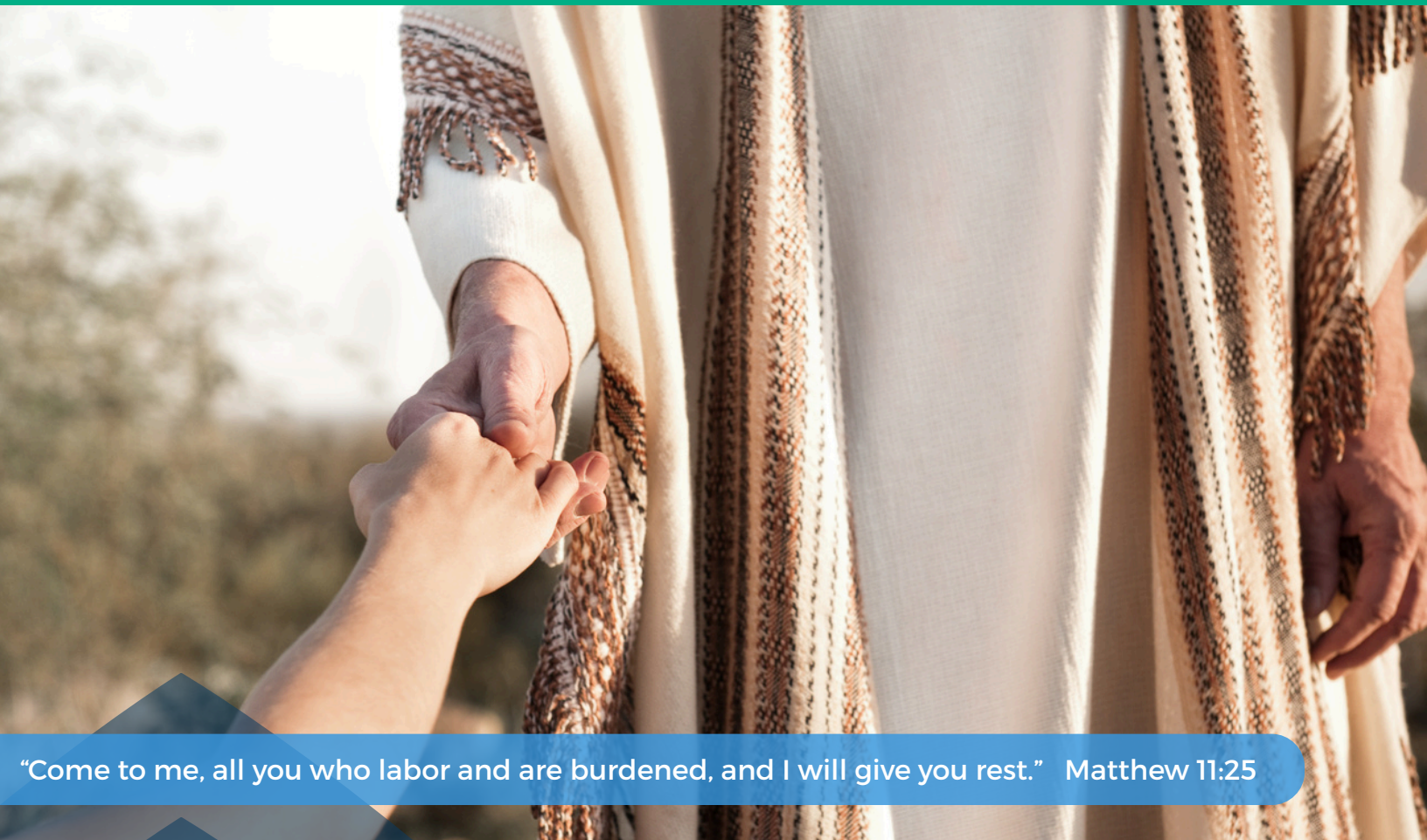


14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JULY, 5 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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312 SOUTH STATE STREET · APPLETON, WI 54911



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

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

Pastor - Fr. Bill Swichtenberg

wdswitz@stmaryparish.org

cell 920-422-4316

Deacon - Gerry Schraufnagel

dcngerry@stmaryparish.org

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Cemetery Info - Chip Acker

cacker@stmaryparish.org

cell 920-882-4158

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 Lavalle

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

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.

INTERESTED?

Contact
Chip Acker

cacker@stmaryparish.org
920-739-5119

LEARN MORE

View the complete job description here:

stmaryparish.org/open-positions

bit.ly/4g32T0O



Congratulations

to



Cindy Boyer

RE-ELECTED AS OUR PARISH

TRUSTEE SECRETARY

In this role she serves as one of our corporate officers and participates on the Pastoral Council.

Please offer your appreciation for her taking on this role for another 2 years. Keep her and the parish in your prayers.



Thank you for your faithful service!



