

# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 7:15 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am - Noon

St. Joseph Parish is a member of  
ACES/Xavier Educational System 735-9380

Inter-Parish Religious Formation 738-7413

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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.



December 27, 2009 • Feast of the Holy Family

**Working with the Scriptures** (*Lk. 2:1-14*)

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people...and this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” At this blessed time of year signs of Christmas joy abound - we have only to open our eyes to see and our ears to hear...

**...a Christmas Lullaby**

Christmas Snow - paralyzing - liberating -  
traffic slowing - street lights blinking -  
children bundled up like snowmen playing in the yard.

Christmas Snow - crystal pendants hung on cedar chandelier -  
starry diamonds strewn across a velvet sky - children celebrate an  
unplanned holiday.

Christmas Snow - making angels on the lawn -  
wings wide enough to hold a child's dream -  
heads tilted up in wonder, catching snowflakes on the tongue.

Christmas Snow - gentle as a baby's breath -  
soft as feathers scattered by an angel's wing -  
God's whispered Christmas lullaby falls silently upon a waiting world.

*Vinal Van Benthem*

**Congratulations to Our  
Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners**

December 10—Ann Marie Gierl—\$25.00  
December 11—John and Alicia Collegnon—\$25.00  
December 12—Andy Holz—\$25.00  
December 13—Fr. Mike O'Rourke—\$50.00  
December 14—Andy Shadick—\$25.00  
December 15—Fara Fane—\$25.00  
December 16—Al West—\$25.00

**New Years Mass Times**

**St. Joseph's - No Mass on New Year's Eve  
New Year's Day - 9:00AM only**

**St. Mary's - 4:30PM, New Year's Eve  
New Year's Day - 9:00AM only**

**Please Pray For...**

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:  
Yvonne Kokke-Bauer.

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:

- Peter Heid

**December 31****Tax Deadline Information**

Donors must deliver or mail (and postmark) checks on or by this date in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2009. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2010 will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2009 even if the check is dated in 2009. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2009 will be deductible in 2009 though they are not received by a church until 2010. Please contact the parish office with any questions.

**Religious Education**

**Confirmation:** Juniors in high school are invited to attend a parent/teen information meeting for Confirmation, 10:00AM at St. Mary Parish, St. Anne Room, or 7:30PM at St. Joseph in Holly Hall. Confirmation preparation begins in February and continues through the summer. Confirmation will be in October, 2010.

**First Eucharist:** Parents of children in second grade are invited to a First Eucharist parent meeting, 6:30PM, January 5 at St. Joseph in Holly Hall, or 8:30AM, January 7 at St. Mary in the Community Room. Parents will choose important dates/times for First Eucharist at these meetings.

For information about Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist or Confirmation, call Andrew Russell, Director of Religious Education at 738-7413, or email [iprf@inter-parish.org](mailto:iprf@inter-parish.org).

IPRF classes will resume January 6th.

**Youth Ministry**

We hope that you had a very blessed Christmas! May Christ's birth bring joy and gladness to your heart during the rest of the Christmas season!

**Middle School students** join us for an Open Gym Night on Friday, January 8 from 7-10PM at St. Thomas More. Friends encouraged to come too!

**High School students** - join together for a day about Relationships! Drew Mulloy (from our first night of classes in September) will be joining us - never a dull moment with him! Friday, January 22, 1-7PM at St. Thomas More. Appleton schools have half day of school. \$12. Friends are welcome!

Contact Celia McKee for more information about Youth Ministry programs at 738-7413 or [iprf@inter-parish.org](mailto:iprf@inter-parish.org).

### Adult Education

**Fathers of the Early Church** - What do you know about the earliest teachers of the church, what they can tell us about the church, as well as how they looked at both Jesus and the Eucharist? Dr. John Craghan will lead us in four nights of exploration on Ignatius of Antioch (cir. 110), Justin Martyr (165), Tertullian (160-220) and Augustine (354-430) on four Tuesday evenings, Jan. 12-Feb. 2, 7:00-8:30PM, St. Joseph Parish Center. Check out registration form in this week's bulletin.

### Evenings for Parents:

**Family Resiliency**, Wednesday, January 20, 6:30-7:30PM, St. Mary Parish Center, Room LL07.

Find out if your family deals with crisis like a rubber band or a toothpick. Research tells us there are key elements that are critical to building strong families. This session will give you ideas of how to start to build on your strengths to make even stronger family relations.

**Rules, Rituals and Routines**, Wednesday, January 27, 6:30-7:30PM, St. Mary Parish Center, Room LL07.

Children need to have structure in their life. To add to the structure of family life, research tells us it is important to establish rules, rituals and routines. Examples of everyday living will be shared and how to make applications in our families.

Presenter for both family sessions will be Karen Dickrell, Family Living Educator, UW-Extension, Outagamie County. Karen is also chairperson of St. Pius X Parish Council here in Appleton. **Please pre-register by calling Carol at 739-5119 or e-mail: [cjensen@stmaryparish.org](mailto:cjensen@stmaryparish.org).** Seating limited to 25. Babysitting available for up to 10 children, if pre-registered before Jan. 15, 2010.

