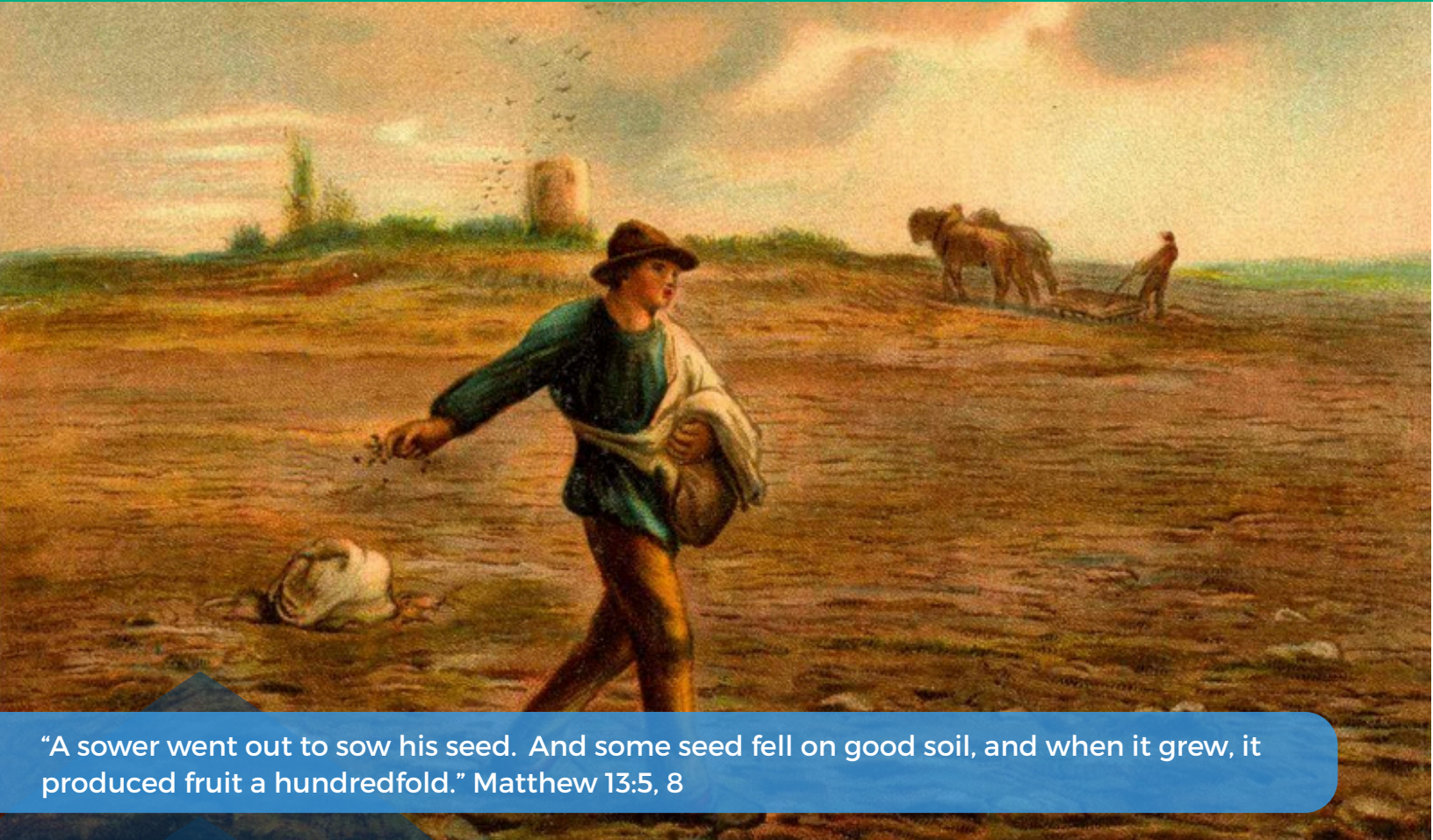


15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. JULY, 12 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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312 SOUTH STATE STREET • APPLETON, WI 54911



“A sower went out to sow his seed. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold.” Matthew 13:5, 8

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

cell 920-540-9594

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>

WE'RE HIRING



PARISH BUILDING & GROUNDS SUPPORT SPECIALIST

JOB DUTIES:

- ✓ 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](http://stmaryparish.org/open-positions)

[bit.ly/4g
32T00](https://bit.ly/4g32T00)



Hallow Hub

Do you have questions
about Hallow?

