



The Good News

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

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Return to Peace, Hope, Healing and Good Help
at Champion



Fr. John Broussard

Rector's Window

Grace and Blessings to you all!

In Pope Pius XII's consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary he explains: *"Consecration to the Mother of God, is a total gift of self, for the whole of life and for all eternity; and a gift which is not a mere formality or sentimentality, but effectual, comprising the full intensity of the Christian life - Marian life."* This consecration, the Pope explained, *"tends essentially to union with Jesus, under the guidance of Mary."* This mentality of a distinctly Marian Christian life has guided millions of Christians over the centuries to a deeper experience of faith and union with God. It seems to support an essential desire to know the Creator. Mary does, in a unique and important way, guide all of her adoptive children to her Son.

This reality helps to direct our hearts and minds to God through Mary. *"Only, how are they to call upon him until they have learned to believe in him? And how are they to believe in him, until they listen to him? And how can they listen, without a preacher to listen to (Romans 10:14)?"* Mary is that preacher, through the example of her life and virtue, that calls us to listen to the commandments of her Son; because it is in this that salvation is found.

The message of Our Lady of Good Help (and the messages of Our Lady of Fatima) exhorts us all to a deeper commitment to faith through prayer and knowledge of the Truth. As the Scriptures relate: *"Grace to you and peace be accomplished in the knowledge of God and of Christ Jesus our Lord (2 Peter 1:2)"*

The celebration of Mary's Assumption into heaven provides a unique opportunity to recognize Mary's role in the life of the Church. This solemnity holds special significance by all those who participate in the life of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. It is always a day marked with special solemnity (as it was also one of Adele Brise's favorite feasts), and when many come to experience the love of Christ through the love of Mary. God chose Mary as the instrument through whom He would come to us, so He also chose Mary as an instrument through whom we should go to Him.

At the Shrine Our Blessed Mothers intercession is always known. Mary's life, words, and example all help mold us into an image of her Son. Please join us this August 15 in the celebration of Mary's Assumption.



Additionally, please join us in our Novena of Masses and prayer in preparation for the celebration of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into heaven this August 15. Your novena requests and intentions will be remembered each day. Please unite with us in prayer during our Assumption novena 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

What is the Assumption of the Blessed Mother?

*By looking at
Mary's Assumption
into Heaven
we understand better
that even though
our daily life may
be marked by trials
and difficulties,
it flows like a river
to the divine ocean,
to the fullness
of joy and peace.*

– Pope Benedict XVI

Addressing a crowd of over 500,000 people packed into St. Peter's Square, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined in *Munificentissimus Deus* on November 1, 1950 that "the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Mary's Assumption, as defined by the Catholic Church, recognizes that by the power of Almighty God, Mary was taken up into Heaven body and soul. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to understand more deeply Mary's share in her Son's glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

In a General Audience, August 16th, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI taught that: "By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful." Mary is here to guide us to Christ, especially when the cross seems most difficult and her Assumption into Heaven is a constant reminder of the purpose of those sufferings; man is not meant for this life on earth but for glory with God in Heaven.

Summer at The Shrine Special Events



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS JULY 14-AUG 18, 2021 MASS & MARY LESSON Getting to Know Jesus' Mother, Mary

5:45 PM Mass; 6:45 PM Lesson
(come for one or both Wed. evenings)
with Fr. Thomas Reagan



1 PM, SUN., JULY 11, 2021

Dr. Stephen Sammut & Representatives of Pro-Life Apostolates Speak at the 'CHAMPION'-ING LIFE BIKING FOR BABIES Northern Route Kick-Off

1 PM, SAT., AUG. 14, 2021

During the Novena of the Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, join **PATRICK MADRID AUG. 14 on ASSUMPTION WEEKEND. Aug. 15 Assumption Mass**

For more info: 920-866-2571 ext. 111 or go to: www.championshrine.org/events

Returning to the Core of Adele's Mission at Champion

By: Corrie Campbell, Communications Director, Events Coordinator

The months of summer, into fall are always blissful at America's Marian Apparition Site in Champion, but this year brings the promise of new programs and events that return us to our core mission, giving us all a chance to experience a deepening of our faith in the peaceful place that has, for so many, become a spiritual home base.

