

JULY 6 - JULY 19, 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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JOHN 8:36, "SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED."

BULLETIN

Regular Mass Times

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 7:45am, 9:45am

Monday 12:05pm

Tuesday No mass

Wednesday No mass

Thursday 12:05pm

Friday July 4th mass at 8am

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July 2, 2025

Dear Holy Members of our Saint Mary Parish Family,



On behalf of the Senior Pastoral Leadership Team, as well as the Pastoral Leadership and Finance Councils, I would like to thank you for your generous response to our Safe Harbor Campaign. Thank you, as well, for your end-of-fiscal year gifts apart from the Safe Harbor Campaign. Your gifts totaling more than \$60,000 to both parish support and other funds provided a much-needed boost to getting our parish ship into harbor at the end of our fiscal year, June 30.

I am always hesitant to tack on another plea for financial help to good people like you who already are so generous in your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to Saint Mary Parish. I understand that everyone is feeling the pinch with rising prices and volatile markets. The parish staff in conjunction with the finance council are exploring ways to cut costs for utilities like electricity and gas; reviewing contracts, licenses and subscriptions; and reducing expenses related to everyday items such as paper products, printing, etc.

The Finance Council is also working to put together a more intentional teaching on the commitment to stewardship which is the duty of every parish household. You and I take seriously the living out of gratitude to the Lord for every one of His gifts to us. We also are convinced that generosity accompanies gratitude and that our sacrificial giving is an act of worship. We need to help more and more people experience the joy that is living in the keys of gratitude and generosity as Jesus' disciples.

I thank you again for your financial gifts. It does my heart so much good to experience your dedication to our Spiritual Family of Saint Mary Parish!!!

Fr. Bill +



Eucharistic Pilgrimage



Join the pilgrims in prayer
on Sunday, July 13, in church
from 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM.

The pilgrimage will then move to
St. Joseph for prayer and Mass.

Volunteer
every hand makes a **difference**



Join Us on the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

- Aug 6 - Build Walls, Prepare a Meal
- Sept 2 - Siding, Prepare a Meal
- Oct 2 - Wall Rock, Prepare a Meal
- Oct 25 - Paint and Stain, Prepare a Meal

Contact Ray Fuchs rfuchs1944@gmail.com to sign up.



Which saint is known as the
"Apostle to the Gentiles?"

YOUNG COUPLES & YOUNG FAMILIES

HAPPY HOUR

Grill Out

SUNDAY JULY 20

11 AM-12:30 PM

<https://bit.ly/churchhappyhour>



St. Mary Parish (Appleton) invites you to join us for a fun, summer day of grilling out, drinking cold ones, and watching the kids make memories with an epic balloon fight!

Family
Ministry

St. Mary Parish
save the date



AUGUST 1ST: POOL
PARTY

Come splash, laugh, and connect with other families from our parish on Friday, August 1st from 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM! Let's celebrate summer, build community, and enjoy some fun in the sun together. All ages welcome—bring your swimsuits, towels, and smiles! Watch our weekly bulletin and social media for more information!



St. Joseph FOOD PROGRAM

Collection is July 12 & 13



We are collecting peanut butter, protein bars, non-perishable meat or fish products, such as canned or packaged tuna, salmon, chicken, any canned or non-perishable packaged vegetables that contain protein. Please no glass containers or past the use by date.

Thank you for helping those who are in need.



Traveling Rosary for Vocations

Thursday, July 17; 1:00 – 2:30 PM
at Prince of Peace Parish,
3425 Willow Rd. Green Bay; 54311.

The Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are hosting a prayer event for an increase in vocations and religious. All women and men are invited. Join us for song, praying the rosary for vocations, a presentation by Dcn. Jeff Prickette, and a reception to close out the event.

For more info call 920-323-3243 or visit
www.gbdcw.org.

Mark your calendar Summer Dates!

July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24



of the Word
9:45 am Mass

**COFFEE &
DONUTS**

7:45 am & 9:45 am Mass

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Ⓜ [HTTP://BIT.LY/4J2M9EO](http://bit.ly/4j2m9eo)



**RAISING
VOCATIONS
COLLECTION**


Catholic Foundation
for the Diocese of Green Bay, Inc.

Raising Vocations for Tomorrow, Help them say Yes!

**Our young people need YOUR help
to say "yes" to God's call!**



On August 2 & 3, the Diocese of Green Bay will kick off the Raising Vocations Collection. This collection will support ministries that journey with young people to help them discover Christ and say "yes" to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This will help us reach our diocesan goal of 30 men in seminary formation by 2025

PRAYER EXPERIENCE

- Daily Mass and Rosary
- Games
- Adoration
- Reconciliation
- Music
- Fellowship
- Fun!



"O Mary, give me your heart."
Louis de Montfort

TOTUS TUUS instills the faith of the Church in the hearts and minds of young people bringing them closer to Jesus through Mary.

TOTUS TUUS is an incredible week of learning through Sacraments, prayer, music and fun.

