee which make such gifts possible. You are making a difference in our community!

### 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).



## FATHER CARR'S BRIDGE WALK

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018



Life Enrichment Center

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Help us support Father Carr's mission by joining us for a walk over the Lake Butte des Morts Bridge. Check in begins at 8:30 AM, walk at 9:30 AM, lunch & open house at 11 AM. Online registration available at <https://fathercarrs.org/bridge-walk-registration/>.

Registration fee includes t-shirt and lunch. See you there!

### In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Ray Zagorski. 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  
SWICHTENBERG

One of the most precious gifts of my vocation is to be able to set aside a week away just to be with the Lord. For spouses, for parents, and for employees this may not always be possible, given that many Americans even find it difficult to find time to take a vacation. A retreat is like a vacation with the Lord, so to speak. And maybe you just never paid much attention to the Lord's tug on your heartstrings, calling you to break away from your busy life just to spend time with Him. It is a wonderful gift that the Lord is longing to give each one of us. It is the gift of a new-found consciousness of the Lord's closeness to us.

Having said all of this, I am writing this reflection on the eve of my retreat to New Melleray Abbey, just outside of Dubuque, Iowa, about three and one half hours from Appleton. New Melleray is a monastery of Trappist monks, whose motherhouse is Melleray Abbey in Ireland. The Trappist monks have been in Iowa since the late 1800's.

In the seventh century, the Trappists (taking their name from their first monastery, La Trappe in Normandy, France) broke off from the Cistercian monks of Citeaux, France, whose most famous monk was St. Bernard of Clairvaux. The official name of the Trappists is the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance, which is abbreviated OCSO. Some famous Trappist monks, in my mind anyway, are Father Thomas Merton, OCSO, buried at Gethsemane Abbey in Kentucky, and mentioned by Pope Francis in his 2015 Address to the US Congress. Another is Father Thomas Keating, OCSO, who lives in St. Benedict Abbey in Snowmass, Colorado and is one of the founders of Centering Prayer. Maybe this is more history than you bargained for.

Strict Observance implies that the Trappist monks are pretty serious about prayer. Here is the prayer schedule that I will be following at New Melleray Abbey: 3:15 am Rise, 3:30 am Vigils (the first of the new day's prayer times in the chapel), 6:30 am Lauds (Morning Prayer), 7 am Mass, 9:15 am

Terce (prayer at the third hour of the day), 11:45 am Sext (prayer at the sixth hour of the day), 1:45 pm None (prayer at the ninth hour of the day), 5:30 pm Vespers (Evening Prayer), 7:30 pm Compline (the last prayer of the day), and 8 pm Retire. In between prayer times, the monks have their meals (by the way, they are vegetarians and splurge on meat for Christmas and Easter) and they work. They are self-supporting and manufacture very simple pine caskets. But with the increasing age of the monks and very few young men joining the monastery, most Abbeys employ some lay people.

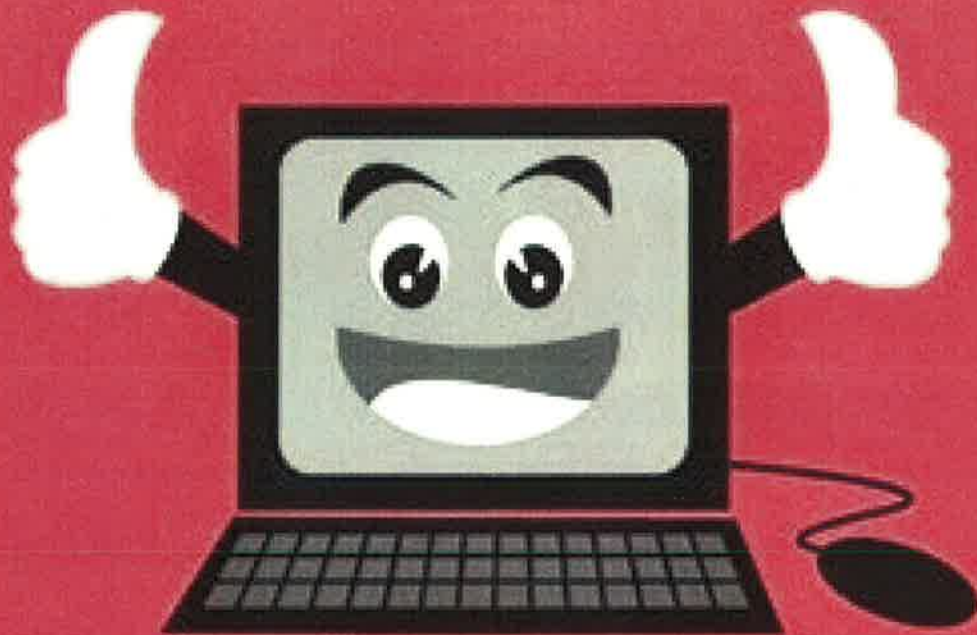
Way back in the spring of 1981 or so, I spent the whole month of January at New Melleray Abbey. I am looking forward to my return trip. It has been too long.

While a retreat is an extended period of time spent with the Lord, I do believe that each one of us is encouraged by the Lord to designate a period of time each day to just rest in the Lord's presence. Our tendency is to be about saying prayers but the deepest form of prayer is being still in the Lord's presence. As I have taught before, praying with the Scriptures, or Divine Reading (Lectio Divina), is aided by the 4 R's: Reading the Scripture passage, followed by Reflecting on the passage, Responding to the passage (just talking to the Lord about what you reflected about) and Resting. This Resting takes us out of our minds and into our hearts. The deepest form of prayer is just quiet listening for the Lord's gentle call. Just taking five or ten or twenty minutes for this still prayer can transform a person's life. So many of us just wish we could be more patient or less judgmental or less irritable. I don't think we can accomplish any of these on our own. I trust that just sitting in the Lord's presence every day can gradually change me into the person Jesus wants me to be. This time becomes a daily mini-mini retreat.

*Fr. Bill +*

5.20.2018

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- 1** Never give out personal information! (Such as phone number, address, passwords or photos)
- 2** Talk to your parents, teacher, or guardians if you feel uncomfortable with what you see on the internet.
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