

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

Summer 2020



CHAMPION SHRINE: SOWING THE SEEDS OF FAITH

Celebrating our 10th Anniversary as the only Approved Marian Apparition Site in the USA



Rector's Window

Grace and Blessings to you all!

Fr. John Broussard

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ (CCC 487)," This reality helps to direct our hearts and minds to God through Mary. Now, more than ever, this relationship to God needs to be established and strengthened. Our Blessed Mother can show us the way. Mary stood at the foot of the cross with her Son, suffering with Him and sharing in His torment. Often pilgrims visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Good help carrying heavy crosses, and it is in an encounter with our Lady that those visitors find peace amidst the storm.

We face so many natural problems in the world today; the greatest of which is fear. Fear is a clear sign that something is not of God, as our Lord came to dispel fear and doubt. We must never forget that the only response to physical (and moral) evils is a supernatural faith in the power and control of almighty God. The Father chose Mary as the instrument through whom He would come to us, so He also chose Mary as an instrument through whom we should go to Him.

The celebration of Mary's Assumption into heaven holds special significance by all those who participate in the life of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. It is always a day marked with special

solemnity (as it was also one of Adele's favorite feasts), and when many come to experience the love of Christ through the love of Mary. Please join us this August 15 in the celebration of Mary's Assumption.

Please join in our Novena of Masses and prayer in preparation for the celebration of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into heaven this August 15. Your novena requests and intentions will be remembered each day. Please unite with us in prayer during our Assumption novena 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. "The Immaculate Virgin, who knows the secret ways by which grace operates in souls and the silent work of this supernatural leaven in this world, knows also the great price which God attaches to your sufferings united to those of the Savior. They can greatly contribute, We have no doubt, to this Christian renewal of society which We implore of God through the powerful intercession of His Mother."

(Pope Pius XII, on pilgrimage to Lourdes)

yours in christ, Fr. John



Shrine Spotlight

Why Do Catholics Celebrate the Cross?

By: Fr. John Broussard

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated on September 14, has exceptional meaning for Christians and is understood as the core of our spirituality. No other culture or society would celebrate the execution and humiliation of its leader and champion, but Christians do so proudly. It is through the cross and all its cruelty that the Son of God, in obedience to the Father, overcame sin and the rulers of this world. God trampled down death by death through his resurrection and power to heal.

The words of our Lord show the power of the cross: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The point of taking up one's own cross is not only self-sacrifice, but also in doing so one unites oneself to the sacrifice of Christ on His cross. Christianity without the cross and resurrection is meaningless. Only by uniting ourselves to Christ's sacrifice on the cross can we enter into eternal life. This gives weight and significance to the ancient feast we celebrate on September 14. The sacrifice of Christ is not just a memory but a reality lived out in the hearts of those who accept the faith.

The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is:

"Ne should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free."

Now that God has suffered, all suffering can be salvific. This gives meaning to the smallest of inconveniences, to the greatest of pains; all of it can be transformed into the cross of Christ. What a gift is this cross on which was crucified so great a Savior. May we celebrate this coming feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross with renewed gratitude for the gifts of God.



Pilgrimage Corner

By: Kathy Ciha, Champion Shrine Pilgrimage Planning Coordinator

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is opened to all to worship. We have a new part-time pilgrimage/volunteer coordinator. Brianna McGann recently graduated from St. Norbert College in DePere, WI. She is currently working on setting up a new Volunteer software package to help manage our Volunteer Staff more efficiently and communicate more effectively. Our Volunteers help out in many ways as Greeters, Café Helpers, Gift Shop sales associates, Adorers, and general maintenance. We are always in need of Volunteers whether for one day, one day a week or whenever you are available. If interested, please contact Brianna.

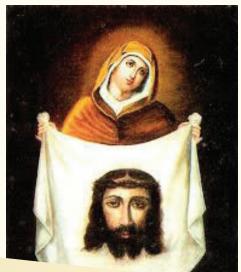
Large pilgrim groups have slowed down as a result of COVID-19.

However, we have seen smaller groups visit the Shrine. We will work with your group to make you feel as comfortable as possible when visiting the Shrine. As we look forward, now is the time to plan for our August 15th celebration, celebrating the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother. After the Rosary procession join us for a picnic lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookie, soda and water.

The weekend of September 11–12, we will be hosting a Fillipino celebration on Saturday and Blessing of the Grapes on Sunday with a luncheon featuring locally harvested items.







