

Why a Pilgrimage?

(Source: *onpilgrimage.com*)

Going on pilgrimage has a long and respectable history. **Christian pilgrimage** was first made to sites connected with the ministry of Jesus. Surviving descriptions of Christian pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Jerusalem date from the 4th century, when pilgrimage was encouraged by church fathers like Saint Jerome and established by Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great. Pilgrimages also began to be made to Rome and other sites associated with the Apostles, Saints and Christian martyrs, as well as to places where there have been apparitions of the Virgin Mary.

Pilgrimage has become especially attractive for those of us whose everyday lives are filled with responsibilities and distractions. We easily find ourselves longing to leave behind the ordinary, even if temporarily, in order to see what is truly important. We long for a life in closer communion with God. In the words of Huston Smith, “The object of pilgrimage is not rest and recreation—to get away from it all. To set out on a pilgrimage is to throw down a challenge to everyday life.”



A common and peaceful sight on the road

Here’s what you can expect as we walk to our destination, *Our Lady of Good Help Shrine in Champion, Wisconsin.*

Day 1 – Friday, September 13

7:00 am Morning Mass at Holy Cross Parish in Kaukauna

7:40 am Departing prayer and photos at the Grotto on Sarah Street

8:00-8:15 am Begin. Approx. 19 miles.

Breaks throughout the morning with water and snacks always available on the route.

12:00 noon Lunch on the road right before we hit a stretch of the Fox River Trail. Breaks throughout the afternoon, with an ice cream stop at Scray Cheese in De Pere.

4:00 pm Approximate arrival time at our first destination—St. Mary Parish in De Pere – a beautiful facility for us to shower, take time to rest our bodies and spirits and share our day with each other. Special prayer service after the evening meal.

Day 2 – Saturday, September 14

After packing gear and celebrating Mass, our group will enjoy a hearty breakfast to energize us for the day’s journey.

9:00 am Approximate departure time. Breaks throughout the morning. Walk approximately 15 miles today.

Lunch We will enjoy lunch at Fonferek’s Glen County Park in Green Bay.

3:00 pm Approximate arrival time at our second destination – a retreat center in Poland. Tonight we will enjoy a cookout and ice cream--a peaceful night of reflection.

Day 3 – Sunday, September 15

8:30 am After a good breakfast, we will set off on our final leg of the journey to the Shrine. Approximately 12 miles today.

Arrival Mid-afternoon. Breaks/lunch along the way. We will celebrate **Sunday Mass at the Shrine at 3:15 pm**. Friends and family welcome.

We will not have a bus to take us home, so please arrange for a ride back.

Note: Family and friends are welcome to join us both evenings for our group gatherings.



We walk to the Shrine in Honor of the Feast of the Holy Cross



2019
**FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS
WALKING PILGRIMAGE**
~Registration Form~

Return this panel to Kaukauna Catholic Parishes, 119 W. 7th St., Kaukauna, WI 54130. Or, call Deacon Bruce at 766-1445 to register. **Submit this form by August 29th** for planning purposes. An approximate cost of \$15-\$20 per person per day will be communicated when all walkers are registered and budget determined.

Name _____

Street
Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

Emergency
Contact _____

Phone _____

Comments _____

See back panel for more details.

Call Deacon Bruce (766-1445) regarding the walk. Call Deacon Mark (766-0008) with questions about biking on Sunday. **Please arrange for a ride home on Sunday. No bus.**

Note: This is an alcohol-free weekend.

Pilgrimage Cost

The cost of the pilgrimage will be \$15-\$20 per day/per person, based on the number of walkers. Cost includes:

- Delicious meals each day
- Snacks/water throughout walk
- Rental fees for St. Mary Parish in De Pere, Retreat Center in Poland and Our Lady of Good Help Shrine
- Gas for Support Vehicles--Support vehicles will be with us each day with bathroom facilities, snacks, water and rest if you need a break.



Sunday bikers to shrine (766-0008)



Friday lodging – St. Mary De Pere

9th Annual FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS Walking/Biking Pilgrimage

September 13-15, 2019

Informational Meeting Tuesday, August 6
6:00 pm - Holy Cross Friendship Hall

**Join Kaukauna Catholic Parishes
for a 50-mile life-enriching journey
to *Our Lady of Good Help Shrine***



“If you go to a place on anything but your own feet, you are taken there too fast and miss a thousand delicate joys that were waiting for you by the wayside.” ~ Elizabeth von Arnim