



# The Good News

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

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*A Blessed Advent and Christmas Season to You  
from Champion*



Fr. John Broussard

## Rector's Window

### Grace and Blessings to you all!

A major part of the mission of the Shrine is helping those who come as pilgrims on a spiritual journey to find our Lord Jesus through Mary. During the first 9 days of October the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help prays a novena in thanksgiving for the apparitions and the fruitful ministry that has come as a result. These days are marked with prayer and an emphasis on the mission given to Adele by Mary through memorial services and devotions focused on teaching and spreading the faith.

Our Blessed Mother Said to Adele on October 9th, 1859, *"I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same. You received Holy Communion this morning and that is well. But you must do more. Make a general confession and offer Communion for the conversion of sinners. If they do not convert and do penance, my Son will be obliged to punish them."* These words of our Blessed Mother to Adele express the spirit and soul of the ministry of the Shrine. Under the guidance of the Queen of Heaven, the Shrine strives to provide an environment of conversion for all who visit. The Shrine of our Lady of Good Help seeks to participate

in this mission of our Lady by the promotion and communication of the Catholic faith especially through the sacraments.

On October 8th a celebration in commemoration of the miracle of the Peshtigo fire is held in which the faithful remember Mary's special protection from the flames of that night. The holy rosary and all-night adoration help to express the profound gratitude held by so many for the care of Blessed Mother Mary. These nine days of prayer, learning, and sacrifice are a most fitting way to emphasize the appreciation felt by those affected by the mission and ministry begun through the commissions of Our Lady of Good Help.

Please join us in prayer by sending in your needs and intentions during our upcoming

Novenas. October 1st through the 9th will be the National Novena of the Shrine followed by our Novena of masses and prayer in preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord from December 17th to the 25th. Your novena requests and intentions will be remembered each day at the holy sacrifice of the mass. Please unite with us in prayer during our anniversary and Christmas novena's 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.

*yours in christ,  
Fr. John*



# Devotional Spotlight

## October, the Month of Mary and the Rosary

By: Fr. John Broussard

The month of October is traditionally dedicated to The Blessed Mother and to the Holy Rosary. Mary's role in the Church is to bring us closer to her Son and the Rosary is a Christocentric setting forth of the entire life of Jesus Christ in His passion, death, resurrection and glory. No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary is more widely practiced among the faithful or found by them to be more satisfyingly complete than the Rosary; and rightly so as this devotion comes directly from the hand of the Blessed Virgin Herself.

October 7th marks the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Church chose that day and, apparently by extension, the month of October to honor Our Lady of the Rosary because of her powerful assistance to those who pray the Rosary. The feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7th celebrates the victory at Lepanto, the battle that saved the Christian West from defeat at the hands of the Ottoman Turks. This day was won, it is believed, because Saint Pope Pius V called on all Christians to pray the Rosary.

The power and importance of the Rosary in the popular piety of the Catholic devotional life must not be underestimated. It has often been referred to as the compendium to the Gospel. Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major said:



*Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Spring time... In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the center, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said.*

The best way to celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary is, of course, to pray the rosary. Let us all join together in prayer and devotion to Mary by meditating on the mysteries of our Christian religion contained in the Most Holy Rosary.

# Plan Your Shrine Retreat!



A great place to *spiritually enrich* your parish, your catechists, your school staff and students!

*"I bring our staff on an annual retreat to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help as we begin each school year. It is a beautiful place to pray, reflect, and prepare for our missionary work. The hospitality of the staff makes this an easy trip to plan."*

– Andrew Mulloy, Principal, St. John the Baptist School

*"Teachers are so accustomed to giving of themselves, that I want to ensure that they are receiving themselves, especially from Jesus and His Blessed Mother. We felt that a staff retreat day at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help would be the perfect place for them to encounter the love of Jesus and Mary as they begin another school year, and it did not disappoint."*

– Fr. Mark Mleziva, Vocation Director

*"Teach them what they should know for salvation. Go and fear nothing, I will help you"*

– Blessed Mother to Adele



# Pilgrimage Corner

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Mother on August 15th with almost 1200 pilgrims visiting us for the Mass and Rosary procession. In all total for the day was close to 2000 people who visited the Shrine during the day. This is our largest event of the year and is not possible without the grateful help of our Volunteers. Over 100 volunteers were here on August 15th to help facilitate the activities that are necessary to support this event for our pilgrims. From car parkers, hospitality drivers, greeters, lunch preparation, lunch servers, Rosary procession, and flower girls, our volunteers were there with smiles and assistance.

