

# ST. MARY PARISH

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“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life , and I will raise him up on the last day.” John 6:54

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 4:30-8pm

We must have one person

with the Eucharist at all times.

Register online at

<https://bit.ly/4fq0b53>

or scan with your phone.



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# 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.

**All Are Welcome!!**

If interested, scan here for Sign Up Genius!



**ST. MARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

<https://bit.ly/4x2wEER>



## 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.*

# 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**



# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, June 17,  
from 4:30 - 8 pm  
in the chapel



Please pray for fathers, grandfathers, and stepfathers to be the Spiritual Fathers and Christian role models for their families.



Sign up for a time to sit with Jesus. We must have one person with the Eucharist at all times. Register online at <https://bit.ly/4fq0b53> or scan with your phone.

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# Hallow Hub

## Do you have questions about Hallow?

Visit one of our Parish's Hallow Heralds after Masses in the Marian Way, June 6/7 to help with your Hallow experience



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



## Summer Coffee & Donuts

ON SUNDAYS  
JUNE 21  
JULY 12, 26  
AUGUST 9, 16, 30



TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT  
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/4VTOQ8V](https://bit.ly/4vtoq8v)



# 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  
or click here

[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.

# XAVIER BOOSTER CLUB GOLF OUTING



JUNE 15, 2026

BUTTE DES MORTS  
COUNTRY CLUB  
APPLETON, WI

REGISTER NOW



[XCSGolfOuting26.GiveSmart.com](http://XCSGolfOuting26.GiveSmart.com)

# Family Pool Party



- Friday, July 10 from 7-9 PM at Mead Pool
- FREE Event -Snacks and fun for everyone!

Hosted by



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- St Mary/St Joseph book club will meet Tuesday, June 16, from 1 to 2:30 pm, at St. Mary on State Street in Room LL7.
- The selected book is *The Simplicity of Cider* by Amy E Reichert.
- Please reach out to Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474, with questions or to request the list of books scheduled through December, 2026.



According to the Book of Exodus, where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?

A WEEK OF FAITH, FUN,  
PRAYERS, AND FRIENDSHIP

# TOTUS TUUS

## *Totally Yours*



**JULY 26-31, 2026**  
GRADES 1-12



### FAITH

- Daily Mass
- Prayer
- Sacraments



### FUN

- Games
- Skits
- Activities



### FRIENDSHIP

- New Friends
- Catholic Community
- Faith That Lasts



### DAY PROGRAM

GRADES 1-6

**JULY 27-31, 2026**  
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM



### EVENING PROGRAM

GRADES 7-12

**JULY 26-30, 2026**  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### THIS YEAR'S THEME



The Ten  
Commandments



The Luminous  
Mysteries

Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer program dedicated to sharing the Gospel through faith-filled catechesis, prayer, Christian witness, and joyful community. Students grow closer to Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### HOSTED AT

**ST. THOMAS MORE  
CATHOLIC PARISH**  
In collaboration with

St. Bernadette - St. Therese -  
St. Mary Appleton, Wisconsin



## REGISTER HERE TODAY!

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your  
phone

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



**TEEN VOLUNTEERS**  
Share your faith and  
be a role model!

[Click here to sign up](#)



**ADULT VOLUNTEERS**  
Help with behind-the-scenes  
and program support!

[Click here to sign up](#)



**MEAL PROVIDERS**  
Provide a meal and  
bless our missionaries!

[Click here to sign up](#)

*Totally Yours Through Mary to Jesus*



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# 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.



### 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!

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## Mass Intentions

### Week of June 7-June 14

#### Sunday, June 7 - Hallow Hub Coffee & Donuts

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

#### Monday, June 8

12:05 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Reach More/LL7  
7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

#### Tuesday, June 9

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7  
4:30 pm Safety Committee/CR  
6:00 pm Facilities Committee/LCR  
6:30 pm Men's Ministry/LL7

#### Wednesday, June 10

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7  
1:00 pm Summer Bible Study/LL7

#### Thursday, June 11

10:00 am Young Families Play Group - Babysitting Rm  
12:05 pm Mass

#### Friday, June 12

Parish Office Closed

#### Saturday, June 13

##### St. Joe's Collection

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

#### Sunday, June 14

##### St. Joe's Collection

11:30 am Brunch Bunch/Van Abel's  
7:45 am Mass  
9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Sun., June 7	7:45am 9:45am	Richard & Phyllis Nelson Jerry & Sally Grall
Mon., June 8	12:05pm	Living & Deceased members of St. Mary
Thur., June 11	12:05pm	Available
Sat., June 13	4:30pm	Conrad Fuerstenberg
Sun., June 14	7:45am 9:45am	Barbara Snow Harold Hanson



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

June has arrived and we are in the final month of our fiscal year. Thank you so much for your support of the parish and its ministries.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
June	\$5,812.37	\$75,083.33	-\$69,270.96

### Your giving at work in the parish:

- Summer is upon us! Schools are getting out and summer adventures are beginning. Keep an eye out for activities at the parish. For example, if you go to 4:30 Mass on Saturday it will be followed by an Ice Cream Social. A wonderful summer treat and opportunity to share fellowship with your parish family.



