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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 and Wed. & Thurs. 12:05 PM
Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 & 9:45 AM
Holy days: see bulletin

September 2, 2018

Nothing that enters
one from outside can
defile that person;
but the things that
come out from
within
are what
defile.

Mark 7:15





Weekly Mass Schedule

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| Mon., September 3 | 12:05 PM | Mass at St. Joseph |
| Tue., September 4 | 8:30 AM | Bob & Elaine School |
| Wed., September 5 | 12:05 PM | Harold Hanson |
| Thurs., September 6 | 12:05 PM | Greg Blank |
| Fri., September 7 | 8:30 AM | Parishioners of St. Mary |
| Sat., September 8 | 4:30 PM | Al Neveau |
| Sun., September 9 | 8:00 AM | Bob & Sis Balliet |
| | 9:45 AM | Marie Powers |

ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 3 (Mon) Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

September 4 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Book Club/L2 (*Salt of the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys)
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council Meeting/Community Room

September 5 (Wed)

- 9:30 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 12:35 PM Holy Hour
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 6:30 PM Twinning Committee Meeting/Community Room

September 6 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass

September 7 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

September 8 (Sat) St. Joseph Food Program Collection

ALPHA Kick-off Celebration Weekend

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

September 9 (Sun) St. Joseph Food Program Collection

ALPHA Kick-off Celebration Weekend

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 9:45 AM Mass

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534). Please also remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$6,371.00 Weekend—\$7,210.37
Children's—\$15.00

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY (MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3). HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY LONG WEEKEND!



AUGUST 25, 2018
I PROMISE TO LOVE YOU AND HONOR YOU ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.
UNITED IN THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Francesca Knauer & Grant Brueggeman

BAPTIZED IN WATER,
THIS PRECIOUS CHILD HAS
BEEN CLOTHED IN JESUS.

Barrett Michael,

SON OF
GREG STRELOW & SAMANTHA HUNTLEY



VINTAGE BRUNCH

**Sunday, September 2
11:30 AM**

Pullman's (619 S. Olde Oneida Street)

All vintage age men & women (single, widowed, or married) are invited to join us!
No reservation needed.



MONTHLY COLLECTION
St. Joe's Food Program
Next weekend: Sept. 8 & 9

Anything you could put in
a bag lunch

Nothing glass or perishable please!
Place donations in the bins near the altar.

St. Mary Parish Communications Task Force

We're looking to up our communications game at St. Mary. Are you in the communications industry? A graphic designer? A social media manager? Into web design? Have knowledge of printing equipment? Have experience with relevant software? Would you like to get together with a creative bunch of people to talk about how we can better reach our parishioners and our community? We'd love to have you! If you're interested, contact Julie and Annie at stmary@stmaryparish.org with your name and the best way to reach you.



ST. MARY CHAIR EXERCISE PROGRAM

Returns September 5!
Wednesdays from 1—1:45 PM
ALL levels and ages are welcome to attend this FREE class! We have many men and women who joined us on a regular basis this past Spring and look forward to growing this wonderful group looking for some gentle exercise, fellowship and community! Please do not hesitate to contact the instructor, Beth Power, with any questions at beth.power@new.rr.com.



Christmas Stars ticket sales open September 4!



Come and be delighted by a spectacular Broadway-style revue featuring religious and secular holiday music performed by a cast of two hundred and fifty singers, dancers and actors ages five to

senior citizen. Experience the dazzling Christmas parade, a visit from Santa and the breathtaking "Living Nativity" finale. All performances will be held at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 Prospect Avenue, Appleton, November 29-December 9. For performance times and ticket information, please call (920)733-8840 or visit www.christmasstars.org.

Is there more to life than this

St. Mary & St. Joseph

ALPHA
Kick-off Weekend
Sept. 8-9

fun, food & information after all weekend Masses

DISCIPLES ON THE WAY: FOLLOW JESUS

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE? A MISSIONARY DISCIPLE?

Let's continue our journey together!
Discipleship Seminar II—Follow Jesus

Those who will be his disciples are already seeking him (cf. Jn 1:38), but it is the Lord who calls them: "Follow me" (Mk 1:14; Mt 9:9).

This seminar will introduce participants to Jesus' method of discipleship, the habits of discipleship, and the necessity of focusing on healing within the missionary discipleship process. Everyone who attended the Discipleship I Seminar is invited to attend one of the following local opportunities for the Discipleship II Seminar.

- Saturday, September 15, 2018
St. Gabriel, Neenah (8:30 AM—3:45 PM)
- Saturday, November 3, 2018
St. Paul, Combined Locks (8:30 AM—3:45 PM)

If you were unable to attend the *Discipleship I Seminar*, there will be another opportunity with Kristin Bird on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 8:30 AM—3:45 PM at St. Thomas More in Appleton.

If you are interested in attending any of seminars, send your name and choice to stmary@stmaryparish.org or call Mary Ann Otto at (920) 739-5119. We will register as a group.

Adult Inquiry into the Catholic Church

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian?
Have you been baptized but have missed out on further sacraments and learning about your faith? Have you drifted away from worshiping in the Church of your baptism? If you have been watching these announcements over the summer and feel God is nudging you, act now! Contact the parish office at 739-5119 or stmary@stmaryparish.org.

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for 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.

