

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome “Do you not know you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 1 Cor 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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Parish Office Hours:

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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



SCAN ME

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.

5th Annual

APPLETON CHRISTMAS PARADE OPEN HOUSE

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

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



Stewardship of God's Gifts

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


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!



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*Manage with Faith.
Give with Joy.*





Let us pray

Evening worship experiences at St. Mary, Appleton



**DISCOVER IMAGINATIVE PRAYER WITH
FR. JIM FLAHERTY, SJ**

November 24 | 6:30-8:00 PM

Experience Imaginative Prayer, learn about Discernment of Spirits, and how to practice the Examen.

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

Fr. Jim Flaherty, SJ, Retreat Director at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh



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 80 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

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 off 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



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.

Anointing of the Sick

NOV 15-16,
DURING ALL MASSES



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!

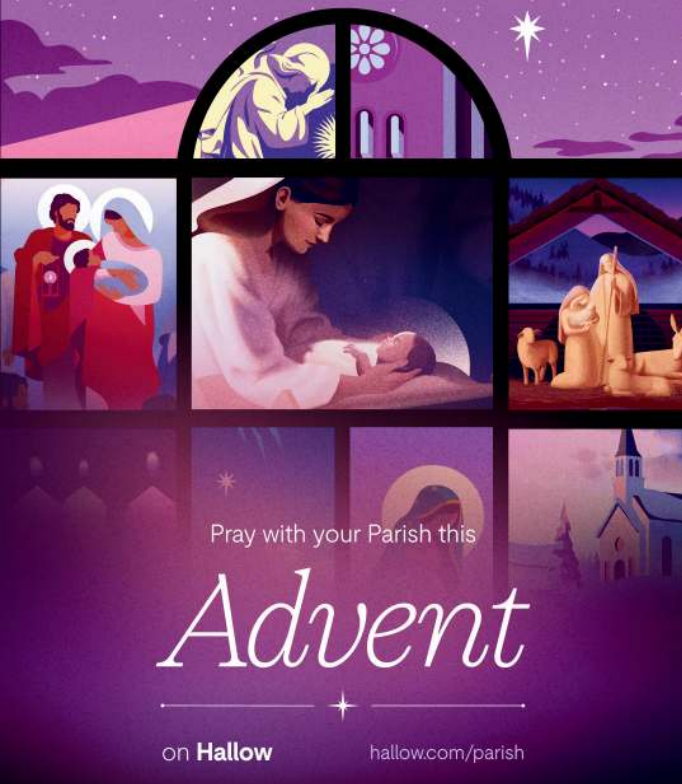


B.A.G. Weekend Collection

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed items for the St. Joseph Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.



*Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed*



PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR JESUS THIS ADVENT

I discovered the Hallow app through Mark Wahlberg and following his Instagram. I was already familiar with using meditation apps and wanted to add prayer into my routine. I had tried out a few prayer apps, but struggled to find one that kept me engaged, until I tried Hallow. My favorite part of Hallow is the function to build customized daily routine which helps me not only to stick to a daily routine, but also gives me the ability to change and update my "praylist" as often as I like, keeping it fresh. The music selection and diversity is great also, and with the help of a built-in sleep timer, is great to fall asleep to!



Joey Nagler, parishioner at St. Mary

Support Our Seminarians: Give a gift card!

Please consider helping these men on their journey to the priesthood by donating a gift card to any major store, restaurant, or gas station. Any amount is greatly appreciated!

Gift cards can be dropped off at the parish office. Please label them "K of C Council 607" or mail them to:
PO Box 1492, Appleton, WI 54912 by November 23.



Thank you for your generosity and prayers for our future priests!

St Mary/St Joseph Book Club

We will meet Tuesday, November 18, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, in Room LL7. The selected book is **Symphony of Secrets by Brendan Slocumb**. Please reach out to Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474, with questions or to request the list of books scheduled through July 2026.



Prayer Shawl Giveaway!

Give a shawl to someone in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual comfort.

Shawls will be given away after all the Masses on the weekend of Nov.15 & 16th.



sponsored by the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Church Doors

Beginning the 1st weekend of December the church doors will be locked 10 minutes after Mass begins. There will be signs on the doors directing people to come through Door 1 (aka the office entrance to church). This comes as a response to a number of recent incidents that have caused disruption in the back of church and concerns about security during Mass.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Higgins in the office or email him at:
chiggins@stmaryparish.org.



