

AUGUST 17- AUGUST 31, 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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312 SOUTH STATE STREET • APPLETON, WI 54911



“Arise, O Lord, into Your resting place: You and the ark of Your sanctification.” - Psalm 132:8

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

Pastor - Fr. Bill Swichtenberg

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cell 920-422-4316

Cemetery Info - Chip Acker

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cell 920-882-4158

SCRIP EARNINGS 2024-2025

\$4,311.60

Stop by the scrip table to learn how to help.

Elementary Catechist & Aids



Middle School Catechist/Core Team

- 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



- 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

Volunteer
every hand makes a difference



Join Us on the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

- 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 to build.

Contact Sarah Fraley
sfraley@new.rr.com for meals.

Mark your calendar Summer Dates!

August 24



of the Word
9:45 am Mass



7:45 am & 9:45 am Mass
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
@ [HTTP://BIT.LY/4J2M9EO](http://bit.ly/4J2M9EO)

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.



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!

JOIN ST. MARY IN PRAYER ON HALLOW

With over 10,000 guided prayers, meditations, and sessions, Hallow puts over 2,000 years of Catholic tradition at your fingertips, helping you grow in faith, build a habit of daily prayer, and discover different types of prayer.



New to Hallow??

Scan the QR code or visit hallow.com/parish to get started! All parishioners – subscribers and free users alike – are invited to join. To forgo the special offer and remain on the free version, simply hit "Skip" when prompted, and you'll have access to our parish page.

Hallow is the #1 Catholic prayer and meditation platform in the world and is home to the largest digital community of Catholics online!

Already on Hallow? Join the Parish!

1. Log into **Hallow**
2. On the bottom right, tap **Community**
3. Enter our zip code: **54911**
4. When you see St. Mary's, tap **Join Parish**



DISCIPLESHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Ministry:

- A laid-back space for guys to share how faith shows up in their daily lives—no homework, just bring whatever's on your heart.
- Meets on every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 PM in LL7, starting Tuesday, August 26
- Contact: Jim Richter at jimrichtermd@gmail.com

Women's Ministry:

- Come join us for lively fellowship and meaningful Scripture reflection as we connect, encourage, and grow in faith together!
- Meets on every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 6:00-7:30 PM in LL7, starting Thursday, September 18
- Contact: Jane Leveille at leveille.jat@gmail.com

MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested in joining a small group but don't know where to start, reach out to Kate in the Parish Office – she'd love to help you find a perfect fit!



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ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

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HELP THE KIDS OF THE APPLETON AREA SCHOOLS

- Adult size scissors
- Dry erase markers
- Large glue sticks
- Lined note cards
- Post-it Notes
- Graph paper

- Colored pencils/crayons
- Black Sharpie markers
- Fabric pencil cases
- Plastic pencil boxes
- 1-inch binders
- Binder dividers
- Headphones/Earbuds


- 10 count classic color washable markers
- Plastic pocket folders
- Folders with prongs
- Scientific calculators
- Full size backpacks (gender-neutral colors)
- Wide-ruled composition notebooks
- Highlighters in colors other than yellow
- Pencil sharpeners with cover

HELP US FUND OUR SHOE DRIVE

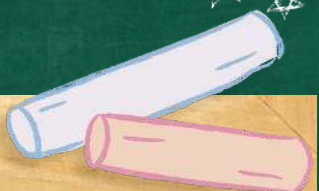


If you're looking to support us in another manner, the St. Mary Human Concerns Committee has established a fund specifically for new shoes for children in the Appleton Area Schools. If you decide to buy new shoes, you can find a collection bin in the Marian Way. We gladly accept monetary donations, or you can contribute through Faith Direct.

COLLECTION RUNS FROM AUGUST 16-24



Sponsored by the St. Mary Human Concerns Committee





PARENTS!

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME

FAITH FORMATION



ALL youth are welcome to join Beacon Faith Formation on Wednesday nights to grow in faith and community.

Classes will begin 9/17

Grades 1-5 | 4:45-6:00pm

Grades 6-8 | 6:30-7:45pm

Grades 9-12 | 6:30-8:00pm



<https://bit.ly/4mf0vUY>

Questions about Beacon or sacrament prep?

Contact Tracy in the parish office (tturba@stmaryparish.org or 920-739-5119).

SACRAMENT PREP

Do you have a child of the age for First Communion or Confirmation? It's time to register them for our sacramental prep programs.

FYI: Catholic day school students prepare for and receive sacraments through their home parish (St. Mary Parish).

2nd GRADE STUDENTS: First Reconciliation & First Communion

prep begins in September

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS*:

Confirmation

prep begins in the winter

*Public school students still participate in Beacon on Wednesdays and can register for sacraments through the Beacon sign-up.



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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

Mass Intentions

Fri. Aug 15	8:00am	Members of St. Mary Parish
Sat. Aug 16	4:30pm	Conrad Fuerstenberg
Sun. Aug 17	7:45am 9:45am	Larry & Anne Konz Jacob Family
Mon. Aug 18	12:05pm	Irene Fait
Thur. Aug 21	12:05pm	Members of St. Mary Parish
Sat. Aug 23	4:30pm	Roseann Rodwell
Sun. Aug 24	7:45am 9:45am	Marjorie Elizabeth Nabbefeldt Clem & Rita Bardon
Mon. Aug 25	12:05pm	---
Thur. Aug 28	12:05pm	Bill Polley
Sat. Aug 30	4:30pm	Fr Anthony Scannell
Sun. Aug 31	7:45am 9:45am	Bill & Florence Polley Ben Ruh



IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Roseann Rodwell
(Mother of Donna VanGrinsven)
December 23, 1937 - August 3, 2025

Sally Grall
December 8, 1946 - August 7, 2025

Gerald Grall
October 15, 1943 - August 11, 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 16 - Aug 24

Saturday, Aug 16

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

Sunday, Aug 17

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

Monday, Aug 18

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

Tuesday, Aug 19

1:00pm Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's LL112
1:00pm STM & STJ Book Club
2:00pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel

Wednesday, Aug 20

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

Thursday, Aug 21

9:30am CIAFMO/LL7
10:00am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR
12:05pm Mass
1:00pm Hooks & Needles/LL1

Friday, Aug 22

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Aug 23

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

Sunday, Aug 24

Coffee & Donuts

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

Week of Aug 25- Aug 31

Monday, Aug 25

12:05pm Mass

Tuesday, Aug 26

9:00am Connect Group/CR
2:00pm Rosary Prayer/Chapel
6:30pm Men's Ministry/LL7

Wednesday, Aug 27

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

Thursday, Aug 28

12:05pm Mass

Friday, Aug 29

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Aug 30

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

Sunday, Aug 31

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

What prayer is known as the
"Canticle of Mary" from the Gospel
of Luke 1:46-55 ?



Clergy

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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

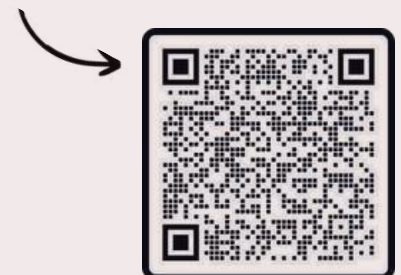
Interested in joining the Parish?
Contact Lori Lavalle
llavalle@stmaryparish.org

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



The Magnificat

in Joy & SORROW

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WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



I usually have to talk myself into watching animated films. When I do so, I am moved by the film's message. I am thinking back to Disney's 1992 animated feature film Aladdin. The film's signature song, "A Whole New World," which received the Academy Award for Best Original Song at the 65th Academy Awards and a Golden Globe Award at the 50th Golden Globe Awards, lifts my spirit. If you recall, this is the piece of music which accompanied Aladdin's magic carpet adventure, as it glided high through the air, overlooking the kingdom, while Jasmine held on tightly to Aladdin.

Here is a smattering of the lyrics:

I can show you the world
Shining, shimmering, splendid...
I can open your eyes...
A whole new world
A new fantastic point of view

*A whole new world
A new fantastic
point of view.*



No one to tell us no
Or where to go
Or say we're only dreaming...

If you are like me, on these confusing days, when too much tugs on my heartstrings, causing them to fray, when every situation or decision just rubs me the wrong way, I wonder where we are going to end up. I deliberately limit my watching of national and international news to about one hour. It is all I can tolerate.

It seems that the angels of our better nature are being banished by the demons of brutality and indifference. Make no bones about it. These angels and these demons are not floating out there, willy, nilly. No! They make their home in the human heart. The question always must be: Is my heart motivated by angels or demons? Sadly, the truth is that there is a mixture of demons and angels in each of us. That is why we need Jesus, our Savior, who is like an anointing with a healing salve upon your heart and my heart.

Jesus's constant theme in his preaching and lived example is his dream for the inbreaking of the Kingdom of God into our world. This is the "whole new world." The Kingdom of God is so much more than a place; it is the dream of how we human beings might one day live together. The Kingdom is about peace and unity, love and joy, and justice and forgiveness. These Kingdom Beatitudes are desperately needed at this time. This truth has been the case since the beginning of the human story.

Jesus' dream was nearly extinguished as he hung between heaven and earth on the Tree of the Cross, crying out from the deepest depths of His Being, "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" (Psalm 22:2) His Father heard his plea and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, raised Jesus to a new life. The darkness of despair and depression was dispelled by the new dawn of hope and healing. Hope never disappoints.

For me, I do not steel myself against the suffering that overshadows every place in our world right now. Gaza and Ukraine, Washington, DC and San Diego, South Sudan and the Congo of Africa, and too many other places which are overwhelmed by people who are suffering or angry. I cannot forget the precious children. Holding all of this darkness in my heart, I wait in hope for the dawn which will come.

I am moved by the ministry and work of Dante Stewart. On my must-read wish list is his book, *Shoutin' in the Fire: An American Epistle*. Having received a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Clemson University and currently a student at the Candler School of Theology at Emerson University in Atlanta, Mr Stewart is a speaker and writer in the areas of race, religion and politics.

In his *American Thread* on August 12, 2025, crushed by a heavy heart, reacting to so much of what is currently swirling around us, Dante writes:

Whatever you must do to protect the part of you that is angry and sad at the way things are, do it. Whatever you must do to hold one another, do it. Whatever you must do to protect your humanity, do it.

If you have cried more than you have laughed, you are not alone. If you have cried more than you have posted, you are not alone. If you have felt more sadness and anger than joy, you are not alone.

Please remember: this world is yours, you live in it and belong to it. You and everyone else deserves to live in peace. And peace should not come at the expense of another person's humanity. Peace means love, liberation, and life for all. And if it can't mean that, it's not peace at all.

I don't know what comes after this. I just hope we find a way to tell one another again and again, and once more: you matter, you are loved, you deserve to be free, you deserve care, you are human, the world is yours, we want you here, with us.

The world is heavy, I lift what I can.

I am reminded of the Prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila.

Let nothing disturb you,

Let nothing frighten you,

All things are passing away:

God never changes.

Patience obtains all things

Whoever has God lacks nothing;

God alone suffices.

Amen!

Fr. Bill +