



Weekly Update October 24th, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Health & Safety Information

With Covid-19 numbers increasing due to the Delta variant we want to remind everyone of our health and safety practices in place. We will continue to monitor and adjust to state, local, and Diocesan level health directives.

- Masks are **strongly** encouraged. Staff will be masking during Mass.
- Those who are **not** fully vaccinated **should** continue to wear a face covering in our indoor and outdoor spaces. Those who are fully vaccinated can attend Mass or be in any parish building without a face covering.
- Face coverings are *always* welcome for anyone, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- During Mass, the choir loft will be reserved for those wearing face coverings. You are always welcome to wear a mask in the church.

Coffee & Donut Update

We have volunteers this weekend for coffee & donuts. Please join us in the Community Room after 7:45 & 9:45 Mass.

Would you or your family consider taking a shift this Fall to help serve our Parish Family? **Sign up here**. Contact Emily with questions - ejenks@stmaryparish.org

Job Opportunity - Business Administrator

We are seeking a full-time Business Administrator. Theresa Rohm, our current Business Administrator, is retiring from this position. This full time position is responsible for all business aspects of parish management, finances, personnel, buildings and grounds. They also support parish ministries, volunteers and third parties to help facilitate their work. This position requires a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or equivalent, including commensurate professional experience in the areas of finance, accounting and personnel staffing/supervision. Computer proficiency, including knowledge of Microsoft Office & Excel is a must and Google Suite is a plus.

This position includes working occasional nights and Sundays as necessary, to attend and/or facilitate parish meetings, provide hospitality to parishioners, and assist with weekend duties. Preference will be given to candidates with excellent leadership, organization, communication, collaboration and problem-solving skills. Please submit a resume and references by 11/5/21 to:

Theresa Rohm
St. Mary Parish
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[Appleton, WI 54911](#)
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Training Opportunity - Bring Communion to Parishioners in Nursing Homes

Are you interested in bringing the love of Jesus and Holy Communion to our parishioners in nursing homes? We will have a training on how to conduct a Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service on **October 28** from 1 - 2:30 pm at St. Mary's. We are building new teams. Come be a part of this important ministry. For more information please contact Nadine Duncan.

Online Giving

Looking for a great stewardship habit? Try eGiving – it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help St. Mary Parish grow our ministries that share the

Good News of God's love. You can make the switch today! Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Sign up today by visiting Faith.Direct/WI990, or text 'Enroll' to (920) 294-1189.

Xavier Campaign Planning Study

Following a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school system, Xavier is conducting a campaign planning study starting on Nov. 1. The goals of the study are to collect feedback on the master plan and gauge the school system's readiness to begin a major fundraising campaign.

The components of the Forever Xavier vision are to enhance academics, fine arts, athletics and childcare services. The overarching goal is to foster a Christ-centered setting that develops the whole student.

Over the next couple weeks, please be on the lookout for an invitation to share your thoughts on the goals and campaign.



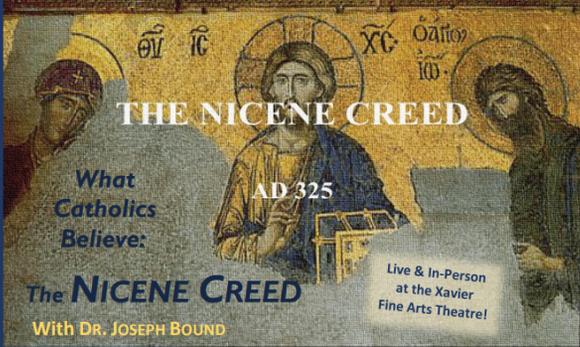
Congratulations!

Young Adults from St. Joseph & St. Mary were confirmed on
Saturday, October 16 by Bishop Ricken.
Congratulations to our newly confirmed
St. Mary's Parish Family Members!

Zachary Dannecker
Mitchell Giffin
Michael Gilligan
Owen Hartjes
Greta Hiltgen
Carleigh Hinkens
Elsa Johnson
Ty Kriese

Libby McGrath
Catherine Miller
Grace Nelson
William Parks
Brendan Rochon
Nathan Schopf
Bella Stevenson
Kylee Thao

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What Catholics Believe:
The NICENE CREED
With **DR. JOSEPH BOUND**

DR. JOSEPH BOUND
Retired Director of Education for the Diocese of Green Bay



MONDAY, OCT. 25, 2021, 7 PM

The *Nicene Constantinople Creed*, professed since the early days of the Church, is a statement of beliefs shared today by Catholics and most major Christian denominations. Explore the history, development and intricacies of this pillar of our faith.

