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Advent
Week 3

Hope

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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
920-735-9380

Inter-Parish Religious Formation 920-738-7413

Coordinator K-4/Eucharist: Diane Cahall

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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fr Jim's Jottings

We are already beginning the THIRD WEEK of Advent. We are more than half way through this season of preparing for the coming of our Lord.

Please allow me the opportunity to encourage the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I know that many do not receive this sacrament very often. I think many no longer see the need or value of "confession" and "forgiveness". Just because we think something is true does not make it true.

Someone can think it's not necessary to take the garbage out more than every other month. That does not make it a healthy move. Someone can think it's not necessary to say I'm sorry to a person they've offended, but that doesn't mean it's right?

If we are honest, we have all sinned against God and our neighbor. Confession and forgiveness are healthy and good for our soul. We can go for months and years without doing it but it doesn't make it a good move.

Yes, we can keep building up our cholesterol levels and carry on our responsibilities, but some day we may realize how foolish it was to do nothing about it.

So, I encourage you to make time for: celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

(Private confessions are heard Sat mornings beginning at 9:00 am. There is Communal Penance Service on Mon., Dec 17th at 6:30 pm And extra private confessions will be heard Tues, Dec 18 & Thur., Dec 20 5:30-6:30pm)

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ADVENT INTER-PARISH COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St Joe's - Monday, December 17
6:30 pm

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24th:
4 pm, 6:30 pm & 10 pm

Tuesday December 25th: 9 am

Please Pray for...

Please pray for all parishioners who are ill:
Duane Bates, John Sipple, Joe Martin, Curt Gloudemans, Esther Barry, Barb Otto, Barb Meyer

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: **Jerome Reinke, Joanne Leddy, Ray Schreiter**



2018 Retirement Collection for Religious & Clergy

Thanks to everyone who took an envelope last weekend in behalf of this annual collection to help elderly Priests, Sisters and Brothers with their healthcare needs. In the past you have been generous. May God reward you for "giving back" to those who gave so much to us when we were younger.

CONTRIBUTIONS up to date?

As we come to the end of this calendar year, we invite you to look at your contributions to St Joe's. Do you think your giving is where you want it to be? There are three weeks to "catch up" if that's what you need to do. If anyone needs to know the amount they've given this year, simply call the Parish Office at 734-7195.

CALENDAR RAFFLE

Thanks to many of you who have bought or sold your raffle calendars. So far we have collected over \$19,500. Our expenses for the raffle are \$12,000 so we have profited almost \$7,500. If you have not picked up raffle calendars, there are many on the radiators in back of church and in our parish office.

Again, thanks to everyone who has sold their three calendars. If you can sell more, we are always grateful. You realize that our calendars make great Christmas gifts. They last for an entire year. You can win multiple times on just one calendar.

Please remember that the money from sold calendars needs to be turned in by the end of the year. Thanks, everyone, for your help.

Remembering St Joe's in your Will

Our parish has been blessed over the years by many of our parishioners who have thought of the parish in their Wills and Estates. If St Joe's has been important to you, would you remember them in how your estate is distributed after your death? Thank you!

Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners!

- December 2: Mary J. Brown - \$25.00
- December 3: Joseph G. Treiber— \$25.00
- December 4: Julie Reilly - \$25.00
- December 5: Jim F. Hughes - \$25.00
- December 6: Gene Greening — \$25.00
- December 7: Mary & Dick Torbeck - \$25.00
- December 8: Albert Exenberger— \$25.00

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Adult Enrichment Opportunities

Discipleship II Seminar

If you have not yet attended one of the Discipleship II Seminars, here is your opportunity: St. Therese Parish, Saturday, January 12, 2019 7:45am - 3:30pm, The seminar will introduce Jesus' methods of discipleship, the habits of discipleship, and the necessity of focusing on healing within the missionary discipleship process. All parish leaders, council members, trustees, and key volunteers are invited to attend. There will be a \$10 fee for those that choose to include lunch. Please contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org or call 730-5119 to register by Jan. 7th

Keurig Machines Needed

Do you have a Keurig machine in great shape that you do not love? In the spirit of great hospitality, we are looking for extra Keurig machines to serve any guests coming into our parish. If you have a Keurig, you might like to donate, please contact Mary Ann Otto at motto@stmaryparish.org or call 739-5119.

