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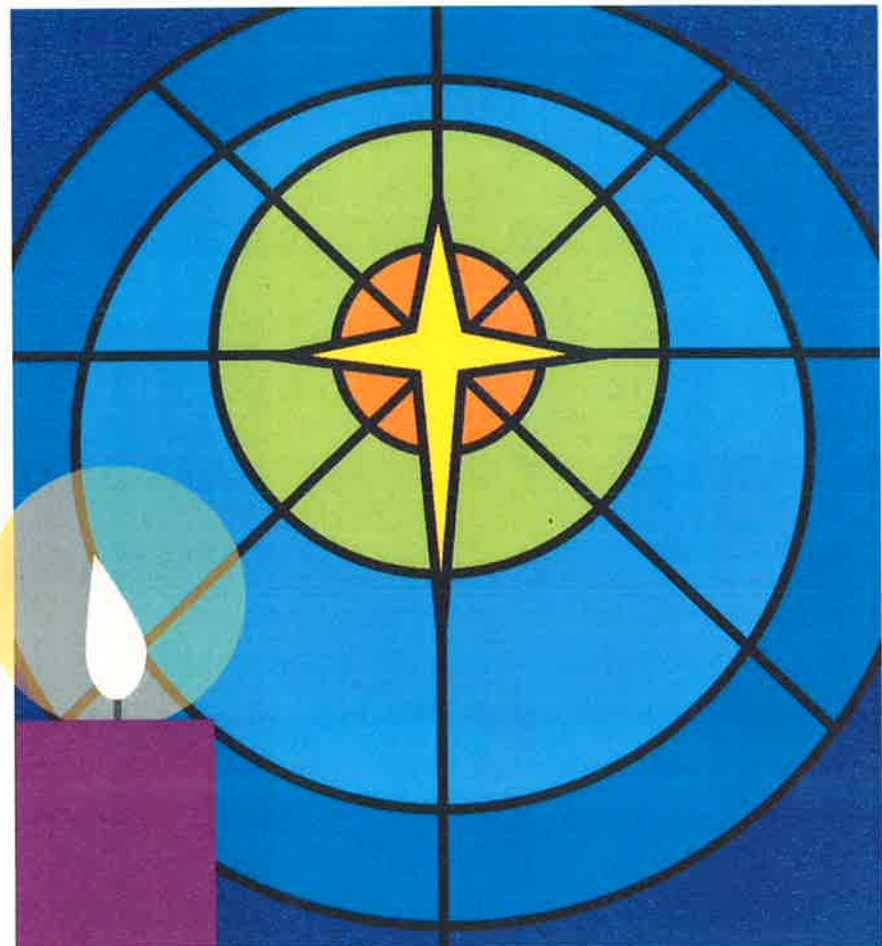
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Saturday – 9 AM
Other times by request, privacy is assured

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF Advent



ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 3 (Mon)

- 9:00 AM ALPHA/L3
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25/Large Conference Room
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

December 4 (Tue)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group/@ St. Joseph L9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Pastoral Leadership Council/Community Room
- 6:00 PM Human Concerns/Lower level
- 6:00 PM Book Club/L2
- 6:00 PM First Reconciliation/@ St. Joseph

December 5 (Wed)

- 6:00 AM ALPHA/@ St. Joseph
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 12:55 PM Holy Hour
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes (tie fleece blankets)
- 5:45 PM IPRF Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

December 6 (Thurs)

- 9:00 AM ALPHA/@ St. Joseph
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 5:00 PM ALPHA/L3,6,7
- 6:00 PM First Reconciliation/Church
- 6:30 PM Cor Jesu/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Parish Planning Meeting/L7

December 7 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 8:30 AM ALPHA/L3&7
- 6:30 PM Mass

December 8 (Sat)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Advent Bake Sale in Community Room

- 8:00 AM Mass/@ St. Joseph
- 9:00 AM Confessions
- 4:30 PM Mass (tie fleece blankets after Mass)

December 9 (Sun)

Advent Bake Sale in Community Room

- 8:00 AM & 9:45 AM Masses (tie fleece blankets after Masses)
- 5:00 PM ALPHA/@ St. Joseph
- 5:00 PM Youth ALPHA/@ St. Joseph

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., December 3	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., December 4	8:30 AM	Bill Balza
Wed., December 5	12:05 PM	Bob Jome
Thurs., December 6	12:05 PM	Alice Smarzinski-Jansen
Fri., December 7	8:30 AM	Audrey & Harold DePrez
	6:30 PM	For all mothers and expecting mothers
Sat., December 8	4:30 PM	Ken & Nancy Mangan
Sun., December 9	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:45 AM	Judy Greene

IPRF NEWS

Reminder to families of second graders: First Reconciliation Celebrations—6 PM on December 4 at St. Joseph OR December 6 at St. Mary. Students should return their books that evening (please write their name on the inside cover).

