

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love. Entrance Antiphon

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, 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.

Register online or scan with your phone.



SCAN ME



“For I know well the plans I have for you,” says the Lord, “plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.”

—JEREMIAH 29:11



Congratulations

CLASS OF 2026

As a parish family, we joyfully congratulate our graduating seniors. We thank God for the gifts they have shared with our community and pray that the Holy Spirit guides them as they begin this new chapter of life.

OUR GRADUATES



Ryan Campana
Isabella Van Brocklin
Michaela Lavalle
Cecilia Higgins



Bernice Geurts
Michael Schopf
Reid Hinkens
Brynn Krull



Joy Krull
Layna Petersen
Ornella
Bajirebwinja
Wyatt
Rouamba



Andrew Bersted
Haileigh Dunninghoo
Katherine Midtvedt
Lydia Kruse
Evan Grade

A PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES



*Heavenly Father,
Bless these graduates as they move forward with faith, courage, and hope. Guide their decisions, strengthen their character, and help them use their talents to serve others and glorify You. May they always know the love of Christ and remain rooted in Your truth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

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.)



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)



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!!**



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.



FATHER'S DAY

Sun, Jun 21, 2026

Join us as we show our love and appreciation to all our amazing dads with a small gift and blessings during Masses (4:30pm, 7:45 & 9:45am) on Father's Day weekend!



SUMMER

BIBLE STUDY

with **ANDREW REIMER**
Minister of Adult Disciples

WEDNESDAYS
JUNE 10 - AUG 26, 1PM

Dive into Scripture this summer with a weekly review of the letters of St. Paul! We will be meeting on Wednesdays at 1pm in LL7 starting June 10 to August 26. No obligation to attend every session—each week will stand on its own with a new perspective.

If interested, scan here for Sign Up Genius! 





Brunch BUNCH

June 14
SUNDAY
11:30am

If you are 55 years old or older, mark your calendar for our next get together. Sunday, June 14th, we are going to Van Abel's of Hollandtown for family style chicken. We will meet there at 11:30. Reservations are required. Please let us know by Thursday, June 11th if you will be joining us. Call or text Sue Rogers at 920-810-1545, leaving your name and how many people. Thank you.

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.



What is the final verse in the Bible?







**ST. JOSEPH
FOOD PROGRAM**

**Jingle in June
Food Drive**

**All donations matched up to \$25,000!
\$1 for each pound of food or dollar donated**

**Wednesday, June 24th
4-7pm**

**St. Joseph Food Program
1465A Opportunity Way, Menasha**

-  Pictures with Santa
-  Festival of Trees nonperishable tree/Christmas themed sculpture competition
-  Christmas music
-  Tours and resource information

To sign up for our Festival of Trees competition, and for more information, visit our website!

<https://www.stjoesfoodprogram.org/jingleinjune>



XAVIER BOOSTER CLUB GOLF OUTING



JUNE 15, 2026

BUTTE DES MORTS COUNTRY CLUB APPLETON, WI

REGISTER NOW



XCSGolfOuting26.GiveSmart.com

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



Catholic Charities

of the Diocese of Green Bay

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Sponsored by the Catholic Charities
Adoption & Pregnancy Support program.

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM

Fighting Hunger Sustaining Hope



Collection: June 13 & 14

The St Joseph Food Program collection is June 13th and 14th. Please donate any type of pasta and anything that goes with pasta, such as sauces, mayo, canned veggies, tuna or packaged meats. No glass, perishable items or past use by dates please.

Thank you for helping those who are in need.



RSVP
TODAY!



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Mass with Bishop Ricken • Crafts • Tours
Bounce House • History Walk • Face Painting
Lunch @ Noon • Lots of Camp Tek Fun!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of May 31-June 7

Sunday, May 31

7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed/Grad Recognition
11:00 am Flock of Sparrows/LL5

Monday, June 1

12:05 pm Mass
6:00 pm Reach more/LL7
6:30 pm THEO/CR
7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7
1:00 pm SMP & SJP Prayer Shawl Group/at SJP LL112
6:30 pm Pastoral Council/CR

Wednesday, June 3

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7

Thursday, June 4

10:00 am Mom's Group/Babysitting Rm
12:05 pm Mass
1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/CR

Friday, June 5

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, June 6 - Hallow Hub

9:00 am Confessions
4:30 pm Mass
5:45 pm Ice Cream Social/CR

Sunday, June 7 - Hallow Hub

Coffee & Donuts
7:45 am Mass
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed/

Sun., May 31	7:45am	Available
	9:45am	Helen Lampert
Mon., June 1	12:05pm	Available
Thur., June 4	12:05pm	Available
Sat., June 6	4:30pm	Anna & Merlin Hein
Sun., June 7	7:45am	Richard & Phyllis Nelson
	9:45am	Jerry & Sally Grall



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.

