

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 19, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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312 SOUTH STATE STREET · APPLETON, WI 54911



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us.” Luke 24:32

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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cell 920-422-4316

Deacon - Gerry Schraufnagel

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cell 920-540-9594

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! Call Fr. Bill at least six months before your planned wedding date.

Interested in joining the Parish?

Contact Lori Lavallo

llavalle@stmaryparish.org

Confession times:

Saturday 9-10am or by appointment



SCAN ME

Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Wednesday 4:30-8pm

Sign up for a time to sit with Jesus.

We must have one person

with the Eucharist at all times.

Or scan with your phone.

No
Coffee & Donuts

On Sunday April 19

Sign up to be a volunteer at
future coffee & Donuts



<https://bit.ly/3OAa3hC>



**ALTAR SERVER
TRAINING**

**Monday, April 20th at 6:15 pm
in church.**

Deacon Gerry will be holding an adult
server training for those interested in
becoming an altar server.

Bingo Night!



Saturday, April 25th from 5:45-7:00 PM

Join us for bingo fun and fellowship in the Community Room
after the 4:30 pm Mass.

A light meal will be served during the event.



When were the side altars in our church
installed and at what cost?



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WHY IT
MATTERS TO
POPE LEO



Does technology—including artificial intelligence—put our families at risk? Pope Leo XIV seems to think so! He is calling on people of faith to be wary of today's digital culture.

How should we respond?

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre

1600 Prospect Ave, Appleton, WI

No tickets needed / Free will offering encouraged

> Seats available on a first come basis <

For details, google CIAFMO, email ciafmo@gmail.com, or call 920-450-3025

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives encourages
YOU to *Investigate Your faith!*



With Terry Mattingly
veteran religion-beat
journalist & professor.
Check him out at
#Rational Sheep blog
and podcast(s).

Hallow



Join our Parable Challenge
with Johnathan Roumie
beginning
Monday, April 27.
Click on the Hallow app on
our parish page to join the
Challenge.





RAFFLE

Tickets will be sold in the Marian Way
on April 25th & 26th

Wisconsin State Council
Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

1st Prize **\$50,000!**

2nd Prize **\$25,000!**



or 2026 Harley Davidson Motorcycle

An Amazing 98 More Cash Prizes!

3rd through 100th - \$500 each

Tickets \$5.00 each. 100% of profits go to charities in Wisconsin!

Drawing held Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 7:15 PM at Marriott Madison
West Hotel, Middleton State Raffle License # R0009675-A-A-65783
Winners will be posted on the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus website
within 48 hours.

Tootsie Roll Raffle

Tootsie Roll Raffle After the Masses on
May 2 & 3

Help our parish make an impact on Earth Day!

ASH WEDNESDAY (Feb 18) - EARTH DAY (Apr 22)

Bring in these hard-to-get-rid of items:

- Christmas lights
- Compact fluorescent lightbulbs
- Batteries (rechargeable and non)
- Printer cartridges
- CDs/DVDs/Blue Ray discs/albums
- Books/magazines
- Egg cartons
- Reuseable fiber, paper and plastic bags (Clean and dry)



Final Week!

Items will be reused or properly recycled by:

- Outagamie County Resource Recovery Park
- St. Joe's Food Pantry
- Office Depot
- Half Price Books
- Home Depot

Any proceeds go to St. Joseph Food Program

Sponsored by the St. Mary Care for Creation Ministry

Annual Vida Collection

APRIL 25 - MAY 10

Help moms & kids in need

The VIDA collection for moms, babies and toddlers starts April 25/26 and goes until May 9/10, Mother's Day weekend. Some things Vida helps with are free medical support and parenting education. Please take a tag from the tree and purchase the needed item. Bring it to church by Mother's Day weekend. Thank you for being generous and helping others.



BE the LIGHT

Youth Ministry



2026 BISHOP APPEAL

GOAL \$74,729

73,957

60,000

50,000

40,000

30,000

20,000

10,000



98.97%



Please give generously at
www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give



St. Francis Xavier
 Elementary
 School
Songs



Choose your session
 at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m

May 8th
 McDonald St. Campus

Open to children ages 2-5 with their
 parents/grandparents. Younger siblings
 are welcome to join in on the fun!

