

# ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHAT KIND OF  
WISDOM HAS BEEN  
**GIVEN HIM?**

— MARK 6:2 —





# NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Welcome Addie, Brian, Noah & Isaac Testers

## ST. MARY CEMETERY MATCHING FUNDS DRIVE

MORE INFO



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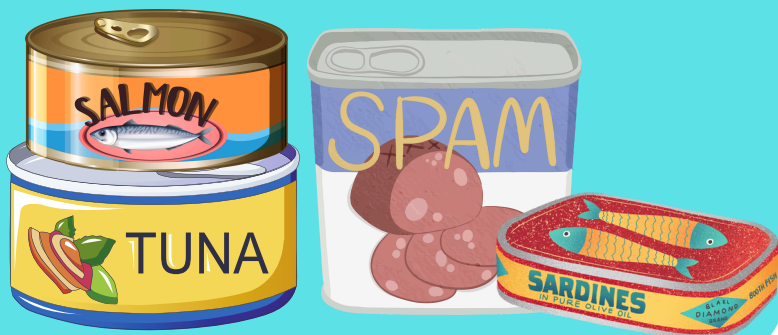
## CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

Question: The outer garment worn by the priest celebrating Mass is called?

(Answer is under the events calendar in the bulletin)

## ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM

The Food Program collection for July is for any non-perishable packaged meat product such as canned or packaged meat, chicken, tuna fish, or salmon or similar items. The collection is the weekend of July 13th and 14th. Nothing past the use-by date or in glass. Thank you for helping those less fortunate.



## ST. MARY EVENTS COMING SOON!



BOOK STUDY IN  
SEPTEMBER (9/22)



ST. MARY PARISH  
FEAST DAY (9/15)



Appleton, WI

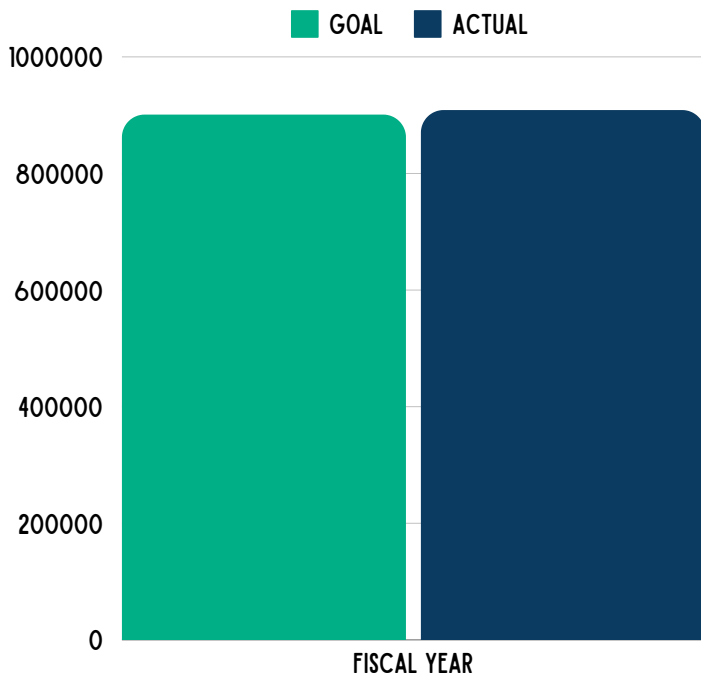


FR. GREG BOYLE  
IN NOVEMBER (11/12)



# 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!



## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer for Truth

Dear Lord,

Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth. Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one who reminds of Your love, encourages the lowly, and points ever more deeply to You.

Amen.



## JOIN THE TEAM AT XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SYSTEM!

Join Our Team at Xavier Catholic Schools System! Are you passionate about education and dedicated to nurturing young minds? Xavier Catholic Schools System is excited to announce openings for dynamic and enthusiastic teachers to join our community in the following areas:

- Elementary Learning Services
- ELL Teacher (Elementary and Middle School)
- Middle School PE (Part time)
- Campus Minister
- High School English (Full time)
- High School Business

For more information contact Kathy VanDehy ([humanresources@xaviercatholicschools.org](mailto:humanresources@xaviercatholicschools.org); 920-735-9380)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let's face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— Father John Muir





# You're not alone

## St. Mary Grief Support Course

It's not all in your head. Grief is not only an emotional response, but a real physiological phenomenon. There is a science to understanding and working through grief after the loss of a loved one.

Facilitated by trained instructors, each course session aims to help participants understand their grief journey, and connect them to others who have experienced loss. Practical advice on managing day-to-day responsibilities, as well as techniques for self-care and emotional healing, are integral parts of the program.

### Key Components

- self care plan
- prayer
- discussion topics
- helpful resources
- spiritual journaling
- recommended reading
- Bible-based assignments
- 8 weekly sessions

Next session  
begins July 8 (6pm)  
at the beautiful St.  
Mary Cemetery Chapel

2121 W. Prospect  
Appleton, WI

The faith-based St. Mary Grief Support Course offers a compassionate space where you can:

- understand and deal with loss
- share your experiences
- find solace among others who have faced similar challenges
- navigate your emotions
- find healthy ways to cope



For details on upcoming sessions, reach out to Chip Acker or Thomas Walter (Certified ICare Specialists, International Grief Institute) at 920.739.5119.





2024

Totus Tuus

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help to make Totus Tuus a success! Please review the available slots below to sign up. Thank you!

There are youth volunteer slots - we would love to have teen volunteers working directly with the children in the day program.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Emily Shackleton, Coordinator for Child and Family Ministry at St. Thomas More Parish, at [emily@stmccath.org](mailto:emily@stmccath.org) or 920-739-7758 ext. 228.



