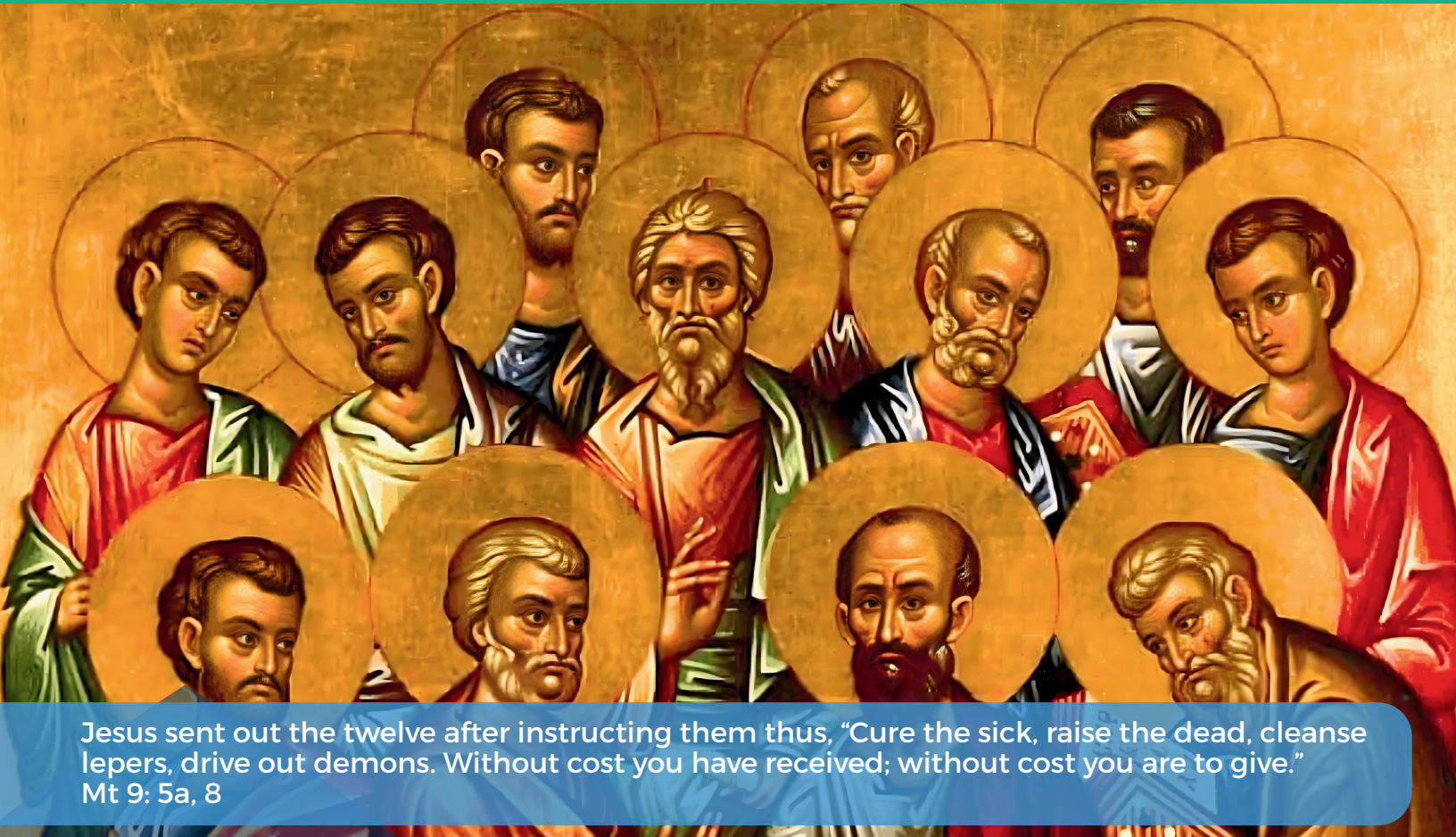


11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 14, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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Jesus sent out the twelve after instructing them thus, "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."
Mt 9: 5a, 8

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



SCAN ME

Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Wednesday 4:30-8pm

We must have one person

with the Eucharist at all times.

