JUNE 22 - JULY 5, 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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John 13:34–35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another".

BULLETIN

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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Who is the patron saint of missionaries?

Family Ministry Edition

St. Mary Parish save the date

JULY 20TH: HAPPY HOUR & GRILL OUT

You are invited to join us for a fun, summer day of grilling out, drinking cold ones, and watching the kids make memories with an epic balloon fight on Sunday, July 20th from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM! We will have other fun games for the kids and activities for the adults as well! **For more details and to register for the event, go to: https://bit.ly/2025familyhappyhour**

AUGUST 1ST: POOL PARTY

Come splash, laugh, and connect with other families from our parish on Friday, August 1st from 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM! Let's celebrate summer, build community, and enjoy some fun in the sun together. All ages welcome—bring your swimsuits, towels, and smiles! Watch our weekly bulletin and social media for more information!

The generous support of St. Mary members has always helped keep our parish ship on course. Unfortunately though, no matter how much we monitor the conditions, sometimes we get hit by storms that force us to make adjustments. That seems to be the case this year as our fiscal year draws to a close on June 30.

Please consider making a small sacrifice and see what a difference your generosity can make! Every amount makes an impact.

The easiest way to give—especially if you're away—is to utilize our secure e-giving provider, Faith Direct. In just a few minutes, you can set up regular giving at the amount and frequency that works for you. Scan the code or click the **LINK** to get started.

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Ripples of God's love, through our hearts, to all hearts.

St. Mary & St. Joseph

Tuesday, July 15, the book discussed will be **Still Life (Book #1 in Series) by Louise Penny**. New book readers are welcome to attend anytime. Please contact Mary Schulz, book club member, 920-809-4474, with any questions.

Mark you calendar Summer Dates!

June 29; July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the Word

9:45 am Mass

COFFEE & DONUTS

7:45 am & 9:45 am Mass

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEEER
@ HTTP://BIT.LY/4J2M9EO

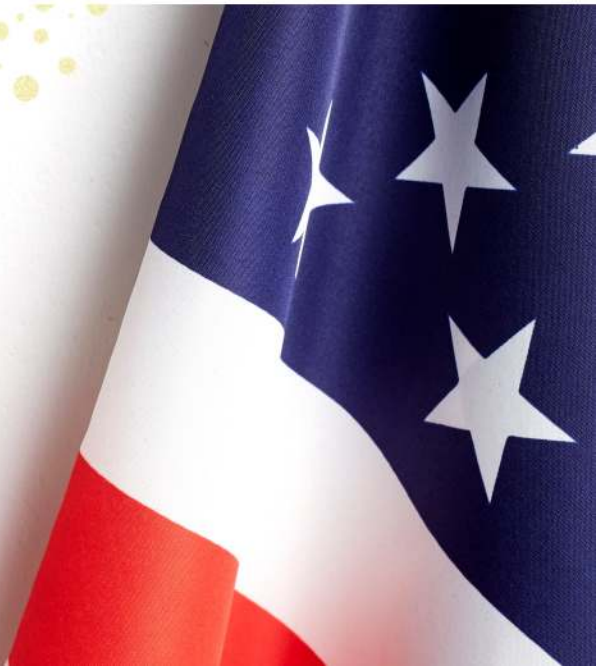
Speaker & Collection on June 28 & 29

Mission Cooperative Plan for the Catholic Diocese of Kurnool, India

- Provide education for children
- Housing
- Self employment
- Financial assistance
- Village development
- Sheltering orphans

Happy 4th of July

Join us for 8am Mass



PRAYER EXPERIENCE

- Daily Mass and Rosary
- Games
- Adoration
- Reconciliation
- Music
- Fellowship
- Fun!

"O Mary, give me your heart."

Louis de Montfort

TOTUS TUUS instills the faith of the Church in the hearts and minds of young people bringing them closer to Jesus through Mary.

TOTUS TUUS is an incredible week of learning through Sacraments, prayer, music and fun.

Scan the QR code to register

TOTUS TUUS

To Jesus Through Mary

ST. THOMAS MORE
ST. BERNADETTE
ST. THERESE
ST. MARY

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Jenn Wood: Co-Director
Annette Hovie: Administrative Assistant

July 27 - August 1, 2025

Held at
St. Thomas More
1810 N. McDonald St
Appleton, WI

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please help us make our summer faith program possible! We need adult and teen volunteers for Totus Tuus

July 27- Aug 1.

