

St. Joseph Parish

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January 3, 2016
The Epiphany of the Lord

Excerpts
from the
Lectionary
for Mass
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Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”
~Mt 2:1b-2

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MASS TIMES

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.; Sundays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Weekdays: Mondays, Tuesdays, & Fridays: 12:05 p.m.
Check bulletin for Holy Day Schedules.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Parish is a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System 735-9380

Inter-Parish Religious Formation 738-7413
DRE, Coordinator K-4, Eucharist: Andrew Russell
Coordinator 5-8/Reconciliation: Jennifer Schubring
Youth Ministry 6-12, Coordinator 9-11, Confirmation: Peter Leitermann

Celebration of the Sacraments

Marriage: Active parish membership of 6 months is required before a wedding date may be set.
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 9 until approximately 9:30 am or call for an appointment.
Baptism: Please call the Parish Office 2 months in advance.
Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office anytime.

Fr Jim's Jottings

Having celebrated the beginning of a New Year, we gather this weekend to honor the three Wise Men/Kings in the feast of the Epiphany. This feast is full of symbolic meaning that could inspire all of us.

First of all, these wise men see a star and decide to see where it might lead them. Despite the challenges of the long journey, they are not deterred till they see the newborn infant. We too are on a difficult journey of faith. We follow the guidance of our faith no matter how demanding so that we can embrace the Savior of the world for all eternity.

The wise men offer precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. We see their symbolic meaning to be: gold representing Jesus' kingship, frankincense a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh a prefiguring of his death and embalming.

Despite the sincerity of the wise men, they encounter the false interest of an evil man, King Herod. God sends an angel to direct them away from Herod to return home by another way. Our journey of faith can be painful because there are many forces in our world that don't want us to find or remain close to our Lord.

This feast of the Epiphany is a great story of faith, perseverance, and ultimate victory over sin and death.

St Joe's Calendar Raffle

Thanks to every person who helped us with the Calendar Raffle for this year.

Congratulations to Our

Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

December 13—Joyce Braunreiter—\$25.00
 December 14— Gene /Kathy Losselyong—\$25.00
 December 15—Ursula Sweeney- \$25.00
 December 16—Rose Roderick-\$25.00
 December 17—Joyce & John Koerth—\$25.00
 December 18—Ray Victoria—\$25.00
 December 19—Ruth West - \$25.00

Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

December 20—\$25.00
 December 21— \$25.00
 December 22— \$25.00
 December 23— \$25.00
 December 24—\$25.00
 December 25—\$25.00
 December 26—\$25.00



Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill.
Judy Voecks, Tom Belonger, Jerome Hartjes, Pat Riedl

Please also remember our nursing home residents and shut-ins.

Please remember to pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died.

Holy Hour...next Friday

Each first Friday of the month we have Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following our 12:05 Mass. This Friday, Jan 8th will be our next Holy Hour. Come and join us in prayer.



Jubilee Committee Meeting

This Monday, Jan 4th, is another important meeting of our Jubilee Committee. It will be at 6:30 pm in Holly Hall. If you are involved in a sub-committee or just want to get involved, please join us.

Jerusalem and Christmas Scene



Hopefully you have stopped to admire our Christmas scene that is in the Marian Shrine this year. We hope that parents will especially bring their children to the scene and

describe what's there.

This 500 piece display belongs to Rev. Sandra Marotz who has been collecting all this for the past 25 years. This is a 5" "Fontanini Nativity Set". We are grateful to Rev. Sandra Marotz for letting us borrow her collection. It will stay up through next weekend's feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Getting Married???

Any time is a good time to get engaged, right? It seems that the holidays is often a special time when couples announce their engagement. With that in mind, we encourage couples who plan on getting married in the church to contact the parish sooner rather than later in their planning. Six months before the wedding date is the **minimum** amount of time. It's a wise idea to contact the parish even before setting a date with the reception hall.



Looking for Historical Items

Our Jubilee Committee is asking for your help with photos, articles, and items of the history of St Joseph Parish. We have some items here in the parish office, but would be grateful for your willingness to share things you have in your attic. Do you have a class photo of your days at St Joe's school? Perhaps an article of a parish event years ago? We'd like to scan the item and return it to you. Please look through some of your past treasures. Just drop them off at the parish office with your name on them and we'll get them back to you.

