



# The Good News

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

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Fr. John Broussard

## Rector's Window

### Grace and Blessings to you all!

In an apostolic visitation to Spain, Pope Benedict XVI once remarked: *"To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God where he has revealed himself, where his grace has shone with particular splendor and produced rich fruits of conversion and holiness among those who believe."* This is very much the experience of all who visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help as this place offers a real meeting with God. Mary never fails to facilitate an encounter with Christ and the fruits of the Blessed Mother always bring life in abundance.

This upcoming May, the Shrine will be hosting its first Marian Conference centered around Our Blessed Mother as our refuge and our strength. As she protected and took care of Jesus, she will also embrace her children, given to her by Our Lord on His Cross, with her loving arms and especially during moments of difficulty. St. Bonaventure said, *"Great was the mercy of Mary towards the unfortunate when she lives in exile on earth, but it is far greater since she reigns in Heaven."*

Here at the Shrine, we continually see the need for the Mercy of God in the lives of so many who suffer. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a refuge for those afflicted bodily and spiritually. She consoles us and

gives strength to the sorely tempted, while also offering pardon for sinners and protection for the dying. Christ and His Church are calling all to live out the many blessings we have received in thanksgiving and dedication to God.

Please join us in our Novena of Masses and prayer in preparation for the celebration of the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord this March 17-25. Your novena requests and intentions will be remembered each day. Please unite with us in prayer during our Annunciation novena this year.

Please remember us in your prayers as we continue this journey of faith

together. It is our great privilege to pray with the pilgrims that come to visit us every day through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the many devotions offered here; may we always pray for one another and build up the body of Christ through a mutual love for his Blessed Mother

We deeply appreciate your prayers and support of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help; may the Lord bless us all with a deeper faith, hope, and love.

*yours in christ,  
Fr. John*



# Devotional Spotlight

## Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple

By: Fr. John Broussard

Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church with great significance and meaning. This feast marks the end of the Christmas/Epiphany season. We remember in a special way the humble obedience of the Holy Family to the Mosaic Law in this feast; though it is the striking prophecy of Simeon that gives a close to the celebration of Christ's birth and an introduction to the consideration of his life and death.

Simeon's prophecy of Mary's sufferings is particularly emphasized through the writings of Pope John Paul II: *"Simeon's words seem like a second Annunciation to Mary, for they tell her of the actual historical situation in which the Son is to accomplish his mission, namely, in misunderstanding and sorrow."* (Redemptoris Mater, n16)



In addition to this prophecy of struggle comes a great message of light. Simeon proclaims this Child will be "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32); a light that the nations had never known before. With his words predicting great suffering to the Blessed Mother, Simeon proclaims the light of Christ will be a light for all to see with. This emphasis on light developed the custom of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles are lit, and often a



procession takes place through the darkened church while the Cantic of Simeon is sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. Let us all join in prayer and thanksgiving for the gift of the Light of Christ.

## Join Us In Prayer This Season:

- For our country's bishops, priests, and religious members who have dedicated themselves to the service and life of Christ.
- For Champion Shrine's upcoming Marian Conference - that God may lead all those attending closer to His Son through our Mother.
- For all those visiting the Shrine this season - that they may experience peace and refuge on its grounds.



# Pilgrimage Corner

By Kathy Ciha, Pilgrimage Coordinator

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is preparing for a record number of pilgrim groups in 2022. Now is the time to book a group from your church, school, or a private group to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

## What is a pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared,

or a historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God. Pilgrimages are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our

daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

These are some of the testimonials from groups who visited the Shrine in 2021:

*"The St. Gabriel students & I really enjoyed our visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. I will highly recommend it as a future field trip to our school system. It was very peaceful & uplifting. The students really enjoyed walking around the courtyard reading the rosary mysteries & stations of the cross. I was very impressed with the reverence they showed in the Oratory & how they prayed so diligently. We really enjoyed our visit and thank you for responding promptly to all my questions as I was preparing the trip."* - St. Gabriel Parish from Hubertus, WI

