

AUGUST 3- AUGUST 17, 2025

# ST. MARY PARISH

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*IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART -PSALM 95*

# 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** 8:00 Assumption Mass

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Dear Spiritual Family of Saint Mary,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that Saint Mary Parish has reached its 2025 Bishop's appeal goal of \$72,433. Parishioners made gifts totaling \$74,798.

Through the Bishop's appeal, struggling families receive compassionate service through Catholic Charities counseling services, ministry formation assists in training deacons, pastoral leaders, and lay ministers, students build a relationship with Jesus through the help of religious education programs and Catholic schools, and much more!

So far this year, more than \$6,400,000 has been raised, and more than 22,000 families have come together to change lives throughout northeastern Wisconsin with their support. I would like to extend my gratitude to you and the members of St. Mary Parish for generously supporting the 2025 Bishop's Appeal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+David L. Ricken  
Bishop of Green Bay

## *With Deep Gratitude and Congratulations!*

Thank you for your many years of faithful service to St. Mary Parish, Appleton. We are deeply grateful for the dedication, compassion, and inspiration you have shared with our parish community.

May God continue to bless you in this joyful celebration and in the years to come.



**Sr. Joanne Goessl, OSF**  
*70th Jubilee*

With heartfelt appreciation



# St. MARY Parish Library



Did you know that we have some wonderful faith-filled reading right here at St. Mary's? Look for our little library located right across from the restrooms in the Marian Way. There are also books on a cart in the Marian Way. All of these are available for you to check out and read at your leisure. Take a book or two on your vacation!

## 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 build.

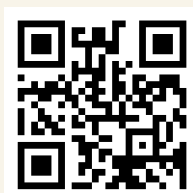
Contact Sarah Fraley  
[sfraley@new.rr.com](mailto:sfraley@new.rr.com) for meals.

## Mark your calendar Summer Dates!

**August 10 & 24**



of the Word  
9:45 am Mass



Coffee &  
Donuts

7:45 am & 9:45 am Mass

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

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# Come Celebrate ST. MARY

## FEAST DAY WEEKEND

After all the Masses

13 & 14 September 2025

### SPECIAL FEATURES



#### Exhibition Booths

Learn more about upcoming events after each Mass!



#### Refreshments

After all Masses that weekend!



#### Fun & Games

Scavenger Hunt for the Kids and a chance at a raffle prize!!



#### Annual Report

Take home a copy of the 2024-2025 Annual Report

## Hallow LAUNCH

We are thrilled to announce that we'll be partnering with Hallow this year, the #1 prayer app! Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. All parishioners are invited to be a part of our St. Mary Community in the app. There, you're able to create a profile, share prayer requests, and take part in prayer challenges together.



**AFTER EACH MASS**  
SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21  
30 MINUTES AFTER EACH MASS



**ST. MARY PARISH**  
312 S. STATE ST.  
APPLETON, WI



Fr. Mike Schmitz

Mark Wahlberg

Jonathan Roumie

Jeff Cavins

### ← Pray with these guys!

After each Mass, join a representative from Hallow to learn more about the app, get technical help on setting up the app on your phone, and learning more about building a culture of prayer!



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



## Babysitting Ministry Volunteers

- Babysit 9:30 am - 11 am on Sundays in Babysitting Room
- Adults and teenagers (12+) needed!
- Interested? Fill out the form at:  
<https://bit.ly/babysittingministry>

## Middle School Catechist/Core Team

- Share our faith with youth grades 6-8
- Build community in small groups
- Support prayer life
- Wednesdays, Sept-April, 6:15-8:15pm
- Contact Tracy @ [tturba@stmaryparish.org](mailto:tturba@stmaryparish.org)



## Elementary Catechist & Aids

- Share our faith with youth grades 1-5
- Bring the faith to life in activities & prayer
- Materials and support provided
- Wednesdays, Sept-April, 4:30-6:00pm
- Contact Tracy @ [tturba@stmaryparish.org](mailto:tturba@stmaryparish.org)



Which pope canonized the most saints in history?



WANT IN  
ON THE FUN?

## JOIN THE CLUB



### St. Mary and St. Joe's Book Club

The St Mary/St Joseph book club will meet Tuesday, August 19, from 1 to 2:30 pm, in Room LL7 at St. Mary on State Street. The book we'll be discussing is *The Summer of '69* by Elin Hilderbrand. For any inquiries or to request the list of books we'll be reading through 2025, please reach out to Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474.