Our Lady of Peñafrancia Prayer Opportunities and Filipino Ina Festival

Join us in September for Our Lady of Peñafrancia Prayer Opportunities and Filipino Ina Festival. Prayer and worship opportunities include:

September 2-10 | Novena to Divino Rostro

Go to http://www.championshrine.org, "Resources" page for Novena prayer

September 3-11 | Novena to Our Lady of PeñafranciaGo to http://www.championshrine.org, "Resources" page for Novena prayer

September 11 | 11 AM Feast Day Mass for Divino Rostro

Saturday, September 12 | 11 AM Feast Day Mass for Nativity of Mary with Blessing of the Grapes and Farm to Table Luncheon Divino Rostro in Chapel

September 13 | 11 AM Feast Day Mass for Our Lady of Peñafrancia with Eucharistic Rosary Procession

For more information about area accommodations for this weekend, call our pilgrimage coordinators at 920-866-2571 ext 113.

Shrine Gift Shop and Café

The Gift Shop staff at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help remained busy during the COVID-19 shut down. While preparing to wax our age-old linoleum floor - we decided it was the perfect time to get rid of it and put in new ceramic tile. So, with our Blessed Mother beside us. we ended up with new tile, new paint, and a remerchandised gift shop. We were able to get rid of old fixtures, update with some new fixtures and organize product by category. We moved the location of the checkout counter and ended up with more space for the customers to move about. We also took out a section of wall and now have two entrances allowing for better traffic flow.

Our Gift Shop is unique to the area as we offer many Catholic religious products. We are most proud of Our Lady of Good Help items ranging from: Our Lady of Good Help Portraits, Rosaries, books, coffee mugs and medals. Don't forget our crucifixes and indoor statues. Our cement statues featuring Our Lady

of Grace, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph, St. Michael and many more are very popular items for those visiting our Shrine near and far. We also have a variety of Religious Art including framed prints, wood panels, and canvas.

We have over 300 titles of Catholic and Christian based books, prayer books, bibles and current best sellers. Our Children's section offers bible story books, tiny saint key chains, plush animals and activity books. We also feature many good books for catechesis.

Our Gift section offers a variety of gifts for Baptism, 1st Holy Communion. Confirmation and Marriage. There are rosaries. keepsake boxes, prayer books, prints and many more. Our Jewelry is of exceptional quality with many religious necklaces and bracelets. We have over 300 titles of Catholic and Christian based books, prayer books, bibles and current best sellers.

Our Café now features fresh homemade sandwiches and wraps from local businesses. Bottled water and beverages offer a convenient way to take with you. Don't forget your snacks including Seroogy's chocolate candy (a long time local business) and fresh made popcorn.

If you are unable to visit us and are looking for something special, give our knowledgeable staff a call and we can help.







Calendar of 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 atwww.championshrine.org

IULY

SATURDAY, JULY 25:

11 AM Mass; 12:15 PM Eucharistic Healing Prayer Service with Anointing of the Sick; 12:35 PM-1:15 PM luncheon hosted by the Green Bay Area Order of Malta 1:15 PM GK

Chesteron Scholar and Author, Dale Ahlquist speaking about Hope; 2:00-2:30 PM book signing with Dale Ahlquist



AUGUST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6:

11 AM Feast Day Mass for the Transfiguration of the Lord

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 9:

Tri-Association Order of Malta Virtual Family Pilgrimage with Mass and Activities online TBA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 15:

Novena for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you would like additional prayer cards acknowledging your prayer intentions/petitions for yourself or others, please contact our office at 920-866-2571. If you would like to pray along with us remotely at Champion Shrine, please sign up to receive an email daily with the Novena prayer at championshrine.org/novenas/

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9:

11 AM Adele Brise Day Mass with Anointing of the Sick

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 16:

Assumption Weekend at Champion Shrine. Pray this novena with us remotely from wherever you are in the world at championshrine.org/novenas/

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15:

11 AM Feast Day Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Eucharistic Rosary Procession followed by picnic lunch on site after Mass and Procession. Food items will be available for purchase.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29:

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

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:

11 AM Feast Day Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:

11 AM Adele Brise Day Mass with Anointing of the Sick

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

Our Lady of Penafrancia - Filipinio Weekend and Harvest Festival at Champion Shrine, dates and times of activities TBA at championshrine.org

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

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 October

OCTOBER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9:

National Novena to Our Lady of Good Help. If you would like additional prayer cards acknowledging your prayer intentions for yourself or others, please contact our office at 920-866-2571. If you would like to pray along with us remotely at Champion Shrine, please sign up to receive an email daily with the Novena prayer at championshrine.org/novenas/

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1:

