

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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“The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.” Wisdom 3:1

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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Parish Office Hours:

920-739-5119

Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9am-4pm

Wed, 9am-6:30pm

Friday-Office Closed

Sacrament of Matrimony

Getting Married?

Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill at least six months before your planned wedding date.

Interested in joining the Parish?

Contact Lori Lavallo

llavalle@stmaryparish.org

Confession times:

Saturdays 9-10am or by appointment

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.

Or scan with your phone.



SCAN ME



All parishioners 55 and older are invited to join us for brunch on Sunday, November 9th at 11:30 am, at Angels Restaurant at 1401 E. John St, Appleton. We will order off the menu, and it is self-pay. Reservations required. Please call or text Sue Rogers @ 920-810-1545 with reservations or questions. Please leave your name and the number of people attending by Friday, November 7th.



The following was written by an anonymous soldier of the Confederacy that still has relevance today:

"I asked God for strength, that I might achieve – I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for help that I might do greater things – I was given infirmity, that I might do better things. I asked for riches, that I might be happy – I was given poverty, that I might be wise. I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life – I was given life, that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I asked for – but everything I had hoped for. Despite myself, my prayers were answered. I am, among all men, most richly blessed!"

-Anonymous



Baptism Announcement:

On Saturday, November 8th, we will joyfully celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with a large family at the 4:30 PM Mass. Please note that the first few pews on the St. Mary and St. Joseph side may be reserved to accommodate our baptismal family and their guests. Thank you for your kindness and flexibility as we welcome them into our parish family!

5th Annual

APPLETON CHRISTMAS PARADE OPEN HOUSE

Enjoy Cookies and Cocoa with fellow parishioners as you watch the parade on the big screen

St. Mary Community Room
Tuesday, Nov. 25 | 6-9pm
All are Welcome!



St. Mary Friends from Sister Joanne:

Thank you for a wonderful celebration last Sunday of my 70 years as a Sr. of St. Francis of the Holy Cross! Through you, God has blessed me abundantly. You each touched my heart being sent last Sunday. I realize some of you had prior commitments, yet I felt your love. Thank you for your cards, gifts and sharing stories I forgot! I will always hold you in my prayers, thoughts and gratitude. How blessed I am!



TRUNK or TREAT

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the St. Mary Parish Trunk or Treat event! Your creativity, enthusiasm, and generosity made the day truly special and memorable for all involved. The festive decorations, imaginative costumes, and delicious treats brought smiles to faces young and old alike. It was heartwarming to see our community come together in such a joyful celebration. We are grateful for the time and effort you all put into making this event a success. Your commitment to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment is what makes our parish so special.



Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with the Chili Dinner Fellowship event last Saturday.



Miscarriage, Infant & Child Loss Memorial 33rd Annual "Forever in Our Hearts" Service

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 6 pm
St. Bernard Parish

RSVP by November 7
to have your child's name included in the program.

Contact Cathy Kulibert at 920-739-0331,
email: clulibert@stbernardappleton.org

Light a candle
in memory of a loved one.



Candles will be
lit during all
weekend
Masses in
November.

A sign-up sheet
is available in
the Marian Way.

*Anointing of
the Sick*

NOV 15-16,
DURING ALL MASSES



Thank you all for feedback on our
Annual Report Meeting





NEW PARISHIONER LUNCHEON

**Sunday, November 9th
11:00 am in the St. Anne Room**

If you have joined the parish since
January 2024,
we would love to have you attend.
Please contact Lori Lavalle at
llavalle@stmaryparish.org to sign up
or for more information. Please RSVP
before **Wednesday, October 29th.**



What was the name of
Moses' brother?



Xavier
Theatre
Presents

Seussical™ JR.

Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty
Music by Stephen Flaherty - Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens
Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle
Based on the works of Dr. Seuss
Music Supervised, Adapted and Produced by Bryan Louiselle

Your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical JR.*,
a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony-winners,
Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (*Ragtime, Once On This Island*).

