

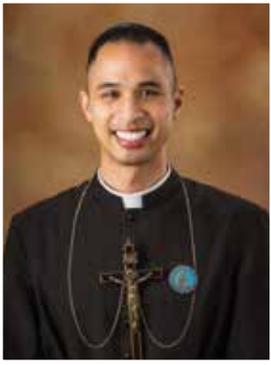


THE GOOD NEWS

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

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RECTOR'S WINDOW

Fr. Joseph Aytona, C.P.M

A Marian Feast Day added to the Liturgical Calendar

Dear Friends in Christ,

On October 7th, 2019, Pope Francis added the optional memorial of our Lady of Loreto to the universal Catholic Calendar. This feast day of our Lady is now celebrated on December 10th of every year and was instituted to especially highlight the importance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her virtues. Cardinal Sarah, (then) the prefect of the Congregation of Divine Worship, said this during its promulgation:

“This celebration will help all people, especially families, youth, and religious, to imitate the virtues of that perfect

disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mother, who, in conceiving the Head of the Church, also accepted us as her own.”

Along with emphasizing the virtues of our Lady, the new feast day was instituted to help stress the importance of family life. The house of Loreto was not only where the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived Jesus in her womb, but it was also where the Holy Family lived. Pious tradition states that the House of Loreto was “lifted” by angels and brought around Europe, which finally settled in Loreto, Italy. It is currently one of the most popular pilgrim

sites in Europe. Pope Francis also said that the House of Loreto is “a privileged place where young people can come in search of their vocation.” Therefore, as we continue to go to *Jesus through Mary*, it is a blessing to emphasize our Lady’s role in our redemption. Thus, my recommended resolution to you as we start a new liturgical and calendar year is to pray the *Litany of Loreto* often. Although it may seem repetitive, the many titles of our Lady will help us concentrate on specific aspects of the spiritual life, especially in the growth of grace through the practicing of virtue. Here at the Shrine of our Lady of Good Help, we pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also known as the *Litany of Loreto*, at least once a week (after we pray the Rosary). May the prayers of our Lady, Queen of Families, help us all become saints!

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Joseph Aytona, CPM



SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Questions and Answers about “Litanies”

By Fr. Joseph Aytona, C.P.M

What is a Litany?

The word litany comes from the Greek word meaning “supplication” or “petition.” From early times, the Church has incorporated litanies in her liturgies, such as the Litany of Saints during an Ordination Mass. Also, the Church has composed litanies for devotional purposes, such as the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

How is a Litany beneficial to my spiritual life and why so many repetitive responses?

Litanies can help us focus on a particular saint or virtue. For example, the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus stresses mercy and reparation. The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary focuses on the many titles of our Lady and how she helps specific groups or people, such as the titles: Queen of Families, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, etc.

The reason litanies seem so repetitive is that they give us an example of how to pray. First, we should try to pray “without ceasing.” Although we can’t formally pray “all the time,” a litany will help us establish a habit of repetitive prayer. In other words, the goal is to be *thinking about God all the time* or to *contemplate His love* in the “background” of our busyness. Secondly, praying litanies reminds us of our dependency upon God, especially by practicing the virtue of humility. When someone prays a litany and constantly repeats words such as “have mercy on us” or “pray for us,” we are reminded that without God, we can do nothing; with God, we can do everything!

Who approves Litanies?

The Church, in her wisdom, approves litanies for public use. People may have litanies that they pray for private use, such as the Litany of the Holy Spirit (which many pray in preparation for Total Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary, according to St. Louis de Montfort).

What other Litanies are approved by the Church?

Litanies of: the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and the Most Precious Blood. Many people pray the Litany of Humility as well.



GIFT SHOP AND CAFÉ

Celebrate your Holidays with Something Special from The Shrine!

By Shrine Gift Shop Staff

As we near the holiday season, the National Shrine in Champion is where you can find unique gifts that foster the Catholic faith in your heart and home. In the spirit of Advent and Christmas, the staff at the gift shop has gathered to share a small gift guide to inspire your season of giving.



Something for Her:

Our Queen of Heaven Statue, a replica of the statue that sits within our High Altar at the Champion Shrine, is a beautiful reminder of our dignity and worth as a Daughter of God that can be placed next to your bed or prayer area.



