



Bulletin/Weekly Update

October 25, 2020

*Ripples of God's Love,
from Our Hearts,
to All Hearts*

Welcome to our new bulletin layout! Since the onset of COVID-19, the vast majority of our parishioners have switched to reading our bulletin online. In an effort to accommodate our online as well as print readers, we've changed our format. We hope you enjoy!



UPDATES FROM ST. MARY'S BEACON MINISTRIES

BEACON PADDLERS (Gr. 1-2) and SWIMMERS (Gr. 3-5)

Beacon Ministries launched virtual sessions for elementary students and their families on Wednesday Oct. 14th. Twenty-five families including moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas logged in to hear about the importance of the Sign of the Cross and the Bible. Fr. Bill also discussed the importance of the image of light in relationship to Jesus and our new Beacon Ministries logo. Mother and daughter team Kara and Maddie Main were the guest storytellers reading the book, *When God Made Light*. When the virtual session was complete, the families took time to search their Bibles for John 8:12, discuss its meaning, make their lighthouses and complete a word scramble. The families gather again on Oct. 21st around the theme *God Knows Us*.

Sneak peek of the first virtual session for Paddlers & Swimmers:



BEACON DEEP DIVERS (Gr. 6-8) and SAILORS (High School)

Our virtual middle school and high school sessions officially launched on the evening of October 18! Middle schoolers are starting an **Edge** series called *Iconic*, which dives into big questions about Jesus that not only reveal Him as truly God and truly man, but also helps youth to identify Jesus' love in their everyday lives.

High schoolers are starting a **Life Teen** series called *Long Story Short*. This series invites youth to engage in the parables of Jesus and, through them, to understand how they impact their relationship with God.

BEACON VOYAGERS (adults)

Got Stress? Need help? Yes, please!

All parents with children in Grades K-12, watch your email! We will be hosting four virtual sessions with local therapist Doug Bisbee from Samaritan Counseling in Menasha.

- Sessions will be held on four consecutive Monday evenings beginning on November 1st with a start time of 8pm. Sessions will last 30 minutes with a time for Q&A.
- Topics will include: *Strategies for Staying Strong as Parents, Being Aware of and Helping Elementary Children to Cope with Stress, Being Aware of and Helping Teens to Cope with Stress, and TEEN to TEEN - How Teens can be aware of and help each other during these stressful times.*
- Watch your email for more details!

Wednesday Morning Connect Group

Everyone is invited to join the Wednesday morning Connect Group which meets in the Community Room from 9-10am. We are masked and socially distanced for our informal conversations about the Sunday Scriptures. Fellowship and friendship are priorities during our time together!

There's still time to join the Beacon fun! Registration takes just two easy steps. Head to www.stmaryparish.org/ministries/beacon/ to sign up or get more information about Beacon.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

We are following special procedures during the pandemic out of loving concern for all. Masks must be worn at all times for those over the age of two. Temperatures will be taken when coming to the building for any reason, either at the main church entrance for Mass or at the parish office during office hours. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building for your use. Please use sanitizer when you enter the building.

MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:30pm	Monday 5:30pm
Sunday 7:45am	Tuesday 5:30pm
9:45am	Wednesday 12:05pm
6:30pm	Thursday 12:05pm
	No Mass on Friday

CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 26

10:00am Beacon Ministries Steering
Committee/Community Rm.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

2:00pm Rosary Group-Chapel
6:15pm Confessions - Chapel

Wednesday, Oct. 28

9:00am Connect, Pray & Reflect on the
Sunday Scriptures/Community Rm.

Thursday, Oct. 29

6:00pm A Purpose Drive Life
(virtual session - Zoom)

Friday, Oct. 30

Parish office closed

Saturday, Oct. 31

9:00am Confessions-Chapel

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 26, 5:30pm

Mary Meier

Tuesday, October 27, 5:30pm

Parishioners of St. Mary

Wednesday, October 28, 12:05pm

Ed & Mary Holtz

Thursday, October 29, 12:05pm

Gladys Schauland

Saturday, October 31, 4:30pm

Mark Vande Hey

Sunday, November 1

7:45am: Parishioners of St. Mary

9:45am: Genevieve & Raymond Kappell

6:30pm: For all health care workers

IN JOY & SORROW with Father Bill

The holy season of autumn stirs up mixed feelings in me, and in you, too, I would guess. The exhilarating beauty of the leaves' brilliant colors takes my breath away as I reflect on the beauty of creation and the beauty of the Creator. But there is a sadness which accompanies autumn. The growing season is halted with the first frost. There is a sense that nature is in decline and is preparing for what can be a long season of frozenness here in Northeastern Wisconsin. Winter has its own stunning beauty but it can be a trying season as people are cooped up inside to avoid the cold and the snowstorms. And as we move through the remaining days of autumn and winter stares us in the face, we are uncertain as to how the virus is going to continue to restrict our livelihood.

I like very much this little poem by the great Bohemian-Austrian poet, Rainer Maria Rilke:

The leaves are falling, falling as if from far up,
as if orchards were dying high in space.
Each leaf falls as if it were motioning "no."
And tonight the heavy earth is falling
away from all other stars in the loneliness.
We're all falling. This hand is falling.
And look at the other one. It's in them all.
And yet there is Someone, whose hands
infinitely calm, holding up all this falling.

