

CHAMPION SHRINE YEARLY EVENTS



THE SHEPHERD PROJECT

MAY - OCTOBER

Started in 2022, this project is a special season of prayer for each and every Bishop by name across the United States. Join the Shrine as it offers prayers for a Bishop a day to the Blessed Mother from May to the end of October. To sign up, please visit championshrine.org/shepherd-project.



WALK TO MARY

FIRST WEEKEND OF MAY

From the National Shrine of St. Joseph to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, the Walk to Mary winds approximately 21 miles from De Pere, WI, to Champion, WI. This one-of-a-kind pilgrimage is a beautiful way to connect with your community and the Blessed Mother. To register or for more information, please visit walktomary.com.



MARIAN CONFERENCE

WEEKEND BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Champion Shrine's Marian Conference will focus on a different quality of Mary each year, inviting speakers to dive into the topic. Attendees will be able to develop a deeper understanding of Mary while also growing in greater intimacy with her Son, Jesus. To register or find more information, please visit championshrine.org/marian-conference.



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

AUGUST 15

One of Champion Shrine's longest-standing traditions! Pilgrims from all over the country come to celebrate the Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother. Following Mass, all are welcome to participate in the Shrine's historic rosary procession around the grounds. A picnic lunch is available at the Shrine for a small fee.



ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE FIRE

OCTOBER 8

On October 8, the anniversary of the Great 1871 Fire, the Shrine partners with the Belgian Heritage Center to share the inspiring history of the Belgian settlers who came to the area and the tragic impact the 1871 fire had on its community. On the evening of October 8, thousands of candles are placed around the Shrine's grounds for prayer intentions, and the story of the miracle of the fire is read aloud with all-night adoration and hourly rosary processions.



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

OCTOBER 9

October 9 celebrates the anniversary of Our Lady's 2nd and 3rd apparitions to Adele Brise in 1859. Celebrated as a Solemnity on the grounds of the Shrine, it is a day of highest honor for Our Lady of Champion and thousands of pilgrims travel to the Shrine to commemorate this special moment in history. To learn more about the Solemnity Day, please visit championshrine.org/oloc-solemnity.



ADVENT RORATE CAELI MASS

2ND SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

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. Hot breakfast and a special Advent reflection will follow Mass.



EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICES

LAST SATURDAY OF MONTH

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE 2024 EVENTS



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

MARCH 9-17

Experience the True Presence of Christ in a new way this Lent. The National Shrine will be displaying the Eucharistic Miracles of the World, an International exhibit designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, for pilgrims and parish groups to draw into a deeper encounter with Christ in the Eucharist. The exhibit includes 153 panels that present photographs and historical descriptions of the Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages around the world.



SHRINE LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 10-13

During the season of Lent, the National Shrine will host a Lenten Mission presented by the Fathers of Mercy. The Lenten Mission, focused on themes of the Eucharist, will seek to inflame all pilgrims and parish groups in attendance with the Infinite Love of Almighty God and to call them to receive the Merciful Love of the Heart of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All talks will take place in the evening.



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE COMES TO CHAMPION

JUNE 16

Take part in a historic moment as the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage travels through Champion, Wisconsin, to honor its intercessor for the Northern Marian Route - Our Lady of Champion! The Marian Route will start at the headwaters of Mississippi and descend through Wisconsin and Illinois, where it will eventually meet up with the other three pilgrimage routes at the July Congress in Indianapolis. When the pilgrimage passes through Champion, a large Mass will be celebrated and a pilgrimage walk will be led by the Eucharistic Pilgrimage around the grounds. To Learn more about the Eucharistic Pilgrimage, please visit eucharisticpilgrimage.org



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH DAY

OCTOBER 12

Calling all high school students! This day is for you to connect with your faith in a new way. Modeled in the footsteps of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a millennial Saint for our generation, this day-long event offers young people the opportunity to make new friendships and rediscover the beauty, truth, and goodness of the Catholic Faith! Opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass will be available! To learn more, visit championshrine.org/youth-day.



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