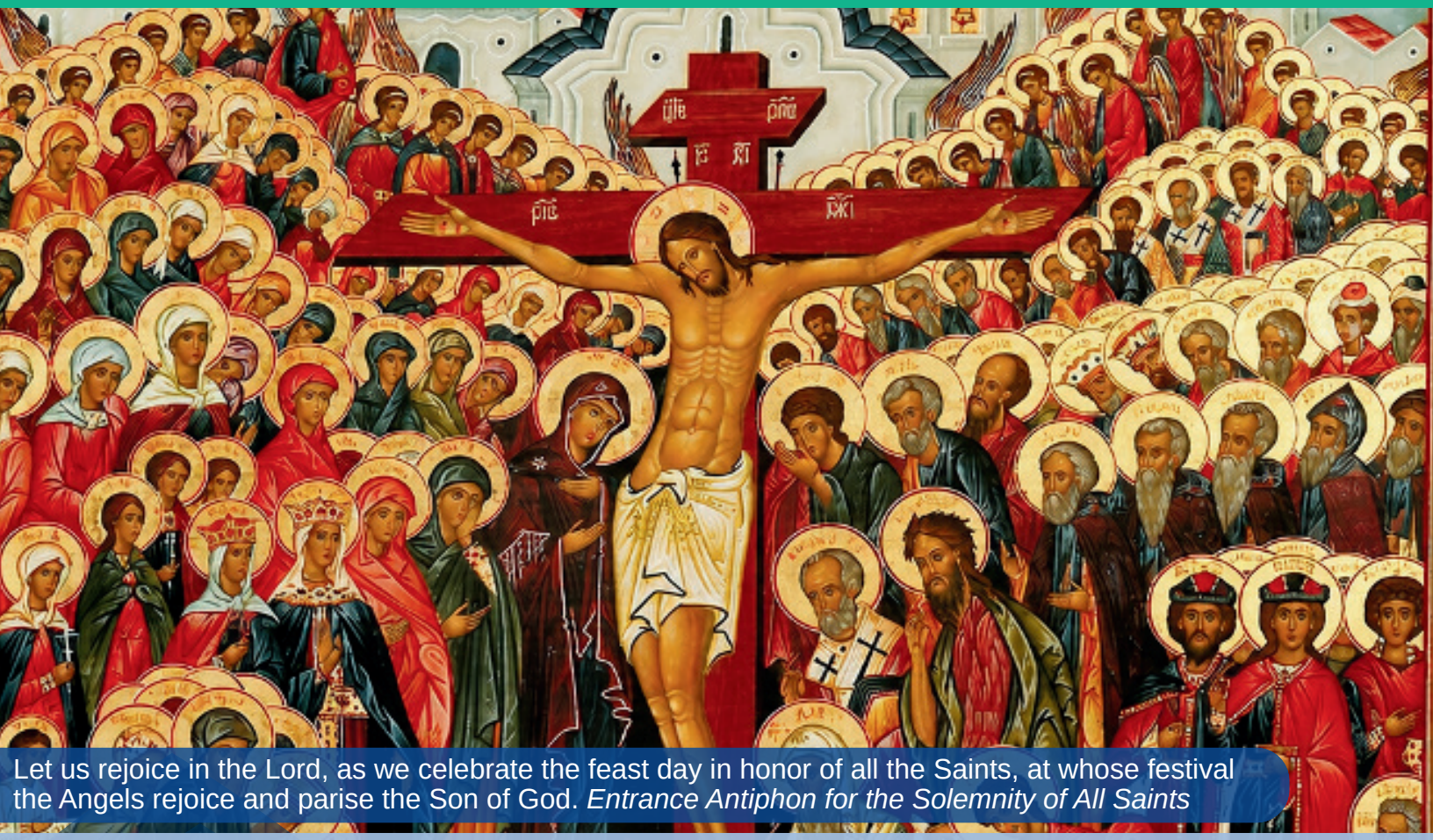
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ST. MARY PARISH

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Let us rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and parise the Son of God. *Entrance Antiphon for the Solemnity of All Saints*

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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wdswitz@stmaryparish.org
cell 920-422-4316

Deacon - Gerry Schraufnagel
dcngerry@stmaryparish.org
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Cemetery Info - Chip Acker
cacker@stmaryparish.org
cell 920-882-4158

