



ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

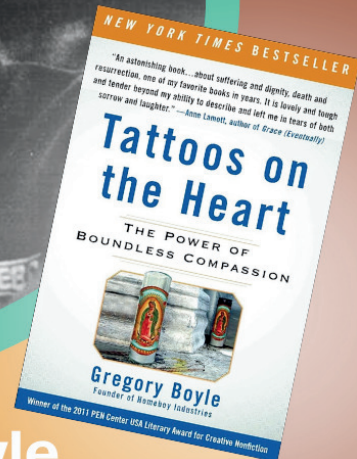
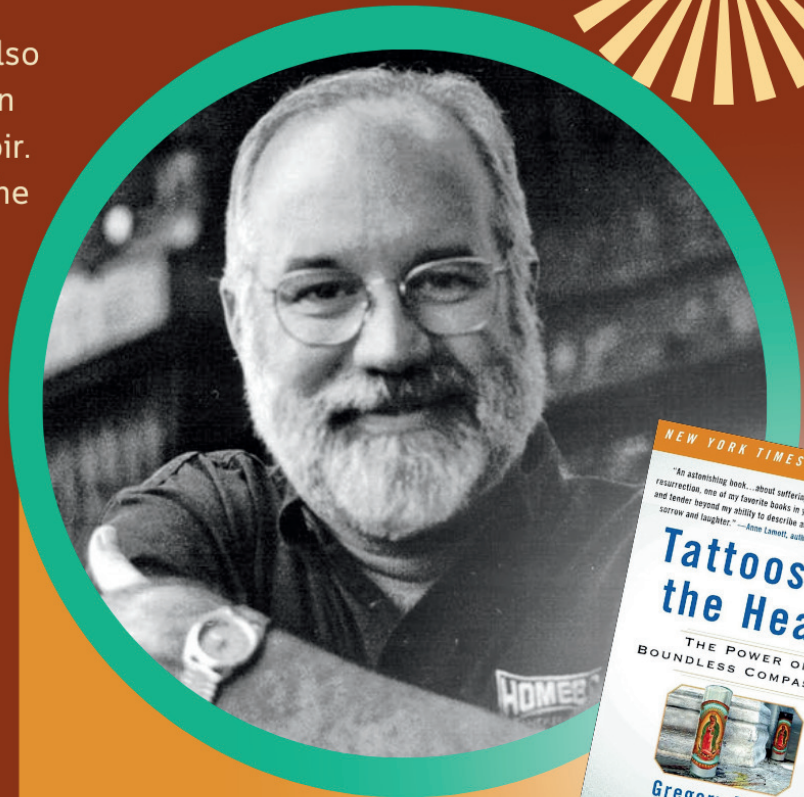


Guest Speaker Opportunity

FR. GREG Boyle

Get to Know Fr. Greg and His Mission!

"Fr. Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest, is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the world's largest gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program. A tireless advocate for social justice, Fr. Boyle has spent decades working with former gang members, helping them rebuild their lives with dignity and purpose. He is also a bestselling author of *Tattoos on the Heart* and *Barking to the Choir*. Through his work, he promotes the concept of 'radical kinship' as a powerful force for healing and community transformation."



Date

November 12th

Location

Xavier High School

Time

5:30 PM Doors Open

6:30 PM Fr. Greg

7:30 PM Q & A

No reserved seating!

All are welcome!

Fr. Greg Boyle

*Author of *Tattoos on the Heart*,
Barking to the Choir, *The Whole
Language*, and more!*

Founder of Homeboy Industries



For more information call Kate
at St. Mary's Parish Office



(920) 739-5119 x 110



FALL FAMILY FUN DAY



SAT Nov. 2 | 9am-5pm
Mass @ 4pm

Cost per family
includes meals & snacks

\$20 by Oct. 14
\$25 Oct. 15-28

- family time
- Camp Tek counselor-led activities for kids 4+
- separate breakout sessions for parents & kids
- babysitting provided for kids ages 1-3



Find out more & register:
stmaryparish.org/familyfun

Keynote speaker:

Amy Better-Midtveldt
author & St. Mary parishioner



Enjoy the northwoods just an hour north of Appleton!

Congratulations

Reed Flick

Luke Oelhafen

Joshua Fraley

Aurora Smith

Ava Gilligan

Luke Pokwinski

Allison Hietpas

Ethan Rochon

Lily McHugh

Reagan Valinski

Newly Confirmed

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES WITH A CANDLE



November serves as the month designated for commemorating the loss of our beloved ones. We encourage you to honor their memory by lighting a candle. During November, we will include your loved ones in our prayers during various masses and services.

