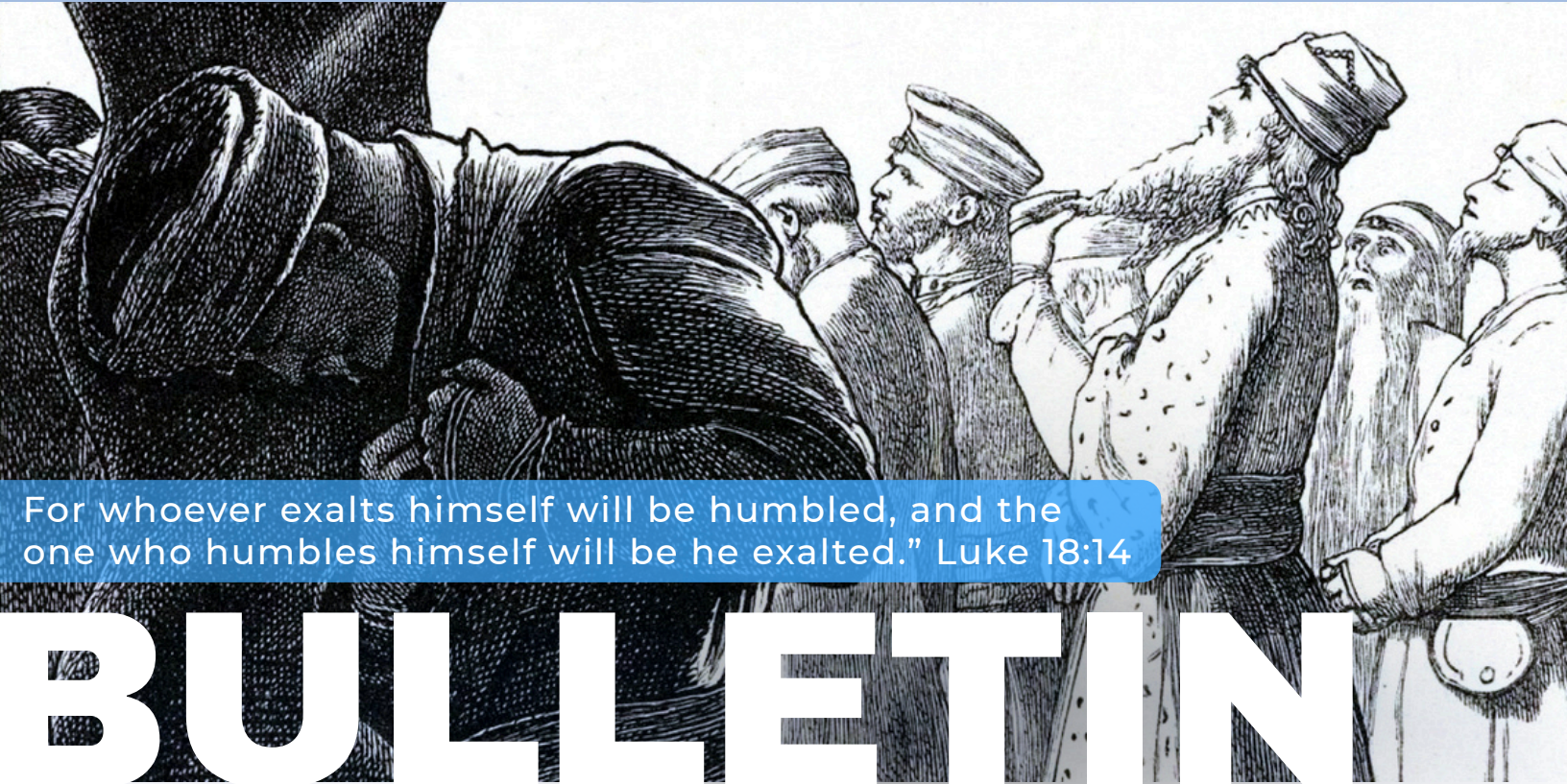


30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 26, 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be he exalted." Luke 18:14

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

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Parish Office Hours:

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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 Lavalle

llavalle@stmaryparish.org

Confession times:

Saturdays 9-10am or by appointment

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.



SCAN ME



Let us pray

Evening worship experiences at St. Mary, Appleton

Discover Imaginative Prayer with Fr. Jim Shea, SJ



October 27 | 6:30-8:00 PM
in the Chapel

What would it be like to encounter Jesus face to face?
To be with Mary and Joseph at the manger?
To hear Jesus call Peter to come and follow him?

Imaginative prayer steps you into the Gospel.