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

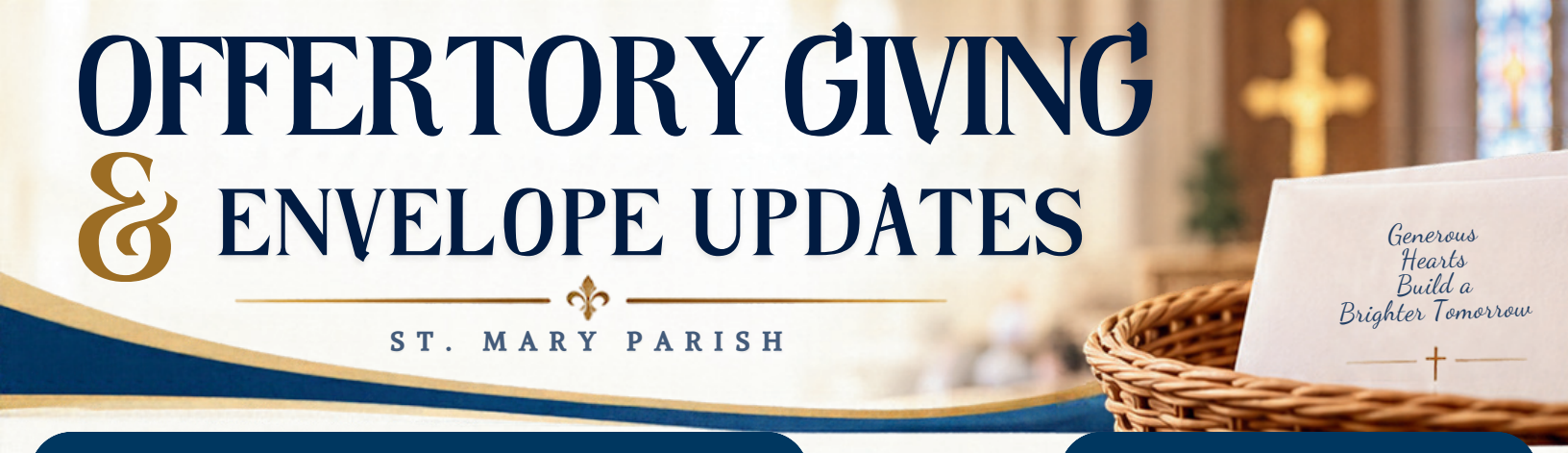
Sacrament of Matrimony
Getting Married?
Congratulations! Call Fr. Bill at least six months before your planned wedding date.

Interested in joining the Parish?
Contact Lori Lavalle
llavalle@stmaryparish.org

Confession times:
Saturday 9-10am or by appointment

OFFERTORY GIVING & ENVELOPE UPDATES

ST. MARY PARISH



OFFERTORY ENVELOPE CHANGES



To save money on mailing offertory envelopes, St. Mary will have your envelopes for the year available for pickup at the back of church. Begin using them in December.

Starting ***October 31, 2026***, envelopes will be in the vestibule at the back of church as you walk toward Marian Way. They will remain there through Thanksgiving weekend. After that, pick them up in the parish office through January.

Unable to pick up your envelopes due to travel or difficulty getting to church?
Call **920-739-5119** or email **stmary@stmaryparish.org.**
We will try to deliver envelopes to those unable to get to church.

