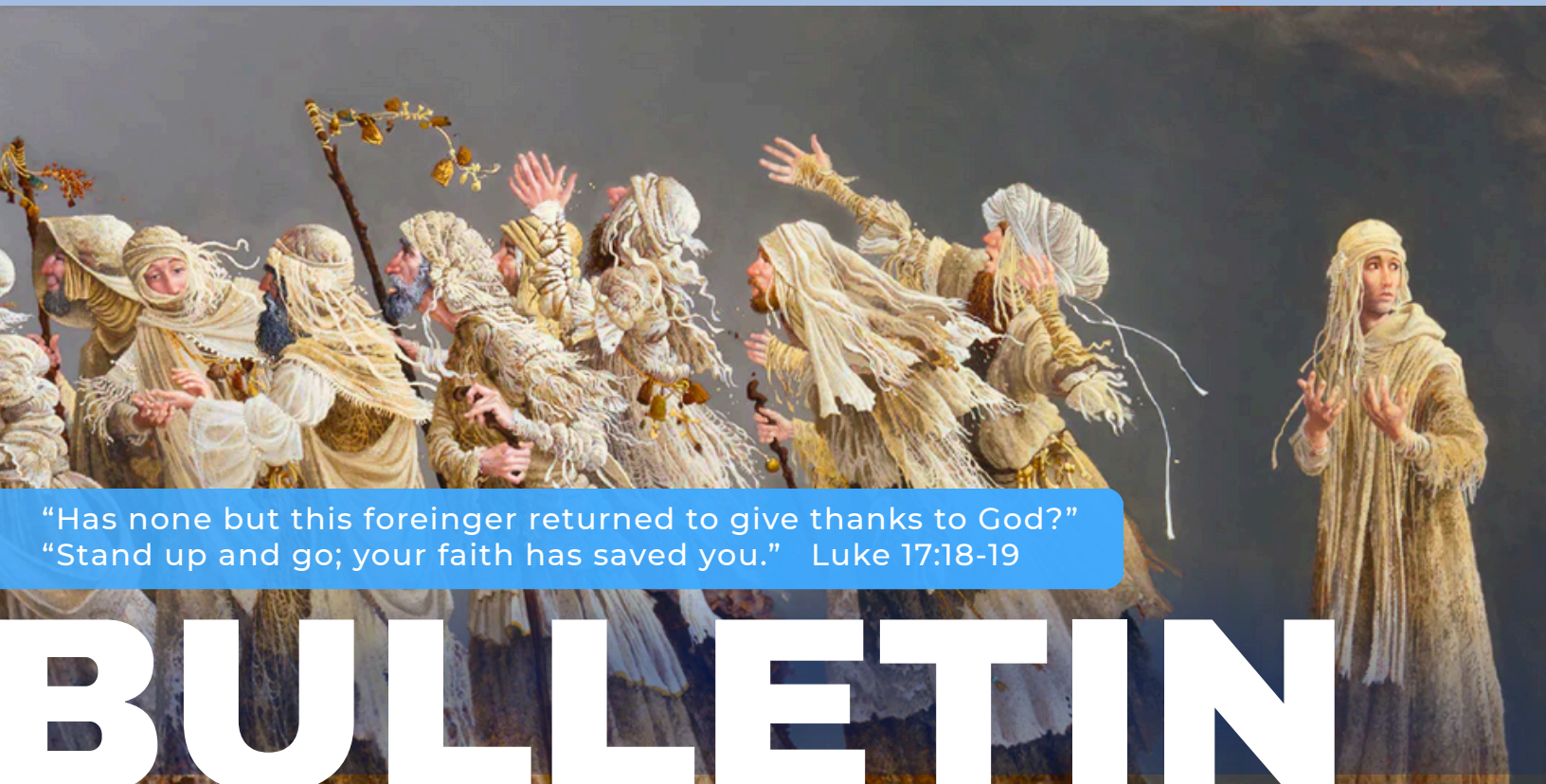


28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 12, 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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312 SOUTH STATE STREET • APPLETON, WI 54911



“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”
“Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” Luke 17:18-19

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

wdswitz@stmaryparish.org

cell 920-422-4316

Deacon- Gerry Schraufnagel

dcngerry@stmaryparish.org

cell 920-450-9594

Cemetery Info - Chip Acker

cacker@stmaryparish.org

cell 920-882-4158

Parish Office Hours:

920-739-5119

Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9am-4pm

Wed, 9am-6:30pm

Friday-Office Closed

Sacrament of Matrimony

Getting Married? Congratulations!

Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

Interested in joining the Parish?

Contact Lori Lavallo

llavalle@stmaryparish.org

Confession times:

Saturdays 9-10am or by appointment



SCAN ME

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.

Or scan with your phone.

St. Joseph

FOOD PROGRAM



Collection Oct 11 & 12

October 11th and 12th is the St. Joseph Food Program collection. The collection is for any type of baking needs such as cake/brownie/ muffin mixes, pie filling, sugar, flour, baking soda or powder, shortening or vegetable oil or any other item used for baking. Nothing perishable, in glass or past the use by date.

Thank you for helping those who are in need.



During the school year, Kristina, our Administrative Assistant, will be available until **6:30 PM** for any business that needs to be conducted outside of our regular Parish Office hours.



Which pope was reigning during World War II?

Let us pray

Evening worship experiences at St. Mary, Appleton

Take a start-of-the-week pause to rest in God's word. On Mondays at 6:30pm, join Fr. Bill in the Chapel to experience lectio divina – an ancient form of prayer that draws us into a deeper relationship with Christ through Scripture.



All parishioners 55 and older are invited to join us for brunch on **Sunday, October 19th** at 11:15 am, at Good Company, 110 N. Richmond St. We will order off the menu and it is self-pay.


Reservations required. Please call or text Sue Rogers @ 920-810-1545 with questions or reservations. Please leave your name and the number of people attending by **Friday, October 17th**.

Hallow

PRAYER HOW TO PRAY CHALLENGE



Join Fr. Mike Schmitz, Bishop Barron, Sr. Miriam, Johnathan Roumie, Mark Wahlberg and other world-class spiritual guides as together we experience the transformative power of prayer.

- Sign up to join our Parish Community
- Go to our **website** to see how to log-in, regardless if you are a new member, already a member, or would like to pay for more options.
- From our website, go to the upper right and click on , then **Hallow Help**.

To sign up, go to hallow.com/parish



Tie BLANKET TIME



We are looking for volunteers to help tie fleece blankets again this year. The blankets will be donated to home care children in Outagamie county and to the Veterans village here in Appleton.

**Thursday, Oct 2, 16, & 30
1-3 PM in the Community Room**

If you have sewing scissors, bring them along. We also have some for you to use. If you have any questions, contact Barb Rowland by email: rbsafari@sbcglobal.net

MONDAY, OCT. 20, 7 PM

ENCOUNTERING GOD on Death's Doorstep

Crushed and trapped for hours after a car accident, Ed Jozsa experienced both terror and a glimpse of Heaven.

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre

1600 Prospect Ave, Appleton, WI

No tickets needed / Free will offering encouraged



If you picked up a pan on October 4th or 5th, please return the meal frozen, on October 11th and 12th. Thank you for helping.



Join Us on the
**Habitat for Humanity
Faith Build**

Contact Ray Fuchs rfuchs1944@gmail.com to build.

Contact Sarah Fraley sfraley@new.rr.com for meals.

Oct 25 Paint and Stain, Prepare a Meal



Love to Bake or Cook? Join our Parish Bakers & Cooks list!

Email **Lori Lavalle** at llavalle@stmaryparish.org and she will contact you when we need baked items or a meal prepared for an event.

Stewardship & Generosity SERIES

As part of our Stewardship Month, we invite you to join us for a series of engaging seminars designed to help parishioners discover practical and spiritual ways to be faithful stewards of the many gifts God has entrusted to us.



Monday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM - Estate Planning Seminar presented by Catholic Foundation and Attorney Reg Wydeven from McCarty Law

Sunday, November 9th after Masses - Tax Planning Seminar presented by Attorney Ron Altenburg from Clifton Larson Allen

January 2026 - Budgeting presented by Dave Ramsey -- Details to follow

B.A.G.

(BLESSED ARE GIVERS)

Please take a bag on **October 25th or 26th** with the attached list of items people need but cannot buy with any type of government assistance. The items are **toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, bath soap, dish soap, laundry detergent and shampoo.**

Please purchase all or as many items as possible and **return them in the bag November 1st and 2nd.** St. Joseph Food Program truck will be in front of the church **Sunday morning November 2nd.** Thank you for helping with this collection for the past 41 years.



World Mission Month: A Call to Hope

Today is world Mission Sunday!

