

“Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.”

PSALM 95:6



September 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mon-Thu 9:00 am-5:00 pm

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Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	9:45 AM, with live stream
	6:30 PM
Monday	5:30 PM
Tuesday	5:30 PM
Wednesday	12:05 PM, with live stream
Thursday	12:05 PM, with live stream

# In the Neighborhood

September 6, 2020



Hello St. Mary Parish!

Welcome to my first “In the Neighborhood” column! In the last edition of *In the Neighborhood*, Nadine Duncan introduced me as the new Minister of Parish Vitality, Neighborhood Outreach and Hospitality and handed off the torch of this column. I thought I’d take the opportunity in this inaugural column to introduce myself a bit. I grew up in the rural Fox Valley, graduating from Hortonville High School and studied at Fox Valley Technical College. Eventually, I landed a great opportunity in occupational health and safety at a construction company and grew additionally as a professional at a local insurance company. In the midst of my early professional career the Holy Spirit called me to a closer relationship with Jesus; one that I had abandoned in my late teen’s. As I started to reconnect with Jesus, discovering His great love for me and His desires for my life, I couldn’t help but share this with others. As a response to this urge, I began to volunteer in youth and young adult ministry at my parish, St. Bernard. Eventually I was asked to take a ministry position with them in the areas of youth ministry and evangelization.

As I now call Appleton home, it’s important for me to share Jesus in the here and now. One of the things that attracted me to St. Mary Parish is the clear mission and vision to make Jesus known in our hearts and for that to ripple through to our neighborhood and city. There are many things I love about this city, including the great options for craft beers, natural walking trails, and a variety of arts. This summer, I’ve observed the peaceful protest in Appleton speaking up and standing up for Black lives and I’ve also come to realize how much I appreciate the way this city progresses and exemplifies Gospel values. Along with enjoying and exploring Appleton, I also love all sorts of trivia, baking, and being Auntie Em to my nieces and nephews.

“Feeling at home” has been an ongoing theme of my life this summer. As I reflect back on my first few months at St. Mary, my heart is grateful for the many people of the parish who have made me feel at home. Your warm introductions, encouragement, and enthusiasm for living our mission and vision has been a confirmation of God’s call for me to serve Him here.

Many of you can relate to this adjustment period and feeling like the new kid on the block. At some point in life, we’ve all been the new employee, classmate, or neighbor. The flood of new names and faces, physical spaces, and ideas can be exhilarating and overwhelming. The first few weeks can often be a blur of adjustment, learning, and trust building. Eventually you hit a comfort level where you can connect the faces (even under a mask) with names and feel confident going from one part of the building to the next.

Along with experiencing this in my new ministry position, I’ve also watched it through the eyes of two newly adopted kittens I brought home in August, Franki (of Assisi) and Dexter. The adjustment period for a new pet is much like that of a human in a new situation. They spent the first few days in the living room, where they occasionally came out from under the couch and cuddled up to a familiar blanket. Within the week they were roaming up the stairs and the under the couch hiding space had been almost forgotten. Now, almost a month at home, they are purring in my lap and waiting at the door way when I arrive home.

Both this adjustment period for myself and the kittens has been an opportunity to reflect on the hospitality part of my role here at St. Mary. Hospitality can sometimes be simplified to creating beautiful environments, serving delicious meals, or greeting folks with a smile. While it is all these things, it is also so much more! Hospitality starts in the heart and overflows in the way we relate and extend welcome to one another. It moves us from the awkward feeling of a newcomer to trust and belonging, that floods us with the love of Jesus. One of my greatest hopes for St. Mary is that we will be purposefully welcoming and make each person who walks through our door or on to our sidewalk feel at home. In closing, I encourage you to reflect on that time you were a newbie. Who made you feel at home? What words and actions did they take to help you feel comfortable and like you belonged? How will you mirror that as a member of the St. Mary family?

-Emily Jenks



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## NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning on Tuesday, September 8th, the parish office will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday (except for Labor Day) through Thursday and closed on Friday.

## PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the family of Mary Meier, sister of Donna Van Grinsven. May fond memories comfort you at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like him or her to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 7th to observe Labor Day.

