

JULY 6 - JULY 19, 2025

# ST. MARY PARISH

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*JOHN 8:36, "SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED."*

# 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** July 4<sup>th</sup> mass at 8am

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July 2, 2025

Dear Holy Members of our Saint Mary Parish Family,



On behalf of the Senior Pastoral Leadership Team, as well as the Pastoral Leadership and Finance Councils, I would like to thank you for your generous response to our Safe Harbor Campaign. Thank you, as well, for your end-of-fiscal year gifts apart from the Safe Harbor Campaign. Your gifts totaling more than \$60,000 to both parish support and other funds provided a much-needed boost to getting our parish ship into harbor at the end of our fiscal year, June 30.

I am always hesitant to tack on another plea for financial help to good people like you who already are so generous in your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to Saint Mary Parish. I understand that everyone is feeling the pinch with rising prices and volatile markets. The parish staff in conjunction with the finance council are exploring ways to cut costs for utilities like electricity and gas; reviewing contracts, licenses and subscriptions; and reducing expenses related to everyday items such as paper products, printing, etc.

The Finance Council is also working to put together a more intentional teaching on the commitment to stewardship which is the duty of every parish household. You and I take seriously the living out of gratitude to the Lord for every one of His gifts to us. We also are convinced that generosity accompanies gratitude and that our sacrificial giving is an act of worship. We need to help more and more people experience the joy that is living in the keys of gratitude and generosity as Jesus' disciples.

I thank you again for your financial gifts. It does my heart so much good to experience your dedication to our Spiritual Family of Saint Mary Parish!!!

*Fr. Bill +*



# Eucharistic Pilgrimage



Join the pilgrims in prayer  
on Sunday, July 13, in church  
from 9:00 AM - 9:15 AM.

The pilgrimage will then move to  
St. Joseph for prayer and Mass.

**Volunteer**  
every hand makes a difference



## Join Us on the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

- Aug 6 - Build Walls, Prepare a Meal
- Sept 2 - Siding, Prepare a Meal
- Oct 2 - Wall Rock, Prepare a Meal
- Oct 25 - Paint and Stain, Prepare a Meal

Contact Ray Fuchs [rfuchs1944@gmail.com](mailto:rfuchs1944@gmail.com) to sign up.



Which saint is known as the  
"Apostle to the Gentiles?"

YOUNG COUPLES & YOUNG FAMILIES

# HAPPY HOUR

## Grill Out

SUNDAY JULY 20

11 AM-12:30 PM

<https://bit.ly/churchhappyhour>



St. Mary Parish (Appleton) invites you 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!

Family  
Ministry

St. Mary Parish  
save the date



AUGUST 1ST: POOL  
PARTY

Come splash, laugh, and connect with other families from our parish on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



# St. Joseph FOOD PROGRAM

Collection is July 12 & 13



We are collecting peanut butter, protein bars, non-perishable meat or fish products, such as canned or packaged tuna, salmon, chicken, any canned or non-perishable packaged vegetables that contain protein. Please no glass containers or past the use by date.

*Thank you for helping those who are in need.*



## Traveling Rosary for Vocations

Thursday, July 17; 1:00 – 2:30 PM  
at Prince of Peace Parish,  
3425 Willow Rd. Green Bay; 54311.

The Green Bay Diocesan Council of Catholic Women are hosting a prayer event for an increase in vocations and religious. All women and men are invited. Join us for song, praying the rosary for vocations, a presentation by Dcn. Jeff Prickette, and a reception to close out the event.

For more info call 920-323-3243 or visit [www.gbdcw.org](http://www.gbdcw.org).

# Mark your calendar Summer Dates!

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 VOLUNTEER

Ⓜ [HTTP://BIT.LY/4J2M9EO](http://bit.ly/4J2M9EO)



## RAISING VOCATIONS COLLECTION

  
Catholic Foundation  
for the Diocese of Green Bay, Inc.

*Raising Vocations for Tomorrow, Help them say Yes!*

# Our young people need YOUR help to say "yes" to God's call!



On August 2 & 3, the Diocese of Green Bay will kick off the Raising Vocations Collection. This collection will support ministries that journey with young people to help them discover Christ and say "yes" to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This will help us reach our diocesan goal of 30 men in seminary formation by 2025

# 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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Fr. Mark Mleziva: Co-Director  
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](https://bit.ly/43MhyFI)



Diocese of  
Green Bay

# Please join us for a **EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE**

## JULY 9-13, 2025

Wed., July 9

Day  
1

8 a.m. **Mass** at Holy Cross, Kaukauna  
9:30 a.m. St. Paul Elder Services, Kaukauna  
11 a.m. St. Katharine Drexel (St. Mary), Kaukauna  
1:30 p.m. St. John Nepomucene, Little Chute  
3:30 p.m. Holy Spirit Parish and School, Kimberly

