



Ripples of Gods love...Through our hearts, to all hearts

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January 19 through February 1, 2025

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Mass Times

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	7:45am 9:45am 5:30pm
Monday	12:05pm
Tuesday	No mass
Wednesday	No mass
Thursday	12:05pm
Friday	No mass

Important Contacts

Parish Office Hours

St. Mary Contact/Hours: 920-739-5119 Mon-Thurs, 9am-4pm Office Closed on Fridays Extended hours till 6:30pm on Wednesdays

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.

Call office for all information on: Funeral Information -Tom Walter

Confession times-Saturdays 9-10am

St. Mary Cemetery-(920) 882-4158 cemetery@stmaryparish.org Website: stmaryparishcemetery.org

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:

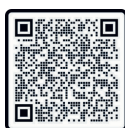
Contact Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com), Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember these requests in our prayer baskets.

Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan 18,	4:30pm	Junilla Michaels Corry
Sun., Jan 19,	7:45am 9:45am 5:30pm	
Mon., Jan 20,	12:05pm	Tyler Weigel
Thur., Jan 23,	12:05pm	
Sat., Jan 25	4:30pm	Ronald Colling
Sun., Jan 26,	7:45am 9:45am 5:30pm	Janice Clark
Mon., Jan 27,	12:05pm	
Thur., Jan 30,	12:05pm	
Sat., Feb 1,	4:30pm	
Sun., Jan 2,	7:45am 9:45am 5:30pm	Julie Sabish

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.



SCAN ME

Saturday, Jan 18

9:00am Confession
9:00am THEO
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, Jan 19

Coffee & Donuts
7:45am Mass
9:45am Mass /Livestreamed
11:00am Flock of Sparrows/LL5
5:30pm Mass

Monday, Jan 20

12:05pm Mass

Tuesday, Jan 21

9:00am Connect Group/LL7
1:00pm St Mary&St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's LL112
1:00pm Book Club/LL7
2:00pm Rosary Prayer group
6:30pm Matthew 25

Wednesday, Jan 22

9:30am Connect Group/LL7 I
4:30pm Adoration
4:45pm Beacon Faith Formation 1st -5th grade
6:30pm Beacon Faith Formation 6th -11th grade

Thursday, Jan 23

12:05pm Mass
6:30pm Ecumenical prayer service (Let Us Pray Series)
6:60pm Men's Group/LL7
6:30 Small Group/LL1

Friday, Jan 24

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, 25

9:00am Confession
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, Jan 26

Coffee & Donuts
7:45am Mass
9:45am Mass /Livestreamed-Rite of Welcome-Catholic Schools Week
11:00am First Reconciliation Retreat/St. Anne Rm
11:00am Flock of Sparrows/LL5
5:30pm Mass

Monday, Jan 27

12:05pm Mass

Tuesday, Jan 28

9:00am Connect Group/LL7
2:00pm Rosary Prayer group

Wednesday, Jan 29

9:00am Connect Group/LL7
4:30pm Adoration
4:45pm Beacon Faith Formation 1st -5th grade
6:30pm Beacon Faith Formation 6th -11th grade

Thursday, Jan 30

12:05pm Mass
1:00pm Hooks & Needles/Community Rm
6:00pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Small Group/LL1

Friday, Jan 31

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, Feb 1

9:00am THEO greif group/LL1
9:00am Confession
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, Feb 2

Coffee & Donuts
7:45am Mass
9:45am Mass /Livestreamed
5:30pm Mass



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Finance Council Chair
Sarah Higgins | fcchair@stmaryparish.org

HOLY



Question

Who wrote the majority of the psalms?



Let us pray

Evening worship experiences at St. Mary, Appleton

Ecumenical Prayer Service

during the Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity

JAN 23 | 6:30pm

With more than 100 years of history, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity involves Christian communities throughout the world.

We pray together out of the faith in God we share. We pray that what holds us together may move us forward together in our shared mission and ministry in God's world. Our shared prayers and faith unite us.

