

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • SEPT 13, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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“Peter asked, ‘Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.’” Mt. 18:21-22

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, Thurs, 9am-4pm
Wed, 9am-6:30pm
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>

Please Note!

This week, our daily Mass times will be **switched** between St. Mary and St. Joseph to allow us to celebrate our Patronal Feast Day, Our Lady of Sorrows.

MONDAY

Mass will be at

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

September 14,
at 12:05 pm



TUESDAY

Mass will be at

ST. MARY PARISH

September 15,
at 12:05 pm



Thank you!



DISCOVER YOUR Faith. Come Home.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Catholic Church is more than a place—it's a family, a faith, and a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.



You are welcome here.

WHEREVER YOU ARE
IN YOUR JOURNEY,
GOD IS CALLING YOU.

WHAT TO EXPECT



MEET JESUS –
Explore the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith.



GROW WITH JESUS –
Deepen your relationship with God through Scripture, prayer, and the sacraments.



SHARE JESUS –
Be a witness for Christ by serving others.

YOU MAY CONSIDER JOINING IF YOU...

- ✓ Are curious about the Catholic faith
- ✓ Have never been baptized
- ✓ Were baptized in another Christian tradition
- ✓ Are Catholic but have not received all your sacraments
- ✓ Want to grow deeper in your faith



OCIA CLASSES BEGIN

Sunday, September 27

11:00 am



TAKE THE NEXT STEP...

Minister of Adult Disciples
Andrew Reimer

areimer@stmaryparish.org
(920) 739-5119 x 110

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

IN TIMES OF
GREAT NEED

AFFECTED BY THE TORNADO AND NEED ASSISTANCE?

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay is providing emergency assistance to those affected by the recent tornado, including financial support, and are taking donations to help with this assistance.



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO

dioc.io/disasterrelief

Contact Catholic Charities LEAVEN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

1475 Opportunity Way,
Menasha

Providence Promise Ministries at St. Joseph Church

Current Needs List

Please drop off/or send in your items (from Amazon or Walmart) to St. Joseph Parish (404 W Lawrence St., Appleton, WI 54911) marked Grab & Go! They are in desperate need of men's shoes (size 9-12) and old backpacks. Thank you!

[Click here to view list and sign up](#)

<https://shorturl.at/klAcv>

Morning Coffee

Help serve and have coffee with our neighbors on weekday mornings from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Please arrive at 6:30 am. If you are new, write in the comments of the sign-up so they can pair you with someone experienced with this ministry.

[Click here to sign up](#)

<https://shorturl.at/U4jkD>

Sunday Sandwiches

Help serve Sunday sandwiches. It is an hour on Sunday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

[Click here to sign up](#)

<https://shorturl.at/MeNA5>

ADORATION

September 16
4:30 pm - 8:00 pm
in the chapel

[Sign up here](#)





ATTENTION

all

ADULT WOMEN AND MEN



Deacon Gerry will
be holding a

**SERVER
TRAINING
SESSION**



THURSDAY, SEPT. 17

**6:30 PM
IN CHURCH**



*Come if you are
interested in
assisting Fr. at Mass.*



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

September 1 - October 3, 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

This year we will be guided by the vision of the prophet Ezekiel (47:1-12): a river flowing from the temple of God, which grows without stopping and brings life where everything seems barren.

Water heals, restores, and makes creation flourish. But it also challenges us: to recognize ecological damage, to embrace our interconnectedness, and to immerse ourselves in the responsibility of caring for and restoring our Common Home.

May this Season of Creation be a path for the healing of the Earth and human well-being to flourish together.

JOIN A SMALL GROUP

This Fall!

REAL PEOPLE.
REAL CONVERSATIONS.
A DEEPER FAITH.



Small groups are a great way to grow in faith, build friendships, and journey together as disciples of Christ. All are welcome!



