The Good News
News and Events from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

CHAMPION 10TH ANNIVERSARY
World Marian Apparition Site: Dec. 8, 2010 - Dec. 8, 2020
Throughout the liturgical year the Church celebrates with the faithful a broad overview of Christ’s work of salvation starting with His birth and ending with the anticipation of His second coming. The focus of the liturgical year is the ever-deepening immersion of ourselves into the mystery of Jesus Christ. This is very much a ministry of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the archetype of the Church, to envelop the members of Christ’s flock into this mystery of salvation. The Shrine of our Lady of Good Help seeks to participate in this mission of our Lady by the promotion and communication of the Catholic faith especially through the sacraments.

In our Lady’s message to Adele she states: “Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation... Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do.” (Message of Our Lady of Good Help to Adele Brise). A major part of the mission of the Shrine is helping those who come as pilgrims on a spiritual journey to find our Lord Jesus through Mary. During the first 9 days of October the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help prays a novena in thanksgiving for the apparitions and the fruitful ministry that have come as a result. These days are marked with prayer and an emphasis on the mission given to Adele by Mary.

On October 8th a celebration in commemoration of the miracle of the Peshtigo fire is held in which the faithful remember Mary’s special protection from the flames of that night. The holy rosary and all night adoration help to express the profound gratitude held by so many for the care of Blessed Mother Mary. These nine days of prayer, learning, and sacrifice are a most fitting way to emphasize the appreciation felt by those affected by the mission and ministry begun through the commissions of Our Lady of Good Help.

Also, once again the Shrine will be celebrating a Christmas midnight mass. It is always a special celebration and opportunity for those who attend to enter into the great event of the Nativity of our Lord. Please pray with us throughout the liturgical year beginning with these Advent and Christmas celebrations to spread the faith and to teach what is “needed for salvation.” (words of Our Lady to Adele)

Please join us in prayer by sending in your needs and intentions during our upcoming Novenas. October 1st through the 9th will be the National Novena of the Shrine followed by our Novena of masses and prayer in preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord from December 17th to the 25th. Your novena requests and intentions will be remembered each day at the holy sacrifice of the mass. Please unite with us in prayer during our anniversary and Christmas novena’s this year.

We deeply appreciate your prayers and support of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help; let us always remember one another in prayer.

yours in Christ,
Fr. John
After her encounter with the Blessed Mother on Shrine grounds in 1859, Adele Brise, the See’er at Champion (then Robinsonville) was inspired to walk on foot, in a 50-mile radius of Shrine grounds, to homesteads in the area of the Belgian settlement that surrounds Shrine grounds.

When I make the daily drive out from Green Bay, as I get closer to Champion, I look around and think about Adele Brise walking 50 miles over what would have been, at the time, harsh terrain, in a broad range of weather conditions, to teach the faith to children at area homesteads.

I think of the faithful who joined Adele, in 1871, during one of the worst fires in US history, to pray the Rosary on Shrine grounds only to see the fire extinguished, with lives and grounds spared.

Through this obedient, selfless act, Adele became a progenitor of a fierce faith that inspired thousands of pilgrims locally and globally and has guided our staff and volunteers, in this year in which we have looked for new ways to offer prayer opportunities on and off site.

In this year, we have been blessed with individuals who want to share the Shrine story and share their individual accounts of healing, conversion and deep, meaningful catechetical encounter through Our Lady of Good Help. These stories give hope and help to others in times when we so desperately are in need of both.

**NEW WEBSITE PAGE TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS/OPPORTUNITIES and TO SUBMIT TESTIMONIALS ABOUT ANSWERED PRAYERS:**

You can now share your own stories of hope, healing and answered prayers of Our Lady of Good Help through a new page on our website, called, “Pray with Us.”

On this page, you can also submit a prayer request for you, a loved one or other intention, including a prayer for the faithful departed. These prayers will be included in our prayer petitions at Masses at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

If you are unable to attend Mass on site, we encourage you to consider using this new webpage online, at www.championshrine.org/pray-with-us to submit a prayer request for commemoration of all souls of the faithful departed which will be included in prayer intentions for our All Souls Mass November 2, 2020. This page includes a link to light a candle with prayer intention, as well, in commemoration of the souls of the faithful departed, www.championshrine.org/donate/light-a-candle.

