

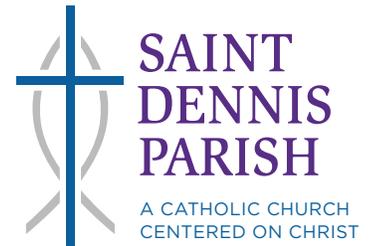


## Bishop Joins Saint Dennis Community at Festival

This year’s Festival brought more than just fabulous weather and a great time. We were blessed to have the newest member of our diocese, Bishop Donald J. Hying celebrating with us! The excitement that he brought with him resonated throughout the congregation. His homily dealt with the sense of community and how important it is to accept everyone involved in the community, which tied well into our Festival theme.

After Mass was finished, Bishop Hying spent time conversing with Mass goers and taking pictures before heading in to enjoy some of our famous roast beef dinner. Those involved in the dinner were touched to have him come, acknowledge their hard work and offer a prayer of thanksgiving. Not wanting to miss out on the outdoor activities, he headed outside to enjoy the beautiful scenery and some of the music in the family and beer tents. Our Saint Dennis Parish was blessed by his presence and his living witness to the value of community.

~ Ann Pitz



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Photo by: Patrick Stutz

*The sun is just up, Christ is risen from the dead and we have work to do.*

**Bishop Hying**

# Get to Know Father Brunner

Father Steve Brunner became Parochial Vicar at Saint Dennis Parish in early July. For those who were off on summer travels during his first Mass here at Saint Dennis, I would encourage you to sit down with him and ask him to share his first homily and the story of finding his vocation. While you are talking with him, you might also want to inquire about his stellar high school soccer career, his appreciation for the NBA, his mischievous nephew Leo or his regular workouts.

As you are talking, you will come to appreciate that while all of these things are facets of his life, at the core of Father Steve's story is his deep, abiding trust in the Lord as the source of all things. As he emphasizes, God is the vine and we are the branches.



He would also share that if you want to understand his ministry, you should get to know three of his spiritual inspirations: Saint Thomas Aquinas who challenges with his wisdom and the witness of his life; Our Lady of the Rosary, who offers strength and comfort in devotion; and Saint Faustina who revealed

God's strength through her own weakness.

Regardless of the topic, I can guarantee that a visit with Father Steve will be time well spent. Be ready to take some notes and to be challenged and inspired.

~ Kathy Markeland

## Know Your Faith to Grow Your Faith: An Overview of the Catechism of the Catholic Church With Bishop Hying



Join us for four amazing evenings together as we discuss the pillars of our faith. Learn how to trust a loving God that we cannot see. Deepen your experience with God.

Bishop Hying will lead the first three sessions and Father Randy will lead the last session on prayer. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Tuesday Evenings | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Saint Dennis

September 24, 2019 - The Profession of Faith

October 1, 2019 - The Christian Mystery

October 8, 2019 - Life in Christ

October 15, 2019 - Christian Prayer

# Celebrating Fun and Faith in the Sun

Great weather....check.... fabulous food...check....an outdoor Mass with Bishop Hying...check....Father Steve in the Dunk Tank....check! So much joy and cheer accompanied the 63rd Annual Saint Dennis Festival! Thank you to everyone that volunteered time, wrapped gifts for the Treasure Chest, donated something to the Handicraft Booth or baked cookies, pies or cakes. We seriously couldn't have done any of this without your help! The Festival Committee would like to thank Diane and Mark Fremgen for their years of service as they retire this year. Save the dates of July 24-26, 2020 for the 64th Annual Saint Dennis Festival. See you there!

~ Ann Pitz



# Meet Andrew Kem

Andrew Kem started his job as our new Director of Music and Media at the end of June. Andrew sees his role at Saint Dennis as “leading and supporting a variety of musical groups, implementing technology into the parish and developing a ministry that speaks to today’s Catholic while building on the foundations of our faith.”

Andrew and his wife, Kimberly, have four boys, Miles (10), Noah (7), Henry (4), Theo (2). He describes his role as a husband and father as a vocation. In family life, he has learned the value of selflessness, “as there is always a sink of dishes, awaiting laundry to fold, and toys to sort.” When he does have free time, his active family can be found enjoying outdoor activities.

He is a convert to Catholicism as his father was an Episcopal priest. He studied voice at Drake University and has taught music lessons for over 15 years. He loves jazz and has a Masters of Music in Jazz Guitar from the Lamont School of Music at the University of Denver.

