

WEEKLY UPDATE

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2022



New time!

ADORATION

- EVERY WEDNESDAY
- 4:30-8:00 PM
- BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."



**Listen to the
Voice of Creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

*Find helpful tips
on our handout
in the back of
church.*

Join us for a Special Presentation by
Jason Wilde on Sunday, October 2nd
after the 9:45 am Mass.

Beacon Registration

FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENT PREP

2022-23



SCAN TO REGISTER

Weekly Dates/Times

Elementary: 4:45-6pm

Middle & High School: 6:30-7:45pm

Wednesdays, beginning 9/14

Sacrament Prep

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist:
Begins this fall and continues
through Spring

Confirmation: Begins in January '23

Contact

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(920) 739-5119

Live as children of *light*

Ignite



Come fan your Faith into Flame with the SPIRITUS Team!

Students grades 9-12

1st & 3rd Sundays

Starting

September 18

7-9pm



Mt Tabor Center

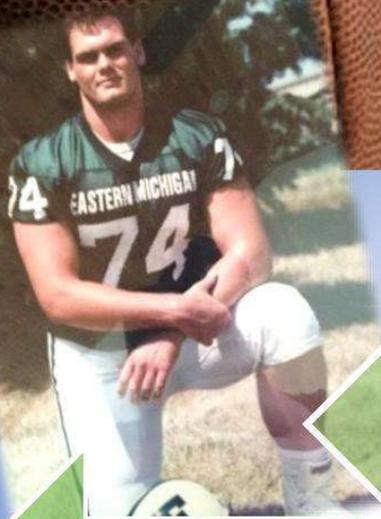
522 2nd Street Menasha



CIA-Faith Mission Operatives

When God pinches your playbook

**Michael Lightner was NFL bound ...
until his earthly mom teamed up with
his heavenly Mom
at Medjugorje**



**7 PM - Monday
Sept. 19, 2022**

***Fr. Mike's
miracle-filled
journey from
the football
field to the
priesthood***

**Xavier Fine Arts
Theatre, Appleton**

Fr. Mike's incredible conversion story is featured in Christine Watkins' best-selling book *Of Men and Mary: How Six Men Won the Greatest Battle of Their Lives*. He founded both the Women of Christ/Men of Christ groups in Milwaukee and currently serves the parishes of *St. Mary/St. John the Baptist* in Menasha, 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!

An all-volunteer, non-profit ministry recognized by the Diocese of Green Bay & supported through your generosity & prayers

Join Us For The Fall

Young Adult Retreat

SEPTEMBER : CAMP
23-25 : TEKAWITHA
: SHAWANO, WI

Registration Now Open



Register Here

Visit www.viayoungadults.org
for more information



Empty to Full (E2F) Pans for Pillars!

Provide simple, homemade, nutritious food to clients of Pillars shelters. Pick up an empty pan at church on the weekend of October 1 & 2. Using the simple grocery list found in the pan, purchase recipe ingredients. Ingredients will cost approximately \$14.00. Use the recipe found in the pan to assemble the meal. (Great family activity). Place the prepared pan in your freezer. Bring the prepared pan to church the weekend of October 8 & 9 or drop it off in the office the week of October 3-6. Enjoy the great feeling of using your gifts to nourish others!



EVER THINK OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?



Do you, or someone know,
have questions about the
Catholic faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (**RCIA**)
is a program for anyone considering joining the
Catholic Church.

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

WE'D LOVE TO JOURNEY WITH YOU!



Songs Stories & Fun!

at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

October

14 Marquette Street Campus

19 McDonald Street Campus

All events begin at 9:00 a.m.

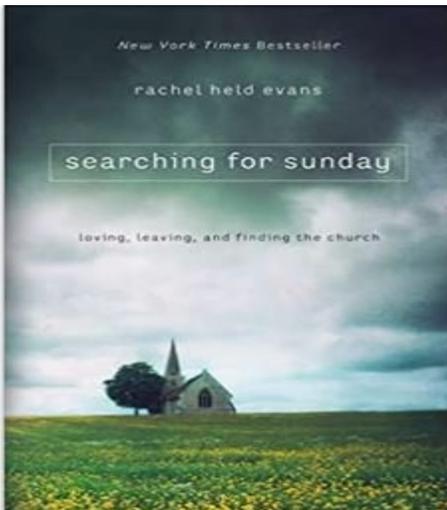


Open to children ages 2-5 with their parents/grandparents.
FREE! Younger sibs welcome!
RSVP requested. Walk-ins welcome!

Register Online Here
or at bit.ly/ssf22-23



Admissions@XavierCatholicSchools.org



St. Mary's Book Club

The October 11 book will be: *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans. For November 8 our book selection is *The Orphan Keeper* by Camron Wright.

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



The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative (CNI), a project of Pax Christi International is holding a 5-session lecture series to explore gospel based active nonviolence.

Join us to watch and discuss the virtual lectures **at St. Mary Parish**, 312 S. State Street, Appleton on Tuesdays in October, the 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th ending Thursday November 3rd from 6:30-7:45pm.



To sign up this event at St. Mary parish go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a48a5aa2eabfc1-thecatholic1>

or use the QR code

Or to register for the event to **watch on your own** go to www.fallservices.org

Bell Ringers Needed!

The Bells of St Mary Handbell Choir is looking for three to four additional ringers for the Christmas season. Rehearsals, held weekly in the choir loft from 6:30-8:00PM, begin on Monday, October 3rd. If you're interested in joining the group or would like more information, contact Martha Paalman at mpaalman@stmaryparish.org or 920-420-6481.



Mass Times Intention

Mon., September 19, 12:05pm	Vernon & Alice McGinnis
Tue., September 20, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Wed., September 21, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Thur., September 22, 12:05 pm	Christopher Engichy
Sat., September 24, 4:30pm	Joe Kurer
Sun., September 25, 7:45am	Parishioners of St Mary
	9:45am Lauren Arkens
	6:30pm

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Tony Abel. 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 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.

Events Calendar

Monday, September 19

- 6:30pm THEO Grief Support Group/Community Room
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room
- 7:00pm Confirmation Candidates - Adoration/Church
- 8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting/ Lower Level Room 6

Tuesday, September 20

- 9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7
- 1:00pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group/St Joe's
- 2:00pm Rosary Group/Church
- 6:00pm Human Concerns Meeting/St. Anne Room
- 6:15pm Confessions/Chapel
- 7:00pm Finance Council/Community Room

Wednesday, September 21

- 8:00am Quilting Group/Community Room
- 9:30am Connect, Pray, Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures/Lower Level Room 7
- 4:30pm Adoration/Church
- 4:45pm Beacon - Grades 1 to 5/Lower Level Rooms
- 6:30pm Beacon - Grades 6 to 12

Thursday, September 22

No Events

Friday, September 23

Parish Office closed!

Saturday, September 24

- 9:00am Confessions/Chapel

IN JOY & SORROW

WITH FR. BILL
SWICHTENBERG

09.18.2022

You know the saying *Always a day late and a dollar short*. Now that is not always the case with me but I did miss the opportunity to share a reflection and teaching with you all. Last week was National Suicide Prevention Week. And in last Monday's edition of The Post Crescent was the front page article, *It Does Get Better*. And, actually the month of September is dedicated to Suicide Prevention.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports that nearly 47,000 people died by suicide in the US in 2020. Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in the US, and in Wisconsin, it is the 9th. Across four different age groups from 20 to 44 in WI, suicide was the second leading cause of death in 2020. And in all age groups, WI men make up over 80% of deaths by suicide.

Once again I must admit my ignorance as I have never heard of the band, *Them Coulee Boys*, one of WI's own bands that has made it big time. Soren Staff, a member of the band, has dedicated "Phil's Song" to the memory of his friend, Phil, who was lost to suicide. Soren often invites listeners to replace the name Phil with the names of beloved ones who are deeply missed, and offers a lyric that feels like balm for grief, regardless of the cause of death. "Do we ever really die if love is what we left behind?"

For the last thirty years or so, Father Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, has offered an annual reflection on suicide for his readers. Father admits that he says the same things year after year because he realizes that his message still needs to reach more eyes and hearts.

In June of this year, Fr. Rolheiser reiterated these four points:

1. It is not true that suicide is self-inflicted and voluntary. "A person who dies by suicide dies, as does the victim of a terminal illness or fatal accident, not by his or her own choice. When people die from heart attacks, strokes, cancer, and accidents, they die against their will. The same is true for suicide, except in the case of suicide the breakdown is emotional rather than physical - an emotional stroke, an emotional cancer, a breakdown of the emotional immune system, an emotional fatality."
2. God sees deeply into the human heart. God is infinitely more merciful than you or me. "God's hands are infinitely safer and gentler than our own. Imagine a loving mother, just having given birth, welcoming her child onto her breast for the first time." See your loved one received into eternal life and Jesus drawing him or her close to His Heart.
3. To be tortured by questions that begin with *What if...?*, is pointless. "Suicide is a disease that picks its victim precisely in such a way so as to exclude others and their attentiveness. This is not an excuse for insensitivity, especially towards those suffering

from dangerous depression, but it would be a healthy check against false guilt and fruitless second-guessing.”

4. Remember your loved one when he or she was most alive. How his or her life ended does not begin to capture the beauty and goodness that was there throughout his or her life. “Place all your trust in God and God’s goodness, God’s understanding, and God’s power to descend into hell” and rescue your beloved who was tormented by a darkness that you and I cannot begin to imagine. And always remember “God’s power to make all things right.”

I have summarized in a concise manner Fr Ronald’s reflection. I would encourage you, if you have access to the internet, to pray over the whole reflection. Here is the link:

<https://ronrolheiser.com/suicide-and-our-misunderstandings/#.YyCku3bMI2x>

Fr. Bill †

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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

St. Mary Cemetery

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cemetery@stmaryparish.org

Website: stmaryparishcemetery.org

Xavier Catholic School System

920-735-9380