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre
1600 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton, WI

No tickets needed / Free will offering encouraged. For details, google CIAFMO, email ciafmo@google.com, or call 920-450-3025

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives
Encourages YOU to investigate your faith!

Live & In-Person Masks REQUIRED per school guidelines

CIA-FMO is an all-volunteer, non-profit ministry supported solely through your generosity & prayers.

JOIN US AT THE
Holiday on
Pine Street
Annual Craft Sale!

Saturday, November 6
9:00am-6:00pm
Sunday, November 7
8:00am-noon

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@ St. Bernard Parish
1617 W. Pine Street
Appleton, WI * * *

This *in person* event features beautiful, handmade items you won't want to miss!
✦ Proceeds go to a charitable cause ✦

Hope to see you there!

Xavier Theatre Presents

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

A Cavalcade of Broadway's Greatest Hits!

7:00 pm November 12, 13, 15 • 1:00 pm November 13,14

www.xaviertheatre.com • (920) 733-8840

Xavier Theatre presents *All Together Now!*, a never-before-seen revue of Broadway show music as part of a global celebration of the return to live performances!

It's a family-friendly show including songs from shows like *Les Miserables*, *Annie*, *Frozen*, *Hairspray*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Newsies*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Come From Away* and

many more. Performances will be at 7:00 pm November 12,13, 15 and at 1:00 pm November 13 & 14. The fully accessible theatre is equipped with a hearing loop. To purchase tickets, please call 920-733-8840 or visit www.xaviertheatre.com. Please note: masks are required to enter the building.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

It's FOURTH & GOAL married couples! Huddle with your spouse to score a memorable weekend together as you tackle topics to explore your feelings and enhance communication skills. Go for a touchdown and score the extra point as you discover together "how your good marriage can be even better" or discover "new pathways to get your marriage back on track".

Team up with Green Bay Marriage Encounter on November 6 & 7, 2021 in Green Bay at the Quad-Parish Faith Formation Center for an enriching weekend experience you will treasure for a lifetime. Call 920-809-3496 or visit www.gbme.org for more information or to register. Time is running out, so register by October 29th for the November event. But the season isn't over, the GBME team will be back in play again in March 2022.

A Grateful & Blessed Family

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

St. Mary Parish Support			
October 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 10/11- 10/15/2021		9,819	
October- month to date:	65,000	43,378	-21,622
7/1/21-10/31/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	254,000	256,315	2,315



Mass Times Intention

Mon., October 25, 8:00am

Mass at St Bernard Parish

Tue., October 26, 8:00am

Mass at St Bernard Parish

Wed., October 27, 12:05pm

Earl & Ruth Sell

Thur., October 28, 12:05pm

Parishioners of St Mary

Sat., October 30, 4:30pm Emmett Clark
Sun., October 31, 7:45am Joe Kurer
9:45am Parishioners of St Mary
6:30pm Jan Mercier

*We have openings for intentions for weekday and weekend Masses. **Keep in mind that we can not schedule Masses more than one year in advance.** Please stop by the parish office or call us at 920-739-5119 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.*

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Kristin Mansfield's father, James Vandeneuvel, and, Troy and Kristin Mansfield's niece, Allie Jo Mansfield. 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 920739-5119.

Prayer Requests

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

Events Calendar

Monday, October 25

6:30pm Handbell Choir Practice/St Anne Room

7:00pm First Reconciliation Check-In/Virtual

8:00pm AA Meeting/L1&L3

Tuesday, October 26

2:00pm Rosary Group/Church

6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

Wednesday, October 27

8:30am ROCKS Meeting/L7

9:00am Connect, Pray, Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures/L7

4:45pm Beacon - Elementary/L1 - L7

6:15pm Beacon - Middle School/Community Room

Thursday, October 28

1:00 pm Liturgy of the Word w/ Communion Training Community Room/Chapel
Quilting Group Retreat/Community Room

Friday, October 29

Parish Office closed!

Quilting Group Retreat/Community Room

Saturday, October 30

Scrip Sales after the 4:30pm Mass!

