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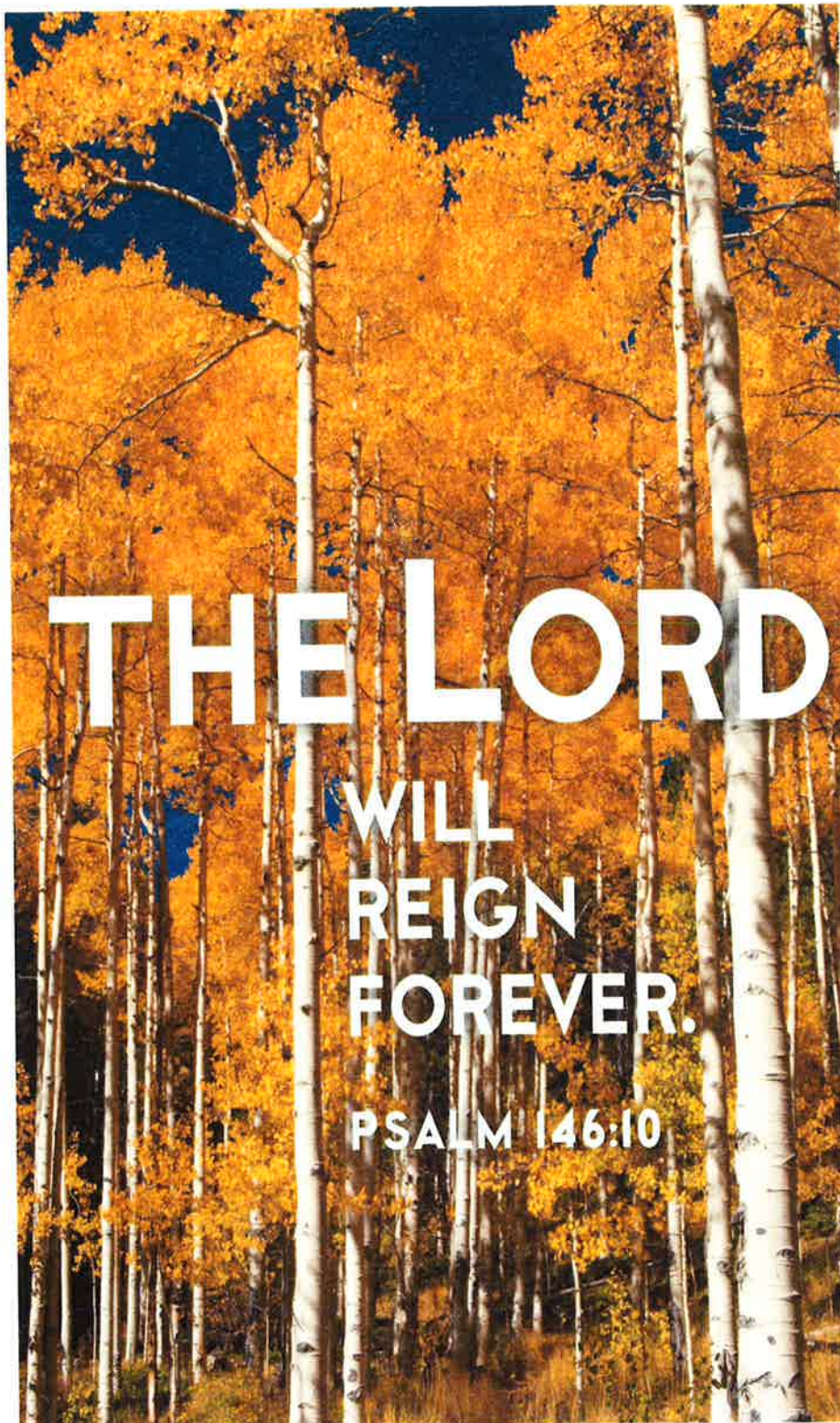
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CONFESSIONS
Saturday – 9 AM
Other times by request, privacy is assured

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





Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., September 10	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., September 11	8:30 AM	Capt. Father John Schuetze
Wed., September 12	12:05 PM	Curtis Bengel
Thurs., September 13	12:05 PM	Mark Kaufman & Paul Dalluge
Fri., September 14	8:30 AM	For parishioners who are ill
Sat., September 15	4:30 PM	Margaret Fitzpatrick
Sun., September 16	1:30 PM	Dawson-Petrie Wedding
	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:45 AM	Rod Harris



SEPTEMBER 1, 2018
 I PROMISE TO LOVE YOU AND HONOR YOU ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.
 UNITED IN THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE.

