

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JUNE 21, 2026

ST. MARY PARISH

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“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your father’s knowledge. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Mt 10: 29, 31

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

We must have one person with the Eucharist at all times.

Register online

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

or scan with your phone.



SCAN ME

Thank You

FOR SHARING YOUR GIFTS!

“Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth.” — Psalm 96:1

Summertime means that the music ministry teams will take a much deserved rest until next September. If you know any of the musicians in the Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Beacon Children and Youth Choirs, and Cantors, please give them a “thank you” for their ministry for our parish.



Are you musical?

Consider joining the Music Ministry next September!

Music
IS PRAYER
IN SONG.

Thank you for helping our parish pray twice through song!



ADULT CHOIR

(Soprano) Linda Butzen, Nancie Chuchel, Carol Frahm, Jean Goaley, Patricia Tierney-Hull, Debbie Nighorn, Pat Olander, Ann Pretzel
(Alto) Karen Allard, Mary Lou Andrews, Marnie Centen, Anne Corsmeier, Libby Kramer, Barb Rutten, Becky Totzke, Tracey Van Stippen
(Tenor) Tony Allard, Mark Christman, Jeff DelPonte, Ken Wydeven
(Bass) Ron Altenburg, Dennis Chuchel, Dave Hartman, Dick Hebler, Wayne Nighorn, and Tony Welhouse.



BELL CHOIR

Meredith Alferi
Karen Berg
Katie Biese
DeeDee Ebben
Dave Lutzewitz
Amy Merwald
Martha Paalman
Mary School
Jenny Schraufnagel
Lynn Vanden Heuvel



BEACON CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIRS

Bella Tollefson
MiaTollefson
Addie Yogurst
Meghan Hyatt
Isaac Schraufnagel
Megan Schraufnagel
Tessa Wallace
Molly Gulug
Siyun Kim
Sarah Krueger
Lydia Neema
Ornella Bajirebwinja
Leo Sankey
Logan Aronson
Sophie Miller



CANTORS

Michael Reader
Jerry Bekkers
Suzanne VanEnkevort
Laura Tollefson
Nancy Lindo-Drusch

INTERESTED IN JOINING MUSIC MINISTRY NEXT SEPTEMBER?

Contact the parish office or speak with a member of the Music Ministry team.



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



FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 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!



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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:

Collect nonperishable food items during April and May
-  At the end of May, determine your quantity of food items collected
-  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>

TOTUS TUUS 2026

Faith • Fun • Friendship



JULY 26–31, 2026 | **GRADES 1–12**

Join us for a week of faith-filled learning, prayer, and community! Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer program dedicated to sharing the Gospel through engaging catechesis, prayer, Christian witness, and joyful activities. Through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, students grow closer to Christ while building lasting friendships.



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



DAILY MASS



PRAYER



SACRAMENTS



GAMES



SKITS



ACTIVITIES



NEW FRIENDS



GRADES 1–12

2026 THEME

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS & THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES



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In collaboration with
St. Bernadette
St. Therese
St. Mary
Appleton, Wisconsin

Little Lambs Playgroup

(Previously "Mom's Group")

For ages NB–5 years old (Older siblings welcome!)

Every Thursday
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Babysitting Room
Lower Level

CONTACT

Lori Lavalle
llavalle@stmaryparish.org
(920) 739-5119 x121



Connect with other parents while the children play.



FAREWELL & THANK YOU!

Wishing Michael and Chad the Very Best!



MICHAEL KOZOROV -
Communications Coordinator

Michael has been our Communication Coordinator for a little more than a year and a half. He came with strong graphic design skills that have helped transform the look of our website and bulletin. He brought more standardization to the look and feel of both as well as adding some pizzazz to our slides and digital signage. With Bob "Frankie" Frankenburg, he brought our student podcast, Flock of Sparrows, to life.

We want to thank Michael for all he has done here and wish him all the best as he moves on to his next adventure.



CHAD TISDELL -
Facilities Maintenance

Chad had big shoes to fill when he began in January of last year after Dennis retired. He brought his own unique style to do a varied job of indoor and outdoor maintenance both at the parish and the school. He has a well honed set of diverse skills that provided a nearly seamless transition. He has helped keep us going like a well-oiled machine and took special care with Fr. Bill's needs as well as those of the parish community. As his final project he is coordinating the renovation of the rectory.

A big thanks to Chad with tireless effort and generous attitude, we wish him well as he moves on.

We'll Miss You, Michael & Chad!

THANK YOU!