A Baby Changes Everything

It's ADVENT 2018! Time to prepare for baby JESUS to arrive.

HE, like all babies, brings about beautiful changes in our world.

HE IS HOPE for a better future.

HE IS LOVE with no conditions.

HE IS JOY that fills every void.

HE is the light of FAITH that no darkness can destroy.

WEEK 2. We show LOVE for expecting mothers. Dec. 3-9

Provide the gift of warmth – a baby blanket for expecting moms as they await the birth of their baby – by tying fleece blankets in the St. Mary Community Room between the 4:30 & 6:30 IPRF classes on Dec. 5 or after Masses on Dec. 8/9.

Let Us Build a Manger of Kindness for Jesus

Each & every time you complete an activity OR do an act of kindness OR add change to your baby bottle we invite you to add straw to the manger in the Marian Way at church. Please write your name and/or "gift of love" on it.

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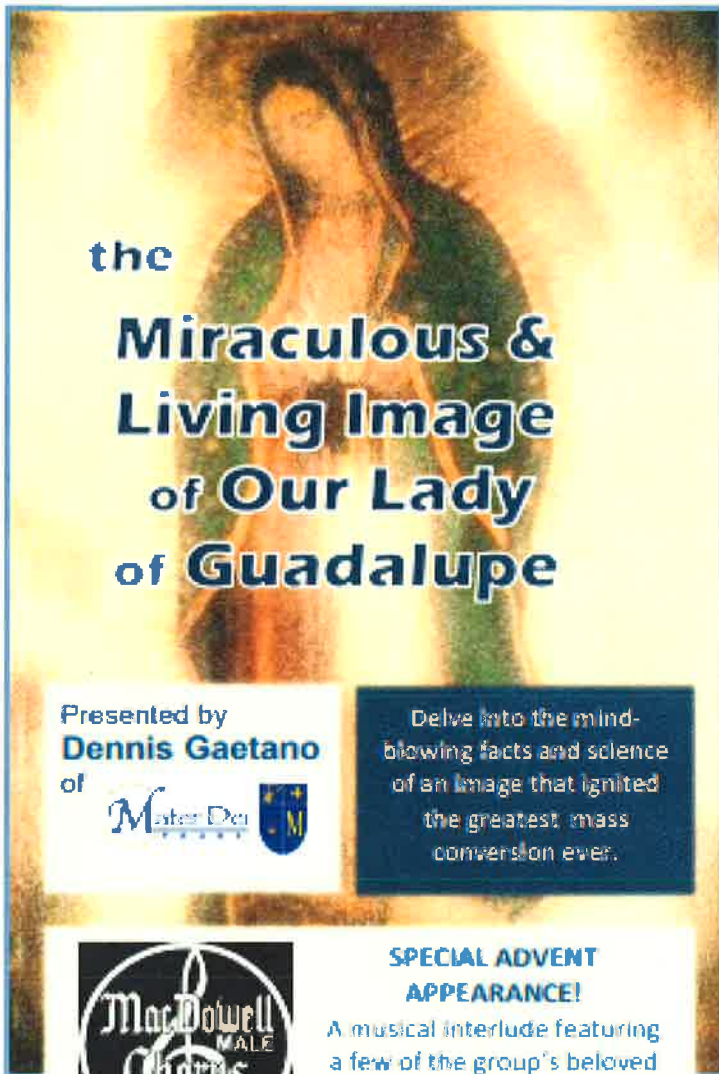
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PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (830--1534) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives

MONDAY, DEC. 10, 7 PM



the
Miraculous & Living Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Presented by
Dennis Gaetano
of

Delve into the mind-blowing facts and science of an image that ignited the greatest mass conversion ever.



SPECIAL ADVENT APPEARANCE!
A musical interlude featuring a few of the group's beloved spiritual numbers.

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre
1600 W Prospect Ave., Appleton, WI

No tickets needed / Free will offering encouraged
For details, google CIAFMO or call 920-450-3025

We encourage YOU to investigate your faith!

CIA-FMO is an all-volunteer, non-profit ministry supported solely through your generosity & prayers.

Flower & Worship Fund

Our church is especially beautiful during the Christmas season. If you would like to contribute to our church environment fund, you can use the special envelope provided with your monthly envelopes, or cut out this form and return to the parish office with your contribution. Your generous donation helps to make our church look gorgeous not only during the Christmas season, but throughout the entire year.



Please return by **Sunday, December 17** so we can include names in the insert of our Christmas bulletin.

Please print very clearly!