Ruth Welhouse & Brandon Collins

ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 10 (Mon)

- 8:30 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25 Committee Meeting/Large Conference

September 11 (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

September 12 (Wed)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1

September 13 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass

September 14 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

September 15 (Sat)

- 7:00 AM To Jesus, Through Mary: Praying for Healing and Integrity in our Church in a Time of Sorrow & Shame/Chapel (ends 4:00 PM)
- 9:00 AM Confessions
- 4:30 PM Mass

September 16 (Sun)

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

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— \$1,893.00 Weekend—\$8,915.37
 Children's—\$26.25

FALL ALPHA SESSIONS

Sunday Evening 5-6:30 PM

@ St. Joseph (before St. Joseph 6:30 Mass—avoids Packer games)

Monday Morning 9-10:30 AM

@ St. Mary

Wednesday Early Bird 6-7:15 AM

@ St. Joseph

Thursday Morning 9-10:30 AM

@ St. Joseph

Thursday Evening 5-6:30 PM

@ St. Mary (avoids Packer games)

Friday Morning 8:30-10 AM

@ St. Mary

Sessions begin the week of September 17*

*Thursday morning session begins Oct. 4

Sign up now! Contact Mary Ann at motto@stmaryparish.org or 739-5119.

Share of Northeast Wisconsin
 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Walk

A Walk to Remember

We walk for the steps our babies will never take

Saturday, October 13

Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary
 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay

For additional information and to register visit:
www.stvincenthospital.org/share



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 or Annie at stmary@stmaryparish.org with your name and the best way to reach you.



Religion classes begin September 12—Regular classes at 4:30 & 6:30 PM. During the first night of classes a free Hot Dog Supper is offered in the St. Mary Community Room from 5:30—6:30 PM. Please join us!

First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders

2nd grade children at St. Mary and St. Joseph are invited to participate in preparation for First Reconciliation (Confession). Parent ONLY meetings are on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6:30 PM in Holly Hall at St. Joseph, OR Thursday, Sept. 27, 6:30 PM in the St. Mary Community Room. Parents from either parish may attend either meeting.

Adult Inquiry into the Catholic Church

Is RCIA for You? Yes it is, if you are finding yourself being drawn into full membership in the Catholic Church. Might you never have been baptized? Or, were you baptized in a denomination other than Catholic, or baptized Catholic without receiving Eucharist or Confirmation, and now wanting more? If you feel God calling you to live your faith more deeply, sessions are beginning! Contact the parish office at 920-739-5119 or stmary@stmaryparish.org.

BUS TRIP TO THE SHRINE

You are invited to join us for a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help on Sunday, October 14. The relics of St. Padre Pio will be at the Shrine on the occasion of his 131st birthday and the 16th anniversary of his canonization. We will leave St. Bernadette parking lot at 9:30 AM, attend 11:00 AM Mass at the Shrine, and then take time to look around the grounds and view the relics. Lunch will be provided. The cost for this event is \$20 which includes the bus ride, coffee and rolls on the bus, and lunch. Please consider making this pilgrimage during our diocesan jubilee year! To sign up, please contact Ann Sirianni at the St. Bernadette parish office (729-4157) or asirianni@saint-bernadette.org.



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 from 8:30 AM—3:45 PM at St. Thomas More in Appleton. To attend either of these 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.

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Nancy Lee Vierling. 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

Saint Augustine, the Bishop of Hippo, Northern Africa, in the fifth century, reminded his people that the "human heart is restless." Indeed, we are all seekers for that something more that will give meaning and purpose to our lives. The story is told of the industrious human seeker, who created the spaceship to travel through the galaxies with the hope of finding that something more or someone more. With no luck in space, the seeker invented the submarine to plunge to the depths of the ocean in the search. With no luck there, a fellow seeker, who had discovered the meaning and purpose of life, said matter-of-factly, "The longest trip you will ever take on this earth is from your head to your heart. And in your heart, you will discover the Lord of the Universe dwelling there!"

Saint Augustine said the same thing in this way: "The Lord God made us for God's self and the human heart is restless until it rests in the Lord."

Reverberating across the Christian world is the single word "Alpha." Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. The Alpha experience introduces or re-introduces seekers to the person of Jesus and to the principles of Christian faith. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded us again and again that faith is not giving one's assent to some moral framework or abiding by a list of commandments or dogmas. Faith is a relationship with a real, living person, Jesus, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, our Lord, our Savior, and our Best Friend. Giving our hearts to Jesus and growing in a holy friendship with him is what gives ultimate meaning and purpose to our lives. It is said that a significant number of Catholics do not know Jesus as a personal friend and do not walk side by side with him through life.

Experiencing Alpha can change your life. What is Alpha?

