

# QUEEN of APOSTLES PASTORATE



SAINT DENNIS PARISH

A CATHOLIC CHURCH CENTERED ON CHRIST



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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**April 28, 2024**

## QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORATE SAINT DENNIS MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, April 28

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

### Monday, April 29

8:00 Virginia Besler

### Tuesday, April 30

8:00 Theresa Weisensel

### Wednesday, May 1

8:30 William Acker (Mass with children)

### Thursday, May 2

8:00 Ed and Jane Braun

### Friday, May 3

8:00 Mary Meier

### Saturday, May 4

4:00 Kristina and Karina Navarro-Krupka

### Sunday, May 5

8:30 Parish members of Saint Peter  
and Saint Dennis  
10:30 Ray, Betty and Ron Van Den Plas  
4:00 Sylvia Havey (Confirmation with Bishop Hying)

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 28

9:00 Anne Shemel-Farley

### Tuesday, April 30

5:00 Bonnie Sonn Frisch

### Wednesday, May 1

9:00 Thomas McConley

### Thursday, May 2

9:00 May Lou Maly

### Friday, May 3

9:00 Mary Yanke

### Saturday, May 4

4:00 Linda and Joseph Treinen

### Sunday, May 5

9:00 Robert Farell

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)

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

Join us this weekend in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Father Michael's ordination. Saint Peter will be hosting a celebration next weekend, Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5.

## THE TRUCK IS HERE!

### Spring Bundle Sunday

The Saint Dennis Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul members are at the truck ready to collect your donations this this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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.



## 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.

## ROSARY AND PRAYER WALK

### Saturday, May 18 at: 10:00 a.m.

#### McDaniel Park, 4806 McDaniel Lane, McFarland

Our gathering of young adults will start with an opening prayer reflection focusing on Jesus and the apostles' journeys. We will then split into two groups: one to walk across the bridge and back for a discussion at the park and another to continue walking along the lake path. It is a great opportunity for reflection *while* enjoying nature. Handouts will include the prayers of the rosary and the Fatima prayer, ensuring everyone can participate. Additionally, we will provide information about upcoming events and how to join our GroupMe for updates and communication.

## CONFIRMATION NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 5 Bishop Hying will confer the Holy Spirit upon nearly 70 young men and women of our Pastorate in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Dennis Church at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to gather in support and prayer of the Confirmandi as they become fully-initiated members of our Church.

We are grateful to all who were a part of the formation of these young members of our parish, particularly their parents, godparents and sponsors. To those who are being Confirmed: Congratulations! In the prayer of Confirmation:

Send your Holy Spirit upon them  
to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of right judgment and courage,  
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.

Fill them with the spirit of wonder  
and awe in your presence.

## AMEN

There are two special instances of the use of Amen that seem to call for separate treatment. The first is the Amen formerly spoken by the people at the close of the great Prayer of Consecration in the liturgy. The second is that which was uttered by each of the faithful when he received the Body and Blood of Christ.

Amen after the consecration: When we consider the "great Prayer of Consecration" a few words of explanation are necessary. There can be no doubt that for the Christians of the earlier ages of the Church the precise moment of the conversion of the bread and wine upon the altar into the Body and Blood of Christ was not so clearly apprehended. This is because back then and until the 1960's Mass was being celebrated in Latin, a language not popularly understood in all places.

They were satisfied to believe that the change was wrought in the course of a long "prayer of thanksgiving" (known to us as the Eucharistic prayer), a prayer made up of several elements - preface, recitation of the words of institution, memento for living and dead, invocation of the Holy Spirit, etc. - which prayer they nevertheless conceived of as one "action" or consecration, to which, after a doxology, they responded by a solemn Amen, an Amen that is to the fullest extent possible sung by the people as the great response to the gift of the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ now present on the altar.

Amen after communion: The Amen which in many liturgies is spoken by the faithful at the moment of receiving Holy Communion, that is the Amen spoken after the Minister of the Eucharist shows the hosts and says "The Body of Christ," may also be traced back to early century usage. It was a common practice in the early Church that when anyone received Communion they responded Amen, and then kissed the hand of the bishop who had brought it to them.

