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CONFESSIONS

Saturday – 9 AM

Other times by request, privacy is assured

BAPTISM

Please contact Betsy at the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations on your engagement!

Please contact Deacon Gerry at the parish office at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

MASSES

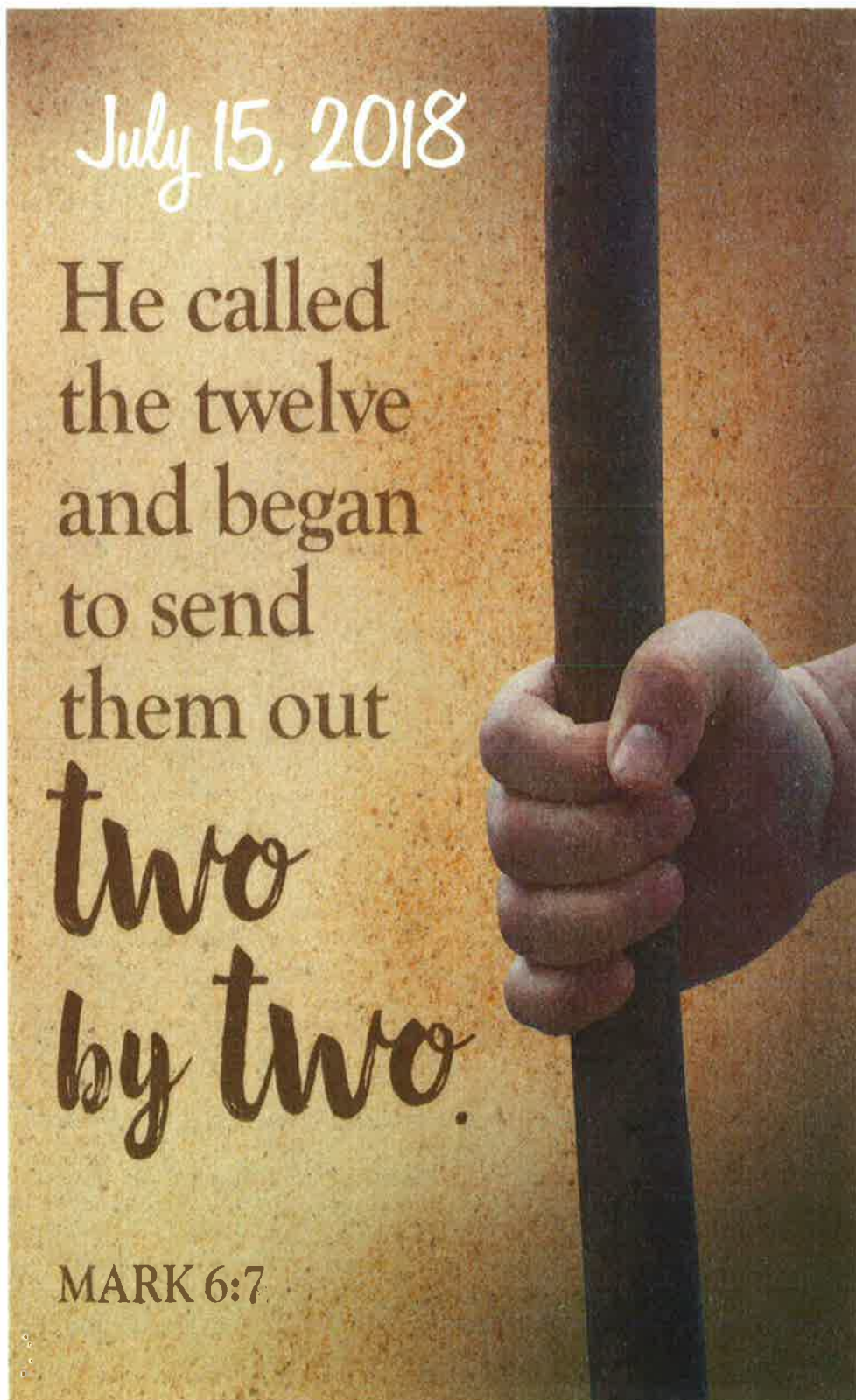
Daily: Tues. & Fri. 8:30 AM

Wed. & Thurs. 12:05 PM

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 9:45 AM

Holy days: see bulletin



A Catholic Community to Call Home



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., July 16	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., July 17	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed., July 18	12:05 PM	Lisa Peeters
Thurs., July 19	12:05 PM	Regina Clancy
Fri., July 20	8:30 AM	Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Ellen Marie Hoover
Sat., July 21	4:30 PM	Thomas & Virginia Scheiber
Sun., July 22	8:00 AM	Charlotte Reynebeau
	9:45 AM	Mugs Hughes



