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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

Sunday, December 30, 2018



Feast of the
Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., December 31	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., January 1	8:30 AM	Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Mary Hurley
Wed., January 2	12:05 PM	Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Gerard Engel
Thurs., January 3	12:05 PM	Audrey & Harold Deprez
Fri., January 4	8:30 AM	Bill Balza
Sat., January 5	4:30 PM	Kristopher Keen
Sun., January 6	8:00 AM	Peace in Ukraine
	9:45 AM	Judy Greene

BAPTIZED IN WATER, THESE PRECIOUS CHILDREN HAVE BEEN CLOTHED IN JESUS



Gabriel John,

Son of Andrei & Katherine Oleinic

Jemima Chikuru,

Daughter of Emmanuel & Prudence Miruho

Jayuan Chito,

Son of Emmanuel & Prudence Miruho

ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 31 (Mon)

Parish Office Open—last day for 2018 financial contributions

January 1 (Tues) Parish Office Closed

8:30 AM Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

January 2 (Wed)

9:00 AM Quilting Group/Community Room

12:05 PM Mass

12:35 PM Holy Hour

6:30 PM Men's CRHP meeting

6:30 PM Adult Choir practice/St. Anne Room

No IPRF Classes

January 3 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass

6:30 PM Cor Jesu/Church & Community Room

6:30 PM Warming Shelter Meeting/Large Conference Room

January 4 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

January 5 (Sat) Alpha Kick-off Weekend

St. Joseph Food Program Collection

9:00 AM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass

January 6 (Sun) Alpha Kick-off Weekend

St. Joseph Food Program Collection

8:00 AM & 9:45 AM Masses

Coffee & Donuts after both Masses in the Community Room

9:45 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L2

IPRF NEWS

Happy New Year!

No IPRF classes on January 2 or 9.

Parent of 2nd Grade Students: First Communion Meetings

Parents of 2nd graders, in both IPRF and Catholic day school, are expected to attend one of our First Communion Parent Meetings. It is offered twice—please choose the meeting that is most convenient for you. Parent First Communion Materials for home study with their children and banner kits will be distributed at this meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30-7:30 PM / St. Joseph, Holly Hall

Thursday, Jan. 10, 6:30-7:30 PM / St. Mary Community Rm.

2018 IRS CONTRIBUTION LAWS

We are very thankful for your financial stewardship gifts. 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.**

⇒ 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.



Widows of Prayer

If you are a widow and would like more information on how to serve your Parish, our worldwide Catholic Church, and our God, please consider joining us in this Diocese Apostolate of Prayer dedicated to our Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and faithful. Please see our website www.widowsofprayer.org for more information or feel free to call Carlotta Stricker, General Servant Leader, at 920-734-8308 for more literature and brochures! Email us widowsofprayer@yahoo.com.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$7,160.00 Weekend—\$10,864.53
Children's—\$13.00

ST. JOE'S FOOD PROGRAM COLLECTION

Our monthly collection will be next weekend, January 5 & 6. This time, we're collecting international food items. Nothing glass or perishable, please. Place donations in the bins near the altar. Thank you!

STRENGTH & STRETCH CLASS NEWS

Classes will NOT be held on January 2 but will resume on Wednesday, January 9. Join us for this fun, FREE class! Contact Beth Power at beth.power@new.rr.com with any questions. ALL are welcome!

SEASONAL JOB OFFERING AT ST. MARY

St. Mary is looking for help with custodial and general maintenance at the CELC/school building (on State Street across from the church & parish office). This temporary position that would run through April of 2019. The regular schedule is 8 PM – 12 midnight, Monday-Friday, though there is the possibility of working 6 PM-10 PM a few nights of the week. Interested or have questions? Contact Theresa Rohm in the parish office at trohm@stmaryparish.org or 920-739-5119.

DISCIPLESHIP II SEMINAR: FOLLOW JESUS

A Discipleship Formation Seminar II will be held on Saturday, January 12 from 7:45 AM—3:30 PM at St. Thomas More Parish (1810 N. McDonald Street, Appleton). This seminar will introduce Jesus' methods of discipleship, the habits of discipleship, and the necessity of focusing on healing within the Missionary Discipleship process. \$10 fee for those that choose to include lunch. To register, contact Mary Ann Otto by January 7 at motto@stmaryparish.org or call 920-739-5119.