Mount Sinai



# *in Joy &* **SORROW**

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 6.7.2026  
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



As we greet the holy month of June, here is a poem to set the stage.

*Everything is Waiting for You*  
by David Whyte

You're great mistake is to act the drama,  
as if you were alone. As if life  
were a progressive and cunning crime  
with no witness to the tiny hidden  
transgressions. To feel abandoned is to deny  
the intimacy of your surroundings. Surely,  
even you, at times, have felt the grand array;  
the swelling presence, and the chorus crowding out  
your solo voice. You must note  
the way the soap dish enables you,  
or the window latch grants you freedom.  
Alertness is the hidden discipline of familiarity.  
The stairs are your mentor of things  
to come, the doors have always been there  
to frighten you and invite you,  
and the tiny speaker in the phone  
is your dream-ladder to divinity.

*The practice of  
lectio divina, the  
divine reading of  
Scripture  
organized around  
the 4 R's of  
Reading,  
Reflecting,  
Responding, and  
Resting is easily  
transferred to our  
experiences in  
nature.*

Put down the weight of your aloneness  
and ease into the conversation.  
The kettle is singing  
even as it pours you a drink, the cooking pots  
have left their arrogant aloofness and  
seen the good in you at last. All the birds  
and creatures of the world are unutterably  
themselves. Everything is waiting for you.

I believe it was Saint Thomas Aquinas who suggested that enthroned alongside the Book of the Sacred Scriptures is the Book of Sacred Nature. Both of these holy books reveal the faithful constancy of the Lord, always in our midst and reaching out to you and me with a magnificent Love.

The practice of *lectio divina*, the divine reading of Scripture organized around the 4 R's of Reading, Reflecting, Responding, and Resting is easily transferred to our experiences in nature.

The author of the poem above is David Whyte, who has a bit of the Irish and Scots Yorkshire in his ancestry, and has a degree in marine zoology. He has done studies of nature's glory on the Galapagos Islands. In an interview with Krista Tippett on *On Being* in 2022, Mr Whyte admits,

"Yes, I went back into poetry because I felt like scientific language wasn't precise enough to describe the experiences that I had in Galapagos. Science, rightly, is always trying to remove the *I*. But I was really interested in the way that the *I* deepened, the more you paid attention. And in Galapagos, I began to realize that because I was in deeply attentive states, hour after hour, watching animals and birds and landscapes — and that's all I did for almost two years — I began to realize that my identity depended, not upon any beliefs I had, inherited beliefs or manufactured beliefs, but my identity actually depended on how much attention I was paying to things that were other than myself, and that as you deepen this intentionality and this attention, you started to broaden and deepen your own sense of presence."

"This poem [found above] is written almost like a conversation in the mirror, trying to remind myself what's first-order. And we have so many allies in this world, including just the color blue in the sky, which we're not paying attention to, or the breeze or the ground beneath our feet. And so this is an invitation to come out of abstraction and back into the world again."

The poet is on to something here. I believe that the spiritual life begins in a spirit of hyperattentiveness to all around us and within us. In the woods which is social media and the constant scrolling that accompanies it, there is a tendency to always be on the move, never slowing down, never really paying attention, and losing one's way. In fact, we can anesthetize ourselves to a degree that we are not attentive to our outer surroundings or to our interior feelings. Our friendship with the Lord is stymied if we never take the time to be impacted by the beauty of nature or of our inner life. When was the last time you *rested* in the beauty of creation or in the grace of your emotions? When was the last time you read a novel or watched a movie or listened to a piece of music which moved you to tears?

*Everything is Waiting for You* is charged with this spirituality of paying attention. The language is there for us:

- *the intimacy of your surroundings*
- *surely you have felt the grand array; the swelling presence*
- *Alertness is the hidden discipline of familiarity*
- *The stairs are your mentor of things to come, the doors have always been there to frighten you and invite you, and the tiny speaker in the phone is your dream-ladder to divinity*
- *The kettle is singing even as it pours you a drink, the cooking pots have left their arrogant aloofness and seen the good in you at last. All the birds and creatures of the world are unutterably themselves. Everything is waiting for you.*

Father Henri Nouwen says this about the art of waiting:

“To wait with openness and trust is an enormously radical attitude toward life. It is choosing to hope that something is happening for us that is far beyond our own imaginings. It is giving up control over our future and letting God define our life. It is living with the conviction that God molds us in love, holds us in tenderness, and moves us away from the sources of our fear.”

June is charged with the grand array and a swelling presence! School is on its summer break. The strains of Pomp and Circumstance have been shelved for another year. Our graduates are taking a breath as they gear up for all that autumn will bring. The garden is promising all good things to come. The bunnies have made their appearance. The grass is growing and the lawnmowers are purring. One of my housekeepers just reported that a woodpecker has made herself or himself a nuisance by knocking without ceasing on their house. The crack of the baseball bat and the swish of the soccer ball have made their appearance across our land. All is gearing up for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. Summer vacations are in the offing.

Enjoy June!

*Fr. Bill +*