



ST. JOSEPH PARISH, APPLETON

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MASS TIMES:
Mon., Tues., & Fri.: 12:05 pm
Saturdays: 4pm
Sundays: 8 am , 10 am, 6:30 pm

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

FRUITFUL

“He said to the gardener,
‘For three years now I have
come in search of fruit on this
fig tree but have found none.
So cut it down.’ ” - Lk 13:7a



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MARCH 24, 2019 • 3rd Sunday of Lent

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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

Someone told me they saw a robin in their backyard this week. I guess that's not so surprising since spring arrived on Wednesday and our snowbanks are disappearing. I love these days when winter fades and new life appears! We who live in the north get the thrill of the warmer sun, the appearance of tree buds, and brown grass turning green again. These are God's signs reminding us of better days ahead!!!

There are other signs that remind us of the inspiring faith of our parish. It's uplifting to see the large number of folks that come to our daily Mass at 12:05 pm. The increased length of communion distribution is proof of that.

Lately we've asked for your financial help and you've responded generously. This is especially true regarding our **Bishop's Annual Appeal** and our **Habitat Build** project. Thank you for opening your wallet for our Lord!

And St Joe's continues to offer a spirit of hospitality and welcome at our weekend Masses. Last Saturday I heard many comments from parishioners and guests about our Celtic Mass. Our full church had smiles, laughter, and excitement that our Lord must have been happy about.....and even the mint ice cream afterwards.

May we give thanks to God for the excitement of spring and the faithfulness of St Joe's!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Friends, thank you to those who have already helped us with a donation to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. So far **357 of us have been able to contribute \$63,673** towards our parish goal of \$75,966. Reminder: last year 500 parishioners contributed \$72,136. So, we still have a ways to go!

If you have not been able to make a contribution, we are hoping you will do something in the next few weeks. Remember, if you lost your pledge card, there are extras on the radiators in back of church. Otherwise, put your gift (checks written out to Catholic Foundation/Bishop's Appeal) into an envelope with your name and address and mark it "Bishop's Annual Appeal".....and place in the collection basket. Thank you!



Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

March 10 — Patricia Wuerger—\$25.00
 March 11 — Ron & Karin Posdal—\$25.00
 March 12 — Jim & Mary Langlois- \$25.00
 March 13 — Patricia Wuerger — \$25.00
 March 14 — Todd Drzewiecki—\$25.00
 March 15 — Barb Baldwin —\$25.00
 March 16 — Stacy Eastman—\$25.00

Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:

Gene Vandenberg, Ann Uehlein, Curt Gloudemans, Mary Stern, Allen Kozlowski, Len Hansen, Barb Meyer, Grace Condit, Barbara Satorius, Robert Smaxwill, Cami Woyak

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

Please pray for the intercessions in our Parish Prayer Book of Intentions.

Please remember to pray for our parishioners or family members of our parishioners who have died: **Patricia Pfeifer**

LENT (week # 3) CONTINUES!

All of us are invited by the Church to take Lent seriously. For 40 days we're invited to become more faith-filled through penance, prayer, and works of charity. I hope you have already committed to some practices you'll work at from now till Easter.

I'd like to highlight a few special opportunities for you to consider:

No meat on Fridays

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Besides confessions on Sat at 9:00am, we will hear confessions on Wednesday eve (5:30-6:30pm).

Stations & Soup Supper: Come and pray the Stations at 5:30pm followed by a soup supper. We will share this with St Mary.

Mar 28 St Mary

April 4 St Joe's

April 11 St Mary

Weekday Masses: (Mon, Tues, Fri @ 12:05)

Eat less, Drink less, More Charity

Presentation/Reflection of our Blessed Mother (April 1)

Set aside **Mon., April 1** and come to a presentation on our Blessed Mother. Karen Park, PhD, Assoc. Professor, St Norbert College, will offer a reflection beginning at 6:30-8:00pm in Holly Hall.

We've recently renovated our Blessed Mother shrine in church. This would be a good time to highlight the importance of Mary in our faith life.

Habitat Build

It is impressive to see the generosity given to our Habitat Build for this year. Once again, St Joe's is proud to be involved in helping build **TWO** Habitat Homes this summer. We will continue to participate in an **"Inter-Faith Build"** as well as a **"Catholic Habitat Build"**.

Through our Lenten donations we hope to raise \$5,000 for each of the homes. So far, we have collected over \$4,000. The Habitat banner in the front of the church will mark our progress in raising these funds.

If you would like to participate in this valuable Lenten project, put whatever financial gift into an envelope and mark it "Habitat Build". You may drop it into the collection basket or the Habitat Box in back of church. Thank you.

Dolores Curtis Estate

This past week our parish was blessed with a gift from the **Estate of Dolores Curtis for \$10,767.37**. Dolores died on August 18, 2018 at the age of 90. God bless and reward you, Dolores, for your generosity to St Joe's.

More Parish News

Old Palm Branches

If you want to dispose of your old palm branches, just bring them to the back of church and put them in the box marked "Old Palm Branches".

Please Keep St. Joseph Parish in the Loop

If any of the following items change for your family, please let us know so that we can update your census records here at the parish.

