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A Warm Welcome: Dominicans Find Home at Saint Dennis

Saint Dennis has had a long-lasting relationship with the Dominican Sisters, many of whom have resided in the convent located to the left of the church. We are happy to welcome three new (and one returning) Dominicans to our Saint Dennis family.

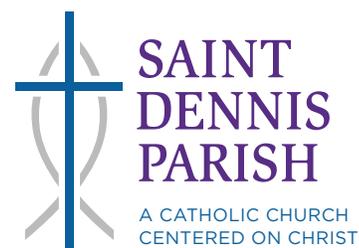
Pat Leahy, OP

I grew up on a dairy farm in Cedar Falls, Iowa. I attended Catholic grade and high schools, and then Edgewood College. Currently I am retired and helping on the Sinsinawa Dominican Anti-racism Team. I have always enjoyed attending Saint Dennis Mass on Sundays because no matter where I sit, there is always a welcoming smile nearby.

Joan Duerst, OP

I am an east sider by birth. My family home was located about two miles from Saint Dennis in the Saint Bernard's neighborhood. Because we didn't have a car, we had to take the bus down to Saint Patrick's. This is where I met the

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From Left: Grace Roidt, Sister Joan Duerst, Sister Joyce Poeschl, Sister Pat Leahy

Pope Francis Tweets @Pontifex May 5

Every morning, God comes to find us where we are. He summons us to rise at his word, to look up and to realize that we were made for heaven.

He's Making Diamonds Out of Us

God's radiant light was certainly shining like diamonds through our Faith Formation students this year! Our middle school students focused their studies on the Old Testament and culminated their semester with the Old Testament Film Festival. Classes were assigned an Old Testament hero to produce a short film about involving props, scenery and everyone working together. All students grades K-8 had a chance to view all seven films and voted on their favorites...with our grand prize winner going to the class that produced the film on Samson. Special thanks to Marcus Theaters for their generous donation of movie tickets to our winning classes.

Families came for our last class of the year where we prayed, honored catechists and students and concluded our Lenten almsgiving to Belize...with a record breaking \$2533.58 raised this year! We are thrilled that our students have such a personal connection to our friends at Saint Joseph School and they are proud of what they are continuing to accomplish with their giving. Thanks to all of our catechists for a fantastic year of growing in our faith and truly building the Kingdom here at Saint Dennis!

~ Lisa Harms, Faith Formation Coordinator Grades K-8



Faith Formation Registration Has Begun!

Register online for Faith Formation at:
stdennisparish.org/faith-formation/

For questions or assistance, contact Jacque at
(608) 246-5124.

Deadline: August 31, 2019

Dreams Come True for Belize School



Saint Joseph Primary School in Duck Run 2 has come so far in just a year. But it almost didn't happen. The school was in terrible shape, literally falling apart. Every time it rained, the buildings flooded and children had to sit at rotting desks with their feet in standing water. The Belize government noticed, and plans began to have the school closed and the building demolished. The children would be bussed to another village and the community's hope of having their own school would become a shattered dream. This was all set to happen as planned until Lighthouse Ministries came into the picture. Joined by members of Saint Dennis Parish, money was raised, and raised quickly, to make their dream a possibility once again. And look how far we have come! Saint Joseph School was considered the worst school in Belize. Now it's considered the best school in Belize! On May 22, parish member Mark Fremgen and I traveled to Belize to inspect the school and implement the final phase to complete the project: electricity and bathrooms. When people of God work together, dreams can come true!

~ Deacon David Hendrickson

Earth Day Event Urges Care for Creation

Saint Dennis Parish celebrated Earth Day April 27-28 with activities and exhibits aimed at helping individuals and families to reduce their carbon footprint, conserving energy and other natural resources.



Twelve parishioners had their carbon footprint calculated and received ideas for reducing energy use. Combining these with 39 previously done, the Care for Creation team is now halfway to its goal of completing a carbon footprint analysis for 100 families.

Earth Day participants also learned about:

- The solar power currently being generated for Saint Dennis School
- Home solar installations
- Electric plug-in vehicles, on display in the parking lot
- Recycling and composting.

Five people won tree saplings provided by America's Best Flowers. Winners were drawn from among 30 who made "Care for the Earth" pledges.

The Saint Dennis Care for Creation team, formed in December 2014, sponsored this Earth Day event. The group's long-term goal is for Saint Dennis to become a carbon neutral parish.

~ Julie Lehr



Congratulations to the following who were received into the Church at the April 20 Easter Vigil!

- Rob Lawrence and Jess Robinson - Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
- Tricia Gabarra - Confirmation

Dominicans

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Dominican Sisters who were happy, engaged people both in the classroom and playing ball with us on the playground. At Edgewood High School, I learned more about Jesus and Social Justice. I joined the Dominicans right after high school and I try to follow the model of being a joyful follower of Jesus. Currently, I am engaged in prison reform through an interfaith organization called Madison Organizing in Strength, Equality and Solidarity (MOSES).

