



OFF BROADWAY REVIEW

St. Mary's Parish



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From the Pastor:

We are Alleluia People and Alleluia is our Song!

Greetings to all of you during this Easter Season 2015! Thanks to all who are making this Newsletter possible for us in our St. Mary's Parish. What a blessing!

Recently, someone commented to me that I always have such a joyful spirit. I was mindful of the two people who called me to be a priest and how joyful they were and continue to be. Sister Viola Kane, SSND, a poet who wrote about being Alleluia People and that Alleluia is our Song is one of those two. The other is Father Edward Mountain, at age 91 now, who still continues to try to minister to people in his retirement by saying Mass and hearing Confessions. These mentors of mine were certainly witnesses of the joy that is needed in one's life.



Experiencing the newness of life...what a great feeling! How do we do it each and every day?

How do I always keep that joyful spirit? It is through my personal relationship with Jesus daily in prayer. I find the best time for me to find the space and quiet is in the early morning. It gives me the energy needed to get through the day, and as I come to the end of the day, to give thanks for all that has been with all of you.

"Holy moments come to us daily if we will ask for eyes to see."

Leon Bloy, French novelist and poet wrote: "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." It is no wonder that Pope Francis is constantly challenging the people of God to more clearly manifest the joy of the Gospel. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Outdoor Mass and Picnic

Where: St. Mary's Parish grounds

When: Sunday, June 7

Time: 10:30am Mass on rectory lawn

Meal: A picnic will follow the Mass

A catered meal will be available or you can bring your own meal.

*Meal tickets will be available after Mass starting May 17 or in the parish office.

No Meal Tickets at the door

BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS.

Limited chairs will be available.



We bring joy to others, and as I greet our children at the doors of the schools and in their classrooms and in our faith formation rooms, it is certainly being shared. It is this same joy that is shared with the homebound, elderly and aged, sick, suffering and depressed of our parish. It is an honor and privilege to stand and be with people in it all, in their joys and sorrows, disappointments and successes of life.

I approach my 25th anniversary of being a priest next year, June 12, 2016 with all of you. I give thanks to God for all that you are, have been and continue to be for all of us at St. Mary's Parish. All of my prayers throughout the day are for all of you! Yes, we are Alleluia People and Alleluia is always our song! Easter Blessings to all of you! **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Facebook Page

Like the St. Mary's Parish Facebook page and look for weekly reminders about upcoming events at the parish. Photo albums of recent events are also posted. You can find the link on the parish website at www.stmaryswinona.org.

Wine and Cheese Welcome Reception

Join the Welcoming Committee on Saturday, May 9 after the 4:30pm Mass for a wine and cheese reception.

Help us welcome our NEW Parish members from the last year. Wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided and we ask that you bring a light appetizer to share. See you in the Visitation Commons!



Pope Francis has called for an extraordinary

Holy Year of Mercy

from December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016.

WELCOME BACK!

Laurie Ziliak – NEW Director of Music and Liturgy

My name is Laurie and I am the “new” Director of Music and Liturgy. I have held this position at our parish before, as well as been the director of the Children's Choir, Young Adult Choir and Handbell Choir at various times. I have also been and continue to be a parishioner for close to 20 years, alongside my husband Todd Graff and our children, Isaac, Jesse, Nathan, Samuel, Viva and Hannah.



While any liturgy director is called to remain faithful to the Church's vision, it is inevitable that each Director of Liturgy brings her own unique emphasis.

My vision of liturgy is that of a vibrant celebration, one that not only involves but empowers the entire gathered community to offer praise as we ever more become the Body of Christ for the world. I hope to incorporate both traditional and contemporary music into our worship so that all may be called to prayer.

I want to continually empower our youth to be leaders in our community as lectors, greeters, music ministers and to recognize the essential role they have in our Church.

I look forward to this new journey we begin together. Blessings, Laurie

Liturgy and Music Ministry THANK YOU!

We thank all those who stepped up during this time of not having a Director of Liturgy and Music in our parish to help with various ministries. The Holy Week and Easter Triduum Liturgies were very meaningful and beautiful. Your generosity of time and talent were much appreciated! We have a parish community that truly comes together to share, worship and celebrate the Good News!

Intercessions – Lorraine Kilmartin and Dennis Kurtz

Funeral accompanist/cantor – Tom Kujawa, Amanda Gannon, Rachel Kimman, Margaret Cassidy, Krissy Coudron, Heather Sutton, and Mark Roeckers

Children's choir – Tom Kujawa and Shari Jarvis

Adult choir – Anne Williams, Margaret Cassidy, and adult choir members

Environment – Anne Williams, Emil Kujak, Shirley Mounce, Jess Strelow family, Jim Bedtke, Bob Stanislawski, Jim Zimmerman and staff.

