

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TAKE NOTHING FOR
THE JOURNEY.

— MARK 6:8 —



ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON

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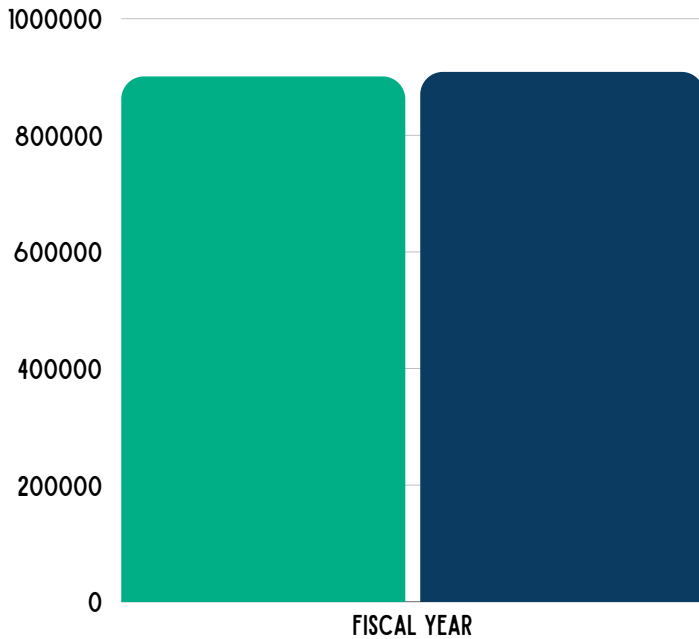
Question: In what source is found a majority of the law governing the Catholic Church?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

END OF YEAR GIVING

Due to the additional effort at the end of the year, we have **successfully** achieved our offertory target, reaching \$901,000. Remarkably, we exceeded the target by \$7,774.03, totaling \$908,774.03. This accomplishment signifies that we concluded the year at 100.86% of our goal. Thank you to everyone who helped us reach this goal!

■ GOAL ■ ACTUAL



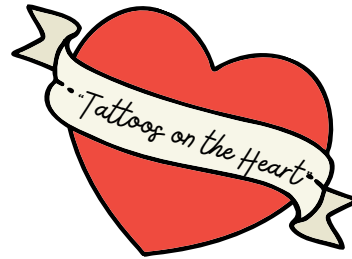
ST. MARY CEMETERY MATCHING FUNDS DRIVE

MORE INFO



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

ST. MARY EVENTS COMING SOON!



BOOK STUDY IN
SEPTEMBER (9/22)



ST. MARY PARISH
FEAST DAY (9/15)

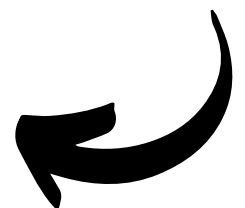


Appleton, WI

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FR. GREG BOYLE
IN NOVEMBER (11/12)





PARENTS!

IT'S REGISTRATION TIME

FAITH FORMATION



ALL youth are welcome to join Beacon Faith Formation on Wednesday nights to grow in faith and community.

Grades 1-5 | 4:45-6:00pm
Grades 6-12 | 6:30-7:45pm



<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=65c90439799d-4666-9e7f52f56dd69e4d>

Questions about Beacon or sacrament prep?

Contact Tracy in the parish office (tturba@stmaryparish.org or 920-739-5119).

SACRAMENT PREP

Do you have a child entering second grade or junior year this fall? It's time to register them for our sacramental prep programs.

FYI: Catholic day school students prepare for and receive sacraments through their home parish (St. Mary Parish).

2nd GRADE STUDENTS:
First Reconciliation & First Communion
prep begins in September

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS:
Confirmation
prep begins in January

<https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=f293ae3d-b765-4a92bb17d5dd8b8b2a6c>



YOUNG COUPLES & YOUNG FAMILIES

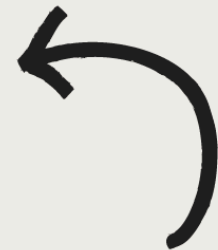
HAPPY HOUR

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>



St. Anne Room Renovation


One of our key areas for our OnebyOne campaign was to renovate the St. Anne Room to support youth ministry and Beacon. Tracy Turba, Minister of Young Disciples, has been working with young people, parents, committee members and staff to create a space that is enticing to teens and welcoming for the whole parish.

