

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have everlasting life. John 3:16

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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Come Celebrate
ST. MARY

FEAST DAY WEEKEND

Fall Kick-Off

After all the Masses

**This Weekend
in the
Community
Room!!**



Exhibition
Booths on
Upcoming
Events!

Delicious
Refreshments!

Scavenger Hunt &
Coloring Contest
for the Kids!

Win a St. Mary
Swag & Snack
Basket!



Which pope established the
modern conclave system for papal
elections?



St. Joseph
FOOD PROGRAM

**Collection This Weekend
September 13 & 14**

St. Joseph Food Program collection is September 13th, and 14th and is for lunch items. Some suggestions are snacks, fruit cups, something to drink or something to make a sandwich. Nothing perishable, past use by date or in glass.

PICK UP YOUR COPY THIS WEEKEND

SABBATH GUIDE

YOUR PRAYER COMPANION



Explore five simple ways
to honor the Sabbath for
rest and renewal,
promoting Sunday as a
sacred time of joy, peace,
and connection.



Hallow LAUNCH

We are thrilled to announce that we'll be partnering with Hallow this year, the #1 prayer app! Learn more after each Mass!



AFTER EACH MASS
SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21
30 MINUTE PRESENTATION

4:30 PM MASS

Hosted after Mass in the Sanctuary.



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

7:45 AM & 9:45 AM MASS

Hosted after Mass in the Community Room.



Let us pray

Evening worship experiences at St. Mary, Appleton

**Discover the Power of
Lectio Divina with Fr. Bill**

September 29 | 6:30-8:00 PM

**Are you hungry for a deeper relationship with Jesus?
Are you feeling stagnant in your prayer life?
Are you longing to hear from God, but don't know how?**



Join Fr. Bill in the Chapel to experience *lectio divina* – an ancient form of prayer that draws us into a deeper relationship with Christ through Scripture. Together, we will read, reflect, and listen to the Lord's voice speaking personally to our hearts. Whether you are experienced in this type of prayer or trying it for the first time, you are warmly welcome.

Come with an open heart. Leave with a renewed spirit!



CELEBRATE ST. MARY'S IRISH HERITAGE

CELTIC MASS

FREE TICKET IN THE WORSHIP AID

SEPTEMBER 20, 4:30 PM

Continue the celebration at Irish Fest Fox Cities that night with a free ticket in the worship aid.



Pillars is low on E2F Pans that are meals for their residents. These are meals you can put together easily for about \$15-\$20. One pan can feed 10 people. **Pick up a pan on October 4th and 5th** after the Masses. Please follow the enclosed directions and **return the frozen meal on October 11th and 12th**. Thank you for helping.



Pancake Breakfast

**SUNDAY, OCT. 5
8:30 - 11:30AM
COMMUNITY ROOM**

buttermilk pancakes
french toast sticks
bacon, sausage, fresh fruit

**All are welcome!
free will offerings accepted**



NEW SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

Men's Ministry:

- 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:

- 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, contact Kate in the Parish Office, kminczeski@stmaryparish.org (920) 739-5119 x 110



Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

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



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

Celebrate

**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

September 1 - October 4



Brunch BUNCH

All parishioners 55 and older, are invited to join us for brunch on Sunday, September 28th at 11:30 am, at Pullman's Restaurant, 619 S. Olde Oneida St. We will order off the menu and it is self pay. Reservations required. Please call or text Sue Rogers @ 920-810-1545 with questions or reservations. Please leave your name and the number of people attending by Friday, Sept. 26.



Confirmation Mass

Please pray for our Confirmation students who have been preparing over the last year and will be confirmed this month, 9/27.



PARENTS!

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME



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>

SACRAMENT PREP



<https://bit.ly/3UVICyf>

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

2nd GRADE STUDENTS: First Reconciliation & First Communion
(prep begins in September)

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS: Confirmation
(Prep begins in the winter)



Elementary School Aides

- Share our faith with youth grades 1-5
- Materials and support provided
- Wednesdays, Sept-April, 4:30-6:15pm

High School Catechist/Core Team

- Share our faith with youth grades 9-12
- Build community & prayer life
- Wednesdays, Sept-April, 6:15-8:15pm

Minister of Young Disciples, Grades 1-5, Children's Liturgy

Join Our Pastoral Team

Tracy is going part-time and will minister to our middle and high school students. We are hiring someone to minister to our students in grades 1-5 and our youngsters who attend Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Contact Nadine or Tracy for more information.

Interested?