Register online

<https://bit.ly/49Wm3k5>

or scan with your phone.

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.

SCAN ME

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, Jun 21, 2026

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



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



Summer Coffee & Donuts



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





Thank You!



... to everyone
who attended
our 4:30 MASS
ICE CREAM
Social



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.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE Institute



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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Volunteers Needed

Point In Time Count July 22 at 11 pm - July 23 to 3 am

This count happens nationally twice a year. You will go out into the community with a leader and a small group and engage with individuals currently living in places not meant for human habitation.

This data is used to secure federal funds to assist those in need with housing.

Please scan the QR code to volunteer or [click here](#). If you have questions, contact Liz Croley at Liz.Crowley@appletonwi.gov



**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!

www.stjoesfoodprogram.org



Joining the CAN-struction competition for our Jingle in June food drive does not need to be overwhelming!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!



Follow these steps to plan your CAN-struction experience:

- 1** Collect nonperishable food items during April and May
- 2** At the end of May, determine your quantity of food items collected
- 3** Research and plan what shape or structure you want to create (our website has some examples or you can search online).

Communicate with Heather at St. Joe's to determine how many pallets you will need to build on and when you plan to build on June 24th prior to the event. Email Heather at hduvall@stjoesfoodprogram.org or call 920-734-9461 x309

Visit our event page for ideas and links to make your structure CAN-tastic!
<https://www.stjoesfoodprogram.org/jingleinjune>



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 Michael Hurley 
VOLUNTEER
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 Who Can Apply?

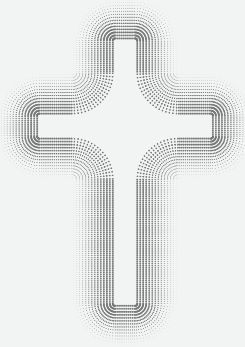
- ★ Any parishioner entering their **junior year** of high school (public or parochial)



Interested in applying for the Michael Hurley Volunteer Scholarship?

PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION!





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



The Ten
Commandments

THIS YEAR'S THEME



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.

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be a role model!

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

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Provide a meal and
bless our missionaries!

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of June 14-June 21

Sunday, June 14

St. Joe's Collection

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Monday, June 15

12:05 pm Mass (Father Dave Funk)

6:00 pm Reach More/LL7

6:30 pm THEO/CR

7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, June 16

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

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

1:00 pm SMP & STJ Book Club/SMP LL7

6:30 pm Finance Council/CR

Wednesday, June 17

8:00 am Quilting/CR

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7

1:00 pm Summer Bible Study/LL7

4:30 pm Adoration/Chapel

Thursday, June 18

10:00 am Young Families Play Group - Babysitting Rm

12:05 pm Mass (Father Dave Funk)

1:00 pm Hooks & Needles/CR

6:00 pm Discipleship Committee/LL3

Friday, June 19

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, June 20

9:00 am Confessions

2:00 pm Madeline Markham and Nathan Graff Wedding

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, June 21

Coffee & Donuts

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Sun., June 14

7:45am

Barbara Snow

9:45am

Harold Hanson

Mon., June 15

12:05pm

Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

Thur., June 18

12:05pm

Available

Sat., June 20

4:30pm

Marcia Navarette

Sun., June 21

7:45am

Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

9:45am

Ed Sabish



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

It is mid June and we are just a few short weeks away from our new fiscal year. Thanks to your generosity and support, we are just shy of meeting our annual goal.

| MONTH | INCOME | BUDGET | VARIANCE |
|-------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| June | \$30,475.15 | \$75,083.33 | -\$44,608.18 |

This weekend, we are excited to welcome Sr. Martha, a missionary, who will be sharing insights about her community's work with our parish. Keep in mind that the mission appeal extends throughout the diocese, and all contributions will support not only the organization visiting us but also all the other organizations involved within the Green Bay Diocese.



answer A crozier

in Joy & **SORROW**

ST MARY PARISH - APPLETON // 6.14.2026
WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



What's in a name? I suppose a lot! I am William, named after both of my grandfathers. My middle name, Donald, is my father's first name.

