

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22-23

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

wdswitz@stmaryparish.org

cell 920-422-4316

Deacon - Gerry Schraufnagel

dcngerry@stmaryparish.org

cell 920-540-9594

Cemetery Info - Chip Acker

cacker@stmaryparish.org

cell 920-882-4158

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

Confession times:

Saturday 9-10am or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd 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

GRADUATION 2026

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

-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Sunday, May 31 | 9:45am Mass

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

At ALL Masses May 30-31

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



JUST ONE MORE POTATO CHIP

**A SIXTY-YEAR LOVE AFFAIR:
TEACHING IN A NOBLE PROFESSION**



WRITTEN BY CHRIS RETTLER

BOOK LAUNCH INVITE!

WED, May 27 • 3-4:30 PM • Marian Way

Join us at St. Mary Parish on Wednesday, May 27th, for the book launch of **Just One More Potato Chip-A Sixty-Year Love Affair: Teaching in a Noble Profession** by local author Chris Rettler. In this heartfelt memoir, she reflects on her decades in education which began in the 1960s at St. Mary and Catholic Central.

Scan to purchase



HOLY



What famous Lebanese - American actor had a strong and public devotion to St. Jude?





Summer Coffee & Donuts Schedule

- 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)



Pentecost SUNDAY COLLECTION

Home Missions - Our Own
Needs Collection
envelopes in the pews
Sunday, May 24

This collection supports the Black and Indian Missions, Catholic Communications / Evangelization, Catholic Home Missions, and the Catholic University of America.



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)



Let's Celebrate!

**WEAR RED FOR
PENTECOST**

May 23 & 24



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



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



Diocese of
Green Bay

Join Us!

ORDINATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD

**DEACON NATHAN
BUDDE**

MAY 30 | 10 AM

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral,
Green Bay

Unable to attend? Tune in to the livestream!
dioc.io/buddeordination

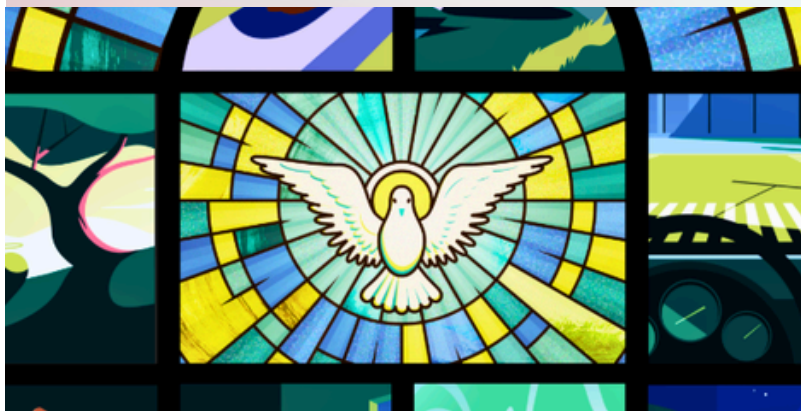


Hallow Hub

Do you have questions about Hallow?

- How to subscribe?
- Features & function?
- How to add prayer Intentions?

Visit one of our Parish's Hallow
Heralds after Masses, **June 6/7** to
help with your Hallow experience.





Help Shape the Future Look of St. Mary

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.




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.



 **Catholic Charities**
of the Diocese of Green Bay
PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION
Sponsored by the Catholic Charities
Adoption & Pregnancy Support program.



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!!



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 |
www.norbertines.org
1016 N. Broadway, De Pere,
WI 54115



Join us
in welcoming
Jason, Lisa, & Hazel Bennin
to the St. Mary
Community



CARNIVAL



FOR KIDS



SATURDAY, MAY 30

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of May 24-May 31

Pentecost Sunday, May 24

Home Missions Collection

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

1:00 pm Moment of Remembrance /Cemetery

Monday, May 25

Office Closed

8:00 am Mass/Cemetery

Tuesday, May 26

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

6:30 pm Men's Ministry/LL7

Wednesday, May 27

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7

3:00 pm Book Launch/Marian Way

6:00 pm Reach More/LL7

Thursday, May 28

10:00 am Mom's Group - Babysitting Rm

12:05 pm Mass

6:00 pm Adult Choir/MR

Friday, May 29

Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Small Group/LL7

Saturday, May 30

9:00 am Confessions

4:30 pm Mass/Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 31

7:45 am Mass/Graduation Recognition

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed/Graduation Recognition

11:00 am Flock of Sparrows/LL5

11:15 am Youth Appreciation dinner/St. Anne Room

Sun., May 24

7:45am

Karen Wedor

9:45am

Margaret Higgins

Mon., May 25

12:05pm

Available

Thur., May 28

12:05pm

Available

Sat., May 30

4:30pm

Carl Butzen

Sun., May 31

7:45am

Three sisters (anonymous)

9:45am

Helen Lampert



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

We celebrate Pentecost and Memorial Day this weekend. May the Holy Spirit fill you with love and peace.