Family Pool Party



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

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE



Summer Coffee & Donuts Schedule

SUNDAYS

JUNE 21

JULY 12, 26

AUGUST 9, 16, 30



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Make a Difference. Be Recognized.

Interested in applying for the Michael Hurley Volunteer Scholarship?



Michael Hurley

VOLUNTEER

Scholarship

Who Can Apply?

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

Your Faith in action can open doors for your future!

Faith. Service. Future.

A college tuition scholarship for a high school junior who goes above and beyond in volunteering in the Church their Junior and Senior year.

PLEASE STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION!

HOLY



Which book in the Bible does not mention God by name?



EVENTS CALENDAR

Mass Intentions

Week of June 21-June 28

Sunday, June 21-Father's Day

Coffee & Donuts

Children's Liturgy

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed

Monday, June 22

12:05 pm Mass -Fr. Dave Funk

6:00 pm Reach More/LL7

7:00 pm AA Meeting/LL1

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 am Connect Group/LL7

6:30 pm Men's Ministry/LL7R

Wednesday, June 24

9:30 am Connect Group/LL7

1:00 pm Summer Bible Study/LL7

Thursday, June 25

9:30 am CIAFMO/LL7

10:00 am Little Lambs Playgroup - Babysitting Rm

12:05 pm Mass -Fr. Dave Funk

Friday, June 26

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, June 27

9:00 am Confessions

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, June 28

7:45 am Mass

9:45 am Mass/Livestreamed/

Caroline Rose Wallace Baptism

Sun., June 21	7:45am	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
	9:45am	Ed Sabish
Mon., June 22	12:05pm	Ken Davis
Thu., June 25	12:05pm	Barbara Snow
Sat., June 27	4:30pm	Ed & Dorothy Frahm
Sun., June 28	7:45am	Molly Grow
	9:45am	Helen & Mike 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 are in the final stretch of our fiscal year which ends June 30th. Thank you for your support through the year and now as we come to the end of the cycle.

MONTH	INCOME	BUDGET	VARIANCE
June	\$41,633.36	\$75,083.33	-\$33,449.97

Your giving at work in the parish:

- Now that school is out and summer activities are underway, we traditionally see a dip in the number of people attending mass on weekends. Please remember your parish family this summer. We have a number of events coming up including a pool party, a Timber Rattler baseball game, as well as our regular coffee and donuts.

- We have some staffing changes coming up. Michael Kozoroz, our Communication Coordinator, and Chad Tisdell, Facilities Maintenance, are both leaving us at the end of the week. Please take a moment to wish them well in their new adventures.



Esther

in Joy & **SORROW**

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WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



I followed with great joy Pope Leo's Apostolic Journey to Spain. In the months and years ahead, my hope is that the People of God of the Catholic Church, all Christians, and all people of good will in Spain will continue to be inspired by the holy words and gestures of Pope Leo. May his visit change their hearts and bring them closer to Jesus.

I am saddened, though, to think that such a wonderful visit by Pope Leo to the US will not be on his calendar for a long time. I imagine the joy and sense of renewal the Holy Father, being the first Pope from the US, would bring to our nation.

I have been paying attention for a long time to Papal Apostolic Journeys. I closely followed Saint Pope John Paul II's many visits, actually to 129 nations. He loved to be on the go, being an ambassador for Jesus and His Gospel.

Pope Benedict XVI was shy and his trips were few and far between. He did seem to warm up a bit to the idea. Truth be told, though, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, all those years dedicated to the Church and serving some 27 years as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, upon the death of Pope JP II in 2005, was already happily dreaming about retirement. His "Yes!" to serve as Pope Benedict XVI was made with much trust but maybe a bit of reticence, too.

Of course, Pope Francis was a great humble pastor for the Lord, on the road quite a bit during his twelve years of ministry as Universal Shepherd; the grand total being 47 trips. He was a natural.

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Pope Leo is coming into his own. I would like to observe him more in his travel ministry. He is insightful and prophetic in his homilies and addresses. He is present to the people, close, tender and compassionate. His interactions with children and babies are so touching. His quickness to embrace people with a hug, too, is moving; case-in-point, the young woman who shared her story of suffering with chronic depression, an attempted suicide, and her conversion to Jesus.

An Apostolic Journey usually consists of some common encounters. These are a courtesy visit to the leader(s) of the country; a meeting with the authorities, civil society and the diplomatic corps; Masses; prayer vigils with young people; meetings with bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, representatives of religious communities of men and women, and lay people; often a visit to a prison, hospital, orphanage, or in Leo's case, a visit to a center for migrants; sometimes an ecumenical encounter with representatives of non-Christian religions; sometimes a private visit with survivors of clergy sexual abuse; and, if a Pope is a member of a religious order of men, a private visit with the members of his community.

