



Weekly Update | July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Technology Upgrades Are Nearing Completion

Our technology upgrades are nearing completion. Wiring and installation of the monitors was completed this week. We are now in the stage of programming the installed systems. The monitors will not be functional this weekend as programming is completed. Livestream is anticipated to be functioning this weekend, but please be understanding of any technical difficulties.

Daily Mass and private prayer will resume in the Church next week. Thank you for your patience throughout this project!

New Mom's Group

A new mom's group is forming and will be gathering on Wednesday morning's starting **August 4th at 9:00 am** in the **Community Room**. Little ones will have a safe space to play and interact while mom's can catch-up and support one another. All mom's and small children are welcome to join!

Job Opening - Associate Minister of Young Disciples

Are you a friend and follower of Jesus? Do you love sharing your Catholic faith and building relationships with children, youth and families? Are you innovative? Would you enjoy working collaboratively in bringing to life a new faith and experienced based ministry?

St. Mary Parish is looking for a part time Associate Minister to work cooperatively with our Minister of Young Disciples. The position is flexible with 18 hrs. per week including some evening and/or Sunday hours. Flexible summer schedule.

Qualified candidates will be joyful disciples and open to ministering with families and children of any age from pre-school through high school. Previous experience with preschool, elementary, middle or high school students or youth ministry preferred. Send your resume or contact: Theresa Rohm, trohm@stmaryparish.org, 739-5119.

Attention Book Lovers

Mark your calendar for the the AAUW-Appleton Branch's 84th annual used book sale on October 14-17, October 21-24 and October 28-30 inside the Northland Mall. Profits from the sale provide scholarships for local women.

We're now accepting items including hardcover and paperback books, children's books, books on CD, sheet music, CD's, DVD's, puzzles and games. Please, no magazines, textbooks, or VHS tapes.

For book pick-up or drop-off, please call any of the following numbers: (920) 427-6655, (920) 734-6750, (920) 843-8888 or (920) 540-7751.

Prayer Shawls


The St. Mary/St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry has been busy making and blessing Prayer Shawls for anyone who is ill, in the hospital, having a rough time, or otherwise in need of some warmth and love. Stop in the parish office during business hours or ask an usher at a weekend Mass to pick one up for someone you know - or yourself! *Want to help make prayer shawls? The prayer shawl group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1pm at St. Joseph in Rooms L12 & L14.*

Health & Safety Information

- Those who are fully vaccinated should feel confident to attend Mass or be in any parish building without a face covering. The Appleton Health Department is encouraging fully vaccinated individuals to feel safe returning to all regular activities.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a face covering in our indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Face coverings are always welcome for anyone, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- During Mass, the chapel and choir loft will be reserved for those wearing face coverings. You are also welcome to wear a mask in the church.

[CLICK HERE](#) if you would like to find out where you can get a vaccine.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see CDC guidelines for choosing safe activities



50th
Wedding Anniversary Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

Are you celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary in 2021? Bishop Ricken invites you to join him at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass to be held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 22. To provide a COVID-safe event, registration is critical, and each anniversary couple may have up to six guests with them. The Mass will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend.

For more info and to register, please call the Office of Marriage & Life Ministries at (920) 272-8309 or RSVP online:

www.gbdioc.org/anniversary

Diocese of Green Bay

Welcome Back to Mass

Bishop David Ricken has announced the reinstatement of the Sunday Mass obligation in the Diocese of Green Bay. On the weekend of August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven, the parishes of the diocese will officially welcome the faithful back to Mass. Please see the **Bishop's column** and the **video** below on the lifting of the dispensation.

A Grateful & Blessed Family

Ripples of God's Love - Through Our Hearts - To All Hearts!

St. Mary Parish Support			
July 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 7/12-7/16		6,507	
July - month to date:	64,000	49,200	-14,800
7/1/21-7/31/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	64,000	49,200	-14,800



FAITH DIRECT E-GIVING

Do you have summer vacation plans this month or next? Remember to plan for your offertory as well! When summer getaways take you out of town on Sundays, eGiving lets you continue to support St. Mary Parish and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts sustain our parish in the busy summer months and throughout the year. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat.

There are two easy ways to give with Faith Direct:

1. Head to stmaryparish.org and click on the blue DONATE button in the upper-right corner of the homepage.
2. Text to Give - Open a new text message and enter (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? Call Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 or contact Pam Acker in the parish office at (920) 739-5119 or packer@stmaryparish.org.