Come with an open heart. Leave with a renewed spirit!

Fr. Jim Shea, SJ, Assistant Director of the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh



Stewardship & Generosity SERIES

Estate Planning Seminar
November 3, 6:30 PM

Tax Planning Seminar
November 9, after Masses

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.



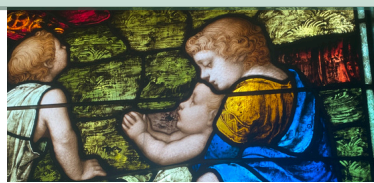
Welcome

Izabella Mitchell

We are excited to announce that we have a new office staff member, Izabella Mitchell! She will be taking on the role of Accountant/Bookkeeper. She is currently working part-time as she finishes her Accounting degree in May of 2026. Izabella is excited to be a part of St. Mary. We are glad to welcome her to our parish family.



Can you find this closeup image in the church?



Hint: "Let the little ones come unto me."

Light a candle
in memory of a loved one.



Candles will be lit during all weekend Masses in November.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Marian Way.

Tie
BLANKET TIME



Thursday, Oct 30th
1-3 PM in the Community room

Volunteer to help tie fleece blankets to be donated to home care children in Outagamie county and to the veterans village here in Appleton.

Contact **Barb Rowland**
rbsafari@sbcglobal.net



St. Mary's Celebrates

Sr. Joanne
Goessl's Jubilee!

ON OCTOBER 26
AFTER THE 9:45 AM MASS
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM!

A gift table and card box will be available

Sr. Joanne's Many Ministries

- Teacher 9 years
- Director of Religious Ed 15 years
- Pastoral Associate 30 years (19 years at St. Mary)
- Currently she is the Community Life Facilitator at the Motherhouse in Green Bay.

My faith was strengthened especially through the thirty years I ministered as a pastoral associate with a committed team from St. Mary, Appleton to settle courageous and determined Refugee families. Along with the team, I felt so helpless knowing the little I did about the refugees' past lives. They looked so lost and uncertain of their new environment. As I look back now, God led us to not only help them with all that goes into resettlement, but relationships become the core. That continues to be the core as I watch these families now interact through school functions, employment and neighborhoods. What has and is happening for the families and our community goes beyond what I thought was the "work of resettlement". I have always thought of faith as God's presence helping me go beyond what I can do, say or be on my own. Without a doubt, faith is integral to my life and surely has been deepened through Ministry to the refugees.



NEW PARISHIONER LUNCHEON

**Sunday, November 9th
11:00 am in the St. Anne Room**

If you have joined the parish since **January 2024**, we would love to have you attend. Please contact Lori Lavallo at llavallo@stmaryparish.org to sign up or for more information. Please RSVP before **Wednesday, October 29th**.



What was Jesus' first miracle?

CHILI DINNER REMINDER



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
JOIN US AFTER THE 4:30 MASS IN
THE COMMUNITY ROOM.
FREE WILL OFFERING**



Your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical JR., a fantastical musical for everyone in the family. Tickets available now!

“A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter, whoever has found one has found a treasure.”
Sirach 6:14



Women Celebrate Weekend

February 6th to 8th

Registration Opens November 5th

www.womencelebrate.org

Women Celebrate is a Catholic-based weekend retreat open to women 18 and older of all Christian denominations. Join us to grow in faith, build community, and experience a weekend filled with inspiring speakers, worship, and spiritual renewal.





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 government assistance. The items are toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, bath soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, and shampoo.

Please purchase as many items as possible and return them in the bag on 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.



November is *Gratitude & Giving Month!*

We are kicking off Gratitude & Giving Month on October 26th.

As part of the kickoff we are bringing back a couple pre-covid practices.

Offertory Baskets: We will begin passing baskets through the pews during the offertory collection.

Children's Envelopes: In the pews we will have envelopes for kids to contribute their offering. Every child can participate by either contributing part of their allowance or writing a message telling Fr. Bill what they did for Jesus that week.

Join a Stewardship Team

Team up with other parish members to verify and deposit the stewardship donations given to St. Mary. This involves counting the cash, opening and verifying the contents of the various envelopes, and preparing the bank deposit. No special skills are needed, but computer or adding machine skills are beneficial. Teams generally count once per month on a Monday or Sunday morning giving one to two hours depending on the stewardship collected.

Interested parish members can call the parish office.



