

# QUEEN of APOSTLES PASTORATE



SAINT DENNIS PARISH

A CATHOLIC CHURCH CENTERED ON CHRIST



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

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**April 21, 2024**

## QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORATE SAINT DENNIS MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, April 21

- 8:30 Parish members of Saint Peter  
and Saint Dennis  
10:30 Deceased members of the  
Knights of Columbus

### Monday, April 22

8:00 Mary Hill

### Tuesday, April 23

8:00 Mary Dwyer

### Wednesday, April 24

8:30 Alice Herro (Mass with children)

### Thursday, April 25

8:00 Denzil Godinho

### Friday, April 26

8:00 Mary Burke

### Saturday, April 27

4:00 Jack Leen

### Sunday, April 28

- 8:30 Parish members of Saint Peter  
and Saint Dennis  
10:30 Tommy Stueckroth

Rosary follows daily Mass in-person and livestream except on Wednesdays it is before Mass at 8:00 a.m. in-person only in the chapel. Reconciliation 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

## QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORATE SAINT PETER MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, April 21

9:00 Gertrude Hogan

### Tuesday, April 23

5:00 Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, April 24

9:00 Jim Wilcox

### Thursday, April 25

9:00 Tom McConley

### Friday, April 26

9:00 Michael and Andy Stolper

### Saturday, April 27

4:00 Robert Farrell

### Sunday, April 28

9:00 Bruce Elliot

Reconciliation and Adoration from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

## SAINT DENNIS FELLOWSHIP

- May 11 and 12 (Saint Dennis Home and School)

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Father, you desire all of us to be happy.  
Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts  
of many men and women.

Grant to them the willingness and generosity  
to give of themselves, their lives, their time and their  
talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
Our Lord and Savior and to His Holy Church.

May more men and women go forth as priests, deacons,  
brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith  
to all others so that soon they, too, may know You better  
and love You more . . .  
and serving You, be truly happy. Amen.

## SPRING BUNDLE SUNDAY

The Saint Dennis Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul members are handing out bags this Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21 for you to take home and fill with gently used clothing, linens, small household items and personal items. On Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28, a truck will be in the back church parking lot before all the Masses. Helpers will be there to collect your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

## CELEBRATE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER MICHAEL'S ORDINATION!

Come celebrate with Father Michael on the 30th Anniversary of his ordination as a priest on April 28. Saint Dennis will be hosting a fellowship after all Masses on the weekend of Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28. Saint Peter will be hosting a celebration on the weekend of Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5.

If you are interested in helping out with either of these events, contact Carol at Saint Dennis 608-246-5124 or the office at Saint Peter 608-249-6651. This is a great opportunity to mingle with other parishioners in our pastorate!



The graphic features a central blue car being washed with white foam. Above the car, the text reads "SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH St. Dennis School FUNDRAISER CAR WASH". To the left of the car, a blue starburst contains the text "10:00 AM to 2:00 PM". To the right, another blue starburst contains the St. Dennis School logo, which includes a shield with a cross and the text "ST. DENNIS SCHOOL". At the bottom, a blue banner states "Sponsored by 8th graders to support their class trip."

## RELIGIOUS WORKER VISA

As you know, our international priests arrive on a nonimmigrant religious worker (R-1) visa status that allows a five-year period of work in the United States. To remain in the U.S. longer, they, like many others, need to transition to immigrant-status Legal Permanent Residence (LPR). In April 2023, the U.S. Department of State changed its interpretation of the law so that Special Immigrant Juveniles (SIJ), and religious workers are classified in the same category (EB-4 visa category) and both are subject to the same annual, limited cap on visas issued. The practical impact of this change is that it is now impossible for an R-1 visa holder to adjust to LPR within the maximum time of their five-year stay, and those international priests will have to leave the United States prematurely and unnecessarily. (Fortunately, this does not affect Father Michael!) This would have a serious detrimental impact not only on the Diocese of Madison, but dioceses and religious order throughout the United States, and most other non-Catholic religious organizations. It is contrary to Congress' intent when creating the Religious Worker Visa Program.

Efforts at seeking executive branch relief have been unsuccessful, so we urgently turn to the legislative branch of government and need your help. There is a USCCB Action Alert at <https://www.voterveice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/106744/Respond>,

## AMEN

The word Amen is one of a small number of Hebrew words which have been imported unchanged into the liturgy of the Church. This word is attributed to our Lord in the Gospel of Saint Matthew some twenty-eight times, as well as in the Gospel of Saint John as a double formed, "Amen, Amen, I say to you," some twenty-six times. As regards the etymology, Amen is a derivative from the Hebrew verb amen "to strengthen" or "confirm."

In the Holy Scripture it appears almost invariably as an adverb, and its primary use is to indicate that the speaker adopts for his own what has already been said by another. The familiarity of the usage of saying Amen at the end of all prayers, even before the Christian era, is evidenced by Tobit 9:12.