St. Mary Weekly Calendar

July 16 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 8:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting/L6

July 17 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 9:00 AM ALPHA/L3&4
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Quilting Group/Community Room

July 18 (Wed)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM ALPHA/St. Joseph

July 19 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass

July 20 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

July 21 (Sat)

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

July 22 (Sun)

- 8:00 & 9:45 AM Masses
- Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room after both Masses

**The Mass portion of Day of Faith at the Ballpark has been canceled, but if you purchased tickets for the game, you can pick them up in the parish office.*

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.

Contributions

Office— \$3,954.00 Weekend—\$9,229.45
 EFT—\$10,243.65
 Children's—\$16.00

Sacristans Needed

A sacristan is a person who assists in the set up of liturgy. If you would be interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Deacon Gerry in the parish office at 739-5119.

CHARITY GOLF OUTING

Hosted by St. Thomas More Parish

Sunday, August 20 at Chaska Golf Course. Tee time will be a shotgun start at 1:30 PM. Golf will be followed by dinner (hors d'oeuvres, prime rib and dessert).

Prizes will be awarded to event winners and low scores. Over \$2,000 in raffle prizes! Cost for the event is \$50.00 (includes golf, cart, and dinner). To register, please call Dr. Pete Hehli at 920-997-1557 or the St. Thomas More parish office at 739-7757.



ALPHA Volunteers Needed

Virtual Volunteer Coordinator

We need a person with great organizational skills to help schedule and communicate with ALPHA hospitality ministers this fall.



Hospitality Ministers

Are you willing to prepare meals or help in the kitchen? What a beautiful way to share your gifts and participate in the new missionary focus of our parish!

If you are interested in either of these ministries, contact Mary Ann Otto at 739-5119 or motto@stmaryparish.org.



Volunteers Needed!

CASA of the Fox Cities is accepting applications for its fall advocate training session which will begin on September 11 and run on Tuesday evenings from 5:30—9 PM.

Our volunteers work directly with abused and neglected children. The primary role of

CASA OF THE FOX CITIES

our advocates is to build and maintain a relationship with their assigned child through weekly one-hour visits and provide a voice for that child in the court system as decisions are made about their future. This is truly a unique opportunity to make a profound impact in the life of a child in the most difficult of circumstances.

The need is great. There are so many children in the Foster Care system right now that could use your help. If you share our passion for helping children, please consider attending one of the following upcoming informational sessions.

Tuesday, July 10: 12—1 PM

Monday, July 30: 12—1 PM

Thursday, August 16: 12—1 PM

All sessions will be held in Suite 306 of the Abby Bank Building (1500 N. Casaloma Drive in Appleton).

To RSVP or learn more, contact Jill@casafc.org or call (920) 257-4733.

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Xavier Theatre Academy will present "Disney's Jungle Book KIDS" at 7 PM on August 2 & 3 and 1 PM on August 4 at the fully accessible Xavier Fine Arts Theatre (1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton). Mowgli, Baloo, Bagheera and more colorful characters come to life onstage in "Disney's Jungle Book KIDS", a lively musical version of the classic animated Disney film.

Tickets available at www.xaviertheatre.com or the Xavier Fine Arts box office at (920) 733-8840. The box office is open from noon—3 PM on July 16 & 18, and July 23—August 3 (Monday-Friday). Walk up sales begin one hour before each performance.



Adult Inquiry into the Catholic Church

Extend an invitation to persons you know who are without a Church or seldom attend the Church of their baptism. Often encouragement and support is all that is needed from you to help the person begin his or her search.

Let us know if we can help you! Contact the parish office at 739-5119 or stmary@stmaryparish.org.

