

MARCH 30 THROUGH APRIL 12 // 2025

ST. MARY PARISH

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STOP RUNNING AWAY. START RUNNING BACK TO ME!

BULLETIN

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

Pastor - Fr. Bill Swichtenberg

wdswitz@stmaryparish.org

cell 920-422-4316

Cemetery Info

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cell 920-882-4158

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SOUP SUPPER

Thursdays at 5:30pm
Stations first, soup to follow

Sign-up to make soup,
desserts or volunteer!

March 27 – St. Joseph
April 3 – St. Mary
April 10 – St. Joseph



Everyone, young and old,
Catholic and non-Catholic, can
take part in this prayerful and
popular Lenten tradition.

SIGN UP NOW



<https://bit.ly/42F27QS>



LENTEN EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION

Fridays 9am-9pm
Saturdays 8am to noon

Mar 7 - Apr 12
in the chapel

Parking lot behind Church
Enter door 3

Sit with Jesus, find peace
and escape the noise.

SIGN UP or SHOW UP?



<https://bit.ly/40ZcTPf>



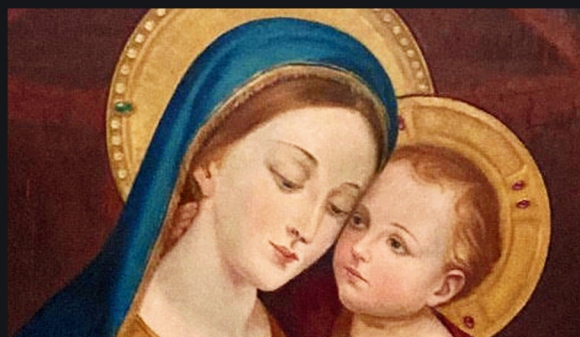
There is a children-friendly
adoration hour from 11am-Noon
every Friday during Lent

Hooks & Needles Craft Fair

Saturday and Sunday,
March 29 & 30th
after the 4:30, 7:45 & 9:45 Mass

The Fair will be in the
Marian Way.

Proceeds from sales support
Pillars/COTS Food Ministry



GB DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC
WOMEN CONVENTION: THE JOY OF THE
LORD IS MY STRENGTH. SATURDAY,
APRIL 12 AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
HOWARD.

CLICK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.

WOMEN CONVENTION INFO

EMPOWERED PARENTING

7-8:30 PM

SPIRITUS Ministries

522 Second Street, Menasha

Free will offering

No registration necessary



Navigating Technology with Teens

March 31

Tony and Kristin Bird

Principal, Little Chute High School

Founder, Burning Hearts Disciples

Navigating technology and social media with teens can feel overwhelming. Tony and Kristin Bird will discuss the importance of setting clear boundaries, delaying smartphone and social media access, and keeping open communication about online life. Parents will leave with practical tools to monitor technology use, foster honest discussions, and help their teens develop healthy digital habits.

St. Joseph

FOOD PROGRAM



Collection is April 12 and 13

The April St Joseph Food Program collection is for boxed meals, such as hamburger helper, rice, mac and cheese, instant potatoes or anything for a casserole. Please no glass, perishable items or past the use by date.

Thank you for helping those who are in need.

March 5-April 22

Bring in these hard-to-get-rid of items:

- Christmas lights
- Batteries
- Printer Cartridges
- CDs/DVDs/BlueRay discs/albums
- Books/Magazines
- Egg cartons
- Reuseable grocery bags

Collection bins in the Marian Way



Items will be reused or properly recycled by:

- Outagamie County Resource Recovery Park
- St. Joes Food Pantry
- Office Depot
- Half Price Books

Sponsored by the St. Mary Care for Creation Ministry

Palm Sunday **BAKE** *Sale*

Plan to stop by the Community Room for our annual Palm Sunday bake sale. If you would like to donate your famous baked good, you may drop them off after 10am on Friday (April 11) or Saturday (April 12) or before 7:45am Mass on Sunday (April 13). There will be no bake sale after the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday (April 13).