Beginning February 16 (evenings) and February 18 (mornings), **scripture study** on the **Gospel of Luke!** Watch future bulletins for details.

### Natural Step for Communities Study Circle

In Advent we make spiritual goals for our new religious liturgical year. With the New Year we can make a new environmental resolution. Both resolutions can improve the new year and improve ourselves and our surroundings. Join us in the Study Circle which will meet on Thursdays in Jan. and Feb. at 7:00PM at St. Joe's. Call John Gosling at 734-2615 for details.

### Annual Pro-Life Rally featuring Guest Speaker Melissa Ohden

The annual Fox Valley pro-life rally will be on Sunday, January 17 at St. Joseph Middle School in Appleton from 1:00-3:00PM. Melissa Ohden is the survivor of an abortion attempt in 1977. Despite the concerns regarding Melissa's chances of surviving past her infancy and living a "normal" life, she was adopted as an infant by a family in the Midwest. Melissa is the Founder and Director of For Olivia's Sake, a non-profit organization which seeks to peacefully raise awareness of the intergenerational impact of abortion on men, women, children, families, and communities. Pro-life organizations will have booths before and after the rally. Pro-life merchandise will also be available for purchase.

### Hear from God lately?

Consider coming to Monte Alverno Retreat & Spirituality Center; a sacred place where people find God in quiet and solitude, away from the many demands and pressures of life, and there, are able to reaffirm their priorities in life. Weekend and midweek retreats on the theme of "Do Not Fear to Hope: Live Life to the Full" are offered many times during the year. Contact Monte Alverno, 733-8526, [montealverno@juno.com](mailto:montealverno@juno.com), [www.montealverno.org](http://www.montealverno.org). God is always here for you.

### Financial News

Please see the January 3rd bulletin for financial information regarding the December 20th collection.

**Thank You!**

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

### Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/ Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/ Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/ Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/ Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

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Jesus said to them, "Why were you

looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.

- Lk 2:49-50

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass

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**Weekly Liturgical Calendar****Monday, December 28, Holy Innocents, martyrs**

12:05 pm Dec. Tom Gara

**Tuesday, December 29**12:05 pm Dec. Edwin and Margaret Hoersch  
12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions**Wednesday, December 30**

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

**Thursday, December 31**4:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's  
**NO Mass at St. Joseph's****Friday, January 1, The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

9:00 am Dec. Margaret Tseffos

**Saturday, January 2**

4:30 pm Special Intention

**Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord**7:30 am Dec. Frank and Marie Brum  
9:00 am Dec. Patrick Milton  
10:30 am Members of St. Joseph Parish  
6:30 pm Dec. Esther and Joe Smyrneos**This Week in Our Parish****Friday**

January 1st Mass, 9:00AM only

**Thursday**

Casino Night at St. Mary's beginning 6:30PM

**Next Sunday**Food Collection for food program  
RCIA 10:30AM-12:45PM  
Parent/Teen Confirmation meeting 10:30AM**Ministry of the Week**  
**Elizabeth Ministry**

An outreach to women in special times of motherhood, visit as well as follow-up contact is made, designed to affirm, support, and encourage women experiencing pregnancy, birth, miscarriage, infertility, and newborn or child crisis. Commitment: No scheduled meetings. Occasional gatherings. Flexible commitment based on minister's schedule and personal experience.

**11 Days Classical Europe with**

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Deacon Rick and Judy Simon

Visit Heidelberg, the Rhine Valley, Munich, Lake Lucerne, Geneva and Paris

For a brochure and more info contact Deacon Rick Simon at 733-0575 ext. 302 (day) or 739-0636 (eve).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Masses for January 1st** - No New Year's Eve Mass at St. Joe's  
St. Mary's has a 4:30PM. There will be no 12:05 Mass on New Year's Eve day at St. Mary's.

January 1st - Mass at St. Joe's, 9:00AM  
Mass at St. Mary's, 9:00AM**Wilmar Chocolates**They help support the printing of this bulletin  
Thank you!**Encourage: Catholic Faith in Action**

This is a support group dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions. Faithful to the teaching of the Catholic Church, the members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer and fellowship. The members strive to extend the love of Christ to persons with same-sex attractions, and help them to live chaste lives through their apostolate of prayer. Membership in the support group and the discussions are kept strictly confidential. For more information, contact Father John Doerfler, 920-272-8180 (office) or 920-432-4348 ext. 211 (residence).

**Community Outreach & Bereavement Support**

Men Journeying Through Grief - Wednesday, Jan. 6, 6:00-8:00PM, Affinity Visiting Nurses, 816 W. Winneconne, Neenah. This gathering is open to men of all ages who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The evening includes a shared supper, discussion, education, and grief resources. Advance registration is appreciated but not necessary. Sponsored by Wichmann and Fargo Funeral Homes and co-sponsored with Affinity Hospice.

**Thank you Prayer for Volunteers**

Thank you Lord, for all who give, for all who do.

Thank you Lord, for the difference they make and the time they take.

Thank you Lord, for volunteers big and small, some recognized, others not at all.

Thank you, Lord for the community of volunteers you have blessed us with.