GROUPS FOR
MEN



GROUPS FOR
WOMEN



MIXED
GROUPS



MEET DURING
THE DAY OR
IN THE EVENINGS

FAITH GROWS TOGETHER



INTERESTED IN JOINING A SMALL GROUP?

Contact Andrew Reimer at

(920) 739-5119 x110

areimer@stmaryparish.org

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

— Matthew 18:20



COFFEE & DONUTS

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



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Faith, Friends, Fellowship!



What is the purpose of a ciborium in Catholic liturgy?

You're invited to a special presentation series

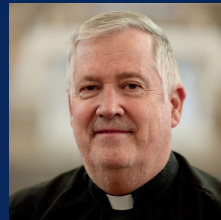
Vatican II

*Understanding the Council.
Living the Legacy.*

Join us this Fall for a journey through the teachings, history, and lasting impact of the Second Vatican Council—one of the most important events in the life of the Church.



Five Sessions This Fall
Thursdays, Beginning October 1
6:00–7:30 PM | Room LL7



presented by
Father Bill Swichtenberg
+
of St. Mary Parish



**All are
welcome!**

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VATICAN II

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL celtic mass

FEATURING MUSICIANS FROM
SKERRYVORE & THE BOW TIDES
SEPTEMBER 19 @ 4:30PM
FREE ADMISSION FOR THE FINAL
EVENING OF IRISH FEST FOR THOSE
WHO ATTEND THE CELTIC MASS



Scan the
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for tickets
or go to:



Irishfestfoxcities.com

Save the Date!



PASTA *Dinner* & TRIVIA NIGHT!



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2026**



5:45 PM - 7:30 PM



ST. MARY COMMUNITY ROOM



**MORE
DETAILS
coming
soon!**

Cia-Faith Mission Operatives

INVESTIGATE YOUR FAITH! 2026-2027 SERIES
New Season! New Start Time

Monday, Sept 21, 6:30 pm



**CATHERINE
OF SIENA**
**A Woman for Our
Times**

A solo performance by

Sr. Nancy Murray
Dominican Sister & Sister
of Comedian Bill Murray

Catherine, a most influential and popular saint, took on governments and popes and is one of only four women named a Doctor of the Church.

With simple props and a fertile imagination, Sr. Nancy portrays Catherine as the enthusiastic, colorful, strong, and passionate personality she was.

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre
1600 Prospect Ave, Appleton, WI

Offering will be donated to area tornado relief!

For details, google CIAFMO, email ciafmo@gmail.com, or call 920-450-3025

JOIN US!

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for our FIRST EVER Fundraiser!

Thursday, September 17th
Holiday's Pub & Grill
3950 North Richmond Street
Appleton, WI 54913



Doors Open

4:30pm

BINGO starts

6pm



Play BINGO
Win Prizes
Change Lives!



\$2,500+ in raffles
and cash prizes!
\$500 BINGO
Blackout Prize!

In support of the
former foster
youth of the
Fox Cities!



ST. JOE'S
KIDS RUN!

Run • Have Fun • Make Memories!

CALLING ALL KIDS!

Come join us for the St. Joe's Kids Run – a fun event where kids can run, laugh, and celebrate crossing the finish line!



WHO CAN JOIN?

Kids of all ages and abilities!
Bring your friends, your family,
and your biggest smile.

No pressure — just FUN!

ST. JOE'S
FOOD
PROGRAM

Fighting Hunger. Sustaining Hope.

REGISTER FOR THE
10K, 5K, AND
KIDS RUN ON
OCTOBER 3RD.

Now!



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

ST. MARY

Grief Support

GROUP

For all those who have recently lost a loved one or even lost someone a while ago, that still want to find comfort, prayers, conversation, and a sharing time of their grief with others.

This time together will help promote a better understanding of God's love and compassion to those still hurting from their loss.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



For the months of
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER,
we will meet at the
St. Mary Cemetery Chapel
2121 W Prospect Ave.
Appleton, WI 54914



Starting
NOVEMBER,
we will meet at the
St. Mary Church Chapel.