Papers Submitted to Vatican for October 8 Feast Day of Our Lady of Champion

In cooperation with the Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay and the Diocese of Green Bay, Fr. John Broussard has submitted the final papers formally requesting, of the Vatican, "Our Lady of Champion" Feast Day Oct. 8. If approved, the request would put the Oct. 8 Feast Day of Our Lady of Champion on the Vatican calendar.

The Oct. 8 date coincides with the Oct. 9, 1859 Apparition Anniversary and marks the anniversary of one of the Shrine's first claimed graces: the victory over the great fire on Shrine grounds in 1871.



The two dates are celebrated annually now through a National Novena of the Masses to Our Lady of Champion Oct. 1-9 and with the annual Miracle of the Fire celebration Oct. 8, into the 9th. This effort would be the first to mark the Oct. 8th date as an official Feast Day.

Champion Granted Permission to Become Enrollment Site for the Archconfraternity of the Most Holy Rosary

By permission of the Bishop of Green Bay and the Dominican Order that oversees and fosters promotion of worldwide rosary prayer through one of the world's most ancient confraternities, Champion Shrine Rector, Father John Broussard, of the Fathers of Mercy, has been entrusted the faculty to enroll pilgrims on site in an Archconfraternity recognized by the Holy See more than 500 years ago.

Known as the The Archconfraternity of the Most Holy Rosary, members of this spiritual association of the Catholic Church form a union of countless hundreds of thousands of faithful throughout the world who, in their prayers on the rosary, include the intentions and needs of all of its members who, in turn, pray for them. Each member includes prayers for deceased members, as well.

As part of the obligations of the Archconfraternity, members must strive to pray the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary each week (this does not bind under sin) and must have his/her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity.

The benefits of those enrolled: 1. A special protection of the Mother of God; 2) a share in the prayer of countless thousands of members the world over, even after death

3. A Share in the prayers, Masses and Apostolic works of the entire Dominican Order; 4) the intercession of the entire heavenly court; 5) Various plenary and partial indulgences.

For those seeking opportunities to pray the rosary, the Shrine offers an opportunity to participate in a group rosary daily on site at 10:30 AM prior to Mass and a Sunday Rosary for Families at 6:30 PM cdt that is livestreamed.



A special page on the website at www.championshrine.org will be dedicated to events and activities related to the Arch-confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.

Sunday Post-Mass Eucharistic Rosary Procession, Last Saturday Eucharistic Healing Service, Daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to Continue at Champion

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help will continue to offer three unique prayer opportunities as part of its efforts to engage pilgrims in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. On Sundays, following Mass, the Fathers of Mercy will lead the Eucharistic Rosary Procession outdoors.

In memory and tribute to the late Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, whose life ministry, legacy and charism was celebrated June 26, 2021 by the Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay and friends at Champion, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help will continue to host the Last Saturday Eucharistic Healing Prayer Services following Last Saturday Mass every month. Additionally, the Shrine encourages faith seekers to participate in adoration during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, now offered daily between 12 PM and 3 PM in the historic Apparition Chapel.



Upcoming Events



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



JULY 11

Biking for Babies Championing Life Pro Life Apostolate Summit

Biking for Babies Championing Life Pro Life Apostolate Summit with Special Guest, Dr. Stephen Sammut will take place on the afternoon of Sunday July 11, 2021. Before kicking off their northern route at Champion, the cycling missionaries will take part in a pro life apostolate summit featuring guest speaker Dr. Stephen Sammut of the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

JULY 14 – AUGUST 18

Mass and Mary Lesson Every Wednesday Evening

Shrine Chaplain, Father Thomas Reagan of the Fathers of Mercy, will continue his efforts to revive the outreach mission work inspired by Adele Brise. The summer Mass and Mary Lesson will give Shrine pilgrims an opportunity to enjoy the grounds as the sun sets over Champion and learn more about Mary in the very place she appeared.

