

MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 24, 2025

# ST. MARY PARISH

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*THE CROWN ... IS MADE OUT OF ROSES TO SYMBOLIZE THE SINGULAR DIGNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN."*

# BULLETIN

HAPPY  
*Mothers*  
DAY



**Celebrate Moms  
on the Weekend of  
May 10 & 11**

**A special gift will be  
handed out after all  
the Masses**

**Join us for May  
Crowning at the Sunday  
9:45am Mass**

## 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

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# Let us pray

Evening worship experiences at St. Mary, Appleton

## **HYMN SING & CONCERT** **May 22 | 6:30pm**

Celebrate Mary and our mothers with a hymn sing of famous and beloved Marian hymns and songs



Bring a baby item to help moms and kids in need

## *Annual Vida Collection*

*(formerly Mother and Unborn Baby Care)*

**MAY 10 - MAY 25**

*Help moms & kids in need*

- take a tag from the tree in the Marian Way
- return item(s) by May 25
- view a list of current Vida needs at [stmaryparish.org](http://stmaryparish.org)



# Congratulations!

**TO THE FIRST COMMUNICANTS!**

**Ruby  
Ellie  
Hudson  
Abby**

**Tucker  
Lucas  
Ezzy  
Angelina**

**Pascaline  
Caden  
Sadie  
Sebastian**

**Miles  
Isaac  
Abraham  
Divya**

## Open Auditions!

**CHRISTMAS  
STARS  
2025**

Students entering Kindergarten through 12th grade in 2025 and adults of all ages who love to sing and dance are invited to audition.

**Sunday evening, May 4  
Tuesday evening, May 13**

*Directed by Jim Romenesko*

*Choreography by Mary Doverspike, Jr.*

*Choral direction by Peter Leschke*

Fill out a cast application and schedule an audition at [www.christmasstars.org](http://www.christmasstars.org), tap the "Join Our Cast" button

All auditions by appointment, scheduling link available after submitting application.

**WE ARE  
HIRING**

**POSITIONS:**

**Babysitting Ministry, Coordinator (Part-Time)  
Minister of Missionary Disciples (Part-Time)**

**Babysitting Ministry  
Coordinator (Part-Time)**



- Five hours a week
- Coordinate volunteer babysitters for 9:45 AM Mass
- More about the role and to apply: <https://www.gbdioc.org/careers/>

**Minister of Missionary  
Disciples (Part-Time)**



- 20-30 hours a week
- Support the spiritual growth of the parish
- Help to implement the adult discipleship pathway
- More about the role and to apply: <https://www.gbdioc.org/careers/>



**Join us for  
Coffee & Donuts!**

after the Sunday morning  
Masses this weekend

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**




<https://bit.ly/4gCBclw>



**WHAT IS THE CENTRAL MYSTERY  
OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

**HAPPY 70TH & HAPPY 20TH Anniversary**  
*Birthday* *Anniversary*  
 AS A PERMANENT DEACON



**ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 17 & 18**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**COME CELEBRATE DEACON GERRY IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM AFTER MASS**

# VICARIATE DAY FOR LAY FAITHFUL

ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, LITTLE CHUTE

MAY  
13

5:45PM

CHECK-IN & HOSPITALITY

6-7PM

PRESENTATION

**The Church as  
Pilgrim of Hope**

Gerard Hall,  
Director of  
Divine Worship

6:45PM

PANEL DISCUSSION  
& REFLECTION

What does it mean to  
live as Pilgrims of hope

7:30PM

CLOSING PRAYER



Diocese of  
Green Bay

*No Registration is Necessary*

*We Invite You*

**A DAY WITH OUR LADY**

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

National Shrine of our Lady of Champion

The day begins with Mass in Mother of Mercy Hall.  
Father Tom Farrell, Spiritual Director for the  
Widows of Prayer will be our Celebrant.

Mass at 11:00 AM

Lunch - 12:15 PM

Words of Wisdom - 1:15 Father Tom

Break

Blessing - 2:15 PM

Time to Enjoy the Grounds



The event is open to all women, especially  
widows. A prepaid \$25.00 registration is required.

