



PILGRIMAGE PLANNING GUIDE and FORMS





Thank you for your interest in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

Champion Shrine is one of a dozen religious sites in the world that have been approved by the Catholic Church as a Marian apparition site. This means the Catholic Church has deemed it worthy of belief that Jesus' Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, appeared here.

We hope you will come and be with Mary here, as well. Pray, through intercessory prayer, to her son, Jesus, at the actual site of her appearance in the apparition oratory; participate in Mass and special services at the Apparition Chapel; or immerse in quiet prayer and reflection on the grounds. You will find at Champion a reverent, humble, and peaceful place of rich Marian devotion.

As you plan in preparation for your pilgrimage to Champion Shrine, please use the information on the following pages to guide you. We welcome groups large and small and will do everything we can to accommodate you, your family and/or group.

The storied history of the Blessed Mother's appearances to a young Belgian immigrant, Adele Brise, is retold to all pilgrims. We share in the mission the Queen of Heaven entrusted to Adele in 1859. Go, gather, teach, pray.

In December of 2010, after discernment and upon review of the findings of three renowned Mariologists, the Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay, publicly declared the events, apparitions, and locutions given to Adele Brise in October 1859 exhibited the substance of supernatural character. The church confirmed these findings; as such, the apparitions have been deemed "worthy of belief." Presently, this is the only church-approved Marian apparition site in the United States of America.

In August 2016, Champion Shrine received another important affirmation by the Church when the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops granted the designation of "National Shrine" to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

Each year, thousands of men, women and children come to Champion to experience a place for prayer and quiet reflection, rich Marian devotions, enjoying a sacred retreat from the busyness of life, and a humble place of worship and reverence. Champion Shrine offers many opportunities for personal connection with our Lord Jesus through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.



TO ASSIST YOU IN ORGANIZING A PILGRIMAGE, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING

Group pilgrimages are scheduled by contacting Champion Shrine by phone at **920-866-2571 x 113** or by email at **info@shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com**. Advanced scheduling is required in order to better accommodate your group.

Opportunities for Prayer in the Apparition Chapel:

- Mass at 11:00 a.m. daily, additionally Tuesday and Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. daily, additionally Saturday at 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.
- Group Rosary at 10:30 a.m. daily
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. daily
- Eucharistic adoration at 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Sunday and 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday

Other opportunities for prayer and reflection:

- Apparition Chapel
- Apparition Oratory
- Outdoor and indoor Stations of the Cross
- Outdoor Rosary Walk
- Various grottoes
- Reflective grounds
- Shrine history presentation, other presentations as developed or requested
- Special events throughout the year



ITINERARY CONSIDERATIONS

- Welcome Center – education on Champion Shrine and its history
- History Presentation – may be scheduled
- Group prayer, ex. Liturgy of the Hours, rosary, Stations of the Cross
- Mass with accompanying priest

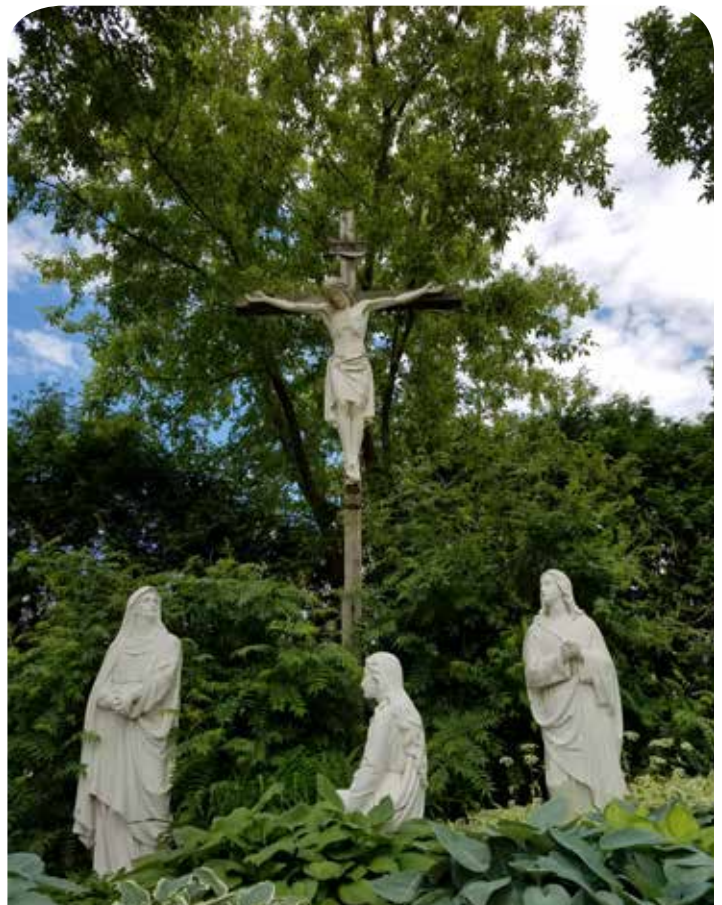
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- 8:30 a.m. on weekdays excluding Tuesdays
 - 2:00 p.m. daily excluding Sundays
 - Minimum donation for Chapel use is \$50
- Dining on site
 - Café*
 - A la carte only (not recommended for groups over 10 people)
 - If interested in ordering box lunches for large groups, please request a lunch order form from the Pilgrimage Coordinator*
 - Food catered in
 - Reservation for eating area required
 - Outdoors*
 - Picnic grounds and tables (as available)
 - Tent and chair rentals available for large groups
 - Gift shop