Father will offer a Mass at 5:45 PM every Wednesday and a Lesson about Mary at 6:45 PM. There is no charge, but a free will offering is appreciated. The Mass and Mary Lesson will run every Wednesday beginning July 14, through the Feast of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, ending August 18.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Novena of the Masses concludes with Patrick Madrid August 14 and Feast Day Mass August 15 with Bishop Ricken

Spanning the course of the past 150 years, Champion Shrine’s August 15 Assumption Feast Day tradition of Mass and Eucharistic Rosary Procession will be expanded this year to include a pre-Feast Day Saturday talk at 1 PM, August 14 with featured guest speaker Patrick Madrid.



SEPTEMBER, FORWARD...

Celebrating Mary’s Birthday with the Blessing of the Grapes

The traditional Nativity of Mary First Harvest Blessing of the Grapes and Farm-to-Table luncheon will take place on the afternoon of Sept. 11 at Champion Shrine. The event will include special guests TBA. Families are encouraged to come out for this cross-generational afternoon celebration of the birth of Mary at the very site she appeared.

Oct. 1-9: National Novena to Our Lady of Good Help



Miracle of the Fire 150th Anniversary Celebration: Oct. 8-9



Plan your individual, family or group pilgrimage to Champion this Oct. 1-9, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of one of the first graces of Our Lady of Champion: the Miracle of the Fire, Fri., Oct. 8.

The event begins at dusk with a reading of the account of the Peshtigo Fire and Candlelight Rosary Procession. It will continue throughout the evening of Oct. 8 and include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with All-Night Adoration and Rosary prayed on the hour, every hour until Oct. 9 morning Benediction. An Apparition Anniversary Mass will be held at 11 AM Oct. 9 with The Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay, celebrating. Pray the National Novena to Our Lady of Good Help, Oct. 1-9, watch for featured speakers & special events held on site during Novena of the Masses

at: www.championshrine.org/events. Then, have an all-night-burning, "Miracle of the Fire" candle lit with your special intentions prayed during the hourly rosary Oct. 8-9 at the Miracle of the Fire celebration. Submit prayer intentions with the "Miracle of the Fire" Candle here: www.championshrine.org/light-a-candle



Pilgrimage Corner

By: Kathy Ciha, Champion Shrine Pilgrimage Planning Coordinator

It has turned out to be a busy Spring for pilgrimages at the Shrine. The month of May is always a great time for the students to visit the Shrine as part of their yearly field trips. The teachers are so great in carrying out Adele's mission to teach the children their catechism. I am truly amazed by how much the students study the history of the Shrine before they come and the number of questions they are able to answer about Adele and the apparition.

Last year, St. John's and St. Ignatius 2nd Graders from Little Chute, WI could not come to the Shrine due to COVID. So, this year they made the journey as 3rd Graders with the 2nd Grade Class. 43 students in all participated in the history talk and mass. They enjoyed their bagged lunches in

our Mother of Mercy Hall and were able to visit the Welcome Center and Oratory between rain drops.

When they got back to school, they all wrote a page about their experience here at the Shrine.