**7:00 pm November 7, 8*, 14, 15
2:00 pm November 8, 15**

*Family Discount Night 7pm November 8 only ALL SEATS \$8

Adult \$13 • Senior Citizens \$12 • Students \$11
Age 60 and above

Ticket prices do not include service fees on credit card purchases.
These fees are established by Ludus, our box office vendor, and are nonrefundable.

www.xaviertheatre.com • (920) 733-8840

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre
1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton, WI

A Program of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System
SEUSSICAL JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Please order ADA seats by phone or in-person at the box office.

Hearing Loop Equipped

“A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter, whoever
has found one has found a treasure.”


Sirach 6:14

Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI Women Celebrate Weekend

February 6th to 8th

Registration Opens November 5th

www.womencelebrate.org



Women Celebrate is a Catholic-based weekend
retreat open to women 18 and older of all
Christian denominations. Join us to grow in faith,
build community, and experience a weekend
filled with inspiring speakers, worship, and
spiritual renewal.

JOIN US!

Join a Stewardship Team

Team up with other parish members to verify and deposit the stewardship donations given to St. Mary. This involves counting the cash, opening and verifying the contents of the various envelopes, and preparing the bank deposit. No special skills are needed, but computer or adding machine skills are beneficial. Teams generally count once per month on a Monday or Sunday morning giving one to two hours depending on the stewardship collected.

Interested parish members can call the parish office.



B.A.G.

(BLESSED ARE GIVERS)

Remember to return your bag on November 1st and 2nd with toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, bath soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, and shampoo.

St. Joseph Food Program truck will be in front of the church Sunday morning, November 2nd. Thank you for helping with this collection for the past 41 years.



November is
*Gratitude
& Giving Month!*

As part of Gratitude & Giving Month we are bringing back a couple pre-covid practices.

Children's Envelopes: In the pews we will have envelopes for kids to contribute their offering. Every child can participate by either contributing part of their allowance or writing a message telling Fr. Bill what they did for Jesus that week.

Basket with financial giving: We will begin to bring our gifts to the altar during offertory.

HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES



TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Purchase a \$25, \$50 or \$100 grocery store gift card at our scrip table after weekend Masses, or in our parish office during the week
- Cash donations accepted! (scrip table after weekend Masses or parish office during the week)
- Drop non-perishable food items on cart in Marian Way (no glass please)
- Donate directly to St. Joe's Food Program

ONGOING FOOD DRIVE WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

With St. Joe's Food Program, we're stepping up our efforts to help our neighbors who are no longer receiving SNAP and food benefits or paychecks.

Let's not allow our friends and neighbors to go hungry!



SPONSORED BY THE ST. MARY HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Please remember in your prayers the following
 loved ones who have passed away this year.
November 1, 2024 - November 1, 2025

Marjorie Nabbefeldt	James Hebert	Mary Mauthe	Sally Grall
Patricia Dewey	Mary Burton	Eunice Femal	Tracy O'Leary
Dawn Ahrens	Rose Ann Milbach	Priscilla Switzer	Jerry Grall
Stella Hoffmann	Mary Ellen Schwaller	Steven Ahrens	Margaret Higgins
Daniel Lella	Elizabeth Milhaupt	Colleen Garvey	John Wallace devos
Howard Haan	Elaine Neville	Kathleen Zabinske	Carol Bushman
Carla Maloney	Carol Van Den Heuvel	Jacob Hackl	Paula Hebeler
James Duffy	Many Ann Hanson	Leticia Nava De Soto	Nancy Paters
Catalina Her	Carol Wagner	Joe Weber	
Daniel Lauer	Giovanni Olano	Veronica Kasel	
Janice Mayer	Patricia Rogney	Anne Hein	
Joseph Mahlebach	Thomas Reuss	Sandra Bryan	
Conrad Fuerstenberg	John Heegeman	David Kaufman	
David Newland	Robert Schoultz	Mary Egan	
Ramona Kirkland	Margaret Schnese	Rudolph Konz	
Thomas Kiley	Frances Mac Donald	Raymond Pitsch	
Margaret Brouillard	Fay Kettenhofen	Michel Roy MD	
Susanne Lella	Katherine De Sanctis	Robert Mullen	
Mary Tetting	Lyle Gerhartz	Stephen Zielinski	
	Nadia Bowman-Barnes	Thomas Long	





Stewardship of God's Gifts

Together, we'll explore how to faithfully manage our finances, practice generosity, and grow as disciples.

