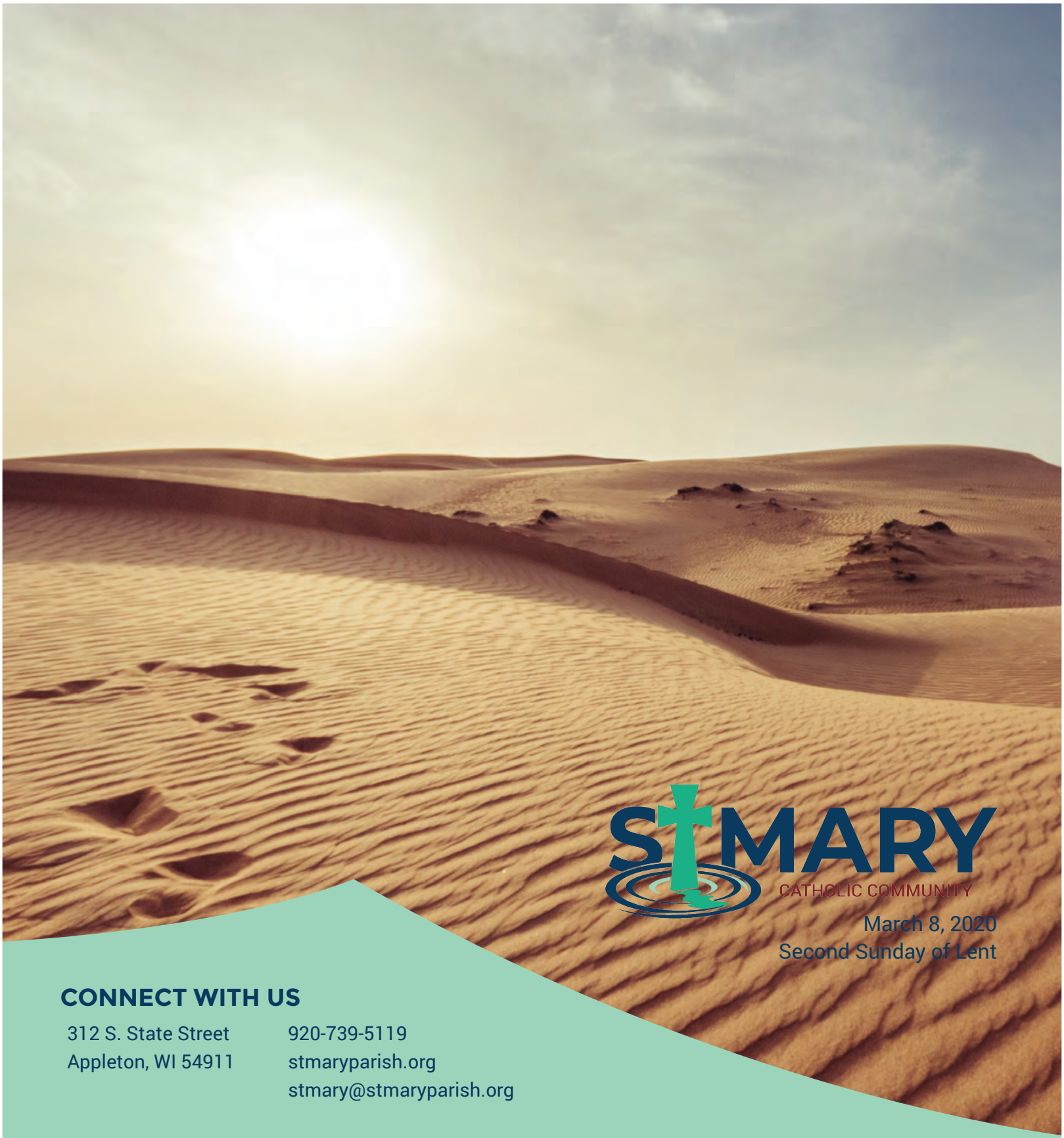

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March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

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ST MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

IN JOY & SORROW

with Fr. Bill Swichtenberg

As we move forward in a spirit of renewal as a family of faith, as St Mary Parish, we all have to know what uniquely identifies us as a local Catholic Parish. We are still in the process of honing in on our mission and vision statement. The hope is to publish this in the format of a beautiful small pamphlet. Our new parish logo and tagline ("I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a pebble across the water to create many ripples." Saint Mother Teresa) have given us a great start.

