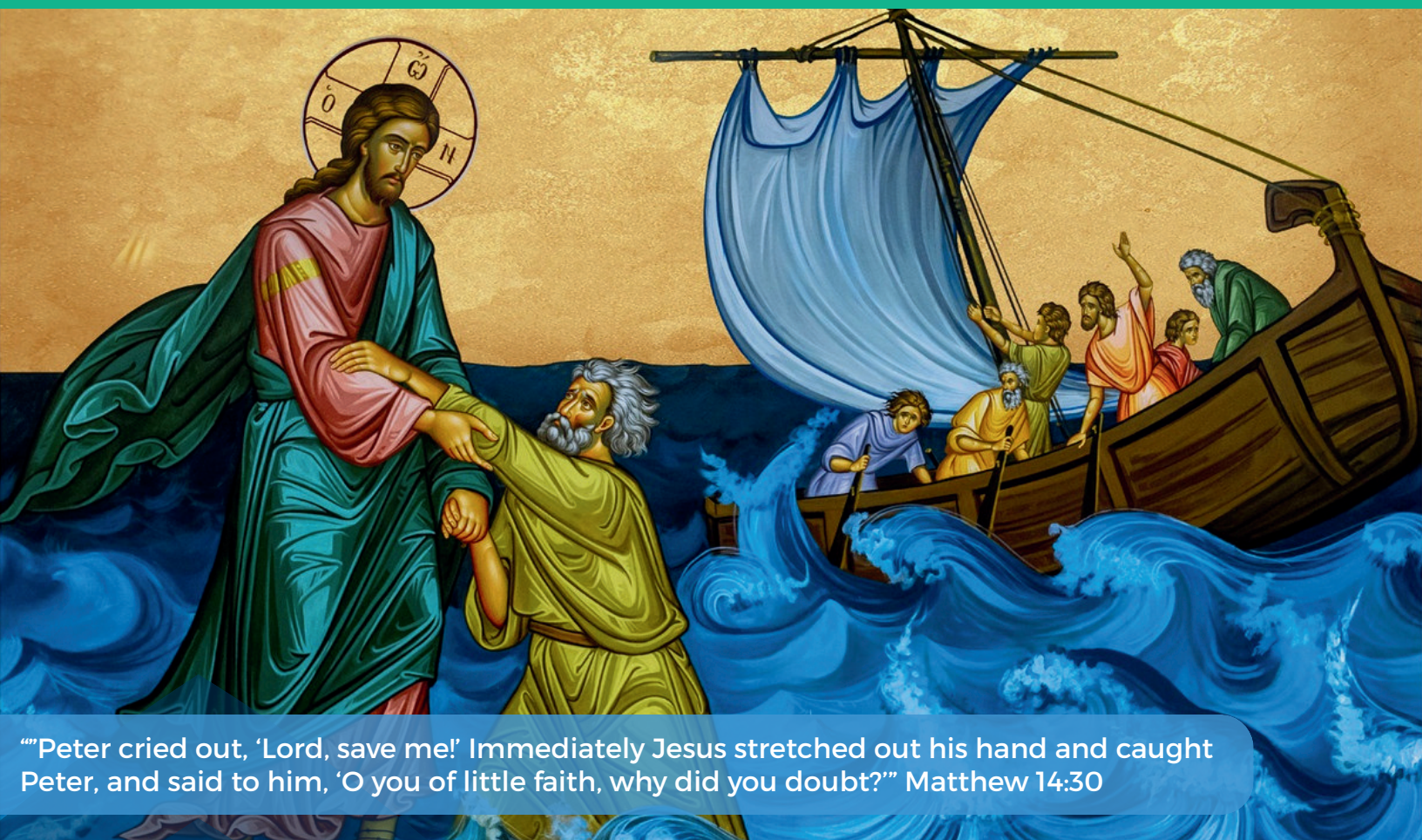


19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • AUGUST 9, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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

312 SOUTH STATE STREET • APPLETON, WI 54911



“Peter cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’” Matthew 14:30

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

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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>





How good and how
pleasant it is,
when we dwell together as one.

