

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • OCT 4, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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Jesus said to them, "Have you never read the scriptures: 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that has become the keystone.' This is the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see." Matthew 21:42

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

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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.



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

Generations of Sisterhood

An Encounter with Eternity



WHAT:

It's a girl thing! A special event which includes a heavenly visit from our "sister sisters" in Scripture. Come and hear from Sarah, Esther, Ruth and Deborah as they tell their heartfelt stories from their perspective! A lovely meal will be included in this event.

WHO:

We invite you to come as grandmothers, daughters, goddaughters, granddaughters, aunts, nieces, neighbors and best girlfriends. You do not need to belong to St. Mary's or be Catholic. All girls, from age 12 through 100+ are welcome! Please register as a group so you will be seated together.

WHEN:

Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 5:30pm - 7:30pm
(following the 4:30pm Mass)

WHERE:

We will step into eternity at St. Mary Parish Community Room

COST:

The cost is \$5.00 per person

REGISTER:

Because of the necessary planning for the event, everyone must register. Please register by Monday, October 19th! We will have 60 spots available so register soon by stopping in or calling the parish office. 920-739-5119

hallow REBUILD MY CHURCH PRAYER CHALLENGE



The challenge begins
October 5.

Seven days. One parish. A deeper encounter with Christ.

Our parish will participate in the Hallow Parish Week Prayer challenge, "Rebuild My Church."

This is an opportunity to spend seven days with the saints, focusing together on:



PRAYER



THE
SACRAMENTS



AUTHENTIC
COMMUNION



GENEROSITY



INVITATION



MISSIONARY
DISCIPLESHIP



THE WAITLIST IS NOW OPEN!

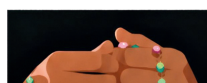
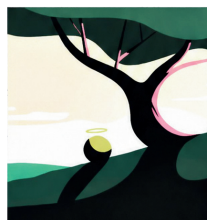
Go to our parish page on the Hallow app and join the prayer challenge today.

*Let's come together in prayer and allow Christ to rebuild
His Church through us!*

Hallow Hub

Do you have questions
about Hallow?

Visit one of our Parish's Hallow Heralds after
Masses in the Marian Way, Oct. 3/4 to help
with your Hallow experience



Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, Oct. 18
8:30–11:30am
Community Room

All are welcome!
free will offerings accepted

coffee, milk & OJ



bacon, sausage, fresh fruit
buttermilk pancakes
french Toast sticks



St. Joseph

FOOD PROGRAM



Collection is October 10 & 11

The October 10th and 11th St. Joseph Food Program collection is any baking item. Suggestions are flour, white or brown sugar, spices, cake/brownie/muffin mixes, pie filling, vegetable oil, shortening, evaporated milk, salt and pepper, etc. As always, no glass containers, perishable or past used by date.

Thank you for helping those who are in need.



E2F PANS

(EMPTY TO FULL)

A simple pan can make a big difference!

Lend a hand in stocking Pillars' freezer!

Grab some empty pans from us on **October 3 & 4**, fill them with tasty meals, and return on the weekend of **October 10 & 11**.

You can also return it during office hours, Monday to Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Let's team up to spread the love and care!

PICK UP PANS



Oct.
3 & 4

DROP OFF MEALS



Oct.
10 & 11

Thank you for helping feed our neighbors!



Providence Promise Ministries at St. Joseph Church

September 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](#)

October 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](#)

CONQUEST OR LEAVEN

A Christian Vocation in Palestine & Israel Today

Saturday, October 17 • 11:00 am CT

Family, land, and history bind Christians in the Holy Land to peoples divided by conflict. Are they called to participate in conquest—or to be leaven, witnessing to Christ through a commitment to equality, justice, and peace?

Watch for the virtual link to this lecture in next week's bulletin.



David M. Neuhaus, SJ, a Jesuit priest in the Holy Land, teaches Scripture in Jerusalem and Bethlehem and formerly served as Latin Patriarchal Vicar for Hebrew-Speaking Catholics.



Beacon Family Night

Wednesday, October 14th
5:30pm - 7:15pm



Fellowship:

Join us for a Taco & Nacho Bar dinner in the Community Room from 5:30pm - 6:00pm.



Break out session for adults and 6th-12th grade students:

Kari Reindl from Winnebago Mental Health (who is also a certified spiritual director) will give an interactive presentation on how prayer reduces anxiety. She will draw on methods that she has found successful in working with her clients — that can be of help to us too. Kari has a huge heart and is an incredible presenter — you are in for a treat!