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Apparition Chapel and Apparition Oratory have accessible entries.
- Meeting/lunch rooms: capacity 60–90 persons; reservation required
- Outdoor areas: grave site of Adele Brise, roadside chapel, Lourdes grotto, Fatima grotto, stations of the cross, rosary walk, statues of the Holy Family, St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi, the crucifixion, Blessed Mother, and St. Michael the Archangel





GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Champion Shrine is a place of prayer and reflection; as such, we ask that all pilgrims please respect others' rights to a quiet and prayerful atmosphere.
- The liturgical norms of the Catholic Church are observed.
- Priests concelebrating are required to bring an alb. Other vestments are available. Credentials are required and must be approved and accepted PRIOR to visit. Fax to 920-866-2581 or scan and email to asaxe@shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com.
- Those religious services that are not celebrated at Champion Shrine include: weddings, funerals, baptisms, and communion services.
- The Safe Environment policies of the Diocese of Green Bay are adhered to at Champion Shrine.

COSTS

Minimum donations for reservations are:

\$50 – Brise Hall

\$50 – St. Joseph Hall

\$25 – Hall rental if ordering box lunches

\$50 – Mass for private group

\$150+ Outdoor Tent Rental with tables, chairs and set up

\$20 – The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help DVD (includes shipping/handling)



ACCOMMODATIONS, ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Champion Shrine is located in a rural area in the heart of Northeast Wisconsin's fertile agricultural community of Champion, Wisconsin. Located 17 miles northeast of Green Bay, Champion is a welcoming entrance to Door County, the "Cape Cod of the Midwest." Champion Shrine is situated within a half-hour driving distance from a number of Northeast Wisconsin's premier tourist destinations all of which offer pilgrims a variety of accommodation options and many opportunities for attendance at ancillary events and participation in interesting activities year-round. Often those on group pilgrimage would like to come to Champion Shrine for a specific event. We invite you to go to our website at www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com for a list of current and upcoming events or follow us and subscribe to our events on our facebook page at www.facebook.com/ChampionShrine.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The following links are provided to help you plan your accommodations for your pilgrimage.

Please note that availability of accommodations could be limited in the Green Bay area during Packers season. We would encourage those interested in overnight stays while on pilgrimage during Green Bay Packers home game weekends in Green Bay to look for accommodations in Algoma in Kewaunee County or Sturgeon Bay in Door County (follow links below). Within 15 minutes driving distance from Champion Shrine are the communities of Dyckesville, New Franken, Luxemburg and Algoma.

Accommodations within 30 minutes driving distance:

[Greater Green Bay Area Visitor and Convention Bureau:](#)

www.greenbay.com/where-to-stay
1-920-494-9507 or 1-888-867-6342

[Door County Visitor and Convention Bureau \(Sturgeon Bay, WI; Little Sturgeon, WI\):](#)

www.doorcounty.com/stay
1-920-743-4456 or 1-800-527-3529

*(Also within an hour's driving distance from Champion Shrine in Door County:
Egg Harbor, Fish Creek, Ephraim, Sister Bay, Jacksonport, Bailey's Harbor)*

[Kewaunee County \(Luxemburg, Casco, Rio Creek, Algoma, Kewaunee\):](#)

www.visitkewaunee.com

Accommodations within 45 – 60 minutes driving distance:

Manitowoc Area: www.manitowoc.info/stay

Sheboygan/Kohler area: www.visitsheboygancounty.com

Appleton/Fox Cities: www.foxcities.org/stay/1/hotel

Oshkosh Area: www.visitoshkosh.com/accommodations

Campgrounds, RV parks and state campgrounds:

Brown County Parks:

www.co.brown.wi.us/departments/?department=260ed145263d&subdepartment=dadc284c6c54

Door County Parks: map.co.door.wi.us/parks/

Outagamie County Parks: www.outagamie.org/index.aspx?page=68

Winnebago County Parks: www.co.winnebago.wi.us/parks

Kewaunee County Parks: www.co.kewaunee.wi.gov/index.asp?locid=195

Sheboygan County Parks:

www.sheboygancounty.com/government/departments-f-q/planning-and-conservation/facilities/parks

Wisconsin State Parks: dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/

Wisconsin Campgrounds and RV Parks:

www.travelwisconsin.com/places-to-stay/campgrounds/directory

ATTRACTIONS

While on individual, family or group pilgrimage, you may also wish to visit other places of interest. To schedule group tours, please call ahead or email contacts listed:

Curran Spirituality Center:

E146 County Road KB, Denmark, WI 54204

Contact William G O'Brien at wobstable@gmail.com

National Shrine of St. Joseph:

St. Norbert College, 123 Grant, De Pere, WI 54115

Spiritual Director: Rev. Michael Brennan

Cell: 312-307-9383; Office: 920-403-3012; mbrennan@norbertines.org

Relevant Radio:

1496 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI 54311; Ph: 877-291-0123

or email info@relevantradio.com

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and Museum:

139 S. Madison St., Green Bay, WI 54302; Ph: 920-432-4348

Belgian Heritage Center:

1255 County Rd. DK, Brussels, WI 54204; Ph: 920-825-1328

An updated list of activities and special events is included as an insert to this guide.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Apparition Chapel, Apparition Oratory, and the Shrine Grounds are open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. daily.

- Mass at 11:00 a.m. daily, additionally Tuesday and Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. daily, additionally Saturday at 9:15 – 10:45 a.m.
- Devotional Prayer:
 - Rosary at 10:30 a.m. Daily*
 - Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. Daily
 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.
 - St. Joseph Devotions, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
 - Fatima Devotions, First Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Adele Brise Day, 9th day of each month at 12:30 p.m. (Guest speaker)
- Gift Shop/Schoolhouse Café:
 - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday
 - 12:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sunday

Find complete details on website: www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com

**Changes may occur. Additional opportunities may be available. Inquire for additional options.*



OFF-SITE DINING OPTIONS

Contact following restaurants for dining options near Champion Shrine or to have your meal catered or delivered.

[Honey Baked Ham](#)

Caters Lunch

Suite B, 933 Anderson Dr a, Green Bay, WI 54304

Phone: (920) 592-9995

[Julie's Café and Catering](#)

Caters to Shrine or Dine-In

1230 Velp Ave. Green Bay, WI 54303 – 20 miles from Shrine

www.juliescafecatering.com

Phone: (920) 494-4585

[Mackinaws](#)

Caters to Shrine or Dine-In

2925 Voyager Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311 – 16 miles from Shrine

Phone: (920) 406-8000

[Rose's Family Restaurant](#)

Dine in Only

112 Main St. Luxemburg, WI 54217 – 6.6 miles from Shrine

Phone: (920) 845 – 2025

[Sonny's Pizza](#)

Delivers to Shrine

1623 Main St. Luxemburg, WI 54217 – 6 miles from Shrine

Phone: (920) 845-1006

[Subway \(BP Gas Station\)](#)

Delivers to Shrine

4127 Champion Road, Green Bay, WI 54311

Phone: (920) 866-1616

[Sweet Seasons Family Restaurant](#)

Dine in Only

6189 Tielens Rd., Dyckesville, WI 54217 – 3 Miles from Shrine

Phone: (920) 866-9691

[Village Kitchen Restaurant and Catering Service](#)

Caters to Shrine

101 Old Orchard Avenue, Casco, WI 54205 – 10 miles from Shrine

Phone: (920) 837-7333



PILGRIMAGE GROUP INFORMATION

DATE FOR WHICH YOU ARE PLANNING YOUR PILGRIMAGE:

Month: _____ Date: _____ Year: _____

HOW MANY IN GROUP: _____ NAME OF YOUR GROUP: _____

CONTACT PERSON FOR YOUR GROUP:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

WILL YOUR PRIEST BE CONCELEBRATING/HOLDING PRIVATE MASS: Yes* No

NOTE: All Priests outside Green Bay Catholic Diocese must have credentials faxed to 920-866-2581 prior to pilgrimage.

Credentials requested: _____ Credentials received: _____*

**NOTE: a minimum donation of \$50 is requested from the group for the use of the Church and liturgical supplies if Mass is being celebrated here. Fee collected on this date: _____*

Would you like to order a DVD for \$20 (includes shipping and handling) to watch prior to your visit or on the bus traveling to Champion Shrine? Yes No

If yes, date mailed: _____ (staff info only)

ANTICIPATED GROUP ITINERARY:

Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

Coming by Bus: Yes No

If yes, would you like a welcome by Shrine Staff at bus? Yes* No

** Please call 920-866-2571 ext. 4 five minutes before arrival for welcome by Shrine staff at bus.*

8:30 a.m. Mass (Tues/Sat only) 11:00 a.m. Mass (daily) Private Mass

Prayer/Reflection History Talk by Staff

Lunch: Adele Brise Hall St. Joseph Hall

ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS: _____

Please mail, email (scan), or fax this completed Form to:
National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, Attention: Pilgrimage Coordinator
4047 Chapel Drive, Champion, WI 54229-9462
Email: asaxe@shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com
Fax: 920-866-2581



The warmest embrace,
so full of grace.



Rejoice in our Blessed Mother's love that faithful pilgrims have experienced for more than 150 years at the only approved Marian apparition site in the U.S.

START YOUR JOURNEY TODAY.
We welcome groups big or small.

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