

Weekly update 4/14/24



2024 TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION

Looking for an affordable, faith-based activity for your kids this summer? Check out Totus Tuus. We're teaming up with a few parishes throughout Appleton to gather kids (grades 1-6 in day program, grades 7-12 in the evening) together to have fun, grow in their faith, and make new friends in active ways. Register and learn more [here](#). If you have any questions or need financial assistance, reach out to tturba@stmaryparish.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be started April 10th from 4:30-8pm. To sign-up for a 30 min slot to sit with Jesus, scan the qr code or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BA9AB2AA3F49-48654381-adoration#/>



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CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

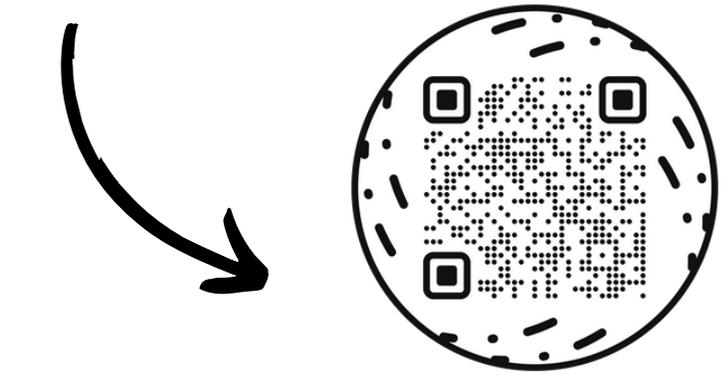
Question: Who succeeded Pope John Paul II?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

PUPS ARE BIG FANS OF JESUS TOO!



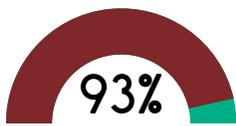
During the recent power outages, a bunch of folks found themselves in the dark, or without heat including our furry pals! Zoe joined our squad on Thursday, and we made sure she stayed toasty warm.



BISHOP'S APPEAL

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has backed the Bishop's appeal. Take a look at the graph below to monitor our progress towards the target. Your donation today will bring us one step closer to reaching our goal.

Goal: \$65,143



FRESH FACES ON BOARD!

Let's give a roaring welcome to our newest team member, Kate Minczeski! Joining us part-time as the Minister of Adult Disciples, she's a familiar face from our parish. Don't forget to give her a warm hello when you see her around!



BE IGNITED! *Easter Season 2024*

Find Fr. Bill's Easter booklet online at <https://online.pubhtml5.com/recb/vvyk/> or scan the QR code for instant access.



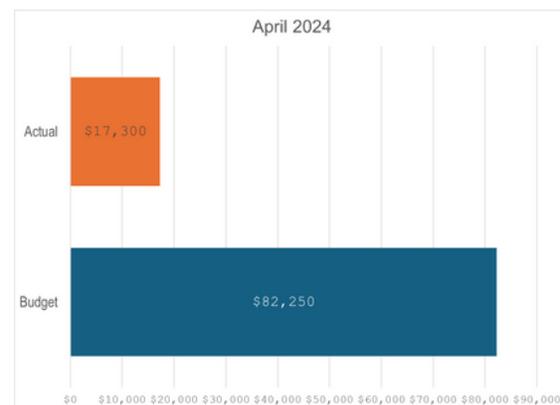
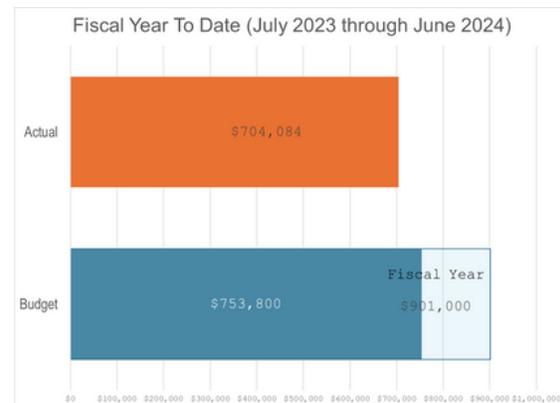
Celebrate our First Communicants!

This weekend, during our 9:45 am Mass, we will commemorate the first communicants. We invite you to participate in this significant event honoring the 16 young children who will be receiving their First Communion. Your prayers for them and their families as they embark on this new journey are greatly appreciated.

Please Pray for:

Addison
Alex
Christian
Christoph
Dahlia
Isabella
James
Leo

Leo
Leon
Lillian
Linley
Meghan
Quinn
Turner
Veda



"DEAR POPE FRANCIS..."