Andrew is excited to be at Saint Dennis and says he has already encountered enthusiastic staff and volunteers.



He sees a lot of passion to carry out the mission of Christ and do His work. Andrew will be involved in the Faith Sharing Groups and the Parish Leadership team to offer insight and collaboration on developing our parish.

~ Janet Dickinson



## Meet Taylor Woods

Imagine spending your summer teaching classes and then packing everything you own and moving a couple thousand miles away to a brand new city and state. That’s exactly what Saint Dennis’ newest 4th grade teacher, Ms. Taylor Woods did! Originally from Arizona, Ms. Woods went to school at Colorado Mesa University where she majored in Elementary Education with a Math emphasis. She was also an All-American athlete in volleyball. Taylor says she is excited to begin her new adventure and can’t wait to explore the sights and sounds of our fabulous city! She really appreciates all the help and encouragement she has received in her first few weeks here at Saint Dennis. Ms. Woods takes over for Ms. Ann McNally who, after teaching 4th grade for many years, is excited to be working one on one with students in grades 3-5 and helping teachers with group work. Welcome to Saint Dennis Ms. Woods!

~ Ann Pitz

## Saint Padre Pio

September 23 - Feast Day

“Pray, hope, don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers.”

## 2019 Festival Raffle Winner

Mary Jackson



# Roar! Life is Wild: God is Good!

Thank you to all 94 of our Vacation Bible School participants! We had an amazing time learning how God is good, especially when life is unfair, sad and good. Special thanks to our 55 middle and high school students who stepped up to be counselors. They attended several training sessions throughout the summer to be prepared to lead our groups of excited students. We also had many adults who ran stations, helped with preparation, and took days off of work to make sure Roar was successful. Our mission group going to Belize this November will be bringing this same VBS to the students there as well. We are truly blessed to have such a strong support network for our youth. God is good!



~ Lisa Harms, Faith Formation Coordinator Grades K-8



## Faith Formation Starting Soon!

Our Faith Formation year will be kicking off with our required parent/student meetings for the K-8 program on September 16 during regular class times (3:45 pm - 5:00 pm or 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm). We will be going over important program information and changes, signing up for volunteer opportunities, hearing about “extra” events offered to our youth and meeting your child’s catechist.

Students in the Confirmation program will have a required parent/student meeting on Sunday, September 22 from 9:00 am - 11:30 am. Important information regarding steps needed to prepare for this sacrament will be presented and questions answered.

All youth were to have registered by August 31, but if you would still like to enroll your child in our program, please contact Jacque Childs at [jchilds@stdennisparish.org](mailto:jchilds@stdennisparish.org) or (608)246-5124.

We look forward to growing in faith with your children!

~ Lisa Harms, Faith Formation Coordinator Grades K-8



## Join a Small Group

Weekly Men’s and Women’s Groups

Groups focus on prayer, Scripture and strengthening their relationship with God and each other. Contact Pat Hendrickson in the Parish Office at (608)246-5124 for more information.

# Meet Maria Parra

I sat down with Maria Parra after morning Mass one weekday this summer, a daily ritual that marks the start of each day for her before she heads off to work. Maria joined the Saint Dennis maintenance staff earlier this spring. The story of how she came to join the staff shows how God's plan is active in her life.

Maria along with her husband and four children settled on the east side of Madison in the Saint Dennis neighborhood many years ago, but attended the Spanish-language services at Holy Redeemer Parish. Maria first connected with Saint Dennis parish last year, when she took a break from her full time work schedule and found herself walking down the block for daily Mass. Maria's life took an unexpected turn as her husband fell ill and she realized that she would need to return to work. Within a matter of weeks, Father Allam approached her after Mass one day about joining the parish maintenance staff. Before she knew it, Maria was an integral part of the Saint Dennis team and her husband was on the road to restored health.



Through all the twists and turns of the past year, Maria sees the work of the Spirit. Working at Saint Dennis is more than a job to her; it is a chance to share her gifts including, and especially, the gift of her faith.

~ Kathy Markeland



## By the Numbers... the 7th Annual Golf Scramble

Thank you, golfers and sponsors, for making our August 24 event such a big success. Here's HOW big:

- 84 participating golfers of all ages and skill levels
- 9 corporate and personal sponsors
- 15 exciting raffle packages

Plus, an immeasurable amount of fun, fellowship and community-building.