You can leave the names of your loved ones and make a free-will donation at the table in the Marian Way. The candles can be retrieved during the weekend of November 23/24.



Quilt Sale

November 2-3 in Marian Way



*PROCEEDS FROM SALES SUPPORT
PILLARS FOOD MINISTRY*



Sneak Peak
October 26 & 27



Election Eve Prayer Opportunity **Monday, NOV 4** **St. Mary Chapel**

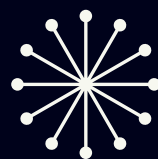
4:30-7pm

Adoration & Prayer before the
Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

7-8pm

Prayer Service

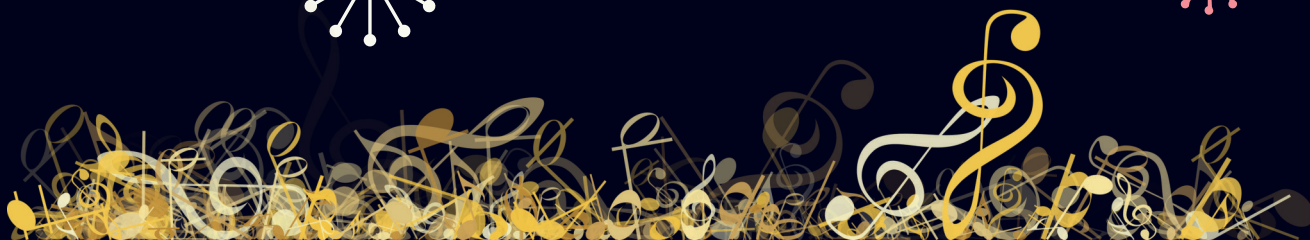
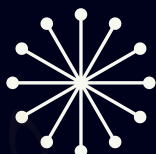
- Singing of Psalms
- Petitions
- Mary's Magnificat



LOOKING FOR

Handbell Choir Volunteers

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY HANDBELL
CHOIR IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE
INTERESTED IN MINISTERING THROUGH
MUSIC. IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE HANDBELLS AND HOW TO
JOIN THE CHOIR, CONTACT MARTHA
PAALMAN AT
MPAALMAN@STMARYPARISH.ORG.





We will **distribute** bags after all masses on **October 26 & 27**.

Items: toothpaste, toilet paper, shampoo, dish soap, bath soap, laundry detergent, and deodorant.

Return the bag on the following weekend, **November 2 & 3**.

Thank you for your generous support in aiding our less fortunate neighbors.

Support Brett Jedwabny's Critical Recovery

#BRETTSTRONG



Please continue to pray for Brett Jedwabny, 15, who was injured while using a powerwasher this past July. Brett continues to make progress after his brain injury but he still needs our support. Check out the web-store for the T-Shirt fundraiser for Brett. All proceeds go directly to Brett and his family.

<https://idmarketing.chippily.com/BrettStrong/>



Holy Cross Parish Oktoberfest

October 27, 2024

Come join the fun!

Chicken booyah and other great food,
raffles, chance booth, silent auction, kids' games,
live music, beer garden, and much more.



Fellowship Hall
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

IT'S A GUY THING

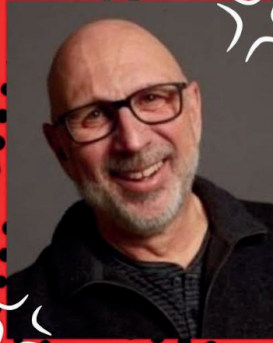
ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE

**FIRST Annual Beer, Brats,
Burgers and Brotherhood**

OCTOBER 24TH

Calling all young adults through the "Wise Guys"!!

(grandsons, sons, godfathers, brothers, uncles,
coworkers, friends, neighbors)



Featuring a Message
from Author and
National Speaker -

Deacon Steve Meyer

Register by Oct. 10th - See the
Information Desk for more information

Xavier Theatre Presents



November

8, 9, 15, 16

An enchanting family favorite featuring songs such as "In My Own Little Corner",
"Impossible" and "Ten Minutes Ago".

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre, 1600 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton

www.xaviertheatre.com • (920) 733-8840

A Program of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System

EVENTS NEARBY

Communication Coordinator & Bookkeeper



See Chris Higgins for more info
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In what year was our St. Mary
Parish officially established?