To register, call or text Kathy at:

920-284-9476 by May 14th

Sponsored by the Widows of Prayer

**2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL**

**8% TO GO**

GOAL: \$72,433

92%

\$66,368





**FINAL**  
**SUNDAY**  
**5:30pm Mass**  
**on May 11**

**Scrip Available After Mass**



*St. Mary &  
St. Joseph*



The next St Mary/St Joseph book club discussion will take place from 1 to 2:30 pm, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in Room LL7 at St. Mary. The book selected for discussion is **Demon Copperhead, by Barbara Kingsolver.**

Looking forward to the third Tuesday, June 17, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, the book selected for discussion is **Firekeepers Daughter by Angeline Boulley.**

Looking further ahead to the third Tuesday, July 15, same time and location, the book discussed will be **Still Life (Book #1 in Series) by Louise Penny.**

New book readers are welcome to attend anytime. Please contact Mary Schulz, book club member, 920-809-4474, with any questions.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. MARY CEMETERY**

*We need volunteers to put flags on the veterans graves.  
May 22 9:00 am to Noon. If it is raining on the 22nd, we will postpone until May 23rd.*



## **MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE CEMETERY SALUTES**



**Sun., May 25th, 2025**

The community is welcomed to gather as local veteran service organizations assemble and perform somber salutes to veterans that paid the ultimate sacrifice and are laid to rest at the two cemeteries listed below. The salutes will include a prayer, the laying of a memorial wreath, a rifle volley, and the playing of "Taps".

**12:00 NOON @ Moses Montefiore Cemetery (E. Woodland Ave., Appleton)**

**1:00 PM @ St. Mary Cemetery (2121 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton)**

**Organized by the Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard. Follow the Scarlet Guard Color Guard on Facebook for more information and updates.**

## *St. Mary* **MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

**PLEASE JOIN US MAY 26.  
THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL  
DAY MASS WILL BE  
CELEBRATED AT ST. MARY  
CEMETERY AT 8:00AM**



# Mass Intentions

|              |         |   |
|--------------|---------|---|
| Sat. May 10  | 4:30pm  | Conrad Fuerstenberg                                 |
| Sun. May 11  | 7:45am  | Tom & Arlene Rogers                                 |
|              | 9:45am  | Julie Sabish & Joan Greenen                         |
|              | 5:30pm  | Marge Schnese                                       |
| Mon. May 12  | 12:05pm | Vernon & Alice McGinnis                             |
| Thur. May 15 | 12:05pm | ---   |
| Sat. May 17  | 4:30pm  | Ted Miller  |
| Sun. May 18  | 7:45am  | Richard & Patricia Pechotta                         |
|              | 9:45am  | ---   |
| Mon. May 19  | 12:05pm | Joanie Streck                                       |
| Thur. May 22 | 12:05pm | ---   |
| Sat. May 24  | 4:30pm  | Carl Butzen   |
| Sun. May 25  | 7:45am  | Special intention for young people in the military. |
|              | 9:45am  | Mike Barker   |



# IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the family and friends of Mary Mauthe and Robert Schoultz. May your memories comfort you during this time.

Mary Mauthe 4/16/27 - 04/26/25

Robert Schoultz 3/17/45 - 3/25/25

*St Mary* PRAYER TREE

LEAVE A PRAYER, TAKE A PRAYER. LOOK FOR OUR PRAYER TREE IN BACK OF CHURCH.



# ST MARY CEMETERY



**Open House • May 17 • 1pm - 6:30pm**



# St. Mary

## Grief Support

An outreach of St. Mary Cemetery

*Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.*

Dealing with the loss of a loved one ranks as one of life's toughest challenges. Your faith family is here to help.

This summer, join us for an 8-week grief support program designed to accompany you on your journey and provide information and strategies to help you understand and deal with your loss.

