

# Weekly Update 06/23/24



## E2F PANS SPRING BUILD

Gratitude is extended to all parishioners who contributed to the E2F Pans Spring Build. A total of 90 pans were collected for Pillars and COTS.



## WELCOME WILL!

Everyone, let's welcome the exceptional Will Delfosse! This summer, he is helping Dennis out, taking on projects and ensuring the building is in top shape. Keep an eye out for him and be sure to greet him warmly!



## CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the physical seat for a bishop in a cathedral church?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

## ANNUAL MISSION COOP APPEAL

Thank you for inviting me to speak to you during last weekend's Masses for the annual Mission Coop Appeal.

My home diocese, KASANA LUWEERO, in Uganda is grateful for your generosity. Being a relatively, new diocese, we are building new parishes. Our bishop's plan for each new parish is for the diocese to build the rectory, and assign a priest to the new parish. Then the priest and the local people will build the Church. After that, a group of parishes will build a Catholic school for their children.

Your donation will help us bring this plan to life in our diocese.

Thank you, Fr. Celestine Byekwaso

## CHURCH CHUCKLE

A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" One little boy shouted, "Thou shall not kill."

# PLEASE HELP US CLOSE THE GAP!



<b>Annual budget target</b>	<b>\$901,000.00</b>
<b>Actual received to date</b>	<b>\$861,012.59</b>
<b>Needed to reach our giving goal</b>	<b>\$39,987.41</b>

Until the last month or two, our monthly giving has kept pace with our 2023-24 parish budget. Unfortunately, we have now fallen almost \$40,000 behind where we need to be to end our fiscal year without a deficit.

We know May and June are busy times for families and summer travels are starting. But please take time to help us catch up if you are able to do so!

We appreciate all you do to help our parish community bring Jesus to each other and those around us.

Have a safe & blessed summer! -Fr. Bill +



# BOOK CLUB

The next St. Mary/St. Joseph book club discussion will take place at 6 pm, on Tuesday, July 9, in Room L4 at St. Mary on State Street. The book selected for discussion is: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Now eighteen and emancipated from the foster care system an unexpected encounter with a mysterious stranger has her questioning what's been missing in her life. And when she's forced to confront a painful secret from her past, she must decide whether it's worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness

For August 13 our book selection for the same time and place is: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, a mystery of friendship, reckoning, and hope, tracing a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus. After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago.

Looking further ahead, the book selected for September 10 is: *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meisner, in a novel that connects two women through time and a scarf with a marigold pattern.

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

# 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 in the chapel. Join us!

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



SCAN ME

# ST. MARY CEMETERY MATCHING FUNDS DRIVE

MORE INFO



or visit <https://stmaryparish.org/cemetery/>



# DID YOU KNOW...

Pope John Paul II traveled to more than 129 different countries, logging more than 750,000 frequent flyer miles, which is about three times the distance to the Moon.



YOUNG COUPLES & YOUNG FAMILIES

# HAPPY HOUR

## *Grill Out*

St. Mary Parish (Appleton) invites you to join us for a fun, summer day of grilling out, drinking cold ones, and watching the kids make memories with an epic balloon fight!

**SUNDAY JULY 28**  
**11 AM-12:30 PM**

St. Mary Parish  
Community Room



RSVP @

<https://bit.ly/churchhappyhour>



# SUMMER FAMILY DAY @ Camp Tek



**All-ages, faith-filled family fun on Loon Lake!**



**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 3**

**9AM -  
5PM**

**Activities**

- ✓ boating
- ✓ swimming
- ✓ praying
- ✓ hiking
- ✓ crafting

**COST:** \$15/person (children under 2 are free)  
*\*Families with 7 or more members attending are able to select an additional discount at check-out.*

Fee includes lunch, t-shirt, and all activities for the day!

**Registration Link**

<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.asp?x?idCamp=247&campCode=ctr&idSession=437191>



This experience is supported by the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay, and we are grateful for their help in sharing it with you!

# CLEAN

LAST CHANCE

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## We're teaming up with St. Mary Recycle Mission Group!

Over the last 30 years, this organization has helped churches recycle items that are no longer being used, as well as from parishioners who have religious items at home that they aren't sure what to do with.

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## What can I bring in?

