

LISTEN *for His call*



ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON

Weekly update 03/10/24

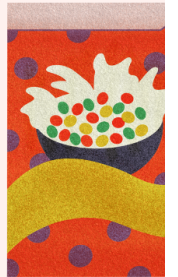
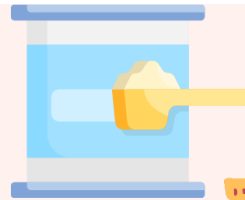
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



FOOD DRIVE

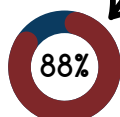
March 9 & 10

THE ITEMS FOR MARCH ARE **BREAKFAST ITEMS**.
.GLUTEN FREE, SUGAR FREE
AND LOW SODIUM ITEMS
ARE ALWAYS NEEDED. NO
GLASS CONTAINERS,
PERISHABLE ITEMS OR
ITEMS PAST THE DUE DATE.



CENSUS PROJECT UPDATE

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped us get their parishioner information updated. We're sending Julie back into retirement and bringing the project into the parish office where Marge Vertin and Kristina Resterhouse will take care of any forms that come in and will continue to work with parishioners on any new updates that need to be made. Please keep the parish updated with changes to names, addresses, email addresses, phone numbers, adult children moving out of the parish, and sacraments if they are received outside of our parish. Updates can be made by calling the parish office at (920)739-5119 or by emailing stmary@stmaryparish.org.

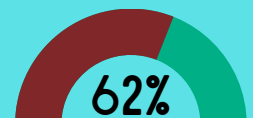


BISHOP'S APPEAL

A big thank you to all those who have supported the Bishop's appeal up to now. Below is a graph to show how close we are to our goal. Please consider donating today to help us reach our goal.

For more information on the Bishops appeal, please visit, <https://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/bishops-appeal/>

Goal: \$65,143



**LAST!
CHANCE!**



ST. MARY - APPLETON

shamrock shenanigans

It's time to party again!

An adult evening of music, games,
libations, and general merriment

all are invited - bring your friends!

MARCH 16
6 PM

*Waverly Beach
Menasha*

\$35/person
includes

- heavy hors d'oeuvres
- 2 drink tickets

cash bar available



**Tickets available
until March 10**
after weekend Masses,
in the parish office
and at
stmaryparish.org



DJ & dancing

Games, raffles
& silent auction

Livestreaming
NCAA & WIAA
basketball

Irish attire
encouraged

Sláinte!

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We are pleased to announce the return of our Friday and Saturday Lenten Adoration. Throughout the Lenten season, Fridays and Saturdays will be the designated days for Adoration. Kindly register using the link below. While we require one person to be present every hour, you are welcome to drop in when it suits you.

We are offering a child-friendly hour, which will be Fridays from 2-3pm. Sit with Jesus, find peace and escape the noise.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4DA9AD2AA02-47448206-lenten>

SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sign-up to make soup or volunteer!

Thursdays at 5:30pm
Stations first, soup to follow

March 7 – St. Joseph
March 14 – St. Mary
March 21 – St. Joseph

Everyone, young and old, Catholic and non-Catholic, can take part in this prayerful and popular Lenten tradition.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BA9AB2AA3F49-47757951-soup#/>



CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the significance of the white smoke during a Papal Conclave?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

Easter Flowers

Donations for Easter flowers can be dropped off at the parish office, mailed in, or put in the collection basket. Please include your name and if you want the flowers to be in memory of a loved one, please include the name. Donations need to be in by Palm Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Please Print Clearly

Your name: _____

Amount: _____

Please Circle one: Cash or Check (Check #):

In Memory of:



LENTEN ALMS PROJECT

Habitat For Humanity

Almsgiving is considered prayer because it's giving to God, and it's a form of fasting because it involves sacrifice.

MORE ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Vision: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Mission: Seeking to put God's love into action, we bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

\$10,000 GOAL



Scan this code to donate

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

Join us after Mass to learn more about Habitat for Humanity.

Watch for information on how our parish will be part of Habitat's next Faith Build!