- Monday evenings 6-7:30 PM starting June 16
- Sessions will begin & end promptly
- Facilitated by Chip Acker & Thomas Walter (Certified ICare Specialists, International Grief Institute)
- Sessions are free; group size limited to 10 participants

For more Info email:



**[cacker@stmaryparish.org](mailto:cacker@stmaryparish.org)**  
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Contact Tom or Chip  
**@ 920-739-5119**



## Week of MAY 10 - MAY 16

### Saturday, May 10

#### St. Joe's Food Program Collection

#### Mother's Day Gift

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel

10:00 am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support Group/LL7

1:00 pm Lauren Banker - Drew Bisarek Wedding

4:30 pm Mass (A Martell Baptism)

### Sunday, May 11

#### Coffee & Donut

#### St. Joe's Food Program Collection

#### Mother's Day Gift

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass /Livestreamed

5:30 pm Mass (Last 5:30 pm Mass)

### Monday, May 12

12:05 pm Mass

### Tuesday, May 13

9:00 am Connect Group/Comm Rm

9:30 am CIAFMO/LL1

2:00 pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel

6:30 pm Connect Group/LL7

### Wednesday, May 14

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

4:00 pm Flock of Sparrows/LL5

4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

### Thursday, May 15

12:05 pm Mass

1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/Comm Rm

6:00 pm Mind of Christ Series/Comm Rm

6:00 pm Adult Choir

6:30 pm New Horizons Band Practice

### Friday, May 16

#### Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Small Group/LL7



**The Holy Trinity**



## Week of MAY 7 - MAY 26

### Saturday, May 17

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel

1:00 pm Cemetery Open House/Cemetery

4:30 pm Mass-(Fr. Funk Sub) Celebration for Dcn Gerry

### Sunday, May 18

#### Coffee & Donuts

#### Celebration for Dcn Gerry after Masses

7:45 am Mass (Fr Funk)

9:45 am Mass /Livestreamed (C Reader Baptism)(Fr Funk)

9:45 am Confirmation Class

### Monday, May 19

12:05 pm Mass

6:30 pm THEO/Community Rm

### Tuesday, May 20

9:00 am Connect/LL7

1:00 pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's/L112

1:00 pm Book Club/LL7

2:00 pm Rosary Prayer/Chapel

6:30 pm Matthew 25/Large Conference Room-Parish Office

6:30 pm Connect/LL7

### Wednesday, May 21

8:00 am Quilting/Comm Rm

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

4:00 pm Flock of Sparrows/ LL5

4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

### Thursday, May 22

12:05 pm Mass

6:00 pm Mind of Christ Series/Comm Rm

6:00 pm Adult Choir

6:30 pm Marian Concert Hymn-Sing (Let Us Pray Series)/Church

### Friday, May 23

#### Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Small Group/LL7

### Saturday, May 24

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel

4:30 pm Mass (V Anderson Baptism)

### Sunday, May 25

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

### Monday, May 26

#### Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass-Memorial Day/Cemetery

## Clergy

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## Important Contacts

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Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9am-4pm  
Wednesday, 9am-6:30pm  
Office Closed on Fridays

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

**Funeral Information**  
Contact Tom Walter  
cell (920)-422-8669

**Mass Intentions**  
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

**Confession times:**  
Saturdays 9-10am, or by  
appointment

**Parish Website:**  
stmaryparish.org  
**Cemetery Website:**  
stmaryparishcemetery.org

**Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays**  
4:30-8pm  
Sign up for a slot to sit with Jesus.  
We must have one person  
with the Eucharist at all times.

**Prayer Requests:**  
Contact Laurie Richter  
lauriejrichter@gmail.com  
Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182) or  
Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969)

St. Anthony



Dear St. Anthony,  
Please come around.  
Somethings are lost and  
must be found.

