

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.



February 21, 2010 • First Sunday of Lent

Working with the Scriptures (Luke 4: 1-13)

"Is that all there is?" It's an old song but an even older question. "Is that all there is?" I saw a commercial on TV the other evening. A well-dressed, 60-ish man was telling the viewer not to stop dreaming just because you're over 65. I'm not really sure what product the commercial was selling but what stayed with me was the look on that man's face. He was following his dream at an age when many people are tempted to believe that they're too old to dream, and the passion in his voice declared that for him 'that' is definitely NOT all there is!

What are we passionate about? In Luke's gospel Jesus is led by the devil out into the desert to be tempted, to see what Jesus is passionate about. Jesus is hungry. He hasn't eaten in 40 days. Perhaps he will be passionate about food? That certainly wouldn't be unexpected, as anyone who has ever been on a diet can attest. But Jesus is not passionate about food. His passion is to give himself as bread for others.

Perhaps, then, power and glory might be Jesus' passion? All one has to do is pick up a newspaper or turn on the television to see how ancient rivalries over power and glory continue to rage in the streets of cities and towns across the globe. But Jesus is not passionate about power and glory. Rather, his passion is to stoop down and wash feet.

Danger, then - perhaps Jesus will be passionate about risk-taking, a kind of biblical stock trader or Nascar driver? But Jesus is not passionate about taking risks, either. His passion is more about calming stormy seas and healing injured travelers.

"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Do we believe that? Are we as passionate as the man in that commercial about what we believe? Or are we tempted to care more about the size of our waistline - or of our bank account? "Is that all there is?" I guess it all depends on what our "that" is...

Vinal Van Benthem

Congratulations to Our Weekly Calendar Raffle Winners

February 5—Agnes Van Heuklon—\$25.00
 February 6—Heather Branson—\$25.00
 February 7—Mary Jo Brown—\$50.00
 February 8—Tom and Greta Swigert—\$25.00
 February 9—Tony and Norma Czarnik—\$25.00
 February 10—Tom Streur—\$25.00
 February 11—Joe Helf—\$25.00



Please Pray For...

Please pray for all our parishioners who are ill:
 Ruth Murphy, Fr. Mike O'Rourke, Mary Vice, Floyd Cottrell.

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:

- Robert Thomas Forster

Religious Education

Religious Education Classes will be collecting money during lent to help with relief efforts in Haiti during Lent this year. Parents and children, please remember to bring your donations weekly so that we can keep a week-by-week tally.

Confirmation: Enrollment will be at all weekend Masses February 27/28. The first discussion session is February 28 at 7:30PM in Holly Hall at St. Joseph parish Center. Please pray for these young people as they discern the ways that the Holy Spirit works in their lives.

Youth Ministry

8th grade retreat is Sunday, February 28 from 2-7:30PM at St. Mary. "Freshman Survival" is the theme! Join with high school student leaders as they share their faith and wisdom about transitioning into high school!

High school students, if you enjoy leading and sharing your faith with middle school students, please join us as leaders on the 8th grade retreat on February 28.

High school students - spend time learning about Saints of Lent on Sunday, March 14 from 12-6:15PM at St. Joseph. Several hands-on activities. Friends invited!

High school students - join us for PRAYing Twice mini conference on Saturday, March 20 from 4-9PM at St. Edward in Mackville. Explore various prayer experiences, learn basic swing dance, enjoy games with your peers. The Youth Advisory Board is planning and leading a portion of the evening. Friends welcome!

Contact Celia for more information at 738-7413 or iprf@inter-parish.org.

Monte Alverno Retreat and Spirituality Center

LENTEN PROGRAMS: Monte Alverno is offering a Lenten Program every Tuesday during Lent. **Days of Reflection:** Feb. 23rd, March 16, March 30 from 9:30AM-2:00PM Eucharist. [Suggested offering \$30.00]. **Evenings of Reflection:** March 2, 9, 23 from 5:30PM to the 8:15PM Eucharist. [Suggested offering \$25.00]. **Theme:** "A Forty Day Journey Toward New Life." Presentations by Monte Alverno staff. All programs include a meal, two presentations, sacrament of reconciliation and Eucharist. Religion certification hours available. Registration required. Contact Monte Alverno, 733-8526 or montealverno@juno.com, www.montealverno.org.

Adult Education

Lenten Study on Luke's Gospel. Join Fr. Augie Seubert, OFM, Cap, this Lent as we learn more about the Gospel of Luke. Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30PM, St. Joseph, Holly Hall. The study format will include scripture readings, provocative discussion questions in small groups and teaching by Fr. Augie. Five more Tuesday evenings: Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23. You can come for one or more or all five sessions. Fee: \$3.00 per session or all six sessions for \$12.00. Please pre-register by calling Carol at 739-5119 or e-mail: cjensen@stmaryparish.org. Fr. Augie has spent many years in Central America training lay church leaders to understand and share scripture. He has a licentiate in Biblical Theology from Gregorian University in Rome.

Christ Renews His Parish

Top Ten Reasons why you should make a CRHP Retreat:

- #10 You get to do something to help build your spiritual life.
- #9 Your attendance at the retreat is guaranteed to strengthen our parish.
- #8 Listening to that small voice inside your head that says "do the retreat means you're not crazy."
- #7 You will go on the retreat because you want to make some time for God in your life.
- #6 By attending the retreat you will set an example for your family that you believe in investing in your faith.
- #5 This is a good way to make parish friends.
- #4 You wish to strengthen your faith and to help others strengthen theirs.
- #3 To stretch your spiritual self by doing something different and to perhaps change your life so you can go to heaven.
- #2 This will be better than cleaning out the garage - it's the spring cleaning of your faith.
- #1 To make some person in your life happy - at least you're out of their hair for a day and a half.