As we look at recapping the year, we are expecting to service about 200 pilgrim groups consisting of 58 Churches, 30 Schools, 60 Religious and 40 Private. We will have hosted 5 major conferences this year with the Diocese Respect for Life, Esto Vir Men of Christ, Order of Malta, Flame of Love and FOCUS National Team Division. We were so grateful to see the students come back this year. Many Faith Formation students are visiting the Shrine prior to making their confirmation.

Two categories that have increased this year are the 37 Catechetical classes with Father Thomas and 18 Parish and School retreats. Father Thomas classes are held on Wednesday night with mass and about 1 ½ hr. class afterwards. His summer classes focused on Mary and her role in the Catholic Church. On an average about 20 people attend

the class. Our Mother of Mercy Hall has been a great asset in accommodating pilgrim retreats. These are generally 1-day retreats for staff members of churches and schools who spend the time talking and praying about their goals for the day and expectations for the coming year. They usually attend Mass and have a lunch as well.

We were also blessed to have two groups come with Bishops from their Diocese and celebrate Mass at the Shrine. Bishop Doherty from Lafayette, IN and his group of 50 came in July. Bishop Hying from Madison, WI traveled with a group of about 80 people including some of the Sisters from the Valley of Our Lady Monastery. They enjoyed the day with Mass, lunch and visiting the sites on the grounds.



*The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help exists to promote and continue the message and mission entrusted to Adele by our Blessed Mother.*

*This holy place continues to be a refuge of peace, protection, and learning for all who come with faith.*

*Hope to see you in 2022*



# Upcoming Events

## **November 10 & 17 Wednesday Evening Catechetical Classes**

### **with Fr. Thomas Reagan CPM**

Misunderstanding Catholicism - Throughout history, the teachings of Jesus have frequently been confused or misinterpreted by both Christians and non-Christians alike. Join Fr. Thomas as he explores these questions: \* What have been some of these misunderstandings? \* How have they led to differing views of Catholicism and Christianity today? \* How do we as Catholics respond?

## **November 27 & December 18 Eucharistic Healing Service**

At the conclusion of the 11:00am Mass on every last Saturday of the Month, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and processed among the faithful as

part of this healing service. This is then followed by the Anointing of Sick for those needing this Sacrament.

## **December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary and Declaration**

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was promulgated by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854, with the encyclical "Ineffabilis Deus". Four years later, on February 11, 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France, announcing herself as the Immaculate Conception. It would be a little over one year later, in October 1959, that the Queen of Heaven would appear to young Adele Brise in Robinsonville (now Champion), Wisconsin. 150 years later, on December 8, 2010, Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay would issue the decree approving

the Shrine at Champion as worthy of belief and making it the first Church-approved apparition site in the United States. Mass for the Feast Day on the 11th anniversary of the Declaration will be celebrated at 11:00am.

## **December 17-25 Novena for The Nativity of Our Lord**

Please see the "Novena" page on our website to sign up for this novena and receive the daily novena prayers!

## **December 24 Christmas Eve Mass**

Mass will once again be celebrated at Midnight.

## **December 25 Christmas Day Mass**

Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am and 11:00am.

## PLEASE NOTE

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



# Looking Back...

## August 15

The weekend of August 15 started with a great talk and a Q&A session with Patrick Madrid. On Sunday, the Feast of the Assumption, close to 2,000 pilgrims visited the Shrine. Bishop David Ricken and many priests concelebrated the Feast Day Mass and led the annual Eucharistic Rosary Procession.



