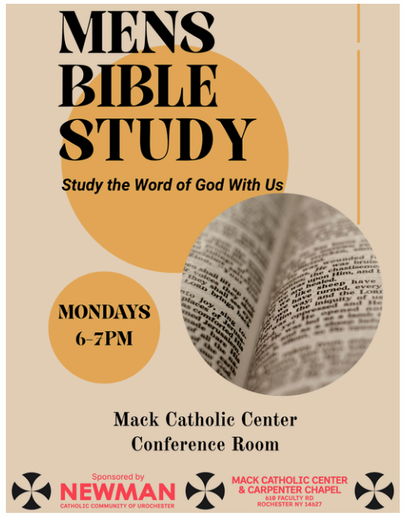
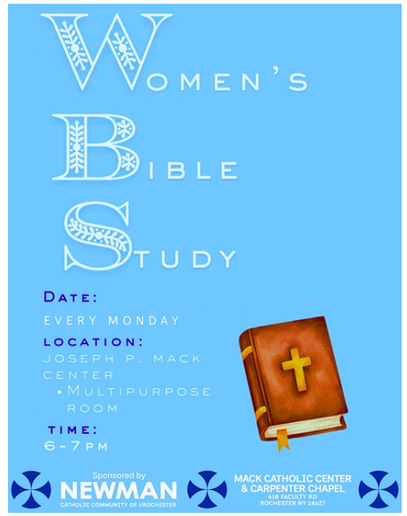






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Newman Notes

Did you know there was a Mary Apparition in the USA? Read below to learn more about it and the National Shrine in Wisconsin.

Go and Fear Nothing:' What Our Lady of Champion Still Teaches Us Today

by Rebecca Winderbaum
https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/go-and-fear-nothing-what-our-lady-of-champion-still-teaches-us-today/

October 1859 began like any other month in a Belgian settlement near Champion, Wisconsin. Yet the early days of that month would bring an encounter that would provide a mission for the rest of one young woman's life. Adele Brice, along with her community and many faithful Catholics for generations to come, was about to be changed forever.

Adele was dedicated to her faith and known for her joyful disposition despite having suffered an accident at a young age which resulted in blindness in her left eye. She had planned to become a nun in her native Belgium before her family decided to immigrate to the United States. After a six-week journey to America, she became a regular attendee of the church 10 miles away from the settlement, walking the long distance every Sunday to grow in her devotion to God.

This commitment led Adele to a blessed encounter, or rather, three encounters that took place along the wooded path that connected her home to the church. During the first encounter, Adele was alone when she saw a woman dressed in white clothing who said nothing to her. The second appearance of the woman took place several days later as Adele and several companions walked to Mass. It was then that Adele realized this woman was visible only to her.

The third encounter took place the same day as the group returned home. This vision of the beautiful woman led to Mary's message. After identifying herself as "the Queen of Heaven," Our Lady gave Adele the mission to pray for the conversion of sinners, and to "gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation." This led Adele to embrace the vocation of teaching as she catechized the children of her settlement. In order to ensure the children could spend time learning from her, Adele offered to help their families with the many household chores that were common at the time.

Before fading from view, the Blessed Mother offered one final instruction to Adele, "Go and fear nothing; I will help you." That promise has echoed through the years and continues to reverberate in the silent walls of Our Lady of Champion Shrine. While it does not have the popularity of Lourdes or the international acclaim of Guadalupe, Champion is the only Church-approved Marian apparition site in the United States. Adele Brice's cause for sainthood was opened in January 2026.

I'm a Midwest girl at heart, having grown up in Wisconsin. However, it wasn't until well after Bishop Ricken of Green Bay approved these apparitions as being "worthy of belief" in 2010 and the site was designated a National Shrine in 2016 that I learned about its existence through an internet search for domestic pilgrimage sites. I was thrilled to know that something so beautiful and miraculous had taken place near where I was raised. I felt a tug on my heart telling me that I needed to experience it firsthand.

I took my first pilgrimage to this shrine during an emotional time in my life. I was on the brink of a major move to a faraway place where I knew no one, entering a career change into a new field, and recommitting myself to the faith, desiring to fall deeper in love with Christ and his Church. The weight of change on my mind felt heavier than I could carry alone, and I knew that I needed support well beyond human limitations. In prayer, I offered Mary my heart, wondering where I was being led, who and what I would find along the way, and asking for prayers and providence through it all.

I wasn't expecting this pilgrimage to eliminate all of my busy thoughts, and they weren't all resolved on that trip. But something happened to me amid the low glow of candlelight, the smell of incense, and the stillness of a humble oratory built on the site of the apparition. Something shifted in that space of prayer while I was connecting with the Blessed Virgin. I shifted, too. Suddenly, it didn't seem as worrisome to think about my future. Mary was asking me to entrust my heart to her divine Son through her; I needed only to give my own "fiat."

That shift has drawn me back on pilgrimage after pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Champion Shrine. In joy and in uncertainty, in peace and in tumult, every time I step upon that hallowed ground where the treeline gently rolls in the distance and the air smells like freshly cut grass and cows, I have continued to shift. The flow of love in my heart undulates more openly as I gaze upon the serene expression of the figure of the Blessed Mother reverently placed in honor of Adele's encounters, and I am profoundly renewed.

I encourage all who are able to make the journey to Champion, Wisconsin to embrace the opportunity and offer up your heart and your life to Christ through the Blessed Virgin. Even if it is difficult, I pray you will take up the courage of Adele Brice in each moment, walking confidently toward Mary and asking, "What do you want of me?" Enter the oratory, light a candle, and sit in the holy stillness, allowing yourself to find within it an immeasurable amount of grace that will flood your very soul with the promise that you, too, must go and fear nothing.
Our Lady of Champion, pray for us!

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10/04/26

Weekly Actual	Weekly Goal	Variance
$1,060	$414	$646
Y-T-D Actual	**Y-T-D Goal**	**Variance**
$15,751	$5,796	$9,955

Y-T-D is Financial Year July 1-June 30

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Peter: Hey Paul, remember that time you preached that boring sermon and that kid fell asleep and fell out the window?
Paul: Yes but who will ever remember that?
Luke:



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Before 10:30a Sunday Mass:
9:30-10:15a

Before 7:00p Sunday Mass:
6:00-6:45p

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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUN	10:30AM MASS - EVERY SUN 7:00PM MASS - During the semester
MON	ROSARY GROUP 5pm, Chapel WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6pm, MP Room MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6pm, Conference Room
WED	OCIA SESSIONS TBD INSTAMASS - 9pm
THU	DAILY MASS - 5:30pm NEWMAN NIGHT DINNER - 6pm
FRI	ADORATION - 5-6pm

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