Grace Roidt, Dominican Associate

I grew up on a horse farm that my grandfather started 100+ years ago. I was #8 of 10 children. I have been a teacher, nurse, truck and bus driver and manager of a women's gym. Now I am a bookseller at Browzers, where there are 225,000 books! I have sold books from the 1600's when the printing press was just started that were in Latin and Italian.

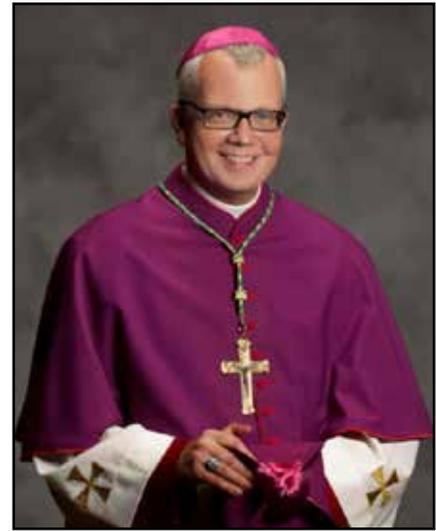
Sister Joyce Poeschl, OP

I'm returning to residing at Saint Dennis Covent after living for a few months on Madison's west side. I was born and raised in Oshkosh so I'm also happy to be close to home. I'm engaged in ministry in the Saint Dennis School office, where I have the honor of being the 60th Sinsinawa Dominican to work in the school. I also serve as a lector at the weekend Liturgies. I am thrilled to be living back on our Parish/School campus.

Welcome Bishop Donald Hying

On April 25, Pope Francis appointed Most Reverend Donald J. Hying as the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Madison. Bishop Hying, a Wisconsin native, was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1989. In 2011, he was consecrated a bishop by Pope Benedict the XVI. He most recently served as the Bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana. He will be installed on June 25 at an installation Mass at Saint Maria Goretti Church in Madison.

For more information on Bishop Hying visit:
<https://madisondiocese.org/bishop>.



Faith Filled Podcasts for Summer

As Catholics we strive to grow in our faith and strengthen our relationship with God. In addition to attending weekly Mass, listening to podcasts on your commute, daily walk, working out or working around the house is a great way to stay continually connected to our faith. Below is a list of Catholic podcasts (by no means comprehensive) to get you started.

~ Janet Dickinson

- **Freshly Brewed Catholic Media** - inspiring, relevant content to youth in the Diocese of Madison and beyond
- **The Word On Fire Show** - Bishop Robert Barron's weekly podcast on faith and culture
- **Discerning Hearts Catholic Podcast** - Catholic spiritual leaders and teachers offer church teachings.
- **Know the Faith Traditional Catholic Lessons and Prayers**
- **The Catholic Feminist** - a podcast for strong Catholic women
- **Jesuitical** - podcast for young Catholics, with Catholic news of the week and guests
- **The Examen with Father James Martin, S.J.** - a daily reflection and guided examen prayer
- **Inside the Vatican with America Media** - a weekly look behind the headlines of Vatican news
- **A Nun's Life Ministry Podcast** - helps you discover and grow in your vocation
- **Ave Maria Radio: Christ is the Answer** - instruction on the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- **Pray-As-You-Go** - a daily Lectio Divina meditation that helps you pray wherever you are

Hospital Visitation

The Hospital Visitation Ministry is blessed to have a number of experienced volunteers who have supported this ministry over the years. They receive a list of parishioners who are hospitalized at Saint Mary's or at Meriter Hospital. Through their presence, they share the loving care of the Saint Dennis community with each parishioner. A prayer is offered for them and they are asked if there is any other way in which Saint Dennis can help, such as a prayer shawl. A SHARE brochure is provided during the visit.

After the weekly visit, the volunteer presents written information to the parish office. This information is then given to our pastor, Father Randy. If you are interested in volunteering, contact M. Jane Baszynski at (608) 661-4446 or Kathy Lulling at (608) 222-2786.

~ M. Jane Baszynski

Saint Norbert

June 6

The word of God is inflamed with the fire of the Holy Spirit. It consumes vices and promises virtue.

First Communion Class of 2019



Why are you excited for First Communion?

I will get to receive the Body of Christ...I am so excited!

Because I get to receive Jesus' body in my life.

I am excited because I will get to spend more time with Jesus.

I just really can't wait to receive Jesus!

It will be neat to go up and receive Communion with the rest of the Church.