Visit one of our Parish Hallow Heralds after
Masses in the Marian Way on **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, salmon, chicken or meat. It can also be individual microwave meals, protein bars, or protein drinks. As always, no glass containers, perishables or past expiration date.

*Thank you for helping those
who are in need.*



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 let
us know if you will be joining us 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 due to short
supplies. 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, Jul. 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

Adoration

July 15th

4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

in the chapel



Prayer Intention for this month:
As we celebrate 250 years of independence, let us be grateful for our freedoms and liberty.

[Sign up here](#)



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



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH



TOTUS TUUS 2026

Help Bring Faith to Life This Summer!

Totus Tuus is a week-long Catholic summer program where missionaries inspire children and teens through faith, prayer, learning, and fun. Your time and hospitality help make this ministry possible!



JULY 26-31, 2026



DAY PROGRAM

GRADES 1-6

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
July 27-31



EVENING PROGRAM

GRADES 7-12

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
July 26-30



TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Helping in classrooms, assisting a student one-on-one, running errands in the building, taking children on bathroom and water breaks, clean up from activities/lunch/snack, and playing with the kids at recess.



ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Assist with registration, hospitality, classroom support, activities, and creating a welcoming environment. You are welcome to bring something to do during downtime.



FEED OUR MISSIONARIES

Help us provide lunch or dinner to our Totus Tuus Missionaries as they minister to the youth. Sign up to cook or provide gift cards for the missionaries' meals. Individuals, families, parish groups, and ministries are all welcome to sign up!



[CLICK TO SIGN UP](#)



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St. Mary Parish
Appleton

St. Thomas More Parish
Appleton

St. Bernadette Parish
Appleton

St. Therese Parish
Appleton



Volunteers Needed

Point In Time Count

July 22
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

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](#)



St Mary/St Joseph book club will meet, Tuesday, July 21, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, at St. Mary on State Street in Room LL7. The selected book is *A Fatal Grace* by Louise Penny. Please reach out to Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474, with questions or to request the list of books scheduled through December.



Which saint is associated with the discovery of the True Cross?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Summer Coffee & Donuts Schedule

SUNDAYS
JULY 12, 26
AUGUST 9, 16, 30

SCAN OR CLICK HERE TO HELP WITH COFFEE AND DONUTS

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

JULY 18 BRAT FRY

FUNDRAISER

for the
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



WANT A QUICK LUNCH?

The Knights of Columbus will be making

BRATS & BURGERS

 Saturday, July 18th

 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

 Festival Foods
1200 W Northland Ave
Appleton, WI



**ALL
PROCEEDS**

go to support
people with
intellectual
disabilities and
local charities.

Thank you

for supporting
the Knights of
Columbus!

FAITH COMMUNITY CHARITY



OPEN HOUSE



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Green Bay

Menasha Office

July 30

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

1475 Opportunity Way,
Menasha, WI



Meet
the
Staff



Enter to
win a
\$100
gas card



Bring
diapers
for the
raffle

Open house is in conjunction
with the LEAVEN Community
Resource Fair.

 charitiesgb@gbdioc.org  920-272-8234

 catholiccharitiesgb.org

JOIN US FOR A

Pilgrimage

TO

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION SHRINE

\$50
PER PASSENGER
Box lunch included!

*A day of faith,
fellowship, and
devotion as we
honor Our
Blessed
Mother.*



TUESDAY, AUGUST 25



Departing
St. Joes
8:30 AM



Returning
3:30 PM



Scan QR or
click the link
to sign up
bit.ly/4p4r1SY

SIGN UP BY
AUGUST 17



OR CONTACT THE
PARISH OFFICE
920-739-5119

Spots are limited!
RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!



Join St. Joseph Parish for a bus trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Texas Rangers!

