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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
 Father Bill 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 23, 2018
Stewardship Celebration Weekend

"If anyone wishes
 to be first,
 he shall be last of all
 and the
servant
 of all."
 MARK 9:35



DISCIPLES ON THE WAY

A Missionary Journey into the New Evangelization

DISCOVER
 JESUS

FOLLOW
 JESUS

WORSHIP
 JESUS

SHARE
 JESUS



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., September 24	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., September 25	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed., September 26	12:05 PM	Sally Thomson
Thurs., September 27	12:05 PM	For recovery after surgery for Yaroslav Skop
Fri., September 28	8:30 AM	Millie & Bob Gerrits
Sat., September 29	4:30 PM	John Schultz
	2:00 PM	<i>Breen-Brinkmann Wedding</i>
Sun., September 30	8:00 AM	Marie Powers
	9:45 AM	Steffens & Lampert Families



SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

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

Allison Dawson & Jordan Petrie

ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 24 (Mon)

- 9:00 AM ALPHA/L3
- 8:00 PM AI-Anon/L6

September 25 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:30 PM First Reconciliation Parent Meeting @ St. Joe's

September 26 (Wed)

- 6:00 AM ALPHA/@ St. Joseph
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

September 27 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 5:00 PM ALPHA/L3&7
- 6:00 PM Parish Planning Meeting/Community Room
- 6:30 PM First Reconciliation Parent Meeting/L1&3

September 28 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 8:30 AM ALPHA/L3&7

September 29 (Sat)

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

September 30 (Sun)

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 9:45 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts after both Masses in the Community Room
- 5:00 PM ALPHA/@ St. Joseph
- 5:00 PM Youth ALPHA/@ St. Joseph

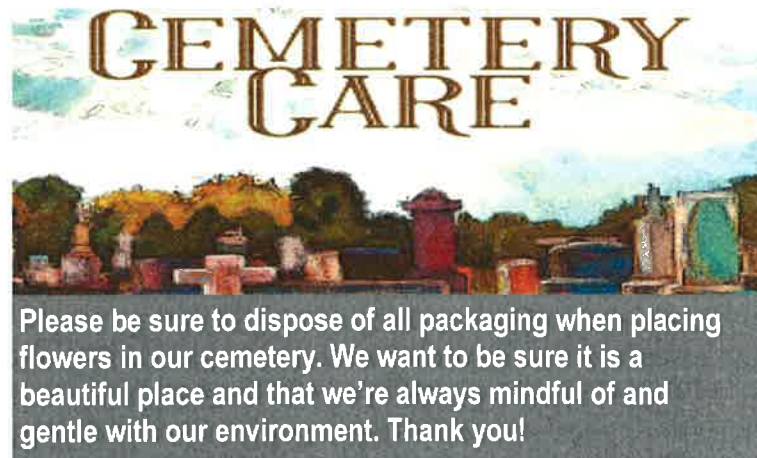


Would you be able to help us with some routine clean up on Mondays? After our busy weekends, we'd love some help with things like sweeping & mopping the Community Room, cleaning the glass entrance doors, and so on. If you would be willing to give some of your time for this ministry, call the parish office at 920-739-5119.



First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders

Second 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 Rooms 1 & 3 in the Lower Level. Parents from either parish may attend either meeting.



Please be sure to dispose of all packaging when placing flowers in our cemetery. We want to be sure it is a beautiful place and that we're always mindful of and gentle with our environment. Thank you!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office— \$3,439.00 Weekend—\$6,648.37
Children's—\$13.00

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.

Capture your DEAR'S heart. ♥ Discover how you can make your good marriage even better.

Join us for an unforgettable "Up North" Marriage Encounter weekend experience.

November 2-4, 2018

Northland Camp & Conference Center - Dunbar, WI (Marinette County)

For more information, or to register, call Sue & Dennis at 920-544-5166 or visit us at www.gbme.org.

Future Weekends:
February 8-10, 2019
March 22-24, 2019
De Pere, WI

Green Bay Marriage Encounter

Parish Mission Planning: The Meaning of Hospitality

All are invited!

Tuesday, October 2 • 6 PM
St. Mary Community Room

Please join the Pastoral Leadership Council for a light meal and discussion around hospitality. Why hospitality? It's what makes a church a place to call home. Let's pray and learn together to make St. Mary a welcoming and nourishing place for all.

