

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, APRIL 5, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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“He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples.” Matthew 28:6-7

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! Call 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

Every 3rd Wednesdays 4:30-8pm

Sign up for a time to sit with Jesus.

We must have one person

with the Eucharist at all times.

Or scan with your phone.

(Adoration beginning again April 15)



Easter Flowers

Easter Flower Memorial Donations-Honoring Loved Ones Through Easter Beauty

Each year, our parish adorns the church with beautiful Easter flowers donated in loving memory of family and friends. Below is the list of parishioners who contributed this year, along with the names of those they wish to remember.

2026 Donors and Memorials

The following names were submitted in remembrance of their loved ones:

Gerri Balliet — David Robert Balliet

Dave & Angela Carney — Gerald & Sally Grall

Marilyn & Jim Cihowiak — Deceased members of the Braun & Cihowiak Families

Cindy Clark — Deceased members of the Clark & Frahm Families

Tom & Kathy Courtney — Jerry & Bernice Cops, Ken & Betty Courtney,
James & Jean Courtney

Victoria & Norman Cyman — Mary Gardner & Madge Murphy

Terrance & Lillian Doyle — (Donation)

Anna Geurts — John Peters

Mike Gunther — Donna Gunther

David & GERALYN Hartman — Lauren Arkens, Gerald & Theresa Noskowiak,
Wilfred & Rita Hartman

Richard Hebler — Paula Hebler

John & Virginia Heegeman — Jack, Jamie & Ally Heegeman

Chris Higgins — Margaret & Eugene Higgins

Janet & Kenneth Jaeger — Jaeger & Winkowski Families

Jeff & Carol Johnson — Elizabeth Johnson, Karl & Jean Marx, Chuck Marx,
Sally Johnson, Mark & Dorothy Van Ryzin

David & Mary Ellen Julien — Bryce and Ellen Spoehr

Ron & Lori Kelpinski — Orville & Romona Kelpinski & Baby Robert

Judith & Timothy Knox — Knox & Nemitz Families

Helen Kobussen — (Donation)

Jeanne & Dennis Kray — Melvin & Anita Lardinois, Gordan & Bernice Kray



Easter Flowers

2026 Donors and Memorials Con't...

The following names were submitted In remembrance of their loved ones: Con't

Suzie & Richard Littmann — Fr. Michael O'Rourke

Robert & Kristine Loderbauer— (Donation)

Pat Melis — (Donation)

Debra Moreland — John & Jean Borkenhagen

Michael & Julie Morse — Living and deceased members of the Bardon, Frost,
Morse, and O'Connell Families

James & Laurie Richter — Bob & Gloria Loach, Curt & Edna Richter

Dave & Sue Rogers — Rogers & Springer Families

Theresa & Duane Rohm — Diedrich, Rohm & Ricker Families

Barb Rutten — John Rutten

Diane Vanderheiden — Robert Vanderheiden

Ken Wydeven — George, Agnes, Jack, Carol & David Wydeven

Carol Zuelske — Jack Zuelske



Happy Easter

*from Fr. Bill and the
Parish Team.*

Office Closed on Monday, April 6

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM

Fighting Hunger 🍏 Sustaining Hope



Collection: April 11 & 12

The St. Joseph Food Program collection is April 11th and 12th. Please donate any boxed meal such as macaroni and cheese, instant potatoes, rice, hamburger helper or anything for a casserole. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for helping those who are in need.

ADORATION CHANGE

Adoration will resume after Lent on a once a month basis on the third Wednesday of the month beginning

April 15th from 4:30-8pm



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Deacon Gerry will be holding an adult server training for those interested in becoming an altar server.

This will take place on Monday, April 20th at 6:15 pm in church.



Join us for fun on Saturday, April 25th from 5:45-7:00 PM in the Community Room. A light meal will be served during the event.

Help our parish make an impact on Earth Day!

