

CHAMPION SHRINE YEARLY EVENTS



THE SHEPHERD PROJECT

A special season of prayer for every U.S. Bishop by name. From May through October, the Shrine prays for one Bishop each day, entrusting them to the Blessed Mother. **Learn more at championshrine.org/shepherd-project.**

MAY - OCTOBER



WALK TO MARY

Walk with Mary on a 22-mile pilgrimage from the National Shrine of St. Joseph in De Pere to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. This unique journey offers a powerful way to grow in faith and community with the Blessed Mother. **Learn more or register at walktomary.com.**

MAY 2



MARIAN CONFERENCE

Champion Shrine's Marian Conference, exploring this year's theme: Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners. We invite you to deepen your understanding of Mary and grow closer to her Son, Jesus. **Learn more at championshrine.org/marian-conference**

MAY 22 - 23



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

One of Champion Shrine's longest-standing traditions! Pilgrims from across the country gather to celebrate Mass on the Feast of the Assumption, followed by a historic rosary procession around the grounds. A picnic lunch will be available for a small fee.

AUGUST 15
ALL DAY



ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE FIRE

On the anniversary of the Great Fire of 1871, the Shrine and the Belgian Heritage Center share the story of the Belgian settlers. That evening, thousands of candles light the grounds as the miracle of the fire is read aloud. The night continues with all-night Adoration and hourly rosary processions.

OCTOBER 8
ALL DAY



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

We celebrate the anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions to Adele Brice in 1859. Observed as a Solemnity at the Shrine, this is a day of highest honor for Our Lady of Champion and the pilgrims who come to commemorate this special moment. **Learn more at championshrine.org/oloc-solemnity**

OCTOBER 9



ADVENT RORATE CAELI MASS

An ancient Advent 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 illuminates the chapel. Hot breakfast and a special Advent reflection will follow Mass.

DECEMBER 5



EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICES LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH*

After the 11:30 a.m. Mass on every last Saturday of the Month, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in Adoration. This is followed by the Anointing of the Sick for those who need the Sacrament.

*3RD SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2026

OTHER 2026 EVENTS



SHRINE LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 1-4

Journey alongside Fr. Anthony Stephen, rector of Champion Shrine, in a four-day evening Lenten Mission exploring the timeless parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 and how it connects to God's mercy in our everyday lives.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

MARCH 6-11

We are honored to host the international tour of a life-size sculpture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, arriving from the Basilica in Mexico City. This statue is traveling in preparation for the 500th anniversary of the apparition. **Learn more at <https://championshrine.org/guadalupe/>**



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

APRIL 10-19

Eucharistic Miracles of the World, an international exhibit created by St. Carlo Acutis. Showcasing miraculous events from around the globe, this display invites pilgrims and parish groups into a deeper encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.



SAINTS OF AMERICA

JULY 1-9

Celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with a first-of-its-kind special exhibit honoring all the *Saints, Blessed, Venerables, and Servants of God* from the United States. Discover their inspiring stories and learn how we, too, are called to become saints!

Learn more at <https://championshrine.org/americansaints/>



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH DAY

OCTOBER 24

Calling all high school students! Join us for a powerful day to grow in your faith like never before, modeled after St. Carlo Acutis. Spend the day rediscovering the beauty, truth, and goodness of the Catholic faith. Confession, Adoration, and Mass will be available.

Learn more at championshrine.org/youth-day.



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