Michael Hurley Volunteer Scholarship

A college tuition scholarship for a high school junior who goes **above and beyond** in volunteering at St. Mary in their Junior and Senior year.

Your Faith in action can open doors for your future!

Any parishioner entering their **junior year** of high school (public or parochial) may apply.



Make a **Difference.**
Be Recognized.

PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE



*Summer
Coffee &
Donuts
Schedule*

SUNDAYS
JULY 12, 26
AUGUST 9, 16, 30



SCAN OR CLICK HERE



[HTTP://BIT.LY/4J2M9EO](http://bit.ly/4j2m9eo)



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



Hallow Hub

Do you have questions about Hallow?

Visit one of our Parish's Hallow Heralds after Masses in the Marian Way, July 11/12 to help with your Hallow experience



ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM



Fighting Hunger  Sustaining Hope

Collection: July 11 & 12

The July 11th and 12th collection for St Joseph Food Program is any type of **protein** such as canned tuna or salmon or chicken or meat. It can also be individual microwave meals, protein bars, or protein drinks. As always, no glass containers, perishables or past used by date.

Thank you for helping those who are in need.



Brunch BUNCH

Mark's East Side
Friday, July 17, at 11:30 AM

Join our Age 55+ group for lunch on Friday, July 17, at 11:30 AM at **Mark's East Side**, located at 1405 E. Wisconsin Ave. in Appleton.

Reservations are required. **Please register by Wednesday, July 15**, by calling or texting Sue Rogers at 920-810-1545. Be sure to leave your name and the number of people in your party.

Please note that perch may have limited availability. For large groups, ordering is limited to 8 select menu choices, though there are many delicious options available.



Beyond the Birth Plan:

Preparing for the emotional side of motherhood



Thursday, July 16th

3:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Green Bay, WI

This free **2-hour in-person** session is open and beneficial for every expectant and new mom (*up to one year postpartum*).

- Learn to recognize emotional changes during pregnancy and after birth
- Build confidence stepping into postpartum
- Receive a **\$50 gift card** for attending!

To reserve your spot, contact: 920-272-8240 | mvanlanen@gbdioc.org



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's and St. Mary's 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.



St. Mary Teens



WE NEED YOU!

Help make Totus Tuus an amazing week for kids!



TOTUS TUUS

Totally Yours

Faith • Fun • Friendship



JULY 27-31

at St. Thomas More Parish



We collaborate with St. Thomas More and 2 other parishes to host Totus Tuus—a fun and faith-filled week for kids from all 4 parishes!

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're looking for teens to help for a few hours any of the days (2.5 or 3 hours). You can sign up for one day or multiple days!



AIDS IN CLASSROOMS



RUN ERRANDS



REDIRECT STUDENTS



HELP AT LUNCH, SNACK & RECESS



MAKE A DIFFERENCE SHARE YOUR FAITH!

SIGN UP TODAY!

Scan the QR code or visit the link below for more information.

<https://bit.ly/TotusTuusVolunteer>





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



Pillars
SUMMER DONATION DRIVE

HELP US MAKE A BIG WAVE!

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 am-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](#)

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

Lifest

SHARING LIFE TOGETHER
OSHKOSH WI 2026

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MASS!

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

Save \$10 on a One-Day
ticket!

Promo code: **DGB2026**
Offer ends June 30

lifest.com/tickets



Diocese of
Green Bay



What is the name of the Pope's
official Twitter account?

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 5-July 12

Sunday, July 5

7:45 am Mass
 9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed
 9:45 am Confirmation/First Communion, Klaire Laux

Monday, July 6

12:05 pm Mass
 6:00 pm THEO/ CR
 7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7
 1:00 pm SMP & SJP Shawl group at SJP/LL112
 6:00 pm Discipleship Committee/LL7

Wednesday, July 8

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7
 1:00 pm Summer Bible Study/LL7
 6:00 pm Reach More/LL7

Thursday, July 9

10:00 am Little Lambs Playgroup - Babysitting Rm
 12:05 pm Mass

Friday, July 10

Parish Office Closed
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Family Pool Party/Mead Pool

Saturday, July 11

St. Joe's Food Program Collection
 9:00 am Confessions
 10:00 am NEC Support Group/ LL7
 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, July 12

St. Joe's Food Program Collection
Coffee & Donuts
Childrens Liturgy
 7:45 am Mass
 9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed
 9:45 am Elsie Yvonne Griesbach Baptism

Sun., July 5	7:45 am	Joanne Ste.Marie
	9:45 am	Kathy Gunderson & Kelly Sullivan
Mon., July 6	12:05 pm	Men & Women in the military
Thu., July 9	12:05 pm	Living & Deceased Members of St.Mary Parish
Sat., July 11	4:30 pm	Bob Mullen
Sun., July 12	7:45 am	Ivy Peters
	9:45 am	Jared Bardon



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

Thank you so much for your support of the parish. We don't quite have our final numbers, but with the little extra push at the end of the fiscal year, we have exceeded our targeted goal of \$901,000 for the fiscal year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) by \$18,000 (unofficially - the numbers have yet to be finalized).