*"Thanks so much for all your help. We had a wonderful time. I'm looking right now at one of the candles that a family had purchased to carry in procession; the 6th grade boy who was in that family wanted to give his to the parish so that we could burn it. So! I know for sure that we had a fabulous day on Saturday, and that everyone felt very uplifted by the Mass. We loved the bishop's homily."* - St. Patrick & St. Mary of the Woods from Bellefontaine, OH

*"I think this is going to become an annual event for St. Paul. Many of the Faith Formation students had never even heard of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help before, and they were pleasantly surprised to learn that the Shrine is the only church approved Marian apparition in the United States, and that it is so close. The young people enjoyed the day and said it was so spirit-filled and peaceful."* - St. Paul Parish from Massinee, WI



St. Patrick & St. Mary of the Woods, Bellefontaine, OH

## The Crucifix... Profound Reverence

By Jim Janssen, Operations Manager

People often call their homes their “sanctuary” - a secure refuge of safety and serenity. Historically, a sanctuary is known as the holiest of holy places. When entering a Catholic church, the crucifix, usually centered in the middle of the sanctuary (the area around the altar), is one of the first things we notice. We see the outstretched arms of our Savior welcoming us into His Presence. While many Catholics display a crucifix in their home, do we understand the true reasons for doing so? Or, do we simply hang a crucifix on the wall as a form of sacred art?

When your home is occupied by family members who are baptized, confirmed, consecrated through the Sacrament of Matrimony, and/or nourished by Christ’s Body and Blood through Holy Communion, it makes sense that your domestic sanctuary can also be considered a holy place. Your space should reflect your commitment to Christ’s sacrificial love, and the crucifix is a prominent sign of your belief in this. The crucifix can also draw those who do not live their sacraments to begin to do so.

The crucifix is an influential symbol because it reminds us of a horrific, yet powerful reality. Although He lived sinlessly, Jesus was crucified for the sins of mankind. The Eternal Son of God became man and endured unimaginable suffering to obtain our salvation. Prominent placement of a crucifix in your home (one in each room is even better) provides a constant reminder of Jesus’ supreme sacrifice for us.

Welcome Jesus into your home and keep Him in the forefront of your daily, prayerful life. The Shrine Gift Shop features a diverse selection of beautiful crucifixes to adorn your living space, creating a mindful “sanctuary” for prayer and deliberate reflection. They also make wonderful gifts for your loved ones celebrating special moments such as Confirmation and First Holy Communion.



### While this reminder is key, there is much more to the spiritual value of the crucifix:

- ✠ Gazing upon the crucifix is a vivid reminder that evil does not have power over us, verifying that Christ has conquered sin and death and has ultimately persevered over the clutches of evil. Displaying the crucifix is our commitment to the Lord that his Sacrifice is never forgotten.
- ✠ Highlighting a crucifix in your home serves as a visual sign to pause, pray, and reflect. It is a gentle nudge to take a moment to absorb what Jesus did for you. Prayer in front of a crucifix encourages self-examination and contemplation of Christ.
- ✠ Only John remained with the Blessed Mother at the foot of the Jesus’ cross. We should try to follow in his footsteps. The crucifix is our reminder to not run when life gets tough and to put our trivial problems aside, trusting in our Lord Jesus to guide and protect us.
- ✠ Praying in front of the crucifix emulates the practice of many Saints who focused deliberately on Christ, both in their everyday prayer, as well as when suffering. St. Catherine of Siena was known for her holiness, spiritual visions, and the belief she received the stigmata – she stared at the cross in prayer for hours each day.
- ✠ By hanging a crucifix on the wall, we are constantly reminded of the enormity of God’s Love for us through the sacrifice of His only Son on a wooden cross. The crucifix is the greatest proof that God could give us of His eternal love – the most compelling motivation He could employ to obtain our hearts in return.

The Shrine Gift Stop is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

For any questions, call (920) 866-2571 ext. 4.



# 2022 Marian Conference

Champion, WI | May 20-21, 2022

## Mary as Our Refuge

Join hundreds of pilgrims from around the world in the first-annual National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help Marian Conference. Focused on Mary as our refuge, attendees will be able to develop a deeper understanding of Mary as a protector and guide, while also growing in greater intimacy with her Son, Jesus.