Join us in prayer as we celebrate the common bond of all followers of Jesus with:

- Pastor Mary Bauer, 1st English Lutheran
- Pastor Markus Wegenast, 1st United Methodist
- Pastor Tim Moffett, Valley Baptist
- Father Christopher Wilkerson, All Saints Episcopal
- Father Bill Swichtenberg, St. Mary Appleton

DID YOU KNOW? The year 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 CE.

When: Thursday, Jan. 23 | 6:30pm

Where: St. Mary Church

Who: ALL are invited - come as you are!

ec·u·men·i·cal adjective

- 1 a.** of, relating to, or representing the whole of a body of churches
- b.** promoting or tending toward worldwide Christian unity or cooperation
- 2** worldwide or general in extent, influence, or application



FOX VALLEY JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ORGANIZATION



Interested in joining or finding out more about the Fox Valley Junior Catholic Daughters Group?

- The Fox Valley Junior Catholic Daughters Group is open to new members. With the support of the Fox Valley Adult Catholic Daughters, we are working to make the world a better place to live as well as enhancing our spirituality. I bet you are wondering who the Catholic.
- Daughters are? Catholic Daughters of the Americas was started in 1903 by the Knights of Columbus because they knew that behind every good man there is a woman, and they needed our help. Catholic Daughters is the oldest and largest Catholic woman's organization in the Americas with 65,000 members. We are a service group that supports our parish, our priests, seminarians as well as the people around us. We serve meals at Pillars, the homeless shelter. Collect food for Loaves and Fishes & ring bells for the Salvation Army.
- Please consider joining our group. The group started in Kaukauna and we would like to expand into the Fox Valley area. We'd love to have you, adult or junior. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Youth Room at St Pius Church.

2022

- With the help of some adult supporters we were able to raise \$5000 to put air conditioning in Kaukauna's St Vincent DePaul's store.

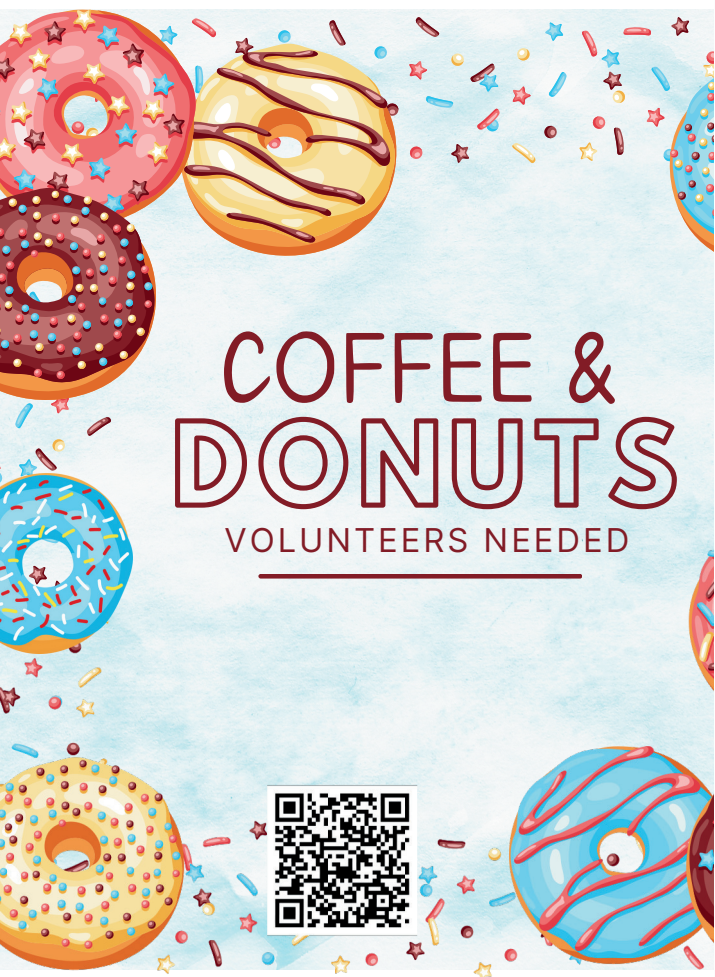
2023

- We adopted Lincoln's Foster Closet and helped with their mission of helping kids in foster care with their basic needs as many times they leave their home with nothing but the clothes on their back. We financed a trailer for them to transport needed furniture to foster homes.