ENDS ON EARTH DAY (Apr 22)

Bring in these hard-to-get-rid of items:

- Christmas lights
- Compact fluorescent lightbulbs
- Batteries (rechargeable and non)
- Printer cartridges
- CDs/DVDs/Blue Ray discs/albums
- Books/magazines
- Egg cartons
- Reuseable fiber, paper and plastic bags (Clean and dry)

SPRING

CLEAN OUT

Items will be reused or properly recycled by:

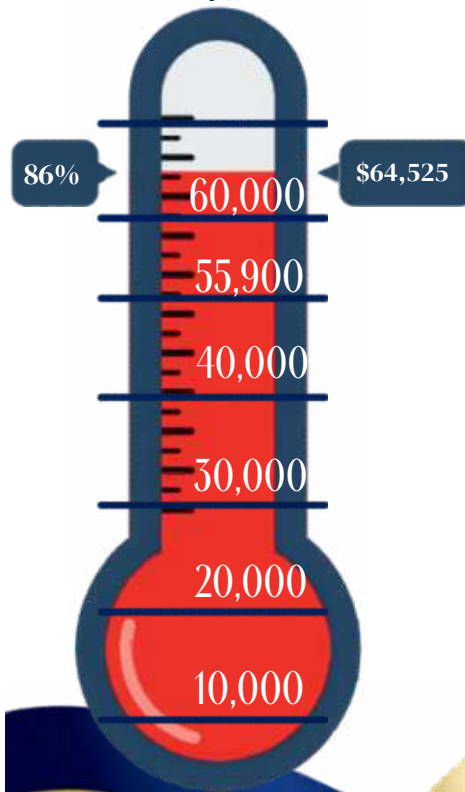
- Outagamie County Resource Recovery Park
- St. Joe's Food Pantry
- Office Depot
- Half Price Books
- Home Depot

Any proceeds go to St. Joseph Food Program

Sponsored by the St. Mary Care for Creation Ministry

2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL

GOAL
\$74,729



BE the LIGHT

Youth Ministry



Helping children discover Jesus is one of the most important things we do as Catholics. This happens every day in our parishes and in our Catholic schools.

Your support of the Bishop's Appeal funds the tools and training for youth ministers and faith formation leaders across northeastern Wisconsin.

Please give generously at www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give



During the singing of the Exultet at the Easter Vigil, what insect is extolled?





May 2, 2026 | 9am | @ St. Mary Cemetery

Cemetery Clean Up Day

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing
- Bring work gloves & rakes
- Meet at the St. Mary Cemetery office (2121 W. Prospect Avenue)
- Questions? Contact Chip Acker at 920-882-4158.

Get your student service hours!

We again plan to have a cemetery and Fox River cleanup day. It will be held in conjunction with the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance cleanup on the morning of May 2. It has been great to have both youth and adults joining in to meet new people and complete the work so quickly. Please mark your calendars!

ST. MARY
CEMETERY

Open
HOUSE

MAY 2ND

Join us for the St. Mary
Cemetery Open House on
May 2 from 1-6 pm.

2121 West Prospect Avenue

- *See the newly Renovated chapel*
- *Ask questions*
- *Take a tour*
- *Explore pre-planning*



THURSDAY, APRIL 16
MOUNT TABOR CENTER

11:15 AM Mass
12:00 PM Lunch
12:10 PM Speaker

Cost: \$10 per person

Come hear the missionaries of SPIRITUS Team 17 reflect on their year of ministry, sharing stories about the impact it has had on Catholic youth—as well as on their own lives.



JANSSEN FORUM

TEAM 17 SPIRITUS MISSIONARIES

REGISTER NOW
call 920-722-8918 x0

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15



2025 - 2026

Open to children ages 2-5 with their parents/grandparents. Younger siblings are welcome to join in on the fun!



Choose your session at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m

April 17th
Marquette St. Campus

May 8th
McDonald St. Campus

Call, email or scan the QR code to register



Marquette St. Campus | 500 W. Marquette St. | 920.733.4918 | Marquette@XavierCatholicSchools.org
McDonald St. Campus | 1810 N. McDonald St. | 920.739.7826 | McDonald@XavierCatholicSchools.org

TOTUS TUUS

Grades 1-12

"Vacation Bible School"

July 26-31, 2026



Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of Apr 5-Apr 12

Sunday, Apr 5

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

Monday, Apr 6

OFFICE CLOSED

12:05 pm Mass
6:30 pm THEO/CR
7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, Apr 7

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7
1:00 pm SM & SJ Prayer Shawl Group at SJ/LL112
4:00 pm Social Planning Group/LCR
6:30 pm Pastoral Council/CR

Wednesday, Apr 8

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7
4:45 pm-7:45 pm Beacon Faith Formation

Thursday, Apr 9

10:00 am Mom's Group - Babysitting Rm
12:05 pm Mass
6:00 pm Adult Choir/MR
7:00 pm Cor Jesu/Chapel/CR/Church