LEARN MORE

<https://www.foxcitieshabitat.org/>





HOLY THURSDAY

POTLUCK DINNER

Holy Week is here, folks, and we are thrilled to announce that our very own St. Mary's tradition is making a comeback! Join us for a casual meal before Holy Thursday Mass begins at 7pm.

GROUND RULES:

Everyone is welcome. Bring someone along! Bring something to share. Anything goes. Have a specialty? Let's see it. Don't feel like cooking? Hit a drive through on the way. Bring enough for 10 people.

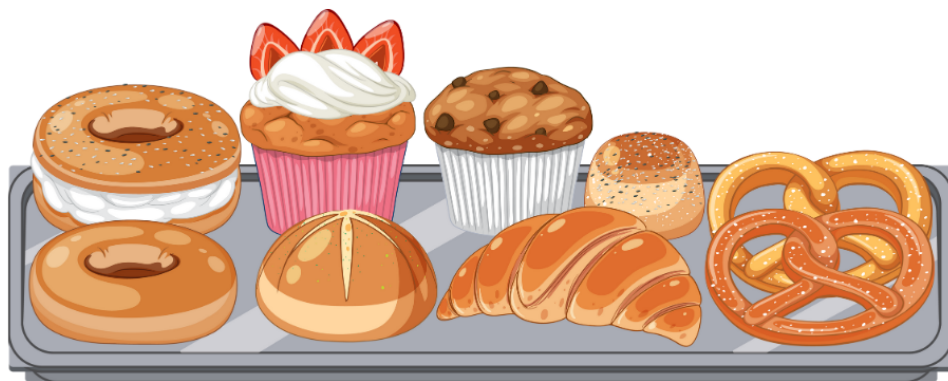
We provide water, wine, grape juice, milk, place settings, and unleavened bread.

THU, MAR 28, 2024 @ 5:30PM

St. Mary Parish-Appleton | 312 S. State St.



Palm Sunday **BAKE** *Sale*



Plan to stop by the community room for our annual Palm Sunday bake sale. Bring in your famous baked goods. You may drop them off any time after 10am on Friday (March 22) or Saturday (March 23) or before 7:45am Mass on Sunday (March 24). There will be no bake sale after the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday (March 24).

MARCH 23-24

The background of the entire poster is a light beige color. It is decorated with several stylized palm fronds in shades of green and brown. One large frond curves from the top left towards the center. Another frond curves from the top right towards the center. A third frond curves from the bottom left towards the center. A fourth frond is at the bottom right. The text is centered and has a slight drop shadow.

PALM BRAIDING

March 23–24 Community Rm.
After 4:30pm, 7:45am and
9:45am Masses

**LEARN THE
HISTORY**

**WATCH A
DEMO**

**TRY IT FOR
YOURSELF**



Register Now!

Totus Tuus 2024

July 29 - August 2 at St. Thomas More-Appleton

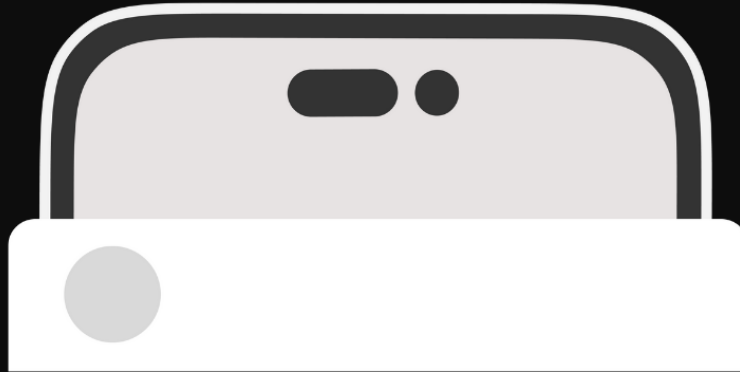
ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES! WE ARE OVERJOYED TO ANNOUNCE THE GRAND OPENING OF REGISTRATION FOR TOTUS TUUS! THIS IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR KIDS TO EMBARK ON A FAITH-BASED, FUN-FILLED ADVENTURE OVER THE SUMMER! WE BELIEVE THAT TOTUS TUUS IS THE PERFECT WAY TO INSTILL VALUES, BUILD CHARACTER, AND NURTURE SPIRITUALITY IN YOUR CHILDREN. PLUS, IT'S A FANTASTIC CHANCE FOR YOU TO TAKE A BREAK WHILE KNOWING YOUR LITTLE ONES ARE IN A SAFE, POSITIVE, AND JOYFUL ENVIRONMENT. SO, PARENTS, DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER! REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN TODAY AND GIVE THEM THE GIFT OF A SUMMER THEY'LL NEVER FORGET. TRUST US, THIS IS AN EXPERIENCE THAT'LL HAVE THEM COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS WITH EXCITEMENT. LET'S MAKE THIS A SUMMER OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, AND FUN!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



