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April 27 & 28, 2019*

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ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 29 (Mon)

- 6:00 PM Funeral Pre-planning Info Session/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

April 30 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

May 1 (Wed)

- 9:00 AM Quilting Group/Community Room
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 12:35 PM Holy Hour (Adoration)
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 6:30 PM Men's CRHP Meeting/Large Conference Room
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

May 2 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:30 PM Cor Jesu/Church & Community Room

May 3 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

May 4 (Sat)

- Monthly St. Joe's Food Program Collection
- Mother & Baby Care Tree Up in Marian Way
- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:30 PM Mass

May 5 (Sun)

- Monthly St. Joe's Food Program Collection
- Mother & Baby Care Tree Up in Marian Way
- 8:00 AM Mass
- 9:45 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room after both Masses
- 9:45 AM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L2
- 11:30 AM Vintage Brunch @ Good Company

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

TOOTSIE ROLL SALE - MAY 4/5



PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$3,288.00 Weekend—\$9,584.71
Children's—\$24.00

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., April 29	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., April 30	8:30 AM Nance & Bob Keenan
Wed., May 1	12:05 PM Parishioners of St. Mary
Thurs., May 2	12:05 PM Candace Schoultz
Fri., May 3	8:30 AM Audrey & Harold Deprez
Sat., May 4	4:30 PM Emmett & Georgianne Hoks
Sun., May 5	8:00 AM Helen & Gordon Pippert
	9:45 AM Jeff Fisher



St. Mary Parish started a Legacy Circle in 2010 for parishioners and friends of St. Mary who have named St. Mary Parish as a beneficiary in their will. We are in the process of updating our Legacy Circle plaque in the Marian Way (just to the left of the

alcove). If you have mentioned St. Mary Parish in your will or are in the process of doing so, and your name does not appear on the plaque, we would love to add it. Please contact Theresa Rohm in the parish office by May 2, 2019 to make arrangements. You can reach Theresa at 920-739-5119 or trohm@stmaryparish.org. Thank you for remembering St. Mary in your will and leaving a legacy to the parish.



*Vintage Brunch Sunday, May 5 11:30 am
Good Company (110 N. Richmond Street)*

SHAMROCK SHENANIGANS II WRAP UP

Thank you to all who helped make Shamrock Shenanigans II a fun & successful evening! Whether you were a sponsor, donor, volunteer, or attendee, we couldn't have done it without you! We're happy to announce that we raised a total of \$17,103.65!

MATTHEW 25 LENTEN ALMS PROJECT WRAP UP

We surpassed our goal of \$12,000 for the Ascend Initiative, a Pillars program. In total, we raised \$13,684.82. Heartfelt thanks to all who gave. Your gifts are helping Ascend make a difference in the lives of young adults in our community. We are proud of our parish family!



MONTHLY COLLECTION

St. Joe's Food Program

May 4-5

Canned or dried fruits & veggies

Nothing glass or perishable please.
Place donations in the bins near the altar.

Mother, Baby & Toddler Care Collection



- Take a card from the tree in the Marian Way
- Purchase new or bring in gently used item
- Return items by Mother's Day (May 12)

Thank you!

Sponsored by our Human Concerns Committee
Partnering with Mother & Unborn Baby Care, Inc.

MIDWEST MARIAPOLIS 2019

A FAMILY RETREAT & VACATION ON THE SHORES OF BEAUTIFUL GREEN LAKE, WI

Friday, June 28—Tuesday, July 2
Green Lake Conference Center

Enjoy parallel morning programs for children, teens, and adults, including nursery and daily Mass on the theme "The Holy Spirit: Soul of the Church and the World." Then, experience afternoons full of fun! You can choose from swimming, boating, golf, fishing, games, and special group activities.

Register at midwestmariapolis.org (reserve your spot early for best choice of lodging). Questions? Call Clare DuMontier at 920-470-5542.



Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross

JOB OPENING—MAINTENANCE

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross in Green Bay have an opening for a part-time Maintenance Assistant (15-20 hours/week, year-round) to complete general maintenance and groundskeeping tasks. Visit gbfranciscans.org to view the full job posting. Questions? Contact Jenny Majkowski at jmajkowski@gbfranciscans.org or 920-884-2720.



SUMMER ALPHA

If you haven't found time to join an ALPHA group yet, this summer is a great opportunity.

What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. It's run all around the globe in cafes, 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/fiancé/relative from another parish, or someone who doesn't belong to a church, to come with me? Yes! Please do!

Want to sign up? Have questions? Contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org or 739-5119.