4 PM Opening Mass of National Novena to Our Lady of Good Help with the Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay, at the Mother of Mercy Hall at National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help followed by a dinner gala at the Radisson Hotel & Convention Center hosted by St. Gianna Clinic to feature a program and talk about Father Patrick Peyton whose famous phrase "The Family that Prays Together Stays Together" and rosary rallies throughout the world, inspired millions of Catholic Faithful and will be the basis for the Oct. 2 Champion Shrine's Rosary Bowl

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2:

2 PM Confessions and 3 PM Champion Rosary Bowl, inspired by Father Patrick Peyton, with The Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay and The Rev. Richard Heilman and others. Other events TBA. See "Latest News" section of http://www.championshrine.org

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4:

11 AM CDT Mass followed by Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals on site after Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31: 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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9:

11 AM Adele Brise Day Mass with Anointing of the Sick

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:

11 AM Feast Day Mass for St. Nicholas

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8:

11 AM Feast Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10th anniversary Celebration of the Designation of America's church approved Marian Apparition site with speaker and events TBA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9:

11 AM Adele Brise Day Mass with Anointing of the Sick

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12:

11 AM Feast Day Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25:

Novena for the Nativity of the Lord. If you would like additional prayer cards acknowledging your prayer intentions/ petitions for yourself or others, please contact our office at 920-866-2571. If you would like to pray along with us remotely at Champion Shrine, please sign up to receive an email daily with the Novena prayer at championshrine.org/novenas/

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25:

11:30 AM group rosary, 12 AM Midnight Mass with the Fathers of Mercy

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25:

11 AM Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26:

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



If you would like more information regading making a donation or volunteering at The Shrine please visit our website, www.championshrine.org, or call (920) 866-2571.

Communications and Events Update

By: Corrie Campbell, Communications Director, Events Coordinator

"Gather the Children in this Wild Country and Teach them what they should know for Salvation.."

The cover photo of this, our summer edition of the The Good News, is a tribute to the seeds of faith planted by Adele Brise, visionary and see'er to whom the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared at Champion. Be it in the past with the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross, or in the present day with the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity and Fathers of Mercy, for those who carry on Adele's mission and carry forth Mary's message, Champion Shrine is a place to foster the power of prayer; a refuge in which they can fully engage pilgrims of all ages in their faith.

The chapel at Robinsonville, on the grounds that encompass the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, began as a place for Catechesis, the genesis of it rooted in the seeds planted by the Blessed Mother through her locutions when she encountered Adele Brise, the see'er at Champion, in 1859.

It was under the mantle of the Blessed Mother, through Adele's subsequent watering and tending to the garden, that we have all grown deeper in the roots of our faith. For many of us who work and volunteer at the Shrine, the past months in which we reopened to Mass again have felt like a prolific rebloom of the rose bush after it has been cut back. We have seen and hosted many who have returned to Champion with their faith renewed, re-energized and in full bloom.

It is in that spirit of renewed optimism, under the guidance of Our Blessed Mother and with the complete faith in her Son, Jesus, that we have begun offering (with special distancing and capacity guidelines in place) a number of special events we hope you will attend if you are able.

First, please note that we have returned to regular daily Mass schedule at 11 AM, adding the Eucharistic Rosary Procession at noon every Sunday and additional Mass times at 8:30 AM Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday.



Secondly, every Sunday, following Mass, we will continue the Eucharistic Rosary Procession that began during the time in which were unable to offer daily Mass.

Third, we have begun offering, once again, the sacraments of anointing, both on the Ninth of Every Month at 11 AM Mass in which we honor



our See'er Adele Brise and on the last Saturday of every month at 11 AM Mass when we host a 12 PM Eucharistic Healing Prayer Service and Anointing of the Sick. Also returning is the post Mass luncheon on Last Saturday, following the anointing, offered courtesy of the Green Bay Area Order of Malta, whose collective charism it is to serve the sick and the needy.

A special program will also follow the July 25 Mass with Eucharistic Healing Prayer Service. Dale Ahlquist, GK Chesteron Scholar, renowned author and founder of







Chesterton Academies will speak on the subject of "Hope and the Power of Prayer" in these times. The program will begin at 1:30 PM with a book signing to follow. There is no cost to attend, but a free will offering will be accepted. Registration is required. Please call to register: 920-866-2571 ext 111.

The next major event will be our August 15th Special Feast Day Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Mother of Mercy Hall, with indoor and outdoor tented seating. This year, as a prelude to the Mass, we return to our local roots with a classic song once sung daily at the Chapel that was unearthed by Shrine

patron Arlene Molzahn. Arlene grew up in the area and is a respected local historian and teacher who will be offering a talk about the Peshtigo Fire during our National Novena to Our Lady of Good Help Oct. 1-9. The song, called "The Chapel Song" was once sung daily at the Chapel by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross, who operated the Chapel for 90-plus years. A new video about their ministries and mission work at Champion Shrine has been released that features the Sisters singing the Chapel Song. You can view it online by entering: https://vimeo.com/425500310. Following the Mass and Eucharistic Rosary Procession August 15, we will, once again, host a picnic lunch on site, with hamburgers, hot dogs and other picnic lunch items available at low cost to you should you wish to stay on site following the procession.