## NEW SUNDAY MASS TIME

Beginning on Sunday, September 13th, we will be adding a Mass at 7:45 am. The reason for the earlier time than our previous 8:00 am is to allow adequate time for cleaning and sanitization before the 9:45 am Mass.

### WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE

To help you determine your safest option

Weekend Aug. 29 & 30	Attendance	Weekday Aug. 24-27	Attendance
4:30 pm	68	Mon. 5:30 pm	10
		Tues. 5:30 pm	3
9:45 am	95	Wed. 12:05 pm	22
6:30 pm	39	Thur. 12:05 pm	24

25% church capacity = 120

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., Sept 7	5:30 pm Special Intention
Tue., Sept 8	5:30 pm Sally Thomson
Wed., Sept 9	12:05 pm Dennis & Patti Vandeburgt
Thur., Sept 10	12:05 pm Janice Mercier
Sat., Sept 12	4:30 pm Gerald & Ethel Ebben & Les Zitzelsberger
Sun., Sept 13	7:45 am Curtis Bengel
	9:45 am Maurie DeBruin
	6:30 pm 11th Wedding Anniversary of Andrew & Luiza Nelson

### ST MARY PARISH SUPPORT

August 2020	Budget	Received	Variance
received 8/24-8/28		6,242	
August month-to-date	\$67,000	\$58,242	\$-8,758
7/1/20-8/31/20			
Fiscal Year To Date	\$127,000	\$130,069	\$3,069

We are happy to report that a number of parishioners are using **Faith Direct**. If you use Faith Direct, we will stop sending monthly envelopes. If you prefer to continue receiving your monthly envelopes, please contact Julie at [stmary@stmaryparish.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryparish.org) or call the parish office.

### FAITH DIRECT

Summer is wrapping up and unfortunately COVID-19 cases are increasing in some areas. During this challenging time people are turning to us for help. St. Mary Parish wants to answer that call but we still depend on online donations to continue our ministry.

We prayerfully invite you to sign up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/WI990](http://faith.direct/WI990), or text 'Enroll' to (920-294-1189) in the 'TO' Field; In the 'TEXT MESSAGE' field, enter a dollar amount, then hit SEND. You will be prompted for the next steps.

Need help with set-up? Call Faith Direct toll free: 1-866-507-8757 or contact Pam Acker in the parish office at (920) 739-5119 or [packer@stmaryparish.org](mailto:packer@stmaryparish.org).

## PARISH CONTACTS



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## BEACON MINISTRIES

Beacon Ministries, our new faith experience for all ages, will be launching in October for our elementary through high schoolers. As we prepare to launch this exciting new ministry for our youth, we are searching for volunteers to help make it an awesome experience of Jesus each week.

Check out the opportunities and time commitments below.

- Elementary Session Group Leaders (Wednesday evenings, 2.5 hours, twice a month)
- Elementary Session and Activity Helpers (Wednesday evenings, 2 hours, twice a month)
- Small Group Leaders for middle and high school (Sunday evenings, 2.5 hours, twice a month)
- Middle and High School Helpers (Sunday evenings, 2 hours, twice a month)
- Greeters, hallway helpers, or office support (Sunday or Wednesday evenings, 1.5 hours, 1-4 times a month)

Not sure you're qualified to help in these areas? No worries, we are here to help equip, support, and pray for you. To explore more, contact Emily or Mary Ann 920-739-5119 or motto@stmaryparish.org, ejenks@stmaryparish.org.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Our Human Concerns committee is collecting school supplies through September 13th. Items may be placed in the large black bins in the back of church or near the parish office. Monetary donations are also appreciated! Please label your donation "School Supply Drive" and place in the wooden collection box in church, place in the black drop-off box outside the entrance to the Parish Center, or mail to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

## MASS INTENTIONS

There are open Mass intentions for this month and beyond. Please contact Julie in the parish office to schedule.

## CLOTH MASKS NEEDED

We are in need of more child and adult size cloth masks, for the Community Early Learning Center (CELC) on our campus at 313 S. State Street. The CELC is our community partner, providing services to young children and their families in our community. Please drop off masks at the parish office, open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, or at the CELC, open Monday-Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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