Thurs., July 10

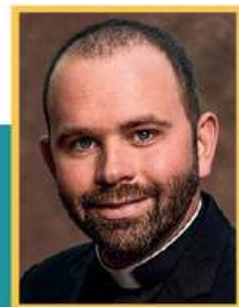
Day  
2

8 a.m. **Mass** at Holy Spirit, Kimberly  
9:30 a.m. St. Paul, Combined Locks  
11 a.m. Holy Spirit Parish and School, Darboy  
3 p.m. St. Bernadette, Appleton

Fri., July 11

Day  
3

8 a.m. **Mass** at St. Bernadette, Appleton  
10 a.m. St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton  
11 a.m. Sacred Heart, Appleton  
3 p.m. St. John the Baptist, Menasha  
4 p.m. St. Mary Parish and School, Menasha



Fr. Michael Thiel  
Pilgrimage  
Chaplain



Michael Picard  
Pilgrimage  
Coordinator

Questions?  
Contact Michael Picard

920-272-8309

[mpicard@gbdioc.org](mailto:mpicard@gbdioc.org)

All are  
welcome  
for this  
**FREE**  
event!



Sat., July 12

Day  
4

7 a.m. **Mass** at St. Mary, Menasha  
8 a.m. St. Patrick, Menasha  
9 a.m. St. Margaret Mary Parish and School, Neenah  
10:30 a.m. St. Gabriel Parish and School, Neenah  
1 p.m. 4 St. Mary Catholic Middle and High School,  
p.m. 4:30 Neenah  
p.m. 6:00 Arrival at St. Bernard, Appleton  
p.m. **Vigil Mass** at St. Bernard, Appleton  
Xavier High School, Appleton

Sun., July 13

Day  
5

8 a.m. Xavier High School, Appleton  
9 a.m. St. Mary, Appleton  
10 a.m. **Mass** at St. Joseph, Appleton  
11:30 a.m. St. Therese, Appleton  
1:30 p.m. St. Thomas More Parish and School, Appleton  
3 p.m. 4 Xavier Middle School, Appleton  
p.m. 6 St. Pius X, Appleton  
p.m. **Mass** at St. Pius X, Appleton

JUBILEE 2025



PILGRIMS OF HOPE



**“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](mailto:jude.egbuna@ascension.org)

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. July 5	4:30pm	Patricia Bowe
Sun. July 6	7:45am	Carol & Jeff Rowland
	9:45am	Dick Schermerhorn
Mon. July 7	12:05pm	---
Thur. July 10	12:05pm	---
Sat. July 12	4:30pm	Cindy Vosters
Sun. July 13	7:45am	Richard & Patricia Pechotta
	9:45am	Jared Bardon
Mon. July 14	12:05pm	Cassie- Garvey Backhaus
Thur. July 17	12:05pm	---
Sat. July 19	4:30pm	---
Sun. July 20	7:45am	Pat Kiley
	9:45am	Catherine Thompson



**IN LOVING  
MEMORY**

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

**Rudolph Lawrence "Larry" Konz  
1926 - June 30, 2025**

*St Mary*  
**PRAYER TREE**

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



# EVENTS CALENDARS

## Week of July 5 - July 13

### Saturday, July 5

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel  
4:30pm Mass

### Sunday, July 6

7:45 am Mass  
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

### Monday, July 7

12:05pm Mass  
6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Ensemble  
6:30pm THEO/Community Rm

### Tuesday, July 8

9:00 am Connect Group?/CR  
2:00 pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel

### Wednesday, July 9

9:00 am Connect Group/Pillar Prep  
4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

### Thursday, July 10

9:00 Larry Konz Visitation  
10:00 am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR  
10:30 Larry Konz Funeral  
12:05 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Adult Choir

### Friday, July 11

**Parish Office Closed**

### Saturday, July 12

#### St. Joe's Food Program Collection

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel  
10:00am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support/LL7  
4:30 pm Mass

### Sunday, July 13

#### St. Joe's Food Program Collection

#### Coffee & Donuts

7:45 am Mass  
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

## Week of July 14 - July 15

### Monday, July 14

12:05 pm Mass

### Tuesday, July 15

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7  
1:00 pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's/L112  
1:00 pm STM & STJ Book Club  
2:00 pm Rosary Prayer/Chapel

### Wednesday, July 16

8:00 am Quilting/CR  
9:00 am Connect Group/LL7  
4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

### Thursday, July 17

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 18

**Parish Office Closed**

### Saturday, July 19

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel  
4:30 pm Mass

### Sunday, July 20

7:45 am Mass  
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed  
11:00 am Happy Hour Grill Out/CELC Gym & Playground



St Paul

# St. Mary

## Grief Support

Monday Evenings • 6-7:30 PM  
St. Mary Cemetery Chapel

[CLICK HERE  
TO REGISTER](#)

For More Information Contact  
Tom or Chip @ (920) 739-5119

## Clergy

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## Prayer Requests:

Contact Laurie Richter  
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Mary Jo Zilisch  
(920-734-1182) or

Ann Walkowski  
(920-428-0969)

## Important Contacts

### **Parish Office Hours:**

920-739-5119  
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  
llavalle@stmaryparish.org

### **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

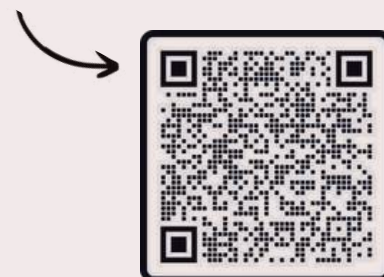
### **Cemetery Website:**

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

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 7.6.2025

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



As our nation celebrates its 249th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, I am distressed on these chaotic days when the future of democracy across this great land of ours is in danger.

