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# *Pilgrimage Planning Guide*

# Get to Know Northeast Wisconsin

Located just 16 miles northeast of Green Bay, Champion Shrine lies at the heart of a region rich in Wisconsin history, including the state's founding in 1634 by Roman Catholic French Emissary Jean Nicolet. The first European settler to set foot in Wisconsin at Red Banks in the town of Scott, Nicolet paved the way for future immigrants to Wisconsin, including Belgian immigrants like Adele Brise and her family.

Champion Shrine is positioned in a tri-county region that has a rich agricultural heritage. Wisconsin, known as "America's Dairyland," is home to thousands of dairy farms and a growing number of vineyards and wineries. Champion (formerly known as Robinsonville) is located in Brown County, which encompasses Green Bay, home of the 13-time World Champion Green Bay Packers, a founder of the National Football League.

[www.greenbay.com](http://www.greenbay.com)

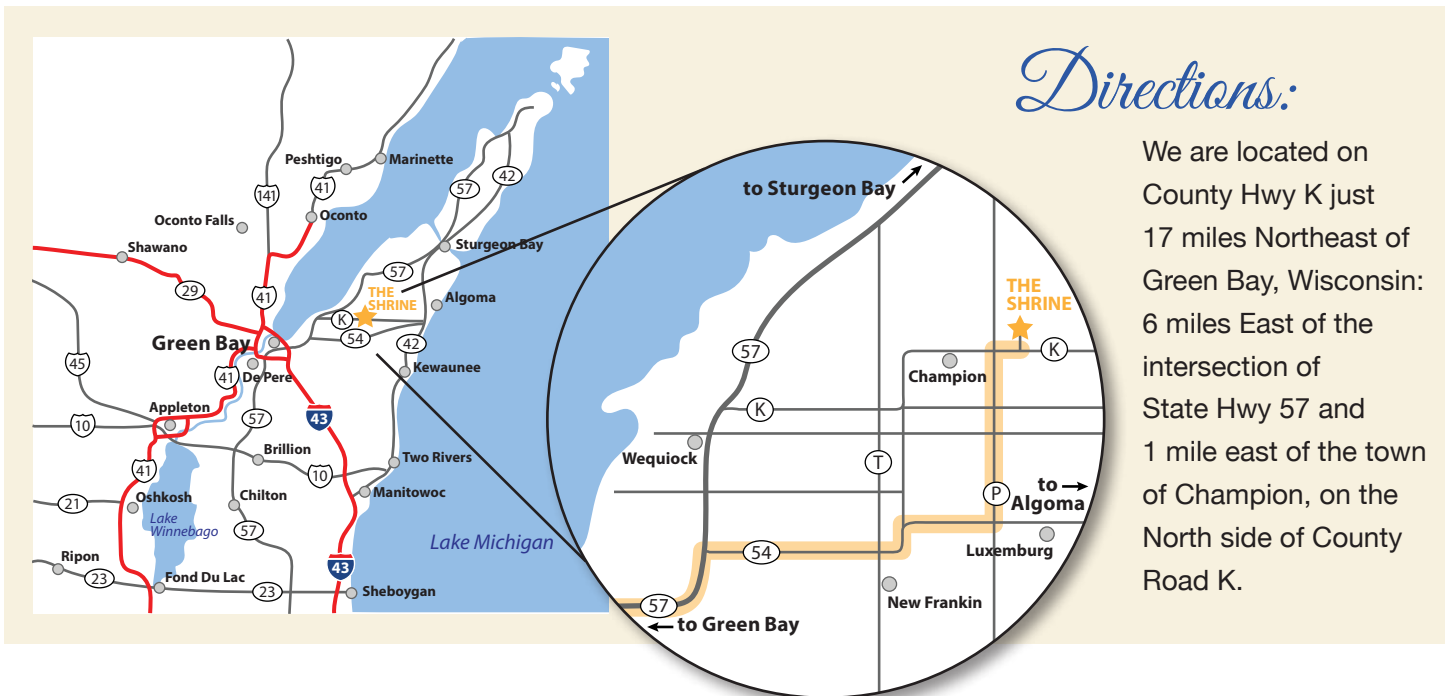
Champion also opens the door to Door County. Comprised of a chain of resort communities, Door County is often referred to as the Cape Cod of the Midwest because of its miles of shoreline. [www.doorcounty.com](http://www.doorcounty.com) Also nearby is Kewaunee County, home to Wisconsin's top fishing villages and home to a number of beautiful agricultural and outdoor recreational communities. [www.visitkewaunee.com](http://www.visitkewaunee.com)

