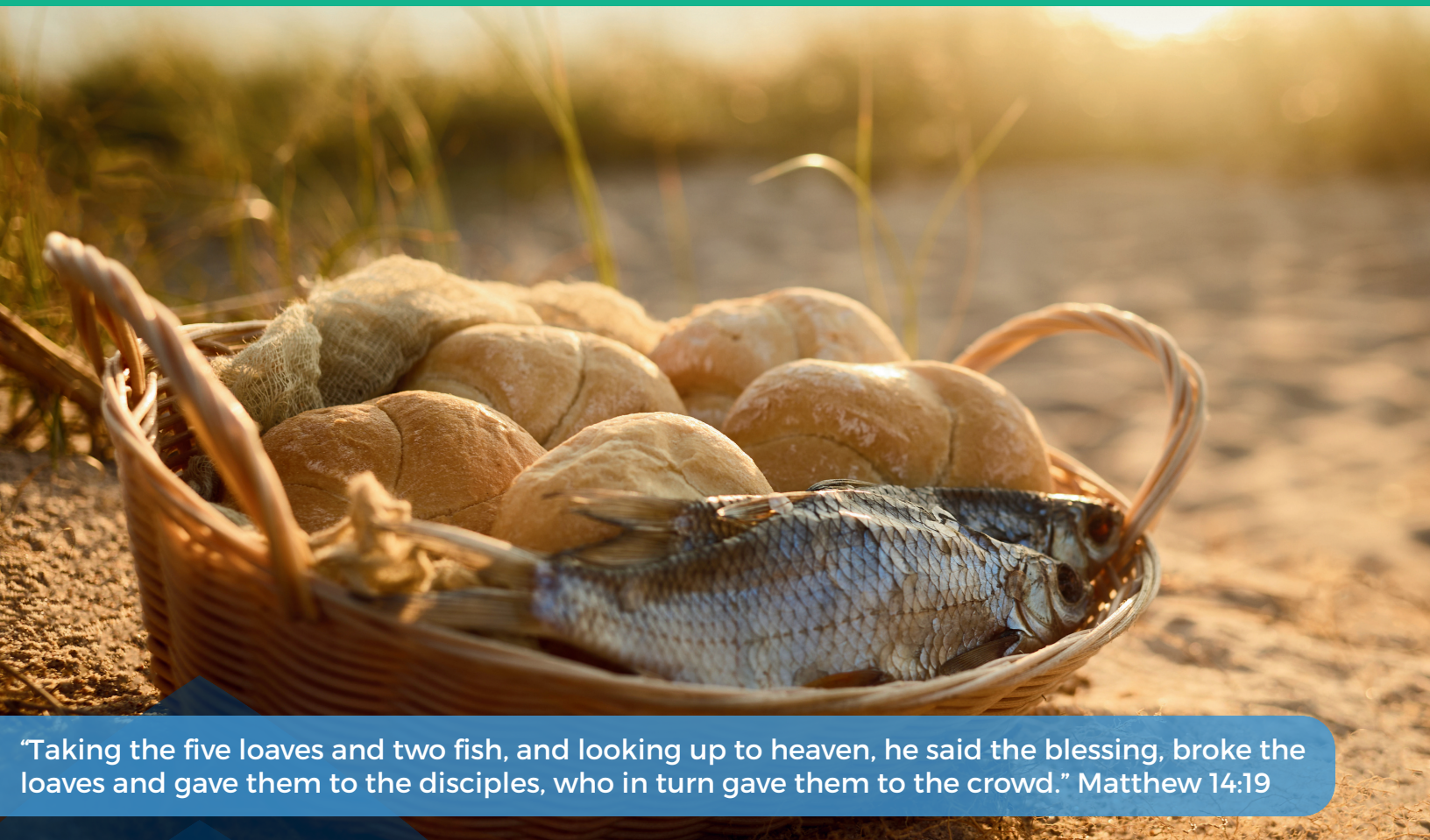


18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • AUGUST 2, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

PHONE: (920) 739-5119 • EMAIL: STMARY@STMARYPARISH.ORG

312 SOUTH STATE STREET • APPLETON, WI 54911



“Taking the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowd.” Matthew 14:19

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

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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 Lavalley
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>

the Tornado Struck St. Mary Cemetery on Monday, July 27, 2025 Leaving Behind Heartbreaking Destruction.



Nearly 75% of the cemetery's trees were lost, and many monuments and grave markers were damaged. While much of the devastation is visible, we know additional damage will be uncovered as cleanup continues.

