

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 28, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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“Whoever does not take up his cross is not worthy of me. Whoever receives you, receives me.” Matthew 10:38, 40

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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Parish Office Hours:

920-739-5119

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9am-4pm

Friday-Office Closed

Sacrament of Matrimony

Getting Married?

Congratulations! Call Fr. Bill at least six months before your planned wedding date.

Interested in joining the Parish?

Contact Lori Lavallo

llavalle@stmaryparish.org

Confession times:

Saturday 9-10am or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Wednesday, 4:30-8pm

We must have one person with the Eucharist at all times.

Register online

<https://bit.ly/49Wm3k5>

or scan with your phone.



SCAN ME



Volunteers Needed

Point In Time Count
July 22 at 11 pm - July 23 to 3 am

This count happens nationally twice a year. You will go out into the community with a leader and a small group and engage with individuals currently living in places not meant for human habitation.

This data is used to secure federal funds to assist those in need with housing.

Please scan the QR code to volunteer or [click here](#). If you have questions, contact Liz Croley at Liz.Crowley@appletonwi.gov



Click here to see the Amazon Wish List

or scan the QR code below



ST. JOSEPH MINISTRIES TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Weekday Morning Coffee Volunteer

Please arrive about 6:50 am. The Great Hall is open from 7-9 am. You can sit and visit, make coffee, and assist our Neighbors as needed. Thank you! Location: Great Hall

[Click here to sign up](#)

July Needs List

Please drop off/or send in your items (from amazon or Walmart) to the parish office marked Grab & Go! Thank you!

[Click here to sign up](#)

July Weekend Sandwich Help

Please meet our volunteer at the top of Jones Park on the bench. They will be there with a wagon of lunches! Thank you!

[Click here to sign up](#)

WE'RE HIRING



PARISH BUILDING & GROUNDS SUPPORT SPECIALIST

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- ✓ General cleaning and upkeep of parish buildings
- ✓ Grounds maintenance, including mowing and snow removal
- ✓ Equipment maintenance for our HVAC systems
- ✓ Additionally, 25% of this position will support the CELC within the school building.



Make a Difference Every Day

Help care for the buildings and grounds that serve our parish family.



INTERESTED?

Contact
Chip Acker

cacker@stmaryparish.org
920-739-5119

LEARN MORE

View the complete job description here:

stmaryparish.org/open-positions

bit.ly/4g32TOO



COMPETITIVE POSITION

MEANINGFUL WORK

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Family Pool Party



- Friday, July 10 from 7-9 PM at Mead Pool
- FREE Event -Snacks and fun for everyone!

Hosted by



Scan or click here



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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE



Summer Coffee & Donuts Schedule

SUNDAYS

JULY 12, 26

AUGUST 9, 16, 30



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TOTUS TUUS 2026

Faith • Fun • Friendship



JULY 26-31, 2026 | GRADES 1-12

Join us for a week of faith-filled learning, prayer, and community! Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer program dedicated to sharing the Gospel through engaging catechesis, prayer, Christian witness, and joyful activities. Through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, students grow closer to Christ while building lasting friendships.



DAY PROGRAM
GRADES 1-6

July 27-31, 2026

9:00 AM - 2:30 PM



EVENING PROGRAM
GRADES 7-12

July 26-30, 2026

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM



DAILY MASS



PRAYER



SACRAMENTS



GAMES



SKITS



ACTIVITIES



NEW FRIENDS



GRADES
1-12

2026 THEME

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
&
THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES



Register Today!

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HOSTED AT
**ST. THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC PARISH**

In collaboration with
St. Bernadette
St. Therese
St. Mary
Appleton, Wisconsin

Little Lambs Playgroup

For ages NB-5 years old (Older siblings welcome!)

Every Thursday
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Babysitting Room
Lower Level

CONTACT

Lori Lavelle
llavelle@stmaryparish.org
(920) 739-5119 x121

Connect with other parents while the children play.



FAREWELL & BEST WISHES



*Thank You,
Michael & Chad!*

We are so grateful for your faithful service, dedication, and care for our parish community.

Your contributions have blessed our church in countless ways, and you will be greatly missed.

May God guide and bless you in all that lies ahead.

“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you,” says the Lord...
— JEREMIAH 29:11

WITH GRATITUDE FROM YOUR PARISH FAMILY



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

Come watch the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers take on the Lansing Lugnuts on **Sunday, August 2 at 1:10 pm!** It's Faith & Family Day at the ballpark! The game will be followed by a postgame acoustic performance from Jedidiah.



GAME ONLY OPTION: \$15 PER PERSON

Sit with fellow St. Joe and St. Mary parishioners in box seats behind the third base line!



GAME TICKET & BUFFET MEAL: \$33 FOR ADULTS 13+, \$28 FOR CHILDREN 3-12

Add a delicious buffet meal to your game ticket! Enjoy hot dogs, grilled chicken, BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, pasta salad, chips, dessert, and two drinks. You may eat any time between 1:30 and 3:00 pm.