The values enshrined in our founding documents are so inspiring. Yes, all women and men are created equal! We are all endowed with certain inalienable rights. We have the right to life that draws its quality from our sacred belief that we are all marked with the divine image of our Creator! Nothing can strip this sacred dignity from us!

We are all bathed in the grace of freedom! Saint Paul reminds us that Jesus has set us free [liberated us] from all things that might pull us away from Him, the greatest of these being a selfish indifference which blinds us from seeing Jesus in every person.

Enshrined in our founding documents are the precious freedoms to worship, to gather in assembly, to speak our minds and hearts on any

*We are all bathed in  
the grace of freedom!*

issue, with no hatred there, and to cherish the gift of the press. We are free to make our way through life finding that which will give us happiness and purpose.

Standing tall in the harbor of New York City is our Statue of Liberty. Inscribed there is Emma Lazarus' great sonnet declaring "Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand / A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame is the imprisoned lightning, and her name Mother of Exiles...cries she with silent lips, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..."

In his The American Thread, the black theologian Dante Stewart laments that our nation seems to be caught in the midst of a violent storm. So much is happening in this storm that is not worthy of a great nation. Dante worries about what the future holds for his little son and daughter.

He recounts a conversation with a young person in a coffee shop, who asked him, "Where do you turn when things in the world are so confusing and so shaky?" He shared with this young person a photo of his "prayer space" at home, where he has placed pictures of his mentors, those icons in his life who are beacons of hope, people like James Baldwin, Rev James Cone, Maya Angelou, and Toni Morrison. These are some of the great prophets from among our black sisters and brothers who have called us all to a change of heart. For a heartless land is an empty wasteland.

In his autobiography titled Hope, Pope Francis puts it this way: "The heart alone is able to unify and harmonize our personal history, which seems fragmented into a thousand pieces. The anti-heart, on the other hand, is a horizon increasingly dominated by narcissism and self interest, which leads in the end to apathy, to depression, to 'loss of desire,' precisely because the other person disappears from the horizon." (page 282)

Back to Mr Stewart. He then tore out a blank sheet of paper from his journal, and wrote on it: "Where we turn tells a lot about where we are and where we're going." Beneath that instruction, he wrote the words *trust*, *language*, *community*, and *destiny*. These insights he passed on to his searching young person.

I *trust* in the Lord and I *trust* in those people who have a great love for the Lord that moves them to be close to people, tender and compassionate, as Pope Francis suggested again and again.

The words that we speak and write and read must be a holy *language* that inspires and builds up rather than belittles and tears down. They have to be words that are true and not lies.

Yes, the most important word is we. We who are committed to the values of the Gospel and the values of democracy need to stand together as one beloved community. With the Lord's help, we can control our destiny. The time is now to speak out on behalf of all that is right and just. We who are committed to quickening the inbreaking into our world of the Kingdom of the Lord's Justice,

Forgiveness, Peace, Truth, Hope, and Joy must not lose heart. Remember that there is a world within our world that cannot be touched and that world is the Reign of God. In the Reign of God, there is no place for inhumane cruelty, indifference, and selfishness. In that world which is the Lord's Kingdom Come, whenever the hungry are fed, the thirsty are given a cup of cold water, whenever those who are sick or imprisoned are visited, and the stranger or foreigner is welcomed, we are ministering to Jesus Himself! We are one United States of America, where there is a holy place for every person to stand tall, no matter his or her race or religion or education or economic or immigration status. Our beloved Pope Francis reminded us that we look down upon another human being only to reach out and offer our hand to help her or him to get up. He or she is a sibling and never a demon or alien.

*As we celebrate the Fourth of July, I am grateful to Shirley Erena Murray, for her poem titled*  
**“God of Freedom, God of Justice”**

*God of freedom, God of justice,  
you whose love is strong as death,  
you who saw the dark of prison,  
you who knew the price of faith --  
touch our world of sad oppression  
with your Spirit's healing breath.  
Rid the earth of torture's terror,  
you whose hands were nailed to wood;  
hear the cries of pain and protest,  
you who shed the tears and blood --  
move in us the power of pity  
restless for the common good.  
Make in us a captive conscience  
quick to hear, to act, to plead;  
make us truly sisters, brothers  
of whatever race or creed --  
teach us to be fully human,  
open to each other's needs.*

Happy July Fourth!

*Fr. Bill +*