In memory of:

Amount: _____ Cash: _____ OR Check #: _____

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Advent Bake Sale

**NEXT WEEKEND—DECEMBER 8 & 9
BEFORE AND AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES
ST. MARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

2018 IRS CONTRIBUTION LAWS

We are very thankful for your financial stewardship gifts. As we approach the end of the year, please know that we are bound by IRS laws.

The IRS requires donations to be received ON or BEFORE Dec. 31, 2018 to qualify for your 2018 deductions.

Please note:

⇒ The parish office is open 8:00 AM—4:30 PM on Monday, December 31, 2018.

⇒ Checks intended for 2019 **MUST** be dated 1-1-2019 or after. Thank you for your support!

IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of 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.

Liturgical Music "Musings"

by Thomas Walter M.M.

It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That . . . ?

Happy New Year! If you are reading this Liturgical Musings article on December 1st or 2nd (or even anytime up to December 24th) I wish you all a "Happy New Year"! You might already be aware that the Church calendar is based on the liturgical year. The First Sunday of Advent begins the "new" liturgical year and won't be completed until next November 24, 2019.

This new Advent season provides us all an opportunity to celebrate the Advent liturgies with a renewed and refreshed emphasis on elements and areas of worship that fulfill us spiritually, emotionally, and of course, musically.

It is a time that allows us to recharge ourselves, become closer to God, and then share His message with others.

In my last "Musings" I shared thoughts on what made good liturgy "good"! I mentioned the funeral liturgy of recently deceased Jeannette Piette and the inclusion of a Dixieland Jazz band for a few songs. The Dixieland band was a timely happening since my first article was all about how different styles of music help us worship. My last article also restated a few points from Deacon Gerry's homily when he challenged us to believe in what we say we believe. Do we? Or are they just words spoken as part of the liturgy? He challenged us to make our personal service to our Lord as part of the liturgy. The Michael Raia article I quoted (Catholic Liturgy 101: Introduction to Liturgical Catechesis) stated that Liturgy is public worship—the work of Christ and that of the Church...our Church! He reminded us that every action we do at Mass is part of our liturgical worship. Every action...singing, praying, listening, even our engaged and reverent postures (i.e. standing for the Lord's Prayer, sharing the sign of peace, kneeling during the elevation of Our Lord) depends on our own choice to engage and cooperate with God's grace.

If we haven't been as fully engaged as we could or should be now is the time for that "New Year's resolution"!

If we look at Advent as a "new" beginning for us spiritually, emotionally, and musically we can start the New Year in a wonderful way. Advent has a two-fold purpose. It is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas. It is also a time when our minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. So, everything we do as a worshiping community in our liturgy is to help lead us to Jesus...the "light of the world".

So, Advent is a time of anticipation, a time for devout and joyful expectation, a time for sincere spiritual and emotional preparation. I won't know how you will personally prepare yourselves spiritually and emotionally this Advent season as that is up to you. Fr. Bill and perhaps Deacons Gerry and Jeff will offer suggestions. There may be ideas in the bulletin. Maybe a visit to our Catholic bookstore will help you and the family find something to help?

Musically speaking I can share that the Advent season music will be different. Keeping with the church traditions our music will be focused on preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ both in the memory of the birth of Jesus and in the coming of Jesus when He comes to take us home at our natural death, and when he returns for us in the end times. We will sing the same entrance song for Advent to help us unite our voices in sung prayer and to help open our hearts and minds to the purpose of the season. Likewise, we will sing the same Responsorial Psalm to help bridge the Liturgy of the Word together. Our communion hymns will focus on receiving Christ while letting us think about preparing ourselves for His birth. Our closing hymn will help to send us out to share the Gospel message with family and friends (and maybe even strangers if we remember Deacon Gerry's homily?) A new liturgical season allows us to have a different Mass setting. We will change from the St. Anne Mass that we have been singing since Memorial Day weekend to the Mass of Light, appropriate I think for Christ is the "light of the world" and we sing and pray for His light to guide us. All of this will mean nothing of course if we don't take the Advent season to heart and share it with those we know or don't know. Let's take the opportunity to be an Advent disciple!

This Advent season I wish you the best Advent ever and again I wish you all a "Happy and Blessed New Year"! As we aim for the great day on December 25th let us sing:

"Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine though the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today."

God bless and be with you!

Tom

"He who sings, prays twice." St. Augustine of Hippo

Advent Bake Sale

**December 8 & 9
St. Mary Community Room
Before & after all Masses**

*Stock up on delicious holiday treats and
all the goodies you've come to expect!*

We need your best cookies,
cupcakes, pies & breads to
make this year's sale a success!

DROP OFF ITEMS:

- anytime after noon on Friday, Dec. 7
- between 10 AM & 4:30 PM on Saturday, Dec. 8
- before any Mass on Sunday, Dec. 9

Proceeds from
the sale will go
toward new
Christmas trees
for church!



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