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only **worldwide collection** mandated by Canon Law- **World Mission Sunday.** Your generosity today supports the **Pope's missions** in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

This year's theme- "*Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples*"- is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates- through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (*Evangel Gaudium*, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

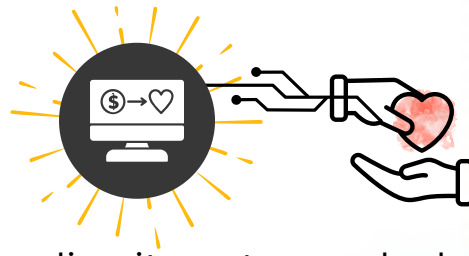
Parish Landscaping Taskforce

We are looking for parish members who want to help plan and implement a landscaping design for the parish grounds. The taskforce would meet about once a month as needed to create the design for our parish grounds. Ideally, work on the design would begin in Spring of 2026. Priority 1 is the entrance at Door 1 (the Office entrance) and the State St. side of the church. Another possibility is a prayer garden on our 8th St. lot. If you are interested in being part of the design planning, please contact **Chris Higgins - chiggins@stmaryparish.org.**

Generosity Committee

We are establishing a Generosity Committee that will focus on stewardship of time, talent and treasure. This committee will help us look at opportunities for revenue development, volunteer engagement, and more in conjunction with the 5 pillars of **Worship, Ministry, Mission, Fellowship and Discipleship.** The committee will meet once a month as needed. If you feel you have a gift in this area or have questions about it, please contact **Kate Minczeski at kmiczeski@stmaryparish.org.**





Faith Direct is becoming ParishSOFT Giving

On October 7, 2025 Faith Direct will be upgrading its system and rebranding as ParishSOFT Giving. For the most part your experience of the system will be the same. The first change you will see is that you will need to set a new password. Your username will be your email address. Once you enter that you will need to set up a new password.

One other change will be the language used in the system. In Faith Direct giving opportunities are called "Appeals". In ParishSOFT Giving they will be called "Funds".

A temporary web address for the upgraded system is <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-990>. This will be available on October 7th but not before then. We will be able to simplify the web address after October 7th but we will announce that when it happens.

If you don't currently use Faith Direct, this will be an opportunity to consider giving to the parish electronically.

Thank you for your generosity.



TRUNK or TREAT

CANDY • CARAMEL APPLES •
DONUTS • GAMES • MORE CANDY

SAVE
THE DATE



WHERE: ST. MARY PARISH
(APPLETON)
SCHOOL PARKING LOT
WHEN: OCTOBER 26
TIME: 11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
DETAILS COMING SOON



Dress up, stop by, and enjoy an afternoon of Halloween fun for all ages! Please register at <https://bit.ly/trunkortreatstmary> or use the QR code! Mark your calendar and bring your biggest candy bag!



Can you find this closeup image in the church?

Come and **hang** with us and lets talk **over** coffee & donuts .



EVENTS CALENDAR

Week of Oct 11- Oct 18

Saturday, Oct 11 (Return E2F Pans)

St. Joe's Food Program Collection

8:30am Entrust Retreat/CR
 9:00am Confessions/Chapel
 10:00am NEC Support Group/LL7
 1:00pm Kendra Fieweger- Francis Szymanski Wedding
 4:30pm Mass/Hope Rose Xiong Baptism

Sunday, Oct 12 (Return E2F Pans)

Coffee & Donuts after mass

St. Joe's Food Program Collection

7:45am Mass
 8:45am Coffee & Donuts Refereshers Meeting/CR
 9:45am Mass/Livestreamed

Monday, Oct 13

12:05pm Mass

Tuesday, Oct 14

9:00am Connect Group/LL7
 2:00pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel
 6:30pm Men's Ministry/LL7

Wednesday, Oct 15

8:00am Quilting/CR
 9:30am Connect Group/LL7
 4:30pm Adoration/Chapel
 4:45pm Beacon Faith Formation 1st -5th grade
 6:30pm Beacon Faith Formation 6th -8th grade
 6:30pm Beacon Faith Formation 9th -12th grade

Thursday, Oct 16

10:00am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR
 12:05pm Mass
 1:00pm Hooks & Needles/CR (Tie Blankets)
 6:00pm Choir/Music room
 6:00pm Women's Ministry/LL7

Friday, Oct 17

Parish Office Closed

9:00am Bible Study/LL7
 9:00am Quilt Group Meeting/St. Ann Rm

Saturday, Oct 18

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

Sunday, Oct 19

World Mission Sunday

Coffee & Donuts after mass

7:45am Mass
 9:45am Mass/Livestreamed
 11:00am Baptism Prep Course/LL7
 11:00am Flock of Sparrows/LL5
 11:30am Brunch Bunch/Good Company