## September 11

The traditional Nativity of Mary First Harvest Blessing of the Grapes took place following the 11:00am Mass in Mother of Mercy Hall. Afterwards, the Fall Harvest lunch featured Wisconsin booyah, apple donuts and pumpkin bars.



## October 7, 8 & 9

Thousands of pilgrims visited the Shrine during the final three days of our National Novena. On Thursday, October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and the 450th anniversary of the victory at Lepanto, 1100 people were enrolled in the inaugural enrollment of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help which followed

a Eucharistic Rosary Procession. For those who would like to learn more or enroll in the Confraternity, please visit the "Pray With Us" page on our website.

On October 8, pilgrims attended the annual Miracle of the Fire Memorial which included a reading of the story and a candle-rosary procession around the grounds

protected from the Great Fire in 1871. Those attending the all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament were able to participate in hourly rosary processions which included intentions for those who had votive candles placed on the rosary path overnight. This was all part of many memorials that were held in northeastern Wisconsin as part of the 150th anniversary of what's come to be known as the Peshtigo Fire.

On October 9, Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay celebrated the 11:00am Mass on the 162nd anniversary of the last apparition of Our Blessed Mother to Adele in 1859.



## Understanding the Confraternity of the Brown Scapular

By: Jim Janssen, Operations Manager – Gift Shop & Café

The Shrine Gift Shop is inspirational, educational, and sacramentally beneficial. Let us assist you in strengthening your spiritual journey.

*“Whoever dies invested with this Scapular shall be preserved from the eternal flames. It is a sign of salvation, a sure safeguard in danger, a pledge of peace and of my special protection until the end of the ages.”*

– Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

According to the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship, the Brown Scapular is “an external sign of the filial (dutiful) relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy (priority) of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.

### What is a Confraternity?

A fellowship, society, or community of people. A voluntary group throughout the Catholic Church, in this case, pledged to the lifetime devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### What is a Scapular?

The word ‘scapular’ is derived from the Latin ‘scapula’, meaning shoulder blade. The scapular originated hundreds of years ago as two large pieces of cloth, attached at the shoulders by narrow strips, which covered the front and back of a monk’s habit. Originally worn

to preserve the habit from dirt and wear, it eventually became part of the habit itself. Faith-filled lay people wear a miniature version of the scapular as a sign of special consecration to Our Lady.

### Why Brown?

Simon Stock, an Englishman, was an early Prior of the Carmelite religious order at a time they were facing serious oppression. As he prayed for heavenly intercession, it is believed that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared and handed him a Brown Scapular as a special sign of Her favor, saying “... *He who dies clothed with this habit, shall be preserved from eternal fire ...*” The Brown Scapular is a sacramental sign of devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and trust in Her promises for salvation to those who faithfully wear it.

Are you wearing your Brown Scapular? Have you made a commitment to safeguard your salvation? Consider the marvelous privileges our Blessed Lady and the Catholic Church have attached to the wearing of the Brown Scapular.

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To learn more about the Brown Scapular, Mary’s powerful promise, and privileged membership in the Scapular Confraternity, read *Scapular Facts*, by Albert H. Dolan, O. Carm. Copies of this explanatory handbook and Brown Scapulars are available in the Shrine Gift Shop. Open Mon. – Sat. 9A-4P. Sun. 12:30P-4P. (920) 866-2571 ext. 4.



### What are the requirements for gaining Our Lady’s promise of the Brown Scapular?

1. Investiture (enrollment) by an ordained priest of the Catholic Church.
2. You must properly wear the Scapular over the shoulder so that one part hangs over your chest and the other side hangs over the back. Both parts cannot be carried in the front or the back.
3. You must wear a 100% wool Scapular, not a medal (with very limited exceptions – allergy, tropical climate, military restrictions).
4. Scapular must be rectangular or square. It cannot be oval, round, or polygonal.
5. A miniature of the Carmelite Religious Habit, the Scapular color should be brown. However, black wool is permissible.
6. You may take your scapular off ONLY when you bathe.