Sunday, August 30 | Game Time 1:10pm | \$90 per person



Scan here for more details and to purchase tickets! →



EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of June 12-July 19

Sunday, July 12

St. Joe's Collection

Coffee & Donuts

Hallow Hub after masses

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed/Childrens Liturgy

9:45 am Elsie Yvonne Griesbach Baptism

9:45 am Jane Katharina Dziewit Baptism

Monday, July 13

12:05 pm Mass

7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

6:30 pm Men's Ministry

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 am Quilting/CR

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7

1:00 pm Summer Bible Study/LL7

4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

Thursday, July 16

10:00 am Little Lambs Playgroup - Babysitting Rm

12:05 pm Mass

1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/CR

Friday, July 17

Parish Office Closed

11:30 am Brunh Bunch/Mark's East Side

Saturday, July 18

9:00 am Confessions

4:30 pm Mass

4:30 pm Leo Henry Ferris Baptism

Sunday, July 19

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Sun., July 12

7:45 am

Ivy Peters

9:45 am

Jared Bardon

Mon., July 13

12:05 pm

Loretta & Roy Millard

Thu., July 16

12:05 pm

Cassie Garvey Backus

Sat., July 18

4:30 pm

Hubert & Margaret Schraufnagel

Sun., July 19

7:45 am

Peter Jochman

9:45 am

Therese Noskowiak



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

Our fiscal year just came to a close and thanks to your support to the parish, our offertory giving surpassed our target by \$19,700. I am blown away by your generosity in helping the parish meet its mission.

We are also at the start of our new fiscal year (July1, 2026-June 30, 2027) we have a new target for offertory giving. It is \$913,000.00. This was a necessary change due to increased costs, in most areas especially insurance, utilities, and repair and maintenance costs.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
July	\$8,077.25	\$76,083.34	-\$68,006.09

Your giving at work in the parish:

- Summer activities that are coming up are the pool party this weekend (July 10th) and Timber Rattlers game on August 2nd.



St Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine.

in Joy & SORROW

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 7.12.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



Counterintuitively, my Mom would always tell the three of us kids that the best day to raise the American flag was not on the first day of summer vacation but on the day that Back-to-School arrived! We must have worn her out on those hectic summer days.

Still to this day, I experience these summer days as racing by, realizing that the new school year seems to arrive more quickly than I would like. My goodness, we are near the midpoint of July already.

Maybe this reflection from Bishop Robert Morneau's [There Is A Season: An Inspirational Journal](#) will stir up some memories of July for you.

It is in July that the corn is knee-high, right to the eye — that swimming holes are revisited by young and old, that a liberty bell is cracked for freedom, that air conditioners do their thing, that all stars begin to shine, that a cold rain is welcomed like a victorious general, that gardens are invited in for dinner, that snow joins the extinct species, that wadis lose their sense of identity, that the sun reaches a midlife crisis. These have been some of my July's.

It was in July that certain lessons and insights came home: that freedom is acquired only through the pain of bruises and scars, that sanity is fostered through keeping one's hands close to the soil, that inner time must be carefully respected if growth is to follow, that prayer is the gateway to peace, that heaven is being with, that desires carefully tended motivate the development of unique gifts. These have been some of my July's.

*...“heaven is
being with”
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summer
expires!*

Note that “all stars,” knowing Bishop’s love of baseball, is a reminder that the All-Star break is nearly upon us. Note that during the dry season in the Middle East, the wadis, which are at their best when the spring waters are rushing through them, become dry as bones.

Hope your July is bringing to you some holy moments just to wind down, to be in the beauty of creation, to pick up a good novel or biography, maybe to picnic beside a lake or river, to stoke up the grill, or to enjoy the beach, swimming pool, or a baseball game. If you are a gardener, hope all is growing well on that front. And remember “heaven is being with” family and friends! Soak up the leisure now before the summer expires!

Here is our own American poet, Emily Dickinson, to wrap up this reflection.

Answer July

Answer July—
Where is the Bee—
Where is the Blush—
Where is the Hay?

Ah, said July—
Where is the Seed—
Where is the Bud—
Where is the May—
Answer Thee—Me—

Nay—said the May—
Show me the Snow—
Show me the Bells—
Show me the Jay!

Quibbled the Jay—
Where be the Maize—
Where be the Haze—
Where be the Bur?*

Here—said the Year—

[*a prickly seed, often spelled burr]

And finally here’s one of my all-time favorite poems by Ms. Dickinson. Bishop Morneau introduced this gem to me!

If I can stop one heart from breaking

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain.
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

Happy July!

Fr. Bill +