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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



May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter



ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 20 (Mon)

- 1:00 PM TLC Support Group Meeting/L4
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

May 21 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Quilting Group/Community Room

May 22 (Wed)

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

May 23 (Thurs)

- 8:00 AM CIA-FMO Meeting/L7
- 8:30 AM Coffee & Cookies Playdate/Babysitting Room
- 12:05 PM Mass

May 24 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

May 25 (Sat)

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

May 26 (Sun)

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 9:45 AM Mass

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., May 20	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., May 21	8:30 AM	Grace Wege—Special Intention
Wed., May 22	12:05 PM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Thurs., May 23	12:05 PM	Safety of all public safety workers
Fri., May 24	8:30 AM	Ethel & Gerald Ebben, and, Les Vitzelsberger
Sat., May 25	4:30 PM	Gene Clark
Sun., May 26	8:00 AM	Betty Thome
	9:45 AM	John & Mary Spencer



Greetings book lovers! Here is the upcoming summer line-up for our book club! Please email Jessica Michels for more information at jessicajmichels@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

June 4th: *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover

July 2nd: *The Beach House* by Mary Alice Monroe

August 6th: *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond



MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS

Help us honor our veterans!

If you are able to help place flags on veterans' graves at our cemetery (2121 W. Prospect Avenue), join us at 9 AM on Friday, May 24th. Rain or Shine!

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (830-1534) if you have a prayer need. Please also remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$4,637.00 Weekend—\$8,369.87
Children's—\$10.00

ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO HASN'T BEEN CONFIRMED?

If you are a participating member in our parish and have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are invited to explore your faith in light of this beautiful Sacrament of Initiation. Consider discovering the true power of the Holy Spirit and its affect on your everyday life. If interested, contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org or 739-5119 .



Featuring The Lyra Vocal Ensemble of St. Petersburg
www.lyra-online.org

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

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 to our Pastoral Leadership Council? Please nominate this person! Or, if you're feeling the energy brewing in our church and want to be part of it, nominate yourself. Three members and one alternate will be chosen by random drawing on June 9 at 9:45 am mass. We are also looking for nominations of 2 youth volunteers to serve on Pastoral Leadership Council. Students must be a high school sophomore, junior or senior. Three members and one alternate will be chosen by random drawing on June 9 at the 9:45 AM Mass. There are several ways to make your nomination: 1) Fill out a slip in the pews to write in your nominations, 2) reply to the Flocknote email you were sent, or 3) call or email the parish office. **Nominations close on May 26th!**



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



Memorial Day Mass

"...they gave the last full measure of devotion."

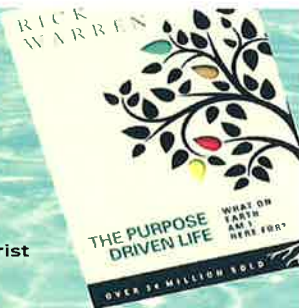
Memorial Day Mass
St. Mary Cemetery
2121 W. Prospect Ave
8:30 AM

Please join us as we honor men and women who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and pray for both veterans and active duty military personnel serving our country.

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)

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

Some of you may be excited to follow the Milwaukee Bucks Basketball Team as they play for the Eastern Conference Championship against the Toronto Raptors. I am enjoying my morning coffee in my Milwaukee Bucks mug these days! Of course, Giannis Antetokounmpo has been a phenomenal sensation ever since he joined the Bucks. They lovingly refer to him as the Greek Freak and some describe his play as transcendent. That just may be a little overstated but he certainly is the best player on the Milwaukee Bucks and maybe even the Player of the Year for the NBA.

I find his story fascinating. Truth be told, his life was hard in Greece because his parents were immigrants from Nigeria. He experienced racist attacks and his family was threatened with deportation from Greece back to Nigeria. Giannis has never even visited Nigeria. He was no stranger to hunger as a child and grew up supporting his family by selling DVDs and sunglasses on the streets of Athens. He was a skinny kid who knew nothing about how to play basketball. Maybe he knew a little something about soccer. His life changed when he was spotted by Spiros Velliniatis, who would wander the streets of African immigrant neighborhoods in Athens, looking for children who appeared likely to fill out and grow tall. "The most important thing is to have perception, street smarts," Spiros said. "I look at people's eyes. Are they active and engaged? I could see that Giannis had real skills in changing direction. It was like something stopped me from the sky. The moment I saw him, lightning struck me. I had a discussion with God in the moment. You can call me crazy, but this is the way I felt. I said, Father in Heaven, am I seeing correctly? And I said, Why me? And the answer I got was, If not you, who?"

