

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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Celebration of the Sacraments

Eucharist

Please note the schedule in this bulletin.

Marriage

Active parish membership of 6 months is
required before a wedding date may be set.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 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.



November 15, 2009 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Working with the Scriptures (*Mark 13:24-32*)

"God willing and the creek don't rise." We hadn't seen our friends in months and we were delighted when they called to say they were in the area. Now, having spent hours catching up, it was time to leave. "We should be home by midnight," they said, "God willing and the creek don't rise." A common enough expression but where does it come from? Why do we say, "God willing?" Well, maybe it's because we know that unless God is willing no amount of planning on our part will make any difference and we're looking for reassurance.

Jesus' disciples were looking for reassurance, too. Jesus had been telling them to prepare for the difficult days to come but they didn't understand. They thought they could wait until the skies darkened and the earth shook and *then* begin to get ready... "God willing and the creek don't rise."

Unfortunately, things haven't changed much. This week the media is reporting yet another rise in unemployment. Every morning individuals go to work not knowing if they'll still have a job by the end of the day. And being out of work with few prospects on the horizon feels more and more like the end of the world. What if God is not willing? What if our friends had not made it home by midnight? What if the job market doesn't rally? What if we knew that the world as we know it would end tomorrow? Would we do anything differently?

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree...when you see these things happening, know that he is near..." What a relief! We don't have to start worrying until the ground starts shaking, right? But Jesus says that no one knows when the hour will arrive; and when your job is on the line it can feel like the ground is already shaking. Couldn't God at least give us a little notice so that we can prepare? "I promise to give a fair day's work for a fair day's pay." "I promise to look out for the good of my employees." "I promise - I'll do it tomorrow - God willing and the creek don't rise."

Vinal Van Benthem

Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

October 29—Fr. Larry Abler—\$25.00
October 30—Robert and Cheryl Beres—\$25.00
October 31—Tedford Haley—\$25.00
November 1—Cory Tennie—\$50.00
November 2—Abdul Qastin—\$25.00
November 3—Kristin Lanari—\$25.00
November 4—Nancy Gygax—\$25.00



Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
Dan Kenneavy, Mabel Wagner, John Mignon, William Stilp,
Agnes Van Heuklon, Mary Vanden Heuvel.

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

SCRIP Corner

Puzzled? You don't know what to buy someone for Christmas? Buy a SCRIP gift certificate, available from many merchants. Purchase them in the Great Hall or order yours today for next week pickup.



for helping support St.
Joe's

Religious Education

Confirmation: 11th grade youth. Please consider who you would like to be your sponsor for Confirmation. Talk to this person at Thanksgiving, and mention the Sponsor/Teen meeting on January 10, 2010.

The Giving Tree

Next weekend the Giving Tree will be located in the Great Hall. The Salvation Army, Brewster Village residents and mentally challenged people in our community are the recipients of your generosity. Please select a paper ornament with a gift suggestion printed on it, and return it with the tag to the Giving Tree donation box by **December 6th**. Thank you for making it a Merry Christmas for those less fortunate!

Fall Festival Thank You

The results are in! The highly anticipated fundraising event of the year resulted in a profit of \$13,361.25 to help the parish operating budget. Thanks to all for your generous support, especially all of the volunteers that helped before, during and after the event.

Prayers for NCYC Participants

Please pray for youth and adults going to Kansas City for the National Catholic Youth Conference from November 18-22. You can follow the main sessions of the Conference, post and read prayers, view Bishops' messages... online at www.mycatholicvoice.com/ncyc. Thank you for all your support!

Share the Warmth Thank You

The Twinning Committee would like to thank all that participated in the Share the Warmth Clothing Drive! We collected 65 large bags of clothing to send to Clintwood, VA! We can't thank you enough for your contributions and for those who helped us sort and deliver the clothing!

Adult Education

Scoopy Day at Culvers - Sunday, Nov. 15

This Sunday, the Culver's on Westhill Boulevard (near Woodman's) will host a Scoopy Day to benefit St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes. Between the hours of 10:30AM-3:30PM, 10% of the sales will come to us to help defray the costs as we bring **Christ Renews His Parish** retreats to our parishes. Treat yourself to their great custard, burgers, chicken or soups and salads. Parishioners will be there to help carry your food to your table.

Creative Prayer Possibilities - Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6:30-8:00PM, St. Mary Parish Center

Join us to experience prayer in new ways. We'll have sectionals on Gardening as Prayer, Praying as You Knit, Praying and Quilting, Reflective Writing and Journaling. Each presented twice - so you can attend two. Cost, \$4.00. Please register in advance. See the flyer in this week's bulletin.

Young Adult - Supper Out and Mass - Sunday, Nov. 22

Join Young Adults (ages 21-39, single or married) from St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes and throughout the Fox Valley as we share a meal and the mass together. We'll gather at Victoria's Restaurant, corner of college and Walnut Sts. for a shared meal and then walk across the street for the 6:30PM Mass at St. Joseph Parish. Please RSVP before Noon on Friday, Nov. 20 to Carol at 739-3700 x 22 or cjensen@stmaryparish.org. Let's gather to share friendship, support and faith!