Estate Planning Seminar: Monday, November 3, 6:30-8:00 PM

What legacy will you leave?

Learn about critical issues in estate planning and legacy giving, like wills vs. trusts, charitable giving, beneficiary designations, and more!



St. Mary Community Room
312 South State Street
Appleton, WI 54911

**Light refreshments available.*



REG WYDEVEN
Attorney McCarty
Law



JANET WAGNER
Assistant Director
Catholic Foundation

RSVP by Oct. 30

Contact Kate at
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call 920-739-5119

Brought to you by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay and St. Mary Catholic Community.

Tax Savvy Charitable Giving: Sunday, November 9

After each Mass in the Bride's Room (lower level), learn strategies to minimize tax liabilities and maximize your savings. Light refreshments and coffee available. No RSVP needed!



RON ALTENBURG
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*Manage with Faith.
Give with Joy.*



EVENTS CALENDAR

Week of Nov 1- Nov 8

Saturday, Nov 1

Return B.A.G Weekend

8:00am Mass (All Saints)
9:00am Confessions/Chapel
4:30pm Mass (Reading names/All Souls)

Sunday, Nov 2

Return B.A.G Weekend

Coffee & Donuts after mass

7:45am Mass/ (Reading names/All Souls)
9:45am Mass/Livestreamed/(Reading names/All Souls)

Monday, Nov 3

12:05pm Mass
6:00pm New Horizons Jazz Ensemble/MR
6:30pm Estate Planning Seminar/Community Rm
6:30 pm Let Us Pray w/ Fr.Bill/Chapel
6:30pm The Bells of St Mary/ Choir loft
6:30pm THEO/LL7

Tuesday, Nov 4

9:00am Diocese Vocation Fair event
9:00am Connect Group/LL7
1:00pm St Mary & St Joe's Shawl group at St Joe's
2:00pm Rosary Prayer group/Chapel
6:30pm Pastoral Leadership Synod

Wednesday, Nov 5

9:00am Diocese Vocation Fair event
9:30am Connect Group/LL7
4:30pm Adoration
4:45pm-8:00pm Beacon Faith Formation
5:30pm Vocation Fair event evening session for Religious Education & Homeschool families

Thursday, Nov 6

10:00am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR
11:30am Xavier & Human Concerns/Community Rm
12:05pm Mass
1:00pm Hooks & Needles/LL4
6:00pm Adult Choir/Music Rm
6:00pm Women's Ministry/LL7
7:00pm Cor Jesu/Chapel, Church, Comm Rm

Friday, Nov 7

Parish Office Closed

9:00am Bible Study/LL7

Saturday, Nov 8

9:00am Confessions/Chapel
4:30pm Mass/Marcelo Milano-Anglada Baptism

Mass Intentions

Sat. Nov 1	8:00am ---	
	4:30pm	Names of our passed loved ones
Sun. Nov 2	7:45am	Names of our passed loved ones
	9:45am	Paula Hebel Names of our passed loved ones
Mon. Nov 3	12:05pm	Marge Schnese
Thur. Nov 6	12:05pm	Members of St. Mary
Sat. Nov 8	4:30pm	Bob & Fran Drephal
Sun. Nov 9	7:45am	Helen & Gordan Pippert
	9:45am	Paul & Mary Jane Gosz



Generosity CORNER

It is Gratitude and Giving Month. Thank you for your continued support of the parish and its activities. We are slightly under where you might expect us to be at this time of the month. Technical difficulties from the transition to ParishSOFT Giving has caused some reporting problems. We are much more on track than it looks in the numbers below.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Oct. (week 4)	\$61,074.50	\$75,083.33	-\$14,008.83

Your giving at work in the parish:

- Last Saturday we held a chili dinner after the 4:30 Mass. It was quite successful with about 50 people enjoying chili and fellowship.
- This week you will be receiving a giving update to let you know where you are to date. Let us know if you have any questions about it.