Contact: Tracy@tturbaestmaryparish.org
Nadine@nduncanestmaryparish.org

EVENTS CALENDAR

Week of Sept 13-Sept 21

Saturday, Sept 13

St. Joe's Food Program Collection

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

10:00am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support Group/LL7

4:30pm Mass-Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, Sept 14

St. Joe's Food Program Collection

7:45am Mass-Feast Day Celebration

9:45am Mass/Livestreamed-Feast Day Celebration

Monday, Sept 15

12:05pm Mass

6:30pm THEO/CR

Tuesday, Sept 16

9:00am Connect Group/LL7

1:00pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's LL112

1:00pm SMP & STJ Book Club/LL7

2:00pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel

6:00pm Human Concerns-Store room

6:30pm Matthew 25/CR

Wednesday, Sept 17

8:00am Quilting/CR

9:30am Connect Group/LL7

4:30pm Adoration/Chapel

4:45pm Beacon Faith Formation 1st -5th

6:30pm Beacon Faith Formation 6th -12th

Thursday, Sept 18

10:00am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR

12:05pm Mass

1:00pm Hooks & Needles/CR

6:00pm Adult Choir/Music room

6:00pm Women's Ministry/LL7

Friday, Sept 19

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Sept 20

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

2:00pm Alexis Govan - Zachary Ziglinski Wedding

4:30pm Celtic Mass/Hallow Kickoff

Sunday, Sept 21

Coffee & Donuts

7:45am Mass-Hallow Kickoff

9:45am Mass/LS-Hallow Kickoff

5:00pm Confirmation Rehearsal/Church

Mass Intentions

Sat. Sep 13	4:30pm	Morry DeBruin
Sun. Sept 14	7:45am 9:45am	Curt Bengel John Rutten
Mon. Sept 15	12:05pm	Robert Mullen
Thur. Sept 18	12:05pm	Sally Thompson
Sat. Sept 20	4:30pm	Fran & Bob Drephal
Sun. Sept 21	7:45am 9:45am	Members of St. Mary Parish Nancie & Dennis Chuchel



IN LOVING MEMORY

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

St. Mary PRAYER TREE

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



Clergy

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Pope Gregory X
(1210-1276)

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Prayer Requests

Contact Laurie Richter
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(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

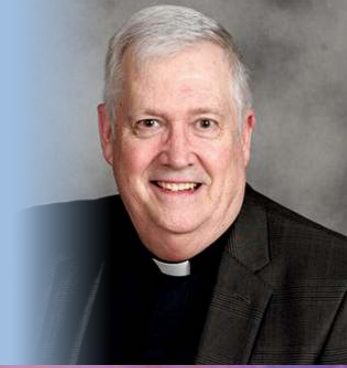
Eucharistic Adoration Wednesdays
4:30-8pm
Sign up for a slot to sit with Jesus.
We must have one person
with the Eucharist at all times.

[Click here to schedule Adoration](#)

Or scan with your phone



in Joy & SORROW



As we conclude our celebration of the 165th anniversary of the founding of our Spiritual Family of Saint Mary Parish, we do so right in the middle of the Universal Church's celebration of a Jubilee Year of Hope. Both of these holy occasions occur as we celebrate the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross this weekend, and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, our Patronal Feast Day, on Monday.

In my Pastoral Letter for our Parish Jubilee, "Journeying Forward Together: Weaving Hope", I offered a meditation on the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, beating in sync with each other, holding joys and sorrows together in an indomitable trust of God, their Father. [[Here is the link to the entire Pastoral Letter](#)].

After itemizing some of the joys so apparent in the lives of Jesus and Mary, I turned to their shared sorrows. I began by noting these words of Henry James, the expert on religious experience: "*Sorrow comes in great waves...but rolls over us, and though it may almost smother us, it leaves us. And we know that if it is strong, we are stronger, in as*

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much as sorrow passes and we remain.”

As the Church in Rome celebrates a Jubilee of Consolation this weekend, the words of Pope Leo to the Participants in the Mariological Marian Congress on Saturday, August 5, caught my attention:

A Church with a Marian heart always better preserves and understands the hierarchy of truths of faith, integrating mind and heart, body and soul, universal and local, person and community, humanity and cosmos. It is a Church that does not shy away from asking herself, others and God uncomfortable questions – “how shall this be?” (Lk 1:34) – and to walk the demanding paths of faith and love – “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word” (Lk1:38).

A Marian pietas [dutifulness, affection, and loyalty] and practice oriented towards the service of hope and consolation frees us from fatalism, superficiality and fundamentalism; it takes all human realities seriously, starting with the least and the discarded; it contributes to giving voice and dignity to those who are sacrificed on the altars of ancient and new idols.

Let’s always remember that Mary has a heart broken open to her sons and daughters who suffer in any fashion. Be certain that Mary is not some meek, mild, wallflower-kind of-personality, submissive and silent.

No, today, she stands in the rubble of Gaza and Ukraine, and so many other war-town places, with tears streaming down her face, somehow trying beyond what can be imagined to lift up and strengthen her suffering children. Her sorrows are the sorrows of her children. When we are struggling in any way, she is right there to listen with her heart and to take our prayers to Her Son, our Lord Jesus.

As the Parish of Our Lady of Seven Dolours, we are grateful for the hope that Mary presents to us in both good and bad times, happy and sad times, and healthy and sick times. Her consolation and Jesus’ consolation towards us are one and the same!

Please take the time to explore this weekend’s fair in the Community Room and Marian Way as we embrace suggestions that will help us to grow in our love for the Lord Jesus, Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, and one another! The current, which is holy time, is continuously moving us forward! Always remember that the Holy Spirit is fiercely adverse to moving backwards!

Fr. Bill +