Best of all, these numbers generated nearly \$6,500 (thus far) to update technology for Saint Dennis School and Faith Formation students.

Regards from your grateful golf committee,

Jacque Childs, Bob Dye, Mike Hinnendael, Jim Hronek, Chris Neal, Diane Neal, Aaron Raulin, Rick Raulin, Bill Wheeler

## Online Inspiration

Looking for some inspiration and education in your faith journey? Visit the "Resources" page on the Saint Dennis website. Click on Faith Life, then Resources. (<https://stdennisparish.org/resources/>)

You will find links to:

- FORMED: a free, on demand website filled with the best Catholic content all in one place.
- "A Moment with Bishop Hying" on YouTube: Madison Bishop Donald J. Hying regularly posts 2-3 minute videos to connect with the faithful and offer words of encouragement.

## Prayer Ministry

I was at the Outagamie Courthouse last week and an attorney asked me how I was doing, I answered with the standard, “I’m good, how are you?” He responded, “**I’m walk’n on sunshine!**” What a bright and cheerful response to such a mundane question.



His response made me think about my prayer life. Are my prayers to Jesus, Mary, the angels and saints, dull or lacking enthusiasm? Am I going through the motions, praising and stating my litany of wants and desires but not expecting an answer? Or, if I do receive an answer is it what *I* wanted? Has life been so overwhelming that I can’t manage to pray? May all of our prayers be received by Jesus, Mary, the angels and saints and may they all be delighted by our prayers and say, “those prayers are walk’n on sunshine!”

**What’s your response when someone asks, “How are you?”**

~ Colleen Martine

## Saint Dennis Prayer Team

Our Saint Dennis Prayer Team will pray for you, your dreams and your struggles; if your burden seems too great and you don’t want to pray alone contact [StDennisPrayers@gmail.com](mailto:StDennisPrayers@gmail.com) or submit your request to the Parish Office. We will pray for you and your petitions.

## Solar Energy to Power Church, Convent

About one-third of the electricity needed to power the church and convent will be provided by the new 72-panel solar array installed on the school roof in August. As this edition of Good News Quarterly went to print, construction of Saint Dennis’ second solar installation was 90 percent completed.



“We are waiting on a couple of parts and working on the Internet wiring that should be ready in a couple of weeks,” Steve Coleman, who heads the Saint Dennis Care for Creation team, said in mid-August. “Paperwork with the city and MG&E is coming along. So we have a really good shot at being fully functional by the end of August.”

The estimated \$53,000 cost of the Solar 2019 project was fully funded. Focus on Energy and Solar for Good provided \$20,000 in grants. Another \$20,000 came from pledges. Individuals and organizations responding to an appeal for donations supplied the remaining \$13,000.

The Care for Creation team spearheaded the parish’s initial solar project in 2017. Panels installed on the festival garages supply about 11 percent of the school’s electricity.

A formal dedication of the new array is being planned. Watch for more information in the bulletin.

~ Julie Lehr

The borrower is the slave of the lender.  
— Proverbs 22:7  
**Help Break the Chains of Debt!**

**Campaign/Loan Overview**

- \$2.2 million project cost
- \$1,350,000 loan balance
- \$20,130 monthly payment
- 3.875% interest rate
- 610 families have participated

CENTERED ON CHRIST

**Weekend Mass Times:**

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 am / 9:00 am / 10:45 am

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## From Father Randy:

Bishop Hying's presence was the highlight of our 63rd Festival. I appreciated his teaching on the 7th Station of the Cross, the middle of the 14 stations, or "Jesus falls the second time." It is in the middle of a home repair project, a new exercise routine, and even in relationships that there is a make or break moment. It is in the middle when we must learn to follow through.

This is also true for our faith lives. Bishop Hying exhorted us to stay faithful to the Church, Sunday mass, Confession, daily prayer, generous lives of service and growing in holiness.

After Mass, Bishop Hying stopped to look at our church remodel, stayed for a delicious roast beef dinner, graciously received guests, and paid a thank you visit to our kitchen and serving crew. He then enjoyed time on the Festival grounds.

We look forward to his return to us for his teaching series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church this fall here at Saint Dennis. Subscribe to his daily short three minute videos at <https://madisondiocese.org> and come to Know Your Faith to Grow Your Faith.



*Rev. Randy J. Timmeuman*