

CONFIRMATION 2019

We are proud of our newly confirmed men and women from St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes. Today, they become the hope of our church of tomorrow. Give them a heart of knowledge to imitate Jesus and a heart of courage to follow Jesus.

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WE ARE A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES CENTERED IN JESUS CHRIST MOVING OUTWARD TO FULFILL GOD'S MISSION.

Confessions – Saturdays, 9 AM & by appointment (privacy assured)
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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Inter-parish Religious Formation (IPRF) 738-7413 / inter-parish.org

Diane Cahall, Coordinator K-4
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ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

October 7 (Mon)

- 8:45 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
- 1:00 PM TLC Support Goup/L4
- 3:30 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L2
- 6:00 PM Hybrid Alpha/L7
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

October 8 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM NO MASS
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Warming Shelter Meeting/Large Conference Room
- 6:00 PM Facilities Committee/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting/L6
- 7:00 PM Finance Council/Community Room
- 7:00 PM Baptism Prep/L3

October 9 (Wed)

- 11:30 AM Communications Task Force/L6
- 12:05 PM Mass/Church
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 1:30 PM Message Team Meeting/L6
- 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

October 10 (Thurs)

- 8:00 AM CIA-FMO/L7
- 9:00 AM Alpha @ St. Joseph
- 12:00 PM Alpha @ St. Joseph
- 12:00 PM Alpha Follow-up @ St. Joseph
- 12:05 PM Mass/Church
- 6:00 PM Alpha/L4
- 6:30 PM Fundraiser Committee Meeting/Large Conference Rm.
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
- 7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous/L6

October 11 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

October 12 (Sat)

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

October 13 (Sun)

- 8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass
- Pancake Breakfast after both Masses/Community Room
- 9:45 AM Sunday Children's Programming/L2
- 4:30 PM Alpha Follow-up @ St. Joseph

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

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| Mon., October 7 | 12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph |
| Tue., October 8 | 8:30 AM NO MASS |
| Wed., October 9 | 12:05 PM Norma Simon |
| Thurs., October 10 | 12:05 PM Dennis & Helen Brost |
| Fri., October 11 | 8:30 AM Les Zitzelsberger and Gerald & Ethel Ebben |
| Sat., October 12 | 4:30 PM Al Neveau and Linda & Simon De Groot |
| Sun., October 13 | 8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary 9:45 AM Bill Hoffman |

VINTAGE BRUNCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 11:15 AM

PULLMAN'S - 619 OLDE ONEIDA STREET, APPLETON

2019-20 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMS BEGIN 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

Ages 3-6, Mondays afternoons at 3:30 PM, room L2. Registration for 2019-20 is still open! Contact Betsy Pfantz-Hokamp, our Family Life Minister, at bpfantz@stmaryparish.org or 920-730-5119.



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—\$5,132.00 Weekend—\$4,161.00
Children's—\$26.77



**PLEASE NOTE—NO 8:30 AM MASS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

E-GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT NOW AVAILABLE AT ST. MARY

We are pleased to be able to offer our parishioners and guests online giving! We have contracted with Faith Direct to provide this convenient and environmentally-friendly option. To create an account or give a one-time gift, find the "Donate" button on the top right corner of our website. Faith Direct also allows us to offer a text-to-give option for special collections and one-time gifts. 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 assist you!

NEW ST. JUDE DEVOTIONAL

Dear parish family,
My name is Aiden Carney, and I am a member of Boy Scout Troop 9 and a parishioner here at St Mary. This weekend I have delivered my Eagle Scout project: a St. Jude Devotional for the chapel. I selected the statue and designed and built the stand and kneeler. Thank you to the anonymous donor who funded this devotional. There will be a short blessing after the 9:45 Mass on Sunday, October 6. Please join us in the chapel!

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Xavier High School 7th Grade Day Wed., October 30th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Seventh grade students are invited to spend the day at Xavier High School attending workshops in all of the academic departments, participating in the extra-curricular expo, meeting future classmates, and discovering all that Xavier has to offer! Reserve your spot today by calling 920-733-6632.

Students currently attending Catholic school will be able to sign up through school.



www.XavierCatholicSchools.org

IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Caroline Jones. 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

Dear Newly-Confirmed Young People,

Your parish family rejoices that you have presented yourself for Confirmation in the Catholic Church. One of my favorite Scripture passages is taken from Revelation 3.20. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his (her) house and dine with him (her), and he (she) with me." Remember that this door to your heart is interesting because there is no door handle on the outside. The door of your heart can only be opened to Jesus by you from the inside. Jesus is not that bold that he would attempt to impose himself on you by breaking down the door of your heart. It is always about opening wider your heart to Jesus, taking time out of your hectic schedule to talk with him, trusting that Jesus never leaves you alone, and is always interested in sharing with you the joys and struggles of your life. Faith is a friendship with Jesus. Faith is falling in love with Jesus. Faith is trusting that Jesus always has your back.

The great French philosopher, Blaise Pascal, wrote this: "All of humanity's problems stem from the human person's inability to sit quietly in a room alone." It seems to me that so many of us struggle to be comfortable in the silence and stillness of being alone. I think that it is in those holy moments - maybe soaking up the beauty of autumn's colors or looking up to a full moon or having an honest and open conversation with a parent or grandparent or best friend or simply reviewing the day quietly as your head hits the pillow at night - all of these moments can draw us into the love, peace and joy that only Jesus can give.