A second use of Amen, that which is most common in the New Testament, but not quite unknown in the Old, has no reference to the words of any other person, but is simply a form of affirmation or confirmation of the speaker's own thought, sometimes introducing it, sometimes following it, such as when Jesus says, "Amen, Amen, I say to you . . ."

Lastly, the common practice of concluding any discourse or chapter of a subject with a doxology ending in Amen seems to have led to a third distinctive use of the word in which it appears as nothing more than a formula of conclusion.

Father Gary and Father Michael

## MEN INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PERMANENT DEACON

**Saturday, April 27**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Holy Name Heights**

**702 South High Point Road**

The Diocese of Madison is hosting an inquiry meeting for men who are interested in learning more about the call to being a permanent deacon. You will learn about the life and ministry of a permanent deacon, along with the discernment and formation process. Please inform your pastor or parochial administrator that you are interested in the vocation and plan to attend the meeting.

Wives may attend with their husbands, and pastors and parochial administrators are invited. Reservations are requested. Contact Deacon Chris Schmelzer, director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, by email at [chris.schmelzer@madisondiocese.org](mailto:chris.schmelzer@madisondiocese.org) by Friday, April 19. Men are asked to include their wives' names if they are attending the meeting.



"May we learn to cultivate the virtue of temperance. By controlling our words and actions we can avoid useless conflicts and promote peace in our society."

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## JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST SERIES

**Join Us Any Wednesday**

The Queen of Apostles Pastorate is inviting you to participate in a program with Father Michael on Wednesdays. We will have sessions at 9:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Saint Peter Church.

Jesus and the Eucharist is a dynamic, seven-session study designed to help you connect with your fellow parishioners as you fall deeper in love with Jesus and our Eucharistic Lord. Immerse yourself in the beauty of our faith in an intimate small group setting, hear from some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism, and explore the mystery of the Eucharist anew as a part of the National Eucharistic Revival. For more information call Saint Peter's Office at 608-249-6651.

## PORK LOIN AND CHICKEN DINNER

**Saturday, May 11**

The Saint Peter Knights of Columbus are hosting a pork loin and chicken dinner following Mass on Saturday, May 11. Tickets are \$10. This includes: meat of your choice, baked potato, green beans, salad, dinner roll and cookie. Tickets will be sold at all Masses prior to May 11 and must be purchased in advance. Call the Saint Peter Office at 608-249-6651 for more information.

## SAINT DENNIS CLASS OF 1969

### 55-Year Class Reunion

A 55-Year Class Reunion for the Saint Dennis Class of 1969 will be August 10 at Saint Dennis Parish Center. Reunion Committee is looking to connect with members of this class **and** anyone who attended Saint Dennis with this class from first grade to eighth grade. The committee and class would like to connect with eighth grade graduates and those who did not actually graduate from eighth grade at Saint Dennis but were part of this class. If you, a family member, a friend or anyone you know was part of this class, contact Cindy Clausen (Schrader) at cinboots@gmail.com or call 920-369-6429 to be included on the invitation list.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the good shepherd . . . and I lay down my life for the sheep . . . and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### Last Week's Activity (April 13 and 14)

Envelopes	\$	12,785
Offertory change	\$	<u>1,524</u>
Total	\$	14,309
Online offertory	\$	14,876

Would you prayerfully consider treating Saint Dennis Parish as one of your children in your will/estate planning?

#### Give Your First Fruits Back To God

- 5% to local parish
- 1% Annual Catholic Appeal
- 4% to personal charities

## CARE FOR CREATION



"The environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all." - Pope Francis

### Planet Vs. Plastic – Reduce Plastic Waste

Reducing plastic waste is indeed a commendable idea with several significant benefits:

- 1. Healthier Planet:** By minimizing plastic waste, we contribute to creating a healthier planet for all of us. Plastic pollution affects ecosystems, marine life, and land animals.
- 2. Human and Animal Health:** Plastic waste poses risks to both humans and wildlife. Animals often ingest plastic, mistaking it for food, which can lead to injury or death. Microplastics from plastic waste can even end up in the food we consume.
- 3. Lower Carbon Emissions:** Plastic production relies heavily on fossil fuels. When we reduce plastic waste, we decrease the demand for plastic products, leading to fewer carbon dioxide emissions.
- 4. Safer Environment for Wildlife:** Plastic waste harms animals in various ways. Sea turtles and fish mistake plastic for food, and land animals can get entangled in plastic debris.
- 5. Cost Savings:** Additionally, reducing plastic waste can save money.

### Ways to Reduce Plastic Waste

With all of the benefits of reducing plastic waste, you might want to know some simple steps you can take today to create a healthier environment and save money.

Some ways include:

- Using reusable containers and purchasing food from bulk stores.
- Recycling plastic whenever possible.
- Stop using single-use products like plastic utensils or straws.
- Purchasing boxes instead of bottles, like for laundry detergent.
- Make your own cleaning products.
- By reducing your plastic waste, you are helping yourself and the environment.