Sign up for one day/time slot or multiple!

Adults: https://bit.ly/4mM9mOo

Youth: bit.ly/43MhyFI

CATHOLIC DAY @ THE BALL PARK
SUN. JULY 6
1:05 PM

WISCONSIN TIMBER RATTLERS

BOX

$18.62*

BLEACHER

$15.54*

PARKING

$6.00 Online
Regular Price $8

Weiner Dog Races

10 cent Hot Dogs

gofevo.com/event/Stgabes2

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

* TICKET INCLUDES GAME (W/FEE) & VOUCHER
GOOD FOR A FREE POPCORN AND SODA!

PICK UP VOUCHER ON GAME DAY @ STADIUM

Ministry TO THE SICK

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"I was sick and you visited me." Matthew 25:36

Are you a Eucharistic Minister? Ascension-St. Elizabeth Hospital is in need of volunteers to bring Communion to patients.

Requirements: application, references, criminal and caregiver background check, blood draw to test for immunities to measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella, and urine drug screen.

All new volunteers usually shadow an experienced Eucharistic Minister until they feel comfortable Distributing Holy Communion alone.

For more information, please contact Spiritual Care Services at 920-810-5092 or email Fr. Jude Egbuna, Chaplain, at jude.egbuna@ascension.org

Mass Intentions

Sat. June 21	4:30pm	Patricia Bowe
Sun. June 22	7:45am	Richard & Patricia Pechotta
	9:45am	Ken Davis
Mon. June 23	12:05pm	---
Thur. June 26	12:05pm	---
Sat. June 28	4:30pm	Nancie Chuchel
Sun. June 29	7:45am	Jo Ann Koehnke
	9:45am	Special Intentions for young people in the military
Mon. June 30	12:05pm	Sylvester Fait
Thur. July 3	12:05pm	---
Fri. July 4	8:00am	Special Intentions for young people in the military
Sat. July5	4:30pm	Patricia Bowe
Sun. July 6	7:45am	Carol & Jeff Rowland
	9:45am	Dick Schermerhorn

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the family and friends of those who have recently passed. May your memories comfort you at this time.

Anna Marie Hein
February 4, 1935 - June 6, 2025

Katherine Patricia DeSanctis
March 31, 1932 - April 10, 2025

St Mary PRAYER TREE

LEAVE A PRAYER, TAKE A PRAYER. LOOK FOR OUR PRAYER TREE IN BACK OF CHURCH.

EVENTS CALENDARS

Week of June 21 - June 29

Saturday, June 21
9:00 am Confessions/Chapel
4:30pm Mass (Fr Funk)

Sunday, June 22
7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed (Wurtinger Baptism)

Monday, June 23
12:05pm Mass

Tuesday, June 24
9:00 am Connect Group
2:00 pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel
6:30 pm Connect Group/LL7

Wednesday, June 25
9:00 am Connect Group/Pillar Prep
4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

Thursday, June 26
10:00 am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR
12:05 pm Mass
6:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, June 27
Parish Office Closed
9:00am Katherine DeSanctis Visitation
11:00am Katherine DeSanctis Funeral

Saturday, June 28
9:00 am Confessions/Chapel
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, June 29
Coffee & Donuts
7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Week of June 30 - JULY 6

Monday, June 30
12:05 pm Mass

Tuesday, July 1
1:00 pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's/L112
2:00 pm Rosary Prayer/Chapel
6:30 pm Connect/LL7

Wednesday, July 2
9:00 am Connect Group/LL7
4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

Thursday, July 3
10:00 am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR
12:05 pm Mass
1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/CR
6:00 pm Adult Choir

Friday, July 4
Parish Office Closed
8:00 am Mass

Saturday, July 5
9:00 am Confessions/Chapel
4:30 pm Mass (Hernandez Baptism)

Sunday, July 6
7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

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Important Contacts

Parish Office Hours:
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Mon through Thurs, 9am-4pm
Office Closed on Fridays

Sacrament of Matrimony
Getting Married? Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

Funeral Information
Contact Tom Walter
cell (920)-422-8669

Interested in joining the Parish?
Contact Lori Lavalle
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Mass Intentions
If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 920-739-5119

Confession times:
Saturdays 9-10am, or by appointment

Parish Website:
stmaryparish.org
Cemetery Website:
stmaryparishcemetery.org

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays
4:30-8pm
Sign up for a slot to sit with Jesus.
We must have one person with the Eucharist at all times.

