

Sunday, September 22, 2019



"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." Luke 16:10



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ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 23 (Mon)

- 3:30 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L2
- 5:30 PM Bell Choir Open House/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

September 24 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:30 PM First Reconciliation Parent Meeting @ St. Joseph

September 25 (Wed)

- 6:00 AM Alpha @ St. Joseph
- 6:00 AM Alpha Follow-up @ St. Joseph
- 11:30 AM Communications Task Force/L6
- 12:05 PM Mass/Church
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 4:30 PM IPRF Classes/St. Mary & St. Joseph
- 5:45 PM IPRF Children's Choir Practice @ St. Joseph Church
- 6:30 PM IPRF Classes/St. Mary & St. Joseph
- 6:30 PM Campaign Leadership Committee/Community Room

September 26 (Thurs)

- 9:00 AM Alpha @ St. Joseph
- 9:00 AM Alpha Follow-up @ St. Joseph
- 12:00 PM Alpha @ St. Joseph
- 12:00 PM Alpha Follow-up @ St. Joseph
- 12:05 PM Mass/Church
- 6:00 AM Alpha/L4 & L6
- 6:00 AM Alpha Follow-up/L7
- 6:30 PM First Reconciliation Parent Meeting @ St. Joseph
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

September 27 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

September 28 (Sat)

Rebuilt Discussion Forum Weekend

Prayer Shawl Giveaway Weekend

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church

- 4:30 PM Mass

Rebuilt Forum after Mass/Community Room

September 29 (Sun)

Rebuilt Discussion Forum Weekend

Prayer Shawl Giveaway Weekend

- 8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass

Rebuilt Forum after both Masses/Community Room

Coffee & Donuts after both Masses/Community Room

- 11:00 AM Alpha/L4 & L6

- 11:00 AM Alpha Follow-up/L7

- 4:30 PM Alpha @ St. Joseph

- 4:30 PM Alpha Follow-up @ St. Joseph

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., September 23	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., September 24	8:30 AM Alice LeFevre
Wed., September 25	12:05 PM Marlene & Lionel Brooks
Thurs., September 26	12:05 PM Dennis & Helen Brost
Fri., September 27	8:30 AM Jack Pankratz
Sat., September 28	4:30 PM Angie Martin
Sun., September 29	8:00 AM Jerry Power
	9:45 AM Parishioners of St. Mary

ST. MARY NOW HIRING!

Full time Facilities Manager / Cemetery Sexton. This position will be responsible for overall cemetery management including sales, burials & grounds keeping. This position will also assist the Parish Business Administrator with facilities management for all parish owned buildings. Please send your cover letter & resume to the parish, attn. Theresa Rohm by Sept. 23, 2019.

BABYSITTING HELP NEEDED

St. Mary provides babysitting services during the 9:45 AM Sunday Mass from September—May. We are currently in need of both adult and middle/high school student volunteers. Students—this is a great way for you to earn service hours. If you're interested, contact Betsy Pfantz-Hokamp at 739-5119 or bpfantz@stmaryparish.org.

IPRF NEWS

First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade Students

Children in 2nd grade from both St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes are invited to participate in preparation for the sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Parents, please attend a parent-only meeting on either Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Holly Hall or Thursday, September 26, 6:30 PM in St. Joseph Holly Hall.

PRAYER NEEDS

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

CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$3,174.00 Weekend—\$6,448.00
Children's—\$13.50

2019-20 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY MORNING

Back by popular demand! Sunday morning children's programming begins October 6! Each Sunday, children ages 3-6 are welcome to join us. No registration will be necessary, so you can take advantage whenever you or your child would like. High school and adult helpers are still needed!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The 2019-20 session begins Monday, September 23 at 3:30 PM in room L2.

If you have questions or would like more information about either of these programs, contact Betsy Pfantz-Hokamp, our Family Life Minister, at bpfantz@stmaryparish.org or 920-730-5119.

