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ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 22 (Mon)

8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

July 23 (Tues)

8:30 AM Mass/Church

2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Church

July 24 (Wed)

11:30 AM Communications Task Force/Large Conference Room

12:05 PM Mass/Church

6:30 PM Christmas Crew Meeting/Large Conference Room

7:00 PM Betsy's Young People's Rebuilt Discussion Group/
Small Conference Room

July 25 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass/Church

6:00 PM Alpha/L4 & L6

6:00 PM Alpha Follow Up/L7

July 26 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Church

July 27 (Sat)

9:00 AM Confessions/Church

4:30 PM Mass

July 28 (Sun)

8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass

Coffee & Donuts after both Masses/Community Room

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., July 22	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., July 23	8:30 AM	Nance & Bob Keenan
Wed., July 24	12:05 PM	Judith Greene
Thurs., July 25	12:05 PM	Kim Nicholas
Fri., July 26	8:30 AM	Katerina Gavryliak, Evgeniy Bojko & Walter Vovnyanko
Sat., July 27	4:30 PM	Ethel & Gerald Ebben & Les Zitzelsberger
Sun., July 28	8:00 AM	The Canonization of Blessed Solanus Casey
	9:45 AM	The Spiritual & Physical Well-being of Paul Gerard Engel

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please also remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$3,385.00 Weekend—\$8,040.25
Children's—\$17.00

Painting & flooring project UPDATE!!

**MARIAN WAY CLOSED
JULY 22-26**

The Chapel is closed through July 26. All weekday Masses will be held in church, and there will be no seating in the Chapel during weekend Masses on July 20-21.

You will not be able to access the Marian Way between July 22-26. 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 July 22-26. 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!

Baptized in water,
these precious children have been
clothed in Jesus.

Amary Rose,
daughter of Devin Bilek & Alyssa Suprise

Hannah Jo,
daughter of Jeffrey & Adria Verbruggen


FEAST OF BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY

All are invited to join St. Joseph Parish in celebrating the feast day of Blessed Solanus Casey with a Mass and a blessing of the sick Tuesday, July 30 at 12:05 PM.

Fr. Martin Pable, OFM Cap., will be the homilist. A blessing of the sick with a relic of Blessed Solanus will follow Mass. To honor the commitment of Blessed Solanus to the poor, those attending are invited to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the St. Joseph Food Pantry.

UPCOMING CITY UTILITY WORK

Please be aware that the City of Appleton is replacing a gas main along 7th Street in July. We expect the sidewalk along that side of the church will be torn up during this process. **Please be careful when parking and entering the church.** As always, parking for weekend Masses is available at the Outagamie County Justice Center and on the playground behind the CELC (old school building). The small parking lot behind church off of 7th street is reserved for parishioners with limited mobility during Masses. Thank you!



SUMMERTIME MATCH 2019

Thanks to a generous friend, Pillars is thrilled to announce our Summertime Match. All gifts received by August 31, 2019 will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to a total of \$30,000!

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

The Xavier Theatre Academy presents **Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS**, a fur-raising adventure based on the classic animated film. Performances are at 7 PM on July 25 & 26 and at 1 PM on July 26 & 27 at the fully accessible Xavier Fine Arts Theatre (1600 West Prospect Avenue, Appleton). Purchase tickets at xaviertheatre.com or the Xavier Fine Arts box office at (920) 733-8840.

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
Large Conference Room**

Bring your holiday cheer!

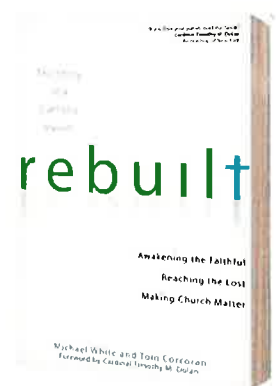
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REBUILT: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, Making Church Better by Michael White and Tom Corcoran

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

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

Join us on this exciting new journey!



IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of Bob Pintarelli, Robert Lichtfuss, and Bret Carroll. 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

We, as disciples of Jesus, are called to grow in holiness. The key to this growth is to have a realistic understanding of what holiness is. Sometimes we give up trying to be holy because we think that holiness means one has to be perfect. We think that the saints were perfect and that we will never measure up to being a saint.

I would encourage you to chuck out that kind of thinking. Holiness means wholeness. The more you and I can honestly get in touch with our real self, both our strengths and weaknesses, our beauty spots and our warts, the better it will be between us and the Lord. The Lord does not require perfection of us; the Lord wants us to be completely honest with him about what causes us to be pleased and ashamed about ourselves. Holiness is all about living in the real world in as human a fashion as we can. The saints were well aware of their utter dependence upon the Lord. They were not self-made saints nor were they without sin. What they really excelled in was the ability to bring their real selves before the Lord. No need for makeup when relating to the Lord.

Socrates once said that the unreflected life was not worth living. What he meant was that self-reflection or introspection was critical to being right with the Lord Jesus. We need some time each day to be still and silent. When we do not want to deal with what is really going on in our lives - with our hurts or desires or emptiness - what do we tend to do? We tend to avoid stillness and silence like the plague. Why on God's earth would I slow down long enough to be bombarded by all that is really going on in my life? How have my desires for so many things waylaid me on my path to growing in holiness? How are my desires enslaving or controlling my life? In the stillness and silence might I not bring the good, the bad, and the ugly about myself into the Lord's presence? Through all of my desires, how might I get in touch with the only desire that matters - my desire for intimacy with the Lord?

Someone once said that "life is like spinning plates. Sometimes they come crashing down, and sometimes you can keep it all going. A matter of balance." I think holiness is a matter of balance. That balance includes habits like healthy eating, adequate rest, sufficient exercise, working reasonable hours, enjoying leisure time with family and friends, intellectual stimulation, growing in emotional awareness, experiencing good music and art and poetry, appreciating the beauty of creation, and praying daily, immersed in silence and stillness.

The great prophet Elijah, at a difficult time in his life, yearned to hear the voice of the Lord. Perhaps you know the story. The Lord could not be heard in the thunderstorm, or the earthquake, or the blazing fire. The Lord spoke to Elijah in a gentle whisper. To hear the Lord's whisperings in our life is not going to be possible if we are always on the go.

I invite you to ponder all of this while keeping in mind the image of Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, sitting still at the feet of Jesus. Jesus no doubt appreciated very much all Martha's hospitable work in the kitchen, preparing for him a delightful lunch. Jesus also appreciated very much Mary's silence and stillness. No need to create a tug of war between contemplation and activity. It is not either/or but rather both/and. By the way, this realization that most things boil down to both/and is important in all of life.

Father Thomas Merton, the great Trappist monk of our time, once said, "The friend of Jesus is a friend of silence."

Let us grow in holiness by being completely honest with the Lord, while sitting still and quiet at his feet.

Fr. Bill +

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ARE YOU AN ADULT THINKING ABOUT TAKING THE NEXT STEP TOWARD BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Maybe you've been coming to Catholic Mass for years with your spouse. Maybe there are sacraments you'd like to receive.

If you're thinking about entering into full membership in the Catholic church, contact Deacon Gerry at 739-5119 or schraufnagel@stmaryparish.org.



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