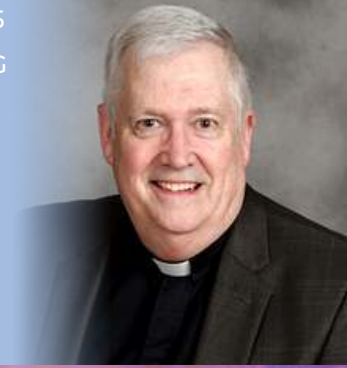


Aaron



in Joy & SORROW

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WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



The Catholic Church dedicates the month of November to give tribute to our loved ones who have died. Appropriately the month begins with the Solemn Feast of All Saints on November 1 and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on November 2.

Saint Paul named the first Christians of the Church the holy ones or saints. Certainly the halls of heaven are crowded with all the saints. These holy ones live in the presence of the Blessed Trinity, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier and of Mary, the Mother of the Church. On this earth, they were all at one time somebody's neighbors. Pope Francis reminded us that many of our next-door neighbors just possibly might be saints. These saints overwhelm those whom the Church, through the centuries, has officially raised to the rank of saint.

*On this earth, they
were all at one time
somebody's neighbors.*

We are never closer to our loved ones who have died than when we gather around the Eucharistic Table on earth, praying with the communion of saints, who are gathered around the Heavenly Banquet Table. Our song of praise and thanks is magnified by the song of praise and thanks offered by the communion of saints, all in unison for the glory of God.

In November, let us pray for our loved ones who live forever in the brilliant light of the Risen Lord's magnificent love. Let us ask them often to bring our prayers to the Lord Jesus, especially for our loved ones who are struggling because of illness in body, mind or spirit. Let us ask our saints to petition the Lord to ease our grief and to mend our aching hearts.

Mary Oliver, one of my favorite poets, says this about grief in her poem, "Heavy."

*That time
I thought I could not
go any closer to grief
without dying
I went closer,
and I did not die.
Surely God
had his hand in this,
as well as friends.
Still, I was bent,
and my laughter,
as the poet said,
was nowhere to be found.
Then said my friend Daniel
(brave even among lions),
"It is not the weight you carry
but how you carry it—
books, bricks, grief—
it's all in the way*

*you embrace it, balance it, carry it
when you cannot, and would not,
put it down."
So I went practicing.
Have you noticed?
Have you heard
the laughter
that comes, now and again,
out of my startled mouth?
How I linger
to admire, admire, admire
the things of this world
that are kind, and maybe
also troubled—
roses in the wind,
The sea geese on the steep waves,
a love
to which there is no reply?*

As members of our spiritual family of Saint Mary place candles in our sanctuary in memory of their loved ones who have died, we might pray,

Dearest beloved [who has died],

I seem to feel the need of going beyond the images and pictures I have of you. God assures me that you live, and you still can show that love which I need and so ardently desire from you. I feel now freed by the purifying grief and struggles endured after your death to turn to God and in God, I find you.

How real is this experience and yet how difficult it is to share with others! In quiet moments, I lift myself to God in total surrender and love. It is then that you, my dearest beloved, become so very real to me. Again, it isn't a picture of you as I and the family always knew you. You are the ray and God is the sun. You come to me as light and I become a part of your light. And our lighted beings dance in the brilliant splendor of God's light.

I know you live, my dearest beloved! And I know we will never be separated from each other as long as we meet in and through the message of God's love for us, Jesus Christ. Your death has taught me that only death can free us to love each other in God.

God's life is our life. God's eternal love is shared and experienced in our true love for each other. Oh Divine Fire, burn and transform our love for each other into brilliant light and heat that drive out ignorance and the coldness of self-centeredness from both of us so that all barriers will truly fall and we will discover each other in God who is all in all. Then we will know for the first time that God is love and "there is only Christ Jesus: He is everything and He is in everything." (from Father George Maloney's Death, Where is Your Sting?)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O LORD,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Fr. Bill +