Call, email or scan the QR code to register



McDonald St. Campus | 1810 N. McDonald St. | 920.739.7826 | McDonald@XavierCatholicSchools.org



This past week, we had a tragedy in our parish family. Our Sacristan, Margie Hopfensperger and her husband, Alan, were in a serious car accident. They are both in critical condition and need our prayers. We are putting together a book of notes and cards for them and their family. There is note paper in the community room and in the parish office. If you'd like to send a card, feel free to address it to the parish in care of Margie & Alan Hopfensperger. We will make sure it gets to their kids.



Cemetery Clean Up Day

May 2, 2026 | 9am | @ St. Mary Cemetery

Get your student service hours!



- Wear weather-appropriate clothing
- Bring work gloves & rakes
- Meet at the St. Mary Cemetery office (2121 W. Prospect Avenue)
- Questions? Contact Chip Acker at 920-882-4158.

We again plan to have a cemetery and Fox River cleanup day. It will be held in conjunction with the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance cleanup on the morning of May 2. It has been great to have both youth and adults joining in to meet new people and complete the work so quickly. Please mark your calendars!

ST MARY CEMETERY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Open HOUSE

MAY 2ND, 1-6 PM



Join us for the St. Mary Cemetery
Open House on May 2 from 1-6 pm.

2121 West Prospect Avenue

- See the newly Renovated chapel
- Ask questions
- Take a tour
- Explore pre-planning



Young Adult Listening Sessions

REGISTER
TODAY!

diaco.io/listen

SPRING 2026



Join fellow young adults for a listening session to share your hopes, concerns, and dreams for the Church and our diocese. This is your opportunity to speak directly about how the diocese can better shepherd, support, and walk with young adults in our Catholic community.

APRIL
21
St. Pius X Parish
500 W Marquette St
Appleton, WI 54911
6:00pm - 8:30pm

MAY
5
St. Peter & St. Paul
710 N Baird St
Green Bay, WI 54302
6:00pm - 8:30pm

MAY
19
St. John the Baptist
2597 Glendale Ave
Green Bay, WI 54313
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Young adults ages 18-35. Catholic parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome! Food and refreshments will be provided.

OFFICE OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



CGehl@gbdioc.org



920-272-8229



Diocese of
Green Bay

St. Lawrence Seminary High School INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE Summer Action Retreat



Monday, June 15 – Wednesday, June 17

Calling all current middle school boys! Bring yourself and a friend Monday, June 15 – Wednesday, June 17 to St. Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt. Calvary, WI for three days of field olympics, games, team building, and prayer. You're sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, making new friends, and growing in your Catholic faith! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Free transportation is available from select cities throughout the state. Register at www.stlawrence.edu/retreats

EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of Apr 19-Apr 26

Sunday, Apr 19

7:45 am Mass
9:00 am First Eucharist Retreat/Chapel, SAR
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Monday, Apr 20

12:05 pm Mass
6:00 pm Shenanigans meeting/SAR
6:15 pm Adult Server Training
6:00 pm Reach More/LL7
6:30 pm THEO/ CR
7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, Apr 21

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7
1:00 pm SMP & SJP Prayer Shawl Group/SJ LL112
1:00 pm SMP & SJP Book Club/LL7
6:00 pm Strategic Fellowship Group/LL7
6:30 pm Finance Council/CR
6:30 pm Matthew 25/LCR

Wednesday, Apr 22

Last day for Spring Clean Up
9:30 am Connect Group/LL7
4:45 pm-7:45 pm Beacon Faith Formation
6:30 pm Confirmation Classes

Thursday, Apr 23

10:00 am Mom's Group - Babysitting Rm
12:05 pm Mass
6:00 pm Adult Choir/MR
6:00 pm Discipleship Committee/LL3

Friday, Apr 24

Parish Office Closed
9:00 am Small Group/LL7

Saturday, Apr 25

VIDA Collection Starts
9:00 am Confessions
4:30 pm Mass
5:45 pm Bingo/CR

Sunday, Apr 26

**K of C State Raffle Ticket Sale in the Marian Way
Coffee & Donuts**
7:45 am Mass
9:00 am First Eucharist Retreat/Chapel, SAR
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Sun., Apr 19	7:45am	Sis & Bob Balliet
	9:45am	Nicholas & Sedella Jacob
Mon., Apr 20	12:05pm	Mike & Helen Lampert
Thur., Apr 23	12:05pm	Bill & Florence Polly
Sat., Apr 25	4:30pm	Fr. Bob Lexa
Sun., Apr 26	7:45am	Available
	9:45am	Fr. Michael O'Rourke



Prayer Requests Contact **Laurie Richter** (lauriejrichter@gmail.com), **Mary Jo Zilisch** (920-734-1182) or **Ann Walkowski** (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember these requests in our prayer baskets.