This group will meet for **8 WEEKS.**

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

– Matthew 5:4

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You are not alone. We are here for you.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of Sept 13 - Sept 20

Sunday, Sept 13-Hallow Hub
Meet our Spiritus Intern, Noelle
Coffee & Donuts
Bell Demo/ Recruitment - Marian Way
 7:45 am Mass
 9:30 am Flock of Sparrows/LL5
 9:45 am Mass/LS/Children's Liturgy

Monday, Sept 14 - NO MASS

6:00 pm Landscape Meeting/LCR
 6:00 pm Reach More/ LL7
 6:30 pm Bells of St. Mary Practice/ C Loft
 7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, Sept 15

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7
12:05 pm Mass-Paternal Feast Day, Our Lady of Sorrows
 1:00 pm SMP & SJP Prayer Shawl Gp at SJ LL112
 1:00 pm SMP & SJP Book Club LL7
 6:30 pm Matthew 25/LCR

Wednesday, Sept 16

8:00 am Quilting/CR
 9:30 am Connect Group/LL7
 4:30 pm-8:00 pm Beacon
 4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel
 6:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal/Church

Thursday, Sept 17

9:30 am CIAFMO/LL7
 10:00 am Little Lambs Playgroup - Babysitting Rm
 12:05 pm Mass
 1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/CR
 6:00 pm Adult Choir/MR
 6:00 pm Women's Small Group/Scout Room
 6:30 pm Adult Server Training/Church

Friday, Sept 18

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Sept 19

9:00 am Confessions
 4:30 pm **Celtic Mass**

Sunday, Sept 20

Coffee & Donuts
 7:45 am Mass
 9:45 am Mass/LS/Children's Liturgy
 Phoebe Klunk Baptism
 3:00 pm Confirmation Mass/Church

Sun., Sept 13 7:45 am Marjorie Elizabeth Nabbefeldt
 9:45 am Morris DeBruin

Tues., Sept 15 12:05 pm John Rutten

Thu., Sept 17 12:05 pm Living and Deceased Members of SMP

Sat., Sept 19 4:30 pm Bob & Fran Drephal

Sun., Sept 20 7:45 am Men & Women in the Military
 9:45 am Paula Hebeler



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.

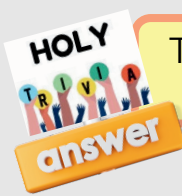
Generosity CORNER

As Summer ends and the school year kicks off, we appreciate your continued support of the parish. With a little crossover from the last weekend of August, we are starting the month strong.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
September	\$22,543.60	\$63,400.00	-\$40,856.40

Your giving at work in the parish:

- Over the next few weeks we will be working on a few technology upgrades that will provide a more robust network and some improved safety features.
- As we begin Fall, our Discipleship Committee is launching a robust program for the Men's and Women's groups. The St. Mary Handbell Choir begins their practices on September 14th. If you're interested in joining the handbell choir, contact Martha Paalman at mpaalman@stmaryparish.org.



To hold consecrated hosts.

in Joy & SORROW

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 9.13.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



“ We have a God,
who is like both a
Father and a Mother,
who is not distant from us
but *suffers with us*. ”

— Fr. Bill

SEPTEMBER by Helen Hunt Jackson

The goldenrod is yellow ;
The corn is turning brown;
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down.

The gentian's* bluest fringes
Are curling in the sun ;
In dusty pods the milkweed
Its hidden silk has spun.

The sedges** flaunt their harvest,
In every meadow nook ;
And asters by the brook-side
Make asters in the brook.

From dewy lanes at morning
The grapes' sweet odors rise ;
At noon the roads all flutter
With yellow butterflies.

By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather,
And autumn's best of cheer.