The St. Anne Room has been used for years for community events and youth activities. There have been a number of projects that have added to the atmosphere and to meet the evolving needs of the space. Most recently the Boy Scout room has been transformed into the new Choir Room. A new restroom was also added where there had been a storage room before. A big improvement to the space was the installation of a kitchen just before Covid changed so many things. This was the brainchild of Adelyn Carney as her Girl Scout Gold Award project. It has added so many possibilities for the use of the St. Anne Room including pizza night for the Beacon teens, a space for parish gatherings, and a place for connect groups to prepare meals for Pillars.

With the renovation of the Community Room and the Marian Way (also funded by OnebyOne funds), the parish began transforming our community spaces into more inviting and comfortable environments. The St. Anne Room renovation kicked off in the middle of June and is expected to run through the end of August. The renovation should be completed for the opening of the new Beacon faith formation year starting in September.

Plans for the St. Anne room include a carpeted space with soft seating for youth ministry and Beacon classes. A café-style area for social events and activities, and a flexible instructional area that can be used for any number of parish activities. The former Girl Scout room is being transformed into a classroom/meeting room for Beacon classes, connect groups, and meetings. The kitchen is staying the same except for a few lighting and flooring enhancements.

Once the renovations are complete, we will have a coffee and donuts open house to show what your donations have contributed to in the St. Anne Room.




*Updated Stipend and Stole Fee Structure –
Effective July 1, 2024*

The Diocese of Green Bay and our parishes are grateful to all those who have generously provided a donation for Masses, funerals, weddings and Quinceaneras in the past. The donation for these sacraments and services has remained the same for over thirty years throughout the Dioceses of Wisconsin. Recently, when the Bishops of the State of Wisconsin gathered, they decreed that stipends should be adjusted to reflect the current time. The new stipend structure is as follows:

- Mass Stipend – \$20
- Funeral Stole Fee – \$75
- Wedding & Quinceanera Stole Fee – \$100

This new fee structure will become effective July 1, 2024. It will not be applied retroactively to those who have already paid the appropriate amount from the former fee scale. The new fee structure will be applied to all new requests received as of July 1, 2024.

As always, if someone is not able to offer the stipend, the parish is always happy to provide the sacrament or service with no fee. Please know, too, that any stipend money collected goes to the parish in support of its ministry and services provided to the parish community; it does not go personally to the priest.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 15, 12:05pm	Jared Bardon
Tues., July 16, 8:00am	Mass at St Bernard Parish
Wed., July 17, 8:00am	Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill
Thur., July 18, 12:05pm	Vernon & Alice McGinnis
Sat., July 20, 4:30pm	
Sun., July 21, 7:45am	Pat Kiley
9:45am	Ivy Peters
5:30pm	Jean Bradley

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, July 15

6:00pm Grief Support Group Seminar/Cemetery Chapel
6:00pm THEO Grief Support Group/Lower Level Room 1
6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group/Music Room
6:30pm Discipleship Committee/Large Conference Room

Tuesday, July 16

9:00am Connect Group
1:00pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group/St Joe's
2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel
7:00pm Finance Council/Community Room

Wednesday, July 17

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

Thursday, July 18

1:00pm Hooks & Needles/Community Room

Friday, July 19 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 20

9:00am Confessions
10:00am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support Group/Lower Level Room 7

Sunday, July 21

Answer to the Catholic Trivia Question: The Code of Canon Law





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In any leadership role, it is best not to get too many irons in the fire at once, lest each goal be compromised a bit. I have been concerned that the Bishops of the US have been juggling two irons in the fire for the last couple of years, both being worthy goals. Those *irons* are the Eucharistic Revival and Becoming a Synodal Church, which is, by the way, the single-most important goal in the ministry of Pope Francis. In my humble estimation, the place of synodality in the ministry of the bishop, priest, and deacon, and in the lives of the baptized believers of the parish community has been short-shrifted by some of our bishops. Of course, my ministry as a parish priest has been transformed by Pope Francis' Synodal Pathway. It doesn't take anyone too long to figure this out. By gosh, I was one of seven priests in our nation to attend the International Meeting of Parish Priests for the Synod in Rome at the beginning of May!