Things for Home:

Our Lady's Apparitions Candle

Reflect on our Blessed Mother's apparitions and words across time and around the world with this special candle. Including Our Lady of Good Help, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Our Lady of Fatima, this candle is a perfect way to light your home with the beauty of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Winter Light-up Chapel

Get cozy this winter and enjoy this beautifully lit chapel as it displays glittering "snow." A fan favorite in the Gift Shop, this light-up chapel is a great way to show the season's beauty! It's a perfect addition to your living room end table or mantle!

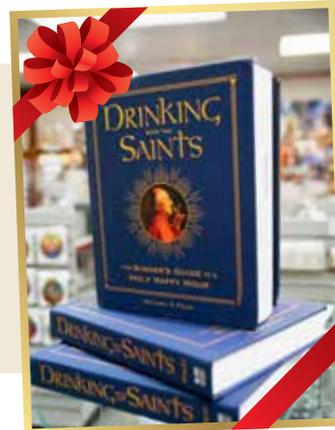
Nativity Sets:

The Shrine Gift Shop also has a limited supply of Nativity sets in various sizes!

Something for Him:

"*Drinking with the Saints* becomes an occasion (if not an excuse) to slow one's pace, savor a drink, and slip not into inebriation but a relaxed look at the saints."

— Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J., host of EWTN Live



St. Nick's "Stocking" Stuffer:

Walk with the saints every day with these fun and comfy socks! Made by Sockreligious, they are perfect for those with a love for a particular saint - from St. John Paul II to The Blessed Virgin Mary.



THE GIFT SHOP AND CAFÉ HOURS

Mon.-Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. & Sundays 12:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed November 24-25 and December 24-25

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Hearing From Our Volunteers

By Debbie Mercier, Pilgrimage/Volunteer Coordinator

There is no better place to witness faith and love in action than at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help!

The summer was a very busy time! In addition to the servers, and regular and special event volunteers, who graciously put their faith into action, we were assisted by two high school students who came regularly to assist on the grounds and help where needed. Fr Tim from St. Bernard and St. Louis Parish in Abbotsford, Wisconsin, visited the Shrine with a group of Hispanic youth this summer. This group of young adults worked hard to help clean the Mother

of Mercy Hall and beautify the grounds while still finding time to pray and attend Mass. May God bless all of you for your service to our Blessed Mother at her Shrine!

The Shrine continues to be blessed with many wonderful volunteers who transform their faith into acts of kindness and love. We again return to our Volunteer Spotlight with more insight given when asked the question:

“What inspired or motivated you to become a volunteer at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help?”:



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

Visit our website at championshrine.org/volunteer

Or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 920-866-2571x123 or via email at volunteer@championshrine.org

*Faith in action is love,
and love in action is service.
By transforming that faith
into living acts of love,
we put ourselves in contact
with God himself,
with Jesus our Lord.*

Mother Teresa

“What motivated me to volunteer at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help was the fact that we have an approved Marian Shrine in our backyard. I cannot think of anywhere I feel closer to God than at a Shrine where Our Lady has appeared to lead us to her Son.” - Sandra

“I am 64 years old and have been coming there since I was in high school. At that time I was growing up in the Marinette/Menominee area. There was a span of about 6 years that I forgot about the Shrine. I moved to Green Bay in the mid 80's and attended a Rosary Rally there. At that time the Rosary Rally was for the Consecration of Russia. I have always loved the Shrine and I feel because of this Our Lady will protect our area when everything else falls apart.” - Scott

“I have a very strong devotion to the Blessed Mother. I believe she brought me up here. She knows what I need.” - Violeta

Volunteers from Abbotsford, Wisconsin



PILGRIMAGE CORNER

By Kathy Ciha, Pilgrimage Coordinator

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help had a very blessed year! Throughout 2022, the Shrine served 215 pilgrim groups which consisted of 48 parishes, 35 schools, and many religious and private pilgrimages. There was an increase in the number of Diocesan and school retreats. Many attended Mass, had speakers and allowed time for prayer. Mother of Mercy Hall was a great place to host these one-day retreats, which allowed for sharing ideas and future planning.

The Shrine hosted major conferences beginning in January with the Diocesan Respect for Life, the Esto Vir Men of Christ in March, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in May, the Shrine's first Marian Conference also held in May, the Order of Malta in August, the Flame of Love in September, and the Green Bay Youth Conference in November. While the number of groups grew from 202 to 215 this year, the number of pilgrims associated with the groups increased by over 3,500. This was primarily an increase in the number of pilgrims attending the conferences, which doubled from 2021. The Marian Conference, Order of Malta, and Flame

of Love Conference each had around 300 attendees.

