

QUEEN of APOSTLES PASTORATE



SAINT DENNIS PARISH

A CATHOLIC CHURCH CENTERED ON CHRIST



PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26

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May 19, 2024

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORATE SAINT DENNIS MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 19

8:30 Jackie Lawson
10:30 Glen and Mary Birrenkott

Monday, May 20

8:00 Conal Fleming

Tuesday, May 21

8:00 Theresa Weisensel

Wednesday, May 22

8:30 Felix Modjeski (Mass with children)

Thursday, May 23

8:00 Margaret Finn

Friday, May 24

8:00 Bud Mautz

Saturday, May 25

4:00 Chuu Hoang

Sunday, May 26

8:30 Parish members of
Queen of Apostles Pastorate
10:30 Niel and Caryl Rossmassler
2:30 Wedding: Grace Seibert and Mark Hancher

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. on Saturdays.

No daily Mass on Memorial Day, Monday May 27.

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PASTORATE SAINT PETER MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 19

9:00 Bruce Elliot

Tuesday, May 21

5:00 Living and deceased members
of the Ladies Guild

Wednesday, May 22

9:00 Robert Farrell

Thursday, May 23

9:00 Tom McConnell

Friday, May 24

9:00 Rita Back

Saturday, May 25

4:00 Mary Whooley

Sunday, May 26

9:00 Ena Rutemueller

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



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Luke Kawski, Maya Kolman, Amelia Lewitzke, Henry Stodola and Charlotte Uselman on their First Holy Eucharist this Saturday, May 18 and Ovidia Brown, Ruthanna Busch, Sam Cronin, Samuel flores, Christopher Frye,

Avery Halbersma Violet Severson and Michaeline Steffens this Sunday, May 19.

May you continue to feel the infinite love of Christ.

TOOTSIE ROLLS THISWEEKEND

Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19

The Knights of Columbus are having 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 go to charities that help those who are intellectually or physically disabled. Thanks for your support!



NATIONAL COMBINED COLLECTION

This weekend, May 18 and May 19 the National Combined Collection will be conducted in our parish. This collection is combining the following individual collections:

- Black and Indian Missions
- Catholic Promotion of Authentic Human Development
- Catholic Communications Campaign
- Catholic Home Missions
- Catholic University of America
- Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services
- Retirement Fund for Religious

Your help in supporting these collections is critical. Take this week to pray about the support you can provide. A brochure and envelope is in the gathering area for your donation.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be gathering this Tuesday, May 21. We will meet from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those of you who either knit or crochet are invited to join our ministry. There is always someone who can offer advice and a good supply of yarn is available. The furthest church door on the right under the canopy will be open until it locks at 7:30 p.m. Those needing entrance from Dempsey Road, use the door on the left.



If you know of someone who would like a Prayer Shawl, just let us know. Questions? Call Mary Kay at 608-509-2207 or call Ginny at 608-244-6879.

MASS STIPENDS

As you may have heard, the amount for Mass Offerings (stipends) is changing from \$10 to \$20 in all five dioceses in Wisconsin. The \$10 suggested amount has been in place for nearly 30 years and the bishops of Wisconsin met and agreed that an increase was appropriate in light of long-term inflation.

At Saint Peter and Saint Dennis Parishes, this will not go into effect until **January 1, 2025**. All Masses currently scheduled will be honored, but after January 1, the suggested stipend for Masses will be \$20.

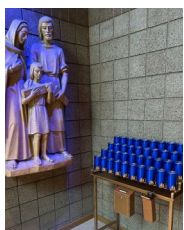
Father Gary

PRAYERS FOR BISHOP HYING

Join the faithful across the Diocese of Madison in offering a spiritual bouquet to celebrate Bishop Hying's 35th ordination anniversary on Monday, May 20.

Visit madisondiocese.org/prayforbishop to submit your prayer offerings by Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 p.m.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES IN CHURCH



Candles in church are meant to signify the "Light of Christ," a symbol of the presence of God who breaks the darkness. New to Saint Dennis is a devotional candle stand in the front of church near the statue of the Holy Family. Light a candle as you offer your personal intention to God. \$4 suggested donation. As the candle is lit, it signifies the ongoing prayer of the Saints and the prayer of the community that joins you in your intention.