Let's send messages of love and support to Pope Francis from our parish family! Fr. Bill will present our St. Mary Journal to Pope Francis when he is in Rome for the Parish Priest Mini-Synod at the end of April. Papers will be in the pews this weekend for you to write your message of support or add a prayer intention for the Pope to pray for.



SPIRITUS MISSIONARIES

Join us for Janssen Forum on Thursday, April 18, 2024 as the SPIRITUS Missionaries share how the Holy Spirit has worked through them in their retreat ministry. The program begins at 11:15 a.m. with Mass held in the Mount Tabor Center Chapel, followed by a light lunch. SPIRITUS will begin speaking at 12:10 and conclude by 1:00 p.m. The program cost is \$10. Register online at www.spiritusministries.org/janssenforum or by calling Annette Hovie at 920-722-8918 x0.

RETREATS

Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago offers two types of silent retreats: weekend preached retreats from September through May and five- and eight-day summer directed retreats during the months of June, July and August. Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago is located at 4800 Fahrwald Road in Oshkosh. For a complete retreat schedule and more information, visit Jesuit Retreat House Home – Jesuit Retreat House.

SPRING PRODUCTION

The St. Norbert College Theatre program will present "Silent Sky" by Lauren Gunderson based on the life of Henrietta Leavitt, beginning Friday, April 12 and running through Saturday, April 20, in the Webb Theatre, Abbot Penning's Hall of Fine Arts on the St. Norbert College campus. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. except for one matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 14. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. To purchase tickets online, visit <http://www.tickets.snc.edu>. This production contains adult situations.



SCRIP IS FOR SALE AFTER THE
4:30PM, 7:45AM AND THE 9:45AM
MASSES ON THE WEEKEND.

SHOP WITH SCRIP

Fundraising
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WHILE YOU



AND AT THE
PARISH OFFICE
DURING THE WEEK

GRADUATION 2024

**BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU
TO BE AND YOU WILL SET
THE WORLD ON FIRE.
-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

**Sunday, May 19
9:45am Mass**

- Give our high school seniors a big send off and show them how proud we are!

At ALL Masses May 18/19

- Grads of ALL AGES will be recognized (preschool, kindergarten, elementary & middle school, college, technical, grad school, etc.)
- **ALL GRADS:** be sure to pick up a ribbon at the table in the back of church

*Families of
high school
seniors -
watch your
inbox for
details*



Let us pray

Evening worship experiences

VIA LUCIS

Way of the Light

April 18 | 7pm

The Via Lucis, also known as the Stations of the Resurrection, celebrates the triumph of Jesus over death, following Christ and his disciples from Resurrection morning through the Ascension and to Pentecost.



*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven the glorious King,
Over death today rose triumphing,
Alleluia!*



COR JESU

First Thursday of
every month, 7-9pm

- 7-8pm: Adoration with praise & worship
ALL are welcome
- 8-9pm: Fellowship for young adults ages 18-35

By spending time with the Eucharistic Jesus, we are called to become His friends and disciples. Here we can speak with Him about everything. The more time we spend with Jesus, the more we come away feeling renewed and healed. Through this friendship, we are inspired and strengthened to take on life's challenges, to carry our daily cross with a new attitude, to become more and more like Jesus.





Grief Support Group

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Dealing with the loss of a loved one ranks as one of life's toughest challenges. Your faith family is here to help.

This summer, join us for an 8-week grief support program designed to accompany you on your journey and provide information and strategies to help you understand and deal with your loss.

- WHEN: Classes meet Monday evenings, 6-7:30 pm, beginning June 3
- WHERE: St Mary Cemetery Chapel
- WHO: All are welcome (Class size limited to 10 participants)
- Facilitated by Chip Acker & Thomas Walter (Certified ICare Specialists, International Grief Institute)



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BA9AB2AA3F49-48993491-grief>



For more Info email:

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CIA-Faith Mission Operatives

God's Healing through Music Story & Art

Luke Spehar

Acoustic
Singer &
Songwriter



Bob Kroll

Author of
The Father Wound

Brian Keliher

Ars Deo
"Art for God"



MONDAY APRIL 22, 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

Diaconate Inquirer Luncheon

Saturday, April 27, 2024
11 a.m.

Diocese of Green Bay, Melania Hall

1825 Riverside Drive, Green Bay

If you or someone you know are a man between the ages of 30-55 and have been wondering how to dive deeper into your faith and be of service to the Church, please consider attending our next Diaconate Inquirer Luncheon. This is an opportunity for you and your wife to join with others discerning this call and learn more about the Diocese of Green Bay's formation program. There is no cost to attend, and we ask that you **RSVP** by April 15.