(Psalm 133:1)



Dear Spiritual Family of Saint Mary Parish,

In a spirit of solidarity with our sisters and brothers in our Appleton Catholic Community and in the Diocese of Green Bay, and in anticipation of the appointment of a new Pastor next spring, I have decided to pause our reception of the Most Precious Blood of our Risen Lord at all of our weekend Masses **beginning August 15/16**. Moving forward, we willingly enter into this time of longing, believing wholeheartedly that the Risen Lord really gives His Whole Person to us, Body, Soul, and Divinity, when we open our hands and welcome Him into our hearts in Holy Communion.



After the final blessing at the end of every Mass,
let us resume petitioning Saint Michael the Archangel that the Lord will
shield us from all evil.



Thanks for your understanding. Let's remain united in our love for the Lord
and each other. Let's be grateful for what was, hopeful for what will be,
and peaceful about what is!

I appreciate you so much!

Father Bill +

Ripples of God's love

through our hearts to all hearts!





TORNADO RELIEF



**Catholic
Charities**

of the Diocese
of Green Bay

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay is providing emergency assistance to those affected by the recent tornado, including **financial support**.



WAYS YOU CAN HELP:



DONATE

in the collection box at the back of church or at the parish office.



DONATE ONLINE

through the link on our parish website.

[BIT.LY/4YVIEZX](https://bit.ly/4YVIEZX)



VOLUNTEER

Visit our website for information on volunteer opportunities, a list of in-kind donations, and resources for those affected by the tornado.



Help Restore St. Mary Cemetery



Restoring a Sacred Place of Peace



While the fence, buildings and roads are covered by insurance, the removal of the downed trees and the repair and restoration of the cemetery grounds is not.



We anticipate costs nearing \$100,000.00 or more. It will be significantly more if we need to clean out the fallen trees along the slope leading to the river.



We appreciate your support in our cleanup and restoration efforts as we endeavor to make St. Mary Cemetery a peaceful resting place for those buried there and their families.



This fund is to help defray the cost for cleaning up and repairing St. Mary cemetery grounds.



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!



DONATE ONLINE:
[BIT.LY/4HHSAF1](https://bit.ly/4HHSAF1)

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!

Help Us "STUFF THE WAGONS"

for Local Appleton Area School Students



Back-to-school time is here, and you can help local children succeed!



From **August 15th** to **August 30th**, please donate new school supplies and shoes by placing them in the wagons in the Marian Way.



Monetary gifts are also appreciated and will be used directly to buy supplies and shoes.



Together, we can help our students start the year strong!



Adoration

August 19th

4:30 pm - 8:00 pm

in the chapel



Prayer Intention for this month:

Please pray for those who are rebuilding their lives from the effects of the tornado.

[Sign up here](#)

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!



— 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



**DEPART ST. JOE'S
8:30 AM**



**RETURN
3:30 PM**

\$50

PER PASSENGER

*Box Lunch
Included!*



**SIGN UP BY
AUGUST 17**

Time is running out!



SCAN QR OR
CLICK THE LINK
TO SIGN UP!

[BIT.LY/4P4R1SY](https://bit.ly/4P4R1SY)



**OR CONTACT THE
PARISH OFFICE**

920-739-5119



ST MARY/ST JOSEPH BOOK CLUB



**WILL MEET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18,
FROM 1 TO 2:30 PM**



**AT ST. MARY ON STATE STREET
IN ROOM LL7.**



THE SELECTED BOOK IS
Where the Rivers Merge
BY MARY ALICE MONROE



Please reach out to Mary Schulz,
920-809-4474, with questions or to
request the list of books scheduled
through December 2026.

Hallow Hub

**Do you have questions
about Hallow?**

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



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. 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.

Traveling ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS



THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
1:00 – 2:30 PM



NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH
GREEN BAY, 2270 S. ONEIDA ST. 54304

All women and men are invited. The Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are hosting a prayer event for an increase in priestly and religious vocations.