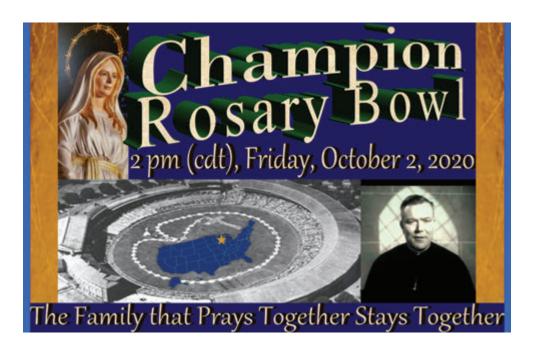
September brings our first Filipino Ina Festival and Blessing of the Grapes, Sept. 11-13. Please see the Events and Latest News sections of our website for updated details.





This Oct 1-5, 2020, as part of the National Novena to Our Lady of Good Help Oct. 1-9, we will host Weekend of Champions at Champion, a series events that we hope will bring you and your loved ones to Champion Shrine if you are able.

Oct. 1, 2020, at 4 PM we will hold Opening Mass on site at Mother of Mercy Hall with the Most Hon. David L. Ricken, Bishop for Green Bay, celebrating the opening of the nine-day National Novena to Our Lady of Good Help. The Mass will be followed by an off-site benefit gala at the Radisson Hotel for St. Gianna Molla Clinic, also hosted by David L. Ricken in conjunction with Dr. Robin Goldsmith and the Medical Association. Catholic The event will feature a special program about Father Patrick Peyton whose life mission it was to spread the good news of the power of the Rosary. Peyton's rosary rallies, which featured many celebrities from the mid-century era joining him in prayer, inspired the modern-day Rosary Bowl Series one of which will take place at Champion Shrine the following day, Oct. 2. For more information about attending or sponsoring a table at the St. Gianna Molla Clinic Benefit Gala with the Most Rev. David Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay, call: 920-884-3590



The Champion Shrine Rosary Bowl will take place Friday, Oct. 2, beginning with confessions on site at 2 PM and a Recitation of the Rosary led by Father Richard Heilman and other special guests at 3 PM. The event will be held outdoors, with distancing guidelines followed.

Oct. 3 and 4th we will hold Mass at 8:30 AM and 11 AM, with the Oct. 4th 11 AM Feast Day Mass for St. Francis, followed by the Blessings of the Animals.

Oct. 5th, 2020 will be the Feast Day Mass for St. Faustina, with veneration of the first-class relic of St. Faustina offered throughout the Day Oct. 5.









COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Radio Listeners:

We continue our partnership in media with Relevant Radio which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. We thank them for their support or our mission and message throughout the years.

Additionally, Radio Maria – USA listeners will able to hear many of livestreamed Masses and we will be adding a special program for Shrine content monthly.

Ave Maria Radio which has run numerous feature interviews about the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help on the popular program Power from the Pews, will feature a new program in that time slot hosted by the same awardwinning broadcast journalist, Peggy Stanton. In her new radio program, "A Place of Peace" Stanton will cover stories that examine the role of peace in people's lives. As part of the story series for this program, Stanton will feature the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. To listen in to upcoming programs, download the ave maria radio app or go to: www.avemariaradio.net.

Website:

We have added a link on our website for our livestream that goes directly to our You Tube channel. Masses that have been livestreamed are also archived there. In addition, we are adding a new page to the site in which we would like you to share the stories of prayers answered. Please watch for that and add your stories.



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. 114.

Thank you and may God bless you!

Items Needed

- Altar Cloth (\$252)
- Altar Cloth (\$476)
- Sanctuary Candles (\$798)
- Shrine Office Equipment (\$2,600)
- Novena Prayer Books (\$5,000)
- Two Way Radio System for Events (\$6,000)
- Cedar Trees Around the Grounds (\$6,500)
- Safety Posts Separating Vehicles and Pedestrians (\$19,000)

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.



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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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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	o.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 $\operatorname{Sick}\nolimits$.	.Last Saturday after 11:0	00 a.m. Mass
	Fatima Holy Hour	.Sundays at 2:00 p.m.	
d	lele Brise Day - Ninth of Each N	Month	

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.