Tuesday Book Club

Please join our group on Tuesday January 8 at 6 pm

January 8th: *Defying Gravity* by Joe Sikorra

February 5th: *Out of the Easy* by Ruta Sepetys

March 5th: *Killers of the Flower Moon:*

The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann

April 2nd: *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew -- Three Women*

Search for Understanding by Ranya Idliby

Contact Jessica Michaels at jessicajmichels@gmail.com or 920-251-3388 for the location details

The December meeting will be at St Mary

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Financial News

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| Tithing Needed..... | \$17,480.00 |
| Last Week's Tithing..... | \$21,761.37 |
| Auto Withdrawal..... | \$21,195.00 |
| Children's Collection..... | \$46.50 |

**God Bless YOU
for your generosity!**

Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a
 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]
 Phil 4:4-7
 Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10
 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]
 Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8
 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]
 Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
 Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]
 Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14
 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]
 Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a
 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]
 Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28
 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]
 Lk 1:46-56

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a
 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]
 Heb 10:5-10
 Lk 1:39-45



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Positive Press

Fr. Larry Abler came into the hearts of our family during the time my husband was battling Cancer. His visits to our home, the compassion and peace he gave to my husband will always be remembered. He invited us to share the precious memories and the good times we had as a family. Fr. Larry helped to strengthen our Faith and gave us the courage to face the days ahead. Thank you, Fr. Larry.

Joyce

Fr. Mike: I asked him to visit my 2nd grade children right before their 1st Communion to talk to them about receiving Jesus. He

graciously accepted the invite. The day he visited, he brought a small square black suitcase to show the students. When he opened it, it was his chalice and paten he received from his parents for his ordination. He talked about receiving Jesus and how these sacred vessels are used at Mass. When he opened the suitcase, the closest student peered inside and said with awe in his voice: Gee, Father, look at the inside. It's all red velvet! That pleased Fr. and he chuckled at the remark. Father was always good talking with children and had awesome homilies at the Children's Masses. His famous one was himself holding a big light bulb which only lit up when plugged into the power...his point:

God is The Power and Jesus is our Light.

Ingrid

Reaching IN...Reaching OUT...Reaching GOD

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Xavier Catholic Schools Corner

Xavier High School Help Your Neighbor Day



One Parent's Experience...

"Xavier kids always amaze me. My group went to our assigned house. Our gentlemen was such a sweetheart. We talked for a little bit and the elderly man talked about how he lost his wife a few years ago how hard it was cooking and how nice it was when his son could come in to help a little.

As we left one of the kids in the group said "Why don't we go to the grocery store and pick up some meals for him since he said it was so hard to cook?" What a great idea! We went to Festival and picked up some pre-portioned smaller meals and soup, dessert and fruit for him. They asked if the gentleman had any food restrictions or was able to have sugar. They also made sure that the expiration dates on the food would allow him enough time to eat what we were buying without it going bad. Again, such smart kids. We returned with the food and our gentleman was overwhelmed.

I left feeling as if the kids really understood what a difference they made in that one man's life."

Kelly Czaplewski
XHS Parent



IPRF CHRISTMAS DISCIPLESHIP FAMILY NIGHT

December 19 at 5:30 PM Religion class on Wednesday, December 19 will be our Christmas Discipleship Family Evening beginning **at 5:30 pm**. Join us for a spaghetti dinner in the St. Mary Parish Community Room, followed by professional storyteller, Betty Manion, as well as service projects & activities. **Please RSVP by Dec 14 with number attending for your family, so we can plan the amount of food to purchase.**

Recycle for Sight

St. Joseph Parish is participating in the Appleton Noon Lions Recycle for Sight used eyeglasses collection program and would like to encourage St. Joseph Parish members to donate their used eyeglasses. White collection boxes have been placed in the Great Hall and in the Parish Office reception area.



The donated eyeglasses will be shipped to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Rosholt, Wisconsin – home of the Wisconsin Lions Camp – where they will be sorted, cleaned, categorized by prescription and prepared for distribution by Lions and other groups to third world countries.

