

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 17, 2026

# ST. MARY PARISH

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“Go and teach all nations,” says the Lord; “I am with you always, until the end of the world.”  
Matthew 28:19a, 20b

## 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

## **Pastor - Fr. Bill Swichtenberg**

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## **Deacon - Gerry Schraufnagel**

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## **Cemetery Info - Chip Acker**

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## **Parish Office Hours:**

920-739-5119

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9am-4pm

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 Lavalle

[llavalle@stmaryparish.org](mailto:llavalle@stmaryparish.org)

## **Confession times:**

Saturday 9-10am or by appointment

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 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.



SCAN ME



# Summer Coffee & Donuts Schedule

- SUNDAY, MAY 17
- SUNDAY, JUNE 7
- SUNDAY, JUNE 21
- SUNDAY, JULY 12
- SUNDAY, JULY 26
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

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



# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Wednesday, May 20,  
from 4:30 - 8 pm  
in the chapel

Our special intention will be for  
**DEACON NATHAN BUDDE**, who  
will be ordained on May 30, for  
the Diocese of Green Bay

# Anointing of the Sick

THIS  
WEEKEND,  
MAY 16 & 17,  
DURING ALL  
MASSES



# Let us pray

Evening worship experiences  
at St. Mary, Appleton

## MARIAN HYMN SING & CONCERT

Monday, May 18, 6:00 pm

Celebrate Mary and our  
mothers with a hymn sing of  
famous and beloved Marian  
hymns and songs.





## Moment of Remembrance Cemetery Salutes

Sun., May 24th, 2026

The community is invited to attend solemn salutes honoring veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice. The ceremony will feature a prayer, a memorial wreath laying, a rifle volley, and the playing of "Taps."


1:00 PM @ St. Mary Cemetery  
(2121 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton)



Organized by the Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard.



## St. Mary MEMORIAL DAY MASS



Please join us for  
the annual Memorial Day  
Mass which will be  
celebrated at  
St. Mary Cemetery,  
May 25, at 8:00am

Join us on May 21 @ 9am to help put  
out American flags on gravesites at  
the St. Mary Cemetery



**Rain date: May 22**  
2121 West Prospect Ave



The office will be  
closed on  
**Thursday, May 21st**  
& **Monday, May 25th**



# Help Shape the Future Look of St. Mary's

We are forming three new teams to help enhance our parish environment and operations. If you have a professional background or a personal passion in these areas, we would love your expertise:



- **Exterior Environment Taskforce:** Help us reimagine our outdoor spaces, including the main entrances and a potential prayer garden.



- **Interior Design Taskforce:** Assist in updating the aesthetic of our office and rectory spaces —perfect for those with an eye for color and design!



- **Technology Team:** Help us plan for the future of our infrastructure, from security and digital signage to phone systems.



## Biblical Walk through the Mass Prayer Challenge

Join this eight session Biblical Walk Through the Mass with Dr. Edward Sri as he connects liturgy to scripture, starting **May 18**. Scan the QR code to St. Mary's Hallow page, then scroll down to Community Library to join!

# Hallow



# ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL

Indulge in a delightful experience of flavors, fun, and fellowship at our Ice Cream Sundae Social event!

*Saturday, June 6th, 5:45pm - 7:00pm*

ST. MARY COMMUNITY ROOM  
All Are Welcome!!

# BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

## Mother's Day to Father's Day

May 10 - June 21, 2026

Support new and expectant parents through an online gift. Donations provide direct support to families throughout the Diocese of Green Bay.



Scan & Donate TODAY!

[dioc.io/baby](http://dioc.io/baby)



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Sponsored by the Catholic Charities Adoption & Pregnancy Support program.

## NORBERTINE CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY AT ST. NORBERT ABBEY



Thursday, May 28; 7 p.m. | St. Norbert Abbey Church  
*Holy Hour for Vocations*

Details: The Norbertine Community invites you to join us as we pray a Holy Hour for Vocations in St. Norbert Abbey Church. Your prayerful support is an important and foundational part to help foster vocations to the Norbertine Order.