## Closest Airports to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help:

Green Bay, WI: Green Bay Austin Straubel International Airport (1/2 hour driving distance)

Appleton, WI: Appleton International Airport (one hour driving distance)

Milwaukee, WI: Mitchell International Airport (two hour driving distance)



## Directions:

We are located on County Hwy K just 17 miles Northeast of Green Bay, Wisconsin: 6 miles East of the intersection of State Hwy 57 and 1 mile east of the town of Champion, on the North side of County Road K.



# Shrine Prayer Opportunities and Hours

4047 Chapel Drive, New Franken, WI 54229  
Phone: 920.866.2571

## Apparition Chapel, Apparition Oratory, and the Shrine Grounds

Daily . . . . . 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## Mass

Tuesday, Saturday . . . . . 8:30 a.m.

Sundays (May-October) . . . . . 8:30 a.m.

Daily . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday . . . . . 9:10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Daily . . . . . 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Devotional Prayer

Rosary . . . . . Daily at 10:30 a.m.

Rosary for Vocations . Second Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy . . . . . Daily at 3:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
. . . . . Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

St. Joseph Devotions & Vespers  
. . . . . Wednesday at 5:15 p.m.

Fatima Devotions  
. . . . . First Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Healing Service  
. . . . . Last Saturday after 11:00 a.m. Mass

Fatima Holy Hour . . . . . Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

## Adele Brise Day - Ninth of Each Month

Anointing of the Sick  
. . . . . Immediately after 11:00 a.m. Mass

## Gift Shop and Schoolhouse Café

Monday – Saturday . . . . . 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday . . . . . 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Welcome and Education Center

May – October . . . . . 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

September – April . . . . . 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

\*Check our website for Holiday Schedules





## *Events at Champion Shrine*

### **Holy Week Tenebrae Service**

In the evening hours of Holy Wednesday, this Solemn Holy Week Shadows Service reflects on the abandonment, betrayal and agony of Jesus' death.

### **Walk to Mary Weekend**

On the First Saturday, join over 2000 pilgrims for a 21 mile walk from the National Shrine of St. Joseph at St. Norbert College to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. On Sunday, join us for Mass and the May Crowning, when a statue of Mary on the Shrine grounds is crowned with a wreath of flowers..

### **May Celebration with Rosary Procession**

The rosary is particularly important to the Shrine. When the fires were raging throughout the Midwest in 1871, local residents gathered in prayer at the Shrine. At the May Celebration, participants walk the Shrine grounds together praying the rosary in thanksgiving.

### **The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Commemorating the taking of Mary's soul and body into heaven at the end of her life, the Shrine welcomes thousands of pilgrims for this Feast Day Mass each year.

### **Novenas**

The Shrine has six novenas throughout the year, including the National Novena to Our Lady of Good Help, October 1st through the 9th, when in addition to our Novena prayers, various events are held on the Shrine grounds. Other Novenas include Mary Queen of Families (February), Annunciation of the Lord (April), Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart (June), Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August), and Nativity of the Lord (December). Please visit our website, [championshrine.org](http://championshrine.org), to sign up and receive the daily Novena prayers.

### **Miracle of the Fire Celebration and Apparition Day**

An outdoor Eucharistic Rosary Procession, all-night adoration and an hourly group rosary mark the anniversary of the Pershtigo Fire, that killed thousand but spared the Shrine, and the Apparition of 1859 when the Holy Mother appeared to Adele Brise.

### **Midnight Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

As one of the few Christmas Midnight Masses in Northeast Wisconsin, the Shrine welcomes worshippers in celebration of Jesus' birth.