Generosity CORNER

As we come into our 3rd week of Easter and some warmer weather, I want to thank you for your continued support of the parish.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
April	\$38,564.25	\$75,083.33	-\$36,519.08

Your giving at work in the parish:

Bishop's Appeal! We are almost there! Only \$500 to go to reach our goal. If you haven't yet given to the Bishop's Appeal, please give now. If you no longer have your letter and envelope for the Appeal, there are some at the back of the church. You can give online at <http://bit.ly/4t8eKhC>

If you give \$500 or more, you become a member of the crozier society. As part of the Crozier society you will be invited to a Mass and luncheon for the society as well as other special diocesan events. You will also be mailed the advent (blue), lent (black) and Easter (white) devotional books.

Thank you for contributing to the Bishop's Appeal and how generously you support the parish.



The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph side altars were installed in 1911 at a cost of \$800 each.

in Joy & **SORROW**

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WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



With the help of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, as we besiege the Lord Jesus with our heartfelt prayers for the recovery of our dear Margie and her husband, Alan, I have been deeply moved by the many expressions of love originating in our Spiritual Family. In speaking of the Church as the Body of Christ, Saint Paul got it right when he declared that when one member rejoices, we should all rejoice, and when one member is weeping, we should all weep. (see Romans 12:15) The grace of solidarity reminds us that we do not have to navigate through the ups and downs of life all by ourselves.

I am proud of our Saint Mary Parish because I sense that more and more of you are operating out of a sense of what it truly means to be a synodal parish. Synodality will be the holy legacy of our beloved Pope Francis, whose First Anniversary of Death we observe on Tuesday.

In his address on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Synod of Bishops on October 17, 2015, Pope Francis stated, "A synodal Church is a Church which listens, *which realizes that listening is more than simply hearing*. It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth (John 14:17), in order to know what *[the Spirit] says to the Churches* (Revelation 2:7).

...when one member rejoices, we should all rejoice, and when one member is weeping, we should all weep.

Here is Rev Malcolm Guite's take on the Emmaus journey.

*We thought that everything was lost and gone,
Disaster on disaster overtook us
The night we left our Jesus all alone
And we were scattered, and our faith forsook us.
But oh that foul Friday proved far worse,
For we had hoped that he had been the one,
Till crucifixion proved he was a curse,
And on the cross our hopes were all undone.*

*Oh foolish foolish heart why do you grieve?
Here is good news and comfort to your soul:
Open your mind to scripture and believe
He bore the curse for you to make you whole
The living God was numbered with the dead
That He might bring you Life in broken bread.*

Deep listening is the gateway into the synodal adventure. I trust that the Holy Spirit is at work in every person and in his or her experience. I believe that we all share in the priestly ministry of Jesus. Each of us is co-responsible for advancing the presence of the Reign of God in a world that has wandered too far away from Gospel values.

Lest you think that I had anything to do with the Special Prayer Service for Margie and Alan last Saturday, let me enlighten you. I did not. This beautiful gathering in prayer as a Spiritual Family was Annie Van Stralen's idea. Along with Mary Ellen Julien and Tom Walters, they created a holy service which included the praying of psalms, some music, and prayers of the faithful. I am also grateful to Mark Jeffers, who was in the assembly, who prayed for the other victims in Thursday's (4/9) crash. I was happy to pray with about 100 of you who showed up on the spur of the moment. The Holy Spirit, who is the protagonist of synodality, was really present in our gathering!

This is what synodality in a parish feels like. Baptized believers, embracing their priestly charism bestowed through the grace of baptism, taking the initiative, being responsible for putting together a prayer service, and leading it with grace and authenticity.

On Sunday, we will acknowledge with much gratitude, the many members of our Spiritual Family who are always so willing to take responsibility for many aspects of parish life. One and all, they are servant leaders, empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit, sharing their time and talent in a way that furthers Jesus' presence in our midst and the growing of His Kingdom.

Remember that the Kingdom of Jesus is so much more than a faraway place in eternity. No! The Kingdom of God is here and now, breaking into our world, with a holy way of living for peace and justice, love and joy, dignity and forgiveness.

Please join me in continuing to pray for Margie and Alan, seeing them surrounded by the bright and constant light of the Lord's healing love! Let us not forget to pray for the others injured in that horrific traffic accident as well!

Fr. Bill +