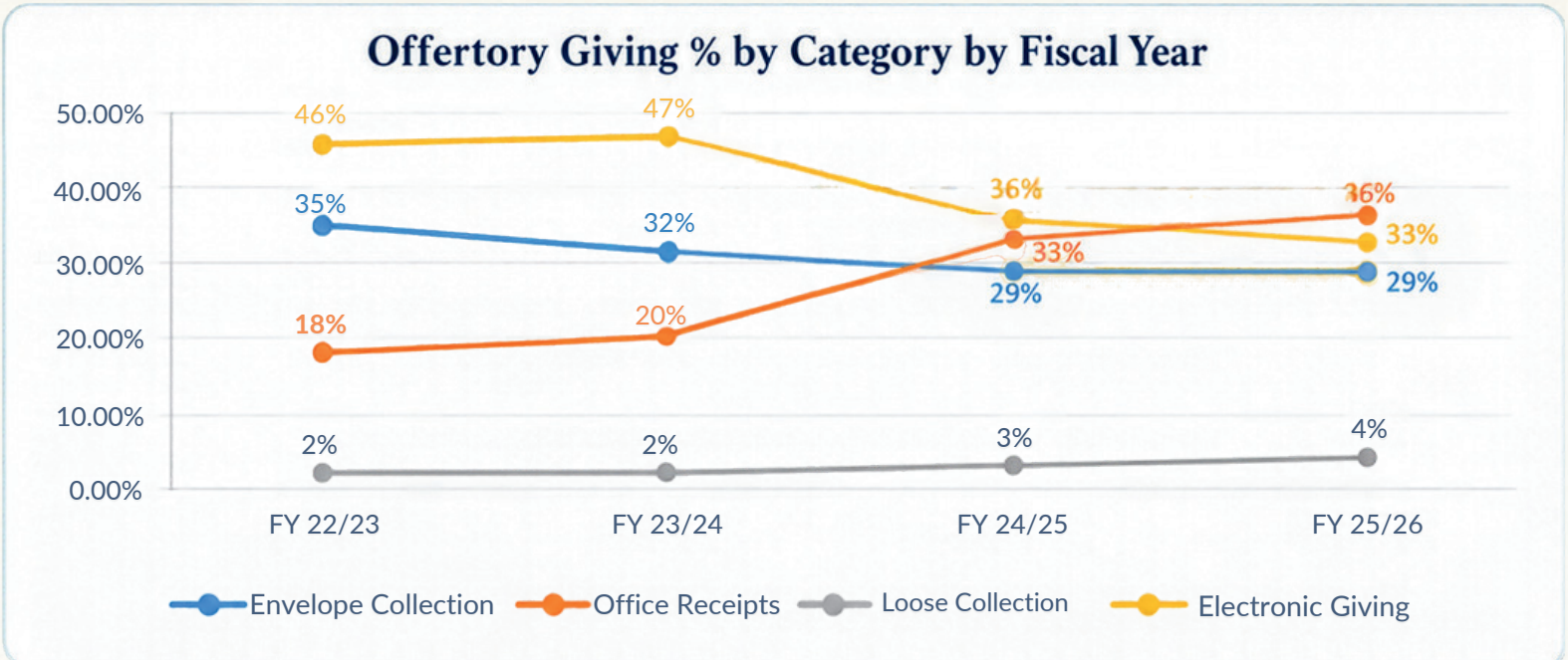
ECATHOLIC GIVING

SCAN THE QR CODE

UNDERSTANDING OUR OFFERTORY GIVING

Each week, offertory giving reaches the parish in four categories: Offertory Envelopes, Received in the Office, Electronic Giving, and Loose Collection (in the basket).

Over the past four years, two categories have changed significantly. Use of the eGiving platform has decreased from 46% to 32% of received funds, while giving through other methods—online banking, stock transfers, IRA QCDs, family foundations, and more—has doubled from 18% to 36%.



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.

ST MARY
Appleton, WI

Fr. Bill's Vatican II presentations now available on our website!



Home
Tornado 2026 Assistance
Hallow Help
Seasonal Small Groups

From our home page, go to "Seasonal Small Groups," then select the episode to watch.

FLEECE TIE
Blanket Time



Tie fleece blankets for the Foster Care Program of Outagamie County and for the Veteran Village here in Appleton.

Thursday, Nov. 5 & 19

1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Community Room

Contact Barb Rowland at **rbsafari@sbcglobal.net.**

WE NEED COOKIES and Snacks!

For the Appleton Christmas Parade Open House on Tuesday, November 24

Use this QR code to sign up or visit
https://bit.ly/4B5JYKA

If you'd like to volunteer at the event, contact Lori Lavalle at llavalle@stmaryparish.org.

This is a great service hour opportunity!

Save the Date!

Prayers of Gratitude

FAMILY ACTIVITY



WHEN:
After 9:45 Mass on Sunday, November 22

WHERE:
Community Room during Coffee and Donuts

WHAT:
A small craft and game to teach about prayers of gratitude

WHO:
Anyone can participate!
The craft is primarily for families with children

WHY GRATITUDE MATTERS

Thanking God for our blessings, and for the ways He is working in our lives, is incredibly important for our spiritual wellness and wholeness!