Friday, Apr 10

Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Small Group/LL7

Saturday, Apr 11

St. Joe's Food Collection

9:00 am Confessions
10:00 am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support Group/LL7
4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Apr 12

St. Joe's Food Collection

Coffee & Donuts

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

Sun., Apr 5

7:45am
9:45am

Fr. Michael O'Rourke
Margaret Higgins

Mon., Apr 6

12:05pm

Kathy Gunderson & Kelly Sullivan

Thur., Apr 9

12:05pm

Bill Garvey

Sat., Apr 11

4:30pm

Available

Sun., Apr 12

7:45am
9:45am

Nancy Paters
Amy & Harry Boardman



Prayer Requests Contact **Laurie Richter** (lauriejrichter@gmail.com), **Mary Jo Zilisch** (920-734-1182) or **Ann Walkowski** (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember these requests in our prayer baskets.

Generosity CORNER

Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen and we are saved! Your generosity this Lent has been such a blessing.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
March	\$92,695.94	\$75,083.33	\$17,612.61

Your giving at work in the parish:

- This past week the Lenten groups have concluded but they have sparked interest in continuing on or creating new groups. What a blessing!
- The Community Easter Egg Hunt is on Holy Saturday which is a combined event with St. Joe's and Bridges from the CELC.

in Joy & **SORROW**

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 4.5.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



I shut my eyes against yellow daffodil light,
balmy air, cleansing rains
do not revive hope in me.
I want to stay hidden in winter darkness.

But I can't ignore the cardinal's song,
the swelling buds of reawakened trees;
so I've made a truce with April,
she can make me tipsy
with the scent of hyacinths, or
the surprise of crocuses
popping up amidst dead leaves;

Though I'm not ready, April, I won't resist you.
Go ahead, unlock my eyes,
resurrect me to new life.

Jane M Nirella
Middletown, NJ

In the midst of a world and nation that seems to have lost their way,
surrounded by so much cruelty and depravity, where the lives of our
least sisters and brothers, innocent and just trying to live normally like
you and me, seem to be tossed aside into a violent void of suffering,

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me.*

and of even death, we feel for a moment that hope cannot be revived in us. We feel overwhelmed by anger and hatred toward world leaders who have chosen this destruction for us, against our will. We are terrified because of the spiral of violence that just could bring us to an unbridgeable abyss, as Pope Leo warns. We cannot imagine the fear terrorizing our immigrant sisters and brothers, our sisters and brothers who serve in the military and their families, and federal government workers and agents whose consciences are tormented by the unjust orders they are expected to carry out. I cannot imagine the blatant dissonance of nodding my head in agreement to madness, which some politicians find too easy to do.

In Pope Leo's homily for Palm Sunday, I was struck by the bluntness in his words. "Brothers and sisters, this is our God: Jesus, King of Peace, who rejects war, whom no one can use to justify war. Jesus does not listen to the prayers of those who wage war, but rejects them, saying: "Even though you make many prayers, I will not listen: your hands are full of blood" (Is 1:15).

In these worst of times it seems on some days, we wonder if our hope can be revived. Are we trapped in winter darkness? We might catch ourselves crying out with Martha and Mary, in the midst of their grief upon the death of their dear brother, Lazarus, "Lord, if only you had been here..." Or we catch ourselves crying out with our Crucified Jesus, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Easter proclaims that cruelty and depravity, indifference and injustice, violence and hatred, and even death itself, never have the last word. All of this chaos will have no chance of persevering in the light of the Lord Jesus' magnificent love for you and me. Jesus is not indifferent to the waywardness of the human heart that leads to too many atrocities. He is our Great Liberator who frees us from madness. Jesus is our Savior who anoints our breaking hearts with the salve of healing and hope. Nothing can snuff out the power of Jesus or the power of His Victorious Love. All the slings and arrows that we are forced to endure will have no sting whatsoever in the brilliant light of the New Dawn of Easter. The risen Lord always hears the prayers of His righteous people who call out to him, and that definitely includes your prayers and my prayers. The prayers of the unrighteous among us fall on the Lord's deaf ears. Violence and depravity don't stand a chance in the face of the victories of Easter! Believe me when I say that nothing that is of the Evil One can overturn Jesus' victory over sin and death!

Happy Season of Easter to you and your family and friends! Yes, notice the surprise of crocuses popping up amidst dead leaves!

Christ has risen! He has truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fr. Bill +