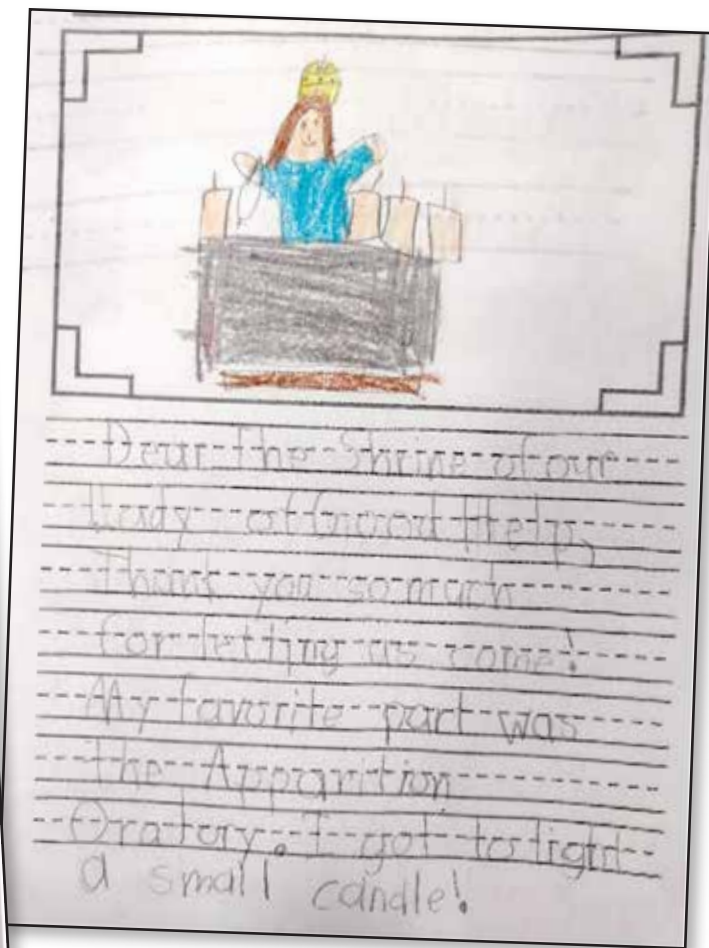
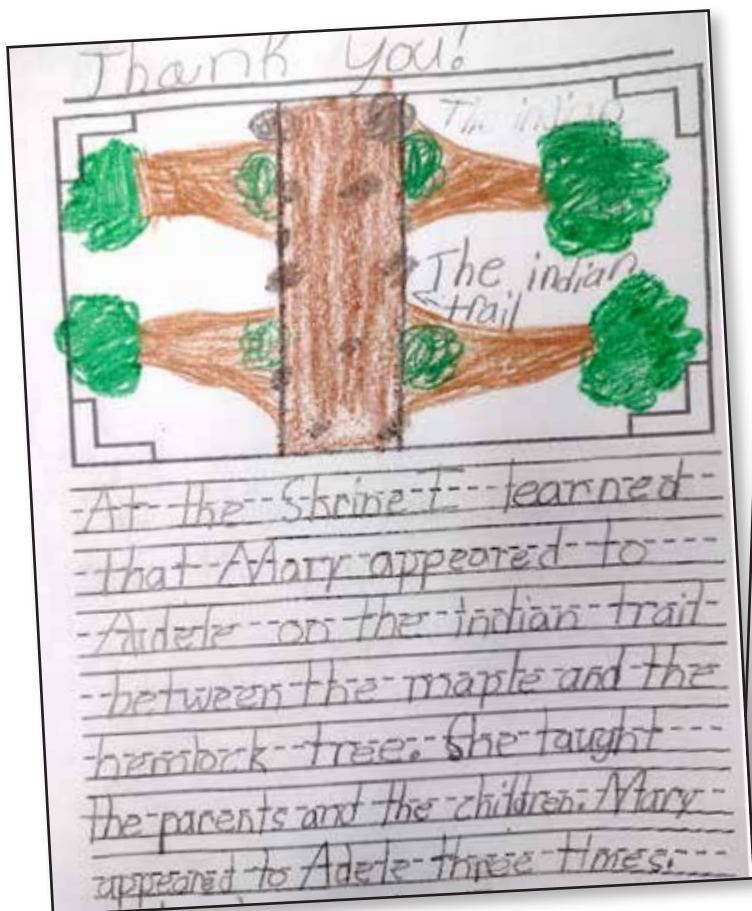
We are gradually seeing more groups request a date for a pilgrimage. We are here to work with your group to make you feel as comfortable as possible when visiting the Shrine.

