

WEEKLY UPDATE

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7, 2022



Becoming a Catechist

- Grow in sharing faith
- Support our youth
- Work with a team
- About 2 hours/week
- Wednesday evenings

If interested or have questions, contact Tracy,
tturba@stmaryparish.org



St Joseph Food Pantry Collection August 13 – 14

This month's collection is drinks! Any juice, powdered milk, hot chocolate mix, lemonade, tea (hot or iced), coffee and anything that goes with them. As always, nothing non-perishable, glass, or past used by dates!

Senior Connections

Join us on Thursday, August 18th in the community room from 1:00 to 3:00pm for chair yoga with Beth Powers, games, and visiting. Hope to see you there!



Video Operators

Help St. Mary Parish spread the Good News of the Lord! Learn how to operate the videos and livestream Mass, giving access to the homebound, sick, or those just out of town! Shadow us to learn what it is all about. We'll be happy to assist you until you tell us you are comfortable enough to do it on your own! Call Chris Higgins at 920-739-5119 or email him for details at chiggins@stmaryparish.org!



Thank You for Your Support of the Seminarian Collection

Over the past seventeen years, the Seminarian Collection has supported 38 men in their formation to the priesthood. Thank you for your prayers and financial support that helped make this collection a success!

Our diocese has been blessed by a generous anonymous gift to the *one by One* campaign. This gift will cover the costs of our seminarians' tuition, room and board, as well as the Kairos formation house for the next five years. As a result of this generosity, the Seminarian Collection has been paused. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations. If you know a man that would make a great priest, please tell him and ask him to be open to God's call. To learn more about how we are supporting ministries that are raising vocations, please visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/vocations.



Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

Help support St Mary's by purchasing scrip after Mass in the Marian Way or by coming to the parish office during business hours! Summer business hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m, Monday thru Thursday.

Harbor House

Help the kids of Harbor House thrive when you donate to our

School Supply Drive

Adult size scissors
10 pack of basic color washable markers
Post-it notes
Black sharpie markers
Highlighters in other colors than yellow
Protractors
Dry erase markers
Scientific calculators

Pencil sharpeners with cover
Fabric pencil cases
Plastic pencil boxes
Headphones
Earbuds
1 inch binders
Binder dividers
Folders with prongs

Plastic folders with pockets
Gender neutral full size backpacks
Lined note cards
Colored pencils
Wide ruled composition notebooks
Graph paper
Large glue sticks

Our annual school supply collection will begin on August 20th and run through the end of August. There will be carts in the Marian Way where you can drop off your donations!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!



In Loving Memory

If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 920-739-5119.

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.

Mark Your Calendars!

Irish Fest takes place on
September 16 - 17, 2022
and St Mary will be hosting a
Celtic Mass on
Saturday, September 17 at 4:30 p.m.

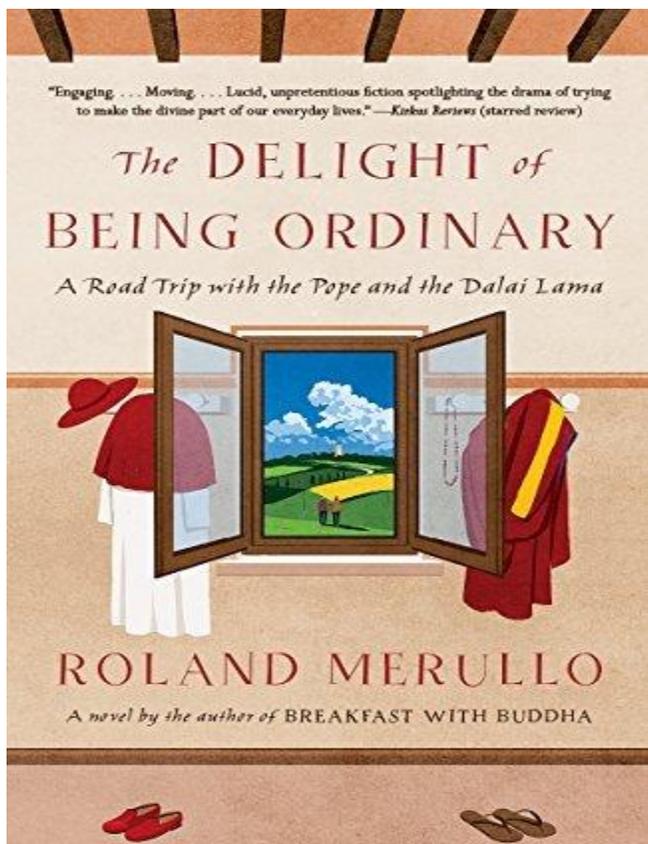
Irish Fest is looking for volunteers.
We would like to get a group from St.
Mary Parish to cover admission for the
festival for one or two slots.

All volunteers get admission to
the festival and a T-shirt.

If you want to be part of the St. Mary's
volunteer crew, contact Chris Higgins
at chiggins@stmaryparish.org
or by calling 920-739-5119.



St. Mary's Book Club



The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place at 6pm, on Tuesday, August 9, in Room L4 at St. Mary on State Street. The book selected for August 9 is: *The Delight of Being Ordinary* by Roland Merullo. What happens when the Pope and the Dalai Lama decide they need a secret vacation? Roland Merullo's playful, eloquent, and life-affirming novel finds the world's two holiest men teaming up for an unsanctioned road trip through the Italian countryside--where they rediscover the everyday joys and challenges of ordinary life.

Looking ahead: The September 13 selection is *The Summer of Lost and Found* by Mary Alice Monroe, and our October 10 selection is *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Find the Church* by Rachel Held Evans.