Scan the QR code to register



TOTUS TUUS

To Jesus Through Mary

ST. THOMAS MORE
ST. BERNADETTE
ST. THERESE
ST. MARY



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Fr. Mark Mleziva: Co-Director
Jenn Wood: Co-Director
Annette Hovie: Administrative Assistant

July 27 - August 1, 2025

Held at
St. Thomas More
1810 N. McDonald St
Appleton, WI

Volunteers
needed

Please help us make our summer faith program possible! We need adult and teen volunteers for Totus Tuus

July 27- Aug 1.

Sign up for one day/time slot or multiple!



Adults: <https://bit.ly/4mM9mOo>

Youth: bit.ly/43MhyFI



Diocese of
Green Bay

Please join us for a
**EUCCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE
OF HOPE**

JULY 9-13, 2025

Wed., July 9

Day
1

8 a.m. **Mass** at Holy Cross, Kaukauna
9:30 a.m. St. Paul Elder Services, Kaukauna
11 a.m. St. Katharine Drexel (St. Mary), Kaukauna
1:30 p.m. St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute
3:30 p.m. Holy Spirit Parish and School, Kimberly

Thurs., July 10

Day
2

8 a.m. **Mass** at Holy Spirit, Kimberly
9:30 a.m. St. Paul, Combined Locks
11 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish and School, Darboy
3 p.m. St. Bernadette, Appleton

Fri., July 11

Day
3

8 a.m. **Mass** at St. Bernadette, Appleton
10 a.m. St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton
11 a.m. Sacred Heart, Appleton
3 p.m. St. John the Baptist, Menasha
4 p.m. St. Mary Parish and School, Menasha




Fr. Michael Thiel
Pilgrimage
Chaplain



Michael Picard
Pilgrimage
Coordinator

Questions?
Contact Michael Picard

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All are
welcome
for this
FREE
event!

Sat., July 12

Day
4

7 a.m. **Mass** at St. Mary, Menasha
8 a.m. St. Patrick, Menasha
9 a.m. St. Margaret Mary Parish and School, Neenah
10:30 a.m. St. Gabriel Parish and School, Neenah
1 p.m. 4 St. Mary Catholic Middle and High School,
p.m. 4:30 Neenah
p.m. 6:00 Arrival at St. Bernard, Appleton
p.m. **Vigil Mass** at St. Bernard, Appleton
Xavier High School, Appleton

Sun., July 13

Day
5

8 a.m. Xavier High School, Appleton
9 a.m. St. Mary, Appleton
10 a.m. **Mass** at St. Joseph, Appleton
11:30 a.m. St. Therese, Appleton
1:30 p.m. St. Thomas More Parish and School, Appleton
3 p.m. 4 Xavier Middle School, Appleton
p.m. 6 St. Pius X, Appleton
p.m. **Mass** at St. Pius X, Appleton



JUBILEE 2025



PILGRIMS OF HOPE



“I was sick and you visited me.” Matthew 25:36

Are you a Eucharistic Minister? Ascension-St. Elizabeth Hospital is in need of volunteers to bring Communion to patients.

Requirements: application, references, criminal and caregiver background check, blood draw to test for immunities to measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella, and urine drug screen.

All new volunteers usually shadow an experienced Eucharistic Minister until they feel comfortable Distributing Holy Communion alone.

For more information, please contact Spiritual Care Services at 920-810-5092 or email Fr. Jude Egbuna, Chaplain, at jude.egbuna@ascension.org

Mass Intentions

Sat. July 5	4:30pm	Patricia Bowe
Sun. July 6	7:45am 9:45am	Carol & Jeff Rowland Dick Schermerhorn
Mon. July 7	12:05pm	---
Thur. July 10	12:05pm	---
Sat. July 12	4:30pm	Cindy Vosters
Sun. July 13	7:45am 9:45am	Richard & Patricia Pechotta Jared Bardon
Mon. July 14	12:05pm	Cassie- Garvey Backhaus
Thur. July 17	12:05pm	---
Sat. July 19	4:30pm	---
Sun. July 20	7:45am 9:45am	Pat Kiley Catherine Thompson



**IN LOVING
MEMORY**

Please pray for the family and friends of those who have recently passed. May your memories comfort you at this time.

Rudolph Lawrence "Larry" Konz
1926 - June 30, 2025

St Mary
PRAYER TREE

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



EVENTS CALENDARS

Week of July 5 - July 13

Saturday, July 5

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, July 6

7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Monday, July 7

12:05pm Mass
6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Ensemble
6:30pm THEO/Community Rm

Tuesday, July 8

9:00 am Connect Group?/CR
2:00 pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel

Wednesday, July 9

9:00 am Connect Group/Pillar Prep
4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

Thursday, July 10

9:00 Larry Konz Visitation
10:00 am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR
10:30 Larry Konz Funeral
12:05 pm Mass
6:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, July 11

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 12

St. Joe's Food Program Collection

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel
10:00am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support/LL7
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 13

St. Joe's Food Program Collection

Coffee & Donuts

7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Week of July 14 - July 15

Monday, July 14

12:05 pm Mass

Tuesday, July 15

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7
1:00 pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's/L112
1:00 pm STM & STJ Book Club
2:00 pm Rosary Prayer/Chapel

Wednesday, July 16

8:00 am Quilting/CR
9:00 am Connect Group/LL7
4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

Thursday, July 17

10:00 am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR
12:05 pm Mass
1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/CR
6:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, July 18

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 19

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 20

7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed
11:00 am Happy Hour Grill Out/CELC Gym & Playground



St Paul

St. Mary

Grief Support

Monday Evenings • 6-7:30 PM
St. Mary Cemetery Chapel

[CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER](#)

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Important Contacts

Parish Office Hours:

920-739-5119
Mon through Thurs, 9am-4pm
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
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Interested in joining the Parish?

