

Weekly Update 5/19/24



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.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

Question: In 1979 Pope John Paul II created a patron saint of those who promote ecology. Who is this heavenly patron?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

E2F PANS

Please return your full pans this weekend during all masses. If you cannot make it to mass, please drop off in the parish office during the week.



SCAN ME

ADORATION

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

Wednesday from 4:30-8pm

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BA9AB2AA3F49-48654381-adoration>

SORRY, WE ARE CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY (MONDAY, MAY 27). HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND!



SUNDAY | MAY 19

**GRADUATION
PHOTOBOOTH**

*celebrate your St.
Mary grad!*

**CLASS OF
2024**

AFTER 9:45AM MASS IN THE MARIAN WAY



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

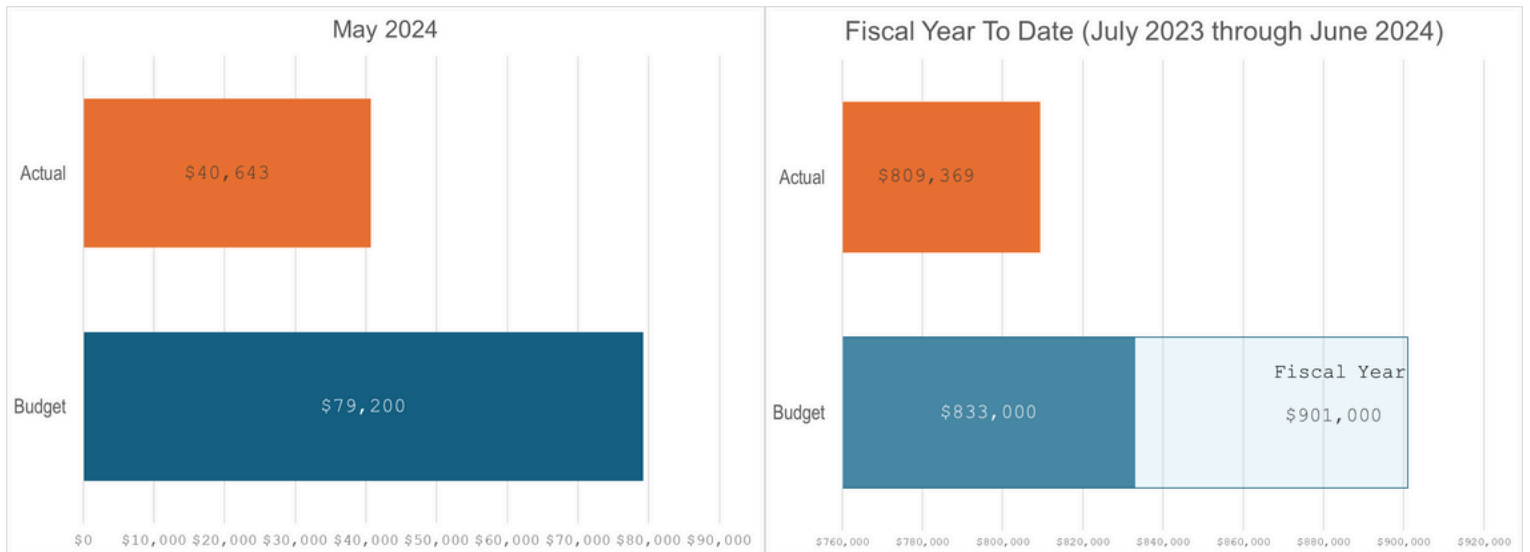
- Give our high school seniors a big send off and show them how proud we are!

At ALL Masses May 18 & 19

- Grads of ALL AGES will be recognized (preschool, kindergarten, elementary & middle school, college, technical, grad school, etc.)



OFFERTORY GIVING:



CHURCH CHUCKLE:

How do priests freshen their breath?

Vestmints



SCRIP:

Scrip is for sale after 4:30pm, 7:45 & 9:45am masses on the weekend.