For more information, please contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474. New members are welcome to join anytime.

Events Calendar

Monday, August 8

6:30pm Matthew 25/Virtual
7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room
8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting/ Lower Level Room 6

Tuesday, August 9

10:30am Homily Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7
2:00pm Rosary Group/Church
6:00pm Book Club/Lower Level Room 4
6:00pm Facilities Committee/Community Room
6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

Wednesday, August 10

9:00am Mom's Group/Babysitting Room
9:30am Connect, Pray, Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures/Lower Level Room 7

Thursday, August 11

Friday, August 12

Parish Office closed!

Saturday, August 13

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Mass Times Intention

Mon., August 8, 12:05pm	Dobbie & Sis Robertson
Tue., August 9, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Wed., August 10, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Thur., August 11, 12:05 pm	Nicholas Jacob
Sat., August 13, 4:30pm	Don & Lois Sankey
Sun., August 14, 7:45am	Parishioners of St Mary
9:45am	Harold Hanson
6:30pm	Mike Sprissler

IN JOY & SORROW

WITH FR. BILL
SWICHTENBERG

08.07.2022

Many young performers in the world of music, film, theater, and sports are blessed with overwhelming success. Sometimes this success can open the door to the dangers of obsessions, addictions, unbridled ego, and shaky sobriety. One artist I am thinking of is Eric Clapton. He was caught up in the glamor of success at a young age, and was influenced by a culture of alcohol, drugs, and irresponsibility. He quickly found himself to be an addict, everything in his life, but music, spinning out of control. Near the end of a month of in-house treatment, Mr. Clapton panicked. He writes in his autobiography:

“I realized that in fact nothing had changed in me and that I was going back out into the world again completely unprotected. The noise in my head was deafening, and drinking was in my thoughts all the time. It shocked me to realize that here I was in a treatment center, a supposedly safe environment, and I was in serious danger. I was absolutely terrified, in complete despair. At that moment, almost of their own accord, my legs gave way and I fell to my knees, and in the privacy of my room, I begged for help. I had no idea who I thought I was talking to, I just knew that I had come to the end of my tether, I had nothing left to fight with. Then I remembered what I heard about surrender, something I thought I could never do, my pride just wouldn't allow it, but I knew that on my own I wasn't going to make it, so I asked for help, and getting down on my knees, I surrendered. Within a few days I realized that something had happened to me...If you are asking me why I do all of this, I will tell you...because it works, as simple as that. In all this time that I have been sober, I have never once seriously thought of taking a drink or a drug...In some way, in some form, my God was always there, but now I have learned to talk to God.” (from Fr Ron Rolheiser, “Clapton, Blues and Conversion”)

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus invites his closest companions, Peter, James and John, to climb to the mountaintop with Him. There Jesus is transfigured and his face shines with the brightness of His Father's Divinity. This transformational moment was meant to be a hope-filled encouragement to the disciples as they prepared to accompany Jesus to Jerusalem where He would be put to death on the Tree of the Cross. Not even death, in the light of the Father's love, can resist transfiguration to new life.

I like to think of conversion, as Mr. Clapton experienced, as a kind of transfiguration or transformation. In a sense, we are all walking around surrounded by the blinding light of the Lord's love. This love changes our hearts and our lives, our attitudes and our behaviors. Conversion - *metanoia*, in Greek, is more than repentance of one's sinfulness. It is a radical makeover of our behaviors and attitudes, making us more like the Lord. Hopefully, you and I are always being transfigured. The transformation of our society and our world necessarily accompanies our individual conversions.

On this date in 1945, a nuclear mushroom cloud ascended from the city of Hiroshima, Japan, leaving behind a horrific loss of precious human lives. May the light of the Lord's everlasting love never allow again the unleashing of such devastation by a nuclear bomb. May our hearts be transformed as we continue to work to lessen the number of these instruments of death across our world! This, too, is the beauty and grace of transfiguration!

It is fitting to end this little reflection with just a couple of lines from Rev. Malcolm Guite's sonnet titled *Transfiguration*.

*The love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face.
And to that light the light within us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin,
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar,
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.*

Fr. Bill +

St. Mary Parish Office

312 S. State Street
Appleton, WI 54911
920-739-5119
Website: stmaryparish.org

MINISTERS & SUPPORT STAFF***Fr. Bill Swichtenberg, Pastor***

wdswitz@stmaryparish.org
cell 920-422-4316

Deacon Gerry Schraufnagel

schraufnagel@stmaryparish.org
cell 920-540-9594

Chris Higgins

Director of Business Administration &
Information Technology
chiggins@stmaryparish.org

Nadine Duncan

Director of Pastoral Administration &
Pastoral Care
nduncan@stmaryparish.org

Tom Walter

Liturgical Music
twalter@stmaryparish.org

Chip Acker

Cemetery & Facilities Management
cacker@stmaryparish.org

Parish Trustees

Ted Suess 920-636-8855
Carol Frahm 920-733-0207

Pastoral Leadership Council Chair

Beth Power 703-819-4829

Finance Council Chair

Larry Bonneville 920-419-3097

Summer Hours:

Mon - Thurs, 9am-4pm
closed Fridays

Contact us:

stmary@stmaryparish.org

Tracy Turba

Minister of Young Disciples
tturba@stmaryparish.org

Emily Wallace

Communication Coordinator &
Project Specialist
ewallace@stmaryparish.org

Julie Morse

Administrative Assistant
stmary@stmaryparish.org

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)

St. Mary Cemetery

920-882-4158
cemetery@stmaryparish.org

Xavier Catholic School System

920-735-9380