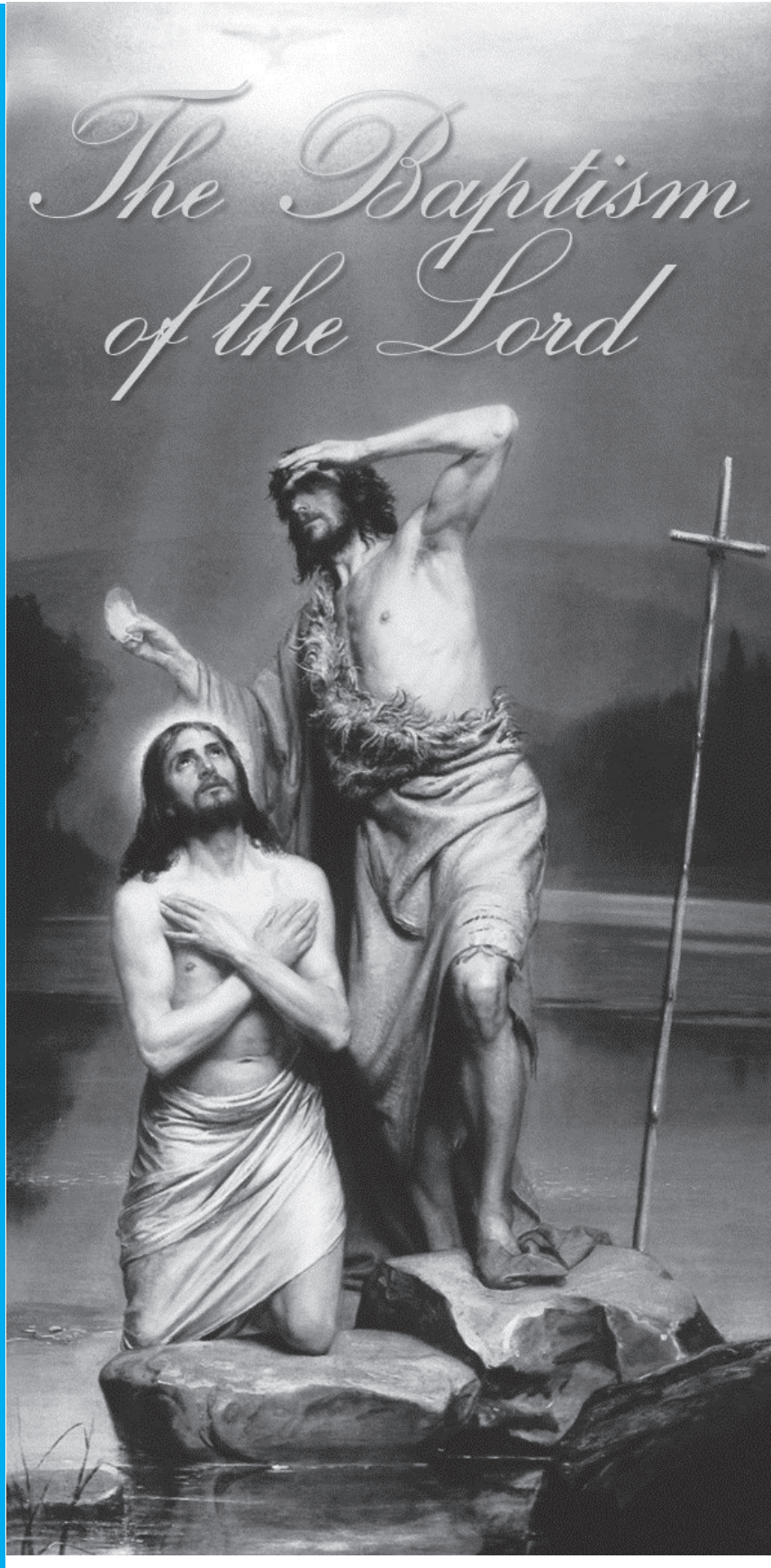


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Baptism of the Lord

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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.

Fall / Winter/ Spring 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
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School System.....735-9380

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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



Today our Christmas season officially comes to an end. We celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and then move into "Ordinary Time" for about four weeks. Then Ash Wednesday (Feb 10) arrives which seems to be awfully early this year.

Our church was especially beautiful this year for the Christmas season. Thanks to everyone who helped make it so special. The Bethlehem scene that was displayed in our Marian shrine drew many positive comments. Thanks to Rev. Sandra Marotz who let us borrow it this year. Your generosity provided the striking display of poinsettias and the gold and white swags that hung overhead.

Say "good-bye" to Christmas this weekend as we head into the "joys and beauty" of WINTER!!!

St Joe's Calendar Raffle

Thanks to every person who helped us with the Calendar Raffle this year. Because of your impressive participation and generosity, we topped last year's sale of raffle calendars. This year **1,586 Calendars** were sold compared to 1,550 last year. Our profit this year is **\$22,545** compared to \$21,910 last year. That is outstanding! Now we can all hope to win a few times in 2016.

Thank You...Deacon Roy Baumruk

This past week St Joe's received another gift in memory of Deacon Roy who died Oct 30, 2015. His family and friends gave a gift of \$500 to be used in the parish. Thank you, Roy. You continue to be present to us through this kindness.

Looking for Historical Items

Our Jubilee Committee continues to ask 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.

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:

**Jerome Hartjes, Judy Voecks, Pat Riedl, Tom Belonger,
Bob Dusenberry, Jane Steger**

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:

Harriet Conrad (mother of Deacon Mark & Carol Farrell)



Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has called for an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy for the entire Church. This Year of Mercy began on Dec 8th and will end on Nov 20, 2016. During this year, we are asked to pray and reflect on the virtue of mercy. One way to do that is by learning more about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. There are seven corporal works of mercy. The first one is to **"feed the hungry"**.