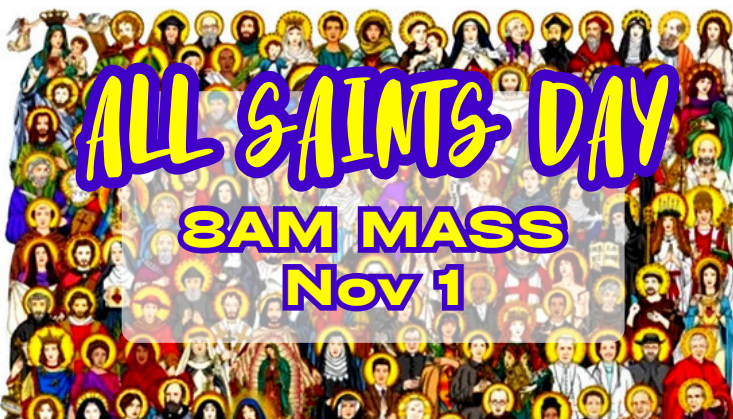
World Mission

Mission Does Not End with October

As we conclude World Mission Month, we remember that the Church's missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged through prayer, storytelling, and generous action.

As St. Paul VI reminded us 50 years ago in his historic exhortation *Evangelium Nuntiandi*: "The Church exists in order to evangelize" (14). We are grateful for your support this October--and we invite you to continue the journey. Subscribe to *Mission Magazine*, join us in praying the World Mission Rosary year-round, and stay connected to the Pope's missions through www.pontificalmissions.org.

Hope does not disappoint--and the world still needs hope.





Stewardship of God's Gifts

Together, we'll explore how to faithfully manage our finances, practice generosity, and grow as disciples.

Estate Planning Seminar: Monday, November 3, 6:30-8:00 PM

What legacy will you leave?

Learn about critical issues in estate planning and legacy giving, like wills vs. trusts, charitable giving, beneficiary designations, and more!



St. Mary Community Room
312 South State Street
Appleton, WI 54911

**Light refreshments available.*



REG WYDEVEN
Attorney McCarty
Law



JANET WAGNER
Assistant Director
Catholic Foundation

RSVP by Oct. 30

Contact Kate at
kminczeski@stmaryparish.org or
call 920-739-5119

Brought to you by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay and St. Mary Catholic Community.

Tax Savvy Charitable Giving: Sunday, November 9

After each Mass in the Bride's Room (lower level), learn strategies to minimize tax liabilities and maximize your savings. Light refreshments and coffee available. No RSVP needed!



RON ALTENBURG
CPA

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*Manage with Faith.
Give with Joy.*



EVENTS CALENDAR

Week of Oct 25- Nov 2

Saturday, Oct 25

B.A.G Weekend

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

4:30pm Mass

5:30pm Chili Social/Community Rm

Sunday, Oct 26

B.A.G Weekend

7:45am Stewardship Sunday/St. Anne Rm

7:45am Mass

9:45am Mass/LS/Sr. Joanne Jubilee

11:00am Flock of Sparrows/LL5

11:00am Trunk-or-Treat/CELC Parking lot

Monday, Oct 27

12:05pm Mass

6:30 pm Let Us Pray w/ Fr. Jim Shea/Chapel

6:30pm Handbells/ Choir loft

Tuesday, Oct 28

9:00am Connect Group/LL7

2:00pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel

6:30pm Men's Ministry/LL7

Wednesday, Oct 29

9:30am Connect Group/LL7

9:30am CIAFMO/ LL1

4:30pm Adoration/Church

Thursday, Oct 30

9:00am Nancy Paters Visitation

10:30am Nancy Paters Funeral

10:00am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR

12:05pm Mass

1:00pm Tie Blankets/Community Rm

6:00pm Choir/Music room

Friday, Oct 31

Parish Office Closed

9:00am Bible Study/LL7

Saturday, Nov 1 ALL SAINTS

Return B.A.G Weekend

8:00am Mass All Saints

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

4:30pm Mass (Reading names/All Souls)

Sunday, Nov 2 ALL SOULS DAY (Reading of names)

Return B.A.G Weekend

Coffee & Donuts after mass

7:45am Mass

9:45am Mass/Livestreamed

11:00am Flock of Sparrows/LL5

Mass Intentions

Sat. Oct 25	4:30pm	Men & Women in the Military
Sun. Oct 26	7:45am 9:45am	Members of St. Mary Parish Dan & Roseann Rodwell
Mon. Oct 27	12:05pm	---
Thur. Oct 30	12:05pm	---
Sat. Nov 1	8:00am 4:30pm	(All Saints Day) ---
Sun. Nov 2	7:45am 9:45am	--- Paula Hebel

