

JULY 20 - AUGUST 3, 2025

# ST. MARY PARISH

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*DO NOT NEGLECT HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS, FOR THROUGH IT SOME  
HAVE UNKNOWINGLY ENTERTAINED ANGELS. (HEBREWS 13:2)*

# 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** No mass

**Pastor - Fr. Bill Swichtenberg**

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**Cemetery Info - Chip Acker**

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WANT IN  
ON THE FUN?

JOIN THE  
CLUB



## St. Mary and St. Joe's Book Club

St. Mary and St. Joe's hosts a monthly book club where members gather to discuss the latest read.

Joining a book club brings a variety of benefits, focusing on social connections, intellectual engagement, and personal development. It offers a structured opportunity to delve into literature, broaden your reading interests, and connect with others who share your passion.

For any inquiries or to request the list of books we'll be reading through 2025, please reach out to Mary Schulz at 920-809-4474.

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](mailto:rfuchs1944@gmail.com)  
to sign up.

## Mark your calendar Summer Dates!

July 27; August 10 & 24



of the Word  
9:45 am Mass



Coffee &  
Donuts

7:45 am & 9:45 am Mass

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

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## Are you a young Catholic woman discerning your call from God?

You are invited for a coffee visit August 7, 4-7 PM, with the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. RSVP Sister Mary Ann at 920-320-1627 to set up an appointment.



## SPIRITUS Ministries

### Database & Accounts Coordinator

Are you detail-driven, tech-savvy, and passionate about your Catholic faith? SPIRITUS Ministries is looking for a Database & Accounts Coordinator to join our dynamic Development Team and help us inspire youth, form future Church leaders, and ignite faith across Wisconsin and beyond.

Be the go-to expert for our donor and event platforms, keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes. From managing donor records and generating reports to supporting fundraising campaigns and special events, your work will help fuel the mission every day.

We are looking for a mission-minded, organized and collaborative team player. Be part of a mission making an eternal impact by using your talents for something greater. Ready to put your skills to work for a ministry that changes lives?

Contact Annette Hovie for a complete job description at [annettehovie@spiritusministries.org](mailto:annettehovie@spiritusministries.org)



Which saint is known as the "Miracle Worker"?

## Young Couples & Young Families Ministry

# Pool Party

- **Friday, August 1st from 7:00 - 9:00 PM**
- **@ Mead Pool**
- **FREE Event - Outdoor games, snacks, and fun for everyone!**

**Watch the bulletin and social media for more information!**





**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



## Babysitting Ministry Volunteers

- Babysit 9:30 am - 11 am on Sundays in Babysitting Room
- Adults and teenagers (12+) needed!
- Interested? Fill out the form at:  
<https://bit.ly/babysittingministry>

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## Middle School Catechist/Core Team

- Share our faith with youth grades 6-8
- Build community in small groups
- Support prayer life
- Wednesdays, Sept-April, 6:15-8:15pm
- Contact Tracy @ [tturba@stmaryparish.org](mailto:tturba@stmaryparish.org)



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## Elementary Catechist & Aids

- Share our faith with youth grades 1-5
- Bring the faith to life in activities & prayer
- Materials and support provided
- Wednesdays, Sept-April, 4:30-6:00pm
- Contact Tracy @ [tturba@stmaryparish.org](mailto:tturba@stmaryparish.org)





# Fox Valley Catholic Bible Study

**Facilitator:**

**Fr. Bill**

**Switchtenberg**

## **Mission statement**

The mission of the Fox Valley Bible Study is to better appreciate the message of salvation found in the Word of God, through prayer and study in order to better live and share the Good News.



### **When**

Fridays  
Year Round



### **Time**

6:45 am -  
7:45 am



### **Where**

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Fellowship Hall  
(Lower level of the St. Bernadette  
Center)



### **Studying**

*A Feast of the Word -  
Lectio Divina with the  
Evangelist Luke*

**For more information visit**



<http://foxvalleybiblestudy.org>

# ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS



## THIS IS A DAY FOR EVERYONE!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM St  
Joseph Food Program  
1465 Opportunity Way,  
Menasha

### About Our Event!

We invite all community members to this day of fun and friends.

We will have carnival games, a bounce house, food trucks, music, tours of our facility, and information on client services as well as volunteering.

### Event Highlights

#### Food Trucks ◀

The Wandering Table, Fiamma Del Forno, Sara's Artisan Gelato, cotton candy station

#### Live DJ ◀

Enjoy music by Yo DJ and dance the wiggles out!

#### Tours and Information ◀

Learn more about our programs and client services

#### Games for all Ages ◀

Enjoy carnival games, bounce house, yard games and more!