APRIL 12 & 13



LEARN THE HISTORY

WATCH A DEMO

TRY IT FOR YOURSELF

PALM BRAIDING

April 12 & 13 Community Rm.
After 4:30pm, 7:45am and
9:45am Masses

LENTEN ALMS PROJECT



Pathway of Hope is a Salvation Army approach to create a path out of poverty. They provide targeted services to families with children under the age of 18, both traditional and non-traditional family structures, that desire to break the cycle of crisis.

Through case management, we focus on a family's capabilities and raise hope by empowering them to overcome barriers on the path to stability. Families set their own goals, and we partner with them to provide the resources needed to accomplish each one



PATHWAY
— OF —
HOPE

Contributions can be placed in the box in the back of church or sent to the parish office.



What Catholic doctrine affirms the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?

Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities

(Hours subject to change after Lent)

Saint Bernard Parish 1617 West Pine St

Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Lent Penance Service April 1 6:00 pm

Saint Bernadette Parish 2331 East Lourdes Dr

Tuesday 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:30 am

April 3 & 10 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish 222 East Fremont St

Monday 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Tuesday - Saturday 7:30 am - 7:50 am

Lent Penance Service April 10 6:00 pm

Saint Joseph Parish 404 West Lawrence St

Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Saint Mary Parish 312 South State St

Saturday 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Monday of Holy Week 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saint Pius X Parish 500 West Marquette St

Tuesday 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Thursday 7:20 am - 7:50 am

First Friday 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday 8:45 am - 10:00 am

Monday of Holy Week 7:00 pm - 8 pm

Wednesday of Holy Week 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saint Therese Parish 213 East Wisconsin Ave

Wednesday 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Thursday 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Friday 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Saint Thomas More Parish 1810 North McDonald St

Saturday 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

Sunday 9:15 am - 9:45 am

By appointment

ALL RISE!

THE NORTHEAST WISCONSIN PASSION PLAY

Strengthen your Lenten journey April 10 through 13 at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre in Appleton. See the Bible come to life! Witness Jesus' life, death and triumphant resurrection in a family-friendly musical production appropriate for all ages. A video sampling of the show may be seen on the production website, www.newpassionplay.org.

For more show information and tickets, please visit: www.newpassionplay.org or call the Xavier box office at (920) 733-8840. Open hours are Monday and Wednesday from noon to 3:00 pm.

HOLY THURSDAY POTLUCK DINNER



We are thrilled to announce that our very own St. Mary tradition is making a comeback! Join us for a casual meal before Holy Thursday Mass begins at 7pm.

GROUND RULES:

Everyone is welcome. Bring someone along! Bring something to share. Anything goes. Have a specialty? Let's see it. Don't feel like cooking? Hit a drive through on the way. Bring enough for 10 people.

We provide water, wine, grape juice, milk, place settings, and unleavened bread. Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean up. Please click the link to help!

THU, APRIL 17TH @ 5:30PM

St. Mary Parish-Appleton |
312 S. State St.



**CLICK HERE
TO HELP**



COFFEE & DONUTS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



<https://bit.ly/4gCBclw>

SPONSORED BY:



Easter EGG HUNT

APRIL 19
9:30AM - 11AM

**A FUN MORNING FULL OF GAMES, FACE PAINTING, AND
DELICIOUS TREATS. FUN GAMES FOR PARENTS, TOO!**



ST. MARY PARISH - CELC PLAY GROUND
313 S. STATE ST.
APPLETON, WI 54911

We will be outside on the CELC playground and
in the gymnasium. Please dress accordingly!

!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!