It is so important that we be a community of hospitality that offers hope and healing to every person who enters into our church or parish center. People are looking to be accompanied and loved just as they are. They recoil if they are judged or scolded. We have to be very careful that we do not impose our faith but rather propose our faith. We have to be careful that we do not fall into the trap of being certain about things. Pope Francis reminds seminarians again and again that, when accompanying people, we do not present life's challenges in a too black-and-white a way. There are always shades of gray. I struggle sometimes with a Church that assumes that it knows the mind and the heart of the Lord.

So important also are music and message, as well as hospitality, in our worship. Some of us may struggle with some of this but we must push ourselves to see the big picture. If we do not get this right, in not-too-long of a time, our churches will be empty. We need to find ways that will touch the hearts of our young people, many who have opted out of any mainline religion. Perhaps you have children and grandchildren who have done so. A particular Christian contemporary song may not speak to you, but if it does speak to our young people, and draw them into worship of the Lord, that is a good thing! It is never about our personal preferences.

Key, too, is our ministry to our children and young people. The renovation of St Ann's Hall into a warm and inviting space that can be used as a place for our young people to gather is critical. Thank you so much, Adelyn Carney, and all who assisted Adelyn with this project! To move forward with youth ministry, providing opportunities for our young people to pray together, to serve out in the community together, and to just socialize together, is critical. A startling statistic reveals that our young people are checking out of faith and church as early as age thirteen. They may still be physically present but their minds and hearts are in a different place.

Children's Church with our little ones on Sunday at the 9:45 am Mass is also essential. I am grateful to Cheryl Boyle and her team of catechists for rejuvenating this experience for our children. It is inspiring for us older folks to see these kids in church and to soak up their innocence and enthusiasm. Cheryl is developing the simple Lenten theme of "Be Kind" with them on these Lenten Sundays. If you would like to help Cheryl in this beautiful ministry, give a shout out to the parish office and we will help you to connect with her.

Frankly, our Lenten observance as adults should include this notion of being kind.

I like this poem, titled Small Kindnesses by Danusha Lameris.

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk
down the crowded aisle, people pull in their legs
to let you by. Or how strangers still say "Bless you"
when someone sneezes...
And sometimes, when you spill lemons
from your grocery bag, someone will help you
pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other.
We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot,
and to say "Thank you" to the person handing it. To smile
at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress
to call us "Honey" when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder,
and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass.
We have so little of each other, now. So far
from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange.
What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these
fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here,
have my seat.: "Go ahead - you first." "I like your hat."

It will do us good to remember "if we are too busy to be kind, we are too busy." (Allan Lokos)

Thanks for taking the time to read this In Joy and Sorrow.

Father Bill +

March 8, 2020

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY

Monday, March 9
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
8:00 pm Al-Anon/L6

Tuesday, March 10
8:30 am Mass/Chapel
2:00 pm Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:00 pm Facilities Meeting / Community Room
6:00 pm Finance meeting / Community Room
6:30 pm Baptism Prep /L3

Wednesday, March 11
12:05 pm Mass/Church
1:00 pm Strength & Stretch Class/St. Anne Room
4:30 pm IPRF Classes at St. Joseph
5:45 pm IPRF Choir Practice @ St. Joseph
6:00 pm IPRF Event / Community Room
6:30 pm IPRF Classes/Lower Level & St. Joseph

Thursday, March 12
12:05 pm Mass/Church
5:30 pm Soup and Stations / Church
7:00 pm Gamblers Anonymous/L6

Friday, March 13
8:30 am Mass/Chapel
9:00 am - 7:00 pm Adoration/Chapel
6:00 pm Shamrock Shenanigans @ Waverly Beach

