

ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON

# Weekly update 5/12

FR. BILL IN ROME UPDATES





# MEMORIAL DAY UPDATES

Mass will be held at the St. Mary Cemetery chapel on Monday, May 27th at 8am.

Flags will be put by gravesites on May 23 at 9am. If you would like to help, please join us!

# ST. MARY CEMETERY OPEN HOUSE

The St. Mary Cemetery Open House will be on June 1 from 1-6pm. Join us if you are wanting to know more about pre-planning, the cemetery or take a tour.

# VIDA COLLECTION

Please return any gifts you may have purchased for the VIDA collection this weekend!

# THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus are again conducting their statewide fund drive to aid Citizens with cognitive and intellectual disabilities. This will be the weekend of May 18 & 19. The majority of funds raised stay in the Appleton area community to support local programs for NAMI Fox Valley, SOAR Fox Cities, Miracle League of the Fox Valley and Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin. Please support this project with your contribution the weekend on May 18 & 19.

# LOOKING FOR HELPERS

Are you available to help Fr. Bill on Thursdays at the 12:05 mass? If so we are looking for another minister to assist Fr. Bill or any guest priest with reading and communion. Margie will be more than happy to train you. Please reach out to Margie at: [mhopfensperger@stmaryparish.org](mailto:mhopfensperger@stmaryparish.org), if you are interested.

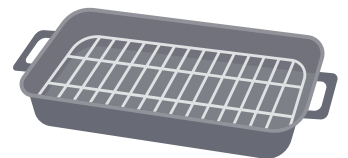


# CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

Question: What percentage of beeswax must all candles used during the Mass be made up of?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

# E2F PANS



Empty to full pans will be distributed during the weekend of May 11/12, with a designated return date of May 18/19.



# Let us pray

Evening worship experiences

## WORSHIP & PRAISE NIGHT

May 16 | 7pm

Experience the power of music and spirituality come alive as we prepare ourselves for Pentecost. Prayerfully sing along with a variety of musicians leading songs that help us to embrace the Holy Spirit. Our evening will feature soul-stirring music and inspiring messages from artists like Matt Maher, Kari Jobe, and Elevation Worship. Come as you are, and let's lift our voices together in praise and worship as we embrace the Holy Spirit!

Featured music with  
songs from:

Elevation Worship



Matt Maher

Kari Jobe

"Spirit of the living God /  
We want to know You  
more and more / We're  
hanging on every word."

- Vertical Worship



**JOIN  
US!**

# **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*



# 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)



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# MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 13, 12:05pm	
<b>Tues., May 14, 8:00am</b>	<b>Mass at St Bernard Parish</b>
<b>Wed., May 15, 8:00am</b>	<b>Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill</b>
Thur., May 16, 12:05pm	
Sat., May 18, 4:30pm	Ted Miller
Sun., May 19, 7:45am	Ruth Hamilton
9:45am	Joanie Streck
5:30pm	Vernon & Alice McGinnis

## 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, May 13

6:30pm Matthew 25/Large Conference Room  
6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group

## Tuesday, May 14

9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7  
2:00pm Rosary Prayer/Church  
6:00pm Facilities Meeting  
6:00pm Book Club/Lower Level Room 4

## Wednesday, May 15

8:00am Quilting/Community Room  
9:30am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7  
4:30pm Adoration  
6:00pm Adult Choir/Music Room

## Thursday, May 16

7:00pm Worship & Praise Night

## Friday, May 17

### Parish Office Closed

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

## Saturday, May 18

9:00am Confessions  
10:00am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support Group/ Lower Level Room 7  
4:30pm Olive Wood Decor being sold in the Marian Way  
**Dropoff E2F Pans**

## Sunday, May 19

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**Dropoff E2F Pans**





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As I get older, I notice a waning in my spirit of adventure. I like to be at home. That being said, my pilgrimage to Italy for the World Meeting of Parish Priests for the Synod, held from Monday through Thursday, April 29 - May 2, was incredible!

First, thank you for all your love and support. You were maybe more excited about this meeting than me! I appreciate so very much all the notes, the gifts of travel money, the clergy shirts monogrammed with our parish logo, the members of our spiritual family who were at my house to send me off to Rome on Friday (5/26), all the well-wishing posters, those who took me by car to and picked me up from O'Hare Airport in Chicago, the upgrade of my airline ticket to first class, those who welcomed me home on Saturday (5/4), and those who patiently waited for me to celebrate the 7:45 am Sunday Mass, as our help out priest was a no-show. The applause was a great welcome.

From the onset, I have reminded you that my representation at this world summit on synodality in Rome was a tribute to our Saint Mary Parish Spiritual Family. We have taken seriously Pope Francis' call to become a synodal parish that is welcoming and serious about walking alongside one another, listening with the *ear of the heart* (as the Rule of Saint Benedict suggests), and trusting that the Spirit is at work in every person.

A key piece of the experience in Rome happened around tables set up according to language groups, namely, English, Spanish, Italian and French. In my group, priests came from the US (yours truly), Italy, Australia, England, Japan, Oman, Lebanon, South Korea, Kenya and Nigeria.

I learned that the community in Oman (West Asia) is composed of Catholics who celebrate Mass in ten or so different rites. Some of these communities have the opportunity to celebrate Mass only once a month. Keep that in mind when I guesstimate that we, in the Catholic Community of Appleton, have about twenty-five Masses on a single weekend!

I learned that the Catholic Community in Beirut (Lebanon) is a small, suffering community, in the aftermath of the explosion in 2020 that resulted in the destruction of one of the community's churches.



I learned that the Church in Africa struggles with such ideas as raising up women to leadership roles in the church, possibly to the diaconate, and outreach to the members of the LGBTQ+ community.

I learned that a young priest in the Diocese of Leeds, England, pastoring two parishes, is overwhelmed as there is no senior leadership team. As a result, this young priest prepares the parish bulletin and pays the bills! Imagine that!

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, we began our ten-hour day with Lauds (Morning Prayer), which was in Latin. I don't know, for sure, that it was Latin, but I do know, for sure, that I had no clue what our community was praying!

Following prayer, the theme of the day was presented. There were theologians present who gave input. Then we spent the next two hours or so in conversation in the Spirit.

Conversation in the Spirit is one of the gifts that the synodal way has presented to the universal Church. This format is meant to create space for the working of the Holy Spirit. There is a Scripture passage that guides the experience, followed by a reading of the question for discussion, followed by seven minutes of silence. Then each member seated at the table has four minutes to speak to the theme of the day. This time is followed by another seven minutes of silence when members reflect on what they heard or what maybe was a new idea for them. Again, space is made for the Holy Spirit to speak to hearts. The follow up allows two minutes from each person. Then there is about 45 minutes or so to begin formulating a group response to the question for the day.

Following lunch, usually soup, bread, deli meats, garden salad, and fruit, there is a 2-hour break (this includes the time for lunch), then we are back together in the conference room. This is a long session, where some of the groups are invited to share their summary reports with the large group, followed by observations from the theologians. I was very intrigued by the creative and challenging input from the *experts*!

Mass followed at about 6:45 pm and supper at 8 pm. I must confess that I skipped supper a couple of times.

I will follow up this recap with more in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

Thanks for taking the time to read this **IN JOY AND SORROW!**

*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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