



## Weekly Update September 12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Health & Safety Information

With Covid-19 numbers increasing due to the Delta variant we want to remind everyone of our health and safety practices in place. We will continue to monitor and adjust to state, local, and Diocesan level health directives.

- Masks are **strongly** encouraged. Staff will be masking during Mass.
- Those who are **not** fully vaccinated **should** continue to wear a face covering in our indoor and outdoor spaces. Those who are fully vaccinated can attend Mass or be in any parish building without a face covering.
- Face coverings are **always** welcome for anyone, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- During Mass, the chapel and choir loft will be reserved for those wearing face coverings. You are always welcome to wear a mask in the church.

**CLICK HERE** if you would like to find out where you can get a vaccine.

**CLICK HERE** to see CDC guidelines for choosing safe activities.

## 9/11 Commemoration Events & Prayer Service

We are joining with the City of Appleton to ring our church bells five times in remembrance of those who died during the events of 9/11. St. Mary will be holding a **prayer vigil** with Eucharistic Adoration following the 4:30 Saturday Mass on 9/11. This will begin at approximately 5:30 and conclude at 6:00 pm.

The City is also holding these events to commemorate our national tragedy and lives lost:

- At 8:45 am a solemn procession will begin. The route is two blocks: beginning at the corner of Atlantic and Drew, moving south on Drew to City Park.
- At 9:03 am the commemorative ceremony will begin in City Park. This event will include music, remarks from local dignitaries and officials, and traditional memorial tributes, including the laying of the wreath, rifle salute and "Taps". There ceremony is expected to last no more than one hour. Seating will not be provided, spectators should bring their own chairs or stand.

## An Honest Conversation

Do you have questions about what you believe about God or about Jesus? Do you know someone who may be searching for answers? Perhaps you were raised in a church but feel a disconnect between that experience and where your relationship with God and your heart is today. If any of this rings a bell with you, we invite you to an informal conversation alone or with others who may be having the same experience.

If you would like to join the conversation, please contact Mary Ann Otto at [motto@stmaryparish.org](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org) 920-739-5119.

## Coffee & Donut Update

We're happy to bring coffee and donuts back on a weekly basis this Fall, **but** we need volunteers to host it! We **did not** have any volunteers for this weekend, so we will not be able to hold it.

This is a great time for our parish family to gather and for new people to get connected! It's also a simple way for your family to serve. Would your family consider taking a shift this Fall to help serve our Parish Family? **Sign up here.** Contact Emily with questions - [ejenks@stmaryparish.org](mailto:ejenks@stmaryparish.org)

## **Nursing Home Communion Ministry**

Would you like to be part of a team that brings communion to our brothers and sisters who are in nursing homes? We are looking to form new teams and will be training those who are interested in early October. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Nadine at [nduncan@stmaryparish.org](mailto:nduncan@stmaryparish.org), or 920-659-1337.

## **Beacon Child & Youth Ministry Registration is Open!**

Together at St. Mary's with our families we desire to help youth know that they are loved, that they have a home in the church, and grow in their relationship with Jesus here in the present. We are looking forward to diving deeper in this with you as Beacon begins this October.

Calendars and more information can be found [here](#). Register using this [link](#)

## **THEO**

THEO (to help each other), grief support group, will not be meeting on September 20th.

## **Online Giving**

eGiving is a great stewardship habit – it streamlines your giving and lets you do even more to help St. Mary Parish grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. Why not make the switch today? You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts were a lifeline during COVID-19 and sustained our parish throughout the year. They provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting [Faith.Direct/WI990](https://Faith.Direct/WI990), or text 'Enroll' to (Text-to-Give Number).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

## **Need a Name Tag?**

We'll be bringing our name tag board back out soon! If you didn't previously have a nametag or misplaced yours, please let us know and we'll order you a new one. Just

reply to this note with the first and last names of those requesting one or call the Parish Office 920.739.5119.

