



ST. MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

UPDATES & REMINDERS



This bulletin will cover the next 2 weeks due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will not be a separate bulletin for the week of Dec. 1, 2024



The Parish Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday, November 27 and will not re-open again until Monday, December 2.



New Parish Office Hours. Starting Wednesday, December 4. The office will be open from 9:00am until 6:30pm on Wednesdays.



Parish Calendars are now available. You can pick them up after Mass or in the parish office.



Pledge cards are due by December 1st. Complete your pledge online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/72XNJDT> or get a pledge card at the back of church or the parish office.

Parish Photo Directories are available. If you haven't picked up your directory, it is waiting for you in the office. Extra directories are also available for those who weren't able to get to the photo shoots. Come to the parish office to get yours.





GRATITUDE AND GIVING



WE NEED COOKIES!

The Appleton Christmas Parade Open House is on Tuesday, November 26

Drop cookies off on the cart outside the Parish Office now through the afternoon of Tuesday November 26th.

If you'd like to volunteer at the event, contact Emily Jenks at emily.jenks@gmail.com This is a great service hour opportunity!



Christmas Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the 2024 Christmas Flower & Worship Fund in memory of a loved one, please complete and return this form with payment to the parish office no later than **Sunday, December 15**

PLEASE PRINT VERY CLEARLY so we can ensure accurate spelling!

Your last name/family name _____

Your first name _____

Amount _____ Circle one: CASH CHECK^{ck#}() Faith Direct

In Memory of _____





GRATITUDE AND GIVING



NEEDS TREE

Kickoff -Nov 16/17

Trees with tags will be in the church and the Marian Way

GIFTS DUE-by DEC. 7/8

- If possible, return gifts in a reusable, cloth or vinyl shopping bag.
- Most gift card requests are available at the Scrip table
- Donations made through Faith Direct are always welcome.



IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. NICK

Choose & buy a gift(s) to be donated to families in need.

- Kids, bring a new toy or gift you'd like for Christmas.
- Adults, choose something you'd pick for a kid in your life.

Bring **UNWRAPPED** gifts to any Mass on the weekend of December 7/8.

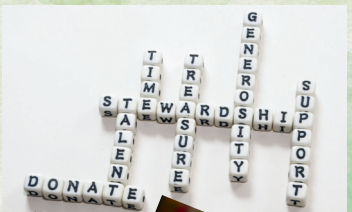


Time & Talent Weekend Thank You!!

To everyone who signed up!

To Kathy Barth and Angela Carney for all of their help!

Stewardship booklets are still available in the back of the church.





ST. MARY NEWS & EVENTS



**4TH
ANNUAL**

**APPLETON CHRISTMAS PARADE
OPEN HOUSE**

**ST. MARY COMMUNITY ROOM
TUESDAY, NOV. 26TH 6-9PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES
WARM RESTROOMS
PARADE LIVESTREAM
ON THE BIG SCREEN
DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 4:00PM**

**OUR THANKSGIVING DAY
MASS IS @ 10AM**

**GOBBLE, GOBBLE,
TURKEY
TROTTERS!**



**WARM UP AND REFUEL WITH SNACKS
POSTRACE AND STAY FOR MASS**



Let us pray

Evening worship experiences at St. Mary, Appleton

Xavier High School Christmas Concert

December 19 | 7pm

Join us for an evening filled with the sounds of the season, as our talented students perform Christmas classics and hymns that celebrate the hope and joy of Christ's birth. Whether you're part of the parish family, the school community, or simply love the joy of the Christmas season, come celebrate with us!

When: Thursday, December 19 | 7pm

Where: St. Mary Church, Appleton Who:

ALL are invited. Come as you are!

*Celebrate 165 years
with us!*



Join us for a simple dinner of soup, salad, and delicious bread beforehand at 5:30 PM in the Community Room.

If you have any questions, please contact Kate at the Parish Office at (920) 739-5119 x 110 or kminczeski@stmaryparish.org.

Register at <https://bit.ly/letusprayadvent>
OR use the QR code by Monday, December 16th!