**Even though we are entering our slower season,  
we still have a few specific needs for weekend volunteers  
in the following areas:**

**Gift Shop • Café • Ushers**

**Please contact us if you could help us in any of these areas.**

*Thank you!*

## *Shrine Volunteers*

The message given to Adele from Our Blessed Mother, “Go and fear nothing, I will help you” continues to radiate through our very loyal and dedicated volunteers. Through Adele’s years of ministry, she was blessed by many generous donors and workers who came forward to help carry out the mission given to her by the Queen of Heaven. The Shrine continues to be blessed with over 100 selfless, caring, and giving volunteers. Our volunteers provide faith-filled hospitality to our pilgrims in areas such as our Shrine Giftshop, Schoolhouse Café, Welcome Center, Events, Groundskeeping, and Liturgical positions.

As we conclude another busy season here at the Shrine and look forward to celebrating the Thanksgiving Holiday, we give thanks for all our volunteers who have helped in some way to tend to the needs of the 150,000 pilgrims who visited the Shrine this past year. The gift of your time and talent

is most appreciated and we ask, through the intercession of Our Lady, for the blessing of her son Jesus on you and your families this coming year!

The Shrine continues to welcome additional volunteers. Learn how you can support the Shrine and its mission by becoming a volunteer. Visit the [championshrine.org/connect/volunteer](http://championshrine.org/connect/volunteer) or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 920-866-2571 x123 or email [volunteer@championshrine.org](mailto:volunteer@championshrine.org).



# Fund Development

## Never Too Early to be Thankful

By Kelsey Dorner, Development Director

As we say goodbye to summer and settle into fall, it is not uncommon to feel like the holiday season approaches faster each year. When we walk into stores in late September it is not a surprise anymore to see a hint of red and green or even a Christmas tree going up. While our first instinct might be to find these early hints of Christmas uncalled for, why not embrace them? Christmas is a time to give thanks and prepare for one of the greatest gifts given to mankind, the birth of Jesus.

Here at The Shrine we have much to be thankful for this year. We are thankful for all the dedicated volunteers who generously give their time. Everyday a volunteer helps in

various ways at The Shrine; from assisting in the Gift Shop and Café to ushering at Mass to helping clean in the early morning hours. Thank you to these incredible volunteers who help make it possible for The Shrine to welcome pilgrims 365 days a year!

We are also thankful for the financial support of so many donors this year. Thank you to the many donors who so generously gave and helped ensure The Shrine is ready to welcome pilgrims today, tomorrow and for generations to come. We humbly ask that you consider joining those generous supporters

and make a gift to The Shrine. Please know every dollar you donate helps ensure The Shrine's spiritual mission "To continue the gospel mission of Jesus Christ by responding to Mary's call to Adele Brise to foster conversion, teach the children and minister to the sick and old". With your help The Shrine can continue to be the peaceful refuge where all are welcome to strengthen their connection with God.



*We give Thee  
thanks, Almighty  
God,  
for all thy benefits!*



## 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. 125.

Thank you and may God bless you!

### ITEMS NEEDED

- AED Supplies (\$250)
- Cinctures (Worn with Vestments) (\$250)
- Relic Display Case for the 1941 Chapel (\$300)
- 1941 Chapel Downspout Project (\$1,000)
- Fencing by Mother of Mercy Hall (\$2,000)
- Novena Prayer Books (\$5,000)
- Rosary Path Landscaping – Phase One (\$11,000)
- Security System Upgrade (\$16,000)

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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- 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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## *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.  
 Sunday & Daily . . . . .11:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday . . . . .9:15 a.m.  
 Daily . . . . . 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.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  
 Fatima Holy Hour . . . . .Sundays . . . . . 2:00 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 and Education Center

May – October . . . . .7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
 September – April . . . . .9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*\*Check our website for Holiday Schedules*