Join us for a simple, meaningful activity for the whole family!



COFFEE & DONUTS

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

JOIN US!
SIGN UP FOR
FALL
COFFEE & DONUTS
SUNDAYS
SEPTEMBER • OCTOBER • NOVEMBER

SCAN OR CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!

Faith, Friends, Fellowship!

PRESENTED BY THE ST. MARY QUILTERS

QUILT Sale & Raffle

NOV 14 & 15

Win one of these beautiful Kingsize handmade quilts!





- Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20
- Buy raffle tickets after all Masses beginning Oct. 17
- Winner will be drawn Sunday, Nov. 15 @ noon *(need not be present to win)*

SHOP HANDMADE TABLE RUNNERS, BOWL COZIES, QUILTS, AND MORE!

All raffle and sale proceeds go to ST. MARY CEMETERY RESTORATION!



THANK YOU!

New Parishioner LUNCHEON









Thank you to everyone who joined us for our New Parishioner Luncheon!

We were delighted to welcome you to St. Mary Parish and share a little time, conversation, and fellowship together.

We are grateful you are part of our parish family. May you continue to feel at home here, grow in faith, and discover the many ways to connect, serve, and celebrate with our community.

Welcome to St. Mary Parish!

November
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

Morning Coffee

As colder days approach, volunteers are invited to help create a warm, welcoming space for our neighbors each morning. We serve 35-40 individuals. Over coffee and a bite to eat, neighbors find comfort, connection, and community.

Just a little time serving coffee can make a big difference, offering kindness, dignity, and a sense of belonging. Please consider signing up for a shift—new faces are always welcome!

Click here to view list and sign up

Sunday Sandwiches

Each Sunday, volunteers share bagged lunches and a little love with neighbors in our community. Volunteers are invited to meet inside the library near the security station with 10 bag lunches.

New to the ministry? Simply write "new" in the signup comments to be paired with an experienced volunteer. Everyone is welcome!

Click here to view list and sign up

HOLY TRIVIA question

What is the term for the cloth used to wipe the chalice during Mass?

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER Catholic School System

nickelodeon SpongeBob Musical

NOVEMBER 6 - 14, 2026

Plunge into this stunning all-singing, all-dancing, dynamic stage show! When the citizens of Bikini Bottom discover that a volcano will soon erupt and destroy their humble home, SpongeBob and his friends must come together to save the fate of their undersea world. With lives hanging in the balance and all hope lost, a most unexpected hero rises up. The power of optimism really can save the world!

7:00 PM	2:00 PM
November 6, 7, 13, 14	November 14

TICKET PRICES:

Adults	**$13**
Senior Citizen (60 and older)	**$12**
Student (College age and under)	**$11**
XHS Student with ID (RUSH if needed)	**$6**

Family night – All tickets are $8 apiece

NEW THIS YEAR!
Family 4-pack $40
(2 adult & 2 student tickets – $8 savings)



Purchase concessions online and pick them up at the show.
In person concession purchases with cash will still be offered at the performances.

Ticket & concession prices do not include service fees or credit card purchases. These fees are established by LUDUS, our box office vendor, and are nonrefundable.

PUBLIC TICKET SALES BEGIN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026 AT 9:00 AM
ONLINE OR NOON AT THE XAVIER BOX OFFICE

EVENTS CALENDAR

Week of Nov 1 - NOV 8

Sunday, Nov 1
All Saints Day
B.A.G Weekend Return
Coffee & Donuts
7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/LS/Children's Liturgy
11:30 am Brunch Bunch
11:00 am OCIA Catechumens/LCR
12:30 pm OCIA Candidates/LCR

Monday, Nov 2
12:05 pm Mass
5:00 pm Reach More/LL7
6:00 pm SMP Grief Support Group Cemetery Chapel
6:30 pm New Horizons Band Practice/MR
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Practice
6:30 pm THEO/CR
7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, Nov 3
9:00 am Connect/LL7
9:00 am Diocese Vocation Fair event
1:00 pm SMP & SJP Prayer Shawl Group SJP LL112
5:30 pm Mixed Small Group/Scout Rm
6:30 pm Pastoral Council/CR
6:30 pm Men's Ministry/LL7