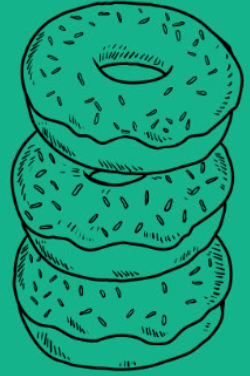


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NO
COFFEE &
DONUTS

on Sunday,
December 1!!



**SEND US
YOUR PIC**

to info@stmaryparish.org by DEC.16

put name (or family last name) in subject line

view parish family Christmas card at stmaryparish.org beginning Dec. 24



ADVENT BAKE SALE

TIME TO
STOCK UP
ON YOUR
FAVORITE
HOLIDAY
TREATS!

DEC
7-8

Help make our sale a success

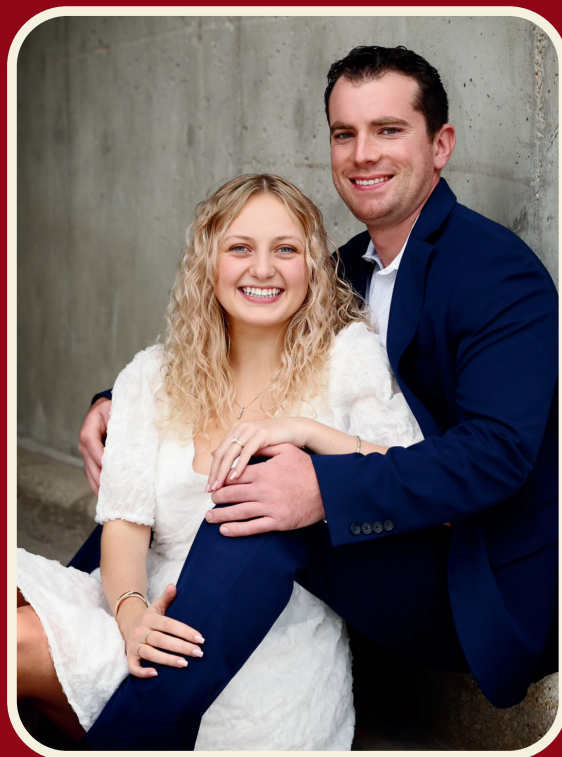
Donate your best baked goods! Drop off:

- after 10AM FRI, Dec. 6 or SAT, Dec. 7
- before 7:45AM Mass SUN, Dec. 8

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PLEASE WELCOME
ZACH ZIGLINSKI &
LEXIE GOVIN TO
ST. MARY FAMILY!

Welcome



Save the date:

March 15, 2025



shamrock
shenanigans



WISCONSIN TIMBER RATTLEERS
THE FOX CLUB

Phil Koehler
PHOTOGRAPHY

AREA EVENTS AND NEWS

22nd Annual

SWEET STROLL

LET US DO YOUR HOLIDAY BAKING

Saturday & Sunday

Dec. 7 - 9 am to 6 pm
Dec. 8 - 8 am to 11 am

SALE ON CRAFTS, GIFTS,
HOMEMADE QUILTS, HATS,
MITTENS, AND MORE

Pick your own assortment of hand-crafted cookies or candy.
Serving soups, hot beef, and turkey with gravy sandwiches.
(credit / debit accepted, 3% convenience fee)

NEW ~ NEW ~ NEW ~ NEW ~ NEW ~ NEW ~ NEW ~ NEW ~ NEW

Children's Shopping Village

\$2.00 per Gift
wrapping included

Ages 0-12

Saint Nicholas will be here!
Sat. 4 - 6 pm
Sun. 8 - 11 am

Sacred Heart
Parish
222 E. Fremont St. Appleton
920-739-3196
www.sacredheartappleton.com

CHRISTMAS STARS 2024

Spectacular holiday fun for the whole family!

7:00 pm Dec 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14
1:00 pm Dec 7*, 8, 14, 15

*An American Sign Language Interpreter will be provided at the 1:00 pm performance on December 7th.