Mass Intentions

Sat. Oct 11	4:30pm	Conrad Fuerstenberg
Sun. Oct 12	7:45am 9:45am	Ed Corry Molly Grow
Mon. Oct 13	12:05pm	Robert Mullen
Thur. Oct 16	12:05pm	Jill Hassman
Sat. Oct 18	4:30pm	Ruth Carew
Sun. Oct 19	7:45am 9:45am	Richard & Patricia Pechotta Mike O'Connell



Generosity CORNER

Thank you for your support this month. Our annual budget has been split into 12 equal amounts for the months of our fiscal year. The monthly budget is fairly in line with the historical average for October. As the switch from Faith Direct to ParishSOFT Giving happens, we will be able to see contributions coming in weekly compared to bimonthly. It will be a tremendous help in planning.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Oct. (week 1)	\$10,026.50	\$75,083.33	-\$65,056.83

Your funds at work in the parish:

- This Fall we started new groups for Men's Ministry and Women's Ministry. If you are interested in learning more, you can find the times that the groups meet in the bulletin or contact Kate (kminczeski@stmaryparish.org) for more information.
- With our safety and security committee, we are exploring ways to keep our environment safe while keeping an open and welcoming atmosphere. One of the ways we have begun this is by installing a new electronic door system. We are still working out some of the bugs but it has made a significant improvement in accessibility outside of office hours.



Pope Pius XII

in Joy & SORROW

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 10.12.2025

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



Under the inspired leadership of Pope Francis, for three years, the Church, the People of God, journeyed together on the synodal pathway. Among all of the hopes expressed, again and again the dream of placing women in the highest decision-making roles in our Church was stated. The hope of raising women to the Holy Order of Deacon was also shared by many people. While the pathway to ordaining women to the diaconate in the Catholic Church seems stalled at this time, the raising of women to the highest decision-making positions in the Church does not require Holy Orders.

A first in the history of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis named a woman as a Prefect in the Vatican Curia. Sister Simona Brambilla is the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Institutes of Consecrated Religious Life. The history of the Vatican Curia has always had clergy at the head of its dicasteries (formerly congregations). These men are almost always Bishops, Archbishops, or Cardinals. Thank the Lord for the holy gift of Sister Brambilla and her leadership. I also want to give a shout out to Sister Nathalie Becquart, the Undersecretary of the Office of the Synod of Bishops.

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She has been instrumental in charting the synodal pathway and formalizing the process for Conversations in the Holy Spirit.

I wanted to begin with the above observations of a transformative moment in the history of the Catholic Church as we look to remember and celebrate on Wednesday, October 15, the Memorial of Saint Mother Teresa of Avila. In the sixteenth century, she was a most competent and capable woman in the Catholic Church. As the head of the Order of Discalced (means *without shoes*) Carmelite Order, she is credited with the founding of nearly twenty monasteries.

She was a contemplative-at-heart and her profound writings describe what it means to be a person of contemplative prayer, a living temple of the Blessed Trinity of Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. She was on-the-go much of her life in spite of her precarious health.

For the life of me, I can only wonder when Teresa had time to just rest in the presence of the Lord. She once reprimanded Jesus, as she stepped out of her carriage, something she had done hundreds of times on countless journeys, but this time falling into a huge, muddy puddle. "If this is how you treat your friends, Lord, it's no wonder you have so few!" she declared with much frustration.

For her spiritual writings and teachings, Saint Teresa has been named a Doctor of the Church. Along with only three other women, Teresa is way outnumbered by the men who have been named Doctors of the Church. Still we are thankful for the gift of Saint Teresa, as well as Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Mother Hildegard of Bingen, and Saint Therese of Lisieux. Their contributions to the spiritual teachings of the Church are immense and transforming.

In my own theological studies, I have been impressed with the theological works of a number of contemporary women. I quickly think of Sister Joan Chittister, Sister Sandra Schneiders, Sister Dianne Bergant (who taught Pope Leo!), Sister Elizabeth Johnson, and Sister Helen Prejean. In my estimation, they come close to the title of Doctor of the Church. I know, too, that there are religious and lay women theologians who are having a huge impact on the Catholic Church in Latin America, Africa, and Asia!

Finally, looking ahead, on November 11, Pope Leo will name as a Doctor of the Church, Saint Cardinal Henry Newman! This honor has been a long time in coming but it is well deserved!

Holy Women and Men, Doctors of the Church, pray for us!

Fr. Bill +