

ST. MARY PARISH - APPLETON

**WEEKLY UPDATE 3/19/2023**

*4th Sunday in Lent*



Lent 2023: In the Master's Company

*Come Join Our team!*

We have an opening for an Administrative Assistant in the parish business office. When applying, follow this link - <https://www.gbdioc.org/front-page/careers> . Click on the Parishes of the Diocese of Green Bay link and click on the Business Office Administrative link.

This position is eligible for a Xavier school tuition discount!

Feel free to contact Chris Higgins at [chiggins@stmaryparish.org](mailto:chiggins@stmaryparish.org) with questions!

## FORMED

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enter our zip code – 54911, and pick the name of our parish in the drop-down box.





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# BLOOD DRIVE

## St. Mary Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26  
7:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

To schedule

[www.communityblood.org/donor](http://www.communityblood.org/donor)

or call (800) 280-4102

We encourage you to register in  
advance. Thank you!

# Easter Flowers

Donations for Easter flowers can be dropped off at the parish office, mailed in, or put in the collection basket. Please include your name and if you want the flowers to be in memory of a loved one, please include the name. Donations need to be in by Palm Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Please Print Clearly

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle one: Cash or Check (Check #):

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa Look to the Future

Remember when the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters served in our parish?

Perhaps a Sister taught you to read and paint or taught your children to play the piano and solve math equations. Or perhaps a Sister serving as pastoral minister brought communion to your home or worked with you for marriage preparation. So many lives were touched by these remarkable women. Now, after celebrating their 175th anniversary in 2022, they are reaching out to ask for support from others. For only the third time in the history of their congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa are conducting a capital campaign. Mission Forward: 175 Years and Counting is underway. The goals of the campaign seek to fund the formation of new Sisters, the cost of care for retired Sisters, and their current and future ministries. Please go to their website at [www.sinsinawa.org/missionforward](http://www.sinsinawa.org/missionforward) to read more about their campaign goals and learn how you can support them. The Sisters ask for your prayer and keep you in their heart and prayer always.



## Lenten Alms Project 2023

"Ending Homelessness in  
the Greater Fox Cities"

Donations can be placed in the collection boxes in  
the back of church. Thank you!

Coordinated by the St. Mary Matthew 25 Committee

So far we have raised **\$4,579.00** for COTS, which is our Lenten Alms Project this year. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for their wonderful work helping individuals transform their lives through meaningful employment and stable housing.

Donations can be placed in the box in the back of the church or dropped off or mailed to the parish office (312 S. State Street, 54911).



# PROMEDICA HOSPICE

ProMedica Hospice is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to volunteer. Volunteering might look like, reading to patients, social visits, going for walks, playing cards, or reminiscing during the final days and hours of life. Take a chance, be a friend, hold a hand, and make a difference.

Interested individuals, please contact Amy Sadewater at (920) 336-6455 or [amy.sadewater@promedica.org](mailto:amy.sadewater@promedica.org)

## SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Thursdays | 5:30pm**

St. Mary  
March 9, 16, 23

St. Joseph  
March 2, 30



Join us for Soup & Stations on the remaining Thursdays in Lent! Please click on the link to sign up if you want to bring a soup or help serve.

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As the Easter Vigil approaches, please keep

*Julie*

in your prayers. She will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation.



As the Easter Vigil approaches, please keep

*Colton  
& Jenna*

in your prayers. They will receive the sacraments of Eucharist & Confirmation.



