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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



"BLESSED
IS HE
WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE
LORD!"

JOHN 12:13

Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019



ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 15 (Mon)

- 6:30 PM Inter-parish Communal Reconciliation Service @ St. Joseph
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

April 16 (Tues)

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

April 17 (Wed)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 4:30 & 6:30 PM IPRF Classes
- IPRF Registration Night (4-7:30)
- IPRF Pizza & Bake Sale (5-6:30)
- 5:45 PM IPRF Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
- 6:00 PM Fr. Bill Keeping the Church Lights On For Confessions
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

April 18 Holy Thursday

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Parish Family Potluck/Community Room
- 7:30 PM Mass

April 19 Good Friday

- 12:15 PM Good Friday Service
- 6:30 PM Good Friday Service

April 20 Holy Saturday

- 8:15 PM Easter Vigil Mass

April 21 Easter Sunday

- 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 AM Mass



CHILDREN WELCOME!

We encourage you to bring children of all ages to any and all of our Holy Week events, services, and Masses. Our little ones are important and much-loved members of our parish family.

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, and a special intention for improved health for Marilyn Christensen.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$2,546.00 Weekend—\$11,857.30
Children's—\$16.00

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., April 15	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., April 16	8:30 AM For Grandma Katrina & Bernice Considine
Wed., April 17	12:05 PM Nicholas & Sedella Jacob
Thurs., April 18	7:30 PM David & Patricia Hannemann
Fri., April 19	12:15 PM Good Friday Service
	6:30 PM Good Friday Service
Sat., April 20	8:15 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Bardon, Morse & O'Connell Families
Sun., April 21	8:00 AM Sis Balliet
	9:45 AM Fr. Mike O'Rourke
	11:30 AM Maxwell Jacobson

IPRF NEWS

Registration for 2019-20 Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, April 17 from 4-7:30 PM

St. Mary Community Room

Sign up your children for IPRF Classes if they attend public school in grades K-11 (12th graders complete their preparation for Confirmation). Children from St. Joseph & St. Mary Parishes attend faith formation classes in a combined program, Inter-Parish Religious Formation (IPRF).

IPRF Pizza & Bake Sale

Wednesday, April 17 from 5-6:30 PM

St. Mary Community Room

MATTHEW 25 LENTEN ALMS PROJECT UPDATE

11 windows are open—only 1 to go! Each represents \$1,000 in contributions. This year's project benefits Ascend, the Pillar Initiative helping young adults age 18-25, many who struggle with anxiety and depression, who have little to no resources to help them. Contributions can be dropped off at the parish office or put in the Lenten Alms boxes in church (make checks payable to St. Mary Parish). Thank you for your generosity!



Missionaries of HOPE

2019 BISHOP'S APPEAL

We're only about **\$2,071.00** away from meeting our goal this year! If you haven't sent in your donation yet, please send it in to the Diocese so we can keep our streak alive! If you need an envelope, you can find one at the table in the Marian Way or in the parish office during business hours. Thanks so much!!



Palm Sunday Evening

Mary's Way of the Cross, 6 PM, St. Mary Chapel

Monday, April 15

Inter-parish Communal Reconciliation Service
6:30 PM, St. Joseph Church

Wednesday, April 17

Father Bill Keeping the Church Lights on For Confessions
6—9 PM, St. Mary Church

Holy Thursday

Parish Family Potluck, 6 PM, St. Mary Community Room
Mass, 7:30 PM, St. Mary Church

Good Friday

Services at 12:15 & 6:30 PM, St. Mary Church

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass 8:15 PM, St. Mary Church

Easter Sunday

Masses at 8, 9:45 & 11:30 AM, St. Mary Church



HOLY THURSDAY PARISH FAMILY POTLUCK

Please join us for an informal potluck meal at 6 PM on Holy Thursday (April 19) in the Community Room. Bring your favorite dish to share—whether it's a homemade specialty or a family pack of burgers from your favorite drive-in. Anything goes! Please invite family and friends, because all are welcome at this event. If you can, stay for Mass in church at 7:30 PM.

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives



Making Sense of Suffering

**TWO-NIGHT HOLY WEEK EVENT
APRIL 15 & 16, 2019, 7 p.m.**

On Monday, April 15, **Mother Mary Catherine**, who once served with Saint Mother Teresa, provides her insights on this earthly reality that challenges even the strongest believers. On Tuesday, April 16, members of the Alfaro family present **Earth Meets Heaven: The Seth Alfaro Story**, a fascinating account of a near death experience, suffering, submission to God's will, and the power of prayer.

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

XMS PRESENTS THE LIVING STATIONS

The Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the Xavier Middle School 5th grade at the following dates and times:

- April 15, 6:30 PM for parents and community members
- April 16, 1:15 PM for Xavier Elementary schools
- April 18, 9:30 AM for XMS student body

All performances take place in the Xavier Middle School auditorium. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the presentations.

This fifth grade presentation is a meaningful portrayal of the suffering and death of our Lord. It is a prayerfully presented account of the steps Jesus took on the way to the cross to obtain our salvation.

IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of Harold Case, Donna Hebert, Nance Keenan, and Angela Martin. May fond memories comfort you at this time. 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

Holy Week has arrived once again.

In some ways, it will be an ordinary week.
I'll still have to go to work, to school, to the store.
I'll still need to care for my family and friends.
I'll still have to do laundry and take out the trash.
I'll still have to deal with life's everyday
problems.
My responsibilities won't diminish or take a
break...