Mass Times Intention

Mon., July 26, 8:00am	@ St. Bernard Parish
Tue., July 27, 8:00am	@ St. Bernard Parish
Wed., July 28, 12:05pm	James Euchinger
Thur., July 29, 12:05pm	Parishioners of St. Mary
Sat., July 31, 4:30pm	Ted Miller
Sun., August 1, 7:45am	Parishioners of St. Mary
9:45am	Henry & Mary Agnes Hoffmann & Michael Hoffman
6:30pm	Living & Deceased members of the Murad & Panto Families

We have openings for intentions for weekday and weekend Masses. Please stop by the parish office or call us at 739-5119 to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one. We are happy to take Mass intentions over the phone. The \$10 stipend can be sent via the mail or dropped in the weekend collection in an envelope with a note to apply it to your Mass intention.

Events Calendar

Monday, July 26

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

8:00pm AA Meeting/L1&L3

Tuesday, July 27

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

Wednesday, July 28

8:30am ROCKs Meeting/L7

9:00am Connect, Pray, Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures/MW

Thursday, July 29

No events

Friday, July 30

Parish Office closed

Saturday, July 31

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Sunday, August 1

No events

Mass Attendance

As we have plenty of socially distanced capacity at all weekday Masses, we will no longer be tracking and publishing weekday Mass counts. Please join us! Our weekday Masses offer a very safe worship environment.

Saturday, 4:30 pm (117)

Sunday, 7:45 am (90), 9:45 am (137), 6:30 pm (48)

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Diane Cahall. May fond memories comfort them at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

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Marriage

Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

Pastoral Leadership Council Chair
Beth Power 703-819-4829

Baptism

Congratulations! Contact Nadine Duncan for information.

Finance Council Chair
Larry Bonneville 920-419-3097

Confession

Sat. 9-10am and Tues. 6:15-7:15pm
(except for the 1st Tues. of the month)

St. Mary Cemetery
920-882-4158

Xavier Catholic School System
920-735-9380

In Joy & Sorrow with Father Bill +

Given that the Memorial of the Parents of Mary and the Grandparents of Jesus, Joachim and Anne is celebrated on July 26 in the Universal Church, Pope Francis has designated this Sunday as the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Each year, this Day of Prayer will serve as a worthy reminder of the precious gift our grandparents and elderly are in our lives and in the life of our Church. They are the keepers of the memory of our successes and failures as a human family, which are woven throughout history. They redirect our lives when we stray too far from the values and truths that ultimately last.

My grandparents lived through the Great Depression. I can remember very clearly my mother telling stories of how it was hard to make ends meet for her young parents, raising eight children. It was a treat when, after a long day of work, Grandpa brought home eight pieces of candy, one each for his five sons and three daughters. The Griesbachs did not have a lot of material possessions but they were not wanting for unconditional love. My mom's childhood was a happy one.

These past fifteen months were excruciatingly hard for our grandparents and elders. My mom, a grandmother and a great-grandmother

(She now has five great-grandchildren after the birth of precious little Eleanor on July 1), lived behind locked doors at Prairie Home Assisted Living in Menasha. She survived a mild case of COVID-19, which was a blessing because she has a history of bronchitis. Even though she is fully vaccinated, she told me last Sunday that she does not want people to visit her who have not been vaccinated and choose not to wear a mask. This grandmother, my ninety-year-old mom, is still pretty sharp and speaks pretty straightforwardly. She has been closely following the uptick in positive cases due to the spread of the delta virus across our nation, predominantly among our unvaccinated sisters and brothers. She is worried about what the season of fall will bring. My mom is wise. She's my mom, after all!

In a beautiful Message entitled *I am with you always*, Pope Francis, eighty-four-years-old, addressing our grandparents and elders, writes:

You are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow, the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies." (Fratelli Tutti, 77)

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Pope Francis suggests that in building the world of tomorrow, our elders remind us that three pillars are necessary. Those pillars are dreams, memory and prayer.

Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience. In your life, you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through.

Dreams are intertwined with memory...Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person...Edith

Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah [Holocaust], has said that, "even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been. For me, memory is life."

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said, "The prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it more effectively than the frenetic activity of many other [people]." Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need.

Happy Grandparents' Day! Our dear precious Elders, thank you! Pray for us as we pray for you!