The pilgrimages and retreats held at the Shrine were focused on bringing the pilgrims closer to Jesus and our Blessed Mother. The many events exemplified the Mission of the Shrine by praying for the conversion of sinners and teaching others what they should know for salvation.

In addition to the many spiritual events held throughout the year, the sisters from the Missionaries of the Word held a special Mass for two sisters who professed their first vows on September 8th, the Nativity of the Blessed Mother. Many priests, deacons, and relatives came to celebrate and pray for the sisters. The sisters and all involved enjoyed the day.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help continues to spread the message and mission entrusted to Adele by our Blessed Mother.

This holy place serves as a place of refuge, where pilgrims come to find peace, protection and growth in their faith. May the mission continue in 2023.



2022 Marian Conference

October 8, 2022
Miracle of the Fire

Looking Back

Feast of the Assumption at Champion Shrine, August 15

The Shrine celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Mother with nearly 3,000 pilgrims visiting throughout the day. We welcomed Bishop Dan Felton of the Diocese of Duluth as the Celebrant for Mass. The Eucharistic Rosary procession that followed Mass was so large that the entire rosary path was filled! The traditional family picnic lunch was a big hit (we sold out of hamburgers and hotdogs). Thank you to all pilgrims and volunteers who celebrated this very special day at the Shrine.

Belgian Harvest Festival, September 17

Our Belgian Harvest Festival featured the local history and culture of the Belgian farmers who settled in this region, an important aspect of Adele's life. The Belgian Heritage Center sponsored local information and videos about the life of the Belgians in this area and the effects of the Peshtigo Fire. Pilgrims witnessed the blessing of crops and tractors and enjoyed a lunch featuring Booyah (a local chicken soup recipe), Belgian pies, and fall desserts.

Anniversary of the Miracle of the Fire and Apparition, October 8 & 9

Our annual celebration of the anniversaries of the Great Fire and believed apparition date of the Blessed Virgin Mary the next day was widely attended – both by locals around the region and nationally. On the evening of October 8, the account of the great fire was read aloud with all-night Adoration and rosary processions on the hour. The next day, the Shrine celebrated Our Lady of Good Help's appearance to Adele Brise on what is believed to be October 9, 1859. Our dear Bishop Ricken celebrated Mass with a Rosary Procession and Anointing of the Sick following.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last Saturday of Each Month

Eucharistic Healing Service

After 11 am Mass every last Saturday of the Month, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and presented among the faithful. This is followed by the Anointing of the Sick for those needing the Sacrament. The upcoming Eucharistic Healing Services will be held on November 26, December 31, and January 28.

The 9th of Every Month

Anniversary Day of the Apparition

Every 9th of the Month, the Shrine celebrates the day that Mary appeared to Adele with an Anointing of the Sick blessing for those who need the Sacrament. Mass begins at 11 am.

November through April

Eucharistic Family Holy Hour with Guided Lectio Divina

To emphasize the Catholic Church's call for Eucharistic Revival, the National Shrine will now have a Eucharistic Family Holy Hour with Guided Lectio Divina from the Fathers of Mercy. The holy hour will occur after 11 am Mass every Sunday from November through April. This will take the place of the Shrine's outdoor Eucharistic Rosary Procession during the winter.

November 24, 2022

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join Champion Shrine on a day of thanksgiving for all of God's blessings. Mass begins at 11 am!

PLEASE NOTE

Before making any plans to visit, please check the "Latest News" Section of our website at www.championshrine.org for the most up-to-date schedule and current guidelines.



December 10, 2022

Rorate Caeli Mass –

Advent Candle Mass and Breakfast

Rorate Caeli, Latin for "Drop down, ye heavens," is an ancient liturgy celebrated in Advent to honor Our Lady. Mass begins at 6:30 am with candles lighting the Chapel and continues as the sun rises, representing Mary who brought light into the world. A hot breakfast and a special talk by the Fathers of Mercy will follow. To sign up to host a table for your friends, please email kciha@championshrine.org.



December 17-25, 2022

Novena for the Nativity of Our Lord

Join the Shrine in praying its annual Novena for the Nativity of Our Lord. Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find the prayer to Our Lady of Good Help and a card in which you can include your prayer intentions for this Novena. For those interested in receiving a daily novena prayer reminder via email, visit championshrine.org/novenas.

