



ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON

Weekly update 03/24/24



Palm Sunday Weekend Masses

SAT 4:30pm, SUN 7:45 & 9:45am, 5:30pm

Holy Thursday



Potluck @ 5:30pm, Mass @ 7pm

Good Friday



services @ 12:15 & 6:30pm

CELEBRATE
EASTER *with us!*



Easter Vigil 8pm

Easter Sunday
7:45 & 9:45am



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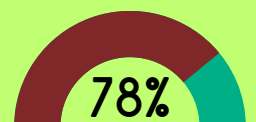
BISHOP'S APPEAL

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 Bishop's appeal, please visit

<https://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/bishops-appeal/>

Goal: \$65,143





HOLY THURSDAY POTLUCK DINNER

Holy Week is here. We are thrilled to announce that our very own St. Mary 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.

Sign-up
to help!



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

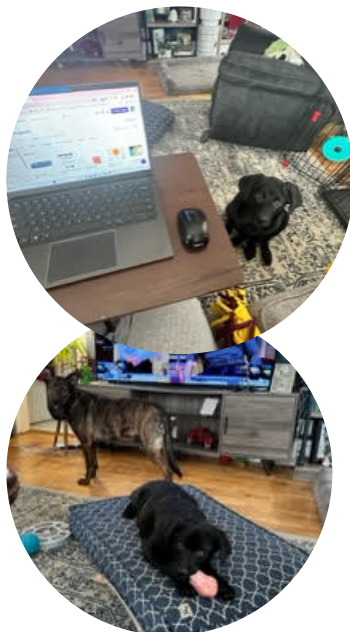
CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

Question: What color do priests wear on Palm Sunday?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

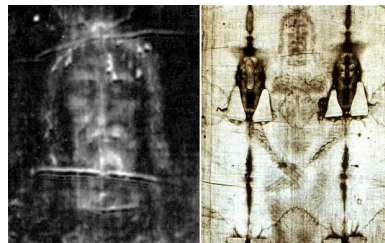
ASSISTANTS OF ALL SORTS

Ever wonder what some of our staff does on Friday's when the office shuts its doors? Well, guess what - work still goes on, just with a few sneaky assistants. Goose is forever puzzled why his mom can't join in the fun, but hey, the bulletin won't write itself!



DID YOU KNOW THAT...

No modern scientist has been able to explain how the image on the Shroud of Turin was made?



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

There will not be children's liturgy this Sunday. Please join us for the Palm Sunday Procession at the beginning of the 9:45am Mass.

BOOK CLUB

The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place at 6 pm, on Tuesday, April 9, in Room L4 at St. Mary on State Street. The book selected for discussion is: *Infinite Country* by Patricia Engel. Engel's book is an urgent and lyrical novel about a Colombian family fractured by deportation, offering an intimate perspective on an experience that so many have endured —and are enduring right now.

For May 14, our book selection for the same time and place is: *Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict. The author's powerful new novel shines a light on a woman who sacrificed her life to discover the nature of our very DNA, a woman whose world-changing contributions were hidden by the men around her, but whose relentless drive advanced our understanding of humankind. Looking further ahead, the book selected for June 11 is: *The One in a Million Boy* by Monica Wood.

For more information, please contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474. New members are welcome to attend anytime.



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

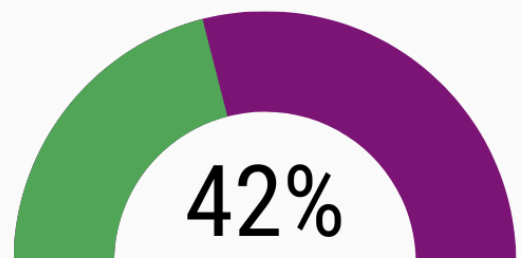


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In memory of Joyce Brennan
Brian & Annie Van Stralen
Buzz's Pub & Grill
Cindy & Dean Boyer
Deacon Gerry & Jenny
Hank & Karen's Pub & Grill
Helen Kobussen
Irish Fest of the Fox Cities
Judilynn McDermott
Katsu-Ya of Japan
Kevin & Annie Geurts
Lisa Hill/Woods View Design Co.
McGuinness Irish Pub
Mike & Julie Morse
Packers Give Back Foundation
St. Mary Care for Creation Comm.
Theresa & Dwayne Rohm
Topsy Taco/Sangria's
WI Timber Rattlers
Xavier Catholic Schools
Xavier Performing Arts