*herbs of the gentian family

**a marsh plant

It is in September that the sky becomes more angry with the world, that teachers limber up their minds and reach for the oil can, that Saturdays speak of homecomings, that the sun begins to angle further to the south and west, that birds become restless and anticipate a move, that fields breathe a sigh of relief after a race well run, that the lawn goes to the barber less often, that cemeteries seem to be more prominent, that cucumber vines are gathered for cremation, that cottages bid farewell to their guests... and that home sickness crushes the distant lad (lass). These have been some of my Septembers ~~ what about yours? - There Is a Season by Bishop Robert Morneau

One of my vivid autumn memories is the gathering up of hickory nuts on the forested floor of the wooded area behind our home's backyard in the Town of Menasha. They were not safe from our sharp eyes, even when hiding under fallen leaves. With my sister and brother by my side, sitting on the back steps to the house, we would shuck the nuts, crack them open, and pick out the meat. A tedious process but well worth it, thinking about the Christmas butterball cookies my Mom would traditionally bake, into which these treasured hickory nuts would end up!

Sadly almost a third of my life of Septembers has occurred under the dark and hateful cloud of 9/11. One out of ten Americans were not yet born on that doomsday in 2001. Twenty-five years later, the events of that day remain vivid in my mind and heart.

The Senior Leadership Team of Saint John the Baptist Parish in Howard was gathered in the living room of the rectory for our morning Team Meeting, when somebody called from the parish office directing us to turn on the TV. Only 46 years old, I was overwhelmed as we witnessed live the collapse of the second tower in New York City. 2,753 people lost their lives in NYC on that infamous day.

I remember having difficulty sleeping.

I remember that nearly two thirds of the workforce of Cantor Fitzgerald, a financial services company, lost their lives, that was 658 people.

I remember that Father Mychal Judge, a humble Franciscan priest and chaplain to the NY Fire Department, was the first person to be pulled from the rubble at Ground Zero.

I remember that two steel beams, still interlocked, stood up out of the rubble in the shape of a cross.

I remember that all of this happened on a Tuesday, that on that Friday, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, and on Saturday, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. It was as if the Crucified Jesus, arms stretched wide open on the Tree of the Cross, drawing us into His Sacred Heart and Mary, His Mother, weeping at the Cross's foot, were one with us in our excruciating suffering. Good Friday is what the compassion of Jesus and Mary looks like. Compassion means "suffering with." We have a God, who is like both a Father and a Mother, who is not distant from us but suffers with us.

To this day, every 9/11, and throughout the rest of the month of September, I enshrine my contemporary icon of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, in my prayer space. I have included a picture here for you.

Please join me in praying with Pope Francis, who offered this reflection at an ecumenical prayer service at the Ground Zero Memorial, NYC, on September 25, 2015.

*O God of love, compassion, and healing,
look on us, people of many different faiths
and religious traditions,
who gather today on this hallowed ground,
the scene of unspeakable violence and pain.
We ask you in your goodness
to give eternal light and peace
to all who died here:
the heroic first-responders:
our fire fighters, police officers,
emergency service workers
and Port Authority personnel,
along with all the innocent men and women
who were victims of this tragedy
simply because their work or service
brought them here on September 11.
We ask you, in your compassion,
to bring healing to those who,
because of their presence here fourteen years ago,
continue to suffer from injuries and illness.
Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families
and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy.
Give them strength to continue their lives
with courage and hope.
We are mindful as well
of those who suffered death, injury, and loss
on the same day at the Pentagon
and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.*

*Our hearts are one with theirs
as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.
God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:
peace in the hearts of all men and women
and peace among the nations of the earth.
Turn to your way of love
those whose hearts and minds
are consumed with hatred,
and who justify killing in the name of religion.
God of understanding,
overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,
we seek your light and guidance
as we confront such terrible events.
Grant that those whose lives were spared
may live so that the lives lost here
may not have been lost in vain.
Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope,
and give us the wisdom and courage
to work tirelessly for a world
where true peace and love reign
among nations and in the hearts of all. Amen.*

Fr. Bill +