RSVP by September 25 to stmary@stmaryparish.org (or call 739-5119).




**ST. EDWARD
HARVEST MOON
FESTIVAL**

Join us on Saturday, October 20 at the Grand Meridian in Appleton for our annual Harvest Moon Festival, a fundraiser for St. Edward Catholic School and New Evangelization programs. Games, live auction, silent auction, raffle (4-wheeler), and of course, fun with friends! Dinner tickets available now. Don't miss this fun event! For more information, visit www.harvestmoonfestival.biz.



SPIRITUS
IGNITING FAITH IN CATHOLIC YOUTH

All high school students are invited to join SPIRITUS for Teen Disciples. Come spend your night growing in faith, meeting other teens, and having fun! Teen Disciples meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month from 7:30-9:00 PM starting October 1. These nights will be held at both the Mount Tabor Center in Menasha and Sacred Heart Parish in Appleton. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact rachelvanhandel@spiritusministries.org

MUSIC NOTES

Experience the choirs this year at St. Mary!

- Adult Choir meets Wednesday nights @ 6:30 PM/St. Anne Rm.
- Handbell Choir meets Monday nights @ 6:30 PM/Choir Loft
- Children's Choir (grades 2-5)
 - For Xavier Students/at Xavier Elementary schools
 - For IPRF Students/Wednesday nights 5:45-6:20 PM
- Youth Choir (grades 6-8)
 - For Xavier Students/at Xavier Middle School
 - For IPRF Students/Wednesday nights 5:45-6:20 PM
- High School singers TBD
- Friends & Family Choir meets before 9:45 AM Mass/once a month.

Questions? Contact Tom Walter at the parish office (739-5119). We hope to "HEAR" from you!

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CLASS REUNION
October 6, 2018 • 11 AM—4 PM
Sacred Heart Gymnasium

Food will be provided and beverages will be available. A guitar Mass will follow at 4:30 PM. Call the parish office to register (739-3196). All are welcome, so invite your friends!

In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of Jeanette Piette, Sally Thomson, and Thomas Elson. 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

This Saturday (9/22) marks the autumnal equinox, when the hours of daylight equal the hours of night. The first day of autumn usually reminds us that winter is nipping at our heels. While I especially love the beauty of autumn and all that it holds in store - like high school and professional football, the World Series, the celebration of Halloween (All-Hallows Eve) and All Saints, the celebration of Thanksgiving, and the beautiful liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas, there is also an accompanying sadness that the growing season is about to end and that the days are becoming darker and darker. Autumn reminds us that endings are necessary to make space for new beginnings.

I like this poem by the great German poet, Rainer Maria Rilke:

The leaves are falling, falling as if from far up,
as if orchards were dying in space.
Each leaf falls as if it were motioning "no."

And tonight the heavy earth is falling
away from all the other stars in the loneliness.

We're all falling. This hand here is falling.
And look at the other one. It's in them all.

And yet there is Someone, whose hands
infinitely calm, holding up all this falling.

I am no fan of amusement park rides, especially the roller coaster. I do not enjoy that feeling of falling. It takes my breath away and is really scary. Under the circus tent, I cannot begin to imagine that falling feeling as the trapeze artist lets go of the bar, and flies and falls through the air, trusting that his or her partner will pluck her or him out of the air.

Yet falling is integral in the spiritual life. Falling into the hands of our loving Lord - surrendering our lives

to Him - abandoning ourselves into His loving arms - this is the first movement in entering into a friendship with Jesus. We are invited to let go of our need for control. We are invited to trust that Jesus is always near and ready to draw us to Himself. Falling into sin is a real experience for every human being.

It is Jesus, our Savior, who promises to save us from crashing into a million pieces. He became sin for us to save us from our sins. We may fall but Jesus has fallen further than any human being who is living or has ever lived. He became sin. Therefore, He is always underneath us to catch and save us.

We are invited to fall in love with the Lord.

Here is a meditation by the great former Superior General of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits [Pope Francis is our first Jesuit Pope]), Father Pedro Arrupe, who survived Hiroshima and, mark my words, will one day be a saint in our Church:

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than
falling in Love
in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect
everything.
It will decide
what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in Love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.

Happy Fall!

Fr. Bill +

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