# May 10 & 11

we will have all of our  
lost and found items on  
a table in the Marian  
Way. If you have lost  
anything rececently,  
come take a look



SCAN ME

# in Joy & SORROW



How blessed we are in the Northern Hemisphere to celebrate the Easter Season in the midst of the *dearest freshness deep down things*, which is the Season of Spring. I recall exiting a nearly three-hour indoor meeting on Tuesday afternoon (May 6) and walking to my SUV under a brilliantly shining sun and a crystal blue sky; *the grandeur of God* bursting with exaltation all around me. One of my colleagues, who was cooped up in the same meeting, couldn't wait to peel off his black suit coat. He might have removed his Roman collar as well, but I didn't stick around to make sure. By the way, it was a good meeting though!

There is just a taste in the above paragraph of Rev Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ's wonderful poem for Creation, titled *The Grandeur of God*. Check it out!

During these holy days, we are also richly blessed to celebrate the gift of our Mothers. Our hearts burst with joy as we experience the unconditional love of our Mothers and Grandmothers or remember their love.

*During these holy days, we are also richly blessed to celebrate the gift of our Mothers.*

My Mom has been at home with the Lord in Paradise for a little over three years now. I miss her more and more! She was my biggest cheerleader, throughout my life but especially in my role as a servant leader in the Church.

While my tenure has been relatively smooth sailing over the last forty-two years as a priest, during a couple of stormy times, my Mom always calmed me down and reassured me that I was on the right track in terms of resolving whatever the situation was.

I am reminded of St Julian of Norwich, the woman mystic of the 14th-15th centuries, who always prayed, "All will be well and every manner of thing will be well."

My Mom often thought that I would have been a bit too much as the pastor for my hometown parish of Saint Mary, Menasha. She was not too keen on a Gospel that really stretched people to embrace the mind and heart of Jesus. She advocated for a Gospel that would comfort the disturbed and really was a bit scared for me if I introduced a Gospel that disturbed the comfortable. She really believed that I needed to be careful to avoid an untimely demise. You know that whole thing about people getting rid of the messenger because they don't like her or his message.

Just a note here. Recall that *catholicity* in its truest sense is not *either/or* but *both/and*. The Gospel both comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable. I remind myself that I have a tendency to fall on one side of the *both/and* equation and need to consider the other viewpoint more carefully at times.

Make sure to take time to honor your Mother on this Mother's Day Weekend!

The Church fittingly remembers Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church, during the month of May. As the perfect disciple, it does us good to keep Mary front and center in our lives. Her *Fiat* which declared, *Let it be done to me as you (that is the Angel Gabriel) say*, is the perfect prayer of trust in the Lord! The Church has a tradition of repeating this prayer of Mary's every morning, noon, and evening. It's called the Angelus.

I believe that Mary has become the most influential human being in the history of the Church to fix in our hearts forever the maternal nature of our God. Admittedly, our hierarchical church, too male dominated, needs to remember this. We need to be able to approach the Lord, trusting in the Lord's tenderness and compassion. Jesus compares Himself to being *like a mother hen longing to gather her chicks under her wings*. (Matthew 23:37)

Let us remember that our Creator God is *both* like a father and *like* a mother. Let us remember, too, that the personal singular pronoun for the Holy Spirit is *She* and not *He*. Both the Hebrew *ruah* and the Greek *pneuma*, which refer to the Holy Spirit and suggest *breath*, require a female article. This can be likened to *la maison*, which is *house* in French and requires the female article *la* or *le cheval*, which is *horse* in French and requires the male article *le*.

You didn't know that this reflection would end in a grammar lesson, did you!

It's really better to end in prayer with this litany.

Mary, Mother of the liberator, pray for us.

Mother of the homeless, pray for us.

Mother of the dying, pray for us.

Mother of the violent, pray for us.

Widowed mother, pray for us.

Unwed mother, pray for us.

Mother of a political prisoner, pray for us.

Mother of the condemned, pray for us.

Mother of the executed criminal, pray for us.

Mother of mercy, empower us.

Mother of faith, empower us.

Mother of contemplation, empower us.

Mother of vision, empower us.

Mother of wisdom and understanding, empower us.

Mother of grace and truth, empower us.

Mother, pregnant with hope, empower us.

Mother, centered in God, empower us.

*(by Pax Christi USA)*

Happy Month of May, Blessed Mother Mary!

*Fr. Bill +*