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**July 7, 2019**

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Baptism – Contact Betsy in the parish office

Marriage – Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill in the parish office at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

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**ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**July 8 (Mon)**

6:30 PM Music Survey Committee/L7  
8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

**July 9 (Tues)**

8:30 AM Mass/Church  
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Church  
7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L3

**July 10 (Wed)**

11:30 AM Communications Task Force/Large Conference Room  
12:05 PM Mass/Church  
7:00 PM Betsy's Young People's Rebuilt Discussion Group/L7

**July 11 (Thurs)**

8:00 AM CIA-FMO/L7  
12:05 PM Mass/Church  
6:00 PM Alpha/L4 & L6  
6:00 PM Alpha Follow Up/L7

**July 12 (Fri)**

8:30 AM Mass/Church

**July 13 (Sat)**

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

**July 14 (Sun)**

8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass  
Coffee & Donuts after  
both Masses in the  
St. Anne Room



Coffee & Donuts  
in St. Anne Room  
due to the  
painting and  
flooring project!!



**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

Mon., July 8	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., July 9	8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed., July 10	12:05 PM Bill Hoffman
Thurs., July 11	12:05 PM Jack Pankratz
Fri., July 12	8:30 AM Ed & Mary Holtz
Sat., July 13	4:30 PM Diane Collar
Sun., July 14	8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary 9:45 AM Amy & Harry Boardman

**PRAYER NEEDS**

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter ([lauriejrichter@gmail.com](mailto:lauriejrichter@gmail.com)) if you have a prayer need. Please also remember to pray for the requests in our prayer baskets.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Office—\$ 7,274.00

**ALPHA UPDATES**

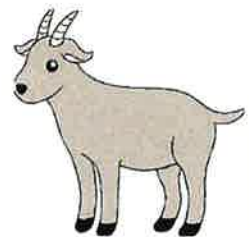
**ATTENTION ALPHA SHARE PRAYERS!** We know how comforting it can be when we step into another's life during a stressful time like Jesus did and offer God's love and support. We are forming prayer teams to pray with those with needs after Masses on the weekend. Training will be offered for those who are being called to this special ministry. You know who you are!

We currently have Alpha and the Follow-Up "What on Earth Are We Here For?" going on at St. Mary and St. Joseph. We could use help with crockpot meals and kitchen hospitality. All former Alpha participants have been sent an invitation to participate with a Sign Up Genius link. If you have questions contact Mary Ann Otto at 739-5119 or [motto@stmaryparish.org](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org).

The dates for our fall ALPHA's and Follow-Up's have been set! Watch for the information soon. Will this be your time?

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 9th. St. Mary and St. Joseph will be set ABLAZE when Deacon Keith Strohm returns to the area to help us continue on our Discipleship Pathway.

**GOATS!**



In an effort to clean up the riverbank so cemetery visitors can enjoy the view, we have brought in goats! Goats love to eat many of the invasive species of weeds which have taken over the riverbank; thus preventing us from using hazardous chemicals. Goats are not pets—they can bite! An electric fence has been installed to protect goats and visitors. Watch the bulletin and website for updates on this project.

**VINTAGE BRUNCH**

**SUNDAY, JULY 7, 11:30 AM**

**ANGELS RESTAURANT**

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**Can you believe it?**  
It's been 15 years . . .

since we funded the building of our parish center with the Century II Campaign!

The addition of the parish center was such a blessing to our parish. The Community Room, Marian Way, Chapel and all the meeting rooms in the lower level are used every week. At times, all rooms are booked and we have to find creative spaces for people to gather.

With such constant use, our space is ready to be spruced up! A group of parishioners with design backgrounds and a few staff members have been meeting to help with the first phase of our update.

This summer we'll be giving the Community Room, Marian Way and Chapel a face lift with new flooring and a new coat of paint. The new flooring will be installed between July 8 - 19. During that time, the Chapel will be closed, so all weekday Masses will be held in church. Also during that time, we ask that you not bring in newspapers, milk caps, Box Tops, or any other recycling items - we'll be keeping the floor as clear as possible. Thanks for your patience!



*Got your copy yet?*

*REBUILT: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, Making Church Better*  
by Michael White and Tom Corcoran

We have limited copies available for loan (on the bookshelves in the Marian Way), or you can purchase it online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [avemariapress.com](http://avemariapress.com).

Head to the Rebuilt page at [stmaryparish.org](http://stmaryparish.org). There, you can sign up to join a discussion group, as well as find discussion questions for each chapter in the book.



**Temporary event & meeting locations during the paint/flooring project**

**ALL weekday Masses - in church**

**THEO - meet in Lower Level Rm. 7**  
(take elevator to level "LL" or take stairs to lowest level)

**Rosary/Perpetual Help Devotions - in church**

**Questions? Ask in the parish office.**



Last year one third of the youth seen in the Portage County Juvenile Detention Center were from the Appleton area. Who will be God's hands and feet to them when they return to the area?