Also available in the parish office during the week!



WE'RE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM



Minister of Parish Vitality

Do you believe in our dream to be the most welcoming and hospitable parish family we can be? Consider becoming our Minister of Parish Vitality. This position is part-time and benefits-eligible.

See Nadine for more information or apply online at <https://www.gbdioc.org/careers-sp-715818172>).



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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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Holy Spirit Parish Sunday Supper

Sunday, May 19, at 4:30 PM

The meal will be Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes,
Salad Bar, Fruit, and Dessert.

**** free of charge ****

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

We would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who could
use a delicious meal and good company.

This meal is sponsored by
An Anonymous Parishioner
With support from Mom and Pop's Bakery

**Free Shuttle Service sponsored by Kobussen
Buses & the Catholic Foundation.**

- 3:10 - Round House Manor
300 Bicentennial Court, Kaukauna
- 3:35 - Pillars Adult & Family Shelter
400 N. Division Street, Appleton
- 3:52 - Hallmark Place
425 W. Kennedy Avenue, Kimberly
- 4:05 - Arrive at Holy Spirit, Darboy

Wheelchair Accessible Bus

- 3:15 - Statesburg Apartments
125 W. 10th Street, Kaukauna
- 3:30 - John Fischer Manor
330 E. First Street, Appleton
- 3:40 - Randall Court Apts
218 Randall Street, Appleton
- 3:55 - Oneida Heights
525 N. Oneida Street, Appleton
- 4:15 - Arrive at Holy Spirit, Darboy

Upcoming SUMMER Suppers

at the Darboy School location:

Summer Suppers, Wednesdays
June 26, July 17 and August 7

ALL are welcome!!

*A non-denominational prayer service will
start the meal.*

HOLY SPIRIT 
PARISH



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 20, 12:05pm

Tues., May 21, 8:00am

Wed., May 22, 8:00am

Thur., May 23, 12:05pm

Sat., May 25, 4:30pm

Sun., May 26, 7:45am

9:45am

5:30pm

Mass at St Bernard Parish

Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill

David Springer

Eugene Higgins

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Matt Miller, Baby Joshua and Gladys Long . May fond memories comfort you 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, May 20

6:00pm THEO/Lower Level Room 1

6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group/Music Room

Tuesday, May 21

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, May 22

9:30am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7

4:30pm Adoration

Thursday, May 23

9:00am Graveside Flags/Cemetery

6:00pm Adult Choir/Music Room

Friday, May 24

Parish Office Closed

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

Saturday, May 24

9:00am Confessions

Sunday, May 25



Answer to the Catholic Trivia Question: Saint Francis of Assisi



ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON



In Joy + Sorrow

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



05.19.24

Permit me to continue with the recounting of my experience at the World Meeting of Parish Priests for the Synod, which was held in Rome from April 29 through May 2.

As I already described, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were 10-hour work days.

On Monday, the priests shared their experiences of synodality in the life of the parish. Key in this experience is the pastor's commitment to the description of the Church as described in the document *Lumen Gentium* of Vatican Council II. As a light to the nations, the Church is the People of God. The people, baptized in the power of the Holy Spirit and sharing in the common priesthood of Jesus, are co-responsible for the mission of the Church. The pastor accompanies the people and the people accompany the parish priest, always listening to each other's hopes and concerns, and trusting that the Holy Spirit is guiding the parish through the people and the pastor.

Decision-taking is always done in a mutual fashion. The pastor is a collaborator and not an autocrat. The pastor delegates areas of responsibility to the people.

As I listened to the parish priests, while impressed with their dedication, I sensed at times a hesitancy to let go of authority. The pastor does not have to have his hands in everything that happens in the life of the parish. If he takes this approach, there is a real danger of burnout.