For more information, or if you have any questions on the Eyeglass Recycling Program, please contact Dale Schaber (920-739-6041). Thank you for donating your used eyeglasses to the Appleton Noon Lions.

Courtesy Announcements

The Janssen Forum Luncheon Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Mount Tabor Center, Menasha. The speaker series begins with Mass at 11:15, followed by a light lunch and guest speaker at 12 noon. Fr. Tim Oudenhoven, will share the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Cost \$7.00 for guest speaker and lunch. To register, call Mount Tabor Center at 920-722-8918. Walk-ins are welcomed.

Volunteers Needed!

CASA of the Fox Cities is accepting applications for its winter new advocate training session which will begin on Thursday, January 17th and run on Thursday evenings from 5:30-8:30pm. Our volunteers work directly with abused and neglected children. The primary role of our advocates is to build and maintain a relationship with their assigned child through weekly one-hour visits and provide a voice for that child in the court system as decisions are made about their future. This is truly a unique opportunity to make a profound impact in the life of a child in the most difficult of circumstances.

The need is great. There are so many children in the Foster Care system right now that could use your help. If you share our passion for helping children, please consider attending one of the following upcoming informational sessions to learn more: Mon., December 10th, 12pm-1pm; Tues., January 8th, 12pm-1pm

All sessions will be held in the lower level conference room of the Abby Bank Building, 1500 N Casaloma Drive in Appleton. To RSVP or learn more contact Jill@casafc.org or call (920) 257-4733

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WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:05 pm Dec. Robert Stoeger

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:05 pm Dec. Fr. David Belonger

12:35 pm St. Anthony Devotions

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:05 pm Dec. Dick Schuldes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:00 pm Dec. Joanne & Andy VandenBoomen

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23—4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Dec. Steve Gehrmann

10:00 am Ralph Dorn Family

6:30 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

THIS WEEK in OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 pm Inter Parish Advent Communal Reconciliation
Church

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl, Rm. LL09

5:30 pm Private Reconciliation, Church

5:45 pm Chime Choir Practice, Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30 pm IPRF Christmas Discipleship Evening,
St. Mary's Community Room

7:00 pm Xavier High School Choral Christmas Concert,
Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 pm Private Reconciliation, Church

6:00 pm Cantor Practice, Church

6:30 pm Choir Practice, Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 am Private Reconciliation, Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Xavier High School Christmas Choral Concert

Come and enjoy the musical talents of our High School students on Wednesday December 19 at 7 pm in Church.

See how these students use their strengths and talents to share God with others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Our Inter Parish Advent Communal Reconciliation Service will take place on Monday December 17 at 6:30 pm here.
- 2) IPRF Christmas Discipleship Evening is Wednesday December 19 at 5:30 pm at St. Mary's Community Room.
- 3) Xavier High School's Choral Christmas Concert will take place in Church on Wednesday December 19 at 7 pm.

WWDWWD (Why We Do What We Do)

Why are we lighting a pink candle in our Advent wreath this weekend?

Good question! You might think that we should light it as the last candle, but we don't. The scripture readings talk a lot about "rejoicing" and we are half way through Advent. I think that is primarily why we light it this weekend.

Thanks for asking.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

This Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice because the Lord is near. Does your heart rejoice and sing, or are the pressures and burdens of life weighing you down? We can easily become overwhelmed. The weaknesses and sins of life, indeed our own weakness and sin, eat away at the joy and hope God wants us to know. Those who are grounded in their faith and possess deep spiritual lives know that God is near. Realizing this puts life into perspective. We really want to be free from our burdens but do not always know how to achieve this. We keep stumbling and falling. Advent is a time when we can learn to "do life differently," just like John the Baptist instructed the crowds. Joy and hope are the gifts God offers, not anxiety and despair.

2018 IRS CONTRIBUTION LAWS

We are thankful for your financial gifts. As we approach the end of the year, please know that we are bound by IRS laws.

The IRS requires donations to be received ON or BEFORE December 31, 2018 to qualify for your 2018 deductions.

Please note:

The Parish Office is open 9:00 am—4:30 pm

Monday, December 31.

Checks intended for 2019 MUST be dated 1-1-2019 or after.

Thank you for your support.

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