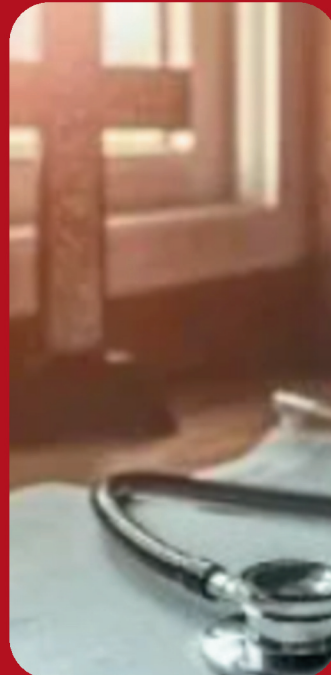
WHITE MASS *Jubilee of the Sick & Healthcare Workers*

Bishop David Ricken - Presiding
Sunday, April 6, 2025 9 am

St. Gianna Molla Guild of
Northeast Wisconsin

ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral,
140 Monroe St., Green Bay



**ST. GIANNA MOLLA GUILD
OF NORTHEAST WISCONSIN**

A CHARTERED GUILD of the Catholic Medical Association
2015 Outstanding Guild Award Winner

AT A GLANCE

- 9 am - Mass
- 10:15 am - Brunch
- 11 am - Speaker
- \$25 - Member
- \$30 - Non-Member

REGISTER TODAY @
www.sgmnew.com

Primary Sponsors



Other Loyal Supporters On This Rock Christian Books & Gifts • St. Francis Xavier • Cathedral Parish • Allergy and Asthma Associates, S.C.

Keeping the Lights On

Confession with Fr. Bill
April 14 • 6pm-9pm



Good

FRIDAY

SERVICES



FRIDAY APRIL 18
12:05 PM • 6:30 PM

Celebrating
EASTER *with us!*

Easter Vigil April 19, 8pm

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:45am & 9:45am



Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar 29	4:30pm	Donna & John Frankeck Family
Sun. Mar 30	7:45am	Richard & Patricia Pechota
	9:45am	Harry Morse
	5:30pm	---
Mon. Mar 31	12:05pm	---
Thur. Apr 3	12:05pm	---
Sat. Apr 5	4:30pm	Conrad Fuerstenberg
Sun. Apr 6	7:45am	Viv Kaufman
	9:45am	Janice Clark
	5:30pm	---
Mon. Apr 7	12:05pm	Bill Garvey
Thur. Apr 10	12:05pm	Vernon & Alice McGinnis
Sat. Apr 12	4:30pm	Gene & Judy Wendt
Sun. Apr 13	7:45am	Cassie Garvey Backhaus
	9:45am	Amy & Harry Boardman
	5:30pm	Special Intentions for young people in the military



Please pray for the friends and family of Thomas Reuss and Jack Hegman. May your memories comfort you during this time.

Thomas Reuss
May 30, 1939 — March 22, 2025

John Heegeman
May 6, 1947 — March 23, 2025

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.



Easter Flowers

Donations for Easter flowers can be dropped off at the parish office, mailed in, or put in the collection basket. Please include your name and if you want the flowers to be in memory of a loved one, please include the name. Donations need to be in by Palm Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

Please Print Clearly

Your name: _____

Amount: _____

Please Circle one: Cash or Check (Check #):

In Memory of:

Week of MARCH 29-APRIL 4

Saturday, Mar 29

8:00am - 12:00pm Adoration
9:00am Confessions
4:30pm Mass
4:30pm Hooks & Needles Craft Sale

Sunday, Mar 30

Coffee & Donuts after morning masses
Hooks & Needles Craft Sale before & after am masses
7:45am Mass
9:45am Mass /Livestreamed
5:30pm Mass

Monday, Mar 31

12:05pm Mass
6:30pm New Horizons Band Practice/Music Rm
6:30pm Confirmation Class/St. Anne Rm
6:30pm Handbell practice/Choir Loft

Tuesday, Apr 1

9:30am Connect Group/LL7
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Group at St Joe's LL112
2:00pm Rosary Prayer group
6:30pm Connect Group/LL7