# PALM BRAIDING

April 1-2

IN THE COMMUNITY RM. AFTER 4:30PM,  
7:45AM AND 9:45AM MASSES

LEARN THE  
HISTORY

WATCH A DEMO

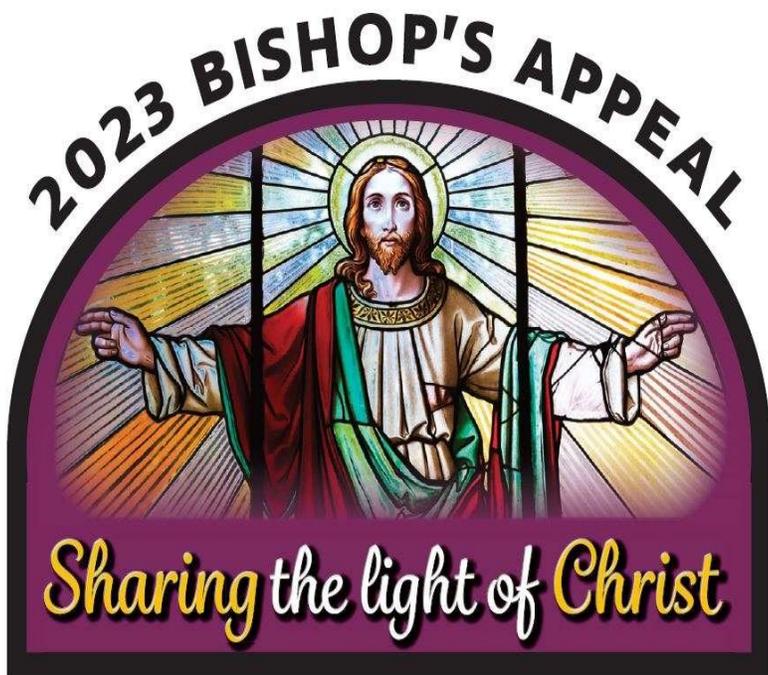
TRY IT FOR  
YOURSELF



## Palm Sunday Bake Sale

April 1st and 2nd

Join us for our annual Palm Sunday Bake  
Sale after the 4:30pm, 7:45am and 9:45am  
Masses on April 1st and 2nd.



## Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed so far! We are getting close to our goal! Remember to send your donation directly to the Diocese in the envelope provided and not to the parish office. There are additional donation cards and envelopes in the back of church if you need one.

**2023 Goal: \$63,303**

**Reached: \$51,864.99 (82%)**

# CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays | 6:15pm  
in the chapel

Saturdays | 9am  
in the parish office



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Fr. Bill Keeping the Church Lights On  
Monday, April 3 | 6-9pm

# Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday (9am - 9pm) &  
Saturday (9am - Noon)  
starting Feb 24 in the Chapel

Sign up at [stmaryparish.org](http://stmaryparish.org).



**Lent:** *A Season of Reflection & Repentance*

## EXPERIENCE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING LENT

Spend an hour with Jesus on Fridays (9 am – 9 pm) or Saturdays (9 am – 12 noon) of Lent for Eucharistic Adoration. Our children-friendly hour is Friday from 3 pm – 4 pm. We need at least one adorer for each hour.

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4da9ad2aa02-lenten#/>



# Fleece Tie Blankets

Thanks to your generous monetary and fabric donations, we were able to deliver a total of 46 blankets to Outagamie Foster Care and Edenbrook Nursing Home. You have made many children and adults feel warm and loved.

Thank you,  
Senior Connect Committee



*Thank You!*

*We received a Thank you card from  
The Outagamie/Calumet County  
Foster Care Team!*

*Thank you so much for recently donating blankets to our foster care program! We appreciate everyone who contributed and thought of us!*

*We wish you all the best  
in the New Year!*

*The Outagamie/Calumet County  
Foster Care Team*

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## Mass Times

Mon., March 20, 12:05pm

**Tues., March 21, 8:00am**

**Wed., March 22, 8:00am**

Thur., March 23, 12:05 pm

Sat., March 25, 4:30pm

Sun., March 26, 7:45am

9:45am

6:30pm

## Intention

Michael John Pfefferle

**Mass at St Bernard Parish**

**Mass at St Bernard Parish**

Bill Hoffman

Doris Skotzke

William & Florence Polley

Parishioners of St. Mary

## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Daniel Schultz. May fond memories comfort them 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 920-739-5119.

## 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.

# Events Calendar

## Monday, March 20

5:30pm RCIA Meeting/Large Conference Room in Parish Office

6:30pm Book Discussion Group/Lower Level Room 7

6:30pm Bell Choir Practice/Choir Loft

## Tuesday, March 21

9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7

1:00pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group/St. Joe's

2:00pm Rosary Group/Church

6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

7:00pm CR Finance/Community Room

## Wednesday, March 22

9:30am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7

6:30pm Choir Practice/Music Room

## Thursday, March 23

5:30pm Soup & Stations of the Cross/St. Mary

6:30pm Men's Group/Lower Level 7

## Friday, March 24

**Parish Office Closed!**

9:00am Adoration/Chapel

## Saturday, March 25

**Selling Scrip after the 4:30 Mass!**

9:00am Confessions/Parish Office

9:00am Adoration/Chapel

10:00am Icon Painting

## Sunday, March 26

**Coffee and Donuts and Selling Scrip after the 7:45 and 9:45am Masses!!**



# In Joy & Sorrow

with Fr. Bill Swichtenberg

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Tying up some Odds and Ends Concerning Lent