Yet even in the midst of broken trees and fallen monuments, our faith reminds us that **God has not abandoned us.**



CEMETERY RECOVERY UPDATE



TREE REMOVAL

We have professional crews prepared to begin removing felled and hazardous trees so the cemetery can be made safe for volunteers



CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once tree removal has been completed, we will be asking parishioners and community members to help with cleanup efforts, including:

- Raking branches and leaves
- Removing debris
- Resetting headstones, where appropriate



A BLESSING AMID THE DAMAGE

We are grateful that the Chapel and Columbariums sustained little to no damage. We continue to assess the full extent of the destruction and appreciate your patience and prayers during this difficult time.

Our cemetery is a sacred place of rest for so many loved ones. Your help and support will make a difference.

More details will be shared as plans are finalized. Check [St. Mary.com](http://St.Mary.com) home page for ways to help. Please see the next page for more pictures of the damage



THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER

JOIN US FOR A

Pilgrimage TO OUR LADY OF CHAMPION SHRINE

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



TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Come as you are.

LEAVE RENEWED.



Departing
St. Joe's
8:30 AM



Returning
3:30 PM

**SIGN UP BY
AUGUST 17**

Spots are limited!

RESERVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!



Scan QR or
click the link
to sign up!
bit.ly/4p4r1sy



**\$50
PER PASSENGER**

*Box lunch
included!*



**OR CONTACT THE
PARISH OFFICE
920-739-5119**

*Don't miss this
opportunity to grow in
faith and community!*

Together, WE BUILD THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH



Our Young People Are Counting on You.

A spiritual family needs priests and sisters.

That is why the Raising Vocations Collection is so important. By now, you have most likely received a letter from Bishop Ricken requesting your help in supporting young men and women on their faith journey.



Please return your generous contribution to this collection, using the pledge card and return envelope you received in the mail.



A gift of \$25, \$100, \$250, or more will make a huge difference now and for the future of our Church.



Thank you for helping them today, so they may say "yes" to the Lord! Every gift makes a difference.

Friends and followers of Jesus

SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER!



Through your generosity, you help provide opportunities for young people to encounter Christ, discern his call, and receive the formation they need to faithfully answer "yes."



TO MAKE A GIFT:
catholicfoundationgb.org/give



OR CALL:
Tammy Danz at (920) 272-8123



Special Guest



SEMINARIAN NICK VANDEHEY

will be joining us at the August 15 & 16 Masses. He will share his vocation story at all Masses.

We invite you to listen to his inspiring journey and learn how your support of the Raising Vocations Collection helps form future priests for our Diocese.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your commitment

TO STRENGTHENING THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH.



ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM

Fighting Hunger  Sustaining Hope

Collection: August 8 & 9

The August 8th and 9th St. Joseph Food Program collection is for any type of drink item such as powdered milk, juices, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, individual sizes when possible.

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

ST. JOSEPH MINISTRIES TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED

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 view list
and sign up](#)



Morning Coffee

Help serve and have coffee with our neighbors on weekday mornings from 7 am - 9 am.



[Click here to
sign up](#)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY + COFFEE & DONUTS

happens on the same day



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During Mass, children hear the Gospel and learn about God in a way they can understand.



COFFEE & DONUTS

Stay after Mass to enjoy coffee, donuts, and great fellowship!



JOIN US
SUNDAYS
AUGUST 9, 16, 30



**SCAN OR
CLICK HERE**
to help with
coffee and
donuts!

Faith, Friends, Fellowship! ♡



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- ✿ Variety of areas and shifts ✿
- ✿ Bring a friend, or bring the family ✿
- ✿ Receive an official Irish Fest shirt and free admission ✿

Friday, September 18th
Saturday, September 19th

JONES PARK IN APPLETON

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR STUDENT
SERVICE HOURS!**



WHEN IS THE FEAST OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION CELEBRATED?



Welcome

TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

**Khyzer Davis &
Claudia Mossbrucker**

We are blessed to have you
as part of the St. Mary community.
May you grow in faith, friendship,
and the love of Christ with us!

ST MARY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



We're so glad you're here!

Hallow Hub

**Do you have questions
about Hallow?**

Visit one of our Parish Hallow Heralds after
Masses in the Marian Way, Aug. 8/9 to help
with your Hallow experience



**VOLUNTEER TO HELP THE BELLS
OF ST. MARY HANDBELL CHOIR
FOR THEIR**

ANNUAL

Bell Polishing
NIGHT

**Monday
August 31
5:00 pm -
7:30 pm**



**WEAR YOUR
CLEANING CLOTHES**



**BRING YOUR
SCRUBBING ARMS!**



Many hands make light work!