The key, it seems to me, in all talk of falling, is to fall forward and not backward! Falling and letting go and surrendering are all very holy spiritual movements. The more I can let go of an obsessive need to be in control, the more room I make for the Lord Jesus in my life.

Here is a little daily meditation on surrender from the perspective of the Lord that you might pray this coming week.

Day I: Why do you confuse yourself by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to Me. Every act of complete surrender gives peace and resolves all difficult situations. (Pray 10 times: O Jesus, I surrender myself to you; take care of everything.)

Day II: Surrendering to Me does not mean to fret, be upset, or lose hope. It means to placidly close the "eyes of the soul", to turn away from troubled thoughts and to put yourself in My care, so that only I act. (Pray 10 times: O Jesus, I surrender myself to you; take care of everything.)

Day III: I pray as You taught me: Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." That is to pray: In my need, decide as You see fit. Intervene in my life, O God, with all Your omnipotence. (Pray 10 times: O Jesus, I surrender myself to you; take care of everything.)

Day IV: You see evil growing around you, a sickness getting worse. Surrender and pray, "Thy will be done, you take care of it." (Pray 10 times: O Jesus, I surrender myself to you; take care of everything.)

Day V: And when I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you; I will carry you. I will let you find yourself, like a child asleep in his (her) mother's arms. (Pray 10 times: O Jesus, I surrender myself to you; take care of everything.)

I am grateful to Bishop Robert Reed, the auxiliary bishop of Boston, for providing me with the inspiration for this meditation on surrender.

Finally, this is a beautiful prayer left to all of us by the holy mystic, Saint Teresa of Avila (Spain), the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church.

Let nothing disturb you.
Let nothing make you afraid.
All things are passing.
God alone never changes.
Patience gains all things.
If you have God, you will want for nothing.
God alone suffices.

Saint Teresa of Jesus, in our darkest, most difficult hours, and always, pray for us!
Father Bill +

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the families of William Van Eeckhout (husband of Susan Van Eeckhout) and Bobbi Voecks. If you have lost a loved one and would like him or her to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182 or 920-843-1249) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations!

Elizabeth Dickhut & Hung Dao, October 17, 2020

WE GRATEFULLY GIVE

With the vibrant fall colors and cooler nights, our thoughts turn to stewardship as we gratefully acknowledge our blessings. We prayerfully invite you to sign up for e-giving with Faith Direct, our online giving provider. From your computer, smartphone or tablet, you'll be able to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Parish Support Update			
October 2020	Budget	Received	Variance
received 10/12 - 10/16/2020		4,610	
October- month to date:	65,000	20,634	-44,366
7/1/20-10/31/2020			
Fiscal Year To Date :	257,000	206,966	-50,034

There are two easy ways to give with Faith Direct:

1. Head to stmaryparish.org and click on the blue DONATE button in the upper-right corner of the homepage.
2. Text to Give - Open a new text message and enter (920-294-1189) in the 'TO' Field. In the 'TEXT MESSAGE' field, enter a dollar amount, then hit SEND. You will be prompted for the next steps. Need help? Call Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 or contact Pam Acker in the parish office at (920) 739-5119 or packer@stmaryparish.org.

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Marriage

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

Baptism

Congratulations! Contact the the parish office for information.

Confession

Saturdays, 9-10am and Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm (except for the 1st Tuesday of the month)

Join us for a CIA-Faith Mission Operatives *virtual presentation*

FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE



With **Peter Weiss**

Based on the USCCB document:

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

*A Call to Political Responsibility from
the Catholic Bishops of the United States*

AVAILABLE ON THE CIAFMO
WEBSITE OCT. 17, 2020

*LEAD me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of TRUTH
to seek and to find the NARROW WAY.*

Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.

'Lead Me, Lord' by John D. Becker

As political and social turmoil swells daily, people of faith can't just stand on the sidelines; we are called by Jesus to **ACT**...
in the voting booth, in civil discourse, in support of the oppressed.

But our actions must reflect not **our** will, but that of **the Father**. And that requires that we do our homework. JOIN US for a VIRTUAL presentation available via the CIA-Faith Mission Operatives website beginning Saturday, October 17, to discern how and where the Lord is LEADING YOU to act.

FIND the USCCB document [*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*](#) on the CIAFMO website.

Email Notifications & Facebook: If you're not on our email list, contact us at ciafmo@gmail.com to be notified when this/other videos post. Search for and follow us on Facebook – CIA - Faith Mission Operatives

About Peter Weiss:

Serving as *Living Justice Advocate* for the Diocese of Green Bay since 2017, Peter is responsible for sharing the good news of Catholic Social Teaching and raising awareness on issues of injustice in our area. He is challenged by the words of Matthew 25, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me," and strives to work every day to love others as Christ does.

Peter studied History and Religious Studies at UW-Madison and earned a master's from St. Norbert College. He also taught at Notre Dame Academy in Green Bay where he lives with his wife, Kim, and their seven children.

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St. Pius X ROUND-UP!

October 17-25

Online Auction

Over 100 Auction Items! Bidding is simple and easy.

Saturday, October 17 at 9 am - Auction preview begins

(People can register for a bidder number at this time but will not be able to place bids until Wednesday, October 21.)

Auction site address is **spx.cbo.io**

Wednesday, October 21 at 9 am - Bidding starts

Sunday, October 25 at 3 pm - Bidding ends