# General Guidelines

- Champion Shrine is a place of prayer and reflection; as such, we ask that all pilgrims please respect others' rights to a quiet and prayerful atmosphere.
  - There is not a formal dress code at the Shrine, but we encourage pilgrims to dress appropriately and keep in mind they are in the presence of the Lord, most especially during the Mass.
  - All children on-site must be accompanied and attended to by an adult.
  - All pets on-site must be on leashes. Service animals are allowed on all grounds and buildings and in the chapel.
  - There is no overnight parking or camping on site.
  - Respect of others when photos are taken on site.
- Group pilgrimages of 10 or more should be planned in advance and scheduled with a pilgrimage coordinator.
- There is not a retreat center onsite. We can provide a list of retreat centers in and around the Green Bay area.
- The liturgical norms of the Catholic Church are observed:
  - Clergy from outside the Diocese of Green Bay who are planning to celebrate, concelebrate, or assist at mass on site must have a letter of good standing submitted 2 weeks prior to arrival on site.
  - Priests concelebrating are required to bring an alb. Other vestments are available.
- The Safe Environment policies of the Diocese of Green Bay are adhered to at Champion Shrine.
- All buildings and facilities are ADA accessible. Wheelchairs are provided in the Chapel and Mother of Mercy Hall. For those with mobility issues, there is transport on-site to buildings during large events, both by wheelchair and golf carts.
- These religious services are not celebrated at Champion Shrine: weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communion services.





# Itinerary Considerations

**Welcome Center** - Education of Champion Shrine and its History. History video plays continuously at 30 minute intervals.

**History Talk** - Shrine Staff will give a History talk on the Shrine and its history. A History Talk must be scheduled in advance and at a cost of \$25 per group.

**Mass** (with an accompanying priest)

- Priests with credentials submitted and accepted may concelebrate Mass at scheduled Mass times.
- Priests with credentials submitted and accepted may celebrate a pilgrimage Mass for their pilgrim group.
  - 8:30 am or 9:00 am on weekdays excluding Tuesday
  - 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm or 2:00 pm daily excluding Sundays
  - Minimum fee for Chapel use is \$50.

## Dining on Site

- Meeting/Lunch rooms: Reservations for eating area are required.
- Fees for hall rental are noted below.
- Café – Sandwich order placed through Café at least 2 weeks in advance.
- Catered – See local caterers and recommendations on Resource Page.
- Outdoors – Picnic grounds and tables (as available)

## Prayer and Devotion Locations

- Apparition Oratory & Chapel – accessible entries
- Grave site of Adele Brise
- Roadside Chapel
- Lourdes Grotto
- Fatima Grotto
- Stations of the Cross
- Outdoor Rosary Walk
- Statues of the Pieta, Holy Family, St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi, The Crucifixion, Blessed Mother, St. Michael the Archangel, and Replica of the Divine Mercy Portrait



## Minimum Fees

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| \$25  | History Talk                               |
| \$50  | Private Pilgrim Mass                       |
| \$50  | Use of the Kitchen in Mother of Mercy Hall |
| \$75  | Medium Room Rental (20 – 60 People)        |
| \$100 | Large Room Rental (75 – 100 People)        |

## Sample of a Full Day Group Pilgrimage

*This is suggested itinerary please contact the pilgrimage coordinator to create your own personalized pilgrimage itinerary.*

### 9:30 Arrival at Mother of Mercy Hall

After being welcomed by Shrine Staff or Volunteers, pilgrims will have time to use restrooms and will receive some general information about the Shrine.

### 9:45 History Talk or Video

A ½ hour history talk about the Shrine and the apparition approval. There is a \$25 fee per group. A history video is available for viewing free of charge.

### 10:30 Rosary in the Chapel

Rosary begins at 10:30 daily.

### 11:00 Holy Mass in the Shrine Chapel

If a private pilgrimage mass is desired please see the private mass information below. Visiting priests may celebrate/concelebrate mass only with valid priest conditionals.

These conditionals must be submitted two weeks in advance.