Marriage Preparation 2026 - 2027 Upcoming Dates

TRANSFORMED
IN *love*

MARCH 6 & 7

Prince of Peace Parish, Green Bay



Click [HERE](#) to
register or scan
the QR code!
dioc.io/marriage

AUG. 22 & 23

Prince of Peace Parish, Green Bay

MAY 1 & 2

Prince of Peace Parish, Green Bay

JANUARY 30 & 31

Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Green Bay



marriageministries@gbdioc.org



920-272-8315



Diocese of
Green Bay

Diocesan Youth Choir Camp



August 12-15, 2026 • Ages 8-12
National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion

Wed.-Fri.: 8-11:45 a.m.

Sat.: 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sing at 11:30 a.m.

Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
with Bishop David Ricken

Cost: \$30/child

*Includes T-shirt,
snacks & materials

*Need-based
financial assistance



Diocese of
Green Bay



TO REGISTER,

scan the QR code.

Email questions to:

wmiller@gbdioc.org.



dioc.io/camp

BEYOND THE BIRTH PLAN:

PEER SUPPORT GROUP

*A monthly support group for pregnant
& new moms.*



Are you a new or expecting mom?

Join us for a **free monthly support group** designed for moms who are pregnant through 2 years postpartum.

First Tuesday of Every Month

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Catholic Charities, Green Bay

Each gathering includes:

- Free lunch for each participant
- Conversation, encouragement, and peer support
- A welcoming space to connect with other moms

Why Join Us?

- Looking to meet other moms who understand what you're experiencing?
- Want a supportive place to talk about pregnancy, postpartum, and the joys and challenges of motherhood?
- Hoping to build friendships and a community you can lean on?
- Looking for a reason to get out of the house and connect with others in a relaxed, judgment-free environment?

Come enjoy lunch, conversation, and community with other moms walking a similar journey. Whether you're expecting or up to two years postpartum, there's a place for you.



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Green Bay

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of Aug 2 - Aug 9

Sunday, Aug 2

7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed
12:30 pm Timber Rattlers Faith & Family Day

Monday, Aug 3

12:05 pm Mass
6:30 pm THEO/ Community Rm
7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, Aug 4

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7
10:00 am Flock of Sparrows/LL5
1:00 pm SMP & SJP Shawl group at SJP/LL112
6:00 pm Discipleship Committee/LL7

Wednesday, Aug 5

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7
10:00 am Flock of Sparrows/LL5
1:00 pm Summer Bible Study/LL7

Thursday, Aug 6

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

Friday, Aug 7

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Aug 8

St. Joe's Collection
Hallow Hub After Mass

9:00 am Confessions
9:00 am Kay McKinnon Visitation
10:00 am NEC Support Group/LL7
11:00 am Kay McKinnon Funeral
12:00 pm Kay McKinnon Luncheon
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Aug 9

St. Joe's Collection
Coffee & Donuts
Hallow Hub After Mass

7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed/Children's Liturgy
9:45 am Cecilia Rose Vassallo Baptism

Sun., Aug 2

7:45 am Kermit Frahm
9:45 am Marcia Navarette

Mon., Aug 3

12:05 pm Living & Deceased members of SMP

Thu., Aug 6

12:05 pm Helen & Gordon Pippert

Sat., Aug 8

4:30 pm Men & Women in the Military

Sun., Aug 9

7:45 am Alan Hopfensperger
9:45 am Nicholas Jacob



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

As always, thank you for your support of the parish. The new fiscal year is beginning a little slowly and unfortunately we won't make our target for July. Please continue to remember St. Mary in your giving for the summer months.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
July	\$48,133.12	\$64,500.00	-\$16,366.88

Your giving at work in the parish:

- This Sunday we have a group going to a Timber Rattler game with St. Joe's. It is their Faith Day where there is a Christian music concert after the game.
- The tornado on Monday caused havoc throughout the area. Please keep all those affected by the tornado in your prayers. For St. Mary, it hit our beautiful cemetery. An estimated 75% of the trees are down or damaged as well as some headstones.