IN JOY & SORROW

WITH FR. BILL
SWICHTENBERG

In these heart-wrenching days for the Catholic Church in America, I am reminded of an inspiring picture of bright, smiling, little children, dressed in white dresses and suits, on their First Communion Day, standing in the rubble of a church in Syria just two years ago. The bishop told the children, "I wanted you to have your First Communion here, in this broken, damaged church, to let you know there is hope."

It seems these days that the tunnel is long and dark; yet, I trust, that way, way out in front of us is a pinprick of light. Prepare yourself because I suspect that it may get even darker for the Church in the days and months ahead. The grand jury in Pennsylvania did a tremendous service for the Church and state attorney generals in Missouri and Illinois are considering looking more closely into clergy sex abuse and cover-ups in their states. Where there is cancer, it must be cut out. Jesus assures us that it is the truth and only the truth that will set us free. He also declared that those who harm the Lord's precious children should have a millstone placed around their necks and that they should be thrown into the sea.


This is the bottom line for me: shattering the trustworthiness of all bishops, some bishops hardened their hearts and forgot to see broken people whose innocence was destroyed, whose lives were never the same after those horrifying and criminal instances of assault by one of the church's ministers. Every mother instinctually protects her little ones. There should have been holy women, with decision-making authority, in offices in every Catholic chancery throughout our nation. They would have heard the cries of the broken ones in their hearts! They would have reminded the bishops that nothing is more important than the preciousness of every child; certainly not the image of the church or the status of the priest-abuser. There need to be more women today in positions of authority in the highest levels of our church.

Every bishop who failed to protect God's children needs to step down. We cannot have this cancer in our church. Every bishop who knew that the moral credibility of the former Cardinal and Archbishop of Washington, DC, was a total lie; that he was preying on seminarians and young priests; and come to find out, preying on at least two innocent children, one of those for nearly twenty years, who was the first baby boy baptized by the new Father McCarrick - every bishop who turned a blind eye to this horrific assault on the human dignity of God's precious sons - needs to step down. And Pope Francis, at some point, will have to address the issue of when he learned of the true nature of this predatory former Cardinal.

Now is the time for the People of God, by virtue of your sacred baptism and the share that you have been given in the priestly, prophetic and leadership ministry of Jesus himself, to step forward. You, the People of God, need to monitor and hold accountable your deacons, lay ecclesial ministers, priests, bishops, cardinals, and even the Pope. I can tell you that in the earliest days of the new Church, the People of God chose their bishops. They would look around at the holy men in their community and they would call forth from them their new bishop. Sometimes these designated men would hide in the forest to avoid being consecrated a bishop. The great Bishop Ambrose of Milan in the fifth century was one of these men. Now that is some combination of humility and fear!

The Church is the People of God and its ordained members have one purpose and one purpose only: to serve the People of God. Cardinals in our church wear red to remind themselves that they may be called to shed their blood to protect the People of God. The role of the ordained is not about self-aggrandizement or strutting around in pomp and circumstance or climbing a ladder, motivated by a greed for more power. Remember the story of one of our newest Cardinals, whose ministry is to the

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homeless and hungry of Rome. Cardinal Krajewski hoped that becoming a Cardinal would not interfere with his humble ministry to the Lord's least ones. He prefers to deliver meals to the train and bus stations of Rome dressed in a simple grey shirt. On the other hand, one of our nation's bishops, anticipating retirement, was planning to move into a \$2.3 million home, purchased by the diocese. The diocese has since put a kibosh on that plan, thanks be to God.

I have hope because I have experienced firsthand the goodness of the People of God, whether they be in Marinette or Howard or Algoma or Kewaunee or Appleton. I trust that you will stand your ground. Write your bishop. Tell him what you are feeling. Ask him to reassure you that there is no priest or deacon or lay person serving in our diocese who has committed a crime against God's precious children. Ask him to reassure you that our seminarians are safe in their places of study. Ask him to reassure you that he has never abandoned a suffering survivor of abuse to protect a priest or to protect the image of the Church. Ask him to reassure you that he himself has never violated the sacred dignity of another human being.

We have a responsibility to take care of each other. Our children are the hope for today and for the future. We can never, never let them down again. You, the People of God, the Church, have a right to demand this. Let us pray for our sisters and brothers, who have survived abuse at the hands of God's ministers, and who are struggling on these days as their terrifying memories have come crashing down upon them once again. Let us pray for our Deacons, Lay Ecclesial Ministers, Priests, Bishops, Cardinals, and Pope that they may have the courage to step down if they have exploited any one of God's children or betrayed the People of God and forgot to tend to the brokenhearted. We cannot move forward without addressing with brutal honesty this horrifying crime in our Church. May the Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, show us the way, the truth, and the life!

What are your questions? Drop me an email @stmaryparish.org or call me @ 920-422-4316.

Fr. Bill +





Got questions? #tryalphaforyouth

**Sunday Evenings 5-6:30 PM
begins September 23**

**first up, there's food
then, a video
followed by discussion**



- for all high school students – public, private, home school
- invite friends of any or no religious affiliation to join you
- relaxed atmosphere at St. Joseph Parish

**IPRF students: this is an alternative to
Wednesday evening classes. Contact IPRF
if interested.**

**Xavier students: to register, contact
Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org**

**an adult Alpha session
will run simultaneously
but separately
invite parents,
grandparents, godparents,
confirmation sponsors*

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