Job Opportunity



St. Mary—Greenville is seeking a part-time Maintenance Coordinator to perform routine maintenance, repairs and inspections, and coordinate set-up for parish events. Applicants should have prior maintenance experience and possess related skills. The 15-18 hour per week schedule will require some flexibility. A full job description can be viewed at stmarygreenville.org/employment.

Applicants should direct their letter of interest and a resume to:

Carol Frahm, Director of Parish Activities
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception
N2385 Municipal Dr.
Greenville, WI 54942



Sisters To Host First-ever Earth Tour

Have you seen the picturesque grounds at St. Francis Convent? Amid the flowering prairies and lush grasslands are features such as solar panels, bio-retention basins, and wetlands that help the Sisters care for the earth. Visit the Sisters at 3110 Nicolet Drive in Green Bay from 9:30—11 AM on Saturday, July 21 (rain date July 28) for their first-ever Earth Tour.

Walk the grounds and hear the Sisters

tell about the sustainable choices they have made.

Considerable walking is involved although a partial tour is possible from paved walkways. A map of the 10 stations is available at www.gbfranciscans.org. Scroll down to "Recent News" or use this case-sensitive shortcut: <http://bit.ly/gbfranEarthTour>.

This event is free. Cookies and refreshments will be served.

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Bernadette Lutz. 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

Every spring my Dad found himself in a battle of wills with a pair of robins who were preparing to become parents. The robins were convinced that the ideal spot to build their nest was on the top of the front porch light of our home. My Dad, of course, had other ideas. And so he would sweep off the beginnings of the nest one day and the next day, the beginnings of another nest would magically reappear. This went back and forth for quite a time and sometimes my Dad would just give in to the persistent robins. So we had baby robins that were welcomed into the world from their perch on top of our porch light. I can't remember if it was my Dad, or my brother, after my Dad died, who came up with the solution which would end all future nest building. An inverted funnel was placed on top of the porch light. You got the picture, right!

What is impressive is how those robins were so committed to building the perfect nest which would welcome their little ones into the world. They were very protective of those eggs - and then those little ones - so we all learned to keep our distance from that nest. We didn't have a cat as a family pet, so that was a good thing. And I don't think there were hawks or raccoons close by.

Melissa Musick Nussbaum, who is a columnist for the National Catholic Reporter, writes of a similar battle that she and her husband fought with the robins every spring. Believe it or not, their robins insisted on building a nest on top of their porch light too! I think Mr. and Mrs. Nussbaum were nicer than my Dad and brother. Melissa recounted the sadness she felt every mid-June when she found the nest empty because the little ones had moved on to a brighter future.

Then she writes this: "I watch the families waiting at, or crossing, all the borders of the western world. I watch them wading ashore from the Mediterranean Sea. I watch them crossing the border in Texas. I recall the summer we lived in El Paso...Every day we saw people wading in the

Rio Grande River to reach United States' soil. Driving on the highway through town, we could look over at the people crossing the water. When I consider parents like them today, I think of the robins, trying to build a nest. They, too, have few tools. But they are determined. And what we may mistake as debris - all the plastic bags and makeshift belongings, the trail of empty water bottles abandoned in the desert - is the equivalent of the twigs and grasses on our bench. It is evidence of the hard work of finding a home, a place where their children can be warmed and sheltered, where they can grow and become strong."

"Psalm 84 reminds us that, in God's economy, God's kingdom, even the sparrow - this tiny bird, prey to death at every turn - finds a home... where she may lay her young at your altars, O God of hosts. That even turns my face to our southern border, where these fleeing families... like house sparrows, are small in the sight of the world and vulnerable in the sight of their many predators. Where will they find a home? Where will they build a nest for themselves that they may lay their young?"

Please join me every day in asking the Lord to expedite the process of reuniting children, separated at the border, with their parents. As Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville, Texas, reminds us, "We can be a nation of laws and still be a nation of compassion." The issues, I know, are complicated beyond what I can comprehend and we need to protect our borders, but we also need to treat people with the compassion and dignity that is their God-given right. The trauma of separating children from their parents is a painful and terrifying memory that will remain with parents and children for the rest of their lives. At least, we can avoid putting more families through this horrifying trauma!

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