Confirmation Class of 2019



The Festival Tradition Continues

Have you heard? The 63rd Annual Saint Dennis Festival is being held July 26 - 28, 2019! This year's bands are ready and eager to play! Our line up includes Soggy Prairie Boys, Retro Specz, Universal Sound, Wheelhouse, and Mad City Jug Band to name just a few! Matt Beisser and Rachel Mohrmann are getting the grills cleaned and ordering the food while Brian and Darla Stachowiak are tapping up some of Wisconsin's best beers! Jessica Murphy and her crew are measuring distances to make sure the race runs smoothly while Dominican Sisters are kneading some dough to bake the 800 loaves of Mound Bread that has been ordered. Not far behind is Dorothy Ewing who is making sure that Craig Fenrick is ordering the best cut of beef there is to make our Roast Beef Dinner the best yet. And let's not forget Father Randy and Father Brunner saying their prayers for fabulous weather all week long! As you can see, it takes many, many hands to run our Festival! Be sure to check out the updated

Festival website (www.stdennisparish.org/festival) or our Facebook page for further information on signing up for shifts and events.

Please make sure to stop in Fellowship Hall after all Masses from now until the end of June to pick up those raffle tickets....remember....you can't win if you don't enter! And speaking of the raffle, please mark your calendar for August 11 at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. That will be the night when the winning tickets will be pulled by audience members! The more the merrier that night and who knows...you may be the lucky person to pull the winning ticket!

So....save the dates....July 26 - 28, 2019.....it's the best Festival around!

~ Ann Pitz

Finding Their Way to Oz

You've heard about the Wizard of Oz, right? The one where Dorothy gets lost with her little dog Toto, a Tin Man, Scarecrow and a Lion. But I'll bet you've never seen the Yellow Brick Road dance and do gymnastics moves while the traders are singing a song with money and the munchkins are going around in circles. Again this year, over 70 kids were given the chance to perform for the whole school to see. They received their lines on Monday and by Thursday, they had memorized all the songs, actions and lines needed! Many thanks to this year's directors Derek and Danae from Prairie Fire Children's Theatre for sharing their talents to inspire our kids.

~ Ann Pitz



Graduating Class of 2019



Annual Golf Scramble - August 24

What: Annual Saint Dennis Golf Scramble

When: August 24 - 7:30 am registration, 8:30 am shotgun start, 1:00 pm luncheon

Where: Door Creek Golf Course, Cottage Grove

Who: Any and all golfers, regardless of skill level

Why: Beautiful venue, great fun and companionship, refreshing snacks and beverages, a hearty lunch, fabulous raffle prizes...and best of all, proceeds will upgrade the technology needs of Saint Dennis School and Faith Formation students.

How much: Special golf package of \$75 includes golf fees, cart, luncheon and exciting hole prizes.



Playing slots are limited, so register soon as individuals or foursomes at www.stdennisparish.org/golf.

Saint Dennis Congregation Financial Report July 2018 – March 2019

	2019	2018
Total Ordinary Income (Envelopes, Offertory, Religious Ed, Fundraising, etc)	\$1,044,660	\$ 1,074,976.00
Other Income (Auxiliary Income, memorials, etc)	\$58,546	\$98,244.00
Total Church Income	\$1,103,206	\$1,173,220
School Income (Tuition, Fees, Donations, Grants)	\$548,152	\$609,674
Other School income (Parish Subsidy, Extended Care, School Lunch, etc)	\$161,965	\$146,542
Total School Income	\$ 710,117	\$756,216
Total Income - Church and School	\$1,813,323	\$1,929,436
Church Administration Expenses (Wages, Benefits, Taxes, Insurance, Utilities, Bldg. Maint. Assessments, etc)	\$792,818	\$713,625
Other Church Expenses	\$165,534	\$173,772
Total Church Expenses	\$958,352	\$887,397
School Salary Expenses (Wages, Benefits, taxes, Insurance)	\$820,129	\$817,017
Other School Expenses (School Admin. Instructional Expense, Plant Operations)	\$120,334	\$114,769
Total School Expenses	\$940,463	\$931,786
Total Church and School Expenses	\$1,898,815	\$1,819,183
Net Income	\$-85,492	\$110,253

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From Father Randy:

Father Joji Allam has been transferred to Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. We give thanks for his seven years of humble priestly ministry and ask God's blessing in his new assignment, which begins July 13, 2019.

On June 29th, Deacon Stephen Brunner will be ordained a priest by our newly installed Bishop Donald Hying. Effective July 13th, the newly ordained Father Brunner will be assigned to Saint Dennis. We give thanks for the gift of a newly ordained priest and the anticipatory joy this provides our parish.

We're happy to announce that Andrew Kem will be joining Saint Dennis as our full-time Director of Music and Media. Andrew comes to us from Saint Peter Catholic Church in Madison. He is very talented and will be a great addition to our parish.

Watch for updates as to a send off event for Father Allam and welcome to Father Brunner and Andrew Kem.



Rev. Randy J. Timmerman