I need to go back and pray again through the Pope's homilies and addresses in Spain.

There were some gems, for sure.

Here is a small collection.

“Just as Christ gives himself as food in the Eucharistic celebration, the procession [with the Blessed Sacrament out into the neighborhood] shows that Jesus is not confined to the church, but comes out to meet us. Jesus travels the streets, crosses the squares and visits our neighborhoods, dwelling in the settings of our daily lives. He is a God who is close to us, who walks with his people, the Lord of history. He is comfort to the weak, light for families, hope for the sick and peace for those who suffer. The Christ who processes through the streets in the monstrance is the same one who identifies with the poor, the downtrodden, those who are alone and forsaken. It is no coincidence that the Church here in Spain has long combined the Solemnity of Corpus Christi with the Day for Charity.” (from Pope Leo's homily on Sunday, June 7, in Madrid)

“In the encyclical letter *Magnifica Humanitas*, I proposed the figure of Nehemiah as an alternative to standardization and confusion. Nehemiah involved the entire community in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. ‘Rebuilding today means recognizing that, precisely from the plurality of voices and visions, even though they sometimes remind us of the confusion caused by the diversity of spoken languages, a bright possibility emerges. Indeed, this is the possibility of building together, of transforming diversity into a resource and of making listening and dialogue the common ground upon which to cultivate justice and fraternity. Within this shared task, Christians discover their unique role of guiding actions toward God so that, in his light, pluralism does not dissipate into disorder, but instead, through the practice of synodality, it becomes the space in which humanity rediscovers its solid foundations and its final end.’” (no. 10) (from an address to the Personnel of the Archdiocese of Madrid, Monday, June 8, Madrid)

“Dear brothers and sisters, we cannot believe in Jesus and promote war. We cannot believe in Jesus and kill the innocent. We cannot believe in Jesus and abandon those who suffer, those who weep, those who flee from misery.” (from homily at Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, on Wednesday, June 10)

“From this square, I wish to address a clear message to those who take advantage of people’s desperation, to those who organize death routes, traffic in human beings, withhold documents, exploit workers, threaten women, deceive families and turn the suffering of others into a business. Stop. Repent (cf. Mk 1:15). The tears and blood of these brothers and sisters cry out to God, and their suffering reaches him (cf. Gen 4:10; Ex 3:7–9). The money wrested from the vulnerability of the poor will bring neither peace, nor honor, nor a future (cf. Jer 22:13; Job 5:1–6).” (*meeting with ministers who work with migrants, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Thursday, June 11*)

“Today in the Church, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. For Christians, Jesus’ heart symbolizes God’s merciful and infinite love for every human being. In this context, it is providential that we can come together, see one another and, above all, recognize that, no matter where we come from, God’s love knows no borders, makes no distinctions, is given to all and brings us together in unity. As I look at your faces and listen to your stories, I also think of your hearts — wounded by so many difficulties, yet also comforted by the love you have received from other open, generous and merciful hearts. Christ’s heart suffered and was pierced out of love, and he was also comforted by compassionate people who eased his pain.” (*address at a Migrant Center, Tenerife, Canary Island, Friday, June 12*)

“I return deeply moved by the great affection I have received and comforted by the testimonies of faith and love for the Church, which are a testament to Spain’s profound Catholic spirit. From this port, which bears the name of the Holy Cross, my thoughts turn to the whole world and its wounds, which cause entire populations to suffer. To all, I would like to offer the motto of this journey: “Lift up your gaze!” Yes, let us turn our eyes to Christ Crucified; his Heart is the source of mercy, which alone can save humanity — which is in need of forgiveness and reconciliation — so that it may attain true and lasting peace. Let us lift up our eyes, as did Mary, the Mother of all who suffer, and guided by her, let us continue our journey with hope! Beloved brothers and sisters, thank you from the bottom of my heart! Let us remain united in prayer and in communion in Christ and in the Holy Church.” (*homily, Tenerife, Friday, June 10*)

There is so much more that was spoken, as well as so many one-on-one encounters. Pope Leo’s words of encouragement to young people at the prayer vigils are also poignant.

Here is the link to the itinerary in Spain. Click on anything in bold to get texts of homilies and addresses:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/travels/2026/documents/spagna-6-12giugno2026.html>

Thank you for taking the time to read and ponder this **IN JOY AND SORROW**.

Fr. Bill +