#### Face Painting ◀

Free face painting by Prism and Pop!

#### Free Family Photos! ◀

Professional family photos by Painting with Light



Contact us

920-734-9461 x309

Website

[www.stjoesfoodprogram.org](http://www.stjoesfoodprogram.org)



# Texas Flood Relief Collection

## Catholic Charities of San Antonio



- **Emergency Financial Assistance**
- **Funeral Expenses**
- **Counseling Expenses**
- **Other Immediate Needs**



Donate through CC's website,  
in the box in the back of church,  
or drop it off at parish office.

### Mass Intentions

Sat. July 19	4:30pm	Joseph & Theresa Schraufnagel Families
Sun. July 20	7:45am	Pat Kiley
	9:45am	Katherine Thompson
Mon. July 21	12:05pm	Jean Bradley
Thur. July 24	12:05pm	---
Sat. July 26	4:30pm	Ted Miller
Sun. July 27	7:45am	Members of St. Mary Parish
	9:45am	Mary Ann Hanson
Mon. July 28	12:05pm	---
Thur. July 31	12:05pm	---
Sat. Aug 2	4:30pm	Living and deceased members of the Joe & Viv Kaufman Families
Sun. Aug 3	7:45am	Joe & Viv Kaufman
	9:45am	Young people in the military



## IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Raymond P. Pitsch  
May 2, 1941 - July 9, 2025

### St Mary PRAYER TREE

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



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## Week of July 19 - July 27

### Saturday, July 19

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel  
4:30pm Mass/Giovanni Leo  
Hernandez Baptism

### Sunday, July 20

7:45 am Mass  
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed  
11:00am Happy hour Grill Out-Gym&PG

### Monday, July 21

12:05pm Mass (Fr Funk)  
6:30pm THEO/Community Rm

### Tuesday, July 22

2:00 pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel

### Wednesday, July 23

9:30 am Connect Group/CR  
4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

### Thursday, July 24

10:00 am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR  
12:05 pm Mass (Fr Funk)  
6:00 pm Adult Choir

### Friday, July 25

**Parish Office Closed**

### Saturday, July 26

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

### Sunday, July 27

#### Coffee & Donuts

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

## Week of July 28 - Aug 3

### Monday, July 28

12:05 pm Mass

### Tuesday, July 29

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7  
2:00 pm Rosary Prayer/Chapel

### Wednesday, July 30

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

### Thursday, July 31

9:00am CIAFMO/LL7  
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, Aug 1

**Parish Office Closed**

7:00pm Family Ministry-Pool Party-Mead Pool

### Saturday, Aug 2

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

### Sunday, Aug 3

7:45 am Mass  
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed/Arris James  
Snyder Baptism



St Anthony of Padua- a  
Franciscan Friar 1195-1231



## Clergy

### **Pastor, Fr. Bill Swichtenberg**

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## Pastoral Team

### **Nadine Duncan (Ext. 116)**

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## Parish Leadership

### **Tim Schraufnagel**

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## Facilities & Cemetery

### **Chip Acker**

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### **Chad Tisdell**

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## Prayer Requests:

Contact Laurie Richter  
lauriejrichter@gmail.com

Mary Jo Zilisch  
(920-734-1182) or

Ann Walkowski  
(920-428-0969)

## 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  
cell (920)-422-8669

### **Interested in joining the Parish?**

Contact Lori Lavalle  
llavalle@stmaryparish.org

### **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

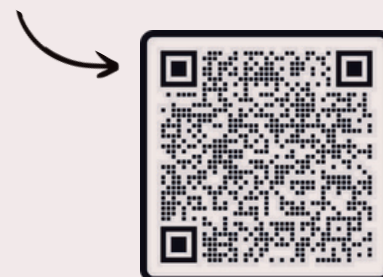
### **Cemetery Website:**

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.

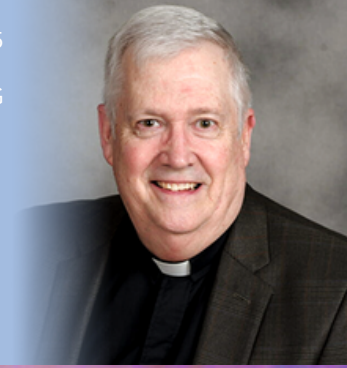


SCAN ME

# in Joy & SORROW

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 7.20.2025

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



At every point along Pope Francis' pathway of synodality, in every meeting between 2021 and 2024 at local levels, as well as at the universal level, all participants in the Synod on Synodality brought forth their dream that women in the Church be more treasured and included at the highest levels of decision-making.