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
June	\$65,742.90	\$75,083.33	-\$9,340.43

Your giving at work in the parish:

- This summer, Andrew is leading a new bible study, The Letters of Paul. It is a great new addition to our summer activities.

- We have been able to do some work in the choir loft this year to make it more accessible and meet the needs of the growing choir.



@ Pontifex

in Joy & **SORROW**

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 7.5.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



July 8th marks the thirteenth anniversary of Pope Francis' Apostolic Journey to Lampedusa, the "Isle of Tears." This island off the coast of Italy in the Mediterranean Sea is the gateway for immigrants and refugees, fleeing homelands like Iraq, Syria, Myanmar, Yemen, and Iran, where there is so much violence and fear, hoping against hope to make a new home somewhere in Europe.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, NJ, tells this true story about Francis' trip to Lampedusa.

Shortly after the ministry of Pope Francis was inaugurated on March 19, 2013, the Solemn Feast of Saint Joseph, he expressed his hope to make the trip. The Cardinal Secretary of State suggested that it was too soon in the Pope's new ministry to make such a trip and that the advance work for any papal trip requires a lot of lead time. Cardinal Parolin told Francis to pray about all of this. After praying a bit, the Pope called the Cardinal back and said he still felt called to be among the migrants arriving in Lampedusa. The Cardinal again hemmed and hawed. A short time after this, the Cardinal received a telephone call from a ticket agent at Air Italia, who was a bit shocked as she (or he) had received a direct call from Pope Francis to schedule a round trip ticket to Lampedusa. The Cardinal was shocked, as well, and immediately

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began scrambling to arrange the details of the trip. I guess it's true, even for Popes: Where there is a will, there's a way!

I remember vividly the homily Pope Francis gave at the Mass, which was celebrated on an altar, crafted from one of the unseaworthy boats that the immigrants used to cross the Sea. Too many of them met their deaths on those dangerous trips, making the Mediterranean Sea a veritable cemetery.

The Pope questioned, "Are you and I our brothers' and sisters' keepers? Do we live too comfortably in our own lovely soap bubbles, oblivious to the suffering of so many of our sisters and brothers? Have we lost the ability to weep for our sisters and brothers whose lives are so unbearable? Do we suffer from a *globalization of indifference*?"

Pray the entire homily here:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2013/documents/papa-francesco_20130708_omelia-lampedusa.html

I believe that this homily became one of the templates for Pope Francis' compassionate ministry. He never stopped praying for our immigrant sisters and brothers. He never stopped suffering alongside them.

Nearly one of the last acts of Pope Francis, before he died on Easter Monday, April 21, 2025, was to compose a letter to the Bishops of the US, date it February 5th, and send it off.

Here are paragraphs 4 and 5 of that prophetic letter:

I have followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations. The rightly formed conscience cannot fail to make a critical judgment and express its disagreement with any measure that tacitly or explicitly identifies the illegal status of some migrants with criminality. At the same time, one must recognize the right of a nation to defend itself and keep communities safe from those who have committed violent or serious crimes while in the country or prior to arrival. That said, the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution or serious deterioration of the environment, damages the dignity of many men and women, and of entire families, and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness.

This is not a minor issue: an authentic rule of law is verified precisely in the dignified treatment that all people deserve, especially the poorest and most marginalized. The true common good is promoted when society and government, with creativity and strict respect for the rights of all — as I have affirmed on numerous occasions — welcomes, protects, promotes and integrates the most fragile, unprotected and vulnerable. This does not impede the development of a policy that regulates orderly and legal migration. However, this development cannot come about through the privilege of some and the sacrifice of others. What is built on the basis of force, and not on the truth about the equal dignity of every human being, begins badly and will end badly.

On Saturday, July 4th, Pope Leo will commemorate Pope Francis' historic trip to Lampedusa. On the day we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Signing of our Declaration of Independence, Pope Leo will remind us that a nation's goodness must be grounded in the sacred belief in the dignity of every human being. Just as our treatment of our black sisters and brothers as slaves, stripped of their God-given dignity, from the beginning of our nation's history, and even to some extent today,

was morally repugnant and sickening, so too, as a nation, we are at our best, when we acknowledge the sacredness of our sisters and brothers in our midst who live in fear because of the hatred they experience from some of our citizens. They are our sisters and brothers who are black, Hispanic, Haitian, Somali, other immigrants, Jewish, Muslim, gay, and transgendered.

On this Fourth of July, we pray with our Bishops, who consecrated our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11th in the Basilica of the Assumption, Baltimore, Maryland.

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you. From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst. Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you. We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love. O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

We make our prayer in your Name, Jesus, who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Happy Fourth of July!

Fr. Bill +