

# Weekly Update 5/26/24

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



## MEMORIAL DAY UPDATES

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

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church this Sunday, 5/26. Have a great holiday weekend!

## BOOK CLUB:

The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place at 6 pm, on Tuesday, June 11, in Room L4 at St. Mary on State Street. The book selected for discussion is: *One in a Million Boy* by *Monica Wood*. The story of your life never starts at the beginning. Don't they teach you anything at school? So says 104-year-old Ona to the 11-year-old boy who's been sent to help her out every Saturday morning. She may be 104 years old, but Ona Vitkus is on a mission and it's all because of a One in a Million Boy.

For July 9 our book selection for the same time and place is: *The Language of Flowers* by *Vanessa Diffenbaugh*. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now eighteen and emancipated from the system with nowhere to go, Victoria Jones realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected encounter with a mysterious stranger...

Looking further ahead, the book selected for August 13 is: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by *Shelby Van Pelt* whose book is an exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope, tracing a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

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

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

Question: Ecclesiology is a field of theological study which focuses on?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

## HOOKS AND NEEDLES

Hooks and Needles is inviting students going into grade 5 and above, and adults, to join them for summer knitting and crocheting.

If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, we have all the supplies you will need to get started and teachers anxious to help you.

We will meet in the community room at St. Mary from 1-2:30 pm on the following Thursdays this summer: June 13 & 20, July 18, August 1, 15 & 29

Come and give it a try. Learn to make something for yourself or if you need service hours, we have projects for you to work on.

Still have questions? Contact Barb Rowland at 920-731-1046

## CHURCH CHUCKLE

A fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes." —Rachel Nichols

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



“What did the grape say when it was stepped on?”



“Nothing, it just let out a little wine.”



We hear a lot of parables about wine in the Bible — wine skins, vineyards, vines. Even Jesus’ first miracle was turning water into wine!

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## 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>

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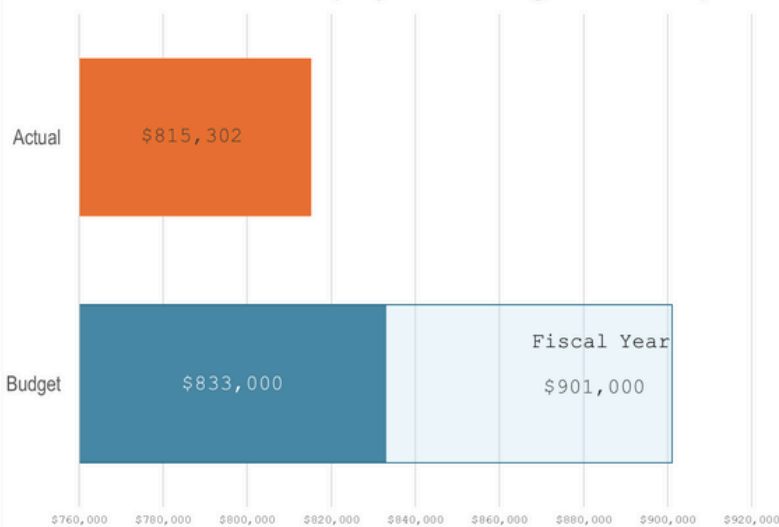
## SUMMER FACTS

The Eiffel Tower grows taller in the summer: The metal at the base of the 300-meter-tall tower expands when the temperature reaches 40°C, causing it to grow by up to 6 inches. The top of the tower also tilts away from the sun by up to 7 inches.

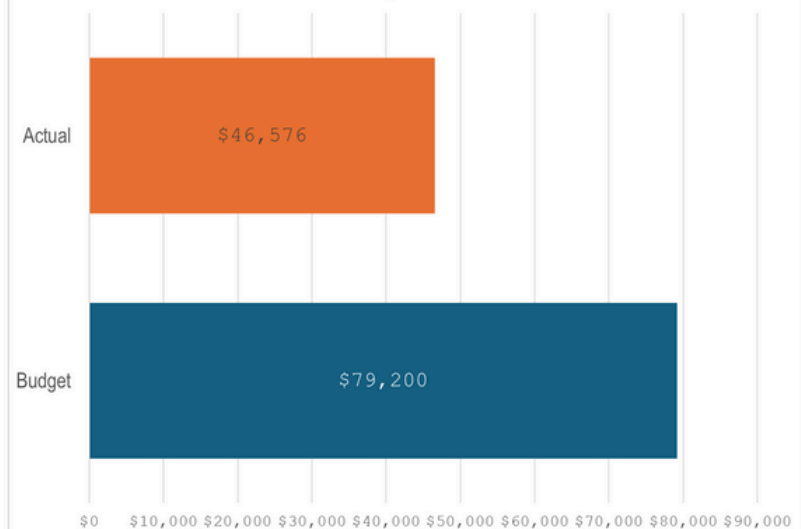


## OFFERTORY GIVING

Fiscal Year To Date (July 2023 through June 2024)



May 2024



ST. MARY  
CEMETERY

# Open HOUSE

JUNE 1

Join us for the St. Mary  
Cemetery Open House on  
June 1 from 1-6 pm.