In both the Jewish and Christian religions, the number 40 has significance. The Israelites, under the direction of Moses, wandered in the desert for 40 years on their way to the Promised Land. Their Liberator, Moses, was leading them from slavery to freedom. You have heard that if a woman had been in charge of the travel plans for the sojourners, she would have had the good sense to stop and ask for directions, and maybe the trip wouldn't have taken 40 years!

In the desert, Moses communed with the Lord on Mount Sinai for 40 days, receiving the Decalogue (The Ten Words[Commandments]), written by the finger of the Lord on to stone tablets.

The great Prophet Jonah, once he got serious about the Lord's command to preach in Nineveh, traveled for three days through the land, announcing that the King and people had 40 days to repent and turn to the Lord. Remember that Jonah first attempted to get as far away from Nineveh as possible, traveling across the sea, but the Lord was insistent, causing indigestion in the belly of a whale, who spit Jonah up on the shore of the land of Nineveh. The Ninevites were the despised enemies of the Israelites and Jonah wanted nothing to do with them. Repentance is possible for any person, even the greatest sinner.

Finally, Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert, where he was put to the test by the devil.

The number 40 was sacred to the people of the Scriptures. Of course, 40 is the result of multiplying the number 4, signifying the four directions of north, south, east, and west, by the number 10, signifying the Decalogue or Ten Commandments. There is a sense of wholeness or completeness contained in the number 40.

So, there you have a little rationale for the Holy Season of Lent being 40 days long. People do struggle to come up with the number 40 for the days of Lent. When you count the days in between Ash Wednesday and Easter, you arrive at the number 47.

As Lent ends at sundown on Holy Thursday evening, with the celebration of the Lord's Last Supper, which begins the Solemn Celebration of the Sacred Triduum (the Three Days), you can subtract 3 from 47, still leaving four days too many.

I have spent a significant amount of my priesthood, I dare say 40 years, trying to convince folks that Ash Wednesday, as well as the Thursday, Friday and Saturday following Ash Wednesday, are preparatory days that direct us into the season of Lent. Some have referred to these four days as the porch way into Lent. So we might subtract those four days from 44 to arrive at the magic number of 40. Right now, you may or may not be convinced or suggest that my math is wrong!

A whole lot easier is determining the date of Easter, which changes from year to year. Two questions need to be answered.

1. When does Spring arrive? This year Spring arrives at 4:24 pm CDT on Monday, March 20 (which by the way is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, which is annually celebrated on March 19, but not when March 19 falls on a Sunday of Lent).

2. When is the first full moon after the first day of Spring? This year, the full moon is observed on April 6, which is Holy Thursday. April's Spring moon is referred to as the Paschal Full Moon (think Easter) or the Pink Moon (think the color of the Spring flower, the phlox). Easter is always celebrated on the Sunday which follows the full moon which follows the first day of Spring. I hope that is not too confusing!

Oh, by the way, this Sunday, March 19, marks the halfway point in our observance of Lent. As this is a cause for rejoicing, this Sunday is named Laetare Sunday and the liturgical color is rose, NOT PINK! But if you are a stickler about the numbers, this Sunday is the twenty-second day of Lent, which is just a tad over the halfway mark. Go figure!

Traditionally, every year on Laetare Sunday, Notre Dame University bestows its Laetare Award on a holy Catholic person in our nation who has the smell of the

sheep upon her or him and is a zealous minister of Jesus' Gospel of tenderness, closeness, and compassion. Each year, I am always anxious to learn who that person is!

This was fun to write and I hope it's just a little bit fun to read! Hope it didn't take all of four minutes or so to ponder!

Happy Rejoice (Laetare) Sunday!

*Fr. Bill +*

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

Baptism? Congratulations! Contact Nadine Duncan for information



**Confession**

Sat. 9-10am and  
Tues. 6:15-7:15pm

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