Wednesday, Nov 4
9:30 am Connect Group/LL7
9:00 am Diocese Vocation Fair event
4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Beacon Faith Formation

Thursday, Nov 5
10:00 am Little Lambs Playgroup - Babysitting Rm
12:05 pm Mass
1:00 pm Fleece Tie Blanket Making/ CR
1:00 pm Hooks & Needles
6:00 pm Adult Choir/MR
6:00 pm Women's Small Group/ LL3
7:00 pm Cor Jesu

Friday, Nov 6
Parish Office Closed
9:00 am Bible Study/LL7

Saturday, Nov 7
9:00 am Confessions
1:00 pm Mary Loker & Marc Utrie Wedding
5:30 pm Speaker Deacon Kevin DeCleene
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Nov 8
Coffee & Donuts
7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/LS/Children's Liturgy
11:00 pm First Reconciliation Retreat
11:00 am OCIA Catechumens/LCR



Purificator

Mass Intentions

Sun., Nov 1	7:45 am	Robert Vanderheiden
	9:45 am	Ed Sabish
Mon., Nov 2	12:05 pm	Ed & Mary Holtz
Thur., Nov 5	12:05 pm	Living & Deceased Members of SMP
Sat., Nov 7	4:30 pm	Carl & Clara Butzen
Sun., Nov 8	7:45 am	Helen & Gordon Pippert
	9:45 am	Ivy Peters



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 we finish up October and begin November, we unfortunately missed our offertory goal for the month of October by a significant amount. Even so, Thank you for your generous support of the parish in so many ways.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
October	$54,811.37	$76,800.00	-$21,988.63

Your giving at work in the parish:

- The Men's group is hosting a speaker for the men of the parish on November 7th. Deacon Kevin DeCleene from Resurrection Parish in Allouez on "Resurrection: A Personal Story of Prayer, Death, and Return to Life. Come join us in the Community Room after the 4:30 Mass.

- If you currently use the basket at church for your envelope of cash as your support of the parish, consider using our new eCatholic Giving platform. Online giving provides an effortless way to give even when you cannot be here in person. Register at https://stmaryparish.support/egiving

in Joy & SORROW

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 11.1.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG

ST MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Let’s continue with a sharing of some of the work that Andrew (our Minister for Adult Missionary Discipleship) and I are doing with a small group of parishioners in reviewing the Documents of Vatican Council II. Remember that this Council gathered Roman Catholic Bishops from throughout the world in Rome each autumn from 1962 through 1965. All these years later, I believe that it is critical that the Church continue to consider the teachings of the Bishops during this Council.

Having reviewed the document on the renewal of the liturgy, we moved on to give a closer look to *Lumen gentium (Light to the nations)*, which was promulgated in December of 1963. It is one of the four constitutions to come out of the Council. Remember that a constitution packs more of a punch, so to speak, than the other documents, not saying though that the other documents are not significant.

The Bishops were presented with a draft of *Lumen gentium* as they sat at their desks in St Peter’s Basilica. They were quick to protest as they had no input into that document. In fact, they scrapped it and started over.

The final document was so different from the draft. Its Table of Contents has transformed how we describe the Church today.

First to note is that Chapter 2 is titled “The People of God,” and is followed by Chapter 3 on the Hierarchy and Chapter 4 on the Laity. To define the Church as the People of God was transformative. Under this beautiful reality we find the hierarchy and the laity described in subsequent chapters. The Council was clear that before we talk about those two groupings, we must emphasize the Church as the People of God. This is a reality that reminds us that we are all together, equal in dignity, walking together, side by side, trying to bring about the coming of the Kingdom of God in our world. The notion of synodality gets its mandate from the notion of the Church as the People of God.

Let me highlight a few notable quotes from the document with my brief comments in italics to follow.

(8) “This church constituted and organized in the world as a society, subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter, and by the bishops in communion with him, although many elements of sanctification and of truth are found outside of its visible structure.”

The Church “subsists” in the Catholic Church. This is to say that the fullness of the Church can only be found in the Catholic Church, that is, the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Note, too, that “many elements of sanctification and truth are found outside its visible structure.” More on this, below.