2024

- We worked with VIDA and helped with the cost of air conditioning in the Trinity House.

Next meeting: January 28 – 6:00pm • Youth Room at St. Pius X Church
RSVP: Joyce Luckow 920-850-3409



**COFFEE &
DONUTS**
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Pancake Breakfast

Community Room
Free will offerings accepted

Sunday, Feb 16
8:30-11:30am

All are welcome!

coffee, milk & OJ



Looking for *Handbell Choir* Volunteers

The bells of St. Mary Handbell choir is looking for people interested in ministering through music.

Starting Rehearsals by Jan. 27th

If you like to learn more about the handbells and how to join the choir, contact

Martha Paalman at mpaalman@stmaryparish.org



ST. MARY NEWS & EVENTS



ST. MARY - APPLETON shamrock shenanigans *It's time to party again!*

March 15, 2025 at 6pm

The Fox Club, Timber Rattler Stadium

An evening of music, games, libations, and general merriment

Donation Information

Please note - we are not holding a basket raffle this year. We are looking for a few items for game prizes as well as items for the silent auction. We'd especially love to feature experiences or unique items; e.g. a home-baked dessert, a pontoon ride around the lake, time at a vacation rental, event tickets, or a gourmet meal. Questions? Ready to donate? Call Kathie Shadick at 920-427-8282.



Sponsor Shamrock Shenanigans

Why sponsor? We are dedicated to keeping Shamrock Shenanigans an affordable community event, and sponsors help us meet that goal.

NEW!

Ticket Sponsors. Sponsor tickets for those who may not otherwise be able to attend. Please indicate below how many you would like to sponsor.

- Blarney \$50-249
- Smithwick's \$250-499
- Guinness \$500-999
- Jameson \$1000+

Name to be printed on promotional materials

Needed for donation receipt

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Donor Name

Business Name (if applicable)

*Mail or return this form to parish office by **FEB. 27, 2025** to be included on promotional materials.*





**Open to Men
of All Ages**

**Open to Men of
All Faiths**

**Thursday 6 pm
Until Sunday noon**

**Private room and
bath for retreat**

ADA Accessible

JAN 30 - FEB 2, 2025
TRADITIONAL
MEN'S
RETREAT

Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago

Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignasius of Loyola, this preached weekend retreat will provide a quiet opportunity to briefly step outside your day-to-day demands and distractions to renew and reinvigorate your faith and your relationship with God. This year's retreat director is Fr. Eric Immel, SJ who comes highly recommended by previous attendees of his retreats. Please feel free to text or call any of the coordinators of this year's retreat with any questions:

Jim Richter (920) 850-1813

Glenn Higgins (920) 716-8588

Joe Drusch (920) 851-3035

**Jesuit Retreat
House 4800 Fahrwald Road
Oshkosh, WI Register on Website:
jesuitretreathouse.org
or Call: (920) 231-9060**

ENTRUST

DISCIPLES ON MISSION RETREAT

During this weekend intensive, attendees will receive the formation and practice for how to walk with others in their journey of faith. Thanks to the generosity of the Bishop's Appeal, this retreat is **free of charge** for staff, volunteers, and parishioners within the Diocese of Green Bay.

ST. BERNADETTE & ST. MARY

Friday, February 21

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 22

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

St. Bernadette Parish

2331 E Lourdes Drive
Appleton, WI 54915



SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- A New Pentecost
- Unpacking Missionary Discipleship
- Holy Spirit: The Flame of Divine Love
- Knowing & Sharing the Kerygma
- Knowing & Sharing Your Testimony
- The Art of Listening & Hospitality
- Discipling Others into Missionary Disciples
- Missionary Discipleship Practicum

"And what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well." - 2 Timothy 2:2

Want to learn more or register?