SUMMER 2019 SESSIONS

Tuesday Mornings 10—11:30 AM @ St. Joseph Parish
June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 9, 16 (extended session), 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20

Thursday Evenings 6—7:30 PM @ St. Mary Parish
Two groups—one will be for single, widowed & divorced ladies, another will be for everyone
June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18 (extended session), 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22

IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Lauren Arkens. 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

A favorite book on my shelf is *Dear Pope Francis: The Pope Answers Letters from Children Around the World*. The children's letters are written in their own language and handwriting and each letter is accompanied by their artwork. The Pope responds so tenderly to each letter. Here is one of my favorite entries in the book:

This letter comes from William, age 7, in the United States of America.

Dear Pope France, If you could do one miracle what would it be? Love, William.

Pope Francis responds, Dear William, I would heal children. I've never been able to understand why children suffer. It's a mystery to me. I don't have an explanation. I ask myself about this, and I pray about your question. Why do children suffer? My heart asks the question. Jesus wept, and by weeping, he understood our tragedies. I try to understand too. Yes, if I could perform a miracle, I would heal every child. Your drawing makes me think: there is a big, dark cross, and a rainbow and the sunshine behind it. I like that. My answer to the pain of children is silence, or perhaps a word that rises from my tears. I'm not afraid to cry. You shouldn't either. Franciscus.

On this First Communion Weekend, our hearts are buoyed by the innocent and joyful beauty of our children. Each one of them is such a unique and precious individual, loved tremendously by the Lord. How could anyone with any kind of heart ever harm one of our precious little ones? I think of the picture of four beautiful children, who only recently received their First Holy Communion, and who lost their lives on Easter Sunday while attending Mass in their Church in Sri Lanka. The risen Jesus has not stopped weeping for them and for all the others who so violently had their beautiful lives snuffed out by such inconceivable violence. Jesus weeps with their families and friends. Jesus suffers mightily with them and for them.

In Holy Communion, Jesus embraces each one of us in his magnificent love. In bread and wine that still appear to be bread and wine, but whose very substance has been transformed into the divine, Jesus comes into our lives. His divine cells mix with our human cells. And over the course of a lifetime, we are to become more and more like Jesus, the one whom we have received. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India reminded us often that we are Jesus' eyes and ears, his hands and feet, in our world today. So many people still do not know and love Jesus. It is our mission to bring Jesus to them. It is our mission to rejoice in good times with them and to cry in bad times with them.

Congratulations to our beautiful children receiving Jesus for the first time. May they grow in friendship with Jesus. May their parents and our entire Family of God at St Mary Parish share with them our love for Jesus and our desire to discover Jesus in every person.

Thank you, parents, who took time out of your busy schedules to talk with me in preparation for your daughter or son's First Communion. I enjoyed our conversations very much. Please, parents, remember the commitment that you are making to the Lord Jesus to bring your child often to the Sacrament of the Eucharist. You would never starve your children by refusing to let them come to the family meal table at home. Our friendship with Jesus needs the nourishment which the Table of God's Word and the Table of God's Eucharist offer to thrive.

Finally, a great gift for your daughter or son for First Communion would be Dear Pope Francis.

Fr. Bill +



ALPHA FOLLOW-UP, SUMMER STYLE!

The next step for ALPHA grads

This seven-week course explores five purposes for your life:

1. You Were Planned for God's Pleasure
2. You Were Formed for God's Family
3. You Were Created to Become Like Christ
4. You Were Shaped for Serving God
5. You Were Made for a Mission

DAYS, TIMES, LOCATION

Tuesdays, 10-11:30am @ St. Joseph (June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 9, 16, 23)

Thursdays, 6-7:30pm @ St. Mary (June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25)

COST \$10.00
(scholarships available)

JOIN A GROUP
contact Mary Ann Otto
motto@stmaryparish.org or 739-5119

A note about Rick Warren

Rick Warren is the founding Pastor of Saddleback, a large Evangelical Church in California. In the past years he has joined Pope Francis as a speaker at the World Meeting of Families. He has acknowledged Pope Francis as being a true witness to the Gospel in our day. Rick Warren has also helped Catholic Churches find success by focusing on their mission in their community and the world.

The video series originally recorded by Rick Warren has also been recorded using the same messages by the ministers of one of these thriving Catholic Churches. The group may select which series best suits their taste.

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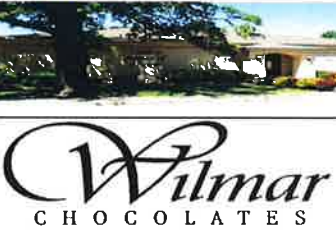
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