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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

"I remember my mother's
prayers and they have
always followed me.
They have clung to me
all my life."

Abraham Lincoln

May 12, 2019 Happy Mother's Day



ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 13 (Mon)

8:45 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
6:00 PM Human Concerns Committee/Marian Way
8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

May 14 (Tues)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting/Community Room
7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting/Community Room
7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L3

May 15 (Wed)

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

May 16 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass

May 17 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

May 18 (Sat)

9:00 AM Confessions/Church
4:30 PM Mass

May 19 (Sun)

8:00 AM Mass
9:45 AM Mass
Coffee & Donuts after both Masses/Community Room



Summer
Coffee & Donuts
June 16 & 30
July 14 & 28
August 11 & 25

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—\$7,596.00 Weekend—\$10,283.43
Children's—\$20.00

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., May 13	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., May 14	8:30 AM	Grace Wege—in Thanksgiving
Wed., May 15	12:05 PM	For the safe return of missing children
Thurs., May 16	12:05 PM	For prayers answered
Fri., May 17	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Sat., May 18	4:30 PM	Donald Worm
Sun., May 19	8:00 AM	Mugs Hughes
	9:45 AM	Harold & Fritze McGinnis and Kathie Noack

XAVIER CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS



7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21
Xavier Fine Arts Theatre
1600 West Prospect Avenue
Appleton, WI
Written by Jim Romenesko and directed by Maureen Milbach

This delightful adaptation features a unique royal family, an evil witch and her henchmen, a bumbling jester and live music. The show runs approximately 50 minutes and is ideal for children in Pre-K through fifth grade. Tickets are available online at www.xaviertheatre.com or at the Xavier box office, 920-733-8840. The box office is open Mondays and Wednesdays from noon—3 PM for walk up and phone sales. On Tuesday, May 21, the box office will be open from noon—3 PM and one hour before the performance. Educators: contact the box office for information on matinees happening on May 20—24.

Happy Mother's Day

"A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie."

—Tenneva Jordan

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Pastoral Leadership Council will be receiving three new members starting July 1. Do you know a parish member who would be a great addition? Please nominate this person! Or, if you're feeling the energy brewing in our church and want to be part of it all, nominate yourself. The nomination process will begin next weekend, May 18-19. There are several ways to make your nomination: 1) next weekend there will be slips in the pews to write in your nominations, 2) reply to the Flocknote coming to your email, or 3) call or email the parish office.



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 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/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

Next step for ALPHA grads

Explore 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



Alpha follow-up, summer style

When & Where

Starts week of June 3 (seven-week course)
Tuesdays, 10-11:30am @ St. Joseph
Thursdays, 6-7:30pm @ St. Mary

Join a group

Contact Mary Ann Otto
motto@stmaryparish.org
920-739-5119

Cost
\$10 (scholarships available)



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Join Us for our Benefit Concerts for the Holy Resurrection Monastery

Silver Lake College Fine Arts Auditorium, Manitowoc
Saturday, June 1st
7:00 PM



St. Mary's Catholic Church, Appleton
Sunday, June 2nd
2:00 PM

Tickets: Suggested Donation \$5 **Children:** FREE!

EXPERIENCE THE LYRA VOCAL ENSEMBLE
SUNDAY, JUNE 2—2 PM ST. MARY CHURCH

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the families of Helen Liethen and Jack Pankratz. 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.

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in the neighborhood



"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47

I love the Easter season when we listen at Mass to the readings about Christ's appearances and the experience of the early church. The description of the first "parish" sounds idyllic but I then remember our brothers and sisters came together because they were small in number, misunderstood by the larger culture and persecuted for their faith.

But mostly they came together because they had experienced the overwhelming, undeserving, completely forgiving love of Jesus Christ. And after Jesus returned to his Father in heaven, they experienced the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit who transformed them into the family of God in the name of Jesus Christ. The experience of the parish in Acts takes us back to the very reason for our existence in the first place. We were made by Love to be loved and to love God and each other in return. And to take that love to those who are searching for more.

When I ask people why they belong to their parish, I hear many reasons. "I grew up here. This has been my parish since I was a child." "People are friendly." "I like the priest's homilies." "They have good coffee and donuts." I just made that one up. The most common reason I hear sounds like this. "We were looking for a parish and had gone to many in town.

When we walked into this church, we knew we belonged. We can't explain it, we just knew." I'd have to say that is Rick and my story. But it's not unique to St. Mary's. I have heard this said about other parishes. The person "just knows" this is their spiritual home.

Could it be that we are called by God to belong to a particular spiritual family? We know we are called by God through baptism to belong to his eternal family. That belonging will be complete when we die and join God and all our brothers and sisters who have gone before us.

But while on earth we are called to be a member of a specific spiritual family. It's where we find our spiritual support and where we learn how to love each other as Jesus loves us. I believe God calls us to our spiritual family, our parish because this is where he is forming each of us into the image of Jesus Christ who showed us how to love God, love each other in community and spread that love to everyone to the ends of the earth.

You may stay/leave because of preferences; "I do/didn't like the priest, I do/don't want to hear politics during the homily, people are/weren't friendly enough, the music is just right/was too fast or too slow or too much or not enough." But it's not about our likes and dislikes. It's about God and our transformation. If we leave our parish family, God will find a way for us to learn the lessons we decided to avoid. If we keep avoiding a particular lesson we might end up sitting next to the very person we were avoiding on earth at the Sacred Banquet and will have to learn that lesson for all eternity. My choice is to do the work here. Because in the end, it isn't about that other person, it's about my spiritual transformation, well-being, health.

So what are we supposed to do in our parish family so we can be spiritually healthy? The same

thing we do in our biological family to be emotionally healthy. Rick Warren in What On Earth Am I Here For sums it up well. "Share our true feelings (authenticity), encourage each other (mutuality), support each other (empathy), forgive each other (mercy), speak truth in love (honesty), admit our weaknesses (humility), respect our differences (courtesy), not gossip (confidentiality), and make family a priority (frequency)."

We also grow through learning how to be a disciple usually in a small group, finding out how God wants us to support and strengthen our spiritual family at St. Mary's through our ministry and how God is calling us to take his Love to families, our neighborhood and fulfill our calling, our mission.

I am excited to join our pastoral leadership team full-time in July. My part in helping us at St. Mary's to fulfill the work God has called us to do will be to connect us to opportunities for ministry in our parish and service in our neighborhood mission field.

As with all things, this is God's work. We can't do anything without prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. So I am inviting all of our brothers and

sisters with the gift of intercessory prayer to gather. Please ask God if he is calling you to this powerful ministry of prayer for our parish and our mission and watch the bulletin for an invitation to come together.

When we rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit we "work smarter, not harder." God is already doing amazing things with the over 21 non-profit organizations, and the leaders and members of our city neighborhoods in our mission field. There is no need to recreate the "service" wheel but to recognize the good, systemic change already happening and "get on the bus." I know many of you are involved with the non-profit organizations listed here or one of our city neighborhood groups. I would love to talk to you about your experience and how St. Mary's can join or continue the good work already being done. Please email or call me or stop in the office to set up a time to get together. Also, let me know if there is a non-profit organization in our mission field that is not on the list so I can make contact and visit them.

-Nadine Duncan

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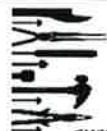
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