Contact Lori Lavalle
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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

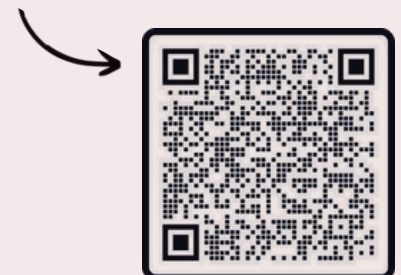
Cemetery Website:

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.



SCAN ME

in Joy & SORROW

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 7.6.2025

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



As our nation celebrates its 249th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, I am distressed on these chaotic days when the future of democracy across this great land of ours is in danger.

The values enshrined in our founding documents are so inspiring. Yes, all women and men are created equal! We are all endowed with certain inalienable rights. We have the right to life that draws its quality from our sacred belief that we are all marked with the divine image of our Creator! Nothing can strip this sacred dignity from us!

We are all bathed in the grace of freedom! Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus has set us free [liberated us] from all things that might pull us away from Him, the greatest of these being a selfish indifference which blinds us from seeing Jesus in every person.

Enshrined in our founding documents are the precious freedoms to worship, to gather in assembly, to speak our minds and hearts on any

*We are all bathed in
the grace of freedom!*

issue, with no hatred there, and to cherish the gift of the press. We are free to make our way through life finding that which will give us happiness and purpose.

Standing tall in the harbor of New York City is our Statue of Liberty. Inscribed there is Emma Lazarus' great sonnet declaring "Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand / A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame is the imprisoned lightning, and her name Mother of Exiles...cries she with silent lips, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."

In his The American Thread, the black theologian Dante Stewart laments that our nation seems to be caught in the midst of a violent storm. So much is happening in this storm that is not worthy of a great nation. Dante worries about what the future holds for his little son and daughter.

He recounts a conversation with a young person in a coffee shop, who asked him, "Where do you turn when things in the world are so confusing and so shaky?" He shared with this young person a photo of his "prayer space" at home, where he has placed pictures of his mentors, those icons in his life who are beacons of hope, people like James Baldwin, Rev James Cone, Maya Angelou, and Toni Morrison. These are some of the great prophets from among our black sisters and brothers who have called us all to a change of heart. For a heartless land is an empty wasteland.

In his autobiography titled Hope, Pope Francis puts it this way: "The heart alone is able to unify and harmonize our personal history, which seems fragmented into a thousand pieces. The anti-heart, on the other hand, is a horizon increasingly dominated by narcissism and self interest, which leads in the end to apathy, to depression, to 'loss of desire,' precisely because the other person disappears from the horizon." (page 282)

Back to Mr Stewart. He then tore out a blank sheet of paper from his journal, and wrote on it: "Where we turn tells a lot about where we are and where we're going." Beneath that instruction, he wrote the words *trust*, *language*, *community*, and *destiny*. These insights he passed on to his searching young person.

I *trust* in the Lord and I *trust* in those people who have a great love for the Lord that moves them to be close to people, tender and compassionate, as Pope Francis suggested again and again.

The words that we speak and write and read must be a holy *language* that inspires and builds up rather than belittles and tears down. They have to be words that are true and not lies.

Yes, the most important word is we. We who are committed to the values of the Gospel and the values of democracy need to stand together as one beloved community. With the Lord's help, we can control our destiny. The time is now to speak out on behalf of all that is right and just. We who are committed to quickening the inbreaking into our world of the Kingdom of the Lord's Justice,

Forgiveness, Peace, Truth, Hope, and Joy must not lose heart. Remember that there is a world within our world that cannot be touched and that world is the Reign of God. In the Reign of God, there is no place for inhumane cruelty, indifference, and selfishness. In that world which is the Lord's Kingdom Come, whenever the hungry are fed, the thirsty are given a cup of cold water, whenever those who are sick or imprisoned are visited, and the stranger or foreigner is welcomed, we are ministering to Jesus Himself! We are one United States of America, where there is a holy place for every person to stand tall, no matter his or her race or religion or education or economic or immigration status. Our beloved Pope Francis reminded us that we look down upon another human being only to reach out and offer our hand to help her or him to get up. He or she is a sibling and never a demon or alien.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, I am grateful to Shirley Erena Murray, for her poem titled
“God of Freedom, God of Justice”

*God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith --
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.
Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood --
move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.
Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed --
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's needs.*

Happy July Fourth!

Fr. Bill +