Thank you for your generosity. We are right on target to meet our goals for the month and the fiscal year that ends June 30.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
May	\$47,878.90	\$75,083.33	-\$27,204.43

Your giving at work in the parish:

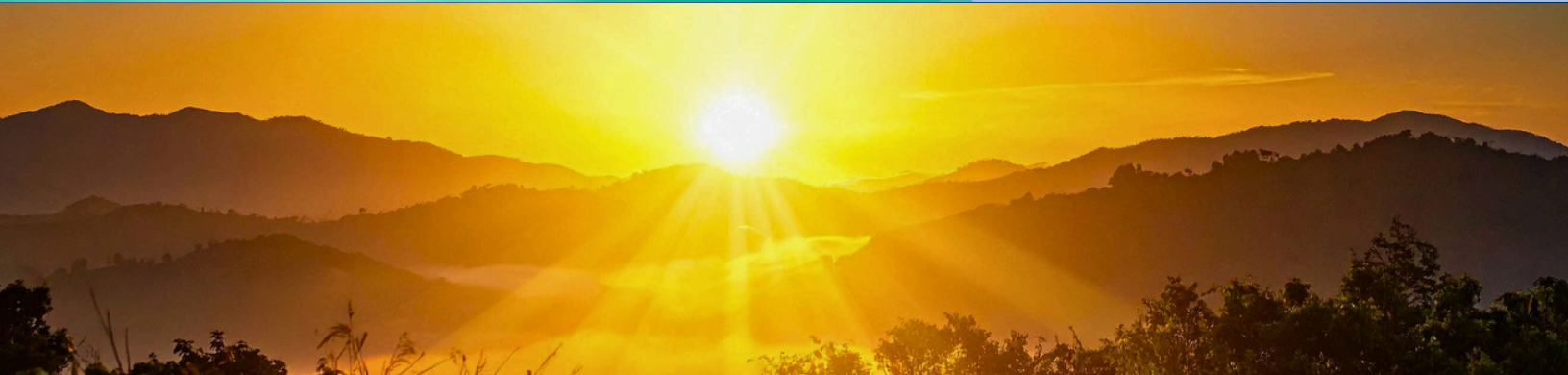
- At the beginning of May we had an open house at the cemetery. If you haven't been out to the cemetery in a while, it is a beautiful place for a walk and to pray. If you go this weekend, you will see flags (thanks to the volunteers who placed the flags) at the graves of those who have served their country in the military. There are a couple opportunities this weekend for you to celebrate memorial day before the traditional cookout.
 - On Sunday there will be a color guard to honor fallen Veterans. This takes place at 1:00 pm.
 - On Monday morning at 8:00 am, Fr. Bill will celebrate a Mass in the chapel in memory of all those who have paid the ultimate price.



Danny Thomas

in Joy & **SORROW**

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON 5.24.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL TIME

by Sister Miriam of the Holy Spirit (Jessica Powers)

*This is a beautiful time, this last age, the age of the Holy Spirit.
This is the long-awaited day of His [Her] reign in our souls
through grace.*

He [She] is crying to every soul that is walled:

Open to Me, My spouse, My sister.

And once inside, He [She] is calling again:

Come to Me here in this secret place.

*Oh, hear Him [Her] tonight crying all over the world
a last desperate summons of love to a dying race.*

Acres we are to be gathered for God:

*He [She] would pour out His [Her] measureless morning
upon divinized lands, bought by blood, to their Purchaser given.*

Oh, hear Him [Her] within you speaking this infinite love,

*moving like some divine and audible leaven,
lifting the sky of the soul with expansions of light,*

*shaping new heights and new depths
and, at your stir of assent, spreading the mountains with flame,
filling the hollows with heaven.*

As I have reached the “threescore and ten plus one”^{*} marker on my life journey, I realize more and more that the Holy Spirit has been my constant inspiration. I have not always acknowledged the Spirit’s work, but in the autumn of my life, I am relying more and more on the Spirit.

