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 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

**ARISE,
 SHINE,
 FOR YOUR
 LIGHT
 COME
 HAS COME**

ISAIAH 60:1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019



Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., January 7	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., January 8	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed., January 9	12:05 PM	Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Ellen & Thomas Hoover
Thurs., January 10	12:05 PM	Anita Lardinois
Fri., January 11	8:30 AM	Harold Hanson
Sat., January 12	4:30 PM	Al Neveau
Sun., January 13	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:45 AM	Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Margaret Frehler & Family

ST. MARY Weekly Calendar

January 7 (Mon)

- 9:00 AM Take down Christmas trees & decorations in church
- 9:30 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Matthew 25 Meeting/Large Conference Room
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

January 8 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Book Club/L1
- 6:00 PM Facilities Committee/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Leadership Council/L7
- 6:30 PM First Eucharist Parent Meeting/@ St. Joe's Holly Hall
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee/Community Room
- 7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L2

January 9 (Wed)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir practice/St. Anne Room
- No IPRF Classes—Catechist Inservice

January 10 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:30 PM First Eucharist Parent Meeting/Community Room

January 11 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 2:00 PM WI Choral Directors Concerts/Church (free & open to the public)

January 12 (Sat)

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

January 13 (Sun)

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

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



Anais Gloria,

Daughter of Modeste & Sophie Rouamba

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

Kaitlyn Michlig & Jacob Roskopf

December 29, 2018

IPRF NEWS

No IPRF classes on January 9 due to Catechist Inservice.

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 parent meetings. Please choose the meeting that is most convenient for you. Materials for home study and banner kits will be distributed.

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

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

STRENGTH & STRETCH CLASS NEWS

Classes resume on Wednesday, January 9 at 1 PM. Contact Beth Power with questions at beth.power@new.rr.com. ALL are welcome!

SEASONAL JOB OFFERING AT ST. MARY

Needed: custodial/maintenance help at the CELC/school building (on State Street across from the church). Position will run through April 2019. The regular schedule is 8 PM – 12 AM, M-F, though there is the possibility of working 6-10 PM a few nights of the week. Questions? Contact Theresa Rohm in the parish office at trohm@stmaryparish.org or 920-739-5119.

WI CHORAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CONCERTS

We are a partner host for the annual Wisconsin Choral Directors Association Conference. On Friday, January 11, concerts held in our church are free and open to the public.

January 11—St. Mary Church—Free & open to the public

2:05 PM - The UW-Platteville Chamber Choir

2:35 PM - The Nathan Hale High School Treble Chorale

3:05 PM - The Muskego High School Chorale
(break from 3:30-4:40 for a dress rehearsal)

4:40 PM - The WCDA Collegiate All-State Choir Performance

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$24,273.57 Weekend—\$8,706.13 Children's—\$84.00

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Mike
Mauthe
presents:

**Back on the Road to Emmaus:
What the Early Church Can Teach Us**

MONDAY, JAN. 14, 2019, 7 P.M.

Members of the Early Church were ridiculed, persecuted and even put to death. But they would not, *could not*, stop telling the world about Jesus of Nazareth. With words, actions and lifestyles, they converted nearly half of the Roman Empire to Christianity within a few centuries.

What was it that allowed them to literally transform their world? Two millennia later, in another age of great hostility toward Christians, there's much we can learn from these trailblazers. Walk back in time with **Mike Mauthe**, Xavier principal and beloved educator and theology scholar who has a gift for making subjects engaging and relevant.

BONUS OPPORTUNITY! – As a follow-up, Mike will offer a 3-session course on those who shaped the Early Church (up to & including the Council of Nicaea in 325.)

DATES: Mondays Jan 21, Feb 11 & 25; 7 p.m. at Xavier
Sign up at program or email ciafmo@gmail.com

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

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PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need.

ALPHA BEGINS AGAIN IN JANUARY

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. It's run all around the globe. 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).

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.

NEEDS TREE THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated! Here's what we did this year:

Six families were helped with toys, clothes & gift cards for gas and groceries. Ten transitional/group homes and 2 agencies were helped with gifts, supplies, bus passes & gift cards.

Staff at Pillars were excited to receive paper towels, pillows, laundry detergent & clothes baskets. Jennipher from COTS for Women was happy to receive twin sheets and bath towels to set up a room for a new resident. Children at COTS for Moms received pants and shirts, Pull-ups, educational toys, boots, books, socks & underwear for Christmas. Other group home residents received slippers, shaving items, socks, gloves, hats, movie passes, cookies, candy, word search books, crossword books, nail clippers & gift cards. Gifts were sent to two nursing homes for residents who may not be remembered or who might receive very little. We made the holidays brighter for so many! With your help, we were able to fulfill nearly 440 requests. As always, a special thank you to those who added a little extra and to those who delivered all the gifts. Merry Christmas!

IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of Carlos Boytel, Janice Mercier, and Tom Schomisch. May fond memories comfort you. If you have lost a loved one and would like him or her remembered in the bulletin, call us at 739-5119.

IN JOY & SORROW

WITH FR. BILL
SWICHTENBERG

As we rush into the New Year and re-establish that which is routine in our lives, I hope and pray that you have had some moments just to be, to rest in the peace and love of the Lord Jesus, and to soak in his presence during the past Octave Days of Christmas. Sadly, if we do not take time out for reflection, we miss the Lord and his goodness in our lives. I believe it was Socrates who declared that "the unreflected life was not worth living." Mary gives us an example of this reflective posture as she took time to ponder and treasure in her heart all that the Lord was doing in her life and in the life of her son, Jesus.

The New Year provides an opportunity for us to pause and "look back and thank God, look forward and trust God, look around and serve God, and look within and find God." I have said many times that we celebrate Christmas for a season of days because it takes at least that long for the mystery of God's love for us in the gift of the Incarnation to sink into the marrow of our being. God's love made visible in Jesus, God's Word made flesh who has pitched his tent in our midst, reminds us that everything around us, including our very selves, is charged with the grandeur of God. The material and the flesh are not things to be avoided or held at arm's length, but rather to be embraced as all of our person and all around us reveal the divine to us.

Cardinal Avery Dulles, a preeminent Jesuit theologian of the twentieth century, said this: "The Incarnation does not give us a ladder to climb out of the human condition. It gives us a drill that lets us burrow down into the heart of everything that is, and there, find it shimmering with divinity." He says it so much better than I just did in the paragraph above.

In the New Year, let's pray for each other that we may make space and time to connect more deeply with the God who has made God's dwelling in our hearts. Let's imitate the still and quiet stance of Mary, who took everything to the Lord, pondering and treasuring in her heart her relationship with him.

I would like to share with you with this prayer of Saint Gertrude the Great, a thirteenth century Benedictine nun, mystic, and theologian. You might cut it out and keep it close and pray it often during the New Year. It just happened to be the reflection for January 2 in *Give Us This Day*, a publication of Liturgical Press, which is located on the campus of Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, my alma mater.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, help me - in every need, with all my heart and a thirsty soul - to reach for You, and in You who are sweet and happy may I find rest. With my whole spirit and self, let me desire You, for You are the only One who holds true happiness. In Your precious blood, Lord of mercy, write Your wounds in my heart. Help me read there both Your pain and love. May the memory of Your wounds forever remain in my heart's secret places, kindling compassion in me. Help me focus solely on You, who are the sweetness of my heart. Amen.

Please remember to pray for me as I pray for you!

Happy New Year!

Fr. Bill +

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