"Prayer is foundational and essential since vocations are always a gift from God."

— Green Bay Diocese Vocation Ministry Analysis of Priestly Vocations

AGENDA INCLUDES:

-  Song
-  Rosary
-  Litany for Vocations
-  Speaker: Fr. Matt Simonar
-  Reception to follow

Let us pray together for an increase in priestly and religious vocations!



Registration is not needed.

For more info call 920-323-3243 or visit www.gbdcw.org.

The ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SATURDAY,
AUGUST 15

MASS AT 8 AM
IN THE CHURCH



Brunch Bunch

ADULTS AGE 55+

Join us for lunch and fellowship!



FRIDAY,
AUGUST 28
11:30 AM



CAPITOL CENTRE
in the back room

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Please RSVP by

CALL OR TEXT

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23



Sue Rogers
920-810-1545



Please leave your name
and the number attending.



Good food.
Great friends.
Strong in faith.



HOLY



What is the name of the Pope's official summer residence?



Welcome

OUR NEW

MINISTER OF YOUNG DISCIPLES!



Lisa Lynch



FAITH, FAMILY, HOME

Lisa and her husband, Shawn, have been married for 15 years and live in Oshkosh with their daughter, Anna, and their border collie, Oscar. Both are military veterans who have lived in many places across the country before returning to Wisconsin to be closer to family.



A HEART TO SERVE

For nearly her entire adult life, she has served others as a Registered Nurse and CNA, with a deep calling to care for people. Her love for sharing the Catholic faith began nine years ago as a volunteer catechist and grew into a great passion. Last year she coordinated the elementary program at her parish in Oshkosh while working as a nurse. Now, she is excited to answer God's call to ministry full-time.



ROOTED IN MARY

She has a strong devotion to our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. This devotion has shaped her faith journey and her desire to help others grow closer to Jesus. She loves to travel and has visited many Christian apparitions and pilgrimage sites.



LIFE OUTSIDE OF MINISTRY

She loves to read, cook, hike, spend time on the water, and work on creative projects. Above all, she treasures time with family, friends, and her many loved ones.

Lisa will be introduced at both Sunday Masses this weekend, August 9. After Mass, please join us for Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room and take a moment to meet Lisa, introduce yourself, and give her a warm St. Mary Parish welcome. We hope you'll stop by and say hello!



IRISH FEST

FOX CITIES

AUGUST 18 & 19 | JONES PARK

TWO DAYS OF IRISH MUSIC, DANCING & FUN!

MAIN STAGE

- 3:45 PM THE BOW TIDES
- 5:15 PM THE DROWSY LADS
- 7:00 PM SKERRYVORE
- 8:45 PM **GAELIC STORM**

CULTURAL STAGE

INSIDE EXPO CENTER

- 3:30 PM THE LILY & THE BARD
- 4:25 PM RORY MAKEM
- 5:25 PM CONOR MALLON BAND
- 6:25 PM THE WINDY KILTS

FEATURING



GAELIC STORM



*Don't miss the
best in Irish music!*

MAIN STAGE

- 10:00 AM OPENING CEREMONY
- 10:15 AM DEREK BYRNE & PADDYGRASS
- 11:40 AM HERITAGE IRISH DANCERS
- 12:35 PM THE BOW TIDES
- 2:05 PM SCHAUER IRISH DANCERS
- 3:15 PM CONOR MALLON BAND
- 5:05 PM THE DROWSY LADS
- 6:55 PM THE GLEASONS
- 8:45 PM SKERRYVORE

CULTURAL STAGE

INSIDE EXPO CENTER

- 10:30 AM DAVE MILLER
GENEALOGY W/ BELFAST
- 11:25 AM CEOL CAIRDE
- 12:30 PM KEVIN REILLY PHD
Q/A ON LADY AUGUSTA GREGORY
- 1:25 PM HERITAGE IRISH DANCERS
- 2:10 PM RORY MODLINSKI
- 3:15 PM DEREK BYRNE & PADDYGRASS
- 4:15 PM RORY MAKEM



PREVIEW THE MUSIC!