**YOU'RE INVITED TO  
SEE THE STORY: APPLETON  
JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM**

Join us for a free, one-hour journey through the mission and passion of Portage County Youth for Christ to transform the lives of students in our juvenile detention center with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dessert will be served at 6:30 PM and our one hour presentation/virtual tour will start promptly at 7:00 PM at The Mission Church, 314 N. Appleton St, Appleton.

This is NOT a fundraising event. It is simply an event to bring awareness to the work we are doing for youth in the Appleton area. Once in a juvenile detention center a youth has an 85% chance of returning to a detention center or jail. When a youth has a consistent caring adult in their life that statistic drops to 25%. We currently don't have anyone in the Appleton area following up with youth returning there.

**For more information contact Liz Gosse, Portage Co Affiliate YFC Director, (715) 897-6695 [egosse@yfcmail.org](mailto:egosse@yfcmail.org)**

## IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of Duanna "Dee" Diedrick and Charlie Garefino. 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.



# A VIEW FROM THE SHORT SIDE...



July 6th marks the feast day of one of my favorite Saints: St. Maria Goretti. Here is the abbreviated version of her story, though I encourage you to read more about her.

Maria's family lived in Italy in the early 1900's and were farmers. Her father contracted malaria and died when Maria was nine. Maria's mother had to take on more of the farm work, and Maria had to take care of the house. Their neighbors were also farmers. The son, Alessandro, lusted after Maria. He often sought sexual favors from Maria, but she always told him no. One day when Maria's mother and Alessandro's father were out in the field, knowing Maria was alone, Alessandro went to her again. He threatened that if she did not have sex with him, he would stab her. She refused him saying that it was a sin and against God's will. He stabbed her 11 times. She tried to crawl for the door, but he stopped her by stabbing her 3 more times, and then he ran. Her cries could be heard out in the field. Maria's mother and Alessandro's father came running. They found her alive on the floor of the Goretti apartment. They rushed her to the nearest hospital (rushing during this time meant putting her in a horse-drawn cart and carrying her there). She had surgery but the doctors concluded that her injuries could not be repaired. Maria expressed that she forgave Alessandro and prayed that one day he would be with her in heaven. She died the next day at the age of 11.

Alessandro was arrested and sentenced to years in prison. While in prison, Maria visited Alessandro in a dream. In the dream, Maria handed Alessandro 14 lilies. When Alessandro grabbed them, they turned to flame. This was Maria's sign to him that she forgave him. The dream changed Alessandro. He started sharing Jesus in the prison, and was eventually released because of good behavior. He returned to the Goretti home to ask forgiveness from Maria's mother, Assunta. Assunta forgave Alessandro stating that if her daughter could forgive him, she too had to forgive him. She took Alessandro in as one of her own.

Maria was canonized in 1950. Assunta and Alessandro attended the canonization together and was the first time a parent had been present for the canonization of their child.

In this weekend's Gospel we hear about Jesus sending out 72 people to different villages to prepare a place for him when he arrived to preach there. He warned them that he was sending them like lambs among wolves - people who bring the Good News are not always welcomed where they go. Maria reminds me of one of these disciples who was sent out and not accepted for sharing the will of God. Though it took time, years even, her message of God's will and her willingness to forgive changed Alessandro. We are called, like Maria was, to go out and share the Good News, even if we are unwelcome.

Jesus told them that the Kingdom of God is at hand. The Kingdom of God is at hand when we do God's will and follow Jesus as he taught us. And we will experience the fullness of the Kingdom of God when we join Jesus in Heaven.

I have a first class relic of St. Maria Goretti that I will share with the parish for the month of July. The relic will be on a stand in front of the processional cross next to the altar. Please feel free to go look at it and ask Maria for her intercession. Please leave the relic in the Sanctuary so many people may look at it. If you'd like to know more about the relic of St. Maria Goretti, feel free to ask me!

*Betsy*

Betsy Pfantz-Hokamp, Minister of Family Life



# Work day!

The Community Room will soon have fresh flooring and paint, and the tables and chairs need a good scrubbing before they go back in. Grab your bucket and rag and help us out. Stop in for an hour or stay the whole time - any help you can give will be much appreciated. All ages welcome!

**Friday, July 19**  
**9 AM - noon**  
**St. Anne Room**

*Thank you*

*Hello!*  
*My name is*  
*Adelyn Carney,*

and I'm a St. Mary parish member and junior at St. Francis Xavier High School. For my Girl Scout Gold Award project, I am planning to remodel the kitchen space of the Saint Anne room in the basement of our church. I'm working with parish leadership and youth ministry to update the space with a goal of further integrating youth and young adults into our parish. The kitchen in the St. Anne room was last touched in the 1980's and is in desperate need of work! Fortunately, an anonymous donor has stepped up and allocated funds for my project. Along with your help, we can make this vision a reality. Please consider sharing your time and talent in the following ways:

- Demolition
- Installing new base cabinets and countertops
- Plumbing
- Electrical work

If you or someone you know would has these skills and would consider donating their time and talent, please contact me. I greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with anyone willing to help me with the kitchen remodel!

Thank you!

*Adelyn*

Contact info:

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