BRAT FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area to volunteer for Brat Fest, Memorial Day weekend. Just ask Dorothy about how much fun you have while helping Saint Dennis, too!

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Once again, the Women of Saint Dennis are collecting funds for the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County. If you did not pick up your baby bottle we have them in the Parish Office. 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! All proceeds are used to benefit Care Net and the Elizabeth House. Care Net pregnancy centers provide accurate and helpful information in a compassionate environment, to empower life-affirming choices that change lives. Elizabeth House is a residential maternity and parenting program that supports pregnant, single women and is affiliated with Care Net.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Since May is Mental Health Awareness Month, we would like to update you on the activities of the Saint Dennis Mental Health Ministry activities. The team started meeting in July of 2022 and started support group sessions in November of 2022. The team consists of five Saint Dennis members, three Saint Peter members and one from the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities.

The ministry provides support group sessions for those who are experiencing mental health challenges monthly, on the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Thus far there have been about 10-12 persons attending the sessions. During the support group sessions, we share a light meal, pray together and discuss how we are coping with our mental health challenges. The support group helps one feel that they are not alone in their journey toward mental wellness. While the support group focus is for persons with mental health challenges, the group provides support to family members of those who experience mental health challenges in a separate group setting as needed. If you have questions about the ministry and/or the support group, contact Lucy at 608-445-8694.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and parish staff who assisted in any way in helping to make the Mother's Day Rose sale a big success. Saint Dennis Parish raised over \$1,800 for the Wisconsin Right to Life, Dane County. This is an all-volunteer organization which has no rent, no staff salaries and uses donations to encourage the growth of the culture of life in Dane County. For decades, proceeds of the Mother's Day Rose sale have been shared with various Dane County organizations that provide food, clothing, diapers, housing and other necessities. Last year Wisconsin Right to Life, Dane County asked pro-life organizations to submit grants and over \$10,000 was granted. Thank you all for assisting with the Mother's Day Rose Sale.

Thank you volunteers, for saying yes to assisting in any way possible. Your positive attitude and boundless energy certainly leaves a positive impact.



"The charity of Christ compels us to care for our smallest and most marginalized brothers and sisters. It is a tangible and courageous love that embraces even what seem unlovable. Christ's love forgives, forgets, blesses and gives without measure."

5-15-2024





SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 24 and Monday, May 27

No school - Memorial Day Holiday

FULL-TIME TEACHER NEEDED

Saint Dennis School is looking for an enthusiastic person to teach Middle School Language Arts for the 2024-2025 school year. Contact Mr. Beisser by email for more information at stdprincipal@st-dennisschool.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Saint Dennis is bringing a group of eight middle school students to "Love Begins Here" this summer July 8-11 in Lancaster. We need one more adult 21 or older to be a lead missionary, preferably a young man excited about their faith and ready to witness to the young teens. We leave Monday at 3:00 p.m. and return Thursday around 3:00 p.m. Duties include driving teens to work sites, supervising them at the work sites and leading discussions in the evening. Contact Barb Brochtrup at 608-770-8449 if you have any questions or would like to be a lead missionary.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Week's Activity (May 11 and 12)

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| Envelopes | \$ | 11,450 |
| Offertory change | \$ | <u>2,161</u> |
| Total | \$ | 13,611 |
| Online offertory | \$ | 10,298 |

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



CONTRAPTWI STEM WINNERS

Congratulations to our STREAM Team members Vincent Murphy, Jack Rudolf, Jordan Gray, Teddy Reischel and Mrs. Prechel. They competed in the ContraptWI STEM competition in Waukesha. This group of students created a Rube Goldberg type contraption that would roll a set of dice in 14-20 steps. The team took home the award for the most creative use of resources. Well done team!



VFW PATRIOT PEN WRITING WINNERS

Congratulations to Millie Fair, Claire Mills and Beau McConkie for winning the Patriot Pen Writing competition. Winners were honored at the VFW ceremony.





MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The title of Mother of the Church has been bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary because she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and became Mother of the redeemed before her Son gave up his spirit on the Cross. Pope Saint Paul VI solemnly confirmed the same title in an address given to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council on

November 21, 1964 and established that “by this sweetest of names the whole Christian people should henceforth give still greater honor to the Mother of God.”

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.

SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

“O Mary, my dearest Mother, guide my spiritual life in such a way that it will please Your Son.” (Diary, 240)

CARE FOR CREATION

Parishioners taking action
- J.P. writes



It was with great interest that I read last weekend's (April 28) bulletin article regarding plastic pollution in our bodies, our homes, and our communities. I have recently begun looking for ways to reduce my own consumption of single-use plastic products, and thought I would share some of my successes. Here is a list of the plastic products I have eliminated so far (or plan to eliminate once my current supply is depleted) and the alternative, plastic-free or lower-plastic products:

- Laundry detergent tubs: switched from liquid or pod detergents to detergent sheets or powder detergents in a cardboard box.
- Dishwasher detergent: switched from liquid or pod detergents.
- Shampoo/bath soap/hand soap: bar soaps eliminate the need for a plastic bottle of body wash or hand soap. There are even bars of shampoo available online, so no need for a plastic bottle of shampoo.
- Condiments: most condiments come in plastic containers. Some stores still sell condiments in glass containers (such as mayonnaise and mustard. We also make our own condiments whenever possible. For example, we go through a lot of Ranch salad dressing. Instead of buying the plastic bottles, we buy the packets of powder Ranch and make our own dressing in glass jars.
- Toothpaste: instead of buying plastic tubes of toothpaste, Toothpaste tablets that come in paper packaging offer a plastic-free alternative.
- Kitchen garbage bags: instead of buying plastic trash bags for your kitchen trash, grab a few extra paper bags at the grocery check out.
- Cooking oil: you better believe we use a lot of olive oil in our home. There are a few brands that sell their olive oil in metal recyclable containers.
- Meats/poultry: instead of buying meat that is wrapped in Styrofoam and plastic wrap, buying meat and poultry from the butcher's counter means our meat is wrapped in butcher's paper.

Thank you for what you do! It gives me such encouragement to be a part of a parish that recognizes our obligation to care for one of God's greatest signs of His love for us: earth.

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

- Father John Muir

When I was twenty-two years of age in August of 2000, I experienced World Youth Day in Rome. As for many of my generation, the event was

life-changing for me. Surrounded by joyful, hope-filled young people from seemingly every nation and tongue, we were gathered around the Pope, sharing a common Faith and love. The Pope spoke to us of our shared family bond in the Church and invited us to give our lives in service to others. Now twenty-four years later, my life as a priest, like that of so many others from those special days, continues on that same path of love and unity - despite my many weaknesses. What makes that continuation possible?

This week's feast gives the answer: the Holy Spirit. The gift of God - His very life - the third person of the Trinity, is the Spirit who animates the entire Church and each member of it. He makes us one-in-love in a way that utterly exceeds human capacity. For example, he makes the apostles speak with tongues of fire, and everyone hears them in his own native tongue. The Holy Spirit is the means by which Jesus establishes a new family, one that crosses all possible boundaries of time, space, and culture. The Holy Spirit never tires in enthusing us for mission.

Are not we longing to experience the Holy Spirit in a fresh way? Today we celebrate this untiring flame, once ignited on earth and burning still. So, we humbly cry out: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of your love!

What is the most dangerous part of your body? In marriage, it is your tongue. It can discourage, wound, embarrass, and humiliate your beloved. You may try to conceal this weapon but it will sneak out in snarky remarks if you do not tame it. Say enough, but know when to stop.



READINGS

Week of May 19, 2024

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b
or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23
or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/
Mt 28:16-20



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Join us for fun, faith and family at the Saint Dennis Summer Festival on the weekend of Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28. Two fun days for the whole family! Check out the Saint Dennis website for the details and how you can volunteer at stdennisparish.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!



FRI | MAY 24
SAT | MAY 25
SUN | MAY 26



OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR
Sign-up after all Masses this Weekend

RETREAT MINISTRY WITH SPIRITUS

SPIRITUS is hiring young adults to serve as part of a missionary team, leading students into an encounter with Jesus and igniting their faith. From mid-August to mid-May, SPIRITUS missionaries travel throughout Wisconsin facilitating retreats for Catholic students in grades 2-12. Missionaries receive a monthly stipend, one-on-one mentoring, spiritual direction, food, lodging, health insurance, and a \$3,000 completion stipend. They live in community, deepen their faith, and embark on a joy-filled year of service! Applications are due July 1. Contact Gina Holt at recruiter@spiritusministries.org

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