Break out session for 1st - 5th grade students:

Our younger students will gather with Lisa and Anna Lynch to learn tips and tricks for reducing stress from two of our favorite October Saints, John Paul II and Therese of Lisieux. Anna will lead the kids in making homemade sensory toys (slime and squishes) that will be used during our stress-reduction prayer activities.

This event will replace our usual Wednesday Beacon classes for the week.



COFFEE & DONUTS

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



SCAN OR
CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP!

Faith, Friends, Fellowship!



Love to Cook? Join our Parish Cooking Ministry!

EMAIL LORI LAVALLE AT
LLAVALLE@STMARYPARISH.ORG
OR SIGN UP USING THIS QR
CODE



Who was the first Pope to visit Auschwitz?

PASTA *Dinner* & TRIVIA NIGHT!

GREAT FOOD • FUN PEOPLE • AWESOME PRIZES!



SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2026



5:45 PM – 7:30 PM



ST. MARY COMMUNITY ROOM



**JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS PASTA DINNER, THEN
STAY FOR A FUN-FILLED TRIVIA NIGHT!**



ALL ARE WELCOME!

We hope to see you there!

NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THE RECENT TORNADO?
CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAS FUNDS AVAILABLE!
STOP IN - TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
1475 OPPORTUNITY WAY - 8:00am-3:00pm
OR CALL US AT 920-272-8234!



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Green Bay



TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
11:00AM-1:00PM

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
WEST PARKING LOT & GREAT HALL

GET READY FOR SOME SPOOKY FUN! WEAR YOUR COSTUME AND COME TRICK-OR-TREAT IN THE WEST PARKING LOT (CORNER OF LAWRENCE AND WALNUT STS), THEN COME INSIDE FOR CARAMEL APPLES, CIDER, AND HOT COCOA! FAMILIES FROM ST. JOE'S, ST. MARY'S, AND BRIDGES ARE ALL INVITED!



WANT TO DECORATE YOUR CAR
AND PASS OUT CANDY? REGISTER
YOUR CAR AT THE QR CODE!



Calling all men— a presentation just for you!



Join us for an engaging presentation by Deacon Kevin DeCleene from Resurrection Parish in Allouez.

His topic is “Resurrection: A Personal Story of Prayer, Death, and Return to Life”.



Saturday,
November 7, 2026



St. Mary Parish
Community Room



Light meal at 5:30pm
(after 4:30pm Mass)

Talk to follow



Deacon Kevin combines the perspectives of a career in business, service in ministry, and family life to his witness of faith. Kevin's tagline, “The best is yet to come” is inspired by I Corinthians 2:9.



The presentation is **free**, but we ask that you register ahead of time by scanning the QR code or calling the parish office at (920) 739-5119.

Diaconate Inquirer Dinner

Monday, October 19, 2026
Event begins at 6:00 p.m.

Diocese of Green Bay, Chancery Building
1825 Riverside Drive, Green Bay, WI 54301

Join us to learn more!

If you or someone you know are a man between the ages of 30-55 and have been wondering how to dig deeper into your faith and be of service to the Church, please consider attending our next Diaconate Inquirer Dinner.

We will start with prayer and dinner, then dive into information about the diaconate and formation.

This is an opportunity for you and your wife to join others discerning this call and learn more about the Diocese of Green Bay's formation program. There is no cost to attend.

Please RSVP to Tina Haanen at thaanen@gbdioc.org or 920-272-8189.



The Diaconate
Diocese of Green Bay





The Best Mirror

...is a true friend.

How we answer: Who am I?
shapes all we do and desire in life.
To be human is to **truly** answer this question.

Franciscans, at heart, are drawn
to gazing into the mirror
of Christ, True Friend,
to live meaningful lives
with hope and joy.

To take a look, with us, into this Mirror:

JOIN US

Brother Jerome Schroeder, Franciscan
will present a mini-retreat

9 AM-Noon
Saturday, October 10



Holly Hall

404 W Lawrence St., Appleton, WI
(Use entrance from east parking lot)

All are welcome. Please RSVP to 920-205-3808
to reserve. This will help us with arrangements.
Free will offering will be taken.

FLEECE TIE

Blanket Time

We are in need of your help to tie fleece blankets
for the Foster Care Program of Outagamie County
and for the Veteran Village here in Appleton.



