

CHAMPION SHRINE YEARLY EVENTS



THE SHEPHERD PROJECT

MAY - OCTOBER

Founded 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 join in prayer for our Shepherds, 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 22 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

THIRD WEEKEND OF MAY

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 the pilgrims who 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 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 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 2025 EVENTS



EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT

MARCH 15-26

Experience the True Presence of Christ in a unique way this Lent. The National Shrine will display 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 23-26

During the season of Lent, the National Shrine will host a Lenten Mission presented by Fr. Tony Stephens, CPM, Rector of the National Shrine. The four-day Lenten Mission, focused on themes of the Eucharist, will devote itself to fostering a deeper understanding of the Eucharist and the power of Eucharistic Adoration in our lives. All talks will take place in the evening at Champion Shrine.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE JUBILEE MASS AT SHRINE

JULY 20

The year of 2025 has been officially recognized by the Catholic Church as a year of Jubilee - a time of special grace and reconciliation. The 2025 Jubilee Theme - Pilgrims of Hope - calls on us all to renew our Hope in Christ through prayer, the Sacraments and pilgrimage. On July 20, Champion Shrine will host a special Jubilee Mass with Bishop David Ricken at 11 am, welcoming all pilgrims to experience the year of Jubilee alongside the Blessed Virgin Mary at her Shrine.



ST. PADRE PIO RELICS VISIT CHAMPION

AUG. 1-3

Visit and pray with the St. Padre Pio as his relics visit Our Lady's Shrine. Learn about his profound union to Christ by seeing his life of prayer, suffering, and miracles up-close. The relics will be available for veneration in Mother of Mercy Hall.



SAINT CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH DAY

OCTOBER 18

Calling all high school students! This day is for you to connect with your faith in a new way. Modeled in the footsteps of soon-to-be St. Carlo Acutis, a millennial for our generation, the day-long event offers teens 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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