The new “Pray with Us” page also includes links to other website pages that contain information on the following:

- Times and Information about prayer opportunities through Masses, Eucharistic Healing Prayer Services, Eucharistic...
Rosary Processions and daily devotional prayer on site and remotely;
• How to sign up to receive Novena Prayers with daily intentions by email;
• How to have a candle lit on site with prayer intention for yourself, a loved one or a specific prayer intention;
• How to engage in unique prayer opportunities offered at Champion Shrine through special events, conferences, speaker events, activities and classes.

In addition, on the new “Pray with Us” page, you can also view the documentary hosted by Miracle Hunter Michael O’Neill called, Miracles of Champion. Just go to www.championshrine.org

NEW RELEASES OF MOVIES, “FATIMA” and “PRAY” RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT CHAMPION

We are grateful for the release of two new movies in 2020 that have raised awareness about Champion Shrine as an American Marian Apparition Site. The movies are inspiring others to share the story of the American Apparition and make plans for pilgrimages here in late 2020 and 2021.

The movie, Fatima, shares the accounts through the eyes of the See’ers at Fatima, a sister world Marian Apparition site to Champion, in Portugal. Through its release, many more people are learning about the Marian apparitions and the only American Marian apparition site at Champion, north of Green Bay. Until this time, because it was one of the most recent to have received the designation, Champion has been one of the lesser known among the handful of Marian Apparition sites worldwide that have officially been deemed “worthy of belief”, by authority of the Catholic Church, as a site in which that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared. We are grateful Fatima is raising awareness about all Marian Apparition sites and locations of Mary to See’ers, including those from Our Lady of Good Help to Adele Brise. We will celebrate our tenth year anniversary of that designation, in our 161-year history, this December 8, 2020. Watch our website www.championshrine.org and social media sites for details of upcoming events related to that 10th anniversary celebration.

In addition to the release about FATIMA, PRAY, the film about the life of the Venerable Father Patrick Peyton had a scheduled premiere nearby in Green Bay, WI and at theatres in the United States October 9, in the month of the Holy Rosary on the day that marks the 161st anniversary of the Apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Champion, WI.
The film release was part of National Novena activities promoted for Champion Shrine, as Fr. Peyton’s miraculous life-saving story and miracle of the rosary inspired both the film and a newly re-generated rosary crusade movement in which Champion Shrine took part Oct. 2. The Champion Rosary Bowl was one in a series of stops in US and Canada at which the group rosary prayed was prayed in unison with other participating sites. The Triumph Tour Rosary Rally series was re-energized in 2018 by Actor Jim Caviezel who publicly declared his belief in the power of rosary prayer. The Triumph Tour, which included the Champion Rosary Bowl, was organized by Canadians Dennis and Angelina Girard in cooperation with the Coalition of Eucharistic and Marian Apostolate (CEMA) who promoted it in the United States with help from Pat Moertl and Father Richard Heilman. We thank all of our sister rosary rally sites on the Triumph Tour 2020, all those who participated on site and remotely and our guest priests who led the Champion Rosary Bowl Rally, Father Joe Krupp of the Diocese of Lansing, MI, who ran his show, “On the Go with Father Joe” live from Champion Oct. 2 and Father Andrew Kurz, the Roamin’Roman Catholic pilgrimage priest of the Diocese of Green Bay, who promotes pilgrimage to Champion Shrine as the founder of Wisconsin Way pilgrimage.