Listen to the Irish Fest
2023 Spotify Playlist

[CLICK HERE TO LISTEN](#) OR SCAN QR CODE



EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of Aug 9 - Aug 16

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

Monday, Aug 10

12:05 pm Mass

7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, Aug 11

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

6:30 pm Men's Ministry/LL7

Wednesday, Aug 12

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7

1:00 pm Summer Bible Study/LL7

Thursday, Aug 13

10:00 am Little Lambs Playgroup - Babysitting Rm

12:05 pm Mass

Friday, Aug 14

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Aug 15

Stuff the Wagon Begins

8:00 am Mass Assumption of Mary

9:00 am Confessions

4:30 pm Mass

Special Guest: Seminarian Nick Vandehey

Sunday, Aug 16

Coffee & Donuts

7:45 am Mass

Special Guest: Seminarian Nick Vandehey

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed/Children's Liturgy

Special Guest: Seminarian Nick Vandehey

9:45 am Harry Michael Suess Baptism

Sun., Aug 9

7:45 am
9:45 am

Alan Hopfensperger
Nicholas Jacob

Mon., Aug 10

12:05 pm

Ed & June Corry

Thu., Aug 13

12:05 pm

Living & Deceased members of SMP

Sat., Aug 15

8:00 am
4:30 pm

Margie Hopfensperger
Paula Hebel

Sun., Aug 16

7:45 am
9:45 am

Living & Deceased in the Military
Gerald Grall



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 for your continued financial support of the parish as well as your time and talent. July was a slow month for offertory giving but we seem to have started August well. August is traditionally one of our slower months for giving as shown in the budget target. Thank you for all you do.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
July	\$19,885.75	\$57,800.00	-\$37,914.25

Your giving at work in the parish:

- We have a pilgrimage planned to Our Lady of Champion Shrine later this month (August 25th). If you haven't signed up yet, you have until the 17th. We need a minimum of 30 people to book. It is a great opportunity to visit the shrine for a day of prayer and camaraderie with a group from our parish. Sign up here - <https://bit.ly/4p4r1sy>
- A huge THANKS to all of you who came out to support the cemetery clean up. There were more than 100 people pitching in to rake and move branches and even cut off tree limbs.
- Please take note of the page in the bulletin about supporting the tornado relief efforts coordinated by the diocese as well as to support the clean up, repair and restoration of the cemetery.



Castel Gandolfo
Since 1628

in Joy & **SORROW**

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 8.9.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



*Jesus vows to
always be
lovingly
invested in
every aspect
of our lives.*



In the treasure chest of the Catholic Church there are so many riches. The Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of His Most Precious Body and Blood, the heartbeat of our Eucharistic faith, is the pearl of great price.

It does us good, too, to remember the precious treasures that are the other six Sacraments. Remember that a sacrament is a sign of the Lord's closeness to us. In the days of the Holy Roman Emperor, with his fierce army at his side, each soldier vowed his loyalty to his Lord Emperor. This vow was called a *sacramentum*. Jesus vows to always be lovingly invested in every aspect of our lives.

Infused with the divine is all that makes us human:

- the grace that is married unselfish love that wonderfully creates a newborn infant,
- the need we have for food and drink to survive,
- the need we have to be strengthened by spiritual gifts for the journey of life,
- realizing that we are prone to making mistakes and hurting one another and ourselves, the need we have for reconciliation,
- since sickness upends our lives, we long for healing,
- and that our fulfillment in life be grounded in our choice of a vocation.

The Lord is close to that precious little baby and washes him or her in His Divine Merciful Love, welcoming the precious little one into the Family of the Triune God. This is Baptism.

The Lord is close to us when we share a meal with loved ones and strangers, especially around the altar in a sacred space. This is Eucharist.

The Lord is close to us when we rely on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to help us navigate life's path. This is Confirmation.

The Lord is close to us when we muster up the humility to say, "I was wrong" or "I am sorry." This is Reconciliation.

