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to be perfect is to have  
changed often."

*Saint John Henry Newman*



October 20, 2019

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## ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

### October 21 (Mon)

- 1:00 PM TLC Caretaker Support Group/L4
- 3:30 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L2
- 6:30 PM Hybrid Alpha/L7
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

### October 22 (Tues)

**Diocesan Leadership Day—Parish Office Closed**

- 8:30 AM **NO MASS**
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:30 PM Religious Formation Board Meeting/L7

### October 23 (Wed)

- 11:30 AM Communications Task Force/Office
- 12:05 PM Mass/Church
- 1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1
- 1:30 PM Message Team Meeting/Office
- 4:30 PM IPRF Classes/St. Joseph
- 5:45 PM IPRF Children's Choir Practice @ St. Joseph Church
- 6:30 PM IPRF Classes/St. Mary & St. Joseph

### October 24 (Thurs)

- 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/L7
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room
- 7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous/L6
- 7:00 PM Eat, Drink & Be St. Mary Cooking Class/Community Room & Kitchen

### October 25 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

### October 26 (Sat) B.A.G. Weekend—Bag handout

- Boy Scout Wreath Sale after Mass**
- Quilting Group—quilts for Harbor House/Community Room
- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:30 PM Mass

### October 27 (Sun) B.A.G. Weekend—Bag handout

- Boy Scout Wreath Sale after Masses**
- 8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts after both Masses/Community Room
- 9:45 AM Sunday Children's Programming/L2
- 4:30 PM Alpha Follow-up @ St. Joseph

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., October 21	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., October 22	8:30 AM <b>NO MASS</b>
Wed., October 23	12:05 PM Normand Massie
Thurs., October 24	12:05 PM Clem Bardon
Fri., October 25	8:30 AM Del Christensen
Sat., October 26	4:30 PM Candace Schoultz
Sun., October 27	8:00 AM Alvin Sanderson & Paul Dalluje
	9:45 AM Janice Mercier

**PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

—**REMINDER**—

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR 2020 FINANCIAL PLEDGE & PARISH COMMITMENT RENEWAL FORM OR SET UP AN E-GIVING ACCOUNT IN FAITH DIRECT BY OCTOBER 18!**

## E-GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT

Thank you for all the gracious gifts that you provided to our parish so far this year. This fall, we prayerfully ask that you consider using our secure and easy-to-use electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. To enroll in online giving, visit [faith.direct/WI990](http://faith.direct/WI990), or text the word ENROLL to 920-294-1189. Remember, you can also use Faith Direct to complete your 2020 Financial Pledge & Parish Commitment Renewal, instead of mailing in the paper form you received in the mail.

## ST. MARY CEMETERY FALL CLEAN UP

Please remove all flowers and items from graves by **October 21, 2019** for our fall cemetery clean up. Items can be placed again after November 25. Items remaining after October 21 will be removed and disposed of during the clean up. Thank you for helping us keep our cemetery looking beautiful!

## COME TO BOOK CLUB

Next meeting—Tuesday, November 5, 6 PM at St. Mary in LL4. We'll be discussing *Searching for Sylvie Lee* by Jean Kwok.

## PRAYER NEEDS

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

## CONTRIBUTIONS

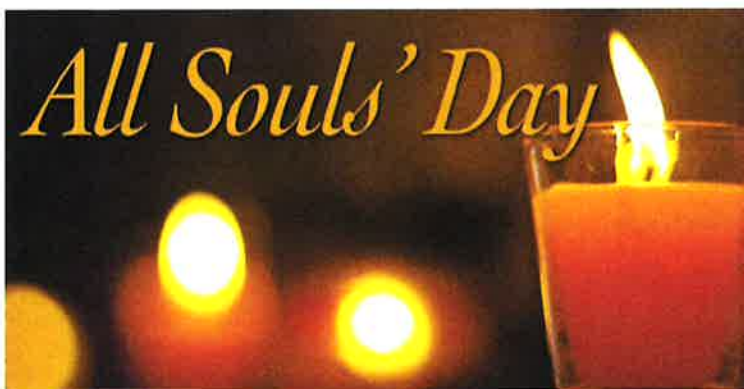
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**THANK YOU!**

Together, we collected \$4,716.00 for Hurricane Dorian Relief! Thank you for your generous response! Let's continue to pray for our brothers & sisters who were affected.

**FATHER BOB HAS A NEW ADDRESS**

Parish family—have you been thinking about sending Father Bob a card or stopping in to visit him? He has moved into the St. Paul Elder Services facility in Kaukauna. Find him at:  
**312 E 14th Street, Apt 309**  
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**REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES WITH A MEMORIAL CANDLE ON ALL SOULS' WEEKEND**

At all Masses on **November 2 & 3**, we will remember those from our parish who have passed away during the past year.

New this year, we will also have individual memorial candles available in remembrance of your loved ones who have passed in previous years.

Candles will be available in the Marian Way before and after all Masses on the weekends of October 19 & 20 and October 26 & 27, and again before all Masses on All Souls' Weekend, November 2 & 3 (free will offerings accepted).

