

St. Joseph Parish

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Catholic Schools Week

Jan. 30—Feb. 7

You are making a difference in the lives of more than 1,500 children.



January 30, 2016 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK begins!



This week we celebrate our Catholic schools in the Fox River Valley....especially St Francis Xavier Catholic School System! This is all part of a national Catholic Schools Week celebration.

Catholic schools in the United States deserve a great deal of recognition. For the most part they began in the middle of the nineteenth century. Catholics wanted to make sure their catholic faith was taught to their children. Thanks to lowly paid nuns and lay staff, most parishes began a Catholic school (K-Grade 8). From the start these schools were self-supported by parishes. There was a fierce resistance to any public financial support for Catholic schools.

The number of schools and students grew steadily. In 1900, the Church supported 3,500 parochial schools, usually under the control of the local parish. By 1920, the number of elementary schools had reached 6,551, enrolling 1.8 million pupils taught by 42,000 teachers, the great majority of whom were nuns.

For more than two generations, enrollment climbed steadily. By the mid-1960s, enrollment in Catholic parochial schools had reached an all-time high of 4.5 million elementary school pupils. As we know there has been a steady decline of enrollment due to the shortage of nuns and the movement of Catholics to the suburbs.

We give thanks for the excellent Catholic schools of our Appleton community that have been here since the 1860's. There is no doubt of the quality education provided to thousands of pupils who attended our schools. Most older Catholics will acknowledge that they attended Catholic grade school and are grateful for how smart they are today!!!

A special word of GRATITUDE to all those involved in the current St Francis Xavier Catholic School System. We are all working hard to provide this educational opportunity. Thanks for your many sacrifices and dedication! **St Francis Xavier...pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts...forever!**

THANKS for A Successful Pizza Sale

We had another successful pizza sale last weekend....thanks to your generosity in buying the pizzas and other Italian dishes. We were blessed to make about \$1,400. Special thanks to Paul and Terese Morris and their volunteer crew for organizing and selling everything so smoothly!

Old Palm Branches

If you have last year's palm branches, we invite you to bring them to church and put them in the box marked "Old Palm Branches".

We've got Extra Seating in Church?

You're invited some weekend to come up front and sit in what used to be our "Marian Shrine". Our Blessed Mother statue is now behind the reredos (the wall behind the altar) along with our vigil candles. This extra seating will make it possible for fewer people to have to stand in back of church. Thank you!

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill.

**June Long, Pat Riedl, Donna Larsen,
Jordan McBryde (grandson of Robert & Diane Dorn)
Jill Nagel, Jerome Hartjes, Nancy Gygax**

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.



SCRIP Sales Next Weekend

Have you tried purchasing SCRIP gift cards from St. Joseph Parish? When you purchase those gift cards, St. Joe's gets a credit from the vendors. The purchase price doesn't change, but we receive a percentage of the amount paid. **From the sales in December, St. Joe's received \$620.92.** WOW! That is amazing! See what we can do without taking extra from our own pockets.

Year of Mercy... "Welcome the Stranger"

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 fourth one is to **"welcome the stranger"**.

This is the most abstract of the corporal works of mercy. It is easy to picture a man giving food to the poor or cup of water to his neighbor. But who should we consider a stranger?

This question might seem easy to answer at first; some classes of people are obviously strangers. A man moving into a workplace for the first time, a family moving into an apartment next door—they are obviously strangers, in need of the support of others as they go through change in their lives. But we are called to take a broader view of exactly who is a stranger. Lonely souls are truly strangers. The sorrowful recluse whom everyone sees at a gathering yet ignores—she is a stranger. The homeless man on the street—he is a stranger. The unpopular kid at school mocked by bullies—he is a stranger.

When discussing this corporal work of mercy, the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) leaps to mind. Everyone we meet whom we do not know is a stranger. And God commands us to welcome these men and women—both those whom we do not know and the lonely among us.

Soup & Stations of the Cross

Surprisingly, Lent is only ten days away. Ash Wednesday is on Feb 10th. As part of our Lenten season, we (along with St Mary's) will share Stations of the Cross followed by a Soup Supper. It will be held on Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Here's the schedule:

Feb 18	St Mary
Feb 25	St Joseph
March 3	St Mary
March 10	St Joseph
March 17	St Joseph

Adult Faith Formation Experiences:

Retreat and Program Brochures for both the **Jesuit Retreat House** in Oshkosh and the **Norbertine Spirituality Center** in DePere are available at our parishes. At St. Mary's you can find them in a clear plastic stand on the library shelves. At St. Joseph you can find them on the Adult Ed bulletin board in the Great Hall.

Bible Study Scheduled to Resume during Lent:

The Book of Exodus - Monday evenings, beginning Feb. 15, 6:30 PM, St. Mary Parish, Room LL07. And/or Friday mornings, 10:00 AM, St. Joseph Parish, Room 214. We resume our study with Lesson 5.