The point for us to consider is that the practice of answering Amen traces back to the early centuries, in fact the first and second centuries, when nearly all of the Church fathers make a reference to supplying an illustration of this common practice. In this instance, we are affirming that we do believe it is truly the Body and Blood of Christ. It is a little word, Amen, which indicates a strong affirmation, and translates in our present terminology as "let it be so" or "I do believe." This simple word expressed the faith we should have whenever we pray but certainly as we approach the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



"If we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, He will revive the theological virtues within us.

If we have lost trust,  
God will reopen us to faith.  
If we are discouraged, God  
will reawaken hope within us.

If our heart is hardened,  
God will soften it with His love."

4-24-2024

Father Gary and Father Michael

## BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Once again, the Women of Saint Dennis are collecting funds for the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County. All you have to do is pick up an empty baby bottle in the gathering area on Mother's Day weekend. Fill it with loose change, paper money, or even a check! Then return the bottle on Father's Day weekend, June 15-16, and we will do the rest!

## 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!

## ALEX WEST 5-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

New this year! If you did not know Alex, he was a vibrant, enthusiastic teen-ager taken from us too soon due to a skiing accident at the young age of 16. Though gone, Alex's energy is still ever present in the halls of Saint Dennis School, where he spent 10 years of his life. This year in his honor, Capital East Soccer Club and Saint Dennis School are combining to host a 5-A-Side soccer tournament here at Saint Dennis Soccer fields. Games will be consist of 4 on 4 plus a goalie. Make sure to get your team together and register at [capitaleastsoccer.com](http://capitaleastsoccer.com). Deadline is May 1.



## 2024 SAINT DENNIS SUMMER SOCCER LEAGUE

The season starts June 12! Soccer games will be played on Wednesday evenings for seven weeks. All games will be played at Saint Dennis between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. depending on the number of teams. All games will be small sided with no goalie. Each team will have a parent coach/manager that will serve as referee for game management purposes. The cost is \$45 per child with each player receiving a t-shirt. Make checks payable to Matt Beisser or Venmo @matt-beisser-1 and include it with your registration so that shirts can be ordered in plenty of time for our first game.

Soccer is open to any and all kids part or not part of Saint Dennis School and Parish. For children entering grades 4K-grade nine. Grade level divisions: entering 4K and 5K - (3 on 3), Grades. 1 and 2 - (4 on 4), (3 on 3). Grade 3,4,5 - (3 on 3 no goalie/small field) six players maximum, Grade 5,6,7,8 - (3 on 3 no goalie/small field) six players maximum. Players in Grades 5-8 may sign up as a team or as a free agent where a team will be formed for you. Players in grades 4K-5 will be randomly placed on teams. Money raised will go towards field improvements as well as to benefit Saint Dennis Athletics. Deadline is May 20. For information, call Mr. Matt Beisser at 608-246-5121 or email at stdprincipal@gmail.com.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” - 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it is not too late to start!

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

#### Last Week's Activity (April 20 and 21)

Envelopes	\$	6,251
Offertory change	\$	<u>1,247</u>
Total	\$	7,498
Online offertory	\$	11,456

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

### Planet Vs. Plastic – Environment and Health Effects



“The word environment means what surrounds you. In the case of plastics we have become the product itself - it flows through our blood stream, adheres to our internal organs, and carries with it heavy metals known to cause cancer and disease. Now this once-thought amazing and useful product has become something else, and our health and that of all other living creatures hangs in the balance,” said Kathleen Rogers, President of EarthDay.org.

Plastics extend beyond an imminent environmental issue; they present a threat to animal and human health as alarming as climate change. As plastics break down into micro plastics, they release toxic chemicals into our food and water sources and circulate through the air we breathe. Plastic production now has grown to more than 380 million tons per year. More plastic has been produced in the last ten years than in the entire 20th century, and the industry plans to grow explosively for the indefinite future.