You're invited!

Celebrate with us on January 26, 2019 at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center as we host Xavier Catholic School System's largest single-event fund-raiser. We cordially invite you to attend, to volunteer, or both. For ticket registration or to sign up as a volunteer, visit XCS.ejoinme.org/Celebrate2019.

We hope to see you there!

ALPHA BEGINS AGAIN IN JANUARY!



Over 160 people participated in our first round of Alpha! You've probably heard something about it. Curious?

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. It's run all around the globe in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

Do I have to talk? Nope! There's no obligation to say anything. But if you want to, there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Do I have to be actively practicing the Catholic faith or another faith to sign up? No—Alpha is for anyone, at any point on their journey.

Can I invite my friend/girlfriend/boyfriend/colleague/fiancé/relative from another parish, or someone who doesn't belong to a church, to come with me? Yes! Please do!

SESSIONS BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20

Sundays, 11 AM—12:30 PM @ St. Mary

Sundays, 5—6:30 PM @ St. Joseph

Wednesdays, 6—7:15 AM @ St. Joseph

Thursdays, 9—10:30 AM @ St. Joseph

Thursdays, 1—2:30 PM @ St. Joseph

Thursdays, 5:30—7 PM @ St. Mary

Fridays, 8:30—10 AM @ St. Mary

Have more questions or want to sign up? Contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org or 920-73-5119.

IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of those who have lost a love 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.



ENCOUNTER

by Mary Ann Otto

A Light to the World

The Christmas Season in our parishes just makes me want to sigh with delight. It seems like it is a time (along with Easter) when we are at our best. Our worship and gathering spaces are decorated so beautifully. We provide extra seating for visiting family members and as a way to welcome the stranger into our midst. The choirs and musicians' practices go into overtime to provide a lovely worship experience and hospitality ministers greet you at the door with the joy of Christmas in their faces.

During this season, our parishes light up our neighborhoods and invite people to encounter Jesus as we celebrate God's entry into humanity and anticipate his return. It is hard to imagine, but every team person or volunteer who participates in bringing this neighborhood light is participating in evangelization.

We may never know the details of how a person's life may have been touched by the Christmas worship experience, but we do believe that it is the power of the Holy Spirit that takes our efforts and turns them into encounters with Jesus. Pope Francis says: "Our life spreads light when it is given in service." Thank you to all the volunteers in our parishes who made this service a priority as they worked around family commitments. Our parish light shined more brightly because of you!

As we prepare to enter into ordinary time, our neighborhood parishes need to continue to shine with the love of Jesus Christ and offer opportunities for God to work through us. In mid-December, we finished our first major round of the ALPHA Course and I stand in awe of everyone who made the commitment as hosts and guests to find new ways to encounter and share Jesus. Many of the ALPHA groups will be continuing with the ALPHA seven-week course follow-up, **What on Earth Am I Here For: Purpose Driven Life**. Just from your comments and

experiences, you are already bringing the love and compassion of Jesus to a world very much in need.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, we will be extending the invitation to all parishioners and your family and friends to join us for the second round of ALPHA. It will begin the third week in January. The Kings found their way to Jesus by the light of a star. Our goal is to have all parishioners go through ALPHA so that our message of Jesus to the world is consistent and outshines the many negative cultural messages of the day. It is part of Jesus' final command to go and make disciples of all nations. I believe that the parishes that accomplish this, will remain strong, vibrant and joyful.

In case you forgot, ALPHA is a small group course that includes a meal, fellowship, video and discussion. There is no charge and there is no expectation to share. We want everyone to feel comfortable. There is often a misunderstanding that the goal is for ALPHA graduates is to be street-corner preachers. This is untrue, although some may be called to this, the goal is to be able to understand and grow in our own personal relationship with Jesus so that if ever called upon in our daily lives to simply share him and his love, we can.

As you reflect upon possible priorities for 2019, please make the ALPHA Course a consideration. Let's light up the world. Give it as a gift to yourself, your parish, your neighborhood and Jesus.

Happy New Year, Friends in Christ!

MARY ANN OTTO

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Minister of Missionary
Discipleship

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RESOURCES

**The Purpose Driven
Life: What on Earth
Am I Here For?**
Rick Warren

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