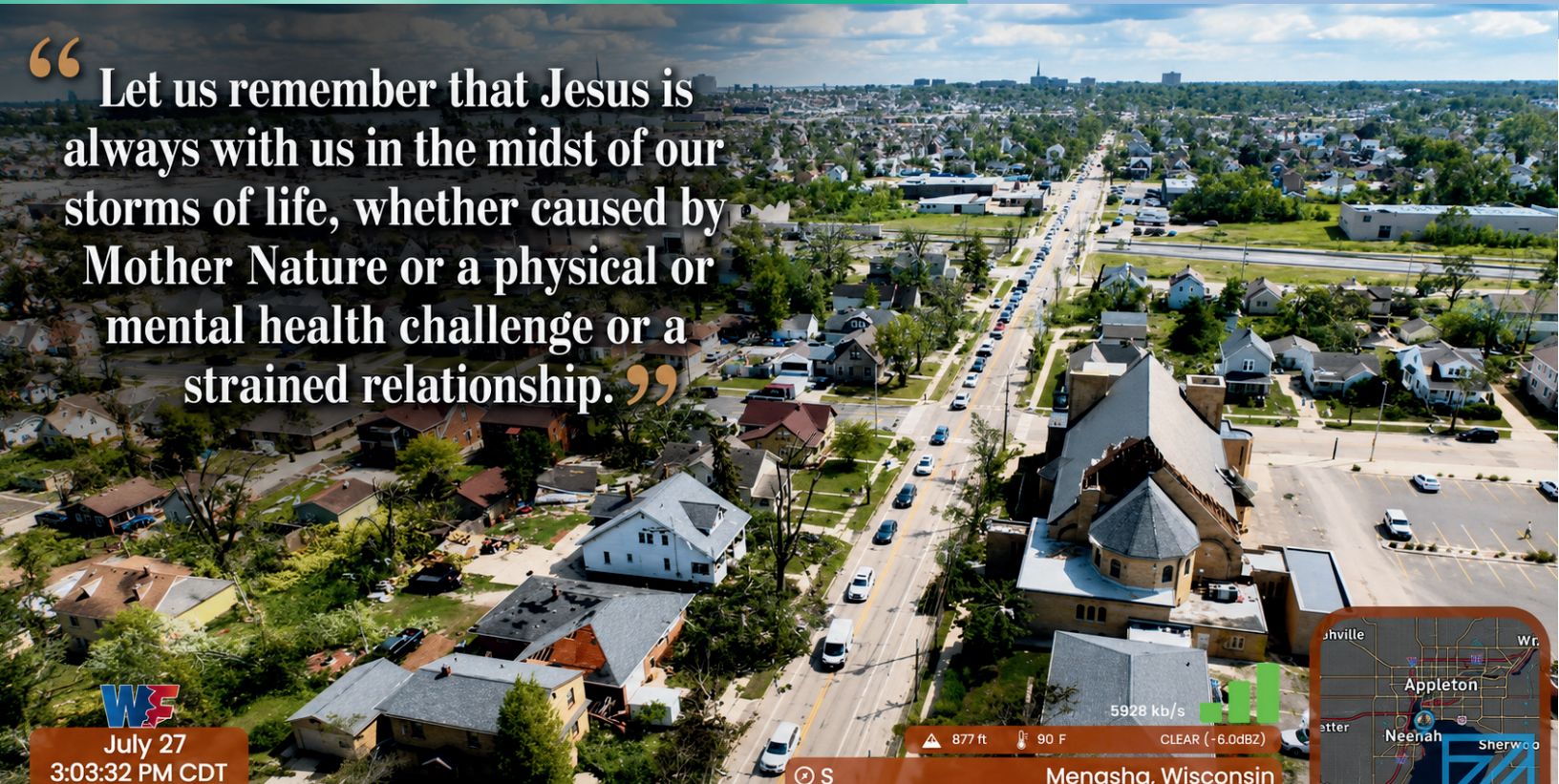
AUGUST 6

in Joy & **SORROW**

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 8.2.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



“Let us remember that Jesus is always with us in the midst of our storms of life, whether caused by Mother Nature or a physical or mental health challenge or a strained relationship.”



Watching the evening news on TV, I can recall over the years viewing film footage of the terrible destruction caused by tornadoes down South. It is different when that destruction strikes close to home. I grew up in Menasha. Saint Mary Church is my home parish. All is well there, except that the tall steeple seems to be leaning a bit, requiring engineers to complete a safety assessment before worshippers can return. Manderfield Bakery still remains my all-time favorite bakery and looks to be in need of a total rebuild. I am addicted to their glazed donuts. To see the results of last Monday's storm is heartbreaking for me. I am unsettled by it all and can't imagine what it must feel like to look at a beloved home in near total rubble, to be without electricity, to experience the violence of Mother Nature, up close and personal. Nature, at times, can be un-motherly. I am grateful that no lives were lost.

