

MAY 25 THROUGH JUNE 7, 2025

# ST. MARY PARISH

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JUNE 1, 2025 "THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD"

# 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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# GRADUATION 2025

**BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO BE AND  
YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE.**

**-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

**Sunday, June 1 | 9:45am Mass**

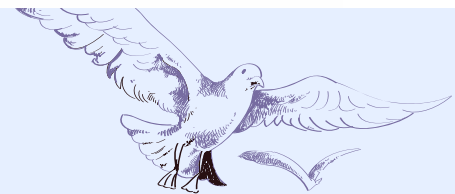
- Give our high school seniors a big send off and show them how proud we are!

**At ALL Masses May 31/June 1**

- Grads of ALL AGES will be recognized (preschool, kindergarten, elementary & middle school, college, technical, grad school, etc.)

**Haven't heard from us?**

**Contact Tracy for information (920) 739-5119**



The generous support of St. Mary members has always helped keep our parish ship on course. Unfortunately though, no matter how much we monitor the conditions, sometimes we get hit by storms that force us to make adjustments. That seems to be the case this year as our fiscal year draws to a close on June 30.

As of the end of April, our offertory revenue is down by more than \$60,000. It's important that you know this is not the result of errant spending as our expenses are within budget. Thus, we are again turning to you to ask for your help in steering the parish ship into a safe harbor.

Please consider making a small sacrifice and see what a difference your generosity can make! Every amount makes an impact.

The easiest way to give—especially if you're away—is to utilize our secure e-giving provider, Faith Direct. In just a few minutes, you can set up regular giving at the amount and frequency that works for you. Scan the code or click the [LINK](#) to get started.



St. Mary has weathered many storms over its 165-year history. Despite the rough waters, we trust that we'll come through this and find clear skies and smooth sailing ahead. We remain as dedicated as ever to serving our parishioners and our community.



*Ripples of God's love, through our hearts, to all hearts.*

— St. Mary Parish —

# SAVE THE DATE



## JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> : PARK PICNIC

Join us for a fun and relaxing morning with other families from our parish community on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM! There will be games, snacks, and plenty of time to connect and build friendships together. Let's enjoy some sunshine, laughter, and community together! Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends. **For more details and to RSVP go to: <https://bit.ly/familyparkpicnic>**

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## JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>: HAPPY HOUR & GRILL OUT

You are invited to join us for a fun, summer day of grilling out, drinking cold ones, and watching the kids make memories with an epic balloon fight on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM! We will have other fun games for the kids and activities for the adults as well! **For more details and to register for the event, go to: <https://bit.ly/2025familyhappyhour>**

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## AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>: POOL PARTY

Come splash, laugh, and connect with other families from our parish on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 - 9:00 PM! Let's celebrate summer, build community, and enjoy some fun in the sun together. All ages welcome—bring your swimsuits, towels, and smiles! Watch our weekly bulletin and social media for more information!



# St. Mary Grief Support

Monday Evenings • Starting June 16 • 6–7:30 PM  
St. Mary Cemetery Chapel

- Sessions will begin & end promptly
- Facilitated by Chip Acker & Tom Walter  
(Certified ICare Specialists, International Grief Institute)
- **Sessions are free; limited to 10 participants**

[CLICK HERE  
TO REGISTER](#)

Contact Tom or Chip @ (920) 739-5119

St. Mary &  
St. Joseph



The next discussion will be Tuesday, June 17, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, the book selected for discussion is **Firekeepers Daughter** by **Angeline Boulley**.

Looking further ahead to the third Tuesday, July 15, same time and location, the book discussed will be **Still Life (Book #1 in Series)** by **Louise Penny**.

New book readers are welcome to attend anytime. Please contact Mary Schulz, book club member, 920-809-4474, with any questions.

**Happy Memorial Day Weekend!**

The Office will be closed  
on Monday, May 26th

**St. Mary**  
MEMORIAL DAY  
MASS

PLEASE JOIN US MAY 26.  
THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL  
DAY MASS WILL BE  
CELEBRATED AT ST. MARY  
CEMETERY AT 8:00AM



**WE ARE  
HIRING**

**POSITIONS:** Babysitting Ministry, Coordinator (Part-Time)  
Minister of Missionary Disciples (Part-Time)

## Babysitting Ministry Coordinator (Part-Time)



- Five hours a week
- Coordinate volunteer babysitters for 9:45 AM Mass
- More about the role and to apply: <https://www.gbdioc.org/careers/>

## Minister of Missionary Disciples (Part-Time)



- 20-30 hours a week
- Support the spiritual growth of the parish
- Help to implement the adult discipleship pathway
- More about the role and to apply: <https://www.gbdioc.org/careers/>

## Mark you calendar - Summer Dates!

**June 1, 15, & 29 • July 13 & 27 • August 10 & 24**

## Children's Liturgy of the Word 9:45 am Mass



## Coffee & Donuts 7:45 am & 9:45 am Mass



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER  
@ [HTTP://BIT.LY/4J2M9EO](http://bit.ly/4j2m9eo)



What is the oldest Catholic University in the United States?