To see more events, please scan the QR Code or visit us online

920-337-4315 | [ncs@norbertines.org](mailto:ncs@norbertines.org) | [www.norbertines.org](http://www.norbertines.org)  
1016 N. Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115



Are you a young adult looking for community, service, and prayer?

## SPIRITUS Come & See Event

May 20

- NO Fundraising
- Housing, Food, & Health Coverage
- Paid Monthly
- Internship Opportunities



SPIRITUS Ministries

522 Second St. Menasha, WI 54952

920-722-8918

St. Lawrence Seminary High School

## INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE

Summer Action Retreat



Calling all current middle school boys! Bring yourself and a friend, Monday, June 15 – Wednesday, June 17, 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, making new friends, and growing in your Catholic faith! Cost is \$50 and includes housing and food. Free transportation is available from select cities throughout the state. Register at [www.stlawrence.edu/retreats](http://www.stlawrence.edu/retreats)

HOLY



What is the name of the special candle lit during the Easter Vigil?

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## Mass Intentions

### Week of May 17-May 24

#### Sunday, May 17

**Anointing of the Sick at all Masses**

**Coffee & Donuts**

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

11:00am Lola Gene Briones and Maxwell Lee Gannon

Baptism

#### Monday, May 18

12:05 pm Mass

6:00 pm Reach More/LL7

6:00 pm Marian Hymn Sing & Concert/Church

6:30 pm THEO/ CR

7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

#### Tuesday, May 19

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

1:00 pm SMP & SJP Prayer Shawl Group/at SJP LL112

1:00 pm SMP & STJ Book Club/LL7

6:30 pm Finance Council/CR

6:30 pm Matthew 25/LCR

#### Wednesday, May 20

8:00 am Quilting/CR

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7

4:30 pm Adoration/ Chapel

6:30 pm Confirmation Classes/SAR

#### Thursday, May 21

**Parish Office Closed**

9:00 am Flags at Cemetery

10:00 am Mom's Group - Babysitting Rm

12:05 pm Mass

1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/CR

6:00 pm Adult Choir/MR

6:00 pm Discipleship Committee/LL3

6:00 pm Woman's Ministry/LL7

#### Friday, May 22

**Parish Office Closed**

9:00 am Small Group/LL7

#### Saturday, May 23

9:00 am Confessions

4:30 pm Mass

#### Sunday, May 24

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

1:00 pm Moment of Remembrance/Cemetery

Sun., May 17 7:45am Dylas Henderson  
9:45am Helen Lampert

Mon., May 18 12:05pm Joanie Streck

Thur., May 21 12:05pm Available

Sat., May 23 4:30pm Helen Henderson

Sun., May 24 7:45am Available  
9:45am Margaret Higgins



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

Aren't we all ready for summer to begin!?! Your support of the parish is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
May	\$35,707.25	\$75,083.33	-\$39,376.08

### Your giving at work in the parish:

- We are planning for our summer projects.
- 1. The primary one is an update to the Rectory (Fr. Bill's House). This basic renovation will create a safer space for Fr. Bill as well as a safer path for him to get to the church. It includes a plan to connect his garage to the house to make his movements safer. These improvements will create a significantly safer and more contemporary space for Fr. Bill.
- 2. We are planning for some landscaping around the church as well. The goal is to remove some of the overgrowth that has happened over the past 20 years and to improve the entry to our parish.
- 3. In the office we are working on updating the worn carpet and paint as well as improving the front office space.



**The Paschal Candle**  
(representing the  
light of Christ)

# *in Joy &* **SORROW**

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WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



Back in the day when Father Robert Prevost of Chicago was ordained a bishop for servant leadership among the People of God in Chiclayo, Peru (Dec 2014), he chose as his episcopal motto In the One [Christ], We Are One.