FR. UBALD TO LEAD PRE-ELECTION DAY NOVENA FROM CHAMPION OCT. 26-NOV 3
In this election year in the United States of America, Father Ubald Rugirangoga, a visiting priest who has a charism, through Jesus, for healing through forgiveness, will be offering prayers along with daily rosary from Champion Shrine as part of a pre-election day Novena in Reparation for Sin and Seeking Mercy from God. The prayer will be offered on site daily and livestreamed Oct. 26-Nov. 3 at 1 PM at www.championshrine.org/live-streaming-mass/

WED MASS AND CATECHETICAL CLASS TO RETURN NOV 4
Inspired by the Catechetical mission work of Adele Brise, Shrine Chaplain Fr. Thomas Reagan of the Fathers of Mercy is reintroducing the Wednesday Evening Mass and Catechetical Class at Champion beginning November 4 and continuing every Wednesday (except the Wed. before Thanksgiving) until Dec. 16. Mass begins at 6 PM, with class following until 8:15 PM. Free will offering.

A Blessed Advent and Christmas Season to you and your families. As we close out this year, may we look forward to the next with the blessings of good health and good happenings for ourselves and our loved ones. Our Lady of Good Help, Pray for Us!

For more information about special events at Champion Shrine, go to http://www.championshrine.org/events.
PLEASE NOTE

Due to restrictions pertaining to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19, we will be following guidelines for spacing and distancing for all Masses and Events held on site. There may also be changes to the following schedule. Before making any plans to visit, please check the “Latest News” Section of our website at www.championshrine.org

OCTOBER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9:
Apparition Anniversary Day Mass followed by Eucharistic Rosary Procession with the Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay. Oct. 9 PM: Off-site *Premiere of PRAY, the film about the life of Fr. Patrick Peyton, Bay Park Square Cinema. For more info: wwwpraythefilm.org

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9 –
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
Seeking Refuge II-Flame of Love-Indiana, onsite and virtual conference at Champion Shrine. For more information or sign up: https://www.flameoflove-indiana.com/seeking-refuge-2

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 –
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Pre-Election Day Nine-day Novena Prayer for Our Nation in Reparation for Sin and Seeking Mercy from God with Father Ubald Rugirangoga leading Rosary and Novena Prayer daily on site at 1 PM with livestreaming, to join remotely, go to: www.championshrine.org/livestreaming-mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31:
11 AM Mass with 12 PM Special Eucharistic Healing Services and Anointing of th Sick, followed by luncheon hosted by the Green Bay Area Order of Malta

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1:
11 AM All Saints’ Day Mass and Children’s Celebration of the Saints

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2:
11 AM Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed To submit a prayer for the Faithful Departed, go to: www.championshrine.org/pray-with-us/ To light a candle with prayer intention in memory of or tribute to the Faithful Departed: www.championshrine.org/donate/light-a-candle/

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4:
Father Thomas Reagan Wed. Evening Mass and Catechetical Class. 6PM Mass will be followed by class until 8:15 PM. Bring the family. Free will donation on site. More info and to register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wednesday-evening-mass-and-catechetical-class-with-father-thomas-reagan-tickets-122760643389

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21:
8:30 AM and 11 AM Feast Day Masses for the Presentation of Mary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26:
11 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28:
11 AM Mass with 12 PM Special Eucharistic Healing Services and Anointing of the Sick, followed by luncheon hosted by the Green Bay Area Order of Malta

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29:
First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2:
Father Thomas Reagan Wed. Evening Mass and Catechetical Class. 6PM Mass will be followed by class until 8:15 PM. Bring the family. Free will donation on site. More info and to register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wednesday-evening-mass-and-catechetical-class-with-father-thomas-reagan-tickets-122760643389

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:
11 AM Feast Day Mass for St. Nicholas
Throughout the years, Midnight Mass has been a common Christmas Mass choice for many Catholics. In the early history of the Church, vigils were held before every feast for the purpose of preparing for the feast itself. Mass would be held in the evening, followed by a period of prayer and contemplation. Solemn services were then held the next morning. As more feasts arose, the number of vigils kept was decreased but the celebration of Christmas at midnight was kept solemnly. For many Christians, it is fitting to celebrate Jesus’ birth at night because as Saint Luke’s Gospel shows our Lord came into this world in the darkness of the night and was laid in the humble manger.

