



Sunday, July 14, 2019

# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

"You shall love the Lord,  
your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your being,  
with all your strength,  
and with all your mind,  
and your neighbor  
as yourself."  
Luke 10:27

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**ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**July 15 (Mon)**

6:30 PM THEO/L7 (please note location change)  
8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

**July 16 (Tues)**

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

**July 17 (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 18 (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 19 (Fri)**

8:30 AM Mass/Church

**July 20 (Sat) Missionary Co-op Appeal**

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

**July 21 (Sun) Missionary Co-op Appeal**

8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass

**MISSIONARY CO-OP APPEAL 2019**

This year, we are grateful to welcome Sr. Angela Dassinor of the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer. HDR is active in Ghana and define their vision as follows: "We the Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer of Accra live and work in imitation of the Obedience of Christ the Divine Redeemer and Mary the Mother of God by spreading the gospel and by participating in the integral development of women." Learn how you can support HDR at Masses next weekend. See more at [www.hdrghana.org](http://www.hdrghana.org).

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

|                 |          |  |
|-----------------|----------|--|
| Mon., July 15   | 12:05 PM | Mass at St. Joseph                                       |
| Tue., July 16   | 8:30 AM  | Donna Yahman   |
| Wed., July 17   | 12:05 PM | Kurt Kositzke  |
| Thurs., July 18 | 12:05 PM | Carl Thomson   |
| Fri., July 19   | 8:30 AM  | Jack Pankratz  |
| Sat., July 20   | 4:30 PM  | Spiritual & Physical Well-being<br>of Ellen Marie Hoover |
| Sun., July 21   | 8:00 AM  | Parishioners of St. Mary                                 |
|                 | 9:45 AM  | Marie Powers   |

**PRAYER NEEDS**

Contact Luanne Witthuhn ([dlaawi@gmail.com](mailto:dlaawi@gmail.com)) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need.

**It's time!**

**Work has begun on the Community Room & Marian Way face lift!**

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

**The Chapel is closed. All weekday Masses will be held in church, and there will be no seating in the Chapel during weekend Masses on July 13-14.**

**You will not be able to access the Marian Way between July 15-19. The doors off the back parking lot will be locked and there will be no access to the restrooms. If you need to visit the parish office, use the doors located at the corner of State & 8th Street.**

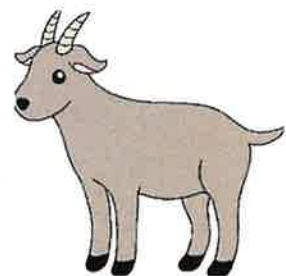
**There will be no access to the church through the Marian Way. Use the main church doors or the ramp on 7th Street.**

**Please do not bring in newspapers, Box Tops, milk caps, or any other recycling items.**

**Thanks for your patience!**

**GOATS ARE HERE!**

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.



**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Office—\$4,782.00    Weekend—\$8,026.00  
Children's—\$23.00



**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.

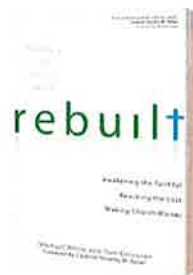
This is NOT a fundraising event. It is simply an event to bring awareness to the work we are doing for youth in the Appleton area. Once in a juvenile detention center a youth has an 85% chance of returning to a detention center or jail. When a youth has a consistent caring adult in their life that statistic 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)

**THANK YOU**

**We did a great job collecting both medical supplies and financial contributions for the 2019 Shipping Container Project.**

**We are grateful to all who participated in the collection. Your generosity is making a difference in our world.**



*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.



**ST. MARY CHRISTMAS CREW  
IS CHRISTMAS YOUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR?  
WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM!**

We think Christmas is a big deal at St. Mary, and we want to spread joy throughout our community during the holiday season! We're forming a team to accomplish that goal, and are looking for fellow Christmas lovers to join us! Attend a meeting on **Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30 PM** in the Community Room. Bring your holiday cheer and we'll see you there!

