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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



**"YOU ARE MY
 BELOVED SON;
 WITH YOU
 I AM WELL
 PLEASED."**
LUKE 3:22

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., January 14	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., January 15	8:30 AM	Kevin Roche
Wed., January 16	12:05 PM	Bill Hoffman
Thurs., January 17	12:05 PM	Audrey & Harold Deprez
Fri., January 18	8:30 AM	Bill Balza
Sat., January 19	4:30 PM	John & Donna Francek
Sun., January 20	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	9:45 AM	Nancy Lee Vierling

ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 14 (Mon)

6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

January 15 (Tues)

8:30 AM Mass
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group/St. Joseph Rm. L9
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:00 PM Quilting Group/Community Room

January 16 (Wed)

12:05 PM Mass
1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes
5:45 PM IPRF Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

January 17 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass

January 18 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

January 19 (Sat)

Annual New Sock Collection
First Eucharist Enrollment & Blessing Weekend

9:00 AM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass

January 20 (Sun)

Annual New Sock Collection
First Eucharist Enrollment & Blessing Weekend
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

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (830--1534) if you have a prayer need.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office— \$20,835.00 Weekend—\$12,163.27
Children's—\$19.00

SPECIAL PRAYER ALERT

We've had several inquiries about the condition of 4-year-old Emma Krueger since we've all been praying for her during weekend Masses. You can follow her progress on Caring Bridge. Search for: emmakrueger. Thank you for your prayers!

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.

IPRF NEWS

First Communion Enrollment & Blessing Weekend

This year, our First Eucharist Enrollment & Blessing Weekend is on January 19-20. Don't forget to have your First Eucharist candidate bring a loaf of bread to whichever Mass you signed up for.



Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

Office of Safe Environment
Diocese of Green Bay
920-272-8174
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

YOU MATTER TO US – THERE IS HOPE!



Diocese of Green Bay

ALPHA

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.

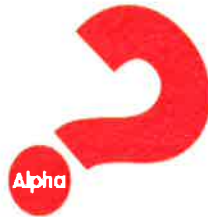
Do I have to talk? Nope! There's no obligation to say anything. But if you want to, there's nothing you can't say (seriously).

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.

ALPHA FOLLOW UP

Have you been through the Alpha course?
Join us for the next phase!

What on Earth Am I Here For?
The Purpose Driven Life

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If you would like to join us and need to purchase the books, please contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org or 920-739-5119. The cost for the book and study guide is \$17. Scholarships are available.

ANNUAL NEW SOCK COLLECTION

Help us keep some feet warm this winter! Bring a few new pairs of socks in next weekend, January 19-20. Collection bins will be in the Marian Way. Donations will benefit Pillars (formerly Fox Valley Warming Shelter & Homeless Connections). Thank you for your generosity! This collection is sponsored by our Human Concerns Committee.



CIA-Faith Mission Operatives



Mike Mauthe presents:

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

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

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

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives

Encourages YOU to investigate your faith!

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

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. 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

A book that I keep close by in the Advent and Christmas Seasons is Ann Weems' *Kneeling in Bethlehem*, an anthology of twenty-six of her poems that have a power to spark something deep within you and me, unlike maybe a theological treatise on the Incarnation of God by Saint Athanasius of Alexandria.

Here's one poem I would like to share. It is titled "Later."

Later
after the angels
after the stable
after the Child,
they went back ...
as we always must,
back to the world that doesn't understand
our talk of angels and stars
and especially not the Child.
We go back complaining it doesn't last.
They went back singing praises to God!
We do have to go back,
but we can still sing the alleluias!

Our Nativity Scene that had such a pride of place at the side altar of our church has been taken down and put in boxes and stored some place in our parish facility for another year (I have no clue where!). I took a picture of it last year and so still have it front and center as a wallpaper on my cell phone. I will replace it with a winter scene after our celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which ends the Christmas Season. The danger with our observance of Christmas is the notion that because something is out of sight, it is out of our minds and hearts.

The Incarnation is a mystery of our faith that can never be packed away at the conclusion of the Christmas Season. The Incarnation is a reality that unfolds every day of our lives. Our Lord Jesus is not a distant God, like a watchmaker, if you will, who has wound the earth up and just waits for it to tick down to 00:00:00. The Incarnation celebrates the Lord's desire to always remain close to us, to always be involved in our lives in a very recognizable way if we but take the time to notice, and to always show God's goodness to us in the goodness of creation and the people all around us.

In the New Year, let us be attentive to the work of the Lord in our lives. A good practice would be to end each day with a prayer of gratitude and an awareness of those God moments in that day now finished. A good habit would be to begin each new day with moments for stillness and solitude to call upon the Holy Spirit of the Lord to help us notice God in the upcoming day's events and people. Let me suggest as a powerful devotional book, Sarah Young's *Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence*. In addition to praying the psalms each morning, I always ponder the daily meditation from Ms. Young's book. It is written as if Jesus himself is talking directly to me and you. There are some days where His message is especially spot on for me. I would strongly recommend this devotional book! It can also be downloaded as an app on your smart phone!

Oh, by the way, Ann Weems has a companion volume of poetry for the Lent and Easter Seasons called *Kneeling in Jerusalem*.

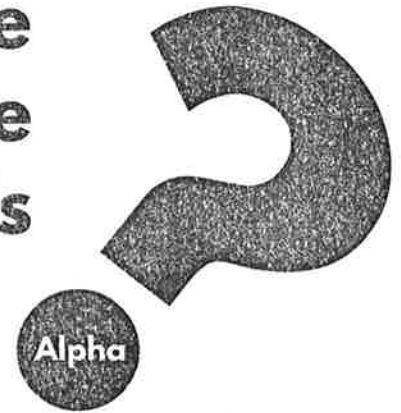
Blessings to you and yours in the New Year!

Fr. Bill +

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#tryalpha

Is there more
to life
than this



I want to sign up for Alpha!

Over 100 of your parish family members have already signed up to begin Alpha this month. Join them!

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I've done Alpha. What's next?

Have you done the Alpha course? Want to be part of the next phase? Join us for What On Earth Am I Here For? A Purpose Driven Life

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To register, contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org or 920-739-5119.

I can't commit to Alpha at this point, but I want to help make it a success! I can make a crock pot meal for an Alpha session.

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

Return this form to the parish office or drop on the collection basket.

Thank you!

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<p>Herrling Clark LAW FIRM LTD Kevin Lonergan • 739-7366</p>			<p>VALLEY LAWN CARE 733-3048 PROMPT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE</p>
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