Family Night Discounts: 7pm Performances, Dec 5 & Dec 12 Adults & Seniors \$14 • Children \$9

Adults \$18 • Senior Citizens & High School Students \$17 • Children \$10
Age 60 & above 8th Grade & under

Ticket prices do not include service fees on credit card purchases. These fees are established by cur8, our box office vendor, and are nonrefundable.

www.christmasstars.org • (920) 733-8840

2024 Show Sponsors

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Wallace Family
Foundation

In Memory of
Willard & Myrtle Bourassa
and
Don & Gerri Verchart

Rachel & Charlie
Uihlein

In Loving Memory
Bonnie Bach

Xavier Fine Arts Theatre • 1600 W. Prospect Avenue, Appleton
A Program of the St Francis Xavier Catholic School System



Please order ADA seats by phone or in-person at the box office.

Hearing loop equipped.



UPDATE ON BRETT JEDWABNY



On July 9th, Brett Jedwabny, a student from Appleton North, experienced a tragic accident at home involving a power washer. He received urgent medical care locally before being transferred to Children's Hospital Milwaukee.

Since the incident, Brett has been on the road to recovery. In late October, he underwent a cranioplasty, which involved placing a titanium plate on the right side of his skull. He has been participating in various therapies to regain his speech and mobility. On November 9, Brett was able to receive communion for the first time since his accident, marking a truly special moment. Please continue to keep Brett and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he heals.

Brett's parents have been devising ways for him to work on his academic skills and are requesting that people send him cards. For every card Brett receives at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, he will read it and color in the corresponding state on a map. Additionally, he will keep a tally of which state sends the most cards.

We would love to support Brett in his rehabilitation journey. If you would like to send him a card, please mail it to:

Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
Brett Jedwabny
355 E Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



*Update provided by Kristina Resterhouse, St. Mary Admin Asst. vis Brett's Mother

Please note that the information regarding Brett's condition was shared via his parents' Facebook feed, and I have received permission from his mother, Nicole, to use information and photos from their profile. When I asked how we could assist them, she mentioned that since she is unable to leave the rehab center, Amazon gift cards would be a greatly appreciated gift.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov 23, 4:30pm

Sun., Nov 24, 7:45am Marge Garvey
9:45am
5:30pm Ben Ruh

Mon., Nov 25, 12:05pm Helen Mastaw

Tues., Nov 26, 8:00am Mass at St Bernard Parish

Wed., Nov 27, 8:00am Mass at St Bernard Parish w/Fr. Bill

Thur., Nov 28, 12:05pm

Friday., Nov 29,

Sat., Nov 30, 4:30pm Roger Tenor

Sun., Dec 1, 7:45am Bill Polley

9:45am Vernon & Alice McGinnis

5:30pm Janice Clark

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 these requests in our prayer baskets.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, Nov 23

9:00am Confessions
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, Nov 24

Coffe & Donuts After AM masses
7:45am Mass
9:45am Mass (Livestreamed)
10:15am VL and VJ Weber Baptism
11:00am Flock of Sparrows/Lower Level Rm 5
5:30pm Mass

Monday, Nov 25

12:05pm Mass
6:30pm New Horizons Jazz Group/Music Rm

Tuesday, Nov 26

9:00am Connect Group/LL7
2:00pm Rosary Prayer Group/Chapel
4:00pm Christmas Parade Open House

Wednesday, Nov 27

9:30am Connect Group/LL7
4:30pm Adoration/Church

Thursday, Nov 28

10:00am Mass

Friday, Nov 29


Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Nov 30

9:00am Confessions
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 1

7:45am Mass
9:45am Mass (Livestreamed)
11:00am Confirmation student meeting & Advent kickoff/St.Anne Rm
5:30pm Mass



HOLY

Question:
What is the official
title of the Pope?

Answer on last page

Confession Sat. 9-10am

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays
4:30-8pm

Sign up for a slot to sit
with Jesus. We must
have one person
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[Click here or](#)
[scan below](#)



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Thur., Dec 5 12:05pm

Friday., Dec 6,

Sat., Dec 7, 4:30pm Diann Schoenfelt

Sun., Dec 8, 7:45am Sis & Bob Balliet

9:45am Ted Miller

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11:00am Conf student meeting & Advent kickoff St. Anne Rm