Adult & Young Adult Enrichment Opportunities

Christ Renews His Parish Renewal Weekends

As we begin a New Year, we invite you to join us and renew your faith!

Christ Renews His Parish has touched the hearts of more than 277 parishioners since we began. Two teams of men and women have been preparing to welcome YOU!

Our weekend dates are:

Men's Weekend – Feb. 27-28, St. Joseph Parish Center

Women's Weekend – March 5-6, St. Mary Parish Center

Our time together begins Saturday morning and ends at about Noon on Sunday. **Plan to spend this weekend being inspired, renewing your faith and drawing closer to Jesus.** Questions? Call Carol at 739-5119. We are proud to say that there is no cost to you to participate because of the generosity of our parishioners.

Share the Love and Comfort of Christ,

wrapped up in a Prayer Shawl

If you will be visiting friends or family members who are dealing with illness, grief, death, loneliness or someone who just needs a bit of comfort, we invite you to contact us so that you can pick out a prayer shawl as a gift for them. We have shawls for both men and women and would be happy to share them with you. Please call Carol at 739-3700 x 22 or e-mail cjensen@stmaryparish.org.

Prayers for Families

We invite you to check out our prayer display for families. Prayers for decorating the tree, celebrating the New Year, birthday prayers, prayers for new babies, teething, pets, beginning high school and new drivers are among those you can pick up on the display. At St. Mary's the display is located in the Marian Way. At St. Joseph the display is located on the Adult Ed Bulletin Board in the Great Hall.



Christ Renews His Parish Christmas Potluck – January 10

St. Joseph Parish Center – Holly Hall, 11:00 am

Please bring a dish to pass. We'll provide plates, silverware and beverages.

Please pre-register before Jan. 7 at 4 PM so that we know how many to plan for (739-3700 x 22) or cjensen@stmaryparish.org. Family members and guests are always welcome. Food can be dropped off from 9 AM on to be refrigerated or kept warm. And don't miss our sing along!

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Experiences:

Saturday, Jan. 23 , 10 am – Noon - The Music of Our Lives:

Fun and Faith Reflections for Baby Boomers, St. Joseph Holly Hall

Using the music of our teen and young adult years, we'll reflect on both the past and the present as well as our relationship with God. Please pre-register(739-3700 x 22) or cjensen@stmaryparish.org before Jan. 22. Free will offering.

Thursday, Jan. 28 – 7:00- 8:30 pm - Focus on Depression

St. Mary Community Room with Dr. Jim and Laurie Richter.

Depression, Anxiety, Grief – What are the Differences?

Explore what your doctor needs to ask, different medical models of depression and anxiety conditions, as well as approaches to and goals of treatment. Dr. James Richter is a family physician with 30 years of experience recognizing and treating these conditions. He will provide an informal presentation and answer questions related to this topic.

Finding God in Depression

Dealing with clinical depression can be a time of isolation, loneliness and a deep feeling of being disconnected from God. Laurie Richter, Spiritual Director, explores ways of finding God in the darkness of depression. Please pre-register before Jan. 26. (739-3700 x 22 or cjensen@stmaryparish.org).

Free will offering.

Financial News December 20 & 27 & Christmas

Tithing Needed \$16,300.00
Tithing \$33,424.00
Auto Withdrawal Tithing \$1,291.00
Children's Collection..... \$59.00

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Tithing..... \$17,893.74
Children's Collection..... \$171.45

Thank You!

God Bless Your Generosity!

**Parish Support
Through Collections**
Budgeted 7/1/15–11/30/15:
\$334,375.00
Actual 7/1/15-11/30/15:
\$345,971.97

Readings for the Week of January 3, 2016

Sunday: Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22–4:6
Ps 2:7-8, 10-12
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18
Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4
Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21
Ps 149:1-6, 9
Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
or Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25,
27-30
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
or Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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IPRF NEWS**Family Epiphany Night**

Please join with other families and celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord at our IPRF Epiphany Family Night on Wednesday January 6. You can participate either at 4:30 or 6:30 pm. The event will take place here at St. Joe's. We hope to see you there!

**1st Eucharist Parent Meetings**

If your child or children will be preparing for 1st Eucharist this year, we ask that the parents (only) attend a parent meeting to hear more about the process. There are two to choose from on Tuesday January 12 at St. Joe's in Holly Hall at 6:30 pm or Thursday January 14 at St. Mary's in the Community Room at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one of these evening meetings. Thank you.