- 1) Address: Street, City, Zip Code
- 2) Phone Number (Home & Cell phone)
especially if you are dropping your landline
- 3) Family email address
- 4) Personal email address
- 5) Change of employment
- 6) Change in Marital Status
- 7) Moving or joining another parish.

Communal Reconciliation Services and Services of Holy Week Inter Parish Lenten Communal Reconciliation Services

Tuesday April 9 at 6:30 pm at St. Mary's Church

Monday April 15 at 6:30 pm at St. Joe's Church

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday (April 13) Vigil: 4pm

Palm Sunday (April 14) Masses: 8 & 10 am, 6:30 pm

Holy Thursday (April 18): 6:30 pm

Good Friday (April 19) Prayer Service with Communion: 1 pm

Easter Vigil (April 20): 7:30 pm Easter Sunday (April 21) Masses: 8, 10 & 6:30 pm

Xavier Catholic Schools Corner

St Francis Xavier Elementary Marquette St Campus Spotlight

Service to the Community and the World

We usually speak of Lent as a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. In the area of almsgiving (or service) each grade has chosen a project to complete during Lent. The teacher will give the students the details of the project, but these are the themes:

Preschool – Will be collecting toiletries to benefit those whose children are at the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital of Milwaukee. **Kindergarten** – Will collect pop tops from aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House Charity. **First Grade** – Will be doing a collection for the Warming Shelter. **Second Grade** – Will gather with a religion class from Xavier High School to make blankets that will be distributed to an assisted living center. **Third Grade** – Will be holding a "Hats for Habitat" event for the school in April. For \$1 the child may wear a hat of their choice during the school day. The money will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. **Fourth Grade** – Will be collecting gently used children's books for Mosaic Family Health, Harbor House and other groups who could use books that your children are no longer reading.



Courtesy Announcements In Search of Young Adults!

SPIRITUS is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit www.spiritusministries.org, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.



Financial News

Tithing Needed.....\$17,480.00
Last Week's Tithing.....\$13,047.06
Auto Withdrawal.....\$510.00
Children's Collection.....\$23.50

Thank You!

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

Readings for the Week of March 24, 2019

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]
Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14
and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]
Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Marriage Encounter

SPRING into quality "couple time" together focusing on your marriage during a Marriage Encounter weekend. Green Bay Marriage Encounter invites you to discover how your good marriage can be even better or how to get your marriage back on track. Join them at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality in De Pere on March 22-24. Call 920-544-5166 or visit www.gbme.org for more information or to register.

MARCH 24, 2019

WEEKLY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MONDAY, MARCH 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

12:05 pm Members of St. Joseph Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

12:05 pm Dec. Michael Milton

12:35 pm St. Anthony Devotions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:05 pm Dec. Jeremy "Chip" Garrow

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

4:00 pm Dec. Harold Breaker

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Rev. Terry O'Connell

10:00 am Merle & Donna Cooper

6:30 pm

THIS WEEK in OUR PARISH

IPRF Office Closed this Week

MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:00 am Early Bird ALPHA, Upstairs

5:30 pm Private Reconciliation, Church

NO IPRF Classes

6:30 pm Finance Meeting

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 am ALPHA & Follow-up, Upstairs

1:00 pm ALPHA, Upstairs

5:30 pm ALPHA, St. Mary's

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross with Soup Supper,
St. Mary's

6:30 pm Choir Practice, Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

10:00 am Lenten Bible Study, Rm. 214

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 am Private Reconciliation, Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

11:00 am ALPHA, St. Mary's

5:00 pm ALPHA, Upstairs

Please Support Our Sponsor of the Week.

Baumgart Tire & Wheel 50th Anniversary

They help support the printing of this bulletin

Thank you!

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) Private Reconciliation is celebrated on Wednesdays from 5:30—6:30 pm and Saturdays at 9 am.
- 2) Stations of the Cross with Soup Supper on Thursday March 28 at St. Mary's at 5:30 pm.
- 3) Set aside **Mon., April 1** and come to a presentation on our Blessed Mother. Karen Park, PhD, Assoc. Professor, St Norbert College, will offer a reflection beginning at 6:30-8:00pm in Holly Hall.

WWDWWD (why we do what we do)

Did you know this?

In a study done in 2014, 72% of adults knew what Lent was about and 88% of those participating in Lent were giving up some kind of food for 40 days. Chocolate was the number one food that most people were willing to give up during Lent.

Catholic Foundation
for the Diocese of Green Bay, Inc.



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Estate Planning Seminar

What legacy will you leave? Next to your birth certificate and marriage license, your Will may be the most important legal document of your life.



**Critical Issues
in Estate Planning
Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 PM**

St. Joseph Parish Holly Hall
RSVP by calling the Parish Office at (920) 734-7195.



LEAVEN
Turning Hardship Into Hope

LEAVEN is Seeking Volunteers - Can You HELP?

St. Vincent de Paul Appleton, in collaboration with LEAVEN, is seeking 5 volunteers to work with the Next Step Program. Volunteers provide a listening ear, guidance, support and encouragement to individuals and families who are struggling with barriers related to poverty. We are looking for compassionate, caring and dedicated volunteers to match with the individuals and families in this program. To learn more about Next Step volunteer opportunities, please contact Mary Meyers, Next Step Coordinator, at nextstep@svdpappleton.org or (920) 257-5700.