



# Weekly Update | May 23, 2021

Pentecost

## Memorial Day Flags

Help us remember our fallen soldiers by placing flags on their graves at St. Mary Cemetery on Thursday, May 27, starting at 8:00am. Meet by the cemetery chapel. All are welcome! St. Mary Cemetery is located at 2121 W. Prospect Ave, Appleton.

## St. Joseph Food Program Collection - June 5/6

In June, we're looking for pasta and anything that goes with it (sauces, shelf-stable parmesan cheese, dried herbs and spices, cream soups, and so on). Nothing perishable, in glass, or past its expiration date please. Thank you for helping to feed those who are in need.

## A Grateful & Blessed Family

Ripples of God's Love - Through Our Hearts - To All Hearts!

St. Mary Parish Support			
May 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 5/3- 5/7/2021			
May - month to date:	68,000	11,768	-56,232
7/1/20-5/31/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	820,000	710,147	-109,853



## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family of Ted Miller. May fond memories comfort you at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

## Mass Times

Mon., May 24, 5:30pm  
Tue., May 25, 5:30pm  
Wed., May 26, 12:05pm  
Thur., May 27, 12:05pm  
Sat., May 29, 4:30pm  
Sun., May 30, 7:45am  
9:45am  
6:30pm

## Intentions

Parishioners of St. Mary  
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Gary Malchow Family  
Jerry Meyer  
Rita Bushman-Scovronske  
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Rita & Clem Bardon  
Parishioners of St. Mary

*We have openings for intentions for weekday and weekend Masses. Please stop by the parish office or call us at 739-5119 to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one. We are happy to take Mass intentions over the phone. The \$10 stipend can be sent via the mail or dropped in the weekend collection in an envelope with a note to apply it to your Mass intention.*

## Events Calendar

### ***Monday, May 24***

Parish office closed

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

### ***Tuesday, May 25***

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

### ***Wednesday, May 26***

8:30am ROCKs Meeting/L7

### ***Thursday, May 27***

8:00am Place flags on veterans' graves (volunteers needed)/St. Mary Cemetery

### ***Friday, May 28***

parish office closed

### ***Saturday, May 29***

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

### ***Sunday, May 30***

11:00am RCIA/Community Room

### ***Monday, May 31 - Happy Memorial Day!***

Parish office closed

8:30am Memorial Day Mass/Church

## Mass Attendance

As we have plenty of socially distanced capacity at all weekday Masses, we will no longer be tracking and publishing weekday Mass counts. Please join us - our weekday Masses offer a very safe worship environment.

Note: The Chapel is open during 9:45am Mass on Sundays for overflow seating.

Saturday, 4:30 pm (128)

Sunday, 7:45 am (98), 9:45 am (115), 6:30 pm (39)

## Prayer Requests

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.

## COVID-19 Safety Protocols

We are encouraged by the increasing number of people in our community who are able to receive the vaccine! The Diocese of Green Bay has given direction that taking temperatures is now an optional practice for parishes. Based on this directive, we have discontinued temperature taking. Please continue to monitor your personal health. If you have a temperature, other symptoms, or aren't feeling well, stay home. Mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and social distancing will continue to be required for Mass and all other parish activities. Stay tuned for updates to our safety protocols!

## Do we need to wear a mask at Mass?

It has been welcome news from the CDC that fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear masks. Unfortunately, at this time, not all of our children have access to a vaccine and the vaccination rates in the City of Appleton and Outagamie County are currently about 40%. **At St. Mary Parish we will continue to mask and social distance until we can provide the safest mass experience for all of our parishioners.** We will continue to monitor immunization rates, directives from the Diocese of Green Bay and additional information from the CDC.

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**Marriage**

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

**Baptism**

Congratulations! Contact the parish office for information.

**Confession**

Sat. 9-10am and Tues. 6:15-7:15pm (except for the 1st Tuesday of the month)

**St. Mary Parish Office**

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# *In Joy & Sorrow with Father Bill +*

Gardening and my Dad were always a good match. You knew the growing season was near when my dad perused through a seed catalogue, preparing his order, back in the day when his seed packets were delivered by the US Mail. I remember a cardboard shoe box which contained the garden wooden stakes which were saved from year to year, along with the seeds, a spool of rope to mark the rows, ready for the hoe. I remember that set onions were the first of the vegetables to be planted and the gentle tap of the hoe which covered them with soil. There were always peas and beans, cucumbers and tomatoes, strawberries, and raspberries, and even pumpkins some years. Oh, I forgot to mention lettuce and corn. The front strip across dad's garden always included marigolds and petunias - just a touch of the beauty of spring and summer flowers. But there were always more greens than yellows, purples, pinks, reds, and oranges in dad's garden.

Here's a little poem by one of my favorite poets, Sister Irene Zimmerman, which I have plucked from her little book, *Where God is at Home: Poems of God's Word and World*, Illuminated by *The Message*\*

*When Florence, sacred city of art,  
was plagued with famine,  
the holy bishop filled his floral gardens  
with peas and beans to feed his people,  
Who would not applaud his charity!  
And yet, I think he could have saved  
a bit of garden-room  
for a flower.  
For starving off starvation,  
beauty too has power.*

*Your vibrant beauty has gotten inside us -  
you've been so good to us! We're walking  
on air! -Psalm 89:17 from The Message*

After the intense periods of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, the Church invites us to return to Ordinary Time. Monday, May 24, is the start of this liturgical season of the year, which stretches to November 28, when Ordinary Time ends with First Vespers for the First Sunday of Advent. This stretch of time is twenty-six weeks long. If you remember that an ordinal is a number, then you can remember that Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays of the Liturgical Year that are numbered.

Ordinary Time leaves me feeling settled and grounded in the Lord. There is a steadiness about the routine of life, which is never boring but always nourishing. The ordinary is often charged with the extraordinary, reminding you and me that nothing should ever be taken for granted. The Lord is always near!

Father John Kilgallen, SJ, writes this:

*"No more long-lived white, nor fretful purple,  
just green. It is Ordinary Time. But what a  
wonderful color is green, of many shades, as the  
song goes, but always green. It is the color so  
longed for when we look to muddy yards and  
fields, to dead dirt. Once it is here, once things  
turn to green, the heart, perhaps unmoved as the  
dead dirt, comes alive, one's life begins to  
blossom, and all the good things of green come to  
serve us once again. In a way, it is a season for  
which all the more notable seasons have prepared*

*us. Waiting and longing, miraculous birth, the pain of sin and another waiting and longing, this time with wailing and sorrow, a death in place of my death, a life given so that I may live, the Spirit enlivening a dullish heart - does not all of this seem pointed, in the end to our flourishing, our youthful growths, our beauty, the beginning of our eternal life? It is the green time, called Ordinary Time, but, from a certain perspective, a most wonderful time, both for its new breath and hopeful future - a time for green."*

Happy Ordinary Time!

\*The Message is a paraphrased translation of the Bible, which Scripture scholars would be hesitant to use for their study, but is refreshing for us folks.

Father Bill +