SCAN ME

in Joy & SORROW

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG
JUNE 22, 2025

Traditionally, the Church looks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the month of June. Before the month reaches the finish line, I thought I could share a meditation on the Heart of Jesus. This devotion, which is beloved of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), has its origins in the religious experiences of a French Visitation nun in the 17th century, Saint Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque.

Probably the most popular image of the Sacred Heart, however, is the gift of a vision of Saint Sister Faustina Kowalska (20th century), whose prayer was overwhelmed by the image of Divine Mercy, flowing from the Heart of Jesus, broken open and pouring upon us the graces of Baptism and the Holy Eucharist. Call to mind the blue beams of light, indicating the water, and the red beams, indicating the Lord's Precious Blood.

Pope Francis' final gift to the Church was his encyclical letter, *Dilexit nos ("He Loved Us") on the Human and Divine Love in the Heart of Jesus Christ* (October 2024).

Reading and praying this Encyclical is a beautiful spiritual exercise. Here is the link for those of you who may be interested. Please copy and paste.

http://bit.ly/43Qloix

Here is one thought from Pope Francis' Encyclical:

(Paragraph 16) The unique power of the heart helps us to understand why, when we grasp a reality with our heart, we know it better and more fully. This inevitably leads us to the love of which the heart is capable, for "the inmost core of reality is love". For Heidegger, as interpreted by one contemporary thinker, philosophy does not begin with a simple concept or certainty, but with a shock: "Thought must be provoked before it begins to work with concepts or while it works with them. Without deep emotion, thought cannot begin. The first mental image would thus be goose bumps. What first stirs one to think and question is deep emotion. Philosophy always takes place in a basic mood." That is where the heart comes in, since it "houses the states of mind and functions as a 'keeper of the state of mind'. The 'heart' listens in a non-metaphoric way to 'the silent voice' of being, allowing itself to be tempered and determined by it."

The core of prayer is this listening. Saint Cardinal John Henry Newman spoke often of *cor ad cor loquitur (heart speaks to Heart),* which he chose as his episcopal motto. The origin, though, of this beautiful notion of the intimacy which happens at the deepest level between the Lord and His Beloved Disciple (you or me) rests with Saint Francis de Sales.

Contemplative prayer is the prayer beyond words. It is a profound resting in the Lord. On the night of the Last Supper, recall the disciple John, seated next to the Lord, resting his heart near the Heart of Jesus. Perhaps, in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, you might find yourself simply setting everything aside, your Bible or Holy Rosary or Spiritual Reading, and relishing moments of just resting in the Lord, your heart beating in sync with the Lord's Heart.

This is how I best love to pray. To set the stage for this time of centering prayer, I offer this prayer to the Lord.

Source of all-Being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, alive at the center of my being, I wish to abandon myself with love into Your Hands. May my sacred words, which I will gently pray during this time of meditation, keep me lovingly attentive in Your presence and be a sign of my consent to the transforming power of Your Love and Spirit in my life. Hold on to me, Lord, or I will slip away from You. Do with me, Lord, what I so foolishly think I can do on my own. Let it be done to me, Lord, as You say. Here, I am, Lord. Here I am.

Note that your sacred word(s) is a mantra that you repeat over and over in your heart. It can be as simple as the word *love* or *peace* or *Maranatha (O Lord, come).* Ask the Holy Spirit to suggest a sacred word that will be special for you.

If this is a new way for you to pray, you might set aside five minutes in the morning and in the evening. As you become more comfortable with the silence and stillness, you might increase this to ten minutes. A typical sitting for centering prayer is twenty minutes.

Finally, I offer this beautiful prayer as a Morning Offering, which was first circulated on a vocation-promotion card published by the Maryland Province Jesuits.

Oh Jesus, I come before you at the beginning of the day.
I gaze at your face,
I look upon your side pierced by the lance.
Your wounded Heart speaks to me
of God's love poured out for us.
Take, Lord, and receive my heart:
the words of faith that I speak,
the works of justice I would do,
my joys and sufferings.
When I come to the Eucharistic table,
gather my offerings to your own
for the life of the world.
At the end of the day,
place me with Mary, your mother,
and for her sake take me to your Heart.
Amen.

Happy June of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, or at least what is left of this month, which has sped by way too quickly!

Fr. Bill +