When Giannis arrived at the gym, the white parents of other players gave Spiros grief about Giannis. The team captain admitted, "Giannis was not that big. He was like an ordinary man starting something new. I couldn't see anything remarkable."

You know the rest of the story. Giannis was drafted in 2013 by the Milwaukee Bucks. Interestingly, Giannis is now beloved in Greece. He is now a Greek citizen while many of his fellow Nigerian-Greeks, who are engineers, doctors, and all kinds of professionals, are not

recognized by Greece. Jackie Abhulimen, age 27, the daughter of African-born parents, is mystified. "They put Giannis on a pedestal. But the same person cheering Giannis could swear at me on the road. There's still a very big sense of invisibility, of not being recognized as existing."

A key aspect of Pope Francis' beautiful ministry is raising our consciousness of the plight of immigrants and refugees throughout the world. His first pastoral visit as the new Pope in 2013 was to the island of Lampedusa in the Mediterranean Sea, the gateway, if you will, to Europe for refugees from Africa and the Middle East. He reminded us that we are our sisters' and brothers' keepers. He encouraged us to offer a tear or two for those who suffer so much.

A person's worth is not dependent on his or her achievements. A person has great worth because he or she is created in the image and likeness of God. And when a refugee or immigrant suffers, we are to suffer along with him or her. Every African immigrant living in Greece is worthy of being treated with great respect. Every person should feel that she or he belongs. We all want to belong. In this world, and even in this nation of ours, there are many people who feel they do not belong and who are ignored or discounted or treated with great hatred. To exclude a human person based on prejudice or discrimination is a sickness of the soul of a nation.

It is interesting that no one in Greece or in Milwaukee would exclude Giannis today. Is this only because he plays basketball at a level that is hard to match or because he is now a millionaire? Giannis is more than basketball. Even if he had never picked up a basketball, he is worthy of our utmost positive regard because he is a fellow human being and a child of God. And his fellow immigrants in Greece and in every place in the world are worthy of the same unconditional respect.

**Thanks to Peter S. Goodman, the editor of the International Business Times, for helping me with the narrative of Giannis' story.*

GO BUCKS!!!

Fr. Bill +

05.19.2019



*Congratulations,
Batch 2019!*

**GRADUATION MASS
JUNE 2, 9:45 AM**

Join us as we wish the Class of 2019 well on the next leg of their journey!

Students of ALL ages who are graduating are invited to join in the opening procession (i.e., Pre-K to Kindergarten, elementary to middle school, middle to high school, or graduating from high school or any post-secondary program).

God has a special plan for each of us. Best wishes as you continue to grow and use the gifts and talents God has given you. We're proud of you!



SHIPPING CONTAINER PROJECT

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC & HAITI

2019 = Medical Needs

During the month of June, St. Mary Appleton will be collecting:

- **Wheelchairs & foldable walkers**
- **Unopened over-the-counter medications** (such as Tylenol, Aleve, Advil, ibuprofen, Benadryl, Monistat, Clotrimazole)
- **Band-aids, gauze, tape**
- **Unopened first aid cream, antibiotic ointment, dry skin cream**
- **Unopened multi-vitamins** (children & adult)
- **Nutrition supplements** (such as Ensure or Boost)

No prescription medications, opened packages, or glass containers please

Collection totes will be located in the Marian Way

Monetary donations are also welcome to help cover the cost of the container and shipping

HOW IT WORKS



We invite you to donate items from the Project Wish List.



Monetary donations are also accepted for both the cost of purchasing needed items and shipping the container.




Items will be packaged in a large shipping container.



This container will be shipped to the Dominican Republic and Haiti.



Read more about where your donations go 

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.catholicfoundationgb.org/container

For over 50 years, the Diocese of Green Bay has provided financial support and priests to staff two parishes in the Dominican Republic, St. Teresa Parish in Elías Piña and St. Isidore Parish in El Llano. They are currently served by Fr. Mike Seis, who ministers to approximately 90,000 people in his two parishes and approximately 1,350 students in Catholic schools.

Sr. Maria Marciano previously worked as a missionary for 23 years in the Dominican Republic and now focuses her work across the border in Haiti. She works to construct roads, provide fresh water, teaches agriculture, and reforestation. Her work provides, clean water, life-sustaining food sources, health, wellness, education, flood and erosion prevention, and impacts 160,000 lives in Haiti. Sr. Maria's key projects are to build 15 more community centers to be used for medical and dental clinics, teaching adult literacy and community meetings. You can learn more about her work at www.sistermariahaiti.com.



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