### Register Here!



Located at Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI  
**May 20 | 3:00 p.m. to May 21 | 5:15 p.m.**

#### **Registration Required**

For more information contact Kathy Ciha at  
[kciha@championshrine.org](mailto:kciha@championshrine.org)

Hear from recognized speakers within the Catholic Church, including Cardinal Raymond Burke, Bishop David Ricken, Fr. Edward Looney, and Fr. Chris Alar, MIC

Interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor?  
Contact Kelsey Dorner at **920.866.2571 ext.125** or  
[kdornere@championshrine.org](mailto:kdornere@championshrine.org)



Visit [championshrine.org/marian-conference](https://championshrine.org/marian-conference)

# Upcoming Events

## LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

### Eucharistic Healing Service

At the conclusion of the 11 a.m. Mass on every last Saturday of the Month, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and processed among the faithful. This is then followed by the Anointing of the Sick for those needing the Sacrament.

The upcoming Eucharistic Healing Services will be held on February 26, March 26, April 30, and May 28.

## MARCH 17-25, 2021

### Novena for the Annunciation of the Lord

Join the Shrine in praying its annual Novena for the Annunciation of the Lord. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find the prayers and a card in which you can include your prayer intentions for this Novena. For those interested in receiving a Novena prayer reminder daily by email, visit [championshrine.org/novenas](http://championshrine.org/novenas).

## APRIL 10-17

### Holy Week at Champion Shrine

Enter this holy time on the peace-filled grounds where Mary appeared. Champion Shrine will be holding the following events during Holy Week:

- Palm Sunday Mass | 11 a.m.
- Wednesday Tenebrae Service | 7 p.m.
- Holy Thursday Mass | 7 p.m.
- Good Friday Service | 3 p.m.
- Holy Saturday Mass | 8:30 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Mass | 11 a.m.

## APRIL 24, 2021

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Experience the impact of God's mercy at Champion Shrine. The Shrine will offer confessions from noon-3 p.m. with a special dedication and blessing of the new St. John Paul II Grotto at 2:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3 p.m. with Mass celebrated immediately after. A Relic of St. Faustina will be available for veneration from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## MAY 7, 2022

### Walk To Mary

The Walk to Mary is a pilgrimage like no other in the world. Beginning at The National Shrine of St. Joseph and ending at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, this 21-mile prayerful walk has spiritually impacted lives and brought them closer to the Holy Family. Those who are not able to participate in the full journey can join in at other points with shorter distances. Registration is now open at [walktomary.com](http://walktomary.com).



## MAY 8, 2022

### May Crowning and Celebration

Help us celebrate the month of our Mother with Champion Shrine's annual May Crowning. The celebration will begin following 11 a.m. Mass that Sunday with the crowning of Mary and the Shrine's traditional procession around its grounds.

## MAY 20-21, 2022

### Marian Conference – Mary as Our Refuge

Champion Shrine is holding its first-annual Marian Conference this year. Focused on Mary as our refuge, attendees will be able to develop a deeper understanding of Mary as a protector and guide, while also growing in greater intimacy with her Son, Jesus. Speakers include Cardinal Raymond Burke, Bishop David Ricken, Fr. Edward Looney, and Fr. Chris Alar, MIC. For more information on the weekend conference, visit [championshrine.org/marian-conference](http://championshrine.org/marian-conference).

## PLEASE NOTE

Please check the "Latest News" section of our website at [www.championshrine.org](http://www.championshrine.org) for the most up-to-date schedule and current guidelines

# Looking Back

## Christmas Celebrations

Dec. 24 & 25, 2021

This year, Champion Shrine's Christmas celebrations included a Christmas Eve Mass at midnight and Christmas Day Masses in the morning. The Chapel was beautifully decorated for the season with candles, poinsettias, and the Nativity.



## Eucharistic Healing Services

Nov. 27 & Dec. 18, 2021

The past two months have brought many blessings through the Shrine's Eucharistic Healing Services. The service includes a Eucharistic Procession followed by the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

## 2022 Disciples for Life

Conference Jan. 22, 2022

The Shrine was honored to host the Diocese of Green Bay Disciples for Life Conference on January 22. The event included keynote speaker Tori Peterson and a panel of local pro-life advocates.