## Christmas Stars

Christmas Stars ticket sales open September 7th , 9am online and at the box office, noon until 3pm.

Come and be delighted by a spectacular Broadway-style revue featuring religious and secular holiday music performed by a cast of singers, dancers and actors ages five to senior citizen. Experience the dazzling Christmas parade, a visit from Santa and the breathtaking "Living Nativity" finale. All performances will be held at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, [1600 Prospect Avenue, Appleton](#), December 2-12. An American Sign Language interpreter will be provided at the 1pm performance on December 4th . The fully accessible theatre is equipped with a hearing loop.

For performance times, ticket purchases or questions, please call 920-733-8840 or visit [www.christmasstars.org](http://www.christmasstars.org). To visit the Xavier Theatre Box Office, please use the main theatre entrance, located under the arched canopy, on the west end of the school building.



## Irish Fest Fox Cities

St. Mary's is happy to be sponsoring **Irish Fest Fox Cities** on September 17 - 18.

We'll be hosting several cultural events in the Community Room and our 4:30 Saturday Mass on September 18 will be Celtic. We'll have special musical guests from Gaelic Storm and Dangle playing music before this Mass. Please keep in mind that this Mass may be larger in size.

We could use a few volunteers in the areas below from the Parish to help make this exciting collaboration successful.

- Provide hospitality during the sessions on Friday and Saturday afternoon
- A history buff who would be interested in giving a brief history of St. Mary's Irish history

- Help assist with the coordinator of the Celtic Mass

Please contact Emily if you are interested in getting involved - [ejenks@stmaryparish.org](mailto:ejenks@stmaryparish.org).

## A Grateful & Blessed Family

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

St. Mary Parish Support			
September 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 8/30 - 9/3/2021		8,038	
September- month to date:	62,000	8,038	-53,962
<b>7/1/21-9/30/21</b>			
<b>Fiscal Year To Date :</b>	<b>189,000</b>	<b>150,949</b>	<b>-38,051</b>



### Mass Times Intention

<b>Mon., September 13, 8:00am</b>	<b>@ St. Bernard Parish</b>
<b>Tue., September 14, 8:00am</b>	<b>@ St. Bernard Parish</b>
Wed., September 15, 12:05pm	John, Elsie, & Robert Ricker
Thur., September 16, 12:05pm	Parishioners of St Mary
Sat., September 18, 4:30pm	Steffens & Lampert Families
Sun., September 19, 7:45am	
9:45am	Bob & Sis Balliet
6:30pm	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, September 13

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

8:00pm AA Meeting/L1&L3

### Tuesday, September 14

2:00pm Rosary Group/Church

6:00pm Facilities/Virtual

6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

7:00pm Finance/Virtual

***Wednesday, September 15***

9:00am Quilting Group/St Anne Room

9:00am Connect, Pray, Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures/L7

***Thursday, September 16***

No events scheduled

***Friday, September 17***

**Parish Office closed!**

***Saturday, September 18***

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

1:30pm Gabrielle Lara/Matthew Anderson Wedding

4:30pm IrishFest Celtic Mass/Church

5:45pm Nora Briones Baptism/Church

***Sunday, September 19***

Coffee & Donuts after 7:45am & 9:45am Masses

9:45am Celtic musician at Mass/Church

11:00am 1st Reconciliation Open House/Community Room

11:15am Hailey Ray Goodman Baptism/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.

Saturday, 4:30 pm (121)

Sunday, 7:45 am (94), 9:45 am (116), 6:30 pm (45)

## **In Loving Memory**

If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

## **Prayer Requests**

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.



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#### **Marriage**

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

#### **Pastoral Leadership Council Chair**

Beth Power 703-819-4829

#### **Baptism**

Congratulations! Contact Nadine Duncan for information.

#### **Finance Council Chair**

Larry Bonneville 920-419-3097

#### **Confession**

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

#### **St. Mary Cemetery**

920-882-4158

#### **Xavier Catholic School System**

920-735-9380



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