More than 500 billion plastic bags - one million bags per minute - were produced worldwide last year. Many plastic bags have a working life of a few minutes, followed by an afterlife of centuries. Even after plastics disintegrate, they remain as micro plastics, minute particles permeating every niche of life on the planet.

#### How Do We Encounter These Chemicals?

Chemicals are found in many everyday products, including some cosmetics, food and beverage packaging, toys, carpet, and pesticides. Contact with these chemicals may occur through air, diet, skin, and water. While they cannot be completely avoided or removed, you can make informed choices to reduce exposure and risk of any potential health effects. Source – EarthDay.org.

We encourage all to research information on products you consume. Here is a link to information from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/endocrine>.

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](mailto:careforcreation@stdennisparish.org).

## SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

“When I went out into the garden, I saw how everything was breathing the joy of spring. The trees, adorned with flowers, gave off an intoxicating odor. Everything was throbbing with joy and the birds were singing and chirping their adoration of God and said to me, ‘Rejoice and be happy, Sister Faustina.’” (Diary, 1120)



## MAY CROWNING

May Crowning is a cherished tradition within the Catholic Church. During this joyful occasion, children don their First Communion attire or their Sunday best, gather to sing in honor of the Blessed Mother, and present her with spring's

first flowers. The crowning moment involves placing a small wreath of blossoms upon her head. Typically held at schools and parishes, May Crowning celebrates the beauty and devotion to Mary.

The origins of this custom trace back through history. Iconographical motifs, such as paintings and sculptures, depict Christ crowning His mother after her Assumption into Heaven. The practice of crowning Mary sculptures or images dates back even further, with an example from Pope Gregory III (731-741) who donated a golden diadem to crown a holy image at Saint Peter's. This image represented not only Mary but also Christ and other saints.

In the 14th century, the tradition of crowning became more widespread, particularly in Essen, Germany, and Boerglum, Sweden. The Servite Order also customarily crowned well-known Marian images on Holy Saturday. Over time, the custom spread further during the Counter-Reformation, with the Vatican overseeing the financing of crowning ceremonies for venerable and miraculously recognized images.

Interestingly, the practice of crowning Mary with wreaths has roots in medieval courtly love rituals. A wreath of red (symbolizing motherhood) and white (representing virginity) roses would adorn Mary's head, signifying a declaration of love. This wreath of roses is connected to the historical roots of the rosary. Eventually, the wreath of flowers transformed into a wreath of prayers.

The May Crowning tradition, where Mary is crowned with flowers, highlights a special connection with spring, new life, and Mary's resplendent beauty. In summary, devotions like May Crowning have little magisterial direction; they emerge from popular practices, traditions, and heartfelt expressions of faith.

## MOSES LUNCHEON

MOSES is Madison Organizing in Strength, Equity and Solidarity for Criminal Legal System Reform. Join us for our fundraiser luncheon on May 14 with guest speaker Delilah McKinney who will speak on "How Jails and Prison Fail Women: What is a SAFE House?"

Reservations are due May 10. Cost is \$35. The luncheon begins at 11:15 a.m. at Lake Edge Lutheran Church, 4032 Monona Drive. To register go to <https://secure.everyaction.com/>.



## 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.

## MADISON CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

**May 9 at Dahmen's, 88 Hawks Landing, Verona**  
Men of Note will entertain and delight. Cost is \$35 with paid reservations due May 2. Contact Carol Strmiska at 608-335-2515 or [strmisk4321@gmail.com](mailto:strmisk4321@gmail.com). Seating begins at 11:30 a.m.

As you and your spouse improve your conflict resolution skills, it sets the tone for the next generation. If you have children, do not hide your minor conflicts from them. Let them see that you can disagree, work it out, and then reconcile.



## 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 (includes bus and registration) 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).



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Father John Muir

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown

trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit." (John 15:2) I do not mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I would wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, does not it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assumes it is not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

## 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 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 28, 2024

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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