(This list courtesy of Tim Mullaney, CRHP Team Member)

Men's Retreat - March 13/14 at St. Joseph. Women's Retreat - April 10/11 at St. Mary. Do not delay in registering. We have room for 30 participants on each weekend. Registration forms are available at the back of church. They can be returned through the weekend collection or dropped off or sent to the parish office.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Women's Day - Saturday, March 20, 2010 - St. Mary Parish Center. Women's Day Brochures can be found at the back of both St. Mary and St. Joseph churches in clear plastic stands.

Employment Support Group

Monday, Feb. 22, 1:00-2:00PM, St. Mary Parish Center, room LL04. How you can find job leads, using the internet for research & what employers are looking for will be areas we will be discussing. Please RSVP: cjensen@stmaryparish.org or call 739-5119 x 22.

Wednesday Evening Discussion -Myths, Mysteries, Misunderstandings

During Lent we will host a one hour discussion group on areas of the Catholic Faith that are often misunderstood. Discussion group will meet on Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24, 6:30-7:30PM, St. Mary Parish Center, Room LL07. Our first topic will be Divorce and Annulment in the Church. Bring your questions on any topic or area. Help set the discussion for the following weeks. Questions - Contact Carol at 739-3700 x 22 or cjensen@stmaryparish.org.

Each of our parishes has a Purple Box for Faith Questions in Church.

Submit your questions at our sessions or any time you are in church.

Financial News

Tithing Needed \$15,692.00
 Last Week's Tithing \$9,972.94
 Children's Collection \$115.71

Thank You!

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

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010

- Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/
Rom 10:8-13/
Lk 4:1-13
- Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/
Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/
Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/
Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16,
23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/
Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/
Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/
Phil 3:17-4:1 or
3:20-4:1/
Lk 9:28b-36

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Parish Support Through Collections

Budgeted 7/1/09 through 1/31/10
 \$484,167.00

Actual 7/1/09 through 1/31/10
 \$496,767.00

Thank You!



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if

you worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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

Weekly Liturgical Calendar

Monday, February 22, The Chair of Saint Peter, apostle

12:05 pm Dec. Art & Marcella Alesch

Tuesday, February 23

12:05 pm Dec. Amelia Mae Heinz

12:30 pm St. Anthony Devotions

Wednesday, February 24

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Thursday, February 25

12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's

Friday, February 26

12:05 pm Dec. Frank & Marie Brum

Saturday, February 27

4:30 pm Dec. Adam and Larry Boelter

Sunday, February 28

7:30 am Members of St. Joseph Parish

9:00 am Dec. Florence Butler and

Dec. Julie Van Denzen

10:30 am Dec. Dennis Gehl

6:30 pm Dec. Betty Weber

This Week in Our Parish

Monday

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

Tuesday

Scripture, 6:30-8:30PM, Holly Hall

NO Chime Choir

Wednesday

IPRF Classes

Thursday

NO Choir

Faith Sharing, 6:30PM, Rm. LL09

Friday

Stations of the Cross, 4:30PM

Saturday

Confirmation enrollment, 4:30PM Mass

Next Sunday

RCIA, 9:00-11:15AM, Rm. 209

Confirmation Enrollment at all Masses

Confirmation Class, 7:30PM, Holly Hall

Fox Valley Parish Social Concerns

The Fox Valley Parish Social Concerns Committee network will meet 6:30-8:00PM on Thursday, February 25, St. Margaret Mary Church, 439 Washington Ave., Neenah. Patti Christenson, Pastoral Associate of St. Jude (Oshkosh) will lead a discussion connecting Catholics Come Home to our parish's social justice mission. All persons interested in parish social ministry and Catholic social action are welcome to attend. For more info, contact Br. Steve Herro, 877-500-3580 x8299, email sherro@gbdioc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Scrip is available after all masses this weekend.
2. Stations of the Cross, Friday, Feb. 26, 4:30PM.
3. Deadline for Bishop Morneau's talk is Tuesday, February 23rd.
4. Flyers for the senior citizens May bus trip are available at the parish office.
5. For an update on Fr. Mike O'Rourke's condition please go to St. Mary's website at www.stmaryparish.org.



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Choose Life

Writer Frederica Mathewes-Green has pointed out that: "No woman wants an abortion as she wants an ice cream cone or a Porsche. She wants an abortion as an animal caught in a trap wants to gnaw off its own leg."

St. Pius X, Appleton

A Mass of Healing will be held at St. Pius X Church, Friday, February 26. Fr. Christopher Crotty of the Fathers of Mercy will be presiding. Reconciliation 5:30-7:00PM. Rosary 6:00PM, Mass 7:00PM with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Crotty will also lay hands in blessing on those persons seeking healing.

ACES Xavier Educational System

It's open enrollment time at ACES Xavier! Call for a tour and visit! Register now to ensure a spot at one of our campuses: Xavier High School, 733-6632, St. Joseph Middle School, 730-8849, Catholic Central, 733-3709, St. Bernadette, 739-5391, St. Pius X, 733-4918, St. Thomas More, 739-7826. Scholarship assistance is available. Come join the ACES Xavier family!

Want to be Part of a Cycling Group?

If anyone is interested in forming a cycling group this Spring, please e-mail Cullen Carter at ccarter@new.rr.com.