Alpha is a fifteen-week experience. Weekly sessions are at most 1 1/2 hours. Each Alpha begins with a group of seekers who share a meal together. Sitting at table together and sharing conversation are two

of the best of human ways to connect with fellow seekers. Following the meal is a 20-25 minute video presentation, hosted by Nicky Gumbel, an Anglican priest and the founder of Alpha. Through story and teaching, Mr. Gumbel tells the story of Jesus, his life, death and resurrection, and introduces us to the Bible, prayer, healing, the Church, and the Holy Spirit. The best part of Alpha is the sharing in small groups of what struck you about the video, what image touched your life, and what questions were sparked for you. The sharing is open-ended, and every comment or question is received with great respect by the small group members. One of the sessions is a day experience which invites each participant to open her or his heart wider to the Lord's Spirit.

I have participated in three different Alpha groups. I must say that I have the content of the videos down pat. But the greatest part of Alpha is the journey shared with other pilgrims. To share one's own hopes and dreams and struggles and to hear others' stories are experiences of unity and love. We Catholics are so tight-lipped when it comes to sharing stories of our experiences of the Lord. This is to our detriment. This has led to generations of young Christian adults who have not really encountered the presence and power of Jesus personally in their lives. We have to do better. We have a responsibility to be missionary disciples of Jesus, to feel the fire of Jesus' love in our hearts, and to reach out and share our love for the Lord with others.

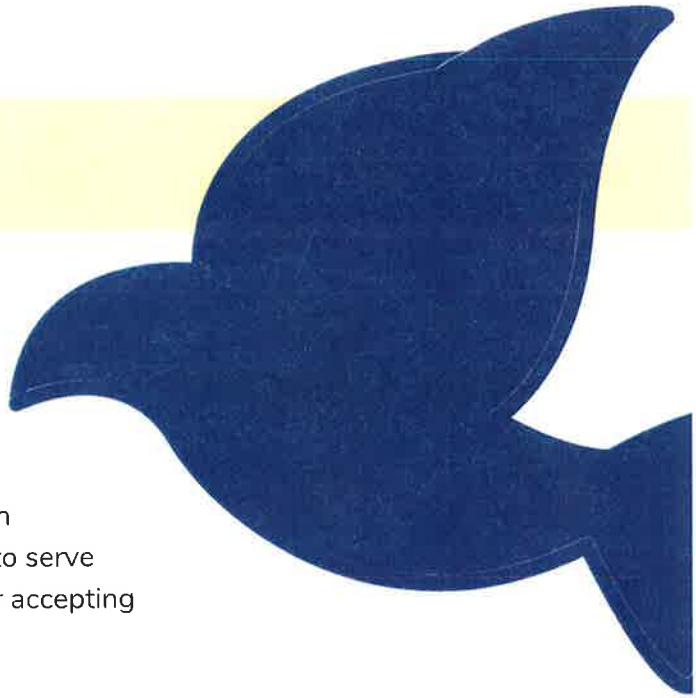
Let me finish with a prayer penned by Saint Richard of Chichester: Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ, O Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother. May I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly.

Join an Alpha group and let the Lord work the miracle of this prayer in your life! And consider bringing a friend!

Fr. Bill +

09.09.2018

A Letter From Deacon Jeff



To my friends and family of St. Mary,

It is with overwhelming humility that I return to the parish where we raised our family, where I received my calling to serve God as His servant, where we call “home!” Thank you for accepting me back to be your servant – again!

There is a difference this time around; instead of being a volunteer deacon, I will, over the next several months, become a full-time member of this wonderful St. Mary team, to serve you as the Minister of Pastoral Care. Sister Joanne so beautifully held this position for over two decades, and I pray I may be able to do half the wonderful things she did for you as I begin this ministry.

I pray also for your patience and understanding as I return. Even though I am so very joyed to be back here at St. Mary, I am grieving the separation from the remarkable people of St. Paul in Combined Locks, and will miss seeing them as much as I am thrilled to see all of you again. I also need to learn all of the many facets of this position, and this too will take time.

However, I promise to give you my heart and my soul to serve God and you in this ministry. If there is anything you think I may be able to help you with, please don't hesitate to contact me! My contact information is on the front of the bulletin. This will be a learning process for me – and for you!

I am so thrilled to see you all again and look forward to spending time with all of you and serving you!

Peace and blessings,
Deacon Jeff

ALL ARE WELCOME

To
Jesus



Through
Mary

PRAYING FOR HEALING AND INTEGRITY
IN OUR CHURCH
IN A TIME OF SORROW & SHAME

Saturday, September 15
7 AM - 4 PM
St. Mary Parish Chapel
312 S. State Street
Appleton, WI

**Please join us for all
or part of the day.**

We will share one of the Psalms of Confession at the top of each hour and pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary at 3:00 PM. A benediction will take place at 3:45 PM.

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