(10) “The baptized by regeneration and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, are consecrated as a spiritual house and a holy priesthood, in order that through all of those works which are those of Christian [persons] they may offer spiritual sacrifices and proclaim the power of Him who has called them out of darkness into marvelous light. Though they differ from one another in essence and not only in degree, the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial or hierarchical priesthood are nonetheless interrelated; each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ. The ministerial priest, by the sacred power he enjoys, teaches and rules the priestly people; acting in the person of Christ, he makes present the Eucharistic sacrifice and offers it to God in the name of all the people. But the faithful in virtue of their royal priesthood, join in the offering of the Eucharist. They likewise exercise that priesthood in receiving the sacraments, in prayer and thanksgiving, in the witness of a holy life, and by self-denial and active charity.”

I did the underlining above. It is important to emphasize that all baptized people are consecrated into the holy priesthood of Jesus. The baptized share, too, in the prophetic and royal (leadership) roles of Jesus. The common priesthood and the ministerial (hierarchical) priesthood are interrelated. Holy Orders, the Sacrament that consecrates deacons, priests and bishops, is different in essence from the common priesthood of all believers. The grace of Holy Orders bestowed by the Holy Spirit for leadership in the Church raises the ordained to a unique and singular grace that stands by itself. Note, too, that the common priesthood is also named the royal priesthood. When all is said and done, you cannot say that the royal priesthood flows from the ministerial priesthood. The royal priesthood also stands by itself. In my opinion, this understanding has implications that are still being blurred in our understanding of some of the processes in the celebrations of our rituals. It seems that the common priesthood at times is relied upon only when the hierarchical priesthood is unable to meet all of its ministerial responsibilities. Persons consecrated into the common (royal) priesthood are not second-string players, so to speak.

(12) “The entire body of the faithful, anointed as they are by the Holy One, cannot err in matters of belief. They manifest this special property by means of the whole people's supernatural discernment in matters of faith when from the bishops down to the last of the lay faithful they show universal agreement in matters of faith and morals. That discernment in matters of faith is aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth.”

Here is the notion of “sensus fidelium” (“sense of the faithful”). In matters of faith and morals, the People of God are involved in discernment under the direction of the Holy Spirit. I am recalling the promulgation of the doctrines of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1854 by Pope Pius XI and in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, respectively. These doctrines were long held to be true by the People of God before the Popes included them into the infallible teachings of the Catholic Church. This is the sensus fidelium at work.

(14) “Whosoever knowing that the Catholic Church was made necessary by Christ, would refuse to enter or to remain in it, could not be saved. All the Church's children should remember that their exalted status is to be attributed not to their own merits but to the special grace of Christ. If they fail moreover to respond to that grace in thought, word and deed, not only shall they not be saved, but they will be the more severely judged.

(15) The church recognizes that in many ways she is linked with those who, being baptized, are honored with the name of Christian…

(16) “Finally, those who have not yet received the gospel are related in various ways to the People of God. On account of their fathers this people [our Jewish sisters and brothers] remain most dear to God, for God does not repent of the gifts He makes nor of the calls he issues… In the first place amongst these are the Muslims, who professing to hold the faith of Abraham, along with us adore the one and merciful God, who on the last day will judge mankind. Those also can attain to salvation, who through no fault of their own do not know the Gospel of Christ or His Church, yet sincerely seek God and moved by grace, strive by Providence and strive by their deeds to do his will as it is known to them through the dictates of a conscience.”

It is the pure gift of grace only that assures salvation. One cannot earn salvation by good works. Good works, though, are an outcome of the receiving of grace. Our Christian sisters and brothers, baptized as Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Episcopalians, etc. are Sister Churches to the Catholic Church. This language was walked away from during the pontificate of Pope Benedict but I still like to remind folks of this idea of Sister Churches.

Being Judeo-Christians, like God our Creator, we have a special love for our Jewish sisters and brothers. They are our ancestors in the faith. For us Catholics, Judaism stands in an honored place apart from the other non-Christian religions. All of the above statements make antisemitism all the greater morally sickening.

As one of the monotheistic religions [belief in one God], the Church recognizes glimmers of truth in Islam and the other non-Christian religions as well. We will circle back to ecumenism when we discuss the Council document, “Nostra aetate.”

Thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with the proceedings of Vatican Council II. I believe this is so important as the Catholic Church moves forward in the spirit of this historically transformational Council!

Fr. Bill +