It is Jesus' Spirit that is always directing us. As you complete your last year of high school and make plans for what happens after graduation, call upon Jesus to show you the way. Saint John says that apart from Jesus, you and I can do nothing. St. John says that Jesus is the vine and you and I are the branches.

You are the hope of our Church today and for the future. In all of his pastoral visits to other countries, Pope Francis always relishes the time he spends with young people. In speaking to the young people of Mozambique, Africa, on September 5th, Pope Francis said this:

"What could be more important than for a shepherd to be with his flock? You are important! You need to know this. You need to believe it...In everything that you are and do, you are even now contributing to this present day offering the best of yourselves today. Without your enthusiasm, your songs, your *joie de vivre* [that's French, for the joy of life], what would this [church] be like?...A shared and celebrated joy that reconciles is the best antidote to all those who want to create dissension, division, and conflict. How much that *joie de vivre* of yours is needed in some parts of our world...You are experiencing that all of us are necessary with our differences, we are all necessary. Together, you are the beating heart of this people and all of you have a fundamental role to play in one great creative project to write a new page of history, a page full of hope, peace, and reconciliation."

I would say this to you:

My dear young people, the future of our church is in your good hands. You have a passion to be the hands of Jesus in the world - to reach out in loving service to others, especially to those who may feel excluded or pushed to the side. You are compassionate, sensitive, and understanding. We promise to listen to you as you promise to treasure the wisdom of us older folks. Together, we can do great things for Jesus. Together, we can introduce others to the goodness of Jesus, who is our Good Shepherd. I am counting on you to refresh and renew our church. I believe in you. You can get this done, inspired with the fire of the Holy Spirit's love. Blessings to you as you celebrate your Confirmation!

Fr. Bill + and your St. Mary Parish Family

10.06.2019

Culture says Jesus doesn't matter

Let's play that out for a minute.

What does a world without
Jesus look like to you?

If the church disappears and
our faith family scatters, how
will you keep Jesus' love
alive and visible to others?

How will someone know Jesus'
love if you are not there to share it?

Who relies on you to make
Jesus *real*?

You bring *His* love to others in times of
joy, fear, doubt and pain. In turn, they
bring Jesus to another and, maybe for
the first time ever, that person
experiences a real, game-changing love.
Just imagine its rippling impact.

To win the culture war, we need a *game
changer*. *Spectators* need to become
players in this Christian life. We can't take
the field if we're more comfortable on
the sidelines.

Get equipped with the facts.

NEXT WEEKEND AT EACH MASS

Sr. Marie Kolbe Zamora will
share a brief *State of the Catholic
Church*--the good, the bad and the
let's-be-real--followed by a
Q & A session everyone is invited
to attend. In a world of uncertainty,
one thing is for sure...

Jesus Matters!

SPECIAL GUEST
Oct 12th & 13th
Sister Marie
Kolbe Zamora



A longtime theology and ministry professor
at Holy Family College, Sister Marie Kolbe is
the kind of teacher who watches *Grey's
Anatomy* because her students do. She
knows that *story*, not *information*, is key to
connecting with them. Committed to
changing how the Church goes about its
business, Sr. Marie Kolbe presents a stark
picture of its current state. She believes,
however, if we engage all believers in the
work of Jesus, we will go beyond the church
walls and shift from 'communication of
information' to 'communication of life' and
can reverse the trends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT & SUN
OCT 12 -13

"STATE OF THE CHURCH"
Special guest: Sr. Marie Kolbe Zamora, during all Masses at St. Mary

SUN
OCT 20

ROCKs HARVEST FEST
Join us for fall activities for the kids, after Masses at St. Mary in the Community Room.

WED
NOV 6

PRAYER 101
5:30pm at St. Mary in the Community Room. Learn how to pray in a fun and meaningful way! Hosted by IRPF.

SAT
NOV 9

ABLAZE RALLY
8:30am - 3pm
One day, three amazing talks!
St. Joseph Parish in Holly Hall

SAT & SUN
NOV 9 & 10

"QUALIFIED BY JESUS"
Guest homilist: Deacon Keith Strohm, during all Masses at St. Mary

SUN
NOV 24

ST. MARY'S NEW LOOK REVEALED, during all Masses at St. Mary

TUE
NOV 26

DOWNTOWN APPLETON CHRISTMAS PARADE
5pm - end of parade
Open House &
Nativity Light Display

THUR
NOV 28

THANKSGIVING MASS
8:30am at St. Mary

NOV 30 -
DEC 24

ADVENT
This year, experience Mass in a new way this Advent season!

THUR
DEC 19

CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT
Presented by Xavier High School
7pm at St. Mary

FRI
DEC 20

LIVING NATIVITY: OUTDOOR

SUN
DEC 22

LIVING NATIVITY: INDOOR

SUN
JAN 19

"BE BRAVE! ANSWER THE CALL"
Special guest: Julianne Stanz
after the 9:45am Mass at
St. Mary

For more event details, please visit
stmaryparish.org/events

Please note: Babysitting and children's Sunday program is available each week during 9:45am Mass.

ST MARY

PANCAKE & PIGSKIN BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30-11:30 AM

ST. MARY COMMUNITY ROOM

(PACKERS PLAY MONDAY NIGHT, OCT. 14)

- **Buttermilk Pancakes**
- **French Toast Sticks**
- **Sausage**
- **Bacon**
- **Fresh Fruit**
- **Coffee, milk and OJ**

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