## Nativity of Our Lord Novena and the Queen of Families Novena Dec. & Feb.

Thank you to all who participated in our December and February novenas! Over one thousand pilgrims signed up to receive the novena prayers daily by email as well. Our next novena will be the Annunciation of Our Lord Novena starting on March 17.



## A New Face at the Shrine

By Chelsey Hare, Director of Communications

Every new year brings new opportunities for joy to be found in our hearts and lives. As we enter a new year at the Shrine, I am thrilled to be on its grounds every day as its director of communications. Working here these past couple of months has already been such a blessing as I meet and get to know our pilgrims, volunteers, and staff. Everyone has been so welcoming, and I can see Christ's presence in every person I've encountered here. As you see me around the Shrine, don't hesitate to say hello, I'd love to get to know you.

Born and raised in Darboy, Wisconsin, I have a love for the Midwest, its people, and its culture. Have we ever stopped to ponder the beautiful gift it is that Mary chose the heart of the Midwest as one of the bases for her heart's mission to be done? In a quiet town, among farmland and trees – Mary chose us all to partake in her mission to bring others closer to Christ. She continues to call pilgrims near and far to visit and share in the mission of the Shrine – to “gather the children in the wild country and teach them what they needed to know for their salvation.”

I'm looking forward to this year and the blessings that can come from it, especially the blessing of sharing the events, stories, and mission of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help every day. I'm entrusting my time and the work to be done into her lasting words, “Go and fear nothing, I will help you.”

# Volunteer Spotlight

By Debbie Mercier, Pilgrimage/Volunteer Coordinator

As we look forward to another faith-filled season at the Shrine, we reflect on the words given to Adele by the Queen of Heaven:

*“What are you doing here in idleness while your companions are working in the vineyard of my Son?”*

*Adele replied: “What more can I do, dear Lady?”*

*“Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation.”*

The mission given to and carried forth by Adele so many years ago has continued through the service of others, especially through the dedication of our clergy, staff, and generous volunteers who truly understand “it is far more blessed to give than to receive.”

When we asked some of our volunteers the question, “What inspired or motivated you to become a volunteer at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help,” they gave the following insight:

*“I love to greet the pilgrims and make them feel welcome. The smiles that come across the faces of those we greet is so heartwarming. We are sharing the love of Our Lady with them.”*  
– Barb

*“Long ago, I was a volunteer for many causes, both religious and secular. I’d been to the Shrine many times, and for some reason had not thought of volunteering here. Then friends, Jan and Larry, suggested that I help here. So naturally, the rest is history. So happy to be part of the Shrine family.”*  
– Dave