December 24-25, 2022

Christmas Eve and Day Masses

Our celebration of our Lord's birth begins on December 24 with the National Shrine's Midnight Mass starting at 12 p.m. Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

Additional Wednesday Mass

The National Shrine has now added a regular Mass time on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Rorate Caeli: An Advent Time-Honored Tradition

By Chelsey Hare, Director of Communications

On Saturday, December 10, the National Shrine in Champion will hold a special Advent Candlelight Mass commonly known as Rorate Caeli. While this Liturgy has deep roots within the history of the Catholic Church, the Advent devotion has somewhat faded in practice throughout the years. Recently, there has been a resurgence within the Church to honor and reintroduce the Rorate Caeli Mass to the faithful and reignite the beauty of our Church's liturgical heritage. But what is it? Why was it originally celebrated? To the right are some of your most asked questions about this cherished Advent devotion.



What is a Rorate Caeli Mass?

Rorate Caeli is Latin for “Drop down, ye heavens” and are the opening words of the Introit (which is an opening psalm or antiphon), coming from Isaiah 45:8.

“Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.”

“Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior.”

— Isaiah 45:8

A Rorate Caeli Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world.

What is the History of the Rorate Caeli?

The Rorate Caeli Mass originated in the Middle Ages as one of the many Advent devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Liturgy was very popular among the people, especially in German-speaking areas. The Rorate Mass was commonly celebrated on all Saturdays during Advent, with some areas having a Rorate Mass several or even all weekdays in the season.

How is it Celebrated?

Mass begins in darkness before the sunrise, with only candles lighting the church to remind us of a world in darkness and sin that is anticipating the coming of the “Light of the World”. As Mass progresses, the church increasingly becomes brighter until the risen sun fills it with the light of day. As a votive Mass for the Blessed Mother, white vestments are worn instead of violet normally used during Advent. The Mass readings and prayers highlight the prophecies of the coming of Christ and Mary's role in bringing the Light into the world.

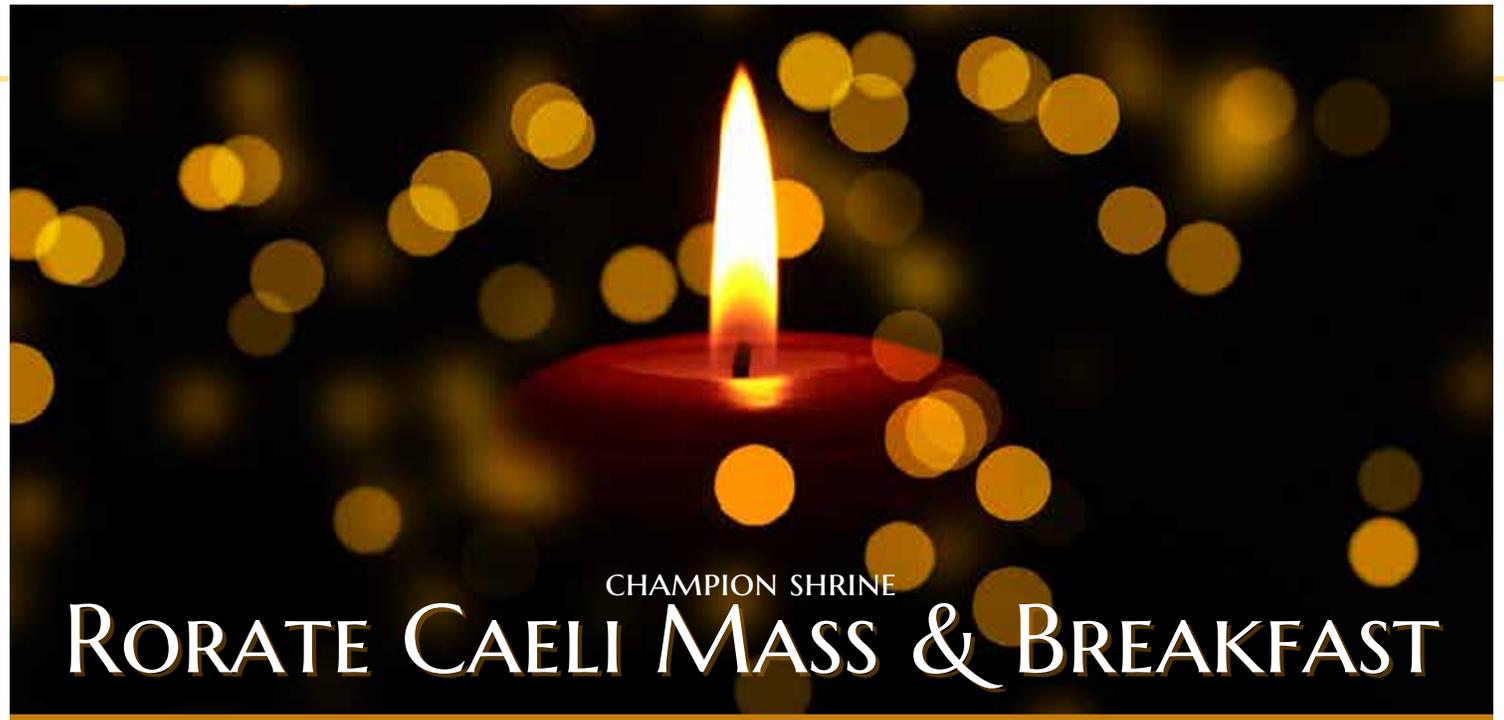
How can I participate?