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SIGN-UP  
HERE!



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



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RSVP @

<https://bit.ly/churchhappyhour>






*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.



## Prayer

Dear God, help me to listen to you and to accept the help that you want to give me. Amen.

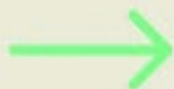
## Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.

## Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever felt left out? Jesus did. In today's Gospel, Jesus visited his relatives and old friends. These were the people he grew up with, the people who knew him the best. All of a sudden Jesus was not acting like he used to. They heard that Jesus was healing people, raising people from the dead, and telling evil spirits to leave. Jesus was even teaching about God's kingdom, like he really knew what he was talking about! Well, Jesus' old friends and neighbors did not like it one bit. How sad for them. God's own Son wanted to help them, but they didn't want it.

Now color  
the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

Jesus  
taught  
wisdom

power  
miracle  
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heal  
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# MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., July 8, 12:05pm	John Nussbaum
<b>Tues., July 9, 8:00am</b>	<b>Mass at St Bernard Parish</b>
<b>Wed., July 10, 8:00am</b>	<b>Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill</b>
Thur., July 11, 12:05pm	
Sat., July 13, 4:30pm	Ed + Dorothy Frahm
Sun., July 14, 7:45am	Cassie Garvey Backhaus
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, July 8

6:00pm Grief Support Group Seminar/Cemetery Chapel

6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group/Music Room

## Tuesday, July 9

9:00am Connect Group

1:00pm Flock of Sparrows/Lower Level Room 7

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

6:00pm Book Club/Lower Level Room 4

6:00pm Facilities Committee/Large Conference Room

## Wednesday, July 10

9:30am Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7

4:30pm Adoration

## Thursday, July 11

## Friday, July 12

Parish Office Closed

## Saturday, July 13

9:00am Confessions

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

## Sunday, July 14





**07.07.24**

Perchance, do you know the origin of the name of the seventh month of the year? I have to confess that I had forgotten this.

*July* is a Middle English word taken from the Latin *Julius*. *July* then is named after (You guessed it!) Julius Caesar. Quintilis, which was his birth month, was renamed July when he died. Quintilis means “fifth month” in Latin, which represents where this month originally fell in the Roman calendar.

Look for the full moon on Sunday, July 21, named by our Native American sisters and brothers as the Thunder Moon, due to the frequent thunderstorms during the month, or the Buck Moon, due to the new velvety antlers appearing on male deer at this time of the year.

The birth flowers for July are the water lily, sweet pea, and the delphinium.

Let me look to Bishop Robert Morneau’s [There is a Season: An Inspirational Journal](#) to set the stage for a worthy greeting to the month of July.

*IT IS IN JULY that the corn is knee high, right to the eye, that swimming holes are revisited by young and old, that a liberty bell is cracked for freedom, that air conditioners do their thing, that all stars begin to shine [think baseball, too] that a cold rain is welcomed like a victorious general, that gardens are invited in for dinner, that snow joins the extinct species, that wadis\* lose their sense of identity, and that the sun reaches a midlife crisis.*

*IT WAS IN JULY that certain lessons and insights came home: that our freedom is required only through the pain of bruises and scars, that sanity is fostered through keeping one’s hands close to the soil, that inner time must be carefully respected if growth is to follow, that prayer is the gateway to peace, that heaven is being with, and that desires carefully tended motivate the development of unique gifts.*

How about a poem for July! (Hopefully you clapped rather than groaned!)

Here is Mary Oliver’s [When I Am Among the Trees](#). Mary Oliver is one of my favorite poets.

*When I am among the trees,  
especially the willows and the honey locust,  
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,*



*they give off such hints of gladness.  
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.*

*I am so distant from the hope of myself,  
in which I have goodness, and discernment,  
and never hurry through the world  
but walk slowly, and bow often.*

*Around me the trees stir in their leaves  
and call out, "Stay awhile."  
The light flows from their branches.*

*And they call again, "It's simple," they say,  
"and you too have come  
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled  
with light, and to shine."*

Finally, as the Church dedicates the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus, I offer this Litany.

[The response to the following invocations is: **Be our salvation**]

Blood of Christ, only Son of the Father, Response. Blood of Christ, incarnate Word, R. Blood of Christ, of the new and eternal covenant, R. Blood of Christ, that spilled to the ground, R. Blood of Christ, that flowed at the scourging, R. Blood of Christ, dripping from the thorns, R. Blood of Christ, shed on the cross, R. Blood of Christ, the price of our redemption, R. Blood of Christ, our only claim to pardon, R. Blood of Christ, our blessing cup, R. Blood of Christ, in which we are washed, R. Blood of Christ, torrent of mercy, R. Blood of Christ, that overcomes evil, R. Blood of Christ, strength of the martyrs, R. Blood of Christ, endurance of the saints, R. Blood of Christ, that makes the barren fruitful, R. Blood of Christ, protection of the threatened, R. Blood of Christ, comfort of the weary, R. Blood of Christ, solace of the mourner, R. Blood of Christ, hope of the repentant, R. Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying, R. Blood of Christ, our peace and refreshment, R. Blood of Christ, our pledge of life, R. Blood of Christ, by which we pass to glory, R. Blood of Christ, most worthy of honor, R.

Let us pray: Father, by the blood of your Son you have set us free and saved us from death. Continue the work of your love within us, that by constantly celebrating the mystery of our salvation, we may reach the eternal life it promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Happy July!

May July not speed by so quickly that we miss enjoying its unique glory and grandeur!

[\*wadi, Arabic for a valley or stream that dries up after the rainy season]

*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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