As we look forward, now is the time to plan for our August 15th celebration, celebrating the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother. After the Rosary procession join us for a picnic lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookie, soda and water.

We will celebrate the Nativity of Mary this year on September 11 hosting the Blessing of the Grapes and First Harvest Festival with a luncheon featuring locally harvested items.

The first week in October bring the National Novena and on Oct. 8, to the 9th the 150 Anniversary of the Miracle of the Fire at Champion. The Shrine will also be hosting the Flame of Love Conference again Oct. 8,9,10. For more information about the Flame of Love conference and to register for it, please go to www.flameoflove-indiana.com.

As always, we look forward to welcoming all visitors to the Shrine and will be here to help you make the most of your peaceful visit.



Shrine Support and Development

Remembering the Fire 150 Years Later

By Kelsey Dorner, Development Director

As the 150 anniversary of the Peshtigo Fire approaches there is renewed interest in the fire and the events that took place on October 8th, 1871. While the anniversary of the fire may not garner widespread attention each year, the fire had a lasting effect here at The Shrine, which we continue to commemorate each year.

Almost twelve years to the date of Mary's last appearance to Adele, the Peshtigo Fire was an inferno that destroyed the rural areas around not only Peshtigo but also threatened the farmlands across the bay of Green Bay, leading up to The Shrine. Local families, many with babies, small children and farm animals, sought refuge at The Shrine from the approaching firestorm.

Throughout the evening of October 8th, Adele and the local families prayed the rosary on their knees around The Shrine grounds. They asked Our Lady of Good Help for her intercession with her Son, Jesus, to save them from the fire. Their prayers were answered when the rains came just after midnight and extinguished the fire, preserving the Chapel and The Shrine grounds. This event marked what many believe to

be one of the first graces granted through intercessory prayer with Our Lady of Good Help, to Jesus.

To this day, many descendants of those whose lives were spared during the Peshtigo Fire continue to celebrate the miracle of the fire on October 8th. Starting at 9:00 p.m. on October 8th, descendants and visiting pilgrims will pray the rosary together each hour along the Rosary Pathway, into the morning of October 9th. The date which marks the anniversary of the last

appearance of Mary at Champion in 1859.

This year The Shrine is offering a special Miracle of the Fire candle that will be placed on the Rosary Pathway and will help light the way for those joining us throughout the night to pray the rosary. We invite you to visit our website, www.championshrine.org, to order your special Miracle of the Fire candle and submit your prayer intention which will be prayed for with each hourly rosary throughout the night.



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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

- Pastoral Vestment - \$250
- Liturgical Candles - \$250
- Landscaping Supplies - \$300
- Landscaping Pad (8 foot) - \$500
- Garage Siding Project - \$1,500
- Fencing by Mother of Mercy Hall - \$2,000
- Camera to Live Stream Mass - \$2,500
- Emergency Communication System - \$4,000
- National Novena Prayer Books - \$5,000
- Child Safety Fence Around Retention Pond - \$5,200

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.



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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 & Saturday8:30 a.m.
 Sunday (May-October)8:30 a.m.
 Sunday & Daily11:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday9:15 a.m.
 Daily 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Devotional Prayer

RosaryDaily10:30 a.m.
 Rosary for VocationsSecond Friday 3:30 p.m.
 Chaplet of Divine MercyDaily 3:00 p.m.
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . .Daily Noon – 3:00 p.m.
 Fatima DevotionsFirst Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
 Healing Service with Anointing of the Sick . .Last Saturday after 11:00 a.m. Mass
 Fatima Holy HourSundays 2:00 p.m.

Adele Brise Day - Ninth of Each Month

Anointing of the SickImmediately after 11:00 a.m. Mass

Gift Shop and Schoolhouse Café

Monday – Saturday9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Education Center

May – October7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 September – April9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Check our website for Holiday Schedules