Thursday, October 15 & 29
and Nov. 5 & 19

1:00 to 3:00 PM

in the Community Room



If you have any questions, contact
Barb Rowland at rbsafari@sbcglobal.net.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of Oct 4 - Oct 11

Sunday, Oct 4

Coffee & Donuts

Hand Out E2F Pans

Hallow Hub

Boy Scout Pop Corn Sale After Masses

7:45 am Mass

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

11:00 am OCIA Catechumens/LCR

12:30 pm OCIA Candidates/LCR

Monday, Oct 5

Rebuild My Church Challenge Begins

12:05 pm Mass

5:00 pm Reach More/LL7

6:00 pm SMP Grief Support Group Cemetery Chapel

6:30 pm Handbell Choir Practice

6:30 pm THEO/CR

7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, Oct 6

9:00 am Connect/LL7

9:30 am CIAFMO/ LL1

1:00 pm SMP & SJP Prayer Shawl Group at SJP LL112

5:30 pm Mixed Small Group/Scout Rm

6:30 pm Pastoral Council/CR

Wednesday, Oct 7

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7

4:30 pm-8:00 pm Beacon

5:00 pm New Parishioner Committee/LCR

Thursday, Oct 8

10:00 am Little Lambs Playgroup - Babysitting Rm

12:05 pm Mass

6:00 pm Adult Choir/MR

6:00 pm Vatican II with Father Bill/LL7

Friday, Oct 9

Parish Office Cosed

9:00 am William Maas Visitation

11:00 am William Maas Funeral

12:00 pm William Maas Luncheon

Saturday, Oct 10

Return E2F Pans

St. Joe's Collection

St. Ann Room Booked for event

9:00 am Confessions

10:00 am NEC Support Group/ LL7

1:00 pm Elizabeth Glebke & Simeon Dorsey Convalidation

4:30 pm Mass/ Leo Hartman Baptism

5:45 pm Pasta Dinner & Trivia Night/ CR

Sunday, Oct 11

Return E2F Pans

St. Joe's Collection

Coffee & Donuts

7:45 am Mass

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

11:00 am OCIA Catechumens/LCR

12:30 pm OCIA Candidates/LCR

Sun., Oct 4

7:45 am

Robert Vanderheiden

9:45 am

The John Ellenbecker Family

Mon., Oct 5

12:05 pm

Available

Thus., Oct 8

12:05 pm

Living and Deceased Members of SMP

Sat., Oct 10

4:30 pm

Men & Women in the Military

Sun., Oct. 11

7:45 am

Available

9:45 am

Teresa DeVault



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 all for your generosity this past month. With your support we were able to surpass our target for the month.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
September	\$68,241.02	\$63,400.00	\$4,841.02

Your giving at work in the parish:

- In addition to the small group opportunities, there are other options for you to connect with the parish community. For parents with young children, there is the St. Mary Little Lambs that meet on Thursday mornings at 10am in the babysitting room. Hooks & Needles meets a couple times a month for knitting and crocheting. You can contact the parish office to find out more.
- Over the months of October and November we will have a couple significant changes coming with regard to giving at the parish. Be on the lookout for an announcement in the next bulletin.



Pope John Paul II

in Joy & SORROW

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 10.4.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



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“ *The greatness
of a civilization
is not measured by its
material achievements,
but by the way it cares for,
protects and upholds
the human person.* ”

— POPE LEO XIV

Let me try to recap Pope Leo's four-day Pastoral Visit to France, Friday through Monday, 9/25-28. The grueling itinerary began in Paris, moved on to Lourdes in the south, and concluded in Metz in the north on the border with Germany. The Holy Father delivered nine major addresses and celebrated Mass in each city. The assembly for Mass on Saturday, 800,000 strong, stretched along the Place de la Concorde for 1.2 miles in Paris. At the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, worshippers for Mass numbered 150,000 on Sunday and, at Saint Stephen Cathedral in Metz on Monday, inside and outside, the number in attendance came in around 55,000 people. On Friday at a Prayer Vigil at the National Stadium of France in St Denis, 80,000 young people showed up. Those tickets, I believe, sold out in an hour.

On the plane from Metz back to Paris, and then on to Rome on Monday evening, Pope Leo summarized his trip in these words, spoken in English:

The four days were literally filled with many blessings. Almost miracles, I would say, especially the time at Lourdes, walking with, accompanying so many people who are sick and suffering and seeing how the grace of God's presence manifested in many different ways, touches people's hearts, transforms their lives, and, to use an expression that I mentioned there, restores dignity to the sick, the elderly, those who in some parts of society are discarded.

So, there were many signs, many expressions, and many symbols throughout the four days. And personally, I felt very blessed to have the privilege to visit France to encourage especially young people who are obviously searching for something.