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NEWS**Xavier Middle School Parent Preview Night**

Parents come and explore Xavier Middle School. Find out why it provides the ideal learning environment for 5th – 8th grade students.

Wednesday, January 13

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Xavier Middle School Auditorium

Take a tour of the building, attend break out sessions, learn about WEB mentoring programs and see what opportunities are in store for your future Xavier Middle School student, including: FINE ARTS, WORLD LANGUAGE, SPORTS and CO-CURRICULARS.

For more information, contact:

Xavier Middle School
2626 N Oneida St Appleton
920-735-9380

Admissions@XavierCatholicSchools.org

**Fox Valley Warming Shelter News**

On behalf of the Fox Valley Warming Shelter, I want to personally thank your Pastor and the congregation members for your support throughout 2015! The staff, the board, and especially our clients are very grateful for those who prepared, delivered and served the meals, and for those who watched over them as they slept. A special thank you to MaryBeth Comerford for all her work in coordinating this effort, not only in 2015, but over the past 9 years. It has truly been a pleasure to work with MaryBeth! It is only through the generous gift of talent and time by such dedicated volunteers that our mission of sheltering the homeless is possible. For any of you who enjoyed your experience at the Shelter and would like to volunteer again, we would love to have you! Please call Connie at 419-0928 or email vcfvws@gmail.com. Thank you all! Connie Raether, Volunteer Coordinator, Fox Valley Warming Shelter

WELCOME...

We welcome into the Catholic Church through Baptism here at St. Joseph Parish.....

**Colton Roy Treadwell, Mason Robert Treadwell
 & Chase Ever Wietrzny**

TWINNING COMMITTEE NEWS

Come join us for our Annual Warm Hearts Bake & Jewelry Sale! Again this year everyone can purchase your baked goods as well as Jewelry at very reasonable prices! The sale is on the weekend of February 13th & 14th. Donations will be taken all of January for Jewelry – just place items in the Twinning Green Box at the back of church. If you would like to provide bake goods for the sale, please bring them to the Great Hall on February 13th & 14th or contact Sue Gallagher at 920-915-4922/ susangallagher66@gmail.com

SHARE THE WARMTH!

Thank you! Due to your generous donations Jim Biesterveld transported over 50 large bags of clothing down to Clintwood last month! Thank you to Jim for sharing his time to make sure everything arrived in Clintwood! We have never seen the truck so full!!

A New Year's Resolution**"Save Money, but Contribute More to St. Joe's"**

How you may ask? Purchase SCRIP Gift Cards. Buying SCRIP Cards provides St. Joe's with extra money without taking any more out of your pocket. St. Joe's received a check of \$430.35 for our November SCRIP sales. Wow, what a great way to raise extra monies for our parish.

EXAMPLE of how you can use SCRIP for yourself and still help St. Joe's: *Purchase:*

2- \$50 Kwik Trip Cards (you always buy gas)

2- \$50 Woodman's Cards (you always buy food)

2- \$50 Kohl's Cards (you can use to pay your

Kohl's charge bill, too)

With these purchases, St. Joe's receives a credit for a portion of the price. Now isn't that an easy way to help St. Joe's without spending anymore money!

You can purchase your SCRIP gift cards the weekends of **January 16/17 and then February 6/7 and 20/21**. If what you want to purchase is not available, you can order and it will be here the next time SCRIP is sold. Thank you to all who use SCRIP.

If you aren't using SCRIP, try it this week!

Save the Dates: April 17, 18, 19**Acts of Mercy, A City-Wide Mission**

We invite you to join with Catholics from throughout Appleton for "a spellbinding encounter with the life of Jesus." Frank Runyeon, professional actor and performer of Biblical texts, will be with us to bring the Gospels and the Letter of James to life. Perfect for all generations. Sun. April 17 – 3 PM – Luke: Stories of Mercy; Mon., April 18 – 6:30 PM – John: Signs of Mercy; Tues., April 19 – James: Works of Mercy – 6:30 PM. Sponsored by all eight Appleton Catholic parishes and held at St. Thomas More Parish, 1810 N. McDonald St., Appleton.