**SPIRITUS Ministries**

### Database & Accounts Coordinator

Are you detail-driven, tech-savvy, and passionate about your Catholic faith? SPIRITUS Ministries is looking for a Database & Accounts Coordinator to join our dynamic Development Team and help us inspire youth, form future Church leaders, and ignite faith across Wisconsin and beyond.

Be the go-to expert for our donor and event platforms, keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes. From managing donor records and generating reports to supporting fundraising campaigns and special events, your work will help fuel the mission every day.

We are looking for a mission-minded, organized and collaborative team player. Be part of a mission making an eternal impact by using your talents for something greater. Ready to put your skills to work for a ministry that changes lives?

Contact Annette Hovie for a complete job description at [annetehovie@spiritusministries.org](mailto:annetehovie@spiritusministries.org)

# St. Joseph

## FOOD PROGRAM



### Collection is August 9 & 10

The August St. Joseph Food Program collection is August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The items this month are drinks of any type, drinks for kids such as Capri Sun or any fruit or juice drink, powdered milk, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, lemonade mix, fruit or tomato juices, Boost. Please nothing in glass containers, past use by date or anything perishable. Thank you for your help to help others.

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

# Fox Valley Catholic Bible Study



**Facilitator:**  
**Fr. Bill Swichtenberg**  
**Mission Statement**

The mission for the Fox Valley Bible Study is to better appreciate the message of salvation found in the Word of God, through prayer and study in order to better live and share the Good news.



**When:**  
**Fridays**  
**Year**  
**Round**



**Time:**  
**6:45pm -**  
**7:45pm**



**Where:**  
**Our Lady of**  
**Lourdes**  
**Fellowship Hall**



**Studying:**  
**A Feast of the Word-**  
**Lectio Divina with**  
**the Evangelist Luke**

## St Patrick's Catholic Church 54<sup>th</sup> Annual ROUND UP Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

N3686 State 76, Stephenville, WI

**EVENTS:**

- 11AM-5PM Craft Fair
- 11AM-5PM Theme Baskets
- 11:30AM Kids Coin Drop
- Noon Parade (over \$300 in coins)
- 1PM-5PM Bingo
- 1PM-5PM Starfire Family Band
- 2PM Bean Bag Toss (Sign up online)
- 5:30PM-9:30PM Fork in the Road Band
- 7:30PM Raffle Drawings Start

www.stpatrick-stephenville.org  
 St. Patrick's Parish

**FOR THE KIDS!**  
 Bounce House  
 Face Painting  
 Petting Zoo  
 Kids Games



Traveling Rosary for Vocations:  
 Thursday, August 14, 1 pm - 2:30 pm at  
 St. Michael Parish in Whitelaw. There  
 will be a rosary and litany for  
 vocations. Speakers from Holy Family  
 Convent and a reception after prayer.  
 For more information, call 920-323-  
 3243 or visit [www.gbdccw.org](http://www.gbdccw.org)

**Thank you to our Sponsors:**



# ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS

## THIS IS A DAY FOR EVERYONE!



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM St  
Joseph Food Program  
1465 Opportunity Way,  
Menasha

### About Our Event!

We invite all community members to this day of fun and friends.

We will have carnival games, a bounce house, food trucks, music, tours of our facility, and information on client services as well as volunteering.

### Event Highlights

**Food Trucks** ◀  
The Wandering Table, Fiamma  
Del Forno, Sara's Artisan  
Gelato, cotton candy station

**Live DJ** ◀  
Enjoy music by Yo DJ and  
dance the wiggles out!

**Tours and Information** ◀  
Learn more about our  
programs and client services

**Games for all Ages** ◀  
Enjoy carnival games, bounce  
house, yard games and more!

**Face Painting** ◀  
Free face painting by  
Prism and Pop!

**Free Family Photos!** ◀  
Professional family photos by  
Painting with Light

## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



920-734-9461 x309

Contact us

### Website

[www.stjoesfoodprogram.org](http://www.stjoesfoodprogram.org)



