

LISTEN *for His call*



ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON

Weekly update 03/17/24

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



THEY ARE STILL DRIVING TO CHURCH, JUST WITH A DIFFERENT SET OF WHEELS

Our fantastic communion squad at the nursing home is like a bunch of magical church fairies, spreading communion joy every single week to those who can't join in person. Big kudos to Ken Wydeven, Don Bengel, Annie Van Stralen, Nancy Chuchel, Rick Duncan, Glenn Higgins, Dcn. Gerry and Julie Morse for their unwavering dedication to our beloved parishioners, whether near or far. Hats off to these communion champions!



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.

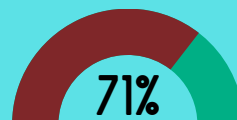
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4DA9AD2AA02-47448206-lenten>

BISHOP'S APPEAL

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

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

Goal: \$65,143





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

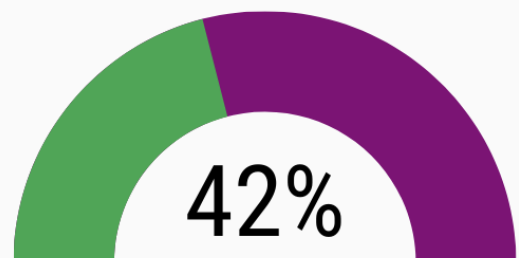


Scan this code to donate

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!



LEARN MORE



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



Holy Spirit Parish
Sunday Supper
Sunday, March 24, at 4:30 PM
The meal will be Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes,
Vegetable, Fruit, and Dessert.

** free of charge **

Holy Spirit School, Darboy Location
W2796 Cty Rd KK, Appleton

CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which king in the Old Testament is
known for his great wisdom?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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.

Songs Stories & Fun!

at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

April 12 Marquette St Campus
April 17 McDonald St Campus

All events begin at 9:00 a.m.

Open to children **ages 2-5** with their
parent(s)/grandparents. Younger siblings are
welcome! More information is available from
Admissions at (920)735-9380 x5226.



Reserve your spot at bit.ly/ssf23-24



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: _____

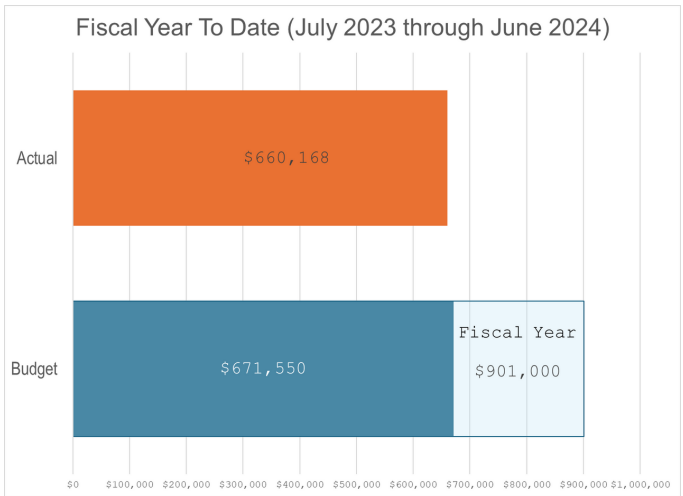
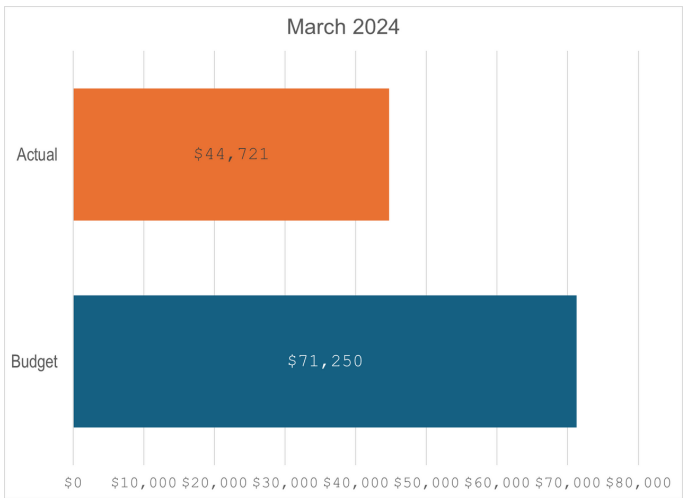
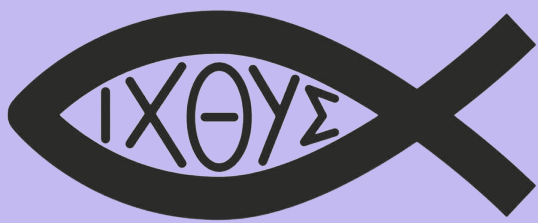
Please Circle one: Cash or Check (Check #):