Triduum accompanists – Tom Kujawa, Tricia Hodgdon, and Mark Roeckers

Holy Week liturgical recruitment – Nichole Elke, Ann Orzechowski and Julie Walch

Funeral planning – Father Jim and Ann Orzechowski

Weekend liturgy & music binder preparations – Nichole Elke

Weekend liturgical ministry email reminders – Nichole Elke



Easter Vigil Choir—Front Row (L to R): Nancy Knopp, Tricia Hodgdon, Joann Kujawa, John Orzechowski. Back Row L to R): Anne Williams (Triduum music director), Amanda Gannon, Betty Singer-Towns, Tom Kujawa.



The Boy Scout Fish Fry took place on February 27 and the Parish Lenten Fish Fry was held on March 27. Up to 400 meals were sold at each Fish Fry. Thank you to parish and Boy Scout volunteers and everyone who helped support these events.



Funeral Luncheon Committee— (L to R) Rosemary Klink, Lorraine Kilmartin, Suzanne Hanson, Donna Andraschko, Shirley Yackel, Tom Klink, Lois Kramer (coordinator), and Polly Renk.

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Many compassionate parishioners assist with the funeral luncheons that occur in our parish community. Lois Kramer is our dedicated and faithful parish coordinator. When she is notified of a funeral she calls the family of the deceased person and helps them with meal selection and also orders the food. She then calls her committee members to see who is available to help with setup, hospitality, serving, baking desserts, and cleanup. The list of parishioners who have signed up for this ministry is quite large. We extend our gratitude to all of you who recognize the importance of this parish ministry and offer your caring presence to those from our parish community who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

Twelve youth from the Winona parishes will join thousands of other youth from across the United States to attend this three-day conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 19-22. This year's theme is "Here I Am, Lord: Aquí Estoy Señor."

NCYC, sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, is held every two years and is an exciting experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The conference features Christian musicians, bands and concerts, nationally recognized speakers and performers, and powerful prayer and liturgy experiences.

Tom DeMarais has attended NCYC as a chaperone six different times, accompanying four of his sons over the years, and will be chaperoning again in November. Tom says, "NCYC is a tremendous experience for our youth of the rich diversity of our Church. The speakers and presenters are all gifted at connecting faith to real-life experiences for our youth. Every single participant, regardless of their previous faith experience, is changed in some way because of his/her experiences at NCYC." Further information regarding NCYC 2015 can be found at www.ncyc.info.

NCYC Participants include:

St. Mary's	Cathedral	St. John's
Tim DeMarais	Briana Beyerstedt	Bailey Hanse
Connor Hagarty	Garet Grant	Alex Walechka
Jane Koll		
Beth Parlin	St. Casimir	
Ben Windley-Daoust	David French	
Tom DeMarais	Jacob French	
Janelle Mueller	Noah French	

First Communion Children 2015

Breanna Bernal	Grant Langowski
Leland Capehart	Madeline Lemmer
Carlos Cavazos	April Lopez
Lilia Corcoran	Juan Lopez
Clayton Cottrell	Mario Lopez
Nicholas Czapplewski	Marel McCann
Karon Deering	Patrick Morgan
Ian Engrav	Caden Poulin
Dana Friesen	Kobe Roberts
Francis Koll	Carson Roeder
Ava Koopman	Leyla Vafaei
Carson Korder	Chase Van Fossen
Kaelyn Kronebusch	



First Communion Children display the bread plates that they made during the First Eucharist Activity Day in March.

Confirmation Candidates 2015

Caroline Anderson	Peter Kauphusman
Elizabeth Anderson	Matthew King
Andrew Arnold	Jane Koll
Mary Arnold	Ethan Lynch
Allison Bailey	Patrick Michener
Bathscheba Bolduan	Shania Mueller
Jordan Bolduan	Christian Pelowski
Sheldon Brand	Corey Piper
Hunter Bronk	Kaleb Pozanc
Claire Conway	Henry Reilly
Wren Dieterman	Justin Waldera
Olivia Flanagan	Ashley Wilkowski
Courtney Greene	Emily Wobig
Connor Hagarty	Daniela Wolfe

Winona Catholic Community Vacation Bible School

St. Mary's Church/School

August 3-7, 2015

9:00am-12:00pm



(For children ages 4 through grade 6)

Adult and youth helpers are needed. VBS has an exciting new format! Volunteers will focus on one area of planning as children rotate to the different fun and inspiring stations of Storytelling, Bible Challenge, Crafts, and Games. The same great music, Opening and Closing experience and snack time will make this the best VBS ever! Please consider joining the team!