Quilting Group Retreat/Community Room

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Sunday, October 31

Scrip Sales after 7:45am and 9:45am Mass today!

5:00pm Beacon - High School/Community Room

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 (110)

Sunday, 7:45 am (80), 9:45 am (162), 6:30 pm (48)

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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)



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In Joy & Sorrow with Father Bill +

On Sunday, October 10, during a Mass at St Peter's Basilica in Rome, Pope Francis launched a three-year process that just might possibly reshape our understanding of the Catholic Church. I would say that Pope Francis is initiating what could be a seismic change in the way the People of God journey together into a future filled with hope and healing. Pope Francis is trusting that the Holy Spirit will be guiding this process. The notion of *sensus fidelium*, which was described in *Lumen Gentium (Light of the World)*, one of the beautiful documents of Vatican Council II, reminds us that the Holy Spirit speaks through every baptized believer. The Church can never be misdirected if she is listening to the People of God and her Bishops at the same time.

The notion of *synodality* provides a forum for this holy listening to take place. The word *synod* is Greek and, in English means, *to journey together side by side*. What are the hopes and dreams, the joys and sorrows of God's People that need to be heard by our Church's Bishops? There must be more courage on the part of our Church leaders to just be open to receive what is in the minds and hearts of the People of God. If we are going to walk with each other, we have to be willing to listen to each other. Some of what we might hear may be upsetting, challenging or hurtful or beautiful, affirming or encouraging.

Always we trust that the Holy Spirit is guiding us forward on a path that the Spirit has chosen. Together, we discern what that pathway is. Discernment is not anything like majority rule or even like our notion of democracy. Discernment moves us towards

transforming decisions in a way that brings peace and harmony, tenderness and gentleness to all involved. It is difficult for me to describe discernment exactly. You just kind of know when discernment is at work.

Pope Francis is planning to have a Synod of Bishops meeting in the Fall of 2023. This meeting will include representative bishops and baptized believers from throughout the world. The process leading up to that historical moment in our Church has already begun at the local level and will be completed by the Spring of next year. Each diocese in the world, ideally having received a report from each parish in their diocese, will submit a report to their respective Conference of Bishops, whose task it will be to write a summary document that reflects the themes that surfaced from the world's dioceses. These final documents from every Episcopal Conference of Bishops will then end up at the Office of Bishops in Rome in 2022, in plenty of time to be used to create what is called the *Instrumentum Laboris*, which will be the working document for meetings of the North America/Canada, Latin America, Africa, Europe, Middle East, Asia, and Oceania International Catholic Bodies in the Fall of 2022. Finally, seven summary documents will make their way back to Rome and *Instrumentum Laboris II* will be crafted in time for the worldwide Synod of Bishops meeting in October 2023. This is all probably a little more information than you need.

Closer to home, I, along with the Senior Leadership Team, will set in place a process that will allow for as many people as possible to input into the listening phase in

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our Saint Mary Parish. Catholic believers, engaged and not-so-engaged, those people who always feel on the outside looking in, as well as our sisters and brothers in other Christian denominations should be included in the discussions. I am hoping to do this Spirit-inspired listening at the beginning of the New Year.

The main question for consultation, as proposed by the Office of the Synod of Bishops in Rome, is:

A synodal church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together." How is this "journeying together" happening in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together?"

You and I are invited to recall our experiences of church. What joys did they bring? What difficulties and obstacles have you and I encountered? What wounds do they reveal? What insights have they elicited? Where in these experiences does the voice of the Holy Spirit resound? What is the Spirit asking of us? What are the points to be confirmed, the prospects for change, the steps to be taken? Where do we register a consensus? What paths are opening up for our local Church? (Taken from the Official Handbook for Listening and Discerning in Local Churches, 5.3)

Since we have experienced a Parish Synod, which was held on the Eve of Pentecost, Saturday, May 22, we are primed to join Pope Francis in embracing a new model of communion, participation and mission for the Universal Catholic Church.

As I said, this is a seismic moment for our Church, near and far. Even though the Prophet Elijah was informed that the Lord was not in the earthquake, we trust that the Holy Spirit will have a strong and widespread influence on our worldwide synodal path as baptized believers, sharing in the common priesthood of Jesus, with our Shepherd Bishops, sharing in the ordained priesthood of Jesus, walk together side by side.

Expect more from me as I keep up with Pope Francis and his synodal model for our Church!

Fr. Bill +