(Answer on last page of bulletin)

Directory Update

Our directory has arrived. If you are one of the parishioners who had your picture taken for the directory, you may pick up your copy after masses or at the parish office (Mon-Thur 9-4). There will be extra directories for those who did not get pictures but would like one, but they will not be available until those pictured have received theirs.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct 19, 4:30pm Janice Clark
Sun., Oct 20, 7:45am Frank & Noelle Moran
9:45am
5:30pm

Mon., Oct 21, 12:05pm Bill & Marge Garvey
Tues., Oct 22, 8:00am Mass at St Bernard Parish
Wed., Oct 23, 8:00am Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill
Thur., Oct 24, 12:05pm Vernon & Alice Mc Ginnis
Sat., Oct 26, 4:30pm
Sun., Oct 27, 7:45am
9:45am Edith Bonneville
5:30pm

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Janice Clark and Molly Grow (Sister of Chris Higgins, our Director of Business Administration) who have passed away. May your memories comfort you 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), 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

Saturday, Oct 19

9:00am Confessions
10:00am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support Group/ LL Rm 7
4:30pm Mass
4:30pm C J McHugh Baptism

Sunday, Oct 20

Coffee & Donuts available after AM Masses
7:45am Mass
9:45am Mass (Livestreamed)
9:45am A F Grech Baptism
11:00am OCIA
5:30pm Mass

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.



!!!Click here to sign up!!!

OR



SCAN ME

Monday, Oct 21

12:00pm Reach More Point-Person Training/LL Rm 7
12:05pm Mass
6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group/Music Rm
6:30pm THEO/LL Rm 1

Tuesday, Oct 22

9:00am Connect Group/LL Rm 7
2:00pm Rosary Prayer Group/Chapel

Wednesday, Oct 23

9:30am Connect Group/LL Rm 7
4:30pm Adoration
4:45pm Beacon Faith Formation 1st -5th grade
6:00pm Reach More/LL Rm 7
6:30pm Beacon Faith Formation 6th -11th grade

Thursday, Oct 24

9:00am Reach More/LL Rm7
10:00am Pillar Meal Prep/Kitchen
12:05pm Mass
6:30pm Faith Sharing Group/Community Rm
6:30pm Mens Group/Lower level Rm 7

Friday, Oct 25

Parish Office Closed
11:00am Janice Clark Funeral
12:00pm Janice Clark Luncheon

Saturday, Oct 26

Bag Weekend - bags handed out after mass
Quilt Sale Pre-View event after mass
9:00am Confessions
4:30pm Mass
5:30pm Bag Weekend - bags handed out after masses

Sunday, Oct 27

Bag Weekend - bags handed out after masses
Quilt Sale Pre-View event after masses
Coffee & Donuts available after AM Masses
7:45am Mass
9:45am Mass (Livestreamed)
11:00am OCIA
11:00 Trunk or Treat/Parking Lot
11:00am Flock of Sparrows/Lower Level Rm 5
5:30pm Mass

In Joy + Sorrow



WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG

10.20.2024

As you read this update, the Second Session of the XVI Ordinary Synod Of Bishops is nearing its ¾th mark towards completion. Remember that synodality will be Pope Francis' enduring legacy to the Catholic Church. It is the process of synodality that is noteworthy, specifically conversations in the Spirit, and not so much the decisions that will result from this three-year exploration of the hopes and dreams of Catholics throughout the world. The principles of synodality are the following:

- We walk together, all as baptized believers, along the path that is fixed on the coming of the Kingdom of God. Remember that the Kingdom of God is more than heaven; it is a way of living together in love, peace, joy and forgiveness. The Kingdom of God is really the person of Jesus. He is the way, the truth, and the life.
- Bishops and believers have equal dignity before the Lord. By virtue of the grace bestowed at our Baptism, we are co-responsible for the mission of the Church. We listen with the ears of our hearts to one another's experiences, trusting that the Holy Spirit is at work in every person.
- The Holy Spirit, then, is the protagonist of all things synodal in the Church.

On the eve of the opening of the Synod, October 4, Pope Francis led a penitential service at Saint Peter's Basilica. Present were the 360 plus delegate members. A Synodal Church must be a Church that admits its own sinfulness, always asking for forgiveness. A number of Cardinals spoke to the following sins of the Catholic Church, which we all have to be ready to acknowledge: sins against peace, creation, Indigenous populations and migrants; the sin of clergy sexual abuse, sins against women, family and youth, the

sin of "using doctrine as stones to be hurled," sins against poverty, and against synodality or the lack of listening and communion.