Generosity CORNER

As we start our Gratitude and Giving Month, I want to express our gratitude for your support of our parish community. We are on track to meet our monthly goal due to your generosity.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Oct. (week 3)	\$51,916.00	\$75,083.33	-\$23,167.33

Your funds at work in the parish:

- As we kickoff our annual stewardship month you will be receiving a statement of your giving to date this calendar year in the coming week.
- The staff we have at St. Mary truly help keep us moving forward. This weekend we celebrate a former but long tenured staff member, Sr. Joanne Goessl, on her 70th Jubilee. We also welcome a new staff member, Izabella Mitchell, as our new bookkeeper.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Nancy Paters
April 7, 1942 —
October 16, 2025

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



Turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

in Joy & SORROW

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WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



The month of holy November presents you and me with much to bring to our prayer. We are thankful for the gifts of the harvest, for the beauty of the sky and the land, decked out in brilliant blues and reds and yellows and oranges. Pumpkin spice tingles on our tongues and in our noses. The crack of baseball bats and World Series cheers ring out at the ballparks in Los Angeles and Toronto. We are grateful for the gift of our loved ones who still watch over us and advocate for us before the Lord in the realm of eternal life in Paradise. We are appreciative for the Feast of Thanksgiving, gathered around family and friends at a table that makes room for everyone.

Here's our dear Mary Oliver with a poem, "The Gift", to accompany us on an autumn stroll through the woods.

*The month of holy
November presents
you and me with
much to bring to
our prayer.*

*Be still, my soul, and steadfast.
Earth and heaven both are still watching
though time is draining from the clock
and your walk, that was confident and quick,
has become slow.*

*So, be slow if you must, but let
the heart still play its true part.
Love still as once you loved, deeply
and without patience. Let God and the world
know you are grateful.
That the gift has been given.*

Here at Saint Mary, we are invited to weave into our prayers on these November days, and every day, the holy threads of gratitude and generosity. The Lord's blessings in our lives are limitless. We are not deserving and have not earned those blessings. All is a gift!

"Thanks so much, Lord! It is my pleasure, Lord, to share my gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the good of all!"

In the celebration of the Mass, the Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts of Bread and Wine is a holy moment. Along with our Jewish sisters and brothers, we pray the berakah. Here is the Hebrew and the English translation: *Barukh Attah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh ha-Olam* ("Blessed art Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe").

At the Presentation, we pray the berakah this way: "Blessed are You, Lord God of all Creation, for through Your goodness we have received the Bread and Wine we offer You, fruit of the field and fruit of the vineyard and the works of human hands. They will become for us the Bread of Life and our Spiritual Drink."

It is a holy moment in the assembly as our gifts of treasure are gathered. Beginning this weekend, we will return to our practice of passing a basket among the assembly. As we touch the basket, whether or not we are giving a financial offering at that particular moment, we consciously call to mind that we are placing our lives, too, on the altar of sacrifice, alongside the bread and wine. I have said too many times that if only the bread and wine are transformed by the Holy Spirit into the Real Body and Blood of the Risen Jesus, and we are not transformed, then the Mass is less than what it is meant to be. We are to become Jesus, the One whom we receive. We are to see Jesus in one another.

I will pray these words to highlight the holiness of bringing our personal gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the altar so to be seen alongside the Bread and Wine:

“Blessed are You, Lord God of all Creation, for through Your goodness we have received the gifts of our time, talent and treasure we offer You, the work of our hands, ours to steward for just a little while. May they be a sign of our Gratitude and Generosity to You.”

Your response will be: *“Blessed be God forever!”*

Note, though, that we are trying to finalize the logistics of presenting the basket carrying our sacrificial gifts to the altar. This gesture has to be seamless with the entire ritual. The timing is tricky. When we have trained the hospitality ministers and they are comfortable with the procedure, you will see the basket being presented at the altar. In the meantime, I will still offer the prayer above so that we begin to make the connection between our gifts of bread, wine, and our sacrificial offerings. Remember at every Mass that we present our lives to the Lord to be blessed, broken open, and shared for the good of others!

Let me wrap up this **IN JOY AND SORROW** with our Stewardship Prayer.

Loving Lord God, always with us, you fill us with your Holy Spirit of Love and make us Your holy partners in the noble and glorious work of building up Your Kingdom on this earth.

Shape our hearts, that we may always give You praise and thanks through our constant awareness of your closeness to us, our gentle service of you in our neighbors near and far, and our generous sharing of our treasure.

May the holy gifts You shower upon us inspire our better angels of gratitude and generosity wherever we go in Your Name.

Amen.

Fr. Bill +