As the Spiritual Family of Saint Mary Parish accompanied Margie and Allan, and their families and friends, on a heartwrenching journey of hopes lifted and hopes dashed after the horrific car crash on Thursday, April 9, it became obvious that we are one, in the One Christ. What brought us together in prayer for Margie and Alan, what brought us to their bedsides, what got us down on our knees in prayer, what galvanized us to do so much to share in the sufferings of Margie and Alan, was all because we are together a part of the Body of Christ. Jesus never shies away from joining His suffering to our suffering. His Spirit of Compassion joins us to Him and to each other. It is genuine faith that joins our hearts together and makes it possible to accompany one another in life, especially through the bad, sad, and sick times.

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I am so blessed to be a part of this Spiritual Family. The care and prayer, so loving, through Margie and Alan's time in the hospital, the careful planning for their joint Funeral Mass, the hospitality of welcome and warmth, with doors held wide open to all who came to express their love for the Hopfensbergers and the Diermeiers, the touching letter to Margie and Alan's family and friends from Bishop David Ricken, the music at the Funeral Mass, and the fellowship at the luncheon were all so beautiful and filled with the grace and glory of the Lord's presence.

Dear Margie was our teacher and witness in showing us what warm hospitality and loving kindness look like. Who she was was inspired by her friendship with Jesus. Every Wednesday, Margie and I would open adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at 4:30 pm. We had our assigned seats in church, if you will. I was in the front pew on the St Mary side and Margie was in the back pew. In the chapel, she always sat closest to the table where the bulletins are made available. Again, I was near the front. During Lent, you would find us both on Saturday at 8 am in the chapel for Adoration.

Margie's friendship with Jesus was genuine and deep. She loved Jesus. She sometimes felt a little less holy because her only brother is a priest and her only sister is a nun. I would say, "Far be that from the truth." Her vocation as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, nurse's aide, and servant minister was genuine evidence to her genuine faith, hope and love. Margie's superlative joy was evidence of her holiness. To be superlative is to be holy.

Truth be told though, Margie could get pretty animated about situations and persons that were less than what she thought they should be. I would caution her, "Now Margie, calm down. Take a few deep breaths. Breathe in the Spirit's peace!" None of us is ever finished with growing in holiness.

I will miss Margie's faithful presence around here. I loved the beautiful dresses she wore to Mass, always in the color of the liturgical year! She had a lot of green editions!

As far as Alan, Margie, who could be persuasive at times, convinced me to purchase a new Honda CRV. I was strongly directed to do that before Alan retired in December 2024! I got in right under the wire!

Alan sat me down at his desk at Gustman Honda and posed one question, whose answer he suggested would determine everything. "Do you want a leather interior or not?" I thought "Why not?" and answered in the affirmative. "There is only one CRV on the lot that fits the bill! Let me go get it!"

After the test drive, not that enthused about the “Urban Grey Pearl” color, I said, “Let’s go for it!” An hour later, the deal was done. Alan reported, “This was my quickest sale ever!” He smiled!

When I remember Margie and Alan, this poem comes to mind. It is one of my favoritest!

**SMALL KINDNESSES** Denusha Lameris

I’ve been thinking about the way, when you walk  
down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs  
to let you by. Or how strangers still say “bless you”  
when someone sneezes, a leftover  
from the Bubonic plague. “Don’t die,” we are saying.

And sometimes, when you spill lemons  
from your grocery bag, someone else will help you  
pick them up. Mostly, we don’t want to harm each other.

We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot,  
and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile  
at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress  
to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder,  
and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass.

We have so little of each other, now. So far  
from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange.  
What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these  
fleeting temples we make together when we say, “Here,  
have my seat,” “Go ahead — you first,” “I like your hat.”

Eternal rest grant onto Margie and Alan! May Your Perpetual Light shine upon them!  
Amen!

By the way, I have warmed up to the color “Urban Pearl Grey!” In the sunshine, my  
CRV reflects the blue of the sky! Cool!

*Fr. Bill +*