It was so apparent at the stadium, the evening with 80,000 young people gathered together from around France and their enthusiasm and their joy and the sense of hope that they offered, but especially I think that they received and will be able to share with others.

Let me present a tapestry, if you will, of some of the thoughts Pope Leo shared with the people of France.

Meeting with the authorities, civil society and diplomatic corps of France on Friday, Pope Leo observed:

It is precisely because of its rich and varied social fabric that France has for centuries been distinguished by a sensitivity to diversity and a strong commitment to solidarity. Through the remarkable efforts of men and women who remained faithful to their humanity and to the values of the Gospel, the Catholic Church in France has demonstrated constant concern for the welfare of the poor and underprivileged, and has sought to be the living face of God's own mercy and compassion. We can think of the apostolic works of Saint Vincent de Paul, the revival of charity in the seventeenth century, and, in our own day, those many Catholic institutions where caregivers accompany our brothers and sisters in their sufferings. These examples of care and concern serve as a true lesson in humanity; they show the grandeur of compassion and are a powerful reminder of the unique and irreplaceable worth of every human being. They are also a summons to a renewed sense of fraternity, which teaches us to welcome life unconditionally, to support frailty with loving care, to accompany every stage of life with respect and mutual trust, and to defend with courage and compassion those unable to make their voices heard and those who feel ignored or overlooked. That is why I "firmly reiterate that the protection of the right to life constitutes the indispensable foundation of every other human right" (Pope Leo's First Encyclical Letter, Magnifica Humanitas)

In his address the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on Friday, the Pope spoke with conviction:

The human person is someone who is conceived and born. Thus, first of all, to be human means to be a child. None of us chose to be so. None of us decided from whom, when or where to be born. This evident truth sheds light on something that is not merely biological but ethical: as children, we are all brothers and sisters. From the outset, our humanity is a gift and a trial, a promise and a responsibility. For every human being, birth establishes a primordial bond — a communion of life that has its source, and its first educational setting, in the family.

Secondly, we are all born naked and in need. We are poor by birth, in need of bread and words, of care and affection — that is, of all that nourishes body and spirit. We know this well, and yet, as we become adults, we risk forgetting it. It is precisely those in need who suffer the greatest consequences of this forgetfulness, whenever their humanity is betrayed or cast aside, exploited or deceived. Forgetting the circumstances of our birth obscures the very idea of human life, because it detaches life from the history common to us all. Thus, life is no longer understood as a gift, but as a commodity. It is no longer viewed as a summons to care and responsibility, but as a product to be exploited. Indeed, this tragic alternative reminds us that to be human is to be free by nature. Since all of us have been children, our freedom begins with our response to the freedom of the one who first turns to us — whether with gestures of affection or rejection, of loving welcome or neglect and cruelty.

Thirdly, to keep alive the memory of our common humanity is to recognize its grandeur — that is, its immense potential — even though it is diminished by many forms of evil and injustice. Those engaged in the fields of education, science and culture are called all the more to care for every person, so that the beauty of our freedom may shine forth. This beauty has a name: justice. Freedom is indeed beautiful when it is oriented toward goodness and truth; it is disfigured when it descends into arbitrariness, violence or the thirst for power. To be human, then, implies a responsibility before history: the human being is one who grows, learns and works with both hands and mind. By that labor, we may cultivate the earth or disfigure it, create works of art or destroy them. At this particular juncture, we must recognize that the most terrible of “human works” is war, for then science itself is placed at the service of an inhumane will to destroy and to kill.

In all of his pastoral visits so far, Pope Leo deliberately includes an event with young people. He spoke to them on Friday evening in Parish:

The Gospel of Jesus does not lead to conflict, but always invites us to forgive. While shedding light on the drama of history, it fosters fraternal concern. Encountering Christ opens the way to dialogue and prepares us for his peace, for it offers every man and woman the greatest promise, the one that fulfills our every desire, namely the promise of eternal life.

Dear Chloé, dear young people, every person’s religious experience expresses this search for meaning that animates the human soul. In Jesus, the Redeemer of the world, God reveals himself by addressing “men and women as friends” (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Vatican Council II, 2). He is the source of living water, light in the darkness. In the joy of faith, let us therefore proclaim together this evening: “for us, to live is Christ!” Together: for us to live is Christ!

Thanks to him, we can combine missionary zeal with the spirit of fraternity toward those who do not believe in God or who belong to other religious traditions. This fraternity is built on listening and mutual respect, and is rooted in the unity of the human family, which throughout history has expressed the religious dimension as a vital characteristic of every people.