See the registration form for children and volunteers at the parish entrances and on parish websites for more information or contact Julie in the St. Mary's Parish Office.

Camp Discovery ~

Jesus at Work Through Us!



Pine Ridge Mission Trip Participants 2014

Pine Ridge Mission Trip

Eleven youth and six adults will join Fr. Jim on the fourth annual mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

The Pine Ridge Mission trip has been an annual summer trip for Fr. Jim Berning for the past eighteen years. Fr. Jim takes seriously his role to serve others and has committed to this life-changing opportunity for youth and adults. This opportunity to serve the poorest of the poor has helped not only the people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, but the youth and adults who commit to the week of service. Several

participants go more than once and are open to a lifetime of serving others through this experience.

Fr. Jim has developed relationships with the people on the reservation. St. Mary's Parish in Winona has been giving to Pine Ridge in various ways since this connection began after the first mission trip. Needed items for the families and for the summer trip are collected from the parish during Advent. The greater Winona community became involved by sending a semi-load of furniture.

The trip for the Winona Parishes over the past four years has been sponsored by YouthWorks. The youth and adults serve the community through Work Projects, Summer School and Kid's Club and by listening to the people they are serving. YouthWorks believes that taking time to listen, learn and understand another culture are deeply meaningful ways to provide service to communities.

Thank you to everyone who helps support this mission trip!



You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown Cast

A Fun Fundraiser!

On February 13-15, St. Mary's Parish hosted the musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. This general parish fundraiser generated \$2,605 for the parish. Friday night guests were treated to appetizers, Saturday night guests were served a lasagna dinner accompanied by dessert, and Sunday guests enjoyed dessert during intermission. The Pine Ridge Mission Trip participants and other parishioners helped host the event and provided food items.

Thank you to the cast and everyone who helped support this event!

Lectionary-Based Faith Sharing for Women

When: Wednesdays, 10am-noon

Where: *St. Mary's Church*, St. Francis Room

Dates: Wednesdays through May 13, 2015 — **Will break for the summer months**

Topic: Catholic Lectionary-based resource that supports weekly faith sharing of the Sunday Mass readings

To Register: Call Terry Rozek at 452-7606

Men's Bible Study

When: Wednesdays at 6am

Where: *St. Mary's Church*, St. Joseph Room

More info: Call Brian at 454-7325

Parenting with the Spirit

Come share, pray and study with us.

When: Thursday mornings, weekly - **Will break for the summer months**

Time: 9:00-10:15am

Where: *St. Mary's Church*, St. Joseph Room

Topic: Parenting with Grace and Purpose

Children are welcome.

More info: Call Renee at 474-0178

Lenten Book Study

Members of St. Mary's Parish and the wider Catholic Community gathered weekly during Lent for a Spiritual Book Study. Brian Singer-Towns and Kate Errthum facilitated the discussions on *Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self* by Fr. Richard Rohr. Each session began with a large circle for prayer and a review of the assigned chapters. Then the large group broke into four groups of about six. Participants prepared for the discussion by making note of what struck them in the reading and by reflecting on discussion questions in a small journal. The discussions were thoughtful and spirit-filled. The session closed with a prayer, silent meditation/prayer, and the Glory Be.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Welcome to the newly initiated members of St. Mary's faith community. They celebrated this joyous event during the Easter Vigil Mass.

We rejoice with you as we all celebrate anew the gift of Easter, the joy of the Resurrection, and the ongoing presence of Christ among us always!

Thank you to all who accompanied them on this journey of faith.



Kathlan Mary Elizabeth Brazil – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. **Sponsor:** Susan Sobolewski



Ronald & Sandra Kronebusch and April & Paul Raatz



Ryan Friesen, sponsor, and family



Pictured L to R: Father Jim Berning, Ryan Friesen, Bruce Nicklay, Paul Raatz, Ronald Kronebusch

Ryan Curtis Thomas Friesen – Reception into Full Communion (Confirmation and Eucharist) **Sponsor:** Bruce Nicklay

Paul William James Raatz – Reception into Full Communion (Confirmation and Eucharist) **Sponsor:** Ronald Kronebusch



Kathlan Brazil, her father, fiance, and his family.



