

given to us, let us exercise them... (Romans 12:4-6 NABRE)

September 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass

5:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

St. Stephen

Sunday 9:00 a.m. *Rosary prayed 30 minutes before each Mass*