Courtesy Announcements

St. Nicholas in Freedom hosts family-friendly BINGO on Saturday, January 9. Card and food sales begin at 5pm, and play starts at 5:45pm. Come for Mass at 4pm, followed by BINGO! If you haven't played in awhile (or EVER!) now is the time. We emphasize the fun, AND you can even win some money! Low cost fun for the whole family!

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Monday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
12:05 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

Tuesday, January 5—St. John Neumann
12:05 pm John & Lynn Pfefferle Family [living]
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, January 6—St. Andre Bessette
12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Thursday, January 7—St. Raymond of Penyafort
12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, January 8
12:05 pm Dec. Jim Bretl

Saturday, January 9
4:00 pm Dec. Maria Zinke

Sunday, January 10
8:00 am Dec. Melvin & Mary Vanderlinden
10:00 am Dec. Betty V. Drexler
6:30 pm Dec. Jean Hahn

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 4
6:30 pm Jubilee Committee, Holly Hall

Tuesday, January 5
10:00 am OFS Council Mtg., Rm. LL11
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, Rm. LL09

Wednesday, January 6
IPRF Epiphany Family Night, St. Joe's Complex,
Church, Classrooms, Holly Hall

Thursday, January 7
6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation Committee Mtg.,
Rm. 214
7:00 pm Men's CRHP Team, Rm. LL09

Friday, January 8
12:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour, Church

Saturday, January 9
9:00 am Private Reconciliation, Church
9:15 am Engaged Couples Retreat, Holly Hall &
Upstairs Classrooms
10:00 am OFS Gathering Retreat, LL10&12

Blood Pressure Screening after Mass
Warm Hearts Jewelry Collection in Church

Next Sunday, January 10
Blood Pressure Screening after Masses
Warm Hearts Jewelry Collection in Church
11:30 am CRHP Potluck, Holly Hall
Serving the Warming Shelter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Join the Jubilee Committee and help plan our 150th Anniversary Celebration on Mon, Jan. 4 at 6:30 pm.
- 2) IPRF Epiphany Family Night is on Wed. Jan. 6. You can attend the event at either session: 4:30 or 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.
- 3) Eucharistic Holy Hour is Friday January 8 at 12:30 pm. Come and spend time with our Lord.
- 4) Blood Pressure Checks next weekend after Masses.

St. Joe's Historical Moment # 43

The Bulletin for Feb 15, 1953

(Here are some excerpts that reflect the spirit and schedule of parish life in 1953)

Sunday Masses were: 5:30am, 6:45am, 8:00am, 9:15am,
10:30am (High Mass) & 12:00pm

The daily Mass schedule listed the altar servers who were expected to be there:

6:00 am	W. Steger & J. Wydeven
6:30 am	W. Black & J. VanZummeren
7:15 am	J. Houlihan, T. Kolosso, K. Haag, J. Rechner
8:00am	R. Leary, J. Dittmer, J. Steger, G. Muldihill

There was also a correction to the yearly report which stated that membership dues were actually paid by Richard Garvey, Oswald Gasser, Mrs C.J. Gee, Hubert Mueller and Nick Karras.

The Rules of Fast and Abstinence for the whole year were listed:

ABSTINENCE

Everyone over 7 years of age is bound to observe the law of Abstinence.

Complete Abstinence is to be observed on Fridays, Ash Wednesday, Holy Saturday morning and the vigils of Assumption and Christmas. On these days of complete abstinence, meat and soup or gravy made from meat may NOT be used at all.

Partial Abstinence is to be observed on Ember Wednesdays and Saturdays and on the Vigils of Pentecost and All Saints. On these days of partial abstinence meat may be taken ONLY ONCE a day at the principal meal.

FAST

Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of Fast.

The days of fast are the weekdays of Lent, Ember Days, the Vigils of Pentecost, Assumption, All Saints and Christmas. On days of fast only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but TOGETHER they should not equal another full meal. As noted above, meat may be taken at the principal meal on a day of fast EXCEPT on Fridays, Ash Wednesday, and the vigils of Assumption and Christmas.

Eating between meals is NOT permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a parish priest or confessor should be consulted.

Another entry in the bulletin was:

Basketball Today - 3:00pm (St Joseph vs St John, Menasha)
We need this victory for first place - come and see the game!

Please Support our Advertiser of the Week.

Alpha-Prime, Inc.

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Thank you!