**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

One of Cardinal Joseph Tobin's (Archbishop of Newark, NJ) favorite Pope Francis stories goes something like this:

Shortly after Pope Francis was elected in March of 2013, he called the Secretary of State of the Vatican (kind of like the Vice Pope) asking him to arrange a pastoral visit to the island of Lampedusa, located in the Mediterranean Sea, which serves as the gateway into Europe for refugees from North Africa, Syria and Iraq. Lampedusa is Europe's Ellis Island, if you will. The Secretary of State put the Pope off with statements like it was too early in his ministry to travel, too hard to plan a trip like that for July, and pray and think about his plan a bit more. Within a week's time, the Pope called back to say that he had prayed and thought about his visit and he still wanted to go in July. Again the Secretary of State reminded him that it was impossible to pull off the logistics for such a trip in July. Maybe a week later, the Secretary of State received a call from Italia Airlines to report that the Pope had personally made flight arrangements for a round trip to Lampedusa for July 8, 2013. The Cardinal replied, "I guess the Holy Father is serious about making this be his first pastoral visit outside of Rome. We have some scrambling to do to make this happen!"

I still remember vividly Pope Francis' beautiful homily in Lampedusa where he celebrated Mass on an altar made from one of the wooden refugee boats. He lamented that fact that we have lost the ability to cry for the least ones in our midst. He reminded us all that we are our sisters' and brothers' keepers. He decried the evil of a *globalization of indifference*.

This homily six years ago set the tone for Pope Francis' beautiful ministry. The Church is always pushing itself to go out to the peripheries. Pope Francis wants a *poor church for the poor*. The Church's mission is to be a field hospital for the Lord's least ones. Many of the bishops and cardinals he has appointed over the years realize that they are to have the smell of the sheep upon themselves. Clericalism, which is the notion that deacons, priests, bishops, and cardinals are privileged and raised above the People of God, is to have no place in our Church. The Sacrament that conforms all of the People of God to the

Risen Lord Jesus is Baptism. Ordination does not trump Baptism. The role of the ordained is a unique expression of the grace of Baptism just as is the role of the People of God (the laity). We all have equal dignity as the daughters and sons of God. It is only our roles that are different.

Come to think of it, it is because this understanding is so important to me that I designed my gravestone, which stands ready at St Mary Cemetery in Menasha, to have the date of my baptism on it as well as the date of my birth and ordination. The date of my death, *Born to eternal life on ...*, is still waiting to be filled in.

It is the grace of Baptism that makes us all precious members in the Body of Christ. And I would maintain that our least sisters and brothers have a special place in that Body.

On the sixth anniversary of his momentous trip to Lampedusa, Pope Francis celebrated a Mass last Monday in St Peter's Basilica for migrants and refugees. Let me end with quoting a bit of Pope Francis' beautiful homily of July 8, 2019:

*My thoughts go out to those least ones who daily cry out to the Lord, asking to be freed from the evils that afflict them. These least ones are abandoned and cheated into dying in the desert; these least ones are tortured, abused, and violated in detention camps; these least ones face the waves of an unforgiving sea; these least ones are left in reception camps too long for them to be called temporary. These are some of the least ones that Jesus asks us to love and raise up.*

What truly breaks my heart is that half of my Catholic sisters and brothers believe that we have no obligation whatsoever to welcome our immigrant sisters and brothers who are seeking asylum. The globalization of indifference is a powerful force that separates us from our suffering sisters and brothers. I believe that all of this breaks the Lord Jesus' heart.

Fr. Bill +

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# ST. MARY CHRISTMAS CREW

Is Christmas your favorite time of year?  
Do you look forward to the Santa  
Scamper, Appleton Christmas parade, and  
piling into the car to check out lights?

You belong on our Christmas Crew! We love the holiday season here at St. Mary, and think it's a great time to spread love and joy in our community. Join us to talk about how we can do just that this year.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24  
6:30 PM  
COMMUNITY ROOM

*Bring your holiday cheer!*

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