## Mass Intentions

Sat. Aug 2	4:30pm	Living & Deceased members of Joe & Viv Kaufman Family
Sun. Aug 3	7:45am 9:45am	Joe & Viv Kaufman Young People in the Military
Mon. Aug 4	12:05pm	Helen & Gordon Pippert
Thur. Aug 7	12:05pm	Members of St. Mary Parish
Sat. Aug 9	4:30pm	Molly Grow
Sun. Aug 10	7:45am 9:45am	Mary Ann Hanson Nicholas Jacob
Mon. Aug 11	12:05pm	Molly Grow
Thur. Aug 14	12:05pm	---
Fri. Aug 15	8:00am	Members of St. Mary Parish
Sat. Aug 2	4:30pm	Conrad Fuerstenberg
Sun. Aug 3	7:45am 9:45am	Larry & Ann Konz Jacob Family



## IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Robert Mullen

September 10, 1955 — July 16, 2025

## St Mary PRAYER TREE

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



# EVENTS CALENDAR

## Week of Aug 2 - Aug 10

### Saturday, Aug 2

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

### Sunday, Aug 3

7:45 am Mass  
9:45 am Mass/LS/Arris Snyder Baptism



### Monday, Aug 4

12:05pm Mass  
6:30pm THEO/Community Rm

### Tuesday, Aug 5

1:00pm Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's LL112  
2:00 pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel

### Wednesday, Aug 6

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7  
12:00pm Flock of Sparrows/LL5  
4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

### Thursday, Aug 7

10:00 am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR  
12:05 pm Mass  
1:00pm Hooks & Needles/LL1

### Friday, Aug 8

**Parish Office Closed**

### Saturday, Aug 9

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel  
10:00am NEC Group/LL7  
4:30 pm Mass

### Sunday, Aug 10

**Coffee & Donuts**  
**St. Joe's Food Program Collection**  
7:45 am Mass  
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

## Week of Aug 11- Aug 17

### Monday, Aug 11

12:05 pm Mass

### Tuesday, Aug 12

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

### Wednesday, Aug 13

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

### Thursday, Aug 14

12:05 pm Mass

### Friday, Aug 15

**Parish Office Closed**  
8:00am Assumption Mass

### Saturday, Aug 16

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel  
1:00pm Jamie Wittlock / Gregory Dungar Wedding  
4:30 pm Mass



### Sunday, Aug 17

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



Pope John Paul II canonized 482  
Saints during his pontificate



## Clergy

### **Pastor, Fr. Bill Swichtenberg**

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### **Chad Tisdell**

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## Prayer Requests:

Contact Laurie Richter  
lauriejrichter@gmail.com

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

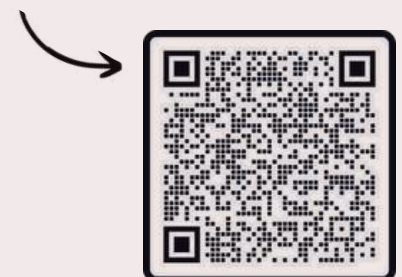
### **Cemetery Website:**

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 // 8.3.2025

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



Wednesday (8/6) marks the 80th anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. It is hard to hold these two events together in our minds and hearts.

Alone with Peter, James and John, Jesus's closest companions, on the mountain top, the disciples really see Jesus. It is true that sometimes we need to step away from the busyness of our lives to rest in Jesus. The divine glory spills forth from Jesus's Sacred Heart, and permeates everything around him. Even his clothing takes on the brightness of the sun. This is the light of love that transfigures every human heart if we but open our hearts to Jesus, allowing his love to soothe our hurts and to inspire our every word and action.

The light of a nuclear bomb blast, blotting out the light of the sun, is a foreshadowing of the darkness that can overtake the human heart. All is fair in war and peace, so they say. In 1945, the dropping of the nuclear bomb over Hiroshima, Japan, on August 6 and then again

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over Nagasaki on August 9 was seen as the only option to quickly end World War II. But so many innocent lives, men, women, and children were lost on those days.

It is hard to believe that there can be anything like a just war when nuclear weapons are at the disposal of too many nations in the world. The principles of proportionality and the obligation to protect noncombatants are thrown out the window in a nuclear war.

Father Pedro Arrupe, who served as the Superior General of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) from 1965 to 1983, was a young priest in Hiroshima on that fateful August 6th and witnessed the mushroom cloud and the horrific suffering of his Japanese sisters and brothers in the catastrophic aftermath.