Using reusable products and avoiding single-use plastics can lead to long-term cost savings for individuals and businesses alike.

If you have any questions or suggestions about how we can participate in caring for creation, send them to the Care for Creation Team at careforcreation@stdennisparish.org.



**MOTHER'S DAY  
BRINGS JOY TO MOMS  
AND BLESSED BABIES  
May 11 and 12**

Roses are the traditional flower that means, "I love you." This Mother's Day, show your love for your dear one and at the same time, bless babies who need the basics of life. Generous donations provided \$10,000 of grants to pro-life groups in Dane County who provide safe sleep resources, health care, parenting education and more. Your donation for roses means so much to the one you love and to the ones we do not know, but who receive loving kindness through your gift.

If you can volunteer to help after any Mass, call Mary Pronshinske at 608-221-4702 or 608-444-1141.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE  
ROLL WEEKEND**

**Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19**

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Tootsie Roll collection at Saint Dennis and Saint Peter parishes. After each Mass, the Knights will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations. All donations will go to charities that help those who are intellectually or physically disabled, including: Easter Seals - Camp Wawbeek, Madison Area Rehabilitation Center, Gigi's Playhouse, Special Olympics, Camp Gray, Wisconsin Badger Camp Inc, and the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities - Diocese of Madison. Thanks for your support!

**ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN**

The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.

**AGRACE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed to assist customers, operate the cash register and sort donations at the Agrace Thrift Stores in Madison, pack donated merchandise in donors' homes, or make companionship visits to local Agrace Hospice patients in patients' homes, nursing homes or assisted living centers. Agrace will host volunteer orientation Tuesday, May 21, at 5:00 p.m. at the Agrace campus in Madison. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 608-327-7163 or visit [Agrace.org/Volunteer](http://Agrace.org/Volunteer) and fill out an application.

**EUCCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE**

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through Wisconsin this June on its way to the National Eucharistic Congress. Make plans to join the pilgrimage as it enters into the Diocese of LaCrosse on Friday, June 7. For \$55 you can ride a deluxe motor coach with other pilgrims from the Diocese of Madison from Holy Name Heights in Madison to downtown LaCrosse. We plan to join the procession as it travels through downtown LaCrosse to the LaCrosse Center for the Answer Eucharistic Rally. The rally will begin with Mass and feature speakers Chris Stefanick, Immaculée Ilibagiza, Josh Rosa, and Father Justin Kizewski along with music, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and more. For info and registration [www.madisondiocese.org/answer](http://www.madisondiocese.org/answer).

**SACRED MUSIC**

Diocese of Madison presents Sacred Music at the Oratory on Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 p.m. Join us for solemn choral vespers and concert sung by the Madison Diocesan Choir at Holy Name Oratory, 702 South High Point Road.

**SAINT LUKE FISH FRY**

Saint Luke, 1240 Nachreiner Avenue, Plain will host their fish fry on Friday, May 3 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Deep fried cod, fried potatoes, potato salad, coleslaw, French bread, cheese slices, dessert and beverage for \$17. Kids 6-12 years old \$9 and 5 and under \$3. Carry-outs available.

**SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA**

"Thank You, O Lord, for creating me. For calling me into being from nothingness. For imprinting Your divinity on my soul. The work of sheer merciful love." (Diary, 1286)

When you are parenting, life can be swamped with endless errands, overtime work, and precious little sleep. It is tempting to want to give up in those moments. Take each task as it comes, simplify what you can, and remember: you and your spouse are a team!



**AGRACE ADULT DAY CENTER  
OFFERS DAYTIME CARE**

Do you care for or know an older adult who cannot - or chooses not to - stay alone all day? The Agrace Adult Day Center in Madison gives seniors the reassurance and comfort of having others with them throughout the day. It is especially helpful for people who have dementia or trouble with their memory, and can be a welcome break for family caregivers, too. Learn more at 608-327-7303 or [Agrace.org/AdultDayCenter](http://Agrace.org/AdultDayCenter).



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Father John Muir  
Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona

desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I did not care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I do not know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me - and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby - blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the Risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

It is time for a refresher course on the best ways to love your spouse. Come learn what millions of couples have learned from Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Give your marriage the boost it needs by signing up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on April 27-28 in Mundelein, IL, May 4-5 in Muskego or August 3-4 in Wisconsin. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call 888-574-5653.

## READINGS

### Week of April 21, 2024

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14  
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Saint Dennis Parish Office

413 Dempsey Road, Madison, WI 53714  
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Email: [office@stdennisparish.org](mailto:office@stdennisparish.org)  
Website: <http://www.stdennisparish.org>

### Saint Peter Parish Office

5001 North Sherman Avenue, Madison, 53704  
Office is open Monday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Phone: 608-249-6651  
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