The practice of celebrating Midnight Mass is traditional in the Roman Catholic Church, although many churches now hold their “midnight” Mass at an earlier hour as a result the official liturgical designation of these texts has been “Mass during the Night” since 2009. However, when the Mass does occur at midnight, it is still commonly called “Midnight Mass”.

These traditions of our faith provide us with not only a connection with those saints and holy men and women of old who worshiped in the same manner, but also shows the unity and continuity of the Church. All glory and praise to God for His great mercy and care with His people and His Church.
The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help celebrated the Feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother on August 15th with almost 1800 pilgrims visiting throughout the day for the Masses and Rosary procession and other Assumption day events. This is one of our largest Mass and special event days of the year and it would not be possible without the grateful help of our volunteers.

More than 100 volunteers were here for August 15th to help facilitate the activities that are necessary to support this event for our pilgrims. Many assisted staff in a variety of areas on site: car parking, hospitality driving, greeting pilgrims and offering info about where to go on site, lunch preparation and service, in the gift shop, Schoolhouse Café and Order of Malta pilgrim center, offering assistance or monitoring the facilities to ensure we were consistent with spacing and capacity guidelines during this unprecedented time. Others provided service throughout the day by offering help with or participating in the Masses and Rosary procession as flower girls, statue carriers, banner and canopy carriers, lectors, servers, vocalists and ushers. No matter what their roles, our volunteers were there to make the Feast Day and events related to it special, offering a kind welcome and introduction to the Shrine and smiles and assistance to those who were on site.

We asked two of our regular Shrine Volunteers what they loved most about serving our pilgrims. Janet, a greeter and gift shop volunteer had this to say: “I love witnessing their love and devotion for our Blessed Mother Mary. I always ask where the pilgrims are from and am so amazed at how far they travel. Many have come here for years and love to share their stories. One woman told me that her mother came here to pray and ask Mary to intercede so that she may conceive. This woman was the child conceived.”

As a Saturday greeter in our Welcome Center and Café, our volunteer, Dave, loves the tranquility & beauty of the Shrine. Dave has met people from all over the world who come here and are moved by the peacefullness they experience here on site.

“The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help isn’t like any other Shrine. Being located in a rural area in the countryside is something that so many people are grateful for, especially when the leaves start changing in the fall,” Dave said, adding that he loves to hear the stories of the healings and miracles that happen because of the grace of God and Mary’s intercession.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help has many Masses and special events planned for every season on site; as such, we are are always in need of more volunteers.

We would be very grateful for any assistance or skills you would offer, as we now have the new Mother of Mercy Hall, a larger facility for prayer and gathering that allows us to host more pilgrims on site year ‘round ... helpful during this time in which we operate under certain spacing and capacity guidelines for our facilities.

This December, 2020, will mark the 10th anniversary of the designation of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion as a Church-approved World Marian Apparition Site, in the same realm internationally as other Marian Apparition sites like Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe. As the Shrine becomes more known throughout the world as America’s Marian Apparition Site and more people travel on pilgrimage to Champion, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, our need for volunteers to help us host these pilgrims and introduce them to the Shrine and the area continues to grow.

If you are interested in helping to volunteer and spread the good word of Our Blessed Mother’s appearance here in 1859 at Champion and help us carry out the mission she inspired in the See’er, Adele Brise, please contact us at 920-866-2571.
Memorial Brick and Picnic Table Program

Memorial Picnic Table Program

With a $1,400 donation a personalized 6 foot weather-proof picnic table that will be placed around the Shrine grounds to give pilgrims a place to gather.

Memorial Brick Program

Order a small, 4” X 8”, or a large, 8” X 8”, brick that can be placed on the Stations of the Cross Pathway or in front of the Apparition Grotto located in front of Mother of Mercy Hall.

Visit www.championshrine.org for pricing.

New this fall!

Please contact Kelsey Dorner with any questions or for assistance with placing an order for a Memorial Brick or a Memorial Picnic Table. kdorner@championshrine.org or (920) 866-2571 ext. 125

To place an order or for more information please visit www.championshrine.org.