That being said, I would like to call attention to the Eucharistic Revival, into which our Bishops have poured their prayers, blood, sweat, and tears, and 14 million dollars, over the last couple of years. Let me give you a brief heads-up as to what will be happening in Indianapolis this coming week, July 17-21.

Over the last sixty days, over the course of some 6,500 miles, tracing a cross over our nation, from north to south and east to west, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage has processed through our towns, cities, parks, downtowns, and churches (even across Shawano Lake). The Risen Jesus, really present in the Precious Gift of His Most Holy Body and Blood, carried high in procession, has been greeted by tens of thousands of people across our nation. Without a doubt, we need the Lord's blessings of tenderness and compassion to be poured out upon our nation, and into the hearts of its people, on these days where there is so much concern and anxiety.

These four Eucharistic Processions will converge in Indianapolis on Wednesday evening to open the Tenth National Eucharistic Congress in the US. (The last Eucharistic Congress here was 83 years ago.) Tens of thousands of baptized believers will be participating in the different programs offered at Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indianapolis Convention Center.

The themes for Thursday through Sunday, respectively, are "*The Greatest Love Story*," "*Into Gethsemane*," "*This is My Body*," and "*To the Ends of the Earth*." Without doing a deep dive into a lot of material on the Revival website, I am guessing that the overall theme is to present the *kerygma*. What, you say?

The *Kerygma*, which is Greek, refers to the proclamation of the Gospel. This proclamation always comes in four parts, namely, *God loves you*, *Jesus saves you (from your sins)*, *Jesus is alive*, and *the Spirit gives life*. The best description of the *kerygma*, in my opinion, can be found in Pope Francis'

Post-Synodal Letter to Young People, titled *Christus vivit [Christ is alive]*, Chapter 4, paragraphs 111-133. I often give this to young people (and not-so-young people) for their prayerful meditation.

Here is the link for those of you who are interested:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20190325_christus-vivit.html

[Scroll down to Chapter 4 or read the whole letter. It is worthy of your prayerful reflection.]

Going back to the Eucharistic Revival, the morning impact sessions are organized around the themes of **encounter**, where pilgrims deepen their sense of the Lord's closeness to them through prayer, music, and witness talks, **empower**, where pilgrims are given tools to share their Jesus story, **renewal**, where pilgrims who have leadership roles in the Church are inspired by fellow workers in the vineyard, **cultivate**, where families gather together for worship and praise, **awaken**, where teenagers in high school are presented experiences tailored to touch their hearts, and **abide**, where bishops, priests, deacons, and pastoral ministers are invited to deepen their intimacy with the Lord.

Mass is celebrated each day. There is a daily opportunity to pray the Rosary and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). There is an exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles, which was put together by the soon-to-be-Saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis, as well as an exhibit of a replica of the Shroud of Turin. Note that Blessed Carlo's canonization will be in the Holy Year 2025, but a date has not yet been announced.

Interesting from my perspective is the slate of speakers. Not that I am knowledgeable about the breath of Catholic speakers across our nation, I must admit that I know very few of the Congress speakers. Notably missing as speakers are the people who inspire me, like Fr Gregory Boyle, SJ, Fr Ron Rolheiser, OMI, Sisters Joan Chittister, OSB, Helen Prejean, CSJ, and Norma Pimentel, MJ, Bishops Mark Seitz of El Paso, Daniel Flores of Brownsville, TX, and John Stowe, OFM Conv. of Lexington, and Cardinals Robert McElroy of San Diego, Blase Cupich of Chicago, and Joseph Tobin of Newark. I did see where Cardinals Gregory of Washington, DC, Dolan of NYC, and O'Malley of Boston are celebrating Masses with the pilgrims!

Please join me in praying for our sisters and brothers attending the Eucharistic Congress! May their hearts be expanded by the magnificent and marvelous love of the Lord Jesus, so close to us in the Sacrament of His Most Precious Body and Blood! May the pilgrims see the Risen Jesus in their fellow pilgrims!

Thanks for taking the time to ponder 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 Kate Minczeski for more information.

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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