L to R: Bishop John Quinn, Dr. Crozier, Selma Crozier, Father Jim Berning

Dr. Bill Crozier Receives Bishops Medal

On behalf of the Diocese of Winona, Dr. William Crozier received the Bishop's Medal from Bishop Quinn at the 10:30am Mass on December 21 here at St. Mary's Parish. Dr. Crozier was nominated for this honor because of his tireless research of the histories of the Diocese of Winona.



Benevolence Fund Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale & Silent Auction

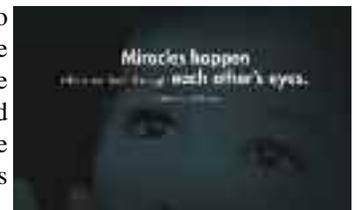
Supporting Our Works of Mercy and Caring

The St. Mary's Church benevolence fund provides short term help for St. Mary's parish families who are experiencing periods of financial hardship. Funds are raised through efforts coordinated by the Benevolence Fundraising Committee. For more information please go to our parish website at www.stmaryswinona.org

Looking Through Each Other's Eyes

Catholic Charities 2015 Annual Appeal theme this Mother's Day weekend, May 9 and 10, calls for you and me to Replace Heartache with Hope By Looking Through Each Other's Eyes.

Pope Francis reminded us recently that we have in many ways created a "throw away" culture. It is no longer simply about exploitation and oppression. Those excluded are now seen as "leftovers." He asked us to open our eyes to those who are suffering: the heartbroken, the marginalized, the poor and those excluded. When we look through each other's eyes and respond with compassion,



miracles happen. You become the instrument of God's grace and healing transformation. At Catholic Charities, we replace heartache with hope by looking through each other's eyes. We see the "image of God" in the eyes of each person we serve. No one should feel like a "leftover" or be "excluded" from God's love. Your support of our efforts affirms to those on the margins that they are valued.

What we accomplish is really what you accomplish through us. You are the instrument of God's grace and healing transformation.

Your generous support of Catholic Charities Annual Appeal on Mother's Day weekend, May 9 and 10, helps children in need, families in crisis, vulnerable adults and seniors, refugees and immigrants, unmarried mothers and their unborn children reach their full potential, regardless of race, faith tradition or ability to pay.



2015 Committee Members

Front Row (L to R): Mary Wildenborg, Bert Kimman, Mary Pelissero, Paul Pelissero, Back Row (L to R): Paul Wildenborg, Joe Holien, Father Jim, Sandy Schiltz, Dave Schiltz Not pictured: Julia Sandsness and Christy Jereczek

Luck of the Irish Festival - Saturday, March 14, 2015

Raffle, Irish Stew Meal, Irish Dancers, Casino-for-Fun Games, Silent & Live Auctions

We thank Dave and Sandy Schiltz for chairing this event along with their entire Committee. Thank you to our entire parish community for your generosity, support and donations for this parish fundraiser and community builder!



Pictured L to R: Janice Erpelding, Jamie Hansen, FIC, Fr. Jim Berning, Terri Kersting, Paul Kilkus, Bert Kimman, Peg Kilkus, John Bronk

Queen of Peace Council members presenting **Matching Grant Funds** to St. Mary's parish.

Queen of Peace Council

Queen of Peace is a council of the fraternal organization Catholic United Financial. The common bond that connects all Catholic United members is our desire to help our Catholic communities thrive and grow for generations to come. We do this by supporting Catholic schools and religious education programs through volunteerism, fundraising programs, and grants. Queen of Peace has been active at St. Mary's for over 20 years. You can learn more about Catholic United by visiting their website at <https://www.catholicunitedfinancial.org/>

2015 BAPTISMS

Matthew Hayes Wind son of Christopher Wind and Andrea Schaufenbil

Skyler Rebecca Brown daughter of Nicholas and Amy Brown

2015 NEW PARISHONERS

Mike & Laurie **Bissen**

Takako **Humfeld**

Andrea **Schaufenbil** and son Matthew **Wind**

Heidi **Wencl** and children Mikenna, Olivia and Emily **Blumers**

David **Sobolewski**

Kathlan **Brazil**

Joe & Patti **Pelowski** and daughter Christian

Jaci **Pelowski** and son Owyn

Nicholas & Amy **Brown** and daughter Skyler

John & Heidi **Laska** and daughter Alexis

Laurie **Webber** and son Benjamin Winters

Monica **Coyle**

Haley **Glowczewski**

Marie **Schueler**

Erin **Richards**

2015 DEATHS

(Born Into Eternal Life)

