



Weekly Update | July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Technology Upgrades Are Underway

You might notice some extra workers and dust around the building. Thanks for your patience! Stay tuned for updates on this exciting project.

We Did It

Once again, we've met our goal for the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you to all who contributed! Together, we are an incredibly generous community.

Daily Mass Schedule Change

To help better share our resources among Appleton Catholic parishes, Father Bill is now holding Mass at St. Bernard on Monday and Tuesday at 8:00am. We will be discontinuing the 5:30pm Monday and Tuesday Masses at St. Mary's.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read a letter from Father Bill regarding changes to the Daily Mass schedule.

St. Therese Grade School Alumni Day

Saturday, August 7, 2021 | Open House / School Tours 10am – 3pm

Food booth open 11am – 2pm | Mass at 4pm

The St. Therese school building will be torn down later this year once the church expansion is completed. We are inviting ALL to come for one last chance to walk the halls and stroll through “the tunnel”. Please join us! Make your reservation via our website, Facebook page, phone or email.

You can also submit photos and stories about your years at the school. The day will include socializing, memorabilia display, Spanish Hamburger, 50/50 raffle, basket raffle, all-alumni Mass and more. Volunteers are still needed!

Website: st-therese-school.com

E-mail: stthereseschoolalumni@gmail.com Church office: (920) 733-8568

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StThereseSchoolAlumniAppleton

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 contributions 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.*

Mother & Daughter Retreats

At Zechariah House of Healing on July 23-24 (middle school) and July 24-25 (high school). Escape from your everyday routines and participate in activities created to bond mothers and daughters while making memories to last a lifetime. Our pajama party sleepover-style activities utilize energizing dynamics, intentional conversations, informative talks, fun crafts, and other special mother and daughter times of connection! Retreat options are overnight and just for the day. **CLICK HERE** to sign up.

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.

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 7/5-7/9		27,935	
July - month to date:	64,000	42,693	-21,307
7/1/21-7/31/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	64,000	42,693	-21,307



Mass Times

Mon., July 19, 8:00am

Tue., July 20, 8:00am

Wed., July 21, 12:05pm

Thur., July 22, 12:05pm

Sat., July 24, 4:30pm

Sun., July 25, 7:45am

9:45am

6:30pm

Intentions

@ St. Bernard Parish

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Emmett Clark

Joe Kaufman

Emmett Clark

Parishioners of St. Mary

Jerry & Bernice Cops 65th Wedding Anniversary

Rebecca Homol & Stephanie McEntire

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 (105)

Sunday, 7:45 am (93), 9:45 am (160), 6:30 pm (50)

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Elizabeth Courtney, Mike Pfefferle, and Karen Werner. 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.

Prayer Requests

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182 or 920-843-1249) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

Events Calendar

Monday, July 19

6:30pm THEO/Community Room

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

8:00pm AA Meeting/L1&L3

Tuesday, July 20

1:00pm St. Mary & St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Group/@ St. Joseph LL12&14

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

Wednesday, July 21

8:00am Quilting Group/St. Anne Room

Thursday, July 22

no events

Friday, July 23

parish office closed

Saturday, July 24

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Sunday, July 25

no events

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920-735-9380

Marriage

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

Baptism

Congratulations! Contact Nadine Duncan for information.

Confession

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

St. Mary Parish Office

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Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm
Closed Fridays

Contact Us

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In Joy & Sorrow with Father Bill +

As I sit down to write this weekend edition of *In Joy and Sorrow*, on Monday afternoon (7/12), I am hoping that the Communication Task Force (CTF), with help from Emily Jenks, who is our Minister for Neighborhood Outreach and Parish Vitality and who represents the Senior Leadership Team on the CTF, were able to put the finishing touches on A Pastoral Response to our Parish Synod: *Were Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us?* God willing, you will have the document in your inbox or hands very soon.