See a proof before you place your order!
As fall settles in and we look towards Thanksgiving and Christmas we here at The Shrine are reflecting on all the Lord and the Blessed Mother have provided this year. During the spring while public mass was suspended, we felt it was our responsibility to extend every spiritual resource we had available to pilgrims who no longer had parish churches to seek refuge in. We started livestreaming daily mass and began a daily Eucharistic Rosary Procession. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was also started to give people the opportunity to engage in our faith and devotional life as much as possible during that difficult time.

Today we continue to livestream the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. We also continue the Eucharistic Rosary Procession on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. And we continue daily exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every afternoon. We are thankful to be able to continue to provide pilgrims with more opportunities for prayer and reflection.

We are not only thankful for these opportunities, but we are especially thankful for the financial support of so many donors over these last few months. Like many organizations across the country, The Shrine has felt the negative financial impact of the spring closer. Thank you to the many donors who came to our aid and provided the vital financial support needed during that time. We humbly ask that you consider joining those generous supporters and make a gift to The Shrine. Please know every dollar you donate helps ensure The Shrine’s spiritual mission “To continue the gospel mission of Jesus Christ by responding to Mary’s call to Adele Brise to foster conversion, teach the children and minister to the sick and old”. With your help The Shrine can continue to be a beacon for those who seek the Lord and his peace. May the peace and joy of this Holiday Season be with you and your family and many blessings for the new year!

Fall; a Time to Reflect and Be Thankful
Adele’s Wish List

Adele Brise was a visionary who had an unwavering faith in Jesus to help her carry out the mission entrusted to her by the Queen of Heaven here at Champion.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the countless stories of miraculous last-minute wishes for help and assistance granted to Adele. Be it food for the orphaned children, money to keep the school open for classes or to ensure the Chapel could be kept open and running, Adele would express her wish in the form of a prayer and put her faith in Jesus and his Mother to enlist their foot soldiers in faith here on earth to provide.

In the spirit of that faith and trust, we humbly put forward “Adele’s Wish List” for those items most needed by the Shrine at this time. To sponsor an item through a donation, simply send your check to our mailing address or go to our website and click “Make a Gift”. If you would like to donate anonymously, please call 920-866-2571 ext. 114.

Thank you and may God bless you!

Items Needed

- Collections Baskets for Mother of Mercy Hall ($300)
- “Christ the Teacher” Print and Framing ($500)
- Mass Linens ($500)
- Notre Dame Process Crucifix ($600)
- Three (3) Altar Bells ($500 each, $1,500 total)
- Altar Cloths ($1,200)
- Candle Followers used during Holy Hour ($1,680)
- Novena Prayer Books ($5,000)
- Emergency Communication System ($6,000)
- Rosary Path Landscaping ($11,000)
- 1941 Chapel Lighting Project ($13,500)

Donation Form

Please fill out the following form and mail along with your check to:

The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help
Attention: ______________
4047 Chapel Drive
New Franken, WI 54229

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Name

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Address

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Phone Number

Email

Donation Amount $___________

How do you want to be acknowledged?

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This newsletter is published by the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help to provide updates and news on the Shrine; to continue the mission given to Sister Adele by Our Lady; and always to promote the Catholic faith!

**Shrine Opportunities and Hours**

**Apparition Chapel, Apparition Oratory, and the Shrine Grounds**
- **Daily** 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Mass**
- **Tuesday & Saturday** 8:30 a.m.
- **Sunday (May-October)** 8:30 a.m.
- **Daily** 11:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- **Saturday** 9:10 a.m.
- **Daily** 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**Devotional Prayer**
- Rosary .......................... Daily .................. 10:30 a.m.
- Rosary for Vocations ........... Second Friday at 3:30 p.m.
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy ...... Daily .................. 3:00 p.m.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . Wednesday .......... 4:30 p.m.
- St. Joseph Devotions and Vespers . Wednesday ........... 5:15 p.m.
- Fatima Devotions .............. First Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Healing Service with Anointing of the Sick . 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** 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Check our website for Holiday Schedules*