In Memory of:

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

The fish, or ICHTHUS, is the symbol used by early Christians to identify themselves in times of persecution? In Greek, ICHTHUS (ΙΧΘΥΣ) is a monogram for the first five letters of the words “Jesus Christ Son of God, Savior.”

WHAT DOES THE **CHRISTIAN FISH SYMBOL**
(**IXTHUS/ICTHUS**) MEAN?



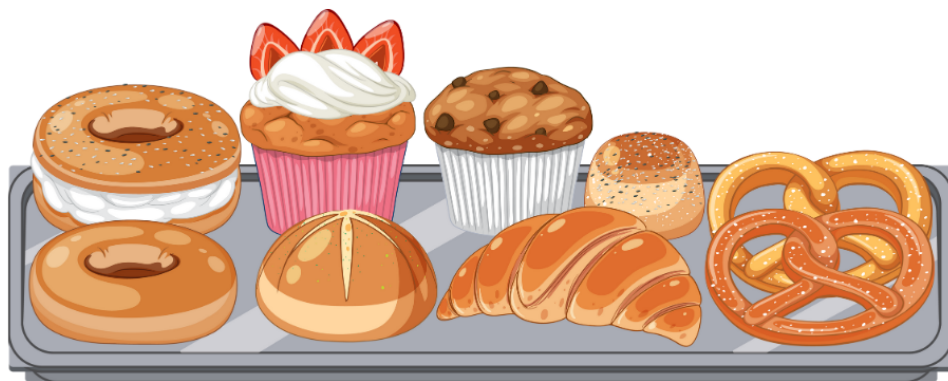
CELEBRATE EASTER *with us!*

March 30
Easter Vigil 8pm

March 31
**Easter Sunday
7:45 & 9:45am**

for full
Lent &
Easter
details

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 decorated with several palm fronds. 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 fronds are green with brownish-red stems.

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**



HOLY THURSDAY

POTLUCK DINNER

Holy Week is here. 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.





PEACE OF MIND SEMINAR

We invite you to learn how planning for your final wishes may shield your family from unnecessary emotional and financial burden. Join us for a seminar about pre-arrangements, veteran benefits, burial, cremation, and the options available at St. Mary Cemetery which has been providing exceptional service and care for families of all faiths for over 150 years.

Wednesday, March 20th
10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary Cemetery Chapel
2121 West Prospect Avenue
Appleton, Wisconsin 54914

Scan the QR Code or call
(920) 297-2742 to RSVP

(Please indicate which event time you'd like to attend.)



This invitation is part of a general distribution. If this reaches you at a time of illness or loss, please accept our sincerest apologies. By responding to this invitation, you may be contacted by a representative of Wichmann Funeral Homes and Crematories, who is also an appointed agent of Forethought Life Insurance Company (FLIC), Indianapolis, IN. The representative is available to answer any questions and may offer you a life insurance policy or annuity contract issued by FLIC, a subsidiary of Global Atlantic Financial Group Limited, as funding for funeral prearrangements | Forethought Life Form Wichmann Funeral Homes and Crematories 126