Which saint is known for her visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes?

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives *presents*

2025-26
Our 10th SEASON
of monthly
programs!



FINDING THE FISHERMAN'S BONES

*The fascinating story of
the Vatican search for the
tomb of Saint Peter*

With
Fr. James
Jugenheimer
St. Pius X
Parish,
Appleton



Pope Leo XIV is the 266th successor of Saint Peter!
As we continue to celebrate the May 8, 2025, election of
the first American pope, join us for one of the Catholic
Church's most intriguing "Pope stories"!

MONDAY | NOV 17 | 7 PM

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre

1600 Prospect Ave, Appleton, WI

No tickets needed / Theatre doors open at 6:15 p.m.

> Seats available on a first come basis <

Free will offering encouraged

For details, google CIAFMO, email ciafmo@gmail.com,
or call 920-450-3025

Hidden for centuries, the tomb of
Saint Peter lies in an ancient
Roman burial ground deep
beneath the main altar of the
Vatican basilica bearing his name.

Why is he buried there?

*How, by whom, and when was his
grave finally discovered?*

*How do we know it's
really St. Peter?*

Can the site be visited?

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives encourages YOU to
Investigate Your faith!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Week of Nov 8- Nov 16

Saturday, Nov 8

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

Sunday, Nov 9

Coffee & Donuts after mass

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

Monday, Nov 10

12:05pm Mass
6:30 pm Let Us Pray w/ Fr.Bill/Chapel
6:30pm The Bells of St Mary/ Choir loft

Tuesday, Nov 11

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

Wednesday, Nov 12

9:30am Connect Group/LL7
4:30pm Adoration
4:45pm-8:00pm Beacon Faith Formation

Thursday, Nov 13

10:00am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR
12:05pm Mass
6:00pm Adult Choir/Music Rm

Friday, Nov 14

Parish Office Closed

9:00am Bible Study/LL7

Saturday, Nov 15

9:00am Confessions/Chapel
3:00pm-6:00pm Prayer Shawl Giveaway
4:30pm Mass/Anointing

Sunday, Nov 16

Coffee & Donuts after mass

Prayer Shawl Giveaway-back of church after each mass

7:45am Mass/Maxine Knuth Baptism
9:45am Mass/Livestreamed
11:00am Baptism Preparation Course/LL7

Mass Intentions

Sat. Nov 8	4:30pm	Bob & Fran Drephal
Sun. Nov 9	7:45am 9:45am	Helen & Gordan Pippert Paul & Mary Jane Gosz
Mon. Nov 10	12:05pm	Marge Schnese
Thur. Nov 13	12:05pm	Members of St. Mary
Sat. Nov 15	4:30pm	Donna & John Francek Family
Sun. Nov 16	7:45am 9:45am	Rudolph Lawrence Konz Marcella Morse

Generosity CORNER

It is Gratitude and Giving Month. We ended October with a slight surplus compared to our budget. Thank you for your continued support.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Oct. (week 4)	\$79,874.50	\$75,083.33	\$4,791.17
Nov. (week 1)	\$8,669.25	\$75,083.33	-\$66,414.08

Your giving at work in the parish:

- Monday was our first session for Gratitude & Giving Month. Catholic Charities was here with a lawyer from McCarty Law to talk about wills, trusts, and planning your legacy.
- Parish participation in the Trunk or Treat event was fantastic. We do this in partnership with the CELC. We had a great turnout of trunks and kids. Thanks to everyone who participated.



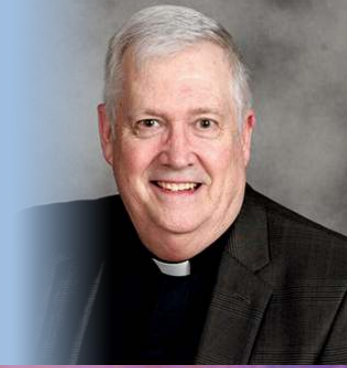
Saint Bernadette Soubirous
1844-1879



in Joy & SORROW

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WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



His Holiness, Pope Leo has given clear indications that he intends to move forward on the path of synodality charted by his predecessor, Pope Francis. Pope Francis has said that synodality is constitutive to what it means to be Church. “Constitutive” is one of those “tricky” words that means “having the power to give existence to something.” So, in a sense, synodality gives existence to the Church. Or, it is in the very nature of the Church to be synodal.