And I'll do all this in a world that largely ignores
the names that we give this week's special days:

Palm Sunday
Holy Thursday
Good Friday
Holy Saturday
Easter Sunday

So I ask you to help me, Lord,
to make and keep this week holy...
I hope and pray this week will be peaceful,
in spite of all I have to do...
I hope and pray these days will be prayerful,
that I'll make some time to spend with you
alone and time to go to church on these
holy days...
I hope and pray that in my mind and heart
these days will be different from any others,
in how I see and experience the world
around me,
in how I plan and spend my time...
Help me know and live these days as set apart,
some solemn and some joyful,
a time to grow in faith, and hope and love,
a time to grow in my relationship with you...

Let this week not be like all the others, Lord,
but let this week and all its days
be truly holy...Amen.

Once again, I am grateful to Father Austin
Fleming, the Concord Pastor, for this timely
reminder of the beauty of Holy Week.

As we go back in time through the power of our
imagination to walk with Jesus on the final days
of his life here on earth, from the Upper Room to
the Garden of Gethsemane, on the Way the
Cross to the hill of Calvary, then to the newly-
hewn tomb in the garden and the bright dawn of
Easter Sunday morning, we are celebrating
history and yet so much more. We are not
re-enacting the Passion, Death and Resurrection
of Jesus, events that happened a long time ago.
Rather, we are celebrating the mystery of Jesus'
dying and rising now, especially in our lives and
in our own dyings and risings. We profess our
faith in the Paschal Mystery not the Paschal
History. We are caught up in this Mystery now.
We are drawn into Jesus' open arms. We die to
selfishness and bitterness and whatever else we
need to die to, so as to be raised with Jesus, to
new life.

What will die in you this Holy Week? What will
rise to new life in you on Easter Sunday?

Happy Holy Week!

Fr. Bill +

04.14.2019

My dear friends of St. Mary Parish,

Just as quickly as I so excitedly arrived back at St. Mary last September to be your Minister of Pastoral Care, I am so very saddened to tell you I am leaving St. Mary Parish – again.

Bishop Ricken has requested, and I have prayerfully accepted to be the Pastoral Leader at Prince of Peace Catholic Community in Green Bay. On September 30 last year, Fr. Dan Viertel, the pastor at Prince of Peace, had a serious stroke and is no longer able to lead that parish, so Bishop has asked me to accept the position. I will be able to be with you on weekends through the month of April, but am at Prince of Peace already during the weekdays.

You will never know how much I loved being back here and how I loved even more to be blessed to serve you in this position, even for the shortest of times. Absolutely nothing would make me happier than to stay in this position until the day I retire. God's will for me, however, is certainly different than I envisioned.

If I could, for those of you who may be upset over this announcement, may I suggest whom you should **not** be upset with:

You should **not** be upset with Fr. Bill or Theresa Rohm, our Minister of Administration. If there were any way possible for me to stay, they certainly would have gotten it done. I'm so very grateful for their care, guidance and incredible support.

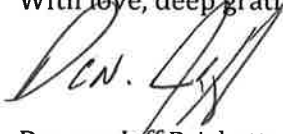
You should **not** be upset with Bishop Ricken, or the Vicar of Clergy and Pastoral Leaders, Fr. Luke Ferris. We all know the times we live in with the severe shortage of priests, which continues to worsen every year. The position they are in is almost impossible, and they desperately need your prayers and support – not your complaints. Please also pray every day for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese. I am confident God will hear all of our prayers and answer them according to His perfect will.

You should **not** be upset with my wonderful wife, Mary, for supporting me and hearing God's voice in this decision. It is simply an expression of her deep love of God and her love for me.

It pains me so terribly to have to leave here again. When I was ordained, I took a vow of obedience to the Bishop and his successors. I also promised to follow God's will, no matter what that may be. Ultimately, it is *God's will* through the Holy Spirit that brings me to this decision.

I love you all and will always love this parish my family calls "home". I have prayed for all of you every day since the day of my ordination, including the years I was away, and will continue to do so until my last day on earth. If you can find it in your heart, please pray for Mary and me as we begin this arduous task and follow the voice of the One who created us and loves us so unconditionally.

With love, deep gratitude, peace and blessings,



Deacon Jeff Prickette

DEACON JEFFREY MARK PRICKETTE
MINISTER OF THE WORD, OF THE ALTAR, AND OF CHARITY

Jesus, our High Priest
at table on the evening of the Last Supper
kneeling before his disciples
pouring water into a basin
washing their feet
and drying them with a towel
This is Eucharist
unselfish love
poured out without distinction or limit
with great mercy and compassion
upon every person!

Deacon Jeff
Jesus is the one and only whom you imitate so well
with a love and joy that are deep down
with a heartfelt concern
for the sick, the imprisoned, the homeless, the hungry
in unassuming authority
in self-discipline
in holiness of life!

We thank you
for your beautiful ministry among us
for your passionate preaching of the Gospel
for your dedication to our children and their formation in the Gospel
with Jesus' high-five succinctness
"You did it for me!"

We thank you
for your gracious welcome of the newly-baptized
for your witness of fidelity to the newly-married
for your gestures of comfort to the grieving
for your gracious hospitality to all in our worshiping assembly

We thank you
for your contagious enthusiasm
for you are filled with the goodness and graciousness
of Jesus, our Humble Servant Leader!

We thank you, Mary
devoted wife and mother
for your generous ministry among us
for waiting on table at our funeral luncheons
for complimenting and enhancing your husband's diaconal ministry!

May the Lord bless and keep you both
always close to his gentle and humble heart!

With deep appreciation and affection!
The People of God of Saint Mary Parish
Appleton, Wisconsin



Easter Flower & Worship Fund

If you would like to contribute to our Easter flower & worship fund, please return this completed form by Wednesday, April 17 so we can include you in our Easter bulletin.

Mail or bring your form & contribution to the parish office.
Make checks payable to St. Mary Parish.

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