Saturday, March 14
8:00 am - Noon Adoration/Chapel
9:00 am Confessions
4:30 pm Mass/Church

Sunday, March 15
8:00 am & 9:45 am Mass/Church
Children's Programming at 9:45 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts after both Masses/Community Room

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., March 9	12:05 pm Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., March 10	8:30 am Melissa Schultz & Family
Wed., March 11	12:05 pm Bill Hoffman
Thur., March 12	12:05 pm Sally Thomson
Fri., March 13	8:30 am Richard Seidler
Sat., March 14	4:30 pm Ruth Carew
Sun., March 15	8:00 am Bob & Sis Balliet
Sun., March 15	9:45 am Deceased Members of the Hebeler & Kokke Families

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for those who have lost a loved one. May fond memories comfort you at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like him or her to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

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This Lenten season, we invite you to help St. Mary Parish by becoming a recurring electronic giver. Join the parishioners who have already accepted our 2020 Lenten Challenge and enroll online at faith.direct/WI990 or by texting the word ENROLL to (920)294-1189. God bless!

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182 or 920-843-1249) or Laurie Richter (laurierichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Friday, March 13 / 6:00pm
  Shamrock Shenanigans III at Waverly Beach
- Thursday, March 19 / St. Joseph
  Men - join us for Beer, Brats, Burgers & Jesus.
- Friday, March 20
  Comfort Quilt project, Community Room

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SCAM ALERT

Please be aware that there is an email scam in which the emails claim to be coming from Fr Bill. Please delete them.

COMFORT QUILT PROJECT

As part of the St. Mary Lenten project, the St. Mary Quilters have committed to making 15 quilts for The Center for Grieving Children. You can help by donating any COTTON or FLANNEL fabric. Simply drop the fabric off in the parish office. All donations will be appreciated. Please consider helping by sewing, cutting, pressing or by giving moral support. We welcome you to join us. All help is appreciated. We will be sewing on March 20th from 9am to 9pm. We hope to see you then! Call Kathi Ruh at 920-364-9445 with questions. Many thanks for your help!

SCRIPTURE CONNECT GROUP

Join in a lively discussion of the Sunday Scriptures as it applies to our daily lives while enjoying fellowship prior to the 6:30pm Mass at St. Joe's parish.
-Sunday Evening: 4:30pm-6:00pm St. Joe's, Room 214 (Ongoing)

CENTER FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN

Erin Hollister of the Center for Grieving Children, the recipient of our Lenten Alms project, will offer an education session here in L1 & L3 at 11:00 am on the Sundays of March 8 & 22. Erin's topic will be "Supporting Children and Teens in Grief".

SHAMROCK SHENANIGANS III

Friday, March 13 / 6:00pm / Waverly Beach, Menasha

IT'S ALMOST HERE! Make merry like the Irish do! Invite your friends and family for an adult night of Irish music, food, drink, games, raffles, drawings & more! Tickets are $35 and include an Irish/ American buffet, two drink tickets and admission. Get them at the scrip table after weekend Masses, in the parish office or on the website until **midnight March 8th**. Tickets ordered online may be picked up at Waverly Beach. Be sure to pick up your raffle tickets in the back of church for a chance to win! Return tickets to the office, drop them in the collection basket or bring to event.

CIA-FMO

The next presentation will be at 7:00 pm on March 9 at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre. The topic is "How All Believers Share in Jesus' Call to Priesthood" with Abbot Nicholas Zachariadis. A free-will offering will be collected.

Saturday, March 14th at 6:30pm

ADORATION
FOR TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS

ADORATION?
WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

On Saturday, March 14, Loras College students, Konnor Barth (parishioner) and Jacob Till, will speak and lead us in Adoration with Praise and Worship music (some original), prayer, and quiet reflection. Afterwards, enjoy lots of food, cards and games including a Nintendo Switch gaming contest, and a coffee/hot chocolate bar in the new Youth Room. **All teens through college students welcome. Bring your friends!**

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