If you would like the name of your loved one on a candle, simply use the labels provided.

We will keep the candles for you and Father Bill will bless them. During Masses on All Souls' Weekend, the candles will be displayed. After Mass, you may take your candle home and continue to light them during family gatherings or whenever you'd like to remember your loved one.

**BUILDING ON REBUILT**

*the inside scoop on what's happening at our parish*  
 by Angela Carney, member of St. Mary CTF

Welcome to the second update on the behind-the-scenes work evolving at St. Mary's.

- In the interest of making our WEEKEND EXPERIENCE one of excellence, Nadine Duncan will be reaching out in the coming weeks to all Liturgical Ministers. Meetings will be organized by Ushers, Greeters, Altar Preparers, etc. Start brainstorming of ways we can make our hospitality more vibrant!
- We have been talking about and exploring ways to enhance St. Mary's building to that of a modern-day worship experience. Committees are considering the functionality, visibility and atmosphere of all of our spaces.
- You'll also notice that we have created an "Upcoming Events" flyer in the bulletin and on the website. This is intended to be a comprehensive calendar showcasing all the great mission-based events in the near future!
- Sr. Marie Kolbe Zamora blessed is with a great perspective on the state of the Church and the importance for Jesus being at the center of everything we say and do. Stay tuned for more details to come on our website.

Any questions, ideas or areas of interest? Contact the parish office to get connected with the Communications Task Force (CTF). If you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to fit into the positive changes at St. Mary, please, *please* know that your effort would be graciously accepted! We're specifically interested in passions in communications or technology.

**SAVE THE DATE—IPRF FAMILY EVENING**

**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5:30 PM, St. Mary Community Room**

We'll begin with Breakfast for Dinner, then break into groups for four 15 minute sessions for all (grades K-11 and parents). At the end of the evening, we'll present our Advent Mission Project and close with prayer.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Ruth Carew. 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

At every weekend Mass after the homily, we stand together to profess our creed. Creed comes from the Latin *credo*, which means "I believe," but even more accurately *credo* means "I give my heart to." Belief is a matter of the head and the heart. In our creed, we profess faith in the communion of saints. This community of disciples of Jesus who live forever in paradise remains very close to us. I like to think that all of our loved ones who have gone before us are seated at the heavenly banquet table and are intimately joined to us as we gather around the eucharistic table here on earth. If you want to be close to your loved ones who have died, come often to Mass.

Saint Paul referred to all believers as "the saints." Our English word comes from the Latin *sanctus*, which means "the holy ones." We are all called to grow in holiness. We are all called to be saints. To be a saint or to be holy does not have anything to do with perfection. Saints are not perfect human beings but rather are human beings who are in touch with their weaknesses, who believe that Jesus is their strength, and who trust that the Lord can work through them to bring his hope, peace, joy and healing into the world.

In the communion of saints, the Catholic Church has designated particular people who can serve as our models for holiness. The Church officially recognizes these particular women, children and men as saints to remind us that we can look to them for examples of how to live holy lives.

On Sunday, October 13, Pope Francis raised Cardinal John Henry Newman of England and four holy women to the altar of the saints. Because there was such a hullabaloo surrounding Newman's canonization, the stories of our four other new saints were not very front and center. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce them to you.

- **Saint Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes (Maria Rita)** of Brazil was born in 1914, lost her mother, Dulce, when she was little, and had a great love for the poor and needy when she was a teenager. She became a nun, took care of sick people in what was originally a henhouse and today is Santo Antonio Hospital with 1500 beds, and was known as the "Mother Teresa of Brazil."
- **Saint Marguerite Bays**, born in Switzerland in 1815, the second of seven children in a farming family, a seamstress, always ministering to her family and parish community, was a woman of deep prayer. So intense was her devotion to the Crucified Jesus that her body bore the wounds of Jesus.
- **Saint Sister Giuseppina Vannini**, born in Rome in 1859, an orphan as a young girl, entered religious life. Saint Giuseppina went on to found the Daughters of Saint Camillus, whose ministry was the care of the sick in their homes, in hospitals, leprosariums, and nursing homes.
- **Saint Mother Mariam Thresia Mankidiyan**, born in Kerala, India, in 1876, felt the Lord's call to religious life when she was just ten years old. While ministering to the poor and the sick, Mariam also was very close to the Lord, bore the stigmata (the wounds of Jesus) and experienced the dark night of the soul, which Saint John of the Cross of Spain first experienced and described in the 16th century. Mother Mariam founded the Congregation of the Holy Family, which staffed schools, boarding schools, and orphanages in India.

Saints are men, women and children who are very close to Jesus. Jesus' love for them and their love for Jesus are very real. The saints are always ready to share the Lord's love with others. We, too, can fall in love with the Lord Jesus and by our words and deeds give witness of the Lord's magnificent love to others.

Fr. Bill +

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**Name & email of each guest attending**

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# Hey all!

**It's B.A.G. time again!**

*Thank you for supporting our  
annual personal items drive!*

Grab an empty  
bag October 26-27

Return November 2-3  
filled with some or all  
suggested items

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