On Saturday morning, in Paris, in a meeting with catechumens and the newly-baptized, Pope Leo reminded us all:

Some people come with a simple spiritual thirst, a search for meaning, and an attraction to the Gospel, while others arrive burdened by painful experiences, situations of loneliness, and profound difficulties. It is here that a style of closeness, compassion and tenderness takes on its full meaning, and we must strike a wise balance in order to welcome them and listen to them, while also encouraging them to face the challenging demands of the faith. It is a journey in which we must respect each person's pace, proceeding gradually and carefully with fraternal accompaniment. It means adopting the style of "walking together." Along the pathways of the Christian faith, we enrich one another, we grow together as priests and laypeople, godparents and catechumens, pastoral leaders and the newly baptized.

I am reminded of what happened to Saint Augustine, one of the most famous catechumens in history. He was introduced to the faith by Saint Ambrose, and his faith was but a tiny seed when he was baptized. Yet that seed grew and multiplied, becoming a tree so large that, even today, we can find shelter beneath its branches. Looking at you, dear catechumens and newly baptized persons, I see not only the fruits of the Holy Spirit, who set you on this path, but also the promise of fruitfulness for the Church in France. In turn, be missionaries of the Gospel in this society.

In the Saint Bernadette Auditorium in Lourdes on Sunday morning, the Pope met with the Bishops of France, encouraging them:

To renew hope and give fresh impetus to the Church's mission in France, which I earnestly desire, there is only one "roadmap," which is always the same: to make Jesus Christ known and loved, authentically, passionately, again and again. In the present context, you are confronted with several major challenges. Education is of particular importance. It is very commendable that your Assemblies are giving this subject further consideration. Education is an especially broad mission, touching many different areas of life. I would like simply to mention Catholic education, whose distinctive character is currently being called into question. It is good that Catholic schools are widely open to those who do not share our faith. This generous welcome, respectful of each person's freedom of conscience, promises great fruitfulness for everyone — for society and for the Church herself. At the same time, Catholic education can in no way renounce its educational mission, which is centered on Christ and directed towards the integral development of the human person in all his or her dimensions: spiritual, cultural, intellectual, moral and social. No one, therefore, should be surprised that every Catholic school offers opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ and hear his word. Still less should any pupils ever find themselves marginalized in the classroom simply because they believe in Jesus.

In a gathering with leaders of other religions in Metz on Monday, Pope Leo reminded them:

...to invoke God's name in order to justify violence or oppression is to profane that name. Nothing that disfigures human dignity can claim to be inspired by God. Religious discourse must constantly call for the disarmament of hearts and words. This places a direct responsibility on each of us as guardians of our respective traditions.

Moreover, if the fruitfulness of religious traditions is seen above all in their service of peace and fraternity, it is also expressed in their ability to protect, accompany and serve life. The greatness of a civilization is not measured by its material achievements, but by the way it cares for, protects and upholds the human person. Religions are guardians of life, for they affirm its sacred value. Their fruitfulness is shown in their loving presence alongside those who are most vulnerable and fragile. To serve life means to surround it with care, presence and tenderness, especially in times of trial, right to the very end. For those of us who are open to transcendence, our mission is to offer sound points of reference, especially to young people, to help build a communion that respects and upholds the dignity of every human person.

There is so much more to digest from papal visit to France. Here is the link to the itinerary as well as to the addresses and homilies of the Holy Father if you would like to take a more careful look. Note that the Holy Father's three homilies which he offered at Mass are worthy of our prayer.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/september/documents/20260928-francia-radici-europa.html>

Finally, on the plane returning to Rome, Pope Leo reported to the journalists who had accompanied him in France:

I would first of all like to say that in meeting with those seven victims, I had asked them to also help me to express to other victims the willingness—myself and of the Church—to listen and to walk with them as they look for healing, recognizing the pain that has been caused in their lives because of situations of abuse.

Several of them spoke about systemic abuse. Personally, I prefer to express it in a different way, although I did speak about some organizations within the Church who have, at times, if you will, as a system, been abusive.

But I think it's important to make the distinction. Sexual abuse is first and foremost a human problem. When it happens within the Church, it actually has another whole dimension added to it, because people's lives of faith are deeply wounded and sometimes even destroyed.

There's a particular responsibility of the Church to walk with them and to help them seek healing. In those terms I spoke with them about how the Church, in certain ways, has been seen as being responsible, but in the same way that the Church, I think, is an important part of helping them to find healing.

Thank you so much, Pope Leo, for your authentic witness to Jesus and the beauty of His Gospel! Jesus blesses us all through you, Holy Father!

Fr. Bill +