In Jesus's time, storms were frequent and violent on the Sea of Galilee. Being about the size of Lake Winnebago, the Sea of Galilee was a dangerous place because of the unpredictability of those storms, catching people totally off guard. The instance recorded in the Gospel of Mark is upsetting as you and I place ourselves into that small boat, taking on water, being kicked and tossed about like a soccer ball on the turbulent waves. Upsetting, too, is the fact that Jesus was napping in the front of the boat.

In the midst of the COVID storm, Pope Francis lamented that Jesus was deeply hurt to realize that his disciples and others just chalked up his napping to the fact that Jesus doesn't really care about us. In a rain-slicked Square, in front of St. Peter's Basilica, on a Friday during Lent in 2020, contemplating the awakened Jesus's question to those disciples on that boat, "Why are you afraid? Do you not have faith?", our Holy Father Francis remarked,

Let us try to understand. In what does the lack of the disciples' faith consist, as contrasted with Jesus' trust? They had not stopped believing in him; in fact, they called on him. But we see how they call on him: "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" (Mark 4:38). Do you not care? They think that Jesus is not interested in them, does not care about them. One of the things that hurts us and our families most is when we hear it said: "Do you not care about me?" It is a phrase that wounds and unleashes storms in our hearts. It would have shaken Jesus, too. Because he, more than anyone, cares about us. Indeed, once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement.

Let us remember that Jesus is always with us in the midst of our storms of life, whether caused by Mother Nature or a physical or mental health challenge or a strained relationship. Our Jesus is not disinterested, an unmoved Mover, if you will. Jesus joins himself to our suffering to a degree that it hurts deep down in Jesus' guts. This is the meaning of the Greek *splangchnizomai*, which is translated in our Gospels as *Jesus was moved to pity (compassion.)*

Ultimately, Jesus joined himself so closely to our distress, which many times centers around our sin, that He became sin itself. This sin, now one with the Body of Jesus, is nailed to the cross, and there it causes a death, that, in the glory of the Lord's Resurrection, we realize is nothing at all.

Note that there is a link of sorts between sin and suffering. But take closer note: Sickness is never a punishment for sin, inflicted by an angry stickler of a God. Jesus is mercy within mercy within mercy. Remember this!

Monday's storm reminds us that Jesus is with us in the midst of destruction and despair. All the stuff of our lives is really transitory and can be whisked away in a moment. That stuff does not endure. The stuff of our lives that matters centers around our relationships with the Lord and each other. The stuff of our lives boils down to these life-forming questions, posed at the end of our earthly journey, "How did you love? Did you will the best for every person, even those people who you did not like that much? Do you believe that there are no bad people but only people who are broken?"

Pope Francis continues in his beautiful homily on March 27, 2020.

Lord, your word this evening strikes us and regards us, all of us. In this world, that you love more than we do, we have gone ahead at breakneck speed, feeling powerful and able to do anything. Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things, and lured away by haste. We did not stop at your reproach, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world that was sick. Now that we are in a stormy sea, we implore you: "Wake up, Lord!"

...You are calling on us to seize this time of trial as a time of choosing. It is not the time of your judgment, but of our judgment: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others.

...Faith begins when we realise we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we flounder. We need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. God brings serenity into our storms, because with God, life never dies.

Collaborating with the Diocese of Green Bay, and as our Pastoral Leadership Team takes some time to assess the needs of our sisters and brothers whose lives were turned upside down on Monday, we will let you know how we can reach out as the Spiritual Family of Saint Mary Parish. Stay tuned!

I share this prayer which I wrote for our sisters and brothers in the midst of a storm, which sometimes includes you and me.

Dear Jesus, our Moved Mover,
increase our trust that You are ever near.
You are a Lord that sheds tears with us as we suffer.
You are a Shepherd who holds us close to Your Sacred Heart,
where there is peace and healing, strength and courage.
You are a Teacher who reminds us to join our hearts to what lasts forever.
May we never be lured by our possessions or wealth or by those things
which are ultimately pummeled into the dust of ashes.
May we cling to You, Jesus, our Rock and Refuge, and to each other in solidarity
and with kindness.

In those moments of intimacy, may we experience a trust in You and each other that grows ever deeper.

With Saint Teresa of Avila, we pray, "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever lacks God lacks nothing."

Or, my paraphrase of St Teresa's prayer: "Lord, let nothing disturb me. Let nothing trouble me. You, O Jesus, are enough for me! Amen!"

Fr. Bill +