

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME AWAY BY YOURSELVES.

— MARK 6:31 —



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Question: What do Catholics call the eve of a Feast Day?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

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"It waves."



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YOUNG COUPLES & YOUNG FAMILIES

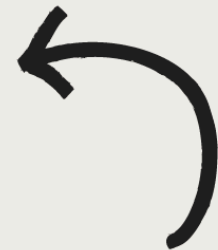
HAPPY HOUR

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.



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SAT Feb. 22 | 8am-5pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 22, 12:05pm	Roslyn DiStefano
Tues., July 23, 8:00am	Mass at St Bernard Parish
Wed., July 24, 8:00am	Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill
Thur., July 25, 12:05pm	
Sat., July 27, 4:30pm	Dan Rodwell
Sun., July 28, 7:45am	Jerry + Bernice Cops
9:45am	Ted Miller
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, July 22

6:00pm Grief Support Group Seminar/Cemetery Chapel

6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group/Music Room

Tuesday, July 23

9:00am Connect Group

2:00pm Rosary Prayer Group/Chapel

Wednesday, July 24

9:30am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7

4:30pm Adoration

Thursday, July 25

Friday, July 26

Parish Office Closed

11:00am Nancy Zuleger Funeral

Saturday, July 27

9:00am Confessions

11:00am Young Couples Grill Out

Sunday, July 28





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One of the themes that has recurred again and again on the Synodal Pathway initiated by Pope Francis in 2021 is the desire to empower women in the life of our Church at the highest levels of decision-making.

Saint Paul's reminder to the Church of God in Galatia is telling. *"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male or female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."* (Gal 3:28)

Saint Paul is not suggesting that Jesus is blind to the differences among people. Those differences should be celebrated, realizing that complementary is a blessing, especially when referring to women and men. But in the viewpoint of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit sees first the equal dignity between men and women, created in the image of God. Roles may differ but divine dignity is infinite and equal.

The Spirit resists, I believe, a two-tiered understanding where the man's place is out in the world, where there is much potential to be an influencer, and a woman's place is in the home where she also makes an irreplaceable impact. To suggest at a college graduation, however, that this is the only perspective, in the presence of women who have just achieved degrees that will place them in important leadership roles in our society, is shortsighted and defines their sacred dignity too narrowly. And to say this does not denigrate in the least the beauty of being a wife and a mother.

In the Synod on the Church in the Amazon (October 2019), the delegates talked very seriously about the possibility of raising up women to ministry as deacons in our church. So many women are leading parishes along the Amazon River in South America, where the reality is that a priest may visit a parish once or twice a year for the celebration of the Mass and sacraments. The shortage of priests is threatening to a vital sacramental life in so many communities in this part of the world. Are there theological, ecclesiological, and historical underpinnings to support opening ordained diaconal ministry to the women in this particular situation I have just described?

In his Post-Synodal Exhortation after the Amazon Synod, Pope Francis expressed a hesitancy towards the possibility of women deacons at this time. He also was more vociferous against women deacons in his 60 Minutes interview with Nora O'Donnell. Respectfully, I would remind the Pope that this topic is still on the table and that he himself has commissioned a Synod Working Group to continue to study the place of women in leadership roles in the Church.

This above reflection reminds me that on Monday (7/22), the Church remembers Saint Mary Magdalene. In 2016, Pope Francis raised her Name's Day from a Memorial to a Feast. Recall that Mary of Magdala's ancient title is *Apostolorum apostola* (*Apostle to [for] the Apostles*), given to her by Saint Thomas Aquinas.

This honorific title flows from the fact that Mary Magdalene, in the Gospel of John, was the first witness to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Recall that beautiful encounter in the Garden on the First Easter. Terribly distraught because the Body of Jesus was not in the tomb, she pleads with the gardener to tell her where they have taken Jesus. Initially, she doesn't recognize the gardener as her Risen Lord until He gently and lovingly whispers her name. She is then commissioned to go to the Apostles to announce the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection.

Rev Malcolm Guite, an Anglican priest and a songwriter, captures this graceful encounter between Mary and her Risen Lord so well.

*He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply
'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.
Pope Francis concluded that if each of the Twelve Apostles had a Feast Day on the Liturgical
Calendar, Saint Mary Magdalene should also have a Feast Day.*

In all of the Synodal discussions about affirming the infinite dignity of women and raising them up to the highest leadership and decision-making roles in our Church, let us ask Saint Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles, to intercede for us before the Holy Spirit so that we may discern the Spirit's wisdom on this important matter for the future of our Church. May we be able to say soon, "*It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us!*" (Acts 15:28)

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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