Prayers for Students - Please remember our parish college students and the Lawrence Catholic students who worship with us as they wind down their studies for the term and prepare to take final exams.

Coming Up in December:

Advent Evening of Reflection - Thursday, Dec. 10, 6PM, with Fr. Andy Cribben, O.Praem., *Hope in Our World*.

Christmas Caroling - Young Adults - Thursday evening, December 17.

Christmas Bell Ringing - Young Adults - Tuesday, Dec. 22 at Woodman's.

Financial News

Tithing Needed \$15,675.00
 Last Week's Tithing \$22,910.24
 Children's Collection \$28.12

Thank You!

May God bless you for your generosity to our parish ministries.

**Readings for the Week of
 November 15, 2009**

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/
 Heb 10:11-14, 18/
 Mk 13:24-32
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15,
 41-43, 54-57, 62-
 63/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/
 Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/
 Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/
 Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-
 59/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/
 Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/
 Rv 1:5-8/
 Jn 18:33b-37

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Ministry of the Week
Table Setter

Set the table before the preparation of the gifts portion of the liturgy. This can be done individually or as a family. Commitment: Minimum of 3 times/year per individual or family.

Bi-lingual Polish Heritage Mass

A Polish Heritage Mass (bi-lingual) will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 29, 2:00PM, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 140 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay. Pre-sider: Fr. Janusz Kowalski, Rothschild, WI. Traditional and contemporary music provided by local area church choir members. A social will follow in the Bishop Wycislo Center.

For more information or wish to participate? Contact Toni Rozek of the Polish Heritage Society, 920-592-1235.



“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in

the clouds’ with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.”

- Mk 13:26-27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Monday, November 16

12:05 pm Dec. Martha Buechel

Tuesday, November 17, Elizabeth of Hungary

12:05 pm Dec. Joseph & Esther Smyrneos
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, November 18

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Thursday, November 19

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, November 20

12:05 pm Dec. Avalon Ann Konop

Saturday, November 21

4:30 pm Dec. Jim Hill

Sunday, November 22, Our Lord Jesus Christ

7:30 am Dec. Mary Braun
9:00 am Members of St. Joseph parish
10:30 am Living and Dec. Members of the
Mona Krause Family
6:30 pm Dec. Mike Kangas

This Week in Our Parish

Monday

Faith and Light, 7:00PM, Rm. LL11

Tuesday

Chime Choir, 5:45PM, church
Parish Council, 7:00PM, Rm. 214

Wednesday

IPRF Classes

Thursday

Choir, 6:30PM, church
Prayer Shawl, 6:30PM, Rm. LLO9
Finance, 7:00PM, Rm. 205

Saturday

CLC, 9:00AM, Rm. LLO9

You are invited To Peek Into Preschool

Come and get acquainted with preschool at any of our three elementary campuses; St. Bernadette, St. Pius X and St. Thomas More, Wednesday, November 25, 9:00-11:00AM. This is a time for parents and children to come and learn more about our preschool programs. Interested families should RSVP to the representative school office. St. Bernadette 739-5391, St. Pius 733-4918 or St. Thomas More 739-7826.

Welcome

We welcome into the community of St. Joseph's through Baptism...

Finley Addison Kelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Scrip is available after all masses this weekend.
2. Bread for the World Sale this weekend in the Great Hall after all Masses. Last Day is Nov. 15th (today).
3. Culver's, Scoopy Day today, Nov. 15. Profits benefit St. Joseph and St. Mary Parishes.
4. Next weekend, Nov. 21/22 the Giving Tree will be up in the Great Hall.
5. Registrations for the prayer workshop, Tues., November 17, are due by Monday, the 16th.



Huntington Learning Center

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Thank you!

Thank You

October Milk Money:	\$924.00
Other donations:	
Food Program	\$641.00
Leaven	\$500.00

Give -a -child -a -Book

The Friends of Appleton Library Children's Committee campaign is collecting and distributing new and slightly used books for children to age 12. Low-income at-risk children throughout the Appleton area will receive the books for Christmas. Organizations benefiting include Salvation Army and the local Boys and Girls Club.

Drop off the books near the entrance to the Children's Services area at the Library or send a check to Appleton Library Foundation-Give-a-Child, 225 N. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911. Books may be hard or soft covered, unwrapped.

Thanks for helping needy children at Christmas!
God bless you!

St. Bernard, Appleton Choir Accompanist Position

We are seeking a pianist for the Wed. night choir rehearsals and to accompany the choir for Sunday 10:15 liturgy. Requirements include excellent music playing skills and a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing. Commitment: Sept. 1 through May 30. Application may be made with a resume either mailed to St. Bernard Parish or email: dryan@stbernardappleton.org by Nov. 24th.