Wednesday, Apr 2

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

Thursday, Apr 3

9:00am CIAFMO/LL1
12:05pm Mass
1:00pm Hooks & Needles/CR
5:30pm Stations & Soup Supper
6:00pm Adult Choir
6:00pm Lenten Small Group/LL7, LL1, St.Anne Rm
6:30pm Small Group/
7:00pm Cor Jesu/Chapel, Church, Community Rm

Friday, Apr 4

Parish Office Closed
9:00am - 9:00pm Adoration
9:00am Small Group/LL7

Week of APRIL 5-12

Saturday, Apr 5

8:00am - 12:00pm Adoration
9:00am Confession
4:30pm Mass

Sunday, Apr 6

Coffee & Donuts after morning masses
7:45am Mass
9:45am Mass /Livestreamed
9:45am Confirmation Class
5:30pm Mass

Monday, Apr 7

12:05pm Mass
6:30pm New Horizons Band Practice/Music Rm
6:30pm Handbell practice/Choir Loft
6:30pm THEO/Community Rm

Tuesday, Apr 8

9:30am Connect/Kitchen
9:00am John Heegeman Visitation
11:00am John Heegeman Funeral
2:00pm Rosary Prayer group
6:30pm Connect/LL7

Wednesday, Apr 9

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

Thursday, Apr 10

10:00am Neuro Endocrine Cancer Support Group/LL7
12:05pm Mass
6:00pm Lenten Small Group/LL3,LL1, St. Anne
6:00pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Small Group/LL7

Friday, Apr 11

Parish Office Closed
9:00am - 9:00pm Adoration
9:00am Small Group/LL7

Saturday, Apr 12

St. Joe's Food Collection 4/12 & 4/13
8:00am - 12:00pm Adoration
9:00am Confession
4:30pm Mass
Palm Sunday Bake Sale Before & After Mass



Transubstantiation

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Parish Office Hours:
920-739-5119
Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9am-4pm
Wednesday, 9am-6:30pm
Office Closed on Fridays

Sacrament of Matrimony
Getting Married? Congratulations!
Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months
before your planned wedding date.

Funeral Information
Contact Tom Walter
cell (920)-422-8669

Mass Intentions
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

Confession times:
Saturdays 9-10am, or by
appointment

Parish Website:
stmaryparish.org
Cemetery Website:
stmaryparishcemetery.org

No Wed Adoration during Lent
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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2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL

GOAL \$72,433

60,360

48,288

36,216

24,144

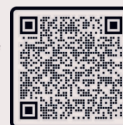
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Global Outreach Catholic Exchange
Program invites families to host a high
school student with a strong Catholic faith
and a willingness to make a difference
and build a civilization of love

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SCAN ME

in Joy & SORROW



AS WE BEGIN OUR OBSERVANCE OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT, THE LITURGY, NOTABLY THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MASS ON THE WEEKEND AND WEEKDAYS, MAKE A PURPOSEFUL SHIFT.

The last three weeks of Lent, now finished, were marked by a time of personal introspection and a call from the Lord to repentance. The word compunction captures this emphasis. Think of puncturing a balloon. Sometimes our egos grow way too big and we need to be humbled as we face the ingrained patterns of sin in our lives. Compunction implies a genuine sorrow for the times we miss the mark to love and disappoint the Lord and other people.

On these remaining days of Lent, we look to Jesus as the defining events of the end of his life in Jerusalem come into sharp focus. We witness His determination to fulfill the will of His Father. Nothing will stop Jesus from proclaiming the unconditional love of His Father, especially for those who are excluded and judged by the religious leaders of His time. Jesus will be undeterred in his prophetic role to

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His Father.*



speak out on behalf of the poor and the powerless. He is a fearless prophet.

On the day of our Baptism, the Holy Spirit gave us a share in the priestly, kingly, and prophetic ministry of Jesus.