PURCHASE TICKETS BY **JULY 13 USING THE QR CODE OR IN PERSON AT THE ST. MARY OFFICE!**
SALES BEGIN IN PERSON ON **MONDAY, JUNE 29**



Children 2 and under do not need a ticket. Parking not included.

Greater Things

The Diocesan Charismatic Renewal Center presents a
DAY OF REFLECTION on John 14:12



Guest Speaker
Light Breakfast
Praise & Worship
Prayer Ministry

SATURDAY, JULY 18th // 9AM - 12PM

DCRC - 650 S Irwin St, Green Bay



JULY 9-12

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MASS!

July 12 | 8:30 a.m.
Cafe Stage
Sunnyview Expo
Center, Oshkosh

SPECIAL OFFER
Save \$10 on a One-Day ticket!
Promo code: **DGB2026**
Offer ends June 30

lifest.com/tickets



Which pope issued the encyclical Rerum Novarum on workers' rights?

AMERICA **250**

AMERICAN SAINT RELIC VENERATION



JULY 1-9
10 am - 4 pm

The National Shrine of
OUR LADY OF CHAMPION
Champion, WI

- Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
- Saint John Neumann
- Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
- Blessed Stanley Rother
- Blessed James Miller
- Blessed Solanus Casey

- Blessed Michael J. McGivney
- Saint Damien de Veuster
- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
- Saint Marianne Cope
- Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne



AMERICA **250**

As we celebrate America's 250th, we have a rare opportunity to venerate the relics of American Saints and Blesseds whose lives helped shape the Catholic faith in our nation.

Many of these relics are on loan from Shrines around the country, and are only at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion for this short historic celebration!

This special gathering is part of the Catholic Saints of America exhibit, an "American Hall of Holiness," honoring the Saints, Blesseds, Venerables, and Servants of God who lived, served, and gave witness to Christ in the United States.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of June 28 - July 5

Sunday, June 28

7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/LS/Caroline Rose Wallace Baptism

Monday, June 29

12:05 pm Mass
6:00 pm Reach More/LL7
7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, June 30

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

Wednesday, July 1

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7
1:00 pm Summer Bible Study/LL7

Thursday, July 2

10:00 am Little Lambs Playgroup - Babysitting Rm
12:05 pm Mass
1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/Comm Rm

Friday, July 3

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

9:00 am Confessions
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 5

7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Sun., June 28	7:45am 9:45am	Molly Grow Helen & Mike Lampert
Mon., June 29	12:05pm	Paula Hebler
Thu., July 2	12:05pm	Men & Women in the military
Sat., July 4	4:30pm	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
Sun., July 5	7:45am 9:45am	Joanne Ste. Marie Kathy Gunderson & Kelly Sullivan



Prayer Requests Contact **Laurie Richter** (lauriejrichter@gmail.com), **Mary Jo Zilisch** (920-734-1182) or **Ann Walkowski** (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember these requests in our prayer baskets.

Generosity CORNER

This is the last weekend of June and we are a hair away from our parish support goal for this year. This is fantastic. Thank you for your support. Traditionally in June, we exceed our budgeted target but we are not quite there. A little extra push this week would be great.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
June	\$51,651.65	\$75,083.33	-\$23,431.68

Your giving at work in the parish:

- The past couple of weeks we have been working on our renovation of the rectory. It has a new coat of paint and new flooring (a safety feature). We are waiting on some updated appliances to reduce electrical costs. We are still planning on a railing for Fr. Bill between the rectory and the back parking lot. We are also exploring ways to improve the path to the garage.



Pope Leo XIII. (1878-1903)

in Joy & **SORROW**

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 6.28.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



I think I have this right. On his Pastoral Journey to Spain, Pope Leo hugged about a hundred tiny babies. Imagine that. There was one little tike, who was wailing to beat the band, and once he was placed into the Pope's open arms, the boy became perfectly calm. Too bad, the parents can't enlist the Pope to be their babysitter in a pinch.

These are the personal moments that made the pilgrimage to Spain so touching.

There was 6-year-old Renzo, in Barcelona, who had written down some questions for Pope Leo. Did you know that you would be the Pope when you were little? Do you play football? Which you know in every part of the world is soccer, except here in the US!

The Holy Father admitted that becoming Pope never crossed his mind as a kid and not as an "old man" either! He did play American football, which he felt was kind of violent. He also played soccer with seminarians when he was in Trujillo, Peru, but confessed he never scored a goal. He reported that everyone knows he plays tennis.

At the Prayer Vigils in Madrid and Barcelona, Pope Francis also answered questions, of a more serious nature, posed by young people.

"When seeking to recognize God's voice, silence is what can help us the most."