www.gbdioc.org/entrust



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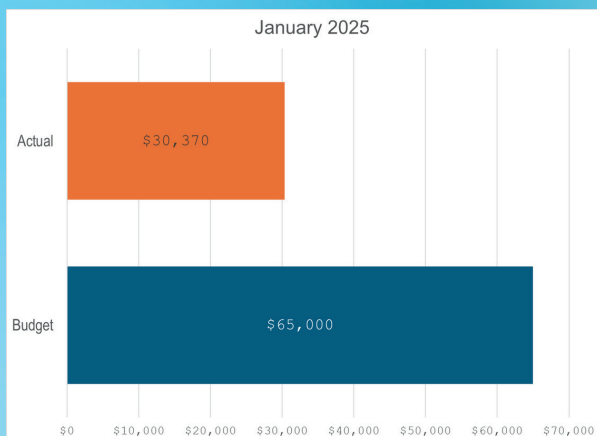
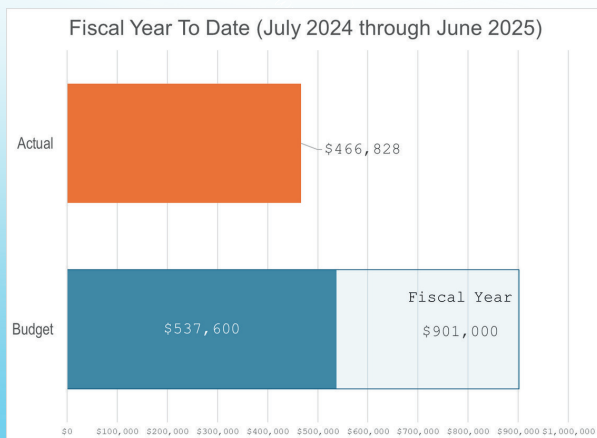
CHILDREN'S LITURGY



**WILL BEGIN AGAIN
IN FEBRUARY!**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL
BEGIN AGAIN AT THE
9:45AM MASS IN
FEBRUARY**

Offertory Numbers



**“Help Jesus with
His work of
educating our
children,
comforting the
sick, and helping
families in need.”**



Please give generously to the
2025 Bishop's Appeal by visiting
www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give

**Trivia Answer
King David**



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay

Elderly Household Assistance Grant

Need Assistance with Housing Expenses?

Assistance Includes:

- Rent/Mortgage
- Roof
- Furnace
- Electrical, Plumbing & Water
- Heating
- Security Deposit
- And more...

QUALIFICATIONS

- Reside in Outagamie County
- 65+ years old

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Catholic Charities
Financial Health
920-272-8234

Putting Our Faith Into Action

920-272-8234

charitiesgb@gbdio.org

catholiccharitiesgb.org



In Joy + Sorrow

01.19.2025



ST. MARY PARISH-APPLETON

WITH FR. BILL SWICHTENBERG

On Saturday, January 11, Pope Francis was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction from the United States.

Here is the citation which accompanied the medal:

As a young man, Jorge Bergoglio sought a career in science before faith led him to a life with the Jesuits. For decades, he served the voiceless and vulnerable across Argentina. As Pope Francis, his mission of serving the poor has never ceased. As a loving pastor, he joyfully answers children's questions about God. A challenging teacher, he commands us to fight for peace and protect the planet. A welcoming leader, he reaches out to different faiths. The first pope from the Southern Hemisphere, Pope Francis is unlike any who came before. Above all, he is the People's Pope - a light of faith, hope, and love that shines brightly across the world.

I am guessing that no other Pope has received such a prestigious recognition from the US.

I find myself praying and thinking more and more about Pope Francis, given that he turned 88 on November 17. If he's anything like me (which he may not be as Jesus watches over the Pope a little more carefully than me!), I find myself slowing down a bit at 70. My mental acumen is still pretty good as I am able to complete the Jumble Puzzle every day and tackle the Sudoku puzzle, even at the high degree of difficulty. My mobility is a challenge, however. I am using the Ellipse every day (as advertised on TV) and hoping it helps me with leg strength and balance.

On March 13, Pope Francis will have completed twelve years as the Universal Pastor of the Catholic Church. On occasion, I review in my heart and mind some of the highlights of his ministry as the 265th Successor to Saint Peter. Here is a quick list, in no particular order.