5:30pm Mass

Monday, Dec 2

12:00pm Reach More Point-Person Training/LL7

12:05pm Mass

Tuesday, Dec 3

9:00am Connect Group/LL7

1:00pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's LL112

2:00pm Rosary Prayer Group/Chapel

Wednesday, Dec 4

9:30am Connect Group/LL7

4:30pm Adoration/Church

4:45pm Beacon Faith Formation 1st -5th grade

6:30pm Beacon Faith Formation 6th -11th grade

Thursday, Dec 5

12:05pm Mass

1:00pm Hooks & Needles/Community Rm

7:00pm Cor Jesu/ Chapel, Church, Community Rm

Friday, Dec 6

Bake Sale/ Community Rm-see bulletin flyer

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Dec 7

Bake Sale/ Community Rm-see bulletin flyer

9:00am Confessions

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4:30pm Mass

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In Joy + Sorrow

ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG



Through the years, I have written about the clarion call from the People of God that our Church be more welcoming towards our sisters and brothers who are members of the LGBTQ+ community. Back in June, in this forum, I wrote about how this concern has been presented again and again throughout the three-year Synod Experience initiated by Pope Francis in the Fall of 2021.

As a communicator, I feel that at times I must sound like a broken record. But in order to touch many hearts with the Gospel message, I have to communicate, communicate, and communicate some more. In addition, partnering with you as fellow baptized believers, the Synodal Pathway invites us to walk side by side, doing our best to bring about the inbreaking of the Reign of God, listening to each other as we share our experiences of the Lord's closeness, then listening, and listening some more with the ears of our heart.

Here is the link to the [IN JOY AND SORROW](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19OjBusZuaYL81WfID8H9wGaQEOTS5tV5RR0_cPqjMVY/edit?tab=t.0) from June 30:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/19OjBusZuaYL81WfID8H9wGaQEOTS5tV5RR0_cPqjMVY/edit?tab=t.0.

This is a careful study of the Synod documents, summarizing the hopes and dreams of the People of God for our LGBTQ+ sisters and brothers. For those of you who receive this bulletin column as a hard copy, let me know and I can get the June column to you in that format if you want. I would encourage you to have a look at this review again, if you don't remember reading it back in June!

One of the roadblocks to good communication is disinformation or misinformation or "alternative facts."

To add to this timely discussion, I would like to caution you if you believe that the following statement is true: *The Church can dismiss any employee who is supportive of a member of the LGBTQ+ community.* The above statement is not true. This does not happen. This can never be a ground for dismissal of an employee of the Church.

Because every employee who serves in a Catholic Parish or School is considered a "minister," she or he is bound by the Code of Conduct that most Catholic dioceses present for the new minister's signature before employment. This Code of Ethics, if you will, serves as a thorough review of the Church's teaching as contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

I wish to call your attention to the following three paragraphs in the Catechism:

2357 Homosexuality refers to relations between men or between women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex. It has taken a great variety of forms through the centuries and in different cultures. Its psychological genesis remains largely unexplained. Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

2358 The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition.

2359 Homosexual persons are called to chastity. By the virtues of self-mastery that teach them inner freedom, at times by the support of disinterested friendship, by prayer and sacramental grace, they can and should gradually and resolutely approach Christian perfection.

I have highlighted in bold the church's stance to be modeled in accompanying our gay and transgendered sisters and brothers. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity.

This is the teaching of the Church. It is far afield to suggest that the gift of eternal life is denied to a gay person. This is a cruel and self-righteous statement that should never, ever, come from forth from the mouth and heart of a follower of Jesus. This is especially true when we are with our young people, who are so precious to us and who should experience loving acceptance from us. We must go to every length to assure them that they are the Beloved of the Lord, just as they are, as Pope Francis says!

Sadly, many in the LGBTQ+ community do not experience a tender accompaniment by the Church and some Catholics and, as a consequence, have left the Church and taken their families and friends with them. This should sadden you as it saddens me.

I can also report that the language identifying homosexual acts (or inclinations or tendencies) as "objectively (or intrinsically) disordered" is deeply hurtful to our LGBTQ+ members. The Catechism states that the sexual act is disordered and **not the person**, yet this is not what a gay person hears. She or he may hear, "I am disordered." I know that Synod delegates and some bishops have expressed concern about this language.

On these days of heightened anxiety for our LGBTQ+ sisters and brothers, let us pray that they may experience our respect, compassion and sensitivity.

I thank you 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:
Bishop of Rome