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion Wisconsin will celebrate a Rorate Caeli Mass on Saturday, December 10 at 6:30am. Mass will be followed by the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto (see Fr. Joseph's article on page 1) and a hot breakfast in Mother of Mercy Hall. Registration is required so we know how many to plan for. More details can be found on the following page. We encourage you to join us in the beautiful liturgy and tradition!

INTERESTED IN STAYING UP TO DATE ON UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS AT THE SHRINE?

Sign up for **“Under Her Mantle”**
The Shrine's new monthly email update!

To sign up, visit championshrine.org/#newsletter



CHAMPION SHRINE

RORATE CAELI MASS & BREAKFAST

WHEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

WHAT TIME

6:30 AM MASS
 7:30 AM ROSARY
 8:15 AM BREAKFAST
 9:15 AM ADVENT REFLECTION
 10:00 AM CLOSING

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Join the National Shrine in Champion for its celebration of the Rorate Caeli Mass, an ancient liturgy honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary! The event begins in the darkness of the morning and, as Mass is celebrated in Candlelight, the Sun rises and illumines the chapel. The Rosary will be prayed together after Mass, with breakfast and a special Advent reflection by the Fathers of Mercy to follow.

The Breakfast following Mass is a time to invite your loved ones and treat them to a special Advent meal. To host a table for breakfast, please contact kciha@championshrine.org. You may also attend as an individual.

HOSTING A TABLE

If you would like to host a table by inviting family and friends (8 to 10 people) – please email kciha@championshrine.org by December 3rd. \$50.00 per table.

BREAKFAST TABLE THEME

If interested in hosting a table, we encourage you to decorate it with this year’s theme!

This Year's Theme: Candles!

\$5

If wishing to attend on your own - a \$5.00 fee per person is appreciated. Please register by email to kciha@championshrine.org by December 3rd!

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Being Good Stewards of God's Gifts

By: Kelsey Dorner, Development Director

Everything we have is a gift from God, gifts entrusted to us to serve Him. Therefore, we all have the responsibility to be good stewards of these precious gifts. We want to thank all the devoted stewards who chose to serve God through their support of the Shrine.

The Shrine is blessed to have dedicated volunteers who share their time and talents throughout the year. We thank them for all they do to welcome pilgrims to Our Lady's Shrine and serve as God's instruments.

The Shrine is also grateful for our donors who give generously throughout the year. Because donations fund 80% of the Shrine's operating budget with the remaining funded through the Gift Shop, their financial support is essential to the daily needs of this special place. Various special projects at the Shrine, like the third confessional in the Apparition Chapel, would not be possible without generous stewards who gave the financial support needed to make these projects possible.



If you are interested in learning how you can use your gifts to help the Shrine, please visit www.championshrine.org