- In the midst of the global pandemic, on a dark and drizzly Friday evening during Lent (March 27, 2020), pretty much alone in the Square of Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome, Pope Francis led the world community in prayer. In a beautiful homily, he reminded us "that we are all on the same boat and we need to row together."
- Pope Francis usually celebrates his birthday with the homeless people of Rome. Cake and ice cream are generously served to all and all sing "Happy Birthday!" to the Pope. Pope Francis has directed that showers be constructed in the Square so that they are available to our homeless sisters and brothers.
- It took some convincing of the powers-that-be in the Vatican Curia in July 2013 that Pope Francis be able to travel to the Island of Lampedusa, the Gateway to Europe, for so many refugees coming from the Middle East and Northern Africa. Francis celebrated Mass on an altar that was designed from one of the unseaworthy boats that carry the refugees across the Mediterranean Sea. I have not forgotten these sentiments from Pope Francis suggesting that we suffer from "a globalization of indifference" and that we have lost the gift of shedding tears for our sisters and brothers who are suffering.

- Pope Francis' style of being close to people, tender and compassionate, imitating Jesus Himself, is so apparent in so many instances. He has always reached out with respect and reverence to the members of the LGBTQ+ community. He has told Juan Carlos Cruz, who serves on the Vatican Commission for the Protection of Minors, chaired by the Archbishop-emeritus of Boston, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, who (Cruz) was horrifically abused by clergy in Chile as a young man, and who is a gay, "Juan Carlos, that does not matter. God made you and loves you!"
- Pope Francis dedicated his blood, sweat, and tears from October 2021 through October 2024 to his dream that synodality be constitutive of the Church. We are all walking together, baptized in the Holy Spirit, people and ordained, side by side, towards the Kingdom of God, with a hope in our hearts for a world where love, joy, peace, justice, and forgiveness reign. We must learn to listen to one another with the ears of our hearts! The Holy Spirit leaves no one out!
- In September of 2013, Father Antonio Spadaro, a Jesuit priest, working for America Magazine, interviewed the new Pope. The title of the magazine article is "A Big Heart Open to God." A book with that same title is available from Amazon. There is so much to pray and ponder over in this interview. I go back to it again and again.
- In September 2015, Francis became the first Pope to address a Joint Session of Congress. His words reminded our elected public officials that the sacred mandate of politicians is to serve the common good of all God's holy people. As our nation observes the prophetic witness of Rev Dr Martin Luther King on Monday, Pope Francis spoke these poignant words before Congress: "... Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr's hope was that *"dreams...lead to action, to participation, to commitment ... [and] awaken what is deepest and truest in the life of a people."* Of the many memorable quotes of Dr. King, I have remembered by heart this one: "Do not judge my children by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Good people may disagree about policies but good people intuitively recognize good character.
- Finally, one of my favorite Pope Francis stories: On day one, Pope Francis made it clear that living in the Apostolic Palace, where previous Popes have lived for centuries, was not going to be his cup of tea. The Holy Father suggested it would be like living in a museum, I guess, because the Apostolic Palace is a museum. Pope Francis lives in a suite on the second floor of Saint Martha's Guesthouse. He thrives on being in the midst of people. Outside the Pope's suite always stands a Swiss Guard when the Pope is in residence. Early one morning, the Holy Father poked his nose out into the hallway and there was a Swiss Guard. The Holy Father inquired if he had stood there through the night. The young man reported that he had. Pope Francis ducked into his apartment and quickly brought out a chair. "You must be tired of standing. I thought you might like to sit down." The young man was not about to sit down on the job. "I am the Pope. You can sit down. You must be hungry. Are you hungry?" The young man admitted that he was hungry. Pope Francis once again ducked into his apartment and quickly brought out some fresh Italian bread and cheese. I love how humble and present and real Pope Francis is.

Believe you me, this is just a smattering of things that percolate in my heart and mind, when I think of Francis, the People's Pope.

Congratulations, Holy Father on receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom with Distinction!

Fr. Bill +