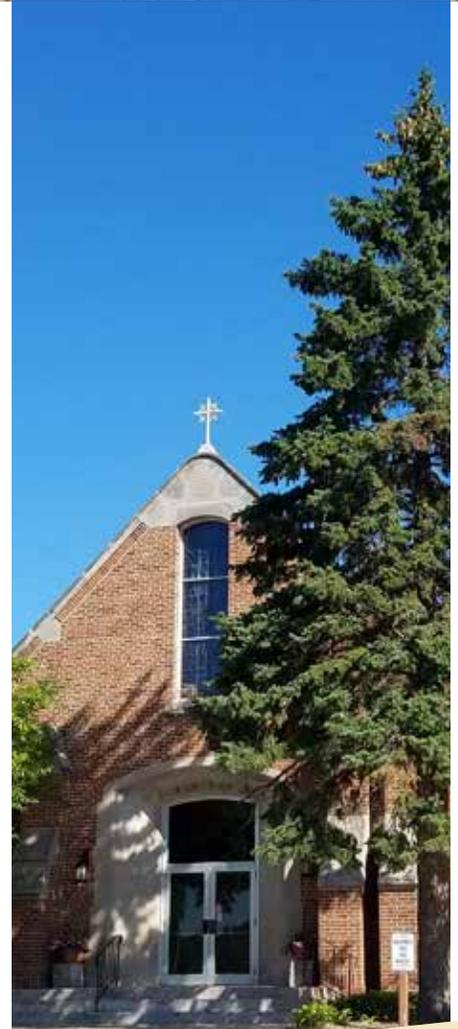


*“My friend Barb (who is a volunteer) called me one day and asked if I would consider volunteering some weekends because she said that is when they need the most help. I just had previously lost my husband and I was feeling like I lost my purpose and when Barb called I thought maybe this is something I can do. I know the value of volunteering. So, I met with the staff, they trained me, and the rest is history. The Shrine is such a peaceful, holy ground and I feel a great comfort there. When I know I am going in I truly get excited. Each and every staff member at the Shrine is wonderful. They treat everyone with a sincere respect and are always so appreciative. I go to Mass and go down in the Oratory where the Blessed Mother is to light a candle, write a prayer petition or just kneel in front of her and talk to her. These past 3 yrs truly have been a blessing for me.”*  
– Bev

Learn how you can support the Shrine and its mission through volunteering.

Visit [championshrine.org/volunteer](http://championshrine.org/volunteer)

Or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 920-866-2571x123 or email [volunteer@championshrine.org](mailto:volunteer@championshrine.org)



## Estate Planning – Making a Difference Beyond Your Lifetime

By: Kelsey Dorner, Development Director

Estate planning is important for many reasons; protecting your assets, maintaining your privacy and minimizing taxes are a few. Most importantly, estate planning provides peace of mind because it ensures your wishes are fulfilled.

When we think about the future and making a difference for the ones who will follow in our footsteps, estate planning is a great way to accomplish that goal. Financial advisors help millions of people through the estate planning process each year. Your life and your dreams transcend money and through estate planning your assets can also encompass your values. Your wishes may include using your assets to help secure your family's future, or you may choose to support an organization you're passionate about. Many generous individuals have remembered The Shrine while they were planning

their estate. What you may view as a minimal gift from your estate has a large, positive effect here at The Shrine for the next generation. Previously received estate gifts have allowed The Shrine to complete many much-needed projects on its grounds that would not otherwise have had funding. From purchasing new equipment to ensuring the day-to-day cost of operating The Shrine is covered, estate gifts prompt positive change while also securing your legacy.

One way to have a large impact is by listing The Shrine as your beneficiary for various policies; from life insurance to 401(k) accounts to IRA accounts. When you list a non-profit like the Shrine as your beneficiary, you not only support a worth-while cause as part of your legacy, but your estates and heirs may be able to offset taxes as well.



When we plan, we are bringing the future into the present. Why not create a plan that ensures your legacy and encompasses your values?

*If you are interested in listing The Shrine as a beneficiary, you should consult with your financial planner. If you would like to list The Shrine as your beneficiary and need The Shrine's EIN number please contact Kelsey Dorner, Development Director at (920) 866-2571 ext. 125 or at [kdorner@championshrine.org](mailto:kdorner@championshrine.org).*



*Looking to bless someone's life of prayer?*

**The Shrine happily accepts homemade rosaries to place in the Apparition Oratory for visitors to use.**

**For more information, contact Petrine Trembl at [ptrembl@championshrine.org](mailto:ptrembl@championshrine.org) or call 920-866-2571**



## 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 "Adeles'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. 125.

Thank you and may God bless you!

### ITEMS NEEDED

- Mass Decorations - \$500
- Salt for Walkways and Parking Lot - \$500
- New Computer for Rector - \$1,500
- Salt Spreader for Walkways Around Grounds - \$1,500
- New Tires for Plow Truck to Plow Parking Lot - \$1,500
- Fencing Repair From Wind Damage - \$2,500
- Novena Prayer Books - \$5,000

All donations made to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help are tax deductible, as permitted by law. Donations will be used, at the discretion of the organization, to further the purpose indicated by the donor.



## Donation Form

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

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Attention: \_\_\_\_\_  
4047 Chapel Drive  
New Franken, WI 54229

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General Donation

Adele's Wish List

Please contact me about including The Shrine in my will or estate plan, listing the The Shrine as a life insurance beneficiary or the sale of stock

How do you want to be acknowledged?

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## *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.  
 Sunday & Daily . . . . .11:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday . . . . .9:15 a.m.  
 Daily . . . . . 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

### Devotional Prayer

Rosary . . . . .Daily . . . . .10:30 a.m.  
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy . . . . .Daily . . . . . 3:00 p.m.  
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . .Daily . . . . . Noon – 3:00 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 . . . . . 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