It is so impressive to see the amount of groceries that are placed near the altar on the first weekend of the month. These groceries are given to the St Joseph Food Pantry along with money that is also contributed.

At our Friday noon Mass there is a collection taken in behalf on the "milk fund" at St Joe's Food Pantry. It's inspiring to see the amount that is given in each collection.

Every other month St Joe's is involved in the meal provided at the Warming Shelter. As you may know, there are about 40-50 people who are able to receive a warm meal and overnight lodging.

So, St Joe's is involved in practicing this corporal work of mercy in a very concrete way. And, of course, there's always more to be done. God bless us.

Fall Festival Meeting

We're already beginning to think about our Fall Festival (September 17-18, 2016). The first committee meeting will be this Mon., Jan 11th at 6:30pm in Holly Hall. If you have been in charge of an area or would like to get involved, please come to this meeting. Thank you!

Looking For a Seat in Church?

We are blessed to have many joining us for our weekend Masses. We've tried to provide a seat for everyone by setting up chairs in the back of church. However, we're developing some needless congestion there. Too many people are immediately taking one of those seats instead of coming up front. Unfortunately, when those seats are occupied, individuals are going into the Great Hall and bringing in additional chairs. That's when it's getting to become a hazard with chairs everywhere. Friends, we've got to deal with this problem in a positive way. Often, there are empty seats in the front of church. People have to be willing to walk up and take them. Our Hospitality Ministers try to help by signaling to those in the back to come forward. It can be uncomfortable or embarrassing to walk up front, but let's try to be "courageous" to help keep some order in the back of church. Thanks for your help.

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Monday, January 11

12:05 p.m. Dec. Ethan Proctor

Tuesday, January 12

12:05 p.m. Members of St. Joseph Parish
12:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, January 13

12:05 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's

Thursday, January 14

12:05 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, January 15

12:05 p.m. Dec. Jerry Kunstman

Saturday, January 16

4:00 p.m. Dec. Gene Hipp, Ellen, Susan
& Patricia

Sunday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Dec. Elmer & Theresa Kreutzberg
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased /Jack Gehl Family
6:30 p.m. Living of Boggnowitz & Smith Families

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 11

6:30 pm Fall Festival Meeting, Holly Hall
7:00 pm Faith & Light Class, Rm. LL11

Tuesday, January 12

12:30 pm Staff Retreat Day, TBD
6:30 pm 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg., Holly Hall

Wednesday, January 13

1:00 pm Senior Citizens' Comm., Rm. LL09
6:00 pm IPRF Catechists' In-Service,
St. Mary Community Room
6:30 pm Social Concerns Mtg., Holly Hall

Thursday, January 14

6:30 pm Stewardship Comm., Rm. 214
6:30 pm 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg.,
St Mary Community Room
7:00 pm Baptismal Prep Session, Rm. 209

Saturday, January 16

9:00 am Private Reconciliation, Church
SCRIP Sales after Mass

Next Sunday, January 17

SCRIP Sales after Masses
1:00 pm OFS Gathering, Holly Hall
3:00 pm OFS Inquirers, Rm. LL11

PLAN AHEAD

Plan Ahead and consider a Jesuit Retreat in February at the Jesuit Retreat House south of Oshkosh. This week-end event will be very moving and a unique spiritual exercise. It is something every Catholic man should experience which you will never forget. A group from our area will gather on February 4-7 and would be honored to have you join us. For details or a brochure, contact: Tony Rechner at 920-734-9317.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Parents of 2nd graders: Come and learn what your child / children need to do to be ready to make their First Eucharist this spring. Choice of meeting dates and times between: Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 pm in St. Joe's Holly Hall or Thursday Jan. 14 at 6:30 pm in St. Mary's Community Room.
- 2) All Catechists from the IPRF program are invited to the Catechist In-service on Wednesday January 13 at 6 pm. It will take place at St. Mary's.
- 3) SCRIP Sales - next weekend after all Masses
- 4) Warm Hearts Jewelry Collection taking place NOW!

St. Joe's Historical Moment #44

Memories of the Great Depression

(Marie Kuba, one of our deceased parishioners often wrote a column for the "Parish News" about her memories of life at St. Joe's. Here's one about life during the Great Depression)

Anyone born before 1925 must remember what is now known as the "Great Depression". That's one nightmare not easily forgotten. All of us were affected, some more than others. If you had a job, any job, you hung on to it because trying for another was a useless task.

It wasn't a disgrace to be out of work—just a lot of pain. What savings you had quickly disappeared even with careful handling. A loaf of bread sold for ten cents in those days—you waited for the day old bread which you could purchase for a nickel. You looked for the cheapest cuts of meat; hamburger especially went over big because you could make so many different dishes with it. The welfare lines were long and if I remember correctly one had to prove the cupboard was bare (literally). In those days the welfare department did not give you a check or food stamps—you received staples as you needed them. A great deal of oatmeal, cream of wheat and cornmeal was consumed during that period. It was the time when beggars roamed the streets begging for your dimes and nickels and almost every street corner in the larger cities had an apple stand. Foreclosures of farms and homes were an everyday occurrence.

The country slowly started recovering in the 1930's with the W.P.A. and C.C.C. It wasn't much, but it put food on the table for some.

Auditions for **The Northeast Wisconsin Passion Play**, a musical drama based on the life of Christ, will be held on Thursday, January 14th and Saturday, January 16th, at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton. Singing and non-singing roles are available. Those auditioning will also be asked to do a dance audition. To register for an audition time please go to: www.newpassionplay.org and click the link to the audition page.

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