I am working on a Pastoral Letter on the Holy Spirit. I have titled it: Standing Tall in the Spirit! Living Life at Full Extension! A Pastoral Letter on the Power of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Disciple of the Lord.

*Breathing his last
breath, Jesus’ Dying
is obviously there
but so, too, are His
Rising, His
Ascending, and His
Sending Out of the
Holy Spirit. This
happens in a single
moment as Jesus
declares, “It
is finished!”*

I hope to publish it on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Monday, September 14, which falls just one day before the celebration of our Parish Patronal Feast, Our Lady of Sorrows. I have chosen this date because sadly I don't have it completed for the Solemnity of Pentecost. But I am reminded of the theology of the Evangelist John, who teaches that the Paschal Mystery was completed by Jesus as he hung upon the Cross. Breathing his last breath, Jesus' Dying is obviously there but so, too, are His Rising, His Ascending, and His Sending Out of the Holy Spirit. This happens in a single moment as Jesus declares, "It is finished!"

I am reminded of the bronze cross that hangs in the sanctuary of the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Milwaukee. Crafted in Italy, this Cross depicts the dying Jesus springing forth into new life, with the Holy Spirit, depicted as a dove, flowing from the tip of His His Right Finger.

I have finished the greater portion of my Pastoral Letter. I still have to address "discernment of spirits" and "conversation in the spirit", which are important themes in the key of synodality for a Church, which should consist of synodal parishes and synodal parish leaders. This was the great hope of Pope Francis!

Indeed, we are living in the Age of the Holy Spirit. Vatican Council II celebrated the presence of the Spirit in the Church, filling the spirits of baptized believers, ordained and nonordained, with the same gifts and fruits. The Church cannot err when the Body of Christ, the People of God, are in sync with the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Council Fathers called this reality the *sensus fidelium*. Synodality hinges on this notion that baptized believers and bishops, walking together, side-by-side, building the Kingdom of God in every moment of history, listening to the experiences of one another with the ears of our hearts, are being guided and stretched by the Holy Spirit.

Abbot

Mauro-Giuseppe Lepori OCSO describes his experience of being a delegate to the Synod on Synodality in Rome in October of 2023 and 2024 in a way that really struck me:

The fact that we follow the same spiritual "path" and do a lot of stuff together that doesn't have to do with politics, makes it easier to enter into heated discussions about stuff on which we disagree. We can yell at each other, but then we fall back on the fact that our friendship is based on something much greater than any of these issues. The thing that unites us is so strong and concrete, that we can have these back and forths, and end up not only not hating each other, but learning from each other. It's the old metaphor of the jagged rocks in the bag. When you shake up the rocks, it causes conflict, but it also smooths out the edges. If we exit the bag, our rough edges will never smooth out.

What gives us a common history and also a common sensibility, even though we come from different histories and have different sensibilities? The Church does not hold things together in a theoretical way; rather, there is a reality that makes our history and our sensibility common—a reality that is Christ. Christ is not at the mercy of my history and my sensibility; rather, it is on Him that I have a history, and it is He who harmonizes my sensibility with that of others. The whole Church is this: the Church is a symphony of different sensibilities, but the beauty, the unity, the coherence of everything—the concert—is possible because there is Christ, the presence of Christ, the gaze of Christ upon us, the call of Christ to follow Him and to bear witness to Him, and the salvation that Christ is for us and for the world. There are not different salvations; He alone is the Savior.

Sister Miriam gets it exactly right. The Spirit cries out to every soul that is walled. Walls are anathema to the Holy Spirit who only wants to build bridges among diverse peoples. The Holy Spirit is the divinizer. All is charged with the Spirit's power, even lands.

*Oh, hear Him [Her] within you speaking this infinite love,
moving like some divine and audible leaven,
lifting the sky of the soul with expansions of light,
shaping new heights and new depths
and, at your stir of assent, spreading the mountains with flame,
filling the hollows with heaven.*

The Holy Spirit is more like a verb than a noun. I call your attention to Jessica Power's powerful and animated images of the Holy Spirit:

- speaking this infinite love [within you]
- moving like leaven
- lifting the sky of the soul with expansions of light
- shaping new heights and new depths
- spreading the mountains with flames
- filling the hollows with heaven

Come, Holy Spirit! Happy Birthday of the Church, Holy People of God!

*threescore and ten plus one = 71! 🙄

Fr. Bill +