2121 West Prospect Avenue

- *see the newly renovated chapel*
- *ask questions*
- *take a tour*
- *explore pre-planning*





Register Now!

# Totus Tuus 2024

**July 29 - August 2 at St. Thomas More-Appleton**

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES! WE ARE OVERJOYED TO ANNOUNCE THE GRAND OPENING OF REGISTRATION FOR TOTUS TUUS! THIS IS AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR KIDS TO EMBARK ON A FAITH-BASED, FUN-FILLED ADVENTURE OVER THE SUMMER! WE BELIEVE THAT TOTUS TUUS IS THE PERFECT WAY TO INSTILL VALUES, BUILD CHARACTER, AND NURTURE SPIRITUALITY IN YOUR CHILDREN. PLUS, IT'S A FANTASTIC CHANCE FOR YOU TO TAKE A BREAK WHILE KNOWING YOUR LITTLE ONES ARE IN A SAFE, POSITIVE, AND JOYFUL ENVIRONMENT. SO, PARENTS, DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER! REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN TODAY AND GIVE THEM THE GIFT OF A SUMMER THEY'LL NEVER FORGET. TRUST US, THIS IS AN EXPERIENCE THAT'LL HAVE THEM COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS WITH EXCITEMENT. LET'S MAKE THIS A SUMMER OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, AND FUN!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



QUESTIONS? EMAIL TRACY @ [TTURBA@STMARYPARISH.ORG](mailto:TTURBA@STMARYPARISH.ORG)

# Help

# NEEDED!

## ST. MARY IS LOOKING FOR SUMMER HELP!

### Part-time Grounds Assistant

*\*experience helpful but not necessary*

#### ***Job duties***

- ▶ Maintain equipment
- ▶ Mowing, edging and maintain lawns
- ▶ Trimming small trees, hedges and shrubs
- ▶ Other duties as assigned





# WE'RE HIRING

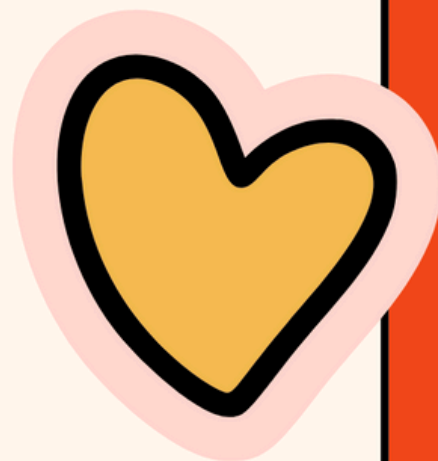
## JOIN OUR TEAM



## 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)



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# MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., May 27, 8:00am (Cemetery)

**Tues., May 28, 8:00am**

**Wed., May 29, 8:00am**

Thur., May 30, 12:05pm

Sat., June 1, 4:30pm

Sun., June 2, 7:45am

9:45am

5:30pm

Joan Schnettler

**Mass at St Bernard Parish**

**Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill**

Edward & Theresa Gierl

Special Intention

Adam Ruh

## In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family of Tom Vande Hey. 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](mailto: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 27

### Office Closed

6:00pm THEO/Lower Level Room 1

6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group/Music Room

## Tuesday, May 28

9:00am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7

2:00pm Rosary Prayer/Church

## Wednesday, May 29

9:30am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7

11:00am Gladys Long Funeral

4:30pm Adoration

6:00pm St. Mary Worship Committee/Large

Conference Room

## Thursday, May 30

6:00pm Adult Choir/Music Room

## Friday, May 31

### Parish Office Closed

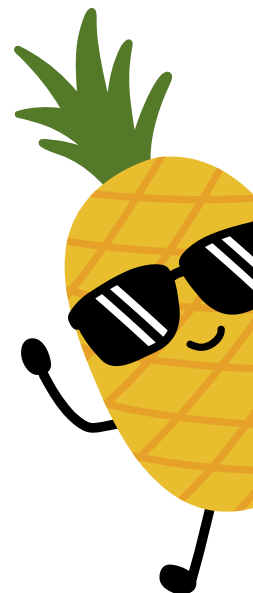
9:00am Friday Morning Meeting/Lower Level Room 7

## Saturday, June 1

9:00am Confessions

**Cemetery Open House 1-6pm**

## Sunday, June 2



Answer to the Catholic Trivia Question: the church





The Office of the Synod suggested that I ask Pope Francis the last question on my list. This is significant because the Holy Father is aware that the US Bishops have two very important irons in the fire at the same time, those irons being a revival of the People of God's reverence for the Eucharist across our land and the Pope's encouragement to become a synodal Church. With my question, I was hoping to make a connection between the two.