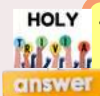
Generosity CORNER

Thank you for your continued generosity. As we approach the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2026, your support is most appreciated in this last push to meet our annual target. With more than a month left in the fiscal year we need a little more than \$55,000 to reach our budget of \$901,000.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
May	\$63,522.15	\$75,083.33	-\$11,561.18

Your giving at work in the parish:

- Happy Graduation! This is the time of year when so many of our young people are in transition from elementary to middle school, from middle school to high school, from high school to adult life in college or other post-secondary education or the workforce, and from college to the workforce or even graduate or professional education. We are blessed to have so many young people in our parish family going through these milestones. This weekend we will celebrate them, especially our high school graduates.



"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!"
Revelation 22:21

in Joy & **SORROW**

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WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



AN OPEN LETTER

Dearest Graduates of the Class of 2026,

So as to recognize all of our graduates this year, let me begin with our dear kindergarteners. For all of us older types, these little tykes remind us of the joy that accompanies any milestone in our lives. The littles know how to get truly excited!

To our children moving to a new campus, for example, 4th or 5th graders moving to middle school, and 8th grade graduates preparing to enter through the doors of their high school, congratulations! Enjoy your new surroundings, friendships, and opportunities to grow in holiness and wisdom!

Finally, I want to address you, our young people graduating from high school, college, graduate school, technical college, or basic training for those serving in our armed forces. Congratulations on reaching this important milestone in your life!

Education is a precious gift. In addition to your minds that have been honed in critical thinking and valuable knowledge, hopefully your hearts have been touched by a sense of the solidarity we share with all of humankind, and your hands have been shaped by a willingness to reach out to your sisters and brothers whose lives are so much harder than your own.

*“..gratitude is
that holiest of
virtues that
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others.”*

This achievement you are celebrating is not yours alone. So many have loved you and supported you along the way, notably your dear parents and grandparents, your siblings and your friends, your teachers and coaches, and your classmates and teammates. Some of them have made great sacrifices to make sure a quality education was yours to experience!

For persons who live for more than just themselves, gratitude is that holiest of virtues that moves us towards the Lord and others. No one is an island. All is gift. You and I do not deserve anything nor have we earned anything. All is gift from the Gift Giver, the Lord, and our only responses should be gratitude and generosity. I would bet you that the most joyful people in your life are the people who are good stewards of the Lord's many blessings. They have given us a holy example to follow.

Remain close to the Lord. Carve out space and time everyday for a moment to connect with Him. Pay attention to those feelings that touch your heart and thank the Lord for those graces.

I don't know if you are into poetry at all. One of my favorite poets is Mary Oliver. I like this poem of hers.

PRAYING

*It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just
pay attention, then patch*

*a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway*

*into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.*

May all your memories of the past and your hopes for the future be "a doorway into thanks and a silence where another voice may speak."

It should come as no surprise to you that in the "season of graduations", there are a multitude of words poured forth in the form of commencement addresses, some more inspiring than others.

I was inspired by the encouraging words of Timothy Shriver at Notre Dame University's graduation on May 17. Mr Shriver is the grandson of President John F Kennedy and the co-founder of Special Olympics with his mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver. He is an amazing humble servant leader in our Catholic Church, nation and world! Permit me to conclude my message with his words!

“So be a mystic! Allow grace to remove any obstacle that separates you from the presence of God within -- so that grace can also remove any obstacle that separates you from the presence of God in others. Because in the eyes of God, there ARE no least of these, no them and us. There is no less of God in any of us.

The only difference is in our ability to say yes.

This ability to say yes is the core of the spiritual movement now sweeping the world, a movement we are all now called to join — a movement to say Yes to dignity as the standard for how we treat each other – in our families, in our schools, in our faith and in our work.”

Oops! I fibbed when I said Mr. Shriver’s words would conclude my message! Here’s a prayer to accompany you on your new pathway. I have shortened and paraphrased it a bit from Saint Teresa of Avila and it is a prayer I pray often!

Jesus, let nothing disturb me.

Let nothing frighten me.

Jesus, You alone are enough.

Happy Graduation!

Father Bill +

and Your Spiritual Family of Saint Mary Parish