QUESTIONS? EMAIL TRACY @ TTURBA@STMARYPARISH.ORG

**Calling all 8th-12th
graders...**

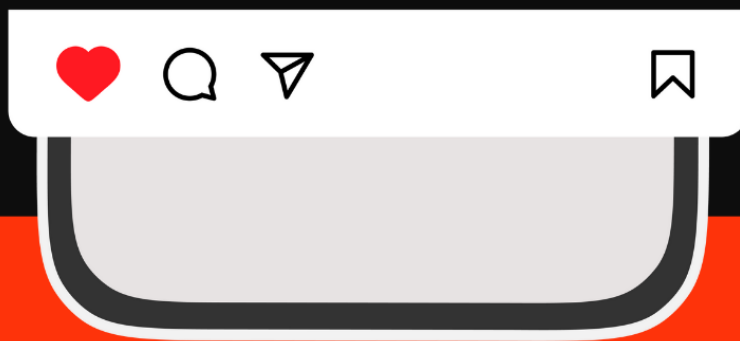


Lock-In

Get “Connected”

April 12th 5:00 PM - 13th Noon

More Info



Where: Mount Tabor Retreat Center 522 2nd St, Menasha

What: Enjoy a faith based lock-in with other local parishes.

Games, service project, conversations on faith, and more!

Price: \$40; \$35 with donation of hygiene item and snack

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., March 11, 12:05pm

Tues., March 12, 8:00am

Wed., March 13, 8:00am

Thur., March 14, 12:05pm

Sat., March 16, 4:30pm

Sun., March 17, 7:45am

9:45am

5:30pm

Vernon & Alice McGinnis

Mass at St Bernard Parish

Mass at St Bernard Parish

Hebeler & Kokke Families

Bob & Fran Drephal

In Loving Memory

If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 920-739-5119.

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 the requests in our prayer baskets.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, March 11

6:00pm Grief Support Group Seminar/St. Mary Chapel
6:30pm Jazz Horizons Ensemble Practice/Music Room
6:30pm Reach More Small Group/Lower Level Room 7
6:30pm The Bells Of St Mary Handbell Choir/Choir Loft
6:30pm Matthew 25/Large Conference Room

Tuesday, March 12

9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7
1:00pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group/St Joe's
2:00pm Rosary Prayer/Church
6:00pm Book Club/Lower Level Room 4
6:00pm Facilities Meeting/Large Conference Room

Wednesday, March 13

9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7
4:45pm Beacon 1-5
6:30pm Beacon 6-11
6:30pm Reach More Small Group/Lower Level Room 7

Thursday, March 14

5:30pm Stations & Soup/Church
6:30pm Adult Choir/Music Room
6:30pm Men's Group

Friday, March 15

Parish Office Closed

9:00am Friday Morning Meeting/Lower Level Room 7
9:00am-9:00pm Lenten Adoration

Saturday, March 16

Selling Scrip after the 4:30 Mass
8:00am-Noon Lenten Adoration
9:00am Confessions in Church
10:00am Neuro Cancer Support Group/Lower Level Room 7
6:00pm Shamrock Shenanigans/Waverly Beach Menasha

Sunday, March 17

Selling Scrip after 7:45am and 9:45am Masses
9:00am Confirmation class 2024/St. Anne Room

Answer to the Catholic Trivia Question: A new Pope has been elected





03.10.24

The praying of the Liturgy of the Hours remains a mystery to most Catholics. Some of our senior members may hold the image of the elderly monsignor, clad in his black cassock, on a beautiful morning, strolling around the block, where the church and rectory are situated, carrying his breviary, and praying the Divine Office. Or maybe you can imagine monks or nuns sitting in the choir stalls of a chapel, across from each other, chanting the Divine Office. So you might conclude that the Divine Office is somehow the domain of just priests, nuns, and monks.