Moment of Remembrance Cemetery Salutes

Sun., May 26th, 2024

The community is welcomed to gather as local veteran service organizations assemble and perform somber salutes to veterans that paid the ultimate sacrifice and are laid to rest at the two cemeteries listed below. The salutes will include a prayer, the laying of a memorial wreath, a rifle volley, and the playing of “Taps”.

12:00 NOON @ Moses Montefiore Cemetery (*E. Woodland Ave., Appleton*)

1:00 PM @ St. Mary Cemetery (*2121 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton*)



Organized by the *Scarlet Guard American Legion Color Guard*.
Follow the *Scarlet Guard Color Guard* on *Facebook* for more information and updates.

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives

HE TOOK A TOWEL

*a Holy Week
Meditation*

FR. TIM SHILLCOX, O. PRAEM.

NORBERTINE FORMATION DIRECTOR

*reflects on Jesus' last hours with his
disciples the night before He died.*



MONDAY MARCH 25, 2024, 7 PM

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 Prospect Ave, Appleton, WI

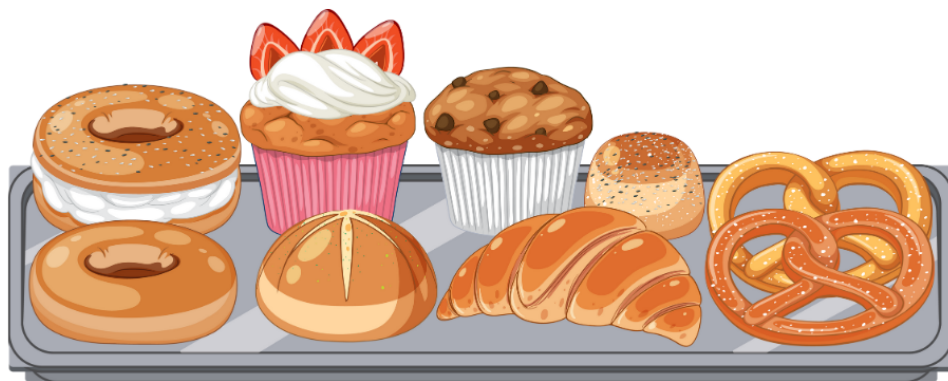
No tickets needed / Free will offering encouraged

For details, google CIAFMO, email ciafmo@gmail.com, or call 920-450-3025

CIA-Faith Mission Operatives encourages YOU to investigate your faith!

An all-volunteer, non-profit ministry recognized by the Diocese of Green Bay & supported through your generosity & prayers

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**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., March 25, 12:05pm	Joan Bradley
Tues., March 26, 8:00am	Mass at St Bernard Parish
Wed., March 27, 8:00am	Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill
Thur., March 28, 12:15pm	No Intentions
6:30pm	No Intentions
Sat., March 30, 8:00pm	Harry Morse
Sun., March 31, 7:45am	
9:45am	Sis & Bob Balliet

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Bret Saathoff and Robert L. Christjohn. May fond memories comfort them at this time. 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 25

6:00pm Keeping the Church Lights on w/Fr. Bill
6:30pm Jazz Horizons Ensemble Practice/Music Room
6:30pm Reach More Small Group/Lower Level Room 7

Tuesday, March 26

9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7
2:00pm Rosary Prayer/Church
6:30pm The Bells Of St Mary Handbell Choir/Choir Loft