- We are priestly when we participate in the prayer of the Church, especially the prayer of the Mass.
- We are kingly (or queenly!) when we accept our co-responsibility to share in the decision-making moments of the Church. Pope Francis' synodal pathway has highlighted again and again that the People of God, alongside the Bishops, are responsible for the carrying out of the New Evangelization.
- We are prophetic when we use our voices to speak out against the injustices in our church and world. The Preferential Option of the Poor, a Social Teaching of the Catholic Church, reminds us that God has a special love for our lost, least, last, and lonely sisters and brothers. This is the Lord's *modus operandi* because too many people are indifferent towards the poor.

Caution: What follows is not for the faint of heart. You might choose to stop reading right here.

On my heart these days are those 261 young Venezuelan men who were herded onto our jets in the night of Saturday, March 15, and dropped off in El Salvador, then forced onto 22 buses, hands and feet shackled, and, after traveling twenty-five miles through the Philip Holsinger, an American photojournalist based out of Nashville, submitted his piece for

publication in Time Magazine. He was present when the buses arrived at the prison.

Whatever your viewpoints on mass deportation, this prison in El Salvador is a notorious place where the inmates are shoved into a living hell. No human being should ever be treated like these young Venezuelan men, many, by the way, who maintain that they are not members of that dangerous Venezuelan terrorist gang, and were just rounded up without due process. Even the men who are legitimately members of this gang should not be treated like animals hauled into this prison. Those of you who have pets would keep them out of this place.

Mr Holsinger writes:

“The men were pulled from the buses so fast. The guards couldn’t keep pace. Chained at their ankles and wrist, they stumbled and fell, some guards falling to the ground with them. With each fall came a kick, a slap, and a shove. The guards grabbed necks and pushed bodies into the sides of the buses as they forced the detainees forward. There was no blood, but the violence had rhythm, like a theater of fear. The intake began with slaps. One young man sobbed when a guard pushed him to the floor. He said, “I’m not a gang member. I’m gay. I’m a barber.” I believed him, but maybe it’s only because he didn’t look like what I had expected - he wasn’t a tattooed monster. Inside the intake room, a sea of trustees descended on the men with electric shavers, stripping heads of hair with haste. The guy who claimed to be a barber began to whimper, folding his hands in prayer as his hair

fell. He was slapped. The man asked for his mother, then buried his face in his chained hands, and cried as he was slapped again. After being shaved, the detainees were stripped naked. More of them began to whimper. The hard faces I saw on the plane had evaporated. It was like looking at men who passed through a time machine. In two hours, they aged ten years. Their nice clothes were not gathered or catalogued, but simply thrust into black garbage bags to be thrown out with their hair. They entered their cold cells, 80 men per cell, with steel planks for bunks, no mats, no sheets, no pillow. No television. No books. No talking. No phone calls and no visitors. For these Venezuelans, it was not just a prison they had arrived at. It was exile to another world, a place so cold and far from home, they may as well have been sent into space, nameless and forgotten. Holding my camera, it was as if I watched them become ghosts.”

My friends, I write this with tears in my eyes.

Facing the cross, Jesus was humiliated by the Roman soldiers. He was spat upon. He was slapped. He was stripped naked. He was dehumanized and demonized. His sacred dignity, given to Him by His Father, was forcibly taken from Him.

Do not be dismayed when I say, without a doubt, loud and clear, that Jesus is still being crucified today in too many people in too many places in our world.

I thank Mr Holsinger for his courage in submitting his report. He is a prophet. If you can stomach the rest of his report, with his accompanying photos, here is the link to Time Magazine:

<https://time.com/7269604/el-salvador-photos-venezuelan-detainees/>

May our suffering Jesus be close to our brothers and sisters in prison, especially in horrible places like this hell hole in El Salvador.

May Mary, our Mother of Mercy and Our Lady of Sorrows, lift up all those who are beaten down by humans' inhumanity to humans.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Fr. Bill +

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