# LENTEN SPRING



# CLEANING UPDATE



Thanks to all who participated in St. Mary Care for Creation's Spring Cleaning recycling project.



On World Earth Day (April 22), the hard-to-recycle items filled a pickup truck – keeping them from landfills.

Staff at the St. Joseph Food Program in Menasha gratefully accepted egg cartons along with paper and plastic grocery bags, which they intend to reuse often.

Christmas lights and rechargeable batteries were reclaimed at the Outagamie County Resource Recovery Park (at the landfill).

Books, magazines, VHS tapes, CD's and DVD's were sold to Half Price Books, and printer cartridges were dropped off at Office Depot/Office Max.

All proceeds were given to the St. Joseph Food Program.

Based on early feedback, the project was well received and may become an annual event. In the meantime, we hope many of you use the above recycling sites in our area.

***Sponsored by the St. Mary Care for Creation Ministry***



Dear St. Mary families,

I am grateful for the prayers, support, kind words, and cards to celebrate my 20 years as a deacon and 70th birthday. God has blessed me with the privilege to serve you, the good people of St. Mary.

In faith, hope, and love,  
Deacon Gerry

*Blessings to  
our Pope, Leo XIV!*



# CARNIVAL



## FOR KIDS



# SATURDAY, MAY 31

## 10 am - 4 pm

This is a free, fun and safe open house event for the entire community.

*Our campus is alcohol and smoke free.*

### Carnival Rides | Food and Drink Kids Games and Challenges Raffle Prizes and More!

1062 N. Koeller Street | Oshkosh  
fathercarrs.org

## PRAYER EXPERIENCE

- Daily Mass and Rosary
- Games
- Adoration
- Reconciliation
- Music
- Fellowship
- Fun!

**TOTUS TUUS** instills the faith of the Church in the hearts and minds of young people bringing them closer to Jesus through Mary.

**TOTUS TUUS** is an incredible week of learning through Sacraments, prayer, music and fun.

**SPONSORED BY THE**



Diocese of Green Bay - Vocations Office  
and Mount Tabor Center

## TOTUS TUUS

### To Jesus Through Mary

**ST. THOMAS MORE  
ST. BERNADETTE  
ST. THERESE  
ST. MARY**



*"O Mary, give me your heart."*

Louis de Montfort

## SPIRITUS MINISTRIES

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Fr. Mark Mleziva: Co-Director  
Jenn Wood: Co-Director  
Annette Hovie: Administrative Assistant

July 27 - August 1, 2025

**Held at  
St. Thomas More  
1810 N. McDonald St  
Appleton, WI**

## Calling all current middle school boys!

Bring yourself and a friend Monday, June 16 – Wednesday, June 18  
to St Lawrence Seminary High School in Mt Calvary, WI



for three days of field olympics, games, team building, and prayer.

You're sure to have a blast living in our dorms, eating lots of food, and making new friends! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food.

Transportation is available from select cities throughout the state.

Register at [www.stlawrence.edu/retreats](http://www.stlawrence.edu/retreats)

### Mass Intentions

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|--------------|---------|---|
| Sat. May 24  | 4:30pm  | Carl Butzen   |
| Sun. May 25  | 7:45am  | Special Intentions for young People in the military |
|              | 9:45am  | Mike Barker   |
| Mon. May 26  | 8:00am  | ---   |
| Thur. May 29 | 12:05pm | ---   |
| Sat. May 31  | 4:30pm  | Richard & Phyllis Nelson                            |
| Sun. June 1  | 7:45am  | Richard & Patricia Pechotta                         |
|              | 9:45am  | Mary Ann Hanson                                     |
| Mon. June 2  | 12:05pm | Mary Rushkofske                                     |
| Thur. June 5 | 12:05pm | ---   |
| Sat. June 7  | 4:30pm  | Mary Ellen Schwaller                                |
| Sun. June 8  | 7:45am  | Richard & Patricia Pechotta                         |
|              | 9:45am  | Mary Ann Hanson                                     |



## IN LOVING MEMORY

Please pray for the family and friends of Colleen Garvey. May your memories comfort you during this time. The funeral for Colleen will be Thursday May, 29 at 10:30 am.

### St Mary PRAYER TREE

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



## Week of MAY 24 - MAY 30

### Saturday, May 24

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel  
4:30 pm Mass (V V M Anderson Baptism)

### Sunday, May 25

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

### Monday, May 26

#### Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Mass/St. Mary Cemetery

### Tuesday, May 27

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

### Wednesday, May 28

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

### Thursday, May 29

9:00 am Colleen Garvey Visitation  
10:00 am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR  
10:30 am Colleen Garvey Funeral  
11:30 am Colleen Garvey Luncheon  
12:05 pm Mass  
1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/Comm Rm  
6:00 pm Adult Choir  
6:00 pm Mind of Christ Series/CR  
6:00 pm New Horizons Band Practice

### Friday, May 30

#### Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Small Group./LL7

## Week of MAY 31 - JUNE 8

### Saturday, May 31

9:00 am Confessions/Chapel  
4:30 pm Mass-(Fr. Funk Sub)Grads of ALL AGES will be recognized