Wednesday, March 27

9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7
6:30pm Reach More Small Group/Lower Level Room 7

Thursday, March 28 (Holy Thursday)

5:30pm Holy Thursday Potluck
6:30pm Men's Group/Lower Level Room 7
7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)

Parish Office Closed
9:00am Friday Morning Meeting/Lower Level Room 7
12:15pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
6:30pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30

No Confession
No 4:30pm Mass
8:00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31 (Easter)

7:45am Easter Mass
9:45am Easter Mass
No 5:30pm Mass





03.24.24

Holy Week by Ann Weems, from her book, *Kneeling in Jerusalem*

Holy is the week ...
Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...
We move from hosannahs to horror
 with the predictable ease
 of those who know not what they do.
Our hosannas sung,
 our palms waved,
Let us go with passion into the week.
It is a time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.
It is a time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.
It is a time to greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One,
 to lavishly break out alabaster
 and to pour perfume out for him
 without counting the cost.
It is a time for preparation ...
The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.
The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.
Eat, drink, remember:
On the night of nights, each one must ask,
 as we dip our bread in the wine,
 "Is it I?"
And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand
 beneath the tree
and watch the dying
 if we are to be there
when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning
 is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.
Only then will the alleluias be sung;
 only then will the dancing begin.

As a boy and teenager, I was drawn to the celebrations of Holy Week, like a moth is drawn to the candle's flame. Of course, my Mom always took us kids to the Good Friday Service. However, she was not too keen on attending the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (just wasn't on her radar!) or the Easter Vigil on

Holy Saturday evening (just too long!). I would ride my bike to church for these celebrations, and when I was old enough, I would drive myself to Saint Mary Church in Menasha.

I always had a sense that these liturgies were interconnected. I learned later on, as a graduate student of liturgy, that these liturgies are the Sacred Triduum (the Holy Three Days) and that they are in effect celebrated as a single liturgy. The Sacred Triduum begins at sunset on Holy Thursday evening and concludes at sunset on Easter Sunday evening.

I would encourage you to give them a try if you have never celebrated Holy Thursday (Come early to share fellowship with your spiritual family at a wonderful potluck meal!) or the Easter Vigil. The symbols and ritual actions are so very rich. The Lord will touch your heart, I promise you!

An important heart's stance to have, as we begin the annual celebration of our Christian Passover, is that we are celebrating something more than history. While putting ourselves into the scenes on Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon, Holy Saturday, so still and silent, and Easter Sunday morning, can deepen our connection with the Lord Jesus, we are about something more on these solemn days.

We celebrate not so much history as we celebrate mystery. The dying and rising of our Savior Jesus is a movement that is happening now in our lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters near and far. There are many dyings that can overwhelm us: the terror and utter destruction of war, the displacement of human beings forced to become migrants and refugees like never before in human history, the battering which are common home, our Mother Earth, is enduring, the tattered fabric which is democracy spread across our world, the prevalence of hatred and discrimination, the indifference of some towards the suffering of others, the acridness of division and polarization, our personal struggles with health and the loss of those persons or those life situations we have grown so accustomed to ... you name it, there is enough within and around us to unsettle us.

And this is the Easter proclamation: YET, there is reason to have hope! YET is an Easter word. None of the darkness ever has the last word. The last word belongs to Jesus, risen from the dead. He is our Lord. He is victorious over anything that may unsettle us. Jesus' Passion is about his undaunted and everlasting love for you and me. His love is personal and close, tender and compassionate. With the Risen Lord, all things are possible. You and I have strength for everything.

I am reminded of the prayer of the cloistered holy woman, Saint Julian of Norwich: "All will be well and every manner of thing will be well!"

I am reminded of the prayer of the great Carmelite nun, reformer, and Doctor of the Church, Saint Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices."

HAPPY HOLY WEEK!

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

