



# SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HELP®



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## RECTOR'S WINDOW FR. PETER R. STRYKER, CPM

Grace and blessings be with you!

Oceans of thanks to all who helped make our August 15 celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary a holy and wonderful success! Along with Bishop David L. Ricken, we were overjoyed to have with us Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya, homilist for the Mass - and also the Bishop who ordained Bishop Ricken a priest on September 12, 1980!

Now you probably already know, yet Pope Francis, who never shies away from making history, has declared that the Church will celebrate an extraordinary jubilee Holy Year of Mercy, beginning December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and ending November 20, 2016, the feast of Christ the King.

Welcoming the Catholic faithful and all people of good will, the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help will be a special pilgrimage destination during the entire Holy Year of Mercy!

Each October, here at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, we celebrate the life-giving power of humble and prayerful Catholic faith!

This year, Thursday, October 8 is the day of our annual candlelight Rosary procession. It is the anniversary of the all-night prayer vigil that led right up to the miraculous ending of the 1871 Peshtigo Fire. The miracle began here, on the grounds of this Shrine!

October 8 is also, by God's extraordinary plan, the vigil of the

anniversary of the 1859 Third Apparition of Our Lady of Good Help to Adele Brise. We want you to make plans to join us for the October 8 Candlelight Rosary Procession at 7:30pm, and then also for the 11am Mass with Bishop Ricken on Thursday, October 9!

Please note that the Candlelight Rosary Procession is an outdoor event. Dress according to the weather report and bring a protected candle or flashlight. We will also have Procession candles available for whatever donation you would like to offer. We guarantee that you will love it!

Our Schedule of Events is in this newsletter, so check it out! And as always, we THANK YOU for your bighearted support of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help!

YOURS IN CHRIST JESUS,  
*Fr. Peter*





## A HEALING STORY

My wife, Peggy, and I just returned from a week long trip to Door County while on vacation with another couple from our church celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary. On the way home to Lemont, IL, a suburb southwest of Chicago, we stopped in Champion in time for the 10:30 am Rosary and then the 11:00 am Mass. We had heard about the Shrine to Our Lady of Good Help and Peggy had been encouraging me to pray to Mary for the restoration of my taste buds which quit working after an illness earlier this year.

After Mass, we walked downstairs and I knelt in front of Mary's Shrine, gathering up all of my reverence and prayed like I have never prayed before, asking for her help to restore my sense of taste. Peggy and

our friends also prayed for their special intentions.

Afterward, we toured the site of Mary's apparition, visited the gift shop and chose not to eat at the café. Instead, we stopped at a restaurant north of Champion on County Road P where I was served food that I did not know was rancid.

That is where the miracle of Mary's answer to my prayers was revealed. I could actually taste the food and determined immediately (with the help of our friends) that it was spoiled and put it aside, warning the cook not to serve that horrible dish to anyone else. We left for home immediately, stopping in Kenosha for a meal with bratwurst, sauerkraut and red cabbage which was so

tasty, I nearly broke into tears.

We have read the testimonials from many people who have been the recipients of miracles from Mary, ranging from the survival of the Peshtigo Fire to the cure of cancer. The restoration of my taste buds does not compare to those, but I have been touched by Mary and I wanted you to know about it. We are so thankful, Peggy and I will be returning in October to give thanks personally to God and Mary for this miracle. We hope to return many times through the years to come. Thank you for being there.

Very truly yours,  
*Mike Steidel*  
Mike Steidel  
Lemont, IL

## GIFTS OF PARKING AND PATHWAYS

At the end of 2012, the quantity of Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help property jumped from 8 acres to 36 acres! That increase of property includes 4 acres directly east of the Apparition Chapel (Shrine church) and the Rosary Walk, Stations of the Cross, & Procession area. Through the super-generous gift of workers and machinery from local contractors, about half of those 4 acres have been turned into a gravel parking area. This extra parking area got its first serious workout on Wednesday, July 22, when the folks at Relevant Radio hosted their 15th anniversary celebration here at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help!

Also through the marvelous generosity of local contractors, our Rosary Walk, Stations of the Cross, & Procession area is now enhanced with gravel pathways! The gravel pathways make it much easier for ANYONE to pray the Rosary or the Stations of the Cross in that area almost any day of the year. Except maybe right after a huge snowfall!



## ASSUMPTION DAY AUGUST 15, 2015

Photos by Clare Sturm.  
Thank you, Clare!



## 2015-2016 SPECIAL EVENTS

**Miracle of the Fire,  
Evening Rosary Procession  
and All-Night Adoration**  
October 8, 2015, 7:30 pm  
Please bring your own lantern,  
flashlight or candles.

**Apparition Day**  
October 9, 2015, 11:00 am  
Mass to Celebrate the Anniversary  
of the Third Apparition when Mary  
entrusted her message to Adele.  
*Principal Celebrant:*  
*Most Rev. David L. Ricken,*  
*Bishop of Green Bay*

**Fatima Day Celebration**  
October 13, 2015, 10am-3pm  
11am Mass followed by Holy Hour

**May Crowning**  
May 1, 2016  
After the 2pm Holy Hour

**Walk to Mary**  
May 7, 2016  
[www.walktomary.com](http://www.walktomary.com)

**May Celebration**  
May 8, 2016, 11:00 am  
Outdoor Mass &  
Eucharistic Rosary Procession  
*Principal Celebrant:*  
*Most Rev. John F. Doerfler,*  
*Bishop of Marquette (MI)*

For additional events & retreats,  
visit our website:  
[www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com](http://www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com)



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### GIFT SHOP / SCHOOLHOUSE CAFÉ

Mon–Sat 9am–4pm

Sunday 12:15pm–4pm

\*Shop/Café is closed Easter,  
 Thanksgiving, and Christmas; and  
 may close during scheduled Masses

### CONFESSIONS

Sun–Fri 10am–10:45am

Saturday 9:15am–10:45am

### MASS TIMES

Monday 11am

Tuesday 8:30am & 11am

Wednesday 11am

Thursday 11am

Friday 11am

Saturday 8:30am & 11am

Sunday 11am

### ROSARY & CHAPLET

Sun–Sat - Rosary 10:30am

Sun–Sat - Divine Mercy 3pm

First Saturday after 8:30am Mass

### ADORATION &

ST. JOSEPH DEVOTIONS

Wednesday 4:30pm–6pm

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as your way to support the evangelization efforts at the Shrine. There are two membership levels available:

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