Here at Saint Mary, our Senior Leadership Team is managed by a Director of Pastoral Administration and a Director of Parish Business Administration. Nadine and Chris, respectively, fulfill these roles so well. They function as my delegates so as to free my hands from a lot of daily organizational tasks.

I told the priests in my group in Rome that I need to have time to pray, pray, pray, read, read, read, and prepare, prepare, prepare. My ministry is focused on accompanying people and being there with them to celebrate to the best of my ability the sacraments. I think this model could be very beneficial as we experience more painfully the shortage of priests. Empower the People of God! The Holy Spirit is working mightily in them!

On Tuesday, we spent time discussing the different charisms, vocations, and ministries in the life of the parish and how synodality is the lens through which we look at these parish dynamics.

Here is my group's summary of Tuesday's discussion.

Jesus never called for volunteers. Instead, he personally invited people into discipleship. So too, for us, we seek to engage others into the life, ministry, and mission of our parish communities, not only in the members of the communities themselves but even through the engagement of priests. This impels us as synodal leaders

to understand the nature of charisms, to have both the hospitality and skill to identify and welcome their manifestation in our community, and to commission them in the exercise of ministry. By this, we affirm and honor the presence of persons in our communities and enable them to sense how they can contribute to the life of the Church in its entirety rather than simply at the service of their own interests. This begins by developing a spirit and ministry of welcome in our communities, the effectiveness of which should not be underestimated. This is Pentecost: to release the power of the Spirit given to each one at their baptism! It is the heart of the Eucharist from which we are sent in Mission! We heard examples of parishes who have strong ministries of outreach, especially to the unchurched and the marginal, without self referentiality. These are significant means of evangelization. Most importantly, our discernment of charisms cannot occur without prayer. Prayer is the space of waiting; it widens hearts of vigilance; it purifies motivation. It is the foundation for our pastoral listening that is confident that the Spirit gives to each community, not all the charisms, but those it requires to be what the Lord intends for it. Therefore, it is the foundation of trust. Trusting the charisms given our community frees us from the burden of undertaking everything ourselves. It empowers communication, consultation, and collaboration. In turn, this generates connection between people that develops into widening networks through which the Spirit breathes ever new life. This has been a particular feature of our own experience during these days as we have shared our experiences together and heard many personal stories. At both a parish and diocesan level, we have been especially enlivened when our leadership has opened a space from which the sound of an orchestra of charisms and ministries has come forth. All this will require new orientations in the formation of candidates to priesthood so that the discernment and promotion of charisms comes more to the fore. There are challenges everywhere but so, too, is there great hope.

Finally, on Wednesday, our discussion focused on discernment in the life of a synodal parish. Creating space for discernment is an acknowledgement of the irreplaceable role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the parish. As Pope Francis says over and over again, “The Holy Spirit is the protagonist of a synodal Church!”

As I reflect on the beauty of the Solemnity of Pentecost, I would suggest, sadly, that the Holy Spirit is sometimes the forgotten person of the Blessed Trinity. As Saint Teresa of Avila suggests, the Holy Trinity may be compared to a water wheel, where the Father pours the fullness of love into the Son, who then pours this same love into the Holy Spirit, who pours this loving abundance into the People of God. The Holy Spirit is today’s agent of God’s unconditional love. The Holy Spirit does not hunker down in the past but is always stretching us to a newness now. The Holy Spirit treasures tradition while always framing it in a way that is relevant to the present. Doctrine rarely changes but the ways in which we teach or describe doctrine may change. Theology does not happen in vacuum but always needs to be done on one’s knees in prayer, in collaboration with the latest developments in biology, anthropology, psychology, sociology, and every other science. Faith and science are not enemies but rather partners in aiding us to go more deeply into the divine. How open is the Church to this movement of the Holy Spirit? With priests and people together, how do we discern and embrace the movements of the Holy Spirit? This question is synodal at its core.

Stay tuned! I will conclude these reflections next week with a sharing of the parish priests’ audience with Pope Francis!

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
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