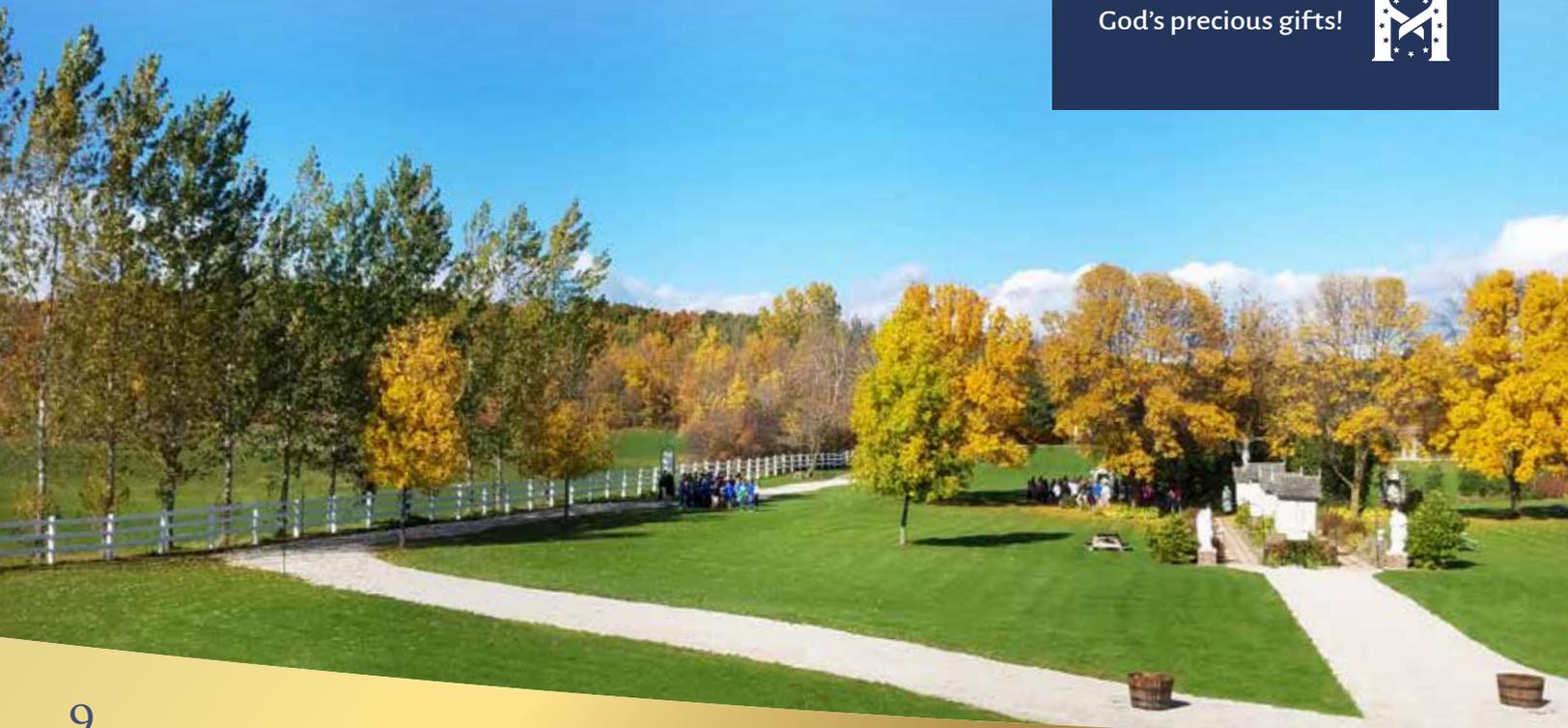
The Shrine is always looking for volunteers to help in various ways, from helping with novena cards, working in the gift shop, and helping on special event days. There are volunteer opportunities that can fit your schedule!

You can also join the many generous supporters by donating online. Any level of support is greatly appreciated and has a lasting impact here at the Shrine. May we all be good stewards of God's precious gifts!



*"As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another as good stewards
of God's varied graces."*

(1 Peter 4:10)





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 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. 125.

Thank you and may God bless you!

ITEMS NEEDED

- Liturgical Items for Mass - \$100
- Chapel Door Repair - \$500
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer Cards - \$600
- Water Bottle Filler for Mother of Mercy Hall - \$1,400
- New Refrigerator for the Schoolhouse Café - \$2,600
- Roadside Chapel Informational Booth - \$20,000
- Above Ground Fuel Tanks - \$22,000

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:

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

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City

State Zip

Phone Number

Email

Donation Amount \$ _____

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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HOURS FOR SHRINE SPIRITUAL LIFE, GIFT SHOP, CAFE AND GROUNDS

Apparition Chapel, Apparition Oratory, and the Shrine Grounds

Daily 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Mass

Daily & Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 5:45 p.m.

Sunday (May-Oct) 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Daily 10:00 a.m., 12:00 and 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:15 a.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

Eucharistic Rosary Procession Sundays (May-Oct.) 12:00 p.m.

Family Holy Hour with Guided Lectio Divina .. Sundays (Nov.-Apr.) 12:00 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 Center

May – October 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

November – April 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Check our website for Holiday Schedules*