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., March 18, 12:05pm

Tues., March 19, 8:00am

Wed., March 20, 8:00am

Thur., March 21, 12:05pm

Sat., March 23, 4:30pm

Sun., March 24, 7:45am

9:45am

5:30pm

Special Intention

Mass at St Bernard Parish

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Fr. Michael O'Rourke

Ivy Peters

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 18

6:00pm St. Mary Worship Committee

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

Tuesday, March 19

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 Finance Council/Community Room

Wednesday, March 20

8:00am Quilting/Community Room

9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7

10:00am Peace of Mind Seminar/Cemetery Chapel

4:45pm Beacon 1-5

6:00pm Peace of Mind Seminar/Cemetery Chapel

6:30pm Beacon 6-11

6:30pm Reach More Small Group/Lower Level Room 7

Thursday, March 21

1:00pm Hooks & Needles/Community Room

5:30pm Station and Soup/St. Joes

6:30pm Adult Choir/Music Room

Friday, March 22

Parish Office Closed

9:00am Friday Morning Meeting/Lower Level Room 7

9:00am-9:00pm Lenten Adoration

Saturday, March 23

Selling Scrip after the 4:30 Mass

8:00am-Noon Lenten Adoration

9:00am Confessions in Church

Bake Sale

Sunday, March 24

Selling Scrip after 7:45am and 9:45am Masses

11:15am OCIA/Large Conference Room

Bake Sale





03.17.24

Not everyone might agree with me, but living in the Midwest blesses us with the celebration of the change of seasons. Winter, with its unique beauty, gives way to the newness of spring, which moves us into summer where all is growing around us, and with Mother Nature finally worn out, so to speak, we observe autumn. Each season is my favorite.

So as we welcome Spring on Tuesday at 10:06 pm, to be precise, I am happy. I wonder what it would be like to hear the sap begin to creep up the tree trunks? Does a bud make a noise as it bursts open? What about a crocus as it pops through the moist earth? The birds are back serenading us in the morning and in the evening. I am on the lookout for the first spotting of the robin upon its homecoming!

Here is a spring-like poem from e. e. cummings. Forgive the punctuation, which happens to be a quirk of mr cummings!

i thank You God for most this amazing
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of
trees
and a blue true dream of sky;and for
everything
which is natural which is infinite which is
yes

(i who have died am alive again today.
and this is the sun's birthday;this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings:and of
the gay
great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing
seeing
breathing any - lifted from the no
of all nothing - human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?

now the ears of my ears awake and
(now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

Lent, which comes from an Old English word that means to lengthen, partners with the coming of Spring and the lengthening of the days in our Northern Hemisphere. Lent, like Spring, should be charged with a deep down freshness, that awakens our spirits to the presence of the Lord in our lives, so close, so tender, so compassionate is Jesus.

Spring training for professional baseball players and spring cleaning for super-conscious moms are apropos images for Lent.

Am I practicing the basics of my friendship with the Lord? Spending time with him, which is prayer. Ridding my life of those stumbling blocks in my relationship with the Lord, which is fasting. And moving out of myself, with a heightened attention to those around me and a deepened commitment to just being kind, which is almsgiving.

How am I spring cleaning my heart? Might I feel the Lord nudging me to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession or Penance) during Lent. Remember that the Church lights are being kept on for you on Monday of Holy Week, March 25, from 6 to 9 pm! And on Saturday morning (3/16! and 3/23), the Sacrament will be celebrated at 9 am in the Parish Office.

As we have marked the midpoint in the holy season of Lent, the daily Scripture for Mass hones in on the Gospel of John. Now is the time to move off of ourselves and to focus on Jesus, the Son of God. He is all about touching people's hearts with his encouraging and challenging words and embracing broken bodies and spirits with his tender, healing touch. Jesus is the Savior. His touch is gentle upon our lives, like the careful application of a salve or ointment. The words *savior* and *salve* are related to each other.

Given all of our feeble and half-hearted attempts at prayer, fasting, and works of charity, we come to realize that we really need saving. You and I will never save ourselves. We need Jesus to do that!

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