He said, "I shall never forget my first sight of what was the result of the atomic bomb: a group of young women, eighteen or twenty years old, clinging to one another as they dragged themselves along the road. One had a blister that almost covered her chest; she had burns across half of her face, and a cut in her scalp caused probably by a falling tile, while great quantities of blood coursed freely down her face. On and on they came, a steady procession numbering some 150,000. This gives some idea of the scene of horror that was Hiroshima. ... We did the only thing that could be done in the presence of such mass slaughter: we fell on our knees and prayed for guidance, as we were destitute of all human help...It is at such times that one feels most a priest, when one knows that in the city there are 50,000 bodies which, unless they are cremated, will cause a terrible plague. There were also some 120,000 wounded to care for. In light of these facts, a priest cannot remain outside the city just to preserve his life. Of course, when one is told that in the city there is a gas that kills, one must be very determined to ignore that fact and go in. And we did." (from [Jesuit.org](http://Jesuit.org).)

In an address of the Holy Father Pope Francis, delivered at the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Hypocenter, on November 24, 2019, we find these prophetic words:

*One of the deepest longings of the human heart is for security, peace and stability. The possession of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction is not the answer to this desire; indeed they seem always to thwart it. Our world is marked by a perverse dichotomy that tries to defend and ensure stability and peace through a false sense of security sustained by a mentality of fear and mistrust, one that ends up poisoning relationships between peoples and obstructing any form of dialogue.*

...

*Here in this city which witnessed the catastrophic humanitarian and environmental consequences of a nuclear attack, our attempts to speak out against the arms race will never be enough. The arms race wastes precious resources that could be better used to benefit the integral development of peoples and to protect the natural environment. In a world where millions of children and families live in inhumane conditions, the money that is squandered and the fortunes made through the manufacture, upgrading, maintenance and sale of ever more destructive weapons, are an affront crying out to heaven.*

And at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima on the same day, Pope Francis declared:

*It is my humble desire to be the voice of the voiceless, who witness with concern and anguish the growing tensions of our own time: the unacceptable inequalities and injustices that threaten human coexistence, the grave inability to care for our common home, and the constant outbreak of armed conflict, as if these could guarantee a future of peace.*

*With deep conviction, I wish once more to declare that the use of atomic energy for purposes of war is today, more than ever, a crime not only against the dignity of human beings but against any possible future for our common home [our earth]. The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral, just as the possessing of nuclear weapons is immoral, as I already said two years ago. We will be judged on this. Future generations will rise to condemn our failure if we spoke of peace but did not act to bring it about among the peoples of the earth. How can we speak of peace even as we build terrifying new weapons of war? How can we speak about peace even as we justify illegitimate actions by speeches filled with discrimination and hate?*

Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe, New Mexico, has been the leading prophetic voice for nuclear disarmament in the US Catholic Church. In the annals of nuclear research, Santa Fe has played a central role, given the presence of the Los Alamos and Sandia nuclear weapons laboratories and the nation's largest repository of nuclear weapons at the Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In a summary of the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter titled "Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation on Nuclear Disarmament", Wester reminds us that "Pope Francis has made clear statements about the immorality of possessing nuclear weapons, moving the Church from past conditional acceptance of "deterrence" to the moral imperative of abolition. Instead of just a few hundred nuclear weapons for just deterrence, we have thousands for nuclear warfighting that could destroy God's creation on earth. Moreover, we are robbing the poor and needy with current plans to spend at least \$1.7 trillion to "modernize" our nuclear weapons and keep them forever." (taken from Los Angeles Catholic Worker, Jan 2022)

Here is the link to the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter:

[https://files.ecatholic.com/17613/documents/2022/1/220111\\_ABW\\_Pastoral\\_Letter\\_LivingintheLighttofChristsPeace\\_Official\\_Reduced.pdf?t=1641922875000](https://files.ecatholic.com/17613/documents/2022/1/220111_ABW_Pastoral_Letter_LivingintheLighttofChristsPeace_Official_Reduced.pdf?t=1641922875000)

Thanks for taking the time to prayerfully ponder this **IN JOY AND SORROW**.

Let us pray:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

*Fr. Bill +*