### Sunday, June 1

#### Coffee & Donuts

7:45 am Mass/Grads of ALL AGES will be recognized  
9:45 am Mass /Livestreamed/Grads of ALL AGES will be recognized

### Monday, June 2

9:00 am CIAFMO/LL7  
12:05 pm Mass  
6:30 pm New Horizons Jazz Ensemble Practice/Music Room  
6:30 pm THEO/Community Rm

### Tuesday, June 3

9:00 am Connect/LL7  
1:00 pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's/L112  
2:00 pm Rosary Prayer/Chapel  
6:30 pm Connect/LL7

### Wednesday, June 4

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

### Thursday, June 5

10:00 am St. Mary Young Families Small Group/BSR  
12:05 pm Mass  
1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/CR  
6:00 pm Mind of Christ Series/CR  
6:00 pm Adult Choir

### Friday, June 6

#### Parish Office Closed

### Saturday, June 7

#### St. Joe's Food Program Collection

2:00 pm Emma Miller & Hayden Kempken Wedding  
9:00 am Confessions/Chapel  
4:30 pm Mass (GLHernandez Baptism) Pentecost

### Sunday, June 8

#### St. Joe's Food Program Collection

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



Georgetown,  
a Jesuit University founded in  
1789



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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

**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

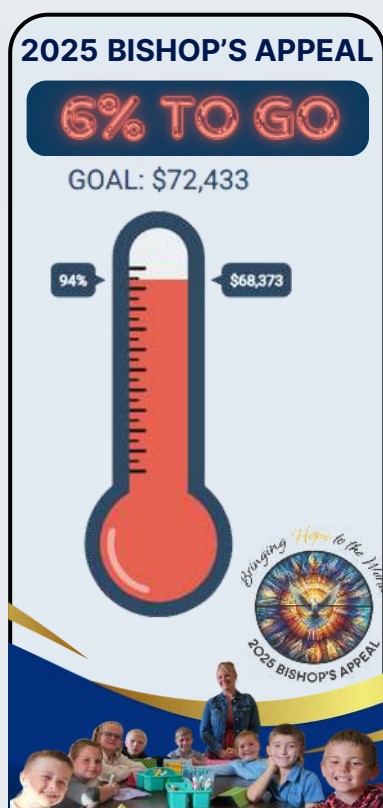
**Parish Website:**  
stmaryparish.org  
**Cemetery Website:**  
stmaryparishcemetery.org

**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.

**Prayer Requests:**  
Contact Laurie Richter  
lauriejrichter@gmail.com  
Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182) or  
Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969)



SCAN ME



# in Joy & SORROW



Even though the longest day of the year, the first day of Summer, does not make its official appearance until Friday, June 20, Memorial Day jump starts our anticipation of the Summer Season. The school year is winding down. Graduations from kindergarten, eighth grade, high school, college, and graduate school are imminent, and promise so much to celebrate and so much to look forward to as life's page for the Class of 2025 turns to the next chapter. Maybe even some garden planting of set onions and radishes has started. My Dad always planted these first, right around Memorial Day.

In the life of the parish, summer time offers a welcomed slowing down of the pace of ministry - a necessary moment to catch one's breath and to allow the Lord, with the help of Mother Nature, to recharge our minds, bodies, and spirits. That, too, is the intent of

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the summer vacation, which I hope that you will be able to celebrate as a family. To get you in the mood, here's Mary Oliver's poem titled *The Summer Day*.

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean —  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down —  
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

Don't let summer slip by without taking time to experience blessed idleness, plush green grass and golden wheat fields!

Be reminded, too, that Memorial Day is not just about sparking thoughts about summer or making plans to fire up the grill for the first barbecue of the season.

Memorial Day has its origin in families decorating with flowers the tombs of their loved ones who served so bravely as young soldiers in the Civil War. The first official celebration of Memorial Day was in 1868. Beginning in 1971, Memorial Day was inscribed on the calendar as the last Monday in the month of May.

It is sobering to call to mind the too many young people who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom and peace over the nearly 265 years of our nation's history. This holy band of brothers and sisters has earned our loving appreciation and unwavering respect.

We will always take time to remember.

*To remember* translates to *anamnesis* in the Greek. It is the kind of remembering that makes present to us now what we remember. For example, remembering Jesus' Death and Resurrection makes its effects present again now. We are freed from sin and death now as the Paschal Mystery is still effective at every Mass. The sacrifices of our deceased band of sisters and brothers still shape our hearts now. Their sacrifices still bless us now.

You are invited to begin your Memorial Day with the celebration of the Mass at the Chapel of our Saint Mary Cemetery on Prospect Avenue at 8 AM.

Here is a prayer that you can offer as we celebrate Memorial Day 2025. I am grateful to Father Austin Fleming of the Archdiocese of Boston for this prayer!

*In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts, let each of us name and call on the one whose power over us is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing. You who created us, who sustain us, who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day. Hear our prayer for all who have died, whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone. Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own and give us hearts as generous as theirs. Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice. Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into plowshares for a harvest of justice and peace. Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our hearts. Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy, answer us in the name of all that is holy. The peace of God be with you. Amen.*

*Fr. Bill +*