-Pope Leo

In the Prayer Vigil in Madrid on June 6, Pope Leo was asked about how one hears the Lord's voice. The Holy Father suggested:

"When seeking to recognize God's voice, silence is what can help us the most. I believe it is important for each of us to cultivate the ability to be silent. Often we wear headphones, listen to music or seek distractions, and we don't know how to be silent. I believe that it is often precisely in this experience of silence that God can speak to us or that we can discern God's voice. When we seek silence, we choose what not to listen to and which noises not to let distract us. By freeing ourselves from the clamor of a thousand different voices, we recognize that some mislead our desires, others exploit us without providing for us, and still others speak out of self-interest. It is in silence that we come to understand that ideologies pass away, while the truth always remains. Here, too, I would like to emphasize the importance of seeking the truth, because many voices, many things on social media deceive us and tell us lies. Always seek the truth! God is truth! If it leads you away from God, it is not the truth! Do not forget this!"

"I want to entrust all of you the mission to be truly human. Yes, be human: men and women of flesh and blood! Not mere appearances, but trustworthy faces. People who seek justice because they hunger for it, as for their daily bread. People who desire an honest and upright life, because they gladly do to others what they would like others to do to them. Be human as Christ is human, the perfect man, the risen One who shares history with us in every age. In cultivating this mission, look to the Apostles, to the first Christians, who lived in a pagan world. Following their example, be missionaries of the Gospel amid the material and spiritual poverty of our time, knowing full well that our faith is a way of life that is lived out in charity (see Galatians 5:6). This, dear young people, is the virtue that will change history the most. You can change history! Do it with love! Thank you very much."

At the Prayer Vigil in Barcelona on June 9, a young woman addressed Pope Leo.

"Good evening, Holy Father. I come from a family in a very poor neighborhood of Barcelona. When I was little, my father tried to kill my mother, and she was saved because a young man stepped in and died instead. My father went to prison, and my mother turned to drugs. When I was ten, social services took me in and sent me to the "San José de la Montaña" juvenile detention center. At first it was difficult because I had built a wall around myself to protect myself by not letting anyone in. Little by little, I experienced family love for the first time, and my heart began to open up. There they told me about Jesus; I started to pray and was baptized. But during my teenage years, I rebelled against God many times. I was invited to a retreat, and there, for the first time, I experienced God's love. But a few months have passed, and I still find it hard to forgive my father. And sometimes I look up to heaven and ask God, "Where were you when I was a little girl?" Holy Father, how can I forgive my father for almost leaving me without a mother? How can I truly be reconciled with God?"

Here is Pope Leo's response:

"We must learn to view forgiveness — that powerful remedy for evil that heals our inner wounds — as part of a process and a journey. If we read the Gospel as a book of instructions, commandments and duties, we risk becoming greatly discouraged and frustrated because Jesus invites us to forgive, yet we find ourselves unable to do so. But that is not the case. Above all, we must seek forgiveness from the Lord. We must continually ask the Lord — perhaps for our entire lives — to expand the space of love within us, precisely where we have been wounded, that he can help us reconcile with ourselves and with that part of our past that has been marked by suffering, so that he may slowly transform resentment into mercy and compassion. This is a long journey

and a process that requires great patience. It is an effort we must make, both on a personal level and through other means of support, as well as inner reconciliation. We must not lose heart: we move forward in small steps toward forgiveness. Reconciliation with the past is gradual. Above all, we must not think that forgiveness always and in every case means returning to the previous situation or having a close relationship with those who have hurt us, especially when there was violence. We can maintain a good disposition of heart toward the person, reject all forms of hatred or revenge, strive to repair the relationship as much as possible and perhaps pray for him or her. All of this helps us to enter more and more into the dynamic of forgiveness and to be reconciled with God and with others. We are forgiven sinners; we are at peace, are able to forgive and are able to be peacemakers.”

I thought I would share with you the picture of a little boy and Pope Leo that went viral. Look back up at the top of this IN JOY AND SORROW. The Spanish photographer suggested that for him this was a one-in-a-million-kind-of-shot, as if the very stars had to be in alignment! The intense looks of love shared between an engaging boy and engaging Pope are a good reminder of how the Lord gazes with such delightful love upon you and me!

Pope Leo is preparing to journey to the Island of Lampedusa in the Mediterranean Sea on Saturday, July 4. Lampedusa is the gateway for immigrants into Europe, escaping the terrors and injustices of their homelands. This trip will mark the 13th anniversary of Pope Francis’ visit to Lampedusa.

You can be assured that someone from our government invited Pope Leo to our 250th Anniversary Celebration of the Birth of our Nation but he declined. It is no coincidence that the Pope will spend the Fourth of July in the company of our immigrant sisters and brothers and those who minister to them out of sincere reverence for their sacred dignity as precious daughters and sons, created in the image of God. Leo’s words and witness will be profound reminders about what our great nation has to come to value once again.

Fr. Bill +