The Lord is close to us when we realize that we are not in control of the diseases of our body or mind. This is the Anointing of the Sick.

The Lord is close to us when we declare, "I will love and honor you for the rest of my life." This is Marriage.

The Lord is close to us when we promise, "Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will, serving you as a deacon, priest or bishop." This is Holy Orders.

Because my ministry to the sick and the dying is so integral to my role as a caring Pastor, I would like to highlight the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Here are some points I would like to emphasize for you:

- The rite for this Sacrament was recently revised but those revisions are minor as the major revision took place in the aftermath of Vatican Council II.
- The Sacrament can be celebrated again and again during the course of a person's life journey with the Lord.
- Facing surgery or recovering from surgery, struggling with cancer or another serious illness, carrying the cross of depression or other emotional illnesses, burdened by grief, fighting an addiction, going through a dry time spiritually — in these trying moments, the Lord wants to offer us his gifts of healing, strength, courage, and peace.
- In this Sacrament of the Lord's healing touch, the person's forehead is anointed with the Oil of the Sick, accompanied by the prayer, "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy, help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." Then the palms of the hands are anointed, accompanied by "May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you, and raise you up."
- The Sacrament takes on a poignant meaning when it is celebrated for a loved one who is dying. If the dying person is able, she or he may also receive the Eucharist (Communion). This Communion is called Viaticum, as strengthened for the journey, Jesus walks hand in hand, with my loved one through the valley of death to the mountaintop of eternal glory.
- Prior to Vatican Council II, this sacramental accompaniment as death neared was called *Extreme Unction*. This language is no longer used. Please friends, hospital and hospice chaplains, and those in the medical profession, do not ask me to celebrate the Last Rites. This language, too, is outdated. It is the Anointing of the Sick that is celebrated.
- Please request the Anointing of the Sick for a loved one who is deathly ill sooner than later. The Sacrament is a holy comfort to that loved one who is alert and longing to receive Jesus's healing and comfort. The Sacrament is a comfort to family and friends who gather around a loved one for prayer.
- The Sacrament of the Sick cannot be celebrated after a person has died. The Prayers of Commendation for One Who Has Died are offered at this time.
- Only a priest or bishop or pope can anoint the sick with the holy oil because the Sacrament is linked to the Sacrament of Confession. If alert, the sick person can request Confession.

- This explains why a deacon cannot celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. Truth be told, however, it is not often that the sick person asks to go to Confession, or his or her family asks on their behalf.

In Pope Leo's Message for the 34th World Day of Prayer for the Sick (Feb 11, 2026), the Holy Father reminds us that *love is not passive; it goes out to meet the other. Being a neighbor is not determined by physical or social proximity, but by the decision to love. This is why Christians become neighbors to those who suffer, following the example of Christ, the true divine Samaritan who drew near to a wounded humanity. These are not mere gestures of philanthropy, but signs through which we perceive that personal participation in another's suffering involves the gift of oneself. It means going beyond the simple satisfaction of needs, so that our very person becomes part of the gift. This kind of charity is necessarily nourished by an encounter with Christ, who gave himself for us out of love. Saint Francis [of Assisi] expressed this beautifully when, speaking of his encounter with lepers, he said: "The Lord himself led me among them," because through them Francis had discovered the sweet joy of loving.*

Here is a prayer I wrote to be prayed when you are sick.

Dear Jesus,

These days are not easy for me. It is hard not to be afraid or down at times, to understand all that my doctors are planning for me, to realize that some treatments may be tough on me, and to trust that all will be well.

Deepen my friendship with You. Remind me that You are close to me and tender, and that You suffer with me. On Your Holy Cross, You suffered everything that I am suffering. And You may have been a bit afraid as You cried out, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Jesus, my Savior, pour out Your saving ointment for healing upon my body, mind, and spirit. Bless me with Your Strength and Courage, Your Peace and Love. Be with my family and friends. Help them as well to always trust in You. May we feel Your abiding presence within us and all around us.

Amen!

Fr. Bill +