Christ Renews His Parish - Renewal Weekends

Men - Feb. 27-28 - St. Joseph Parish Center

Women - March 5-6 - St. Mary Parish Center

Brochures available at the back of church and from your fellow parishioners this weekend! Parishioners who have attended in the past are welcome to join us again this Lent.

In the Near Future:

Feb. 16 - Hospice Nurses and Heaven 6:30 PM, St. Mary Parish Center

Hospice nurses across the nation say that many of their dying patients go through a predictable pattern of reaching out to the other side and being greeted by deceased loved ones before they die. Learn how these stories and credible stories on near-death experience confirm what Catholics believe about eternity. Our speaker will be hospice nurse, Tina Poppe. This session is a gift to us from our Diocese. There is no registration fee, but we do ask you to pre-register by e-mailing mgarcia@gbdioc.org or calling 920-272-8276. If you are not able to do either, please call Carol Jensen at 739-3700 x 22.

Feb. 23 - The Things That Last Forever: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, 6:30 PM, St. Mary Parish Center.

Do you have a son or daughter who has left the Catholic faith?

We invite you to check out this resource: <https://helpthemreturn.com>. Presented by a young adult, Brandon Vogt. This is a free video series that will be e-mailed to you for a real down to earth look at this issue and some practical suggestions for how to and how not to handle the situation. At the end of the series, a list of resources for further help will be offered.

Twining Committee:

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 Twining 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.

Looking for a weekend away, for just the two of you?

A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** offers you this experience. It's a time to renew your relationship, away from the everyday distraction of life. It's an opportunity to strengthen your communication and promote greater intimacy in your life together. You don't need a Marriage Encounter, but you DESERVE one. "Discover Each Other Again", more deeply, honestly and warmly. The 2015 -16 weekend retreat options are:

November 6-8, March 4-6 and April 16-17 all at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality in DePere. For more information contact Sue and Dennis Amtmann at 920-544-5166 or visit www.gbme.org.

Financial News

Tithing Needed.....\$16,300.00
Last Week's Tithing.....\$9,468.01
Auto Withdrawal Tithing.....\$633.00
Children's Collection.....\$20.00

Thank You!

Your special offering to help keep us on target would be appreciated.

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2016

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
Ps 71:1-6, 15-17
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13
Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Ps 3:2-7
Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4
Ps 24:7-10
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
Ps 32:1-2, 5-7
Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
1 Chr 29:10-12
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11
Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51
Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13
Ps 119:9-14
Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
Ps 138:1-5, 7-8
1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11
Lk 5:1-11

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Catholic Central Ice Cream Social

You are invited to an ice cream social in the Catholic Central Gym on Sunday, January, 31 at 2:00 pm to celebrate the success of the Legacy Scholarship Fund!

All are welcome!!



WELCOME...



We welcome into the St. Joseph Community through Baptism.....
Ruby Rose Avila

Xavier Catholic Schools News

Today marks the beginning of National Catholic Schools Week, the nationwide celebration of Catholic education. Through your support Xavier Catholic Schools is able to provide an education focused on faith development, academic excellence and dedication to community service. Thank you!

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for 2016-2017

Xavier Catholic Schools will take part in the **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program for 2016-2017** school year allowing families with qualifying residency and income to apply through a lottery for vouchers that cover the cost of base tuition and the application fee for an education with Xavier Catholic Schools. The open application period for the 2016-2017 WPCP begins Feb. 1 and closes April 20.

Tara Pearce, Director of Admissions, is experienced in assisting families with this application process and would be happy to meet with you. Please call 735-9380 to set up a confidential appointment. To learn more go to the Admissions pages at www.XavierCatholicSchools.org. We would love to make a Xavier Catholic Schools education a reality for your family.



Keep St. Joseph Parish in the LOOP!

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.

Update your Information for Us

CHANGE OF ADDRESS or PHONE NUMBER?

Please notify the parish if you have a change of address, phone number (many families are dropping their landlines), email address or are leaving the parish. It will help us keep our data current. Thanks!

Need a Ride to Church?



Are you having problems getting to church because you are not able to drive anymore? St. Joseph Parish provides a bus service to the 4 p.m. Saturday Mass. For more information or to ask to be picked up

please contact Deacon CF Dedman at 734-7195 or by e-mail him at cfdedman@saintjosephparish.org

Stay in Touch

If you know of a hospitalized, homebound or nursing home parishioner, or you are interested in this ministry please contact Deacon CF Dedman @ 734-7195 or by e-mail at cfdedman@saintjosephparish.org

Courtesy Announcements:

Full-Time Parish Secretary/Receptionist

Holy Cross Parish, Kaukauna, WI is seeking a full-time parish secretary/receptionist for our vibrant parish serving over 1,600 families. We seek an individual who loves the Lord and will share our passion for the Catholic faith.

This position requires knowledge of Microsoft Office products. Strong verbal and written communication skills are necessary. Must be able to maintain confidentiality, have excellent leadership and organizational skills, as well as an ability to make decisions collaboratively, to troubleshoot and to work with many volunteer members of the parish in total support of our Catholic faith.