Pope Francis then prayed:

O Father, we are gathered here aware that we need your loving gaze. Our hands are empty; we can receive only as much as you give us. We ask your forgiveness for all our sins. Help us restore your face that we have disfigured by our unfaithfulness. With shame, we ask forgiveness from those who have been wounded by our sins. Give us the courage of sincere repentance for conversion. We ask this invoking the Holy Spirit that the Spirit may fill with grace the hearts you have created, in Christ Jesus our Lord. We all ask for forgiveness, we are all sinners, but we all have hope in your love, Lord. Amen.

During the first week of the Synod on Synodality, the chairpersons of the ten study groups presented their preliminary reports to the delegate members. Pope Francis commissioned these groups to do a deeper study into some of the issues that surfaced during the First Session of the Synod last October. Off the top of my head, some of those concerns were: the role of women in leadership roles in the Church, including the possibility of their service as deacons, the selection of Bishops which might include more lay consultation, the formation of seminarians preparing for the priesthood, the hope that the church be more welcoming and affirming towards the members of the LGBTQ community, and the careful definition of the Synod of Bishops, especially under Pope Francis' model which includes non-Bishops in the meetings.

Of note was the report from the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith, which has been tasked with the discussion on the place of women in the Church. The Prefect, Cardinal Fernandez, stated that the ordination of

women as deacons is a study that has yet to “mature.” This conclusion created a bit of buzz among the delegates, so the Cardinal was planning on returning for more dialogue with the synod members on Friday, October 18.

On the 62nd anniversary of the Opening of Vatican Council II, Friday, October 11, the Pope led an ecumenical prayer service in the Vatican’s Protomartyrs Square, which is believed to be the place of St Peter’s martyrdom. Ecumenism was such a heart project for Saint Pope John XXIII, who convened Vatican Council II.

At the service, selections from the documents of Vatican Council II relating to ecumenism were proclaimed. In his homily, Pope Francis said, “[Christian] unity is a grace, an unexpected gift. We are not its driving force; the true driving force is the Holy Spirit who guides us towards greater communion. Just as we do not know beforehand what the outcome of the Synod will be, neither do we know exactly what the unity to which we are called will be like. The Gospel tells us that Jesus, in that great prayer of his [that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you (John 17:21)], looked up to heaven. Unity does not come primarily from the earth, but from heaven. It is a gift whose timing and manner we cannot foresee. We must receive it by placing no obstacle in the ways of divine Providence and [allowing] no preconceived judgments [to] impair the future inspirations of the Holy Spirit, as the Council’s Decree goes on to say (Unitatis Redintegratio, 24). As Father Paul Couturier used to say, Christian unity must be implored as Christ wills and by the means he wills.”

There are a number of fraternal delegates participating in the Synod meetings who are from other Christian faith traditions. I recall that it was Mahatma Gandhi who declared, “I would become a Christian if those Christians actually loved one another!” Touche!

Let me conclude this recounting of the Synod highlights with the hour-long dialogue that occurred between members of the Catholic LGBTQ community and synod participants on October 8, co-hosted by www.Outreach.faith and America Media, which was held in the Meeting Hall of the General Curia of the Society of Jesus. Witness talks were shared by gay Catholics who declared their heartfelt desire to just belong to the Church. Cardinal Stephen Chow, SJ, the Bishop of Hong Kong, prayed, “O Holy Spirit, send us your guiding light of truth, so that our ignorance and prejudices can melt away.”

Finally, I promise, a highlight during the Synod occurred on October 3, when Pope Francis named 21 new Cardinals of the Catholic Church. To date, there are 140 Cardinals who would participate in the conclave to elect a new Pope, of which 112 Cardinals have been named by Pope Francis, 23 by Pope Benedict XVI, and 5 by Saint Pope John Paul II. Given the pastoral style of the Cardinals named by Pope Francis, holy servant leaders who have the “smell of the Lord’s sheep upon them”, it is highly likely that Pope Francis’ successor will carry forward the Pope’s dream for a Synodal Church.

Thanks for taking the time to read 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.



Trivia Answer: 1860 - Father Louis Dael became the resident Pastor.