Carol Dybing

Barbara Schuett

Robert Humfeld

Ralph Passe

James Kauphusman

Elizabeth Picha

Christopher Roskos

Linda Bass

Elaine Jick

Leonard Bernatz

Hildegard Trochta

Eugene Strong

Catherine Bartleson

William Bambenek

St. Mary's Catholic Church Unrestricted Fund Statement of Revenue & Expenses 9 Months Ended 3/31/2015			
	Current Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	Total Budget
Income			
Church Support	425,767	435,100	579,840
All Other Income	104,175	96,220	108,480
Total	529,942	531,320	688,300
Expenses			
WACS Subsidy	200,924	201,231	268,308
Cotter Tuition Aid	2,068	2,325	3,100
Administrative	145,195	149,819	192,092
Building & Grounds	69,904	78,183	102,000
Worship & Liturgy	35,763	29,412	38,950
Faith Formation-Adult	3,149	1,575	2,100
Faith Formation-Youth	32,929	31,512	41,300
Pastoral Ministries	29,227	30,375	40,450
Total	519,159	524,432	688,300
Net Income/(Loss)	10,783	6,888	-

*Please
remember
St. Mary's
Parish
in
your
will.*

Parish Communications Intern

My name is Nichole Elke and I have had the wonderful pleasure of being St. Mary's Parish Intern for Spring semester of 2015. This has been a year of opportunity. Saying "yes" to the opportunity to participate at St. Mary's Parish has given me life experience that I could not have imagined.

One of the most interesting things about life is that its parts cannot be replicated. My experience here as Intern is not replicable, and I am the only one to experience the exact scenarios that the Lord has shown me. This is a thought I truly relish in life. It is essential to understanding that God views each of us as unique, and has set a personalized path before each of us to follow because he knows us deeply.



I've learned that saying "yes" to God even when it's intimidating can be the key to following the path that our God has laid before us. Though our future may seem uncertain, we can place it in the hands of a loving and all-seeing God. My future, for instance, is even to me a mystery--but I have no doubt that God will transform it into a masterpiece if I give it to Him. God takes care of us. If we remember to take care of what we have been given, we will move forward in a direction with greener grass than eyes have ever seen. If we strive to move forward, we will be greeted not by disappointment, but by amazement.

These are things which I have learned, among others. Hosanna! I shall sing of the Lord all the days of my life. It's been wonderful getting to know you all and getting a sense of the names to go with the faces I have seen at St. Mary's Parish for four years while attending Winona State University. I won't forget the experiences, from the overarching opportunity to serve here, to the little opportunities I continue to find every day.

Pastoral Council Update

Lori and Bruce Nicklay, who represented St. Mary's during Pastoral Planning for the Diocese, shared that Bishop Quinn is requesting that each parish set goals and vision for the future. We were reminded of St. Mary's current mission statement: "We are God's partially faithful, yet wonderfully gifted people. Together we are called to heal, educate, and connect all our brothers and sisters to our loving and forgiving God. We believe that this call comes to us in Baptism, and is nourished through the Word, Eucharist, and works of mercy and caring." Members of St. Mary's Parish recently filled out Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal pledges in the pew. The Luck of the Irish was a success once again. We appreciate all those parishioners who went above and beyond to carry out the Triduum preparations. Our Parish truly is wonderfully gifted. Please feel free to contact me or any of your pastoral council representatives.

Blessings,

Kate Errthum - PC chair

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St. Mary's Pastoral Council is an advisory council to our pastor, Fr. Berning. They are charged with the task of pastoral planning for our parish community. Pastoral planning includes:

- Stating and clarifying the parish's mission
- Developing a vision of the parish's preferred future
- Identifying and prioritizing the parish's needs
- Drawing practical conclusions

2014-15 Pastoral Council:

Kate Errthum (Chair), Kevin O'Laughlin, Irene Mulyck, Dawn Waller-Lueck, Brian Singer-Towns, Mary Schultz, Kris Lynch, and Jess Srelow.

Know that they welcome your comments, questions and concerns regarding the pastoral needs, parish life and mission of our St. Mary's faith community.

Parish Office: 507-452-5656

New Bulletin Board Feature

Prayer Corner

PRAY

When a family member is in need of prayers, and you want all parishioners to be aware of this need, please add their name(s) to the Prayer Corner list on the west bulletin board in the Visitation Commons. Please have permission from your family member before posting information.

*You may also add a photo to the bulletin board of the one being prayed for.

Questions: call Ann 452-5656 X15.

In the absence of other instructions, names remain on the Prayer Corner for about one month.

Changes for St. Mary's database

In order to keep St. Mary's records up to date, we would like to know when you have a change of address, change phone numbers (land line to cell phone), a name change or you leave the parish. Please call Jan in the parish office, 452-5656, and let her know of the changes. Thank you!