### 12:15 Lunch in Mother of Mercy Hall

Rooms are rented depending on the size of group. Room rental information available upon request. Bring your own lunch or use one of our catered options.

### 1:00 Visit and pray at many devotional areas on the Shrine grounds

Mother of Mercy Hall, Apparition Oratory, Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, Rosary Walk, St. Francis Grotto, Stations of The Cross, and the Welcome Center.

### 2:00 Confession in the Chapel/Visit Shrine Gift Shop

Confessions are daily at 10:00 am and 2:00pm. The Gift Shop is a great source of religious gifts, statues, books, videos, music, and artwork.

### 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Chapel

### 3:30 Departure



## Private Mass

*If a private pilgrimage mass is desired, the following are available mass times:*

M, W, TH, F      9:00 am, 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:00 pm

Tues, Sat, Sun      12:30 pm, 3:30 pm

## Sample of a Half-Day Pilgrimage

*Consider viewing the Shrine History video and/or saying the rosary as a group on the bus prior to arrival.*

### **10:15 Arrival at Mother of Mercy Hall**

After being welcomed by Shrine Staff or Volunteers, pilgrims will have time to use restrooms and will receive some general information about the Shrine.

### **11:00 Holy Mass in the Shrine Chapel**

Visiting priests may celebrate/concelebrate mass only with valid priest credentials. These credentials must be submitted two weeks in advance..

### **12:15 Lunch in Mother of Mercy Hall**

Rooms are rented depending on the size of group. Room rental information available upon request. Bring your own lunch or use one of our catered options.

### **12:45 Visit and pray at many devotional areas on the Shrine grounds**

Mother of Mercy Hall, Apparition Oratory, Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, Rosary Walk, St. Francis Grotto, Stations of The Cross, and the Welcome Center.

### **2:00 Departure**

## Sample of a Student Pilgrimage/Retreat

### **9:30 Arrival at Mother of Mercy Hall**

After being welcomed by Shrine Staff or Volunteers, pilgrims will have time to use restrooms and will receive some general information about the Shrine.

### **9:45 Group Activity**

This could be a History talk, an activity led by a Priest and/or Religious Education Leader, Confessions or Rosary

### **11:00 Attend Mass**

### **12:00 Lunch**

Rooms are rented depending on the size of group. Room rental information is available upon request. Bring your own lunch or use one of our catered options.

### **12:45 Break out into groups to tour devotional areas on the Shrine grounds**

### **2:00 Departure**





# Pilgrimage Planning Checklist

## Date for which you are planning your pilgrimage:

Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## Name of Your Group: \_\_\_\_\_

How Many in Group: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Person for Your Group:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please go to our website to request your date under "Planning Your Trip"*

## Anticipated Group Itinerary:

Arrival Time at Shrine: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Coming by Bus: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, would you like a welcome by Shrine Staff at Bus? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please call 920-886-2571 ext. 113 - 10 minutes before arrival for welcome by Shrine Staff at Bus.*

## Are you attending Mass:

(Tues., Sat.) 8:30 a.m. Mass \_\_\_\_\_ (Daily) 11:00 a.m. Mass \_\_\_\_\_

Pilgrimage Mass: (M,W,Th,F) 8:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 12:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Tues., Sat., Sun) 12:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

## \$50.00 for Private Mass

*Note: All Priests outside Green Bay Catholic Diocese must have credentials emailed to [kciha@championshrine.org](mailto:kciha@championshrine.org) two weeks prior to pilgrimage.*

Date Credentials requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Credentials sent: \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Items of interest:

10:00 a.m. Confessions Daily: \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. Rosary Daily \_\_\_\_\_

History Talk by Staff: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ (\$25 Fee) No: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to order a DVD for \$21 (includes shipping and handling) to watch prior to your visit or on the bus traveling to the Champion Shrine? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lunch/Meeting:

Med. Hall (20 - 45 max): \_\_\_\_\_ Large Hall (50 - 100 max): \_\_\_\_\_ *Fee Schedule Available Upon Request*

Bring Your Own Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ Catering \_\_\_\_\_

*See lunch menu recommendations located on Resource page of our website.*