In the Synod on the Church in the Amazon in 2019, consensus was reached around the hope of ordaining women to the diaconate. Along the Amazon River in South America, there are so few priests, and Mass, if the people are blessed, happens maybe once or twice a year in some of the Catholic parishes. Many of these parishes are led by holy women, who in effect serve as pastoral leaders, so wouldn't it be in the best interest of the Church, in those specific circumstances, to bestow the diaconate upon these holy women?

While still encouraging the ongoing study of the history of the diaconate and the possibility of women deacons, Pope Francis concluded that the timing for women deacons was not right. He felt

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that there was still too much division around this recommendation. The key to holy leadership is resisting the temptation to get too far out in front of the people you are leading that they are no longer following you! Pope Francis was sensitive to the holy value of unity in the universal Catholic Church.

I would say, however, that Francis moved us forward in looking to women as vital, Spirit-filled, and indispensable participants and contributors in the life of the Church. Women can lead in roles that are not connected with ordination. In the Vatican, Pope Francis placed Sister Nathalie Becquart as the Undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod and Sister Simona Brambilla as the Prefect of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life. These nuns are two of the highest-ranking women in the Vatican, and there are others.

As the Church looks to Saint Mary Magdalene on Tuesday, July 22, it is important to appreciate that one of her titles in the early church was “Apostle to the Apostles (*Apostolorum Apostola*).” In the accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus, she is the first witness at the empty tomb on that first Easter Sunday morning. As recounted in the Gospel of Saint John, Mary’s encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus in the garden is poignant. At first she thinks she is speaking to the gardener. She only recognizes her beloved Risen Lord when he gently speaks her name. Hopefully, each one of us can hear Jesus speak our names so lovingly!

Through the centuries, there has been a bit of resistance to Mary’s title as “Apostle to the Apostles.” I believe that some Church leaders were uncomfortable with her elevated status. I believe that Pope Gregory the Great, in the sixth century, whether intentional or not, tried to discredit Mary by incorrectly identifying her as the sinful woman (a prostitute, likely) who inserted herself into a dinner engagement hosted for Jesus by one of the Pharisees. (Luke 7:36-50) This woman wept at the feet of Jesus, anointing his feet with her tears and oil, and then drying them with her hair. These were intimate gestures that made the others at the table feel uncomfortable. Simon, the Pharisee and dinner host, was quick to judge the woman as a public sinner whose touch upon anyone else was dirty. How unfair and uncalled for can judgment be when it bypasses any personal encounter with the person being judged!

Actually Mary was the woman who was tormented by inner demons, seven in number. (Luke 8:2) Pope Gregory did acknowledge that this woman may have been the Mary from Magdala but went on to declare that she was a great sinner who had managed to commit grave infractions against each of the seven deadly sins. His conclusion was a leap in unjustified judgment.

In 2016, Pope Francis noted that each of the Twelve Apostles are remembered with a Feast Day in the Church. For the Apostle to the Apostles, however, Mary Magdalene’s day was a Memorial. Pope Francis, in a beautiful gesture of memorializing Mary’s incredible witness to the Resurrection, saw fit to honor Mary Magdalene with a Feast Day as well. So, beginning in 2020, July 22 became the Feast of Mary Magdalene, meaning the day’s Memorial status was voided!

Of note, since there is a special Preface for Masses of the Apostles, Mary Magdalene was given this special Preface which is prayed at the July 22 Mass, just before the singing of the *Holy, Holy*.

Here it is:

*The Lord be with you. **Response.** And with your spirit.*

*Lift up your hearts. **R.** We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R.** It is right and just.*

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
to glorify you in all things, almighty Father,  
whose mercy is not less than your power,  
through Christ our Lord.

Jesus appeared in the garden  
and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene,  
who had loved him in life,  
witnessed him dying on the Cross,  
sought him as he lay in the tomb,  
and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.  
He honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles,  
so that the good news of new life  
might reach the ends of the earth.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...*

And let the final word go to Rev Malcolm Guite.

MARY MAGDALENE

Men called you light so as to load you down,  
And burden you with their own weight of sin,  
A woman forced to cover and contain  
Those seven devils sent by Everyman.  
But one man set you free and took your part  
One man knew and loved you to the core  
The broken alabaster of your heart\*  
Revealed to Him alone a hidden door,

Into a garden where the fountain sealed,  
Could flow at last for him in healing tears,  
Till, in another garden, he revealed  
The perfect Love that cast out all your fears,  
And quickened you with love's own sway and swing,  
As light and lovely as the news you bring.

\*Caution. Rev Guite has carried this image of a broken alabaster jar of oil over from the sinful woman in Luke 7, which is not to be associated with Mary Magdalene, the woman tormented by inner demons.

*Fr. Bill +*