Pope Francis zeroed in on the connection between Eucharist and the synodal keys of communion, participation and mission. The Eucharist is the source of the graces that raise up all worshipping believers to take seriously their role in the Church. We are the One Body of Christ! The participation of the whole is enhanced when every individual participates! The Eucharist is all about mission, going out into the world, emboldened by the Holy Spirit to share the Good News!

After the two-hour audience with the Holy Father, the parish priests headed over to St Peter's Basilica for Mass at the Altar of the Chair of Saint Peter. Cardinal Mario Grech, who is the Secretary General of the Office of the Synod of Bishops, presided at the Mass. Cardinal Grech's homily was in Italian. With the help of Sister Marie Kolbe Zamora, who works for the Office of the Synod of Bishops, who facilitated our Parish Synod on the Eve of Pentecost in 2021, and who sent me her notes of the homily in English, Cardinal Grech keyed in on the remarkable role of the Holy Spirit in the Synod of Jerusalem, which took place at the beginning of the Church's story. Discerning the direction of the Holy Spirit never rests in a single person. The arrogant pastor who thinks he has a monopoly on the guidance of the Holy Spirit is dangerous. Mutual listening among many people, "*listening with the ear of the heart (Saint Benedict)*", only this assures the People of God of the Spirit's direction.

Cardinal Grech also spoke of the necessity of joy in the synodal process. Living the Gospel is all about joy. Joy results when you and I experience the Lord's unconditional love in our lives and remain in that love! The synodal pathway always takes us along the way of joy!

I take this away with me from my experience of these days in Rome shared with priests from throughout the world. In the retreat conducted by Fr Timothy Radcliffe, O.P., which preceded the Fall Session of the Synod on Synodality last October, he said, "A collegiality of affectivity always precedes a collegiality of effectivity."

Conversation in the Spirit always draws us closer to one another. This is the work of the Spirit, always to break down barriers and build bridges. We may not always agree with one another but we always hold in our hearts a high positive love for each other. Differences always give way to love for the Lord and each other!

Fr. Bill +

ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON



In Joy + Sorrow

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



05.26.24

I would like to wrap up this review of my experience at the World Meeting of Parish Priests for the Synod, which was held in Rome from May 29 through May 2. Having finished the work of the meeting on Wednesday, nearly 200 priests from 98 countries were up at the crack of dawn on Thursday (5/2) for a quick breakfast, so as to be ready to board coach buses at 7:15 am to take us from the retreat center to the Vatican. Lots of traffic at the time of day heading into Rome!

We then made our way to the Paul VI Audience Hall and found our seats in a theater on the second floor where we waited for our audience with Pope Francis, which was scheduled for 10 am.

Priests who hoped to ask Pope Francis a question had submitted their questions by Tuesday afternoon, and after vetting the questions, eight priests were selected to participate in the Q & A with Pope Francis. You can bet that I was ready. Here is the list of questions that I submitted:

- Holy Father, thank you for your focus on mercy as the face of Jesus and the face of the Church. I recall thousands and thousands of young people in Lisbon chanting Todos! Todos! Todos! All are included within the Lord's merciful Love. Mercy within mercy within mercy. How does the Lord's justice fit into this? And am I always needing to say to people, "Go and sin no more?"
- Holy Father, you speak often of the dangers of worldliness, of clericalism, or being rigid or too certain. I admit that I see this is some of our seminarians and young priests. How do we address this?
- Holy Father, thank you so much for your courageous ministry of bringing a new integrity to the Vatican. I don't know how many times you have cautioned all of us to avoid gossiping. When I am tempted in this way, I think of you. Bringing reform to the Vatican is a tall order but you are doing it. How do you remain so positive and joyful through all of this?
- Holy Father, how can I help my Bishop to become more and more a synodal Bishop? He is doing his very best!
- Holy Father, thank you for reminding us parish priests again and again to be close to the people, always tender and compassionate for this is the style of Jesus! This does me much good. I am sure you are well aware that the US is in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival. Tens of thousands of people are registered to attend a Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July. What would you say to help us make a closer link between the Eucharist and the synodal Church?

Surprise of surprises!

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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

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