Sign up now: onmiss.io/InquirerLuncheon **The Diaconate**
Diocese of Green Bay

For questions or more information, contact
Heidi Rosenthal at hrosenthal@gbdioc.org

Office of the Diaconate



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., April 15, 12:05pm	Cassie Garvey Backhaus
Tues., April 16, 8:00am	Mass at St Bernard Parish
Wed., April 17, 8:00am	Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill
Thur., April 18, 12:05pm	David + Patricia Hannemann
Sat., April 20, 4:30pm	Nicolas + Sedella Jacob
Sun., April 21, 7:45am	Sis + Bob Balliet
9:45am	Bill Hoffman
5:30pm	Mary Margaret Vertin

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, April 15

5:30pm The Bells Of St Mary Handbell Choir
6:00pm THEO Grief Group
6:00pm Worship Committee/Large Conference Room
6:30pm Reach More Small Group/Lower Level Room 7
6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group

Tuesday, April 16

9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Group/St. Joe's
2:00pm Rosary Prayer/Church
7:00pm Finance Council

Wednesday, April 17

9:30am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7
4:30pm Adoration
4:45pm Beacon
6:30pm Beacon
6:30pm Reach More Small Group/Lower Level Room 7

Thursday, April 18

8:00am Diocesan Catechetical/Youth Ministry Leader Meeting
1:00pm Hooks and Needles
6:00pm Adult Choir/Music Room
7:00pm Via Lucis

Friday, April 19

Parish Office Closed

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

Saturday, April 20

9:00am Confessions
10:00am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support Group

Sunday, April 21

11:15am OCIA





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In the life of our spiritual family at Saint Mary Parish, there are always highlight moments of great joy. Usually the cameras come out to capture these holy events.

Certainly the piece de resistance [masterpiece, tour de force], if you will, is the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the night of Holy Saturday. There is no other liturgical moment that can live up to the beauty of the celebration of the Lord Jesus' Resurrection! Outside in the dark, the lighting of the New Fire, the capture of that dancing light reaching out into the darkness, to become the flame of the newly-blessed Easter Candle, the peeling out into the world of the acclamation, "Christ our Light!" and the singing of the great hymn announcing with exaltation the glories of our salvation.

The Liturgy of Initiation, the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, is such a holy moment, as if all of time stops, and the gift of eternal life in the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, rushes into the bodies, hearts, and spirits of those new Catholic Christians! Amazing grace! Many blessings to our newest Catholic Christians: Emily, and her beautiful daughter and son, Ave and Amori, Angelina, Mathis and Martin!

This year's celebration of the Easter Vigil at Saint Mary was spectacular and profoundly moving!

Certainly another joyful moment for our spiritual family is the celebration of First Holy Communion. We are inspired by the joy and eagerness on the faces of our holy children, matching all that is beautiful in their hearts. Parents of these precious children, help your daughter or son to remember this holy day! Remember what the weather was like! Remember just a bit of the message in the homily! Remember tasting and seeing the Risen Jesus in the Precious Gift of His Body and Blood! Take lots of pictures!

At this holy time, I usually take off my bookshelf Amy Welborn's Friendship with Jesus: Pope Benedict XVI Speaks to Children on their First Communion.

Andrea asks the Holy Father, "Jesus is present in the Eucharist. But how? I can't see Him."

Pope Benedict responds, "We don't see an electric current, yet we see that it exists: we see this microphone, that it is working and we see lights. Even if we do not see the very deepest things, those that really sustain life and the world, we can still see and feel their effects. So it is with the Risen Lord. We don't see him with our eyes but we see that wherever Jesus is, people change, they improve..."

Guilia asks about going to Church on Sundays.

Pope Benedict kindly responds to her, "I would think, with great love and respect for your parents, [you could say something like,] *Dear Mommy, Dear Daddy, it is so important for us all, even for you, to meet Jesus. Meeting Jesus [makes us happy.] It is an important part of our lives. Let's find a little time together. We can find a way.*"

Alessandro asks, "What good does it do in our everyday life to go to Holy Mass and receive Communion?"

"It centers life," suggests the Holy Father. "We live amid so many things. And the people who do not go to church do not know that it is precisely Jesus they lack. But they feel that something is missing in their lives. If God is absent from my life, if Jesus is absent from my life, then a guide, an essential friend is missing. A great joy is missing from my life as well, the strength to grow as a person, to overcome my vices and to mature as a human being."

An inspiring conversation, wouldn't you agree!

Let's ask for the grace to see the Risen Lord reaching out to us with His merciful love in Holy Communion! Let us see Jesus in our children and in every person!

Happy First Communion Sunday, Spiritual Family of Saint Mary!

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
Wednesdays
4:30-8pm

Sign up for a slot to sit
with Jesus. We must
have one person
with the Eucharist at
all times.



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