Please submit resume to:

Holy Cross Parish

Tammy Schmahl

309 Desnoyer Street

Kaukauna, WI 54130

(920) 766-3773

email: tschmahl@holycrosskaukauna.org

Fox River Valley's World Interfaith Harmony Week Event

Everyone is invited to the Fox River Valley's World Interfaith Harmony Week event on **Wednesday, February 3 at 7 pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church** 140 S Green Bay Rd Neenah. The evening of sharing, learning and breaking bread promotes harmony and tolerance among the followers of all religions, faiths and beliefs. Help make Peace on Earth a reality by participating in this forum. It is voluntary, free, and excludes no one. Questions, call Tom McCord, 920-7212-1566.

JANSSEN FORUM SPEAKER SERIES

Janssen Forum is a monthly luncheon speaker series offered on the second Thursday of the month at Mount Tabor Center, 528 Second St. Menasha. The spiritual enrichment speaker series begins with Mass at 11:15 located in the Mount Tabor Center Chapel, followed by a light lunch and speaker at 12:00 noon in the dining room. Cost is \$6 per session. This year's topic is "Touched by Mercy". Our next session is on **February 11** with Tanya Hielke (Coordinator of High School Faith Formation at St. Raphael's Parish, Oshkosh.)

For more information, contact:

Annette Hovie, Mount Tabor Center 920-722-8918

www.mttabor.net

Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

January 17 —Nani Biesterveld—\$25.00
 January 18—Sam Rettler—\$25.00
 January 19—Joel Kampf - \$25.00
 January 20—RJ & Carrie Lindsey—\$25.00
 January 21—Julie Hoffman —\$25.00
 January 22 - Bob Breister —\$25.00
 January 23—Karen Vehrs—\$25.00

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Monday, February 1

12:05 p.m. Dec. Jean Hahn

Tuesday, February 2

12:05 p.m. Dec. Mark Boetcher

12:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, February 3

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

Thursday, February 4

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

Friday, February 5

12:05 p.m. Dec. Joanne Vanden Boomen

Saturday, February 6

4:00 p.m. Dec. Mary Beth DeGroot

Sunday, February 7

8:00 a.m. Members of St. Joseph Parish

10:00 a.m. Dec. John Braunreiter

6:30 p.m. Dec. Betty Drexler

This Week in Our Parish

Catholic Schools Week

Monday, February 1

6:30 pm Lector Workshop, Church

6:30 pm 150th Anniversary Committee, Holly Hall

7:00 pm Faith & Light Class, Rm. LL11

Tuesday, February 2

10:00 am OFS Council Meeting, Rm. LL11

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Rm. LL09

Wednesday, February 3

IPRF Classes

6:00 pm Unity Night for Grades 7 & 8,
Radisson Paper Valley

Thursday, February 4

6:30 pm Twinning Meeting, Rm. 209

6:30 pm Choir Practice, Church

Friday, February 5

12:30 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour, Church

Saturday, February 6

9:00 pm Private Reconciliation, Church

Food Collection / SCRIP Sales

Next Sunday, February 7

Food Collection / SCRIP Sales

10:00 am Contemporary Music Mass, Church

Noon Youth Ministry "Souper Bowl", Holly Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Join the Jubilee Committee on Monday February 1 at 6:30 pm in Holly Hall.
- 2) St. Joe's celebrates an Eucharistic Holy Hour on Friday February 5 at 12:30 pm
- 3) Food Collection for St. Joe's Food Program will take place next weekend. Please be generous.
- 4) Sunday February 7 at 10 am Mass we will have our Contemporary Music Group, Soul Sabbath, leading the music.

Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday, February 10



Masses with Distribution of Ashes
12:05 pm and 6:30 pm

St Joe's Historical Moment #47

Fr Basil Gummerman & the Parish Debt

(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 Fr Basil)

Fr Basil followed Fr Lawrence Henn as Pastor July of 1909. He wasn't a stranger to the people because he served as an assistant to Fr Lawrence from 1902 to the time of his appointment. During this period he became very well acquainted with the parishioners and was well informed as to the condition of the parish. So he was aware of a certain bad trait in the parishioners. They received each new project in the parish with enthusiasm and supported it financially up to a certain amount and then their interest would fade and consequently the parish usually was in debt.

At the end of 1909 he informed the people of their indebtedness and what his plans were to liquidate the debt. In 1913 an extra debt was added - decorating the church. William Scheer of the parish was the decorator. Pictures of the stations were painted to replace the old Munich stations which didn't seem to go with the architecture of the church. Mr Scheer also donated two large paintings for the walls near the vestibule. The windows were in need of repair and considered too dark so they were replaced by new stained glass windows which were lighter. New electric fixtures completed the decorations. The parishioners were well pleased with the improvements and the entire debt was paid one year after the work was completed.

Please Support our Advertiser of the Week.

Home Run Pizza

They help support the printing of this bulletin
Thank you!



Prayer Relay

If you have a prayer need, or would like to join the pray-ers of the Prayer Relay Team, call Nancy Packett at 734-4369. Confidentiality is assured.