In his homily on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, celebrating the Jubilee of Synod Teams and Participants on October 26, in Rome, Pope Leo said, “The supreme rule of the Church is love. No one is called to dominate; all are called to serve. No one should impose his or her ideas; we are all called to participate. No one possesses the whole truth; we must all humbly seek it and seek it together.”

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“...Dear friends, we must dream of and build a more humble Church; a Church that does not stand upright like the Pharisee, triumphant and inflated with pride, but bends down to wash the feet of humanity; a Church that does not judge as the Pharisee does the tax collector, but becomes a welcoming place for all; a Church that does not close in on itself, but remains attentive to God so that it can similarly listen to everyone. Let us commit ourselves to building a Church that is entirely synodal, ministerial and attracted to Christ and therefore committed to serving the world.”

The benchmarks of synodality are communion, participation, and mission.

The Church is the sacramental Body of Christ in the world. Saint Paul captures the essence of this holy communion of believers by referring to the mutuality that exists among the parts of the human body, all working together and dependent on each other. For example, if we were all “eyes,” how would we hear? The less honorable parts of the body, which we clothe, have great dignity, suggesting that our poor sisters and brothers, the least and last ones among us, have a special place in the Body of Christ and are to be honored. (I Corinthians 12:12f)

Communion must be grounded in unity and love.

Because the fullness of the Holy Spirit has been poured into the heart and mind of every baptized believer, we all participate in the life of the Church. The deacon or priest or bishop does not have more of the Holy Spirit but rather has been given the Spirit’s unique charisms to teach, to govern, and to sanctify. These charisms do not give the ordained an authority to lord it over others but rather a mandate to be at the service of the Holy People of God. It is the whole People of God that is invited to walk together towards the Kingdom of God, all on equal footing, listening with the ears of our hearts to the Holy Spirit speaking in every person. All are co-responsible for the mission of the Church.

Pope Francis suggested that we think of the Church not as a pyramid with the men who have received Holy Orders at the top, beginning with the Pope, but as an inverted pyramid with the Church’s ministers reaching up and out to the People of God in humble service.

In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium), the Fathers of Vatican Council II were clear that the Church be described as the People of God in Chapter 2 before its hierarchical structure was described in Chapter 3. This perspective was Spirit-inspired as the first draft of the document began with a description of the hierarchical Church. Clericalism, the notion that the priest is somehow set apart from and above the people, does not make sense in the model of a synodal Church.

In this holy time of Autumn, we only need to look into the skies to see a beautiful image for this holy communion and participation which define a synodal Church.

Look at the Canadian geese. They fly in a united V-formation, which assures that they can fly faster and farther. A sense of communion is evidenced if a goose should happen to fall ill and need to find a resting place on land. Another goose accompanies her or him, until healing or death comes. In community, the geese encourage each with their honking.

The gaggle of geese participate together and are co-responsible for sharing their gifts for the good of all. The point goose in the V-formation finds himself or herself in a pattern of rotation. When it is time for a new leader, he or she rotates to the back of the formation and the next goose takes the lead. All participate in the mission of journeying south to warmer places for the winter.

As friends and followers of Jesus, our mission is to go out into the world, to the peripheries, with the proclamation of the Good News. A parish that is self-referential and always looking inwards is a parish whose spirit is sick.

The Good News is this: God is love. Jesus saves you and me. Jesus is alive. The Holy Spirit gives life. In a nutshell, the above four sentences are the kerygma (the proclamation) of the Gospel. For a beautiful breaking open of the kerygma, see Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Christus Vivit (Christ is Alive)*, addressed as a letter to young people. This is the best description of the Church's proclamation that I have read and I have personally shared it with young people! Here is the link for you:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html

Having fallen in love with the Lord Jesus and surrendered our lives to Him, we disciples, inspired by the Holy Spirit, strive to think, feel and act like Jesus. As His disciples, we are committed to telling other people about how Jesus' love has changed our lives. We are committed to making new disciples. This is the Church's mission and its only reason for being!

Fr. Bill +