No...No...No!

The Divine Office belongs to the whole Church as a treasure chest for daily prayer. The whole day is consecrated to the Lord as the prayer weaves itself through that day. Matins (at Midnight) begins the day, and is more commonly called the Office of Readings. The backbone of this prayer, as well as the other moments of prayer during the day, is the recitation or chanting of the Psalms.

I pray Matins every morning with the Benedictine Monks of Worth Abbey in Crawley, The United Kingdom. Dare say NOT at midnight but around 5 am! After chanting at most three designated Psalms, comes the proclamation of the Scripture. During the Season of Lent, the Book of Exodus is the continuous Scripture reading. Following a moment of silence, a second set of designated Psalms is chanted, followed by a reading from one of the Church Fathers or Mothers. After another moment of silence, the closing prayer, which usually is the opening prayer for the day's Mass, is offered.

Filling in the picture of walking the whole day with the Lord through the Divine Office, Matins is followed by Lauds (Morning Prayer), Terce (Mid-Morning Prayer), Sext (Noon Day Prayer), None (Mid Afternoon Prayer), Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Compline (Night Prayer). I pray Lauds and Vespers, as well as Matins, every day with the Monks of England.

There is a certain expertise to joining a community on-line for this prayer. Nadine, our Director of Pastoral Administration and Pastoral Care, was nice enough to compile the Psalter used at Worth Abbey, so that I can chant the psalms along with the monks. I have no idea how she was able to do this all, presenting me with two small binders that include the two-week cycle for Matins, Lauds, and Vespers. These are precious gifts!

What I would suggest if you are interested in this kind of prayer is that you check out *Sing the Hours* on YouTube. There you will find Lauds and Vespers for each day.

I am intrigued that the Book of Exodus is chosen as the continuous Scripture reading at Matins during Lent. The Passover from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land is the defining moment in the faith (love) story between the Lord and the Hebrew People, and is still celebrated today as a perpetual memorial. Remember that a memorial is so much more than recalling something that happened a long time ago. The celebration of a memorial makes the mystery of that holy event ever present now. Remember this is true as well when we celebrate the events of Holy Week. We are celebrating more than history. We are celebrating rather the mystery of the Lord's ever present love for us!

Of course, the Passover of the Israelite People is the prototype of our Christian Passover. The Israelites were saved from the avenging angel by the mark of the lamb's blood on the doorposts of their homes. We are saved by the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, who died for love of us upon the Tree of the Cross.

The Israelites escaped the clutches of the Egyptians by passing through the Red Sea, with the waters piled up high like walls on both sides of them. We are saved from the slavery of sin and death through the waters of our Baptism.

All journeys in whatever faith are marked by the movement from orientation, through disorientation, to reorientation. Transformation or change is always like this. The familiar gives way to a time of upset which eventually settles into something new.

It is interesting to note that the Israelites got a bit testy through their time of disorientation, wandering in the desert. They begged that the Lord let them go back to Egypt!

Oh, how change is sometimes so difficult! The key is to hang on to the Lord, trusting always that something new can come about through all of the preceding turmoil.

This movement from orientation, through disorientation, to reorientation just might be one of the keys to experiencing the holy season of Lent in our lives. What works of transformation is Jesus doing in your life this Lent? Where in your life this Lent is there an inkling of disorientation?

LORD JESUS, change our hearts this time!

Fr. Bill +

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Sacrament of Matrimony

Getting Married? Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill
at least 6 months before your planned wedding
date.

Sacrament of Baptism

Need Baptism information?

Congratulations! Contact Nadine Duncan for more
information.

Funeral Livestream Link

<http://stmaryparish.org/funeral-livestream/>

Confession

Sat. 9-10am

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday 9am-9pm
and Saturday 8am-Noon

