



Weekly Update | August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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!

St. Joseph Food Collection - August

The August collection for St. Joseph Food Program is July 31st and August 1st. This month we are collecting drink items, such as juice, tea, coffee, powdered milk, hot chocolate mix, bottled water, lemonade, and Kool-Aid. Please no glass containers, nothing perishable and nothing past use by dates. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

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 7/19-7/23		19,710	
July - month to date:	64,000	75,048	11,048
7/1/21-7/31/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	64,000	75,048	11,048







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

St. Mary Events Calendar

Monday, August 2

- 6:30pm Matthew 25/Virtual
- 6:30pm THEO/Community Room
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room
- 8:00pm AA Meeting/L1&L3

Tuesday, August 3

- 1:30pm Prayer Shawl Group/St. Joseph Parish
- 2:00pm Rosary Group/Church
- 6:00pm Quilting Group/St. Anne Room
- 6:00pm Book Club/L4
- 7:00pm Pastoral Council/Community Room

Wednesday, August 4

- 9:00am Mom's Group/Community Room
- 12:35pm Holy Hour/Church

Thursday, August 5

- 7:00pm Cor Jesu/Community Rm., Church & Chapel

Friday, August 6

Parish Office closed

Saturday, August 7

- 8:00am Confirmation Service Event/Community Room & St. Anne Room
- 9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Sunday, August 8

No events

Mass Times

Mon., August 2, 8:00am
Tue., August 3, 8:00am
Wed., August 4, 12:05pm
Thur., August 5, 12:05pm
Sat., August 7, 4:30pm
Sun., August 8, 7:45am
9:45am
6:30pm

Intentions

@ St. Bernard Parish
@ St. Bernard Parish
Gary Malchow Family
Eugene Higgins
Emmett Clark
Carl Fisher
Alice LeFevre
Diane Cahall

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 (98)

Sunday, 7:45 am (101), 9:45 am (183), 6:30 pm (48)

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Edmund Cops. 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 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.

Technology Upgrades Are Nearing Completion

We are finishing the installation stage of our technology project in church and are working on the programming and software stage. Stay tuned to see updates on the video screens in church and on the livestream as we complete the programming and roll out the new software over the next few weeks.

We're also working on carpentry projects to hide the cables and wires and some other finishing touches. We are thankful for the many parishioners who have volunteered their time to help pull this project together for our parish.

If you're interested in learning more about how you can help with video projection or with livestreaming on the weekends, please contact Chris Higgins at chiggins@stmaryparish.org. We are in need of more people to help with operating this technology during Masses. It's a great opportunity to help our parish while getting valuable experience working with audio-visual equipment.

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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 Tues. of the month)

In Joy & Sorrow with Father Bill +

A question for you: Do you enjoy the Summer or Winter Olympics more? I just plain enjoy the Olympics, regardless of summer or winter. So, I am already looking forward to the Winter Olympics next year in Beijing and the Summer Olympics in 2024 in Paris. In the meantime, I am watching these Summer Olympics.

For us Catholics who appreciate the beauty of ritual, the Opening and Closing Ceremonies are always a treat. Ritual is reliable. We don't sit down to plan the Opening Ceremony, per say. It is more accurate to say that we prepare the ceremony. Its basic elements have been set in place for many years. There is always the parade of nations. There is always the proclamation by the leader of the host country declaring the games open. There is always the welcome of the Olympic flame into the stadium as well as the lighting of the Olympic cauldron.

Similarly, we do not plan the Mass, since its plan has been set for the ages. We prepare for the Mass. The key to full, active, and conscious participation in the liturgy is to let the ritual wash over us. The words and gestures, set down for us, touch us differently at each Mass, because we are at a different place in our lives for that Mass.

My ears perk up to hear the stories of the young athletes. Many of these young people are such an inspiration. For example, 17-year-old Lydia Jacoby stunned the swimming world on Monday, winning the gold medal for the 100-meter breaststroke. Lydia hails from Alaska. Interestingly, there is only one Olympic-sized swimming pool in all of Alaska! Perhaps you saw the joy of her teenage classmates and family as they reacted to her first-place finish. Such unadulterated, pure joy! It was a holy moment to witness!

Also, on Monday night (Tuesday morning, Tokyo time), Olympic swimming champion, Katie Ledecky, came in second place in the 400-meter freestyle. If I have done my math correctly, Katie lost her race by 0.67 seconds to Ariarne Titmus of Australia. Katie's time for the event was the second-fastest of her career. Katie reported, *If anything, I'm even happier with my swim. That's my best time in five years so I hope that bodes well for the rest of my races....I wouldn't be here without her (Ms. Titmus). She set this amazing standard for middle-distance racing, and if I didn't have someone like her to chase, I definitely wouldn't be swimming the way I am. So I am really grateful to have her and now it's good to have someone that I race all the time and [can] just have fun out there. Being in the battle is the best thing.*

Katie's perspective is so beautiful. Even in loss, she is grateful, humble, and affirming of a fellow swimmer. Together, Katie and Ariarne challenge each other to be the very best. This kind of a competition is so very commendable and worthy of our appreciation and imitation.

Finally, on Monday, British diver, Tom Daley, competing alongside his diving partner, Matty Lee, won the gold medal in synchronized 10-meter platform diving. This was Mr Daley's first gold medal of his diving career. Tom said this: *I hope that any young LGBT person out there can see that no matter how alone you feel right now, you are not alone. You can achieve anything.* Hopefully, Tom's words matter in the lives of our young LGBTQ sisters and brothers!

I am looking forward to being inspired as the Summer Olympics continue to unfold in Tokyo. Bring on track and field!

- Father Bill +