On May 8, 2025, Pope Leo XIV was intentional when he chose to be called Leo.

And on May 15th, we witnessed some of what that name means to Pope Leo.

One hundred thirty-five years ago, on May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII signed his encyclical letter titled *Rerum Novarum*. Looking at the first sentence for the meaning of that Latin title, we read "That the spirit of revolutionary change, which has long been disturbing the nations of the world..."

Pope Leo XIII was addressing the rapid pace of the Industrial Revolution and how laborers were being affected as the pace of capitalism began to accelerate. The sacred dignity of workers was sometimes being diminished for the sake of big profits.

On May 15th, Pope Leo XIV signed his first encyclical letter titled *Magnifica Humanitas*, whose first sentence begins "Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice..."

Every Catholic, every Christian, and every person of good will should take the time to read and ponder this beautiful and timely document. In the spirit of Vatican Council II, the Church cannot afford the luxury of shielding itself from the challenges of our modern times.

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Some still would suggest that the Church should mind its own business and not get involved in issues like the economy, war and peace, or immigration reform. This is wrong thinking. The Gospel and its call to all that is true, beautiful, good, and just must become a leaven in our culture bringing about its transformation. As Saint Augustine suggested, the City of Man must become the City of God.

The challenge confronting us all in the City of Man is the rapid development of digital technology and the introduction of Artificial Intelligence into the makeup of humanity.

Jesus' relationship with Jewish law put him in the situation of going against the grain. This irritated the Jewish religious leaders of his time. Jesus believed that the law must always serve human beings. He castigated the Pharisees who often chose the carrying out of the law to the detriment of treating human beings with dignity.

So, too, Artificial Intelligence can be a valuable tool if it is used to serve humankind. The danger though, admitted even by some of the creators of A.I., is that algorithms might possibly usurp human beings. In the war with Iran, A.I. reportedly has been used by the US military to determine targets to be struck by drones. Purportedly, on the opening day of the war, one of those American drones hit a school in Iran leading to the deaths of 150+ precious girls. Technology cannot be allowed to replace moral decision-making by human beings, who are called to value the sacred dignity of every person.

Pope Leo presents a careful description of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church that began with the work of Pope Leo XIII. In Chapter 2 of *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo writes: "The Social Doctrine of the Church is a living reality, in dialogue with history, cultures and sciences. At the same time, it enshrines a core set of unchanging truths. For this reason, it can be considered a form of wisdom that is capable of guiding the personal and societal lives of believers even today." (Paragraph 49)

I was struck by the description of the Social Justice Teachings of the Church as a *living reality, in dialogue with history, cultures and sciences*. The principles of Social Justice cannot remain as a list found on a page in the Catechism. This social doctrine is alive and always influencing the direction of humankind.

I noted, too, that Pope Leo is moving towards stating that the Just War Theory is becoming obsolete because of the advances made in war making, especially the nuclear capability to destroy civilization as we know it, assisted by technology and A.I. I do think the day is coming when the Just War Theory will be assigned to the dust bin of Catholic theology. War is always a dead end and all the money funneled into nuclear rearmament is a travesty. Peace based on deterrence or fear is no peace at all.

I am rambling here a bit but just trying to give you a taste of what makes up Pope Leo's *Magnifica Humanitas*. There is so much more. I need to give the encyclical a second reading and maybe a third! Here is the link if you would like to join me:

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html#The_foundations

Fr. Bill +