ADULT OPEN GYM—BASKETBALL

Are you interested in playing basketball? An adult basketball open gym is available for St. Mary parishioners age 18+. This group plays in the former Catholic Central gym across the street from the church building. Open gym is scheduled for Thursday evenings from 6-7 PM now through December, and then moves to Wednesday evenings from 6-7 PM from December through February. If you are interested in playing, please e-mail parishioner Dave Streck at streck7@gmail.com, and he will put you on the e-mail list to confirm players for each week. No charge for St. Mary parish members.

BOOK CLUB

Consider joining the Book Club! We meet once a month on Tuesdays at St. Mary in Room LL4 from 6-7 PM.

October 1st: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

Contact Jessica Michels at jessicajmichels@gmail.com with questions. All are welcome! See you there!

**E-GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT
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We are pleased to be able to offer our parishioners and guests an online giving option! We have contracted with Faith Direct to provide this convenient and environmentally friendly giving option. To create an account or give a one-time gift, find the "Donate" button on the top right corner of our website. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pam Acker, our Minister of Bookkeeping, in the parish office at 920-739-5119. She will be happy to help you!

**XAVIER CHILDREN'S
THEATRE PRESENTS:
STONE SOUP
7 PM, OCTOBER 22**



The performance will be at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre (1600 West Prospect Avenue, Appleton). This classic tale teaches lessons of the value of sharing and coming together for a common cause. Tickets are available online at xaviertheatre.com or through the box office (920) 733-8840.



**Campaign
Update**

What is the one by One capital campaign?

We are called one by one to a life of missionary discipleship to share our faith with those who need to hear and see it most. The one by One capital campaign will raise funds to strengthen and ensure the future of our parishes, enhance Catholic education, broaden social services programs and living justice ministries, care for our seminarians and help parishes address critical needs. This campaign will empower each of us to transform our communities as missionary disciples – as we share the healing, teaching and loving presence of Jesus where we live, work and pray.

To learn more about the one by One campaign contact the parish office or visit the one by One campaign website at one.catholicfoundationgb.org.

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, contact us at 739-5119.

IN JOY & SORROW

With Fr. Bill
Swichtenberg

We will greet the holy season of Autumn on Monday, September 23, at 2:50 AM CDT. Most of us are mesmerized by the beauty of fall. The glimmering leaves, all aglow with reds, yellows, browns and golds, catch our eyes. Their gentle fall to the ground reminds us that letting go is a reality we best not resist in our lives and that the cold and seeming sleep of death, which is winter, is not far away. We relish the days of Indian Summer and lament the first frost, which is the death knell of the growing season. The shortening of daytime is unavoidable as we move up any timers on our lamps so that they turn on closer to 4 PM than 6 PM. Friday night football, under the lights, with a nip of cold in the air, may require a wrap-around blanket. Ghosts and goblins, which are really our costumed children moving along our sidewalks and the dried corn stalks at our doorsteps are all reminders that it is autumn.

What are some of your favorite things about the season of autumn?

Here is a poem by Rainer Maria Rilke, translated from the German, by Robert Bly:

*The leaves are falling, falling as from far up,
as if orchards were dying high in space.
Each leaf falls as if it were motioning "no."
And tonight the heavy earth is falling
away from the other stars in the loneliness.
We're all falling. This hand here is falling.
And look at the other one. It's in them all.
And yet there is Someone, whose hands
infinitely calm, holding up all this falling.*

Let us not be saddened by all this falling. Parker Palmer says it this way: *All the falling that's going on out there is full of promise. Seeds are being planted and leaves are being composted as earth prepares for yet another uprising of green... Today, at age 76 - as I weather the autumn of my own life - I find nature a trustworthy guide. It's easy to fixate on everything that goes to ground as time goes by: the disintegration of a relationship, the disappearance of good work well done, the diminishment of a sense of purpose and meaning. But, as I've come to understand that life composts and seeds us as autumn does the earth, I've seen how possibility gets planted in us even in the most difficult of times.*

Jesus shows us the way. Dying always precedes rising. So let us trust in the Lord and believe that all things are possible with him, through him, and in him!

Happy Autumn!

Fr. Bill +



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