My hope was to channel the energy and dedication that filled the community room on the Eve of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22, as about 60 of your parish family members participated in the Synod. We had table conversations around the topics of Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, Worship, and Mission, which were vital in helping us lean into our Mission/Vision Statement. I was in the room and I was at one of those seven tables.

The Pastoral Response is my take on what we are about as Saint Mary Parish. It is a teaching document, which means that it includes a development of the spirited conversations that were a part of our Synod. In a sense it introduces new insights, while keeping in the spirit of what the Lord wants us to do as a Parish Family. This letter is meant to be a springboard as we put together task forces to help us go deeper into living out our hopes and dreams around fellowship, discipleship, ministry, worship, and mission. This letter serves as a

reflection that needs to permeate at the ground level everything we are and do as a parish family. Its spirit has to be owned by every member of our parish family. You and I are invited to find ways in our own lives and in our witness to build up relationships among our parish family (fellowship), to grow as a disciple of Jesus who sits at his feet and absorbs his message (discipleship), to take better care of one another (ministry), to be more aware in every moment of every day that the Lord yearns for our prayers of gladness and thanksgiving (worship), and to reach out of ourselves into our community and beyond with the hope and healing that are the Good News of our Risen Lord (mission).

We are committed to touching our children, teens, and their families with a greater sense of connection to the Lord and to his Church. Beacon Ministries is about sharing the light of the Lord's love with all of our families, regardless of whether they attend public or Catholic schools. Beacon Ministries is so much more than filling heads with facts about the Catholic Faith. We want to touch hearts and empower hands to reach out to others with tenderness and closeness. This focus on hearts, hands, and heads will be a good compass for our entire parish family as we grow in holiness. Please continue to pray for Ms. Tracy Turba, who is our new Minister to Young Disciples. If she reaches out to you for support and help, please consider saying "Yes!" to our Beacon Ministries' holy endeavor.

Those who attended the Synod appreciated so much the presence of Sister Marie Kolbe Zamora, a Franciscan Sister of Christian Charity of Manitowoc, who was our facilitator and who journeyed with us before, during, and after the Synod. Sister felt very powerfully the work of the Holy Spirit as she accompanied us.

I am so happy to announce that Sister Marie Kolbe has been called to Rome to serve in the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops. She will be working very closely with the Secretary, Cardinal Mario Grech, who heads up this office, and with Sister Nathalie Becquart, who is one of two Under-Secretaries of the Office. Sister Nathalie is one of only a few women who have been trusted by Pope Francis with incredible decision-making roles in our Church. Sister Marie Kolbe will believe that it is his vision that will make our Universal Church, our National Church, our Diocesan Church, and our Parish Church better. There is great energy in being immersed in the Holy Father's model of being a community of faith. e working to prepare for a world-wide Synod which is titled, "Participating in a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission", and will be held in the Fall of 2023. This model of being church together, priestly people and bishops accompanying, learning, and listening to one another, is at the center of Pope Francis' vision of a Church that is more alive!

Sister Marie Kolbe is overwhelmed with a sense that the Holy Spirit brought her to our Parish Family where she experienced just a bit of what it means to be a synodal Church. As the Pastor of this faith community, from

from the very beginning of my servant leadership here, I have tried to introduce us to the teaching and example of Pope Francis. I believe that it is his vision that will make our Universal Church, our National Church, our Diocesan Church, and our Parish Church better. There is great energy in being immersed in the Holy Father's model of being a community of faith. It is a model that emphasizes at all levels, beginning here at the grassroots, what it means to be a church likened to a field hospital which is marked by closeness, care, and tenderness, especially to those who are struggling to feel welcomed and loved.

Let us keep Sister Marie Kolbe in our prayers as she prepares for her new ministry close to church leaders in Rome who truly understand the direction in which our church needs to head. We are so proud of her and the confidence Pope Francis, Cardinal Grech, and Sister Becquart have placed in her.

Fr. Bill +