- Crucifixes
- Rosaries (damaged ok)
- Candle Sticks
- Relics
- Holy Medals
- Holy Cards
- Linens
- Framed Religious Pictures
- Used Musical Instruments
- Prayer books
- Catholic Encyclopedias
- Statues (any size, no outdoor concrete statues)

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## Please, no:

- Religious Books
- Reading Books
- Story Books
- Pamphlets/Magazines
- DVDs or VHS Tapes
- Wax Candles



**bring items to the  
parish office by  
SUNDAY, JUNE 23**



RENEWING THE

# Culture of Life

ONE PEDAL STROKE  
AT A TIME

*We are Biking for Babies*

Young adults who cycle over 2,500 miles across the nation to support lives at life-affirming and healing pregnancy resource centers

JOIN OUR MISSION BY



Praying for a renewed Culture of Life



Learning about your local pregnancy resource center



Supporting our mission with a financial gift

*The "Ride Across America" ends with our Annual Celebration of Life in St. Louis each July.*

[WWW.BIKINGFORBABIES.COM](http://WWW.BIKINGFORBABIES.COM)



BIKING FOR BABIES MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

<https://givebutter.com/b4b-missionary/wi-team/gabrielwalker>

OR



# Holy Spirit Parish Summer Supper

Wednesday, June 26, 4:30 PM

The meal will be Brats, Potato Salad,  
Baked Beans, Fruit and Custard

**\*\* 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

**Murial Gardner and Family**

In Memory of

**Joseph Stoeger and Richard Gardner**

With General Support from Culver's

**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 Suppers**  
at the Darboy School location:

Wednesday, July 17

*ALL are welcome!!*

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

**HOLY SPIRIT**   
**PARISH**





# MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., June 24, 12:05pm	Joan Stitt
<b>Tues., June 25, 8:00am</b>	<b>Mass at St Bernard Parish</b>
<b>Wed., June 26, 8:00am</b>	<b>Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill</b>
Thur., June 27, 12:05pm	
Sat., June 29, 4:30pm	Nancy Chuchel
Sun., June 30, 7:45am	Joann Koehnke
9:45am	
5:30pm	

## 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, June 24

6:00pm Grief Support Group Seminar/Cemetery Chapel  
6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group/Music Room

## Tuesday, June 25

1:00pm Flock of Sparrows/Lower Level Room 4  
2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

## Wednesday, June 26

9:30am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7  
4:30pm Adoration

## Thursday, June 27

9:00am CIAFMO/Lower Level Room 7  
6:30pm Men's Group/Lower Level Room 7

## Friday, June 28

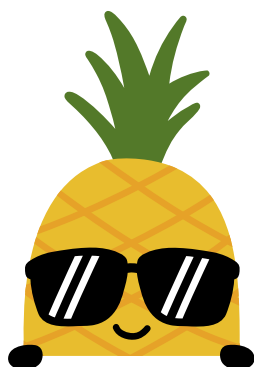
**Parish Office Closed**

## Saturday, June 29

9:00am Confessions

## Sunday, June 30

Coffee and Donuts



Answer to the Catholic Trivia Question: Cathedra





## 0623.24

I am reminded again and again of the parable (one that Jesus never told) of the village of blind members, ecstatic that their King would be coming to them, riding on a magnificent elephant. The villagers decided to send out a delegation to meet the King, and since none of them had ever “seen” an elephant, the delegation would come back with their preliminary “observations.”

The woman, who touched the ear of the great beast reported, “The elephant is like a magic carpet.” The man who touched the trunk thought, “No, the elephant is more like a powerful pipe that twists and turns.” Finally, the third delegate was certain, after touching the elephant’s leg, “The elephant is solid, like the trunk of a tree.” Needless to say, they were all right but all of them failed to grasp the total picture!

As the Catholic Church in the US prepares for a Eucharistic Congress, when tens of thousands of believers will gather in Indianapolis in mid-July, it is important to keep in focus the big picture, which is the Mass and the Real Presence of Jesus in the gifts of His Word, His Most Precious Body and Blood, the gathered assembly, and priest.

A commitment to regular Mass attendance and to frequent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament must resist the temptation to fall into a “Jesus and me” mindset. Our friendship with Jesus always expands our hearts to include the Lord and our neighbors, near and far. We cannot love the Lord without loving our neighbors. Our love of our neighbors always throws us into the open, loving arms of the Lord.

In my Pastoral Letter, “Love Bade Us Welcome,” I devoted a considerable amount of words to the theme of Eucharist as mission. Mission, which is all about bearing Jesus and His Good News to others, and Eucharist go together like a hand and a glove. You cannot have one without the other.

Here is a bit from my Pastoral Letter:

“In the old Latin Mass, the words of dismissal were *Ite, missa est*, meaning, *Go, it [the assembly] is dismissed*. Our words Mass, dismissal, and mission find their roots in the Latin word, *missa*.

The Eucharist is about mission.

Jesus reminds us again and again of the crucial nature of that mission. *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.* (Mark 15:15, parallels in Luke 14:23, Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 17:7-8)

We can emphasize full, active, and conscious participation at Mass and desire to increase that participation.

We can emphasize that Jesus is really present in the assembly, just as he is present in the Word, in his Precious Body and Blood, and in his priest.

We must emphasize, too, the desire to increase a sense of community among worshiping believers. Communing with Jesus in the Eucharist must be accompanied by communing with our sisters and brothers in love. To reiterate, if we cannot see Jesus in our sisters and brothers, it will be difficult to see Him in the Eucharist.

These emphases, however, will fall flat on their face, so to speak, if we do not emphasize our call to mission. In the intervention made by Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina prior to the Conclave of Cardinals who elected him Pope, the future Francis cautioned our Church about the dangers of self-referentiality, a tendency to look within and be absorbed by navel gazing. He lamented that Jesus must sometimes find Himself knocking from within so that we let him out. The self-referential Church seeks to keep Jesus Christ within herself and does not let him out. A Church that always looks inward is a sick Church. (March 2013)

In his wonderful book Anam Cara, the Irish poet and theologian John O'Donohue writes, *Love does not remain within the heart, it flows out to build secret tabernacles in a landscape*. This insight echoes our own parish's desire to be about mission, seeing the sacred movement outward of the ripples of God's love, through our hearts, to all hearts.

A Church that looks outward is an alive Church. Truth be told, Jesus has already tabernacled himself in the hearts of our sisters and brothers who find themselves among the least, the lost and the last. When we encounter them on the peripheries of society, you and I will always be inspired. It is at the peripheries that the Church functions like a field hospital, ministering to wounded persons whose hearts yearn for healing and hope.

We are Jesus' missionaries and we carry within us the beauty, truth and goodness which is Jesus' Gospel. We are the Lord's disciples, impelled by the Holy Spirit, striving to think and feel and act like Jesus, who go forth from the Mass to make disciples. This great commission is the only reason for which the parish exists. This great commission is the only reason for which the Church exists.

This mission finds its impetus and direction in the Church's absolute certitude in the sacred dignity of every person. No person should be denied the grace of hearing of the Lord's unconditional love for him or her. No person should be denied the most basic of human rights, the rights to food and water, to shelter and clothing, to a good education and dignified work with a living wage, and to health care. No person should be denied the freedom of worship or religion.

If I am going to be a bearer of Jesus' Good News, sent out into my family, my workplace, my neighborhood and even to the ends of the earth, I have to embrace these social teachings of the Catholic Church. I cannot be a party to racism, sexism, age discrimination, homophobia, transphobia, anti-Semitism or anti-any religion. The Gospel of Jesus cannot be co-opted by patriotism or nationalism. Our first loyalty is always to the Lord.

This Eucharistic mission reminds us that we must be a Church without walls. As the great American poet, Robert Frost, wrote so convincingly in *Mending Wall*, something there is that doesn't love a wall, /That wants it down. As Jesus' missionary disciples, how do you and I, in every situation, tear down walls to build bridges? The Gospel proclaims without wavering that we are all God's family. Jesus' mission was only to love all God's people, all the time, always trusting that His Father's love would transform human society. The Eucharist is the leaven for this mission of transformation in love!"

My caution is this: Let's keep our hearts fixed on the big picture. A heart on fire with a love for the Eucharistic Jesus is a heart that mimics His Heart. In the big open Heart of Jesus, there was always an overflow of inclusive and centrifugal Love. Jesus' mission was to touch the heart of every person. He always reached out, to the degree that the religious leaders of his time were appalled by His unconditional love. It was Jesus' magnificent love that sealed his fate, which was to be stretched upon a Cross. We cannot know and love Jesus without embracing His Missionary Heart!

Jesus, give me a heart like Your Heart!

*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 Kate Minczeski for  
more information.

**Confession**  
Sat. 9-10am

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Wednesdays  
4:30-8pm

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