

MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 24, 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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THE CROWN ... IS MADE OUT OF ROSES TO SYMBOLIZE THE SINGULAR DIGNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN."

BULLETIN

HAPPY
Mothers
DAY



**Celebrate Moms
on the Weekend of
May 10 & 11**

**A special gift will be
handed out after all
the Masses**

**Join us for May
Crowning at the Sunday
9:45am Mass**

Regular Mass Times

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 7:45am, 9:45am

Monday 12:05pm

Tuesday No mass

Wednesday No mass

Thursday 12:05pm

Friday No mass

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Let us pray

Evening worship experiences at St. Mary, Appleton

HYMN SING & CONCERT **May 22 | 6:30pm**

Celebrate Mary and our mothers with a hymn sing of famous and beloved Marian hymns and songs



Bring a baby item to help moms and kids in need

Annual Vida Collection

(formerly Mother and Unborn Baby Care)

MAY 10 - MAY 25

Help moms & kids in need

- take a tag from the tree in the Marian Way
- return item(s) by May 25
- view a list of current Vida needs at stmaryparish.org



Congratulations!

TO THE FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

**Ruby
Ellie
Hudson
Abby**

**Tucker
Lucas
Ezzy
Angelina**

**Pascaline
Caden
Sadie
Sebastian**

**Miles
Isaac
Abraham
Divya**

Open Auditions!

CHRISTMAS STARS 2025

Students entering Kindergarten through 12th grade in 2025 and adults of all ages who love to sing and dance are invited to audition.

**Sunday evening, May 4
Tuesday evening, May 13**

Directed by Jim Romenesko

Choreography by Mary Doverspike, Jr.

Choral direction by Peter Leschke

Fill out a cast application and schedule an audition at www.christmasstars.org, tap the "Join Our Cast" button

All auditions by appointment, scheduling link available after submitting application.

**WE ARE
HIRING**

POSITIONS:

Babysitting Ministry, Coordinator (Part-Time)

Minister of Missionary Disciples (Part-Time)

**Babysitting Ministry
Coordinator (Part-Time)**



- Five hours a week
- Coordinate volunteer babysitters for 9:45 AM Mass
- More about the role and to apply: <https://www.gbdioc.org/careers/>

**Minister of Missionary
Disciples (Part-Time)**



- 20-30 hours a week
- Support the spiritual growth of the parish
- Help to implement the adult discipleship pathway
- More about the role and to apply: <https://www.gbdioc.org/careers/>



**Join us for
Coffee & Donuts!**

after the Sunday morning
Masses this weekend

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



<https://bit.ly/4gCBclw>



**WHAT IS THE CENTRAL MYSTERY
OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

**HAPPY
70TH**

Birthday

&

**HAPPY
20TH**

Anniversary

**AS A
PERMANENT DEACON**

**ON THE
WEEKEND
OF
MAY 17 & 18**



**ALL ARE
WELCOME**

**COME CELEBRATE DEACON GERRY IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM AFTER MASS**



VICARIATE DAY FOR LAY FAITHFUL

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, LITTLE CHUTE

MAY
13

5:45PM

CHECK-IN & HOSPITALITY

6-7PM

PRESENTATION

**The Church as
Pilgrim of Hope**

Gerard Hall,
Director of
Divine Worship

6:45PM

PANEL DISCUSSION
& REFLECTION

What does it mean to
live as Pilgrims of hope

7:30PM

CLOSING PRAYER



Diocese of
Green Bay

No Registration is Necessary

We Invite You

A DAY WITH OUR LADY

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

National Shrine of our Lady of Champion

The day begins with Mass in Mother of Mercy Hall.
Father Tom Farrell, Spiritual Director for the
Widows of Prayer will be our Celebrant.

Mass at 11:00 AM

Lunch - 12:15 PM

Words of Wisdom - 1:15 Father Tom

Break

Blessing - 2:15 PM

Time to Enjoy the Grounds



The event is open to all women, especially
widows. A prepaid \$25.00 registration is required.

To register, call or text Kathy at:

920-284-9476 by May 14th

Sponsored by the **Widows of Prayer**

2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL

8% TO GO

GOAL: \$72,433

92%

\$66,368





FINAL
SUNDAY
5:30pm Mass
on May 11

Scrip Available After Mass



*St. Mary &
St. Joseph*



The next St Mary/St Joseph book club discussion will take place from 1 to 2:30 pm, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in Room LL7 at St. Mary. The book selected for discussion is **Demon Copperhead, by Barbara Kingsolver.**

Looking forward to the third Tuesday, June 17, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, the book selected for discussion is **Firekeepers Daughter by Angeline Boulley.**

Looking further ahead to the third Tuesday, July 15, same time and location, the book discussed will be **Still Life (Book #1 in Series) by Louise Penny.**

New book readers are welcome to attend anytime. Please contact Mary Schulz, book club member, 920-809-4474, with any questions.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. MARY CEMETERY

We need volunteers to put flags on the veterans graves.
May 22 9:00 am to Noon. If it is raining on the 22nd, we will postpone until May 23rd.



MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE CEMETERY SALUTES



Sun., May 25th, 2025

The community is welcomed to gather as local veteran service organizations assemble and perform somber salutes to veterans that paid the ultimate sacrifice and are laid to rest at the two cemeteries listed below. The salutes will include a prayer, the laying of a memorial wreath, a rifle volley, and the playing of "Taps".

12:00 NOON @ Moses Montefiore Cemetery (E. Woodland Ave., Appleton)

1:00 PM @ St. Mary Cemetery (2121 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton)

Organized by the Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard. Follow the Scarlet Guard Color Guard on Facebook for more information and updates.

St. Mary MEMORIAL DAY MASS

PLEASE JOIN US MAY 26.
THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL
DAY MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT ST. MARY
CEMETERY AT 8:00AM



Mass Intentions

Sat. May 10	4:30pm	Conrad Fuerstenberg
Sun. May 11	7:45am	Tom & Arlene Rogers
	9:45am	Julie Sabish & Joan Greenen
	5:30pm	Marge Schnese
Mon. May 12	12:05pm	Vernon & Alice McGinnis
Thur. May 15	12:05pm	---
Sat. May 17	4:30pm	Ted Miller
Sun. May 18	7:45am	Richard & Patricia Pechotta
	9:45am	---
Mon. May 19	12:05pm	Joanie Streck
Thur. May 22	12:05pm	---
Sat. May 24	4:30pm	Carl Butzen
Sun. May 25	7:45am	Special intention for young people in the military.
	9:45am	Mike Barker



IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the family and friends of Mary Mauthe and Robert Schoultz. May your memories comfort you during this time.

Mary Mauthe 4/16/27 - 04/26/25

Robert Schoultz 3/17/45 - 3/25/25

St Mary PRAYER TREE

LEAVE A PRAYER, TAKE A PRAYER. LOOK FOR OUR PRAYER TREE IN BACK OF CHURCH.



ST MARY CEMETERY



Open House • May 17 • 1pm - 6:30pm



St. Mary

Grief Support

An outreach of St. Mary Cemetery

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.*

Dealing with the loss of a loved one ranks as one of life's toughest challenges. Your faith family is here to help.

This summer, join us for an 8-week grief support program designed to accompany you on your journey and provide information and strategies to help you understand and deal with your loss.

- Monday evenings 6-7:30 PM starting June 16
- Sessions will begin & end promptly
- Facilitated by Chip Acker & Thomas Walter (Certified ICare Specialists, International Grief Institute)
- Sessions are free; group size limited to 10 participants

For more Info email:



cacker@stmaryparish.org
twalter@stmaryparish.org



Contact Tom or Chip
@ 920-739-5119



Week of MAY 10 - MAY 16

Saturday, May 10

St. Joe's Food Program Collection

Mother's Day Gift

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel

10:00 am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support Group/LL7

1:00 pm Lauren Banker - Drew Bisarek Wedding

4:30 pm Mass (A Martell Baptism)

Sunday, May 11

Coffee & Donut

St. Joe's Food Program Collection

Mother's Day Gift

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass /Livestreamed

5:30 pm Mass (Last 5:30 pm Mass)

Monday, May 12

12:05 pm Mass

Tuesday, May 13

9:00 am Connect Group/Comm Rm

9:30 am CIAFMO/LL1

2:00 pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel

6:30 pm Connect Group/LL7

Wednesday, May 14

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

4:00 pm Flock of Sparrows/LL5

4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

Thursday, May 15

12:05 pm Mass

1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/Comm Rm

6:00 pm Mind of Christ Series/Comm Rm

6:00 pm Adult Choir

6:30 pm New Horizons Band Practice

Friday, May 16

Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Small Group./LL7



The Holy Trinity



Week of MAY 7 - MAY 26

Saturday, May 17

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel

1:00 pm Cemetery Open House/Cemetery

4:30 pm Mass-(Fr. Funk Sub) Celebration for Dcn Gerry

Sunday, May 18

Coffee & Donuts

Celebration for Dcn Gerry after Masses

7:45 am Mass (Fr Funk)

9:45 am Mass /Livestreamed (C Reader Baptism)(Fr Funk)

9:45 am Confirmation Class

Monday, May 19

12:05 pm Mass

6:30 pm THEO/Community Rm

Tuesday, May 20

9:00 am Connect/LL7

1:00 pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's/L112

1:00 pm Book Club/LL7

2:00 pm Rosary Prayer/Chapel

6:30 pm Matthew 25/Large Conference Room-Parish Office

6:30 pm Connect/LL7

Wednesday, May 21

8:00 am Quilting/Comm Rm

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

4:00 pm Flock of Sparrows/ LL5

4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

Thursday, May 22

12:05 pm Mass

6:00 pm Mind of Christ Series/Comm Rm

6:00 pm Adult Choir

6:30 pm Marian Concert Hymn-Sing (Let Us Pray Series)/Church

Friday, May 23

Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Small Group/LL7

Saturday, May 24

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel

4:30 pm Mass (V Anderson Baptism)

Sunday, May 25

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Monday, May 26

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass-Memorial Day/Cemetery

Clergy

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Parish Office Hours:
920-739-5119
Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9am-4pm
Wednesday, 9am-6:30pm
Office Closed on Fridays

Sacrament of Matrimony
Getting Married? Congratulations!
Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months
before your planned wedding date.

Funeral Information
Contact Tom Walter
cell (920)-422-8669

Mass Intentions
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

Confession times:
Saturdays 9-10am, or by
appointment

Parish Website:
stmaryparish.org
Cemetery Website:
stmaryparishcemetery.org

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays
4:30-8pm
Sign up for a slot to sit with Jesus.
We must have one person
with the Eucharist at all times.

Prayer Requests:
Contact Laurie Richter
lauriejrichter@gmail.com
Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182) or
Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969)



SCAN ME

St. Anthony



Dear St. Anthony,
Please come around.
Somethings are lost and
must be found.

May 10 & 11

we will have all of our
lost and found items on
a table in the Marian
Way. If you have lost
anything rececntly,
come take a look

in Joy & SORROW



How blessed we are in the Northern Hemisphere to celebrate the Easter Season in the midst of the *dearest freshness deep down things*, which is the Season of Spring. I recall exiting a nearly three-hour indoor meeting on Tuesday afternoon (May 6) and walking to my SUV under a brilliantly shining sun and a crystal blue sky; *the grandeur of God* bursting with exaltation all around me. One of my colleagues, who was cooped up in the same meeting, couldn't wait to peel off his black suit coat. He might have removed his Roman collar as well, but I didn't stick around to make sure. By the way, it was a good meeting though!

There is just a taste in the above paragraph of Rev Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ's wonderful poem for Creation, titled *The Grandeur of God*. Check it out!

During these holy days, we are also richly blessed to celebrate the gift of our Mothers. Our hearts burst with joy as we experience the unconditional love of our Mothers and Grandmothers or remember their love.

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My Mom has been at home with the Lord in Paradise for a little over three years now. I miss her more and more! She was my biggest cheerleader, throughout my life but especially in my role as a servant leader in the Church.

While my tenure has been relatively smooth sailing over the last forty-two years as a priest, during a couple of stormy times, my Mom always calmed me down and reassured me that I was on the right track in terms of resolving whatever the situation was.

I am reminded of St Julian of Norwich, the woman mystic of the 14th-15th centuries, who always prayed, "All will be well and every manner of thing will be well."

My Mom often thought that I would have been a bit too much as the pastor for my hometown parish of Saint Mary, Menasha. She was not too keen on a Gospel that really stretched people to embrace the mind and heart of Jesus. She advocated for a Gospel that would comfort the disturbed and really was a bit scared for me if I introduced a Gospel that disturbed the comfortable. She really believed that I needed to be careful to avoid an untimely demise. You know that whole thing about people getting rid of the messenger because they don't like her or his message.

Just a note here. Recall that *catholicity* in its truest sense is not *either/or* but *both/and*. The Gospel both comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable. I remind myself that I have a tendency to fall on one side of the *both/and* equation and need to consider the other viewpoint more carefully at times.

Make sure to take time to honor your Mother on this Mother's Day Weekend!

The Church fittingly remembers Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church, during the month of May. As the perfect disciple, it does us good to keep Mary front and center in our lives. Her *Fiat* which declared, *Let it be done to me as you (that is the Angel Gabriel) say*, is the perfect prayer of trust in the Lord! The Church has a tradition of repeating this prayer of Mary's every morning, noon, and evening. It's called the Angelus.

I believe that Mary has become the most influential human being in the history of the Church to fix in our hearts forever the maternal nature of our God. Admittedly, our hierarchical church, too male dominated, needs to remember this. We need to be able to approach the Lord, trusting in the Lord's tenderness and compassion. Jesus compares Himself to being *like a mother hen longing to gather her chicks under her wings*. (Matthew 23:37)

Let us remember that our Creator God is *both* like a father and *like* a mother. Let us remember, too, that the personal singular pronoun for the Holy Spirit is *She* and not *He*. Both the Hebrew *ruah* and the Greek *pneuma*, which refer to the Holy Spirit and suggest *breath*, require a female article. This can be likened to *la maison*, which is *house* in French and requires the female article *la* or *le cheval*, which is *horse* in French and requires the male article *le*.

You didn't know that this reflection would end in a grammar lesson, did you!

It's really better to end in prayer with this litany.

Mary, Mother of the liberator, pray for us.

Mother of the homeless, pray for us.

Mother of the dying, pray for us.

Mother of the violent, pray for us.

Widowed mother, pray for us.

Unwed mother, pray for us.

Mother of a political prisoner, pray for us.

Mother of the condemned, pray for us.

Mother of the executed criminal, pray for us.

Mother of mercy, empower us.

Mother of faith, empower us.

Mother of contemplation, empower us.

Mother of vision, empower us.

Mother of wisdom and understanding, empower us.

Mother of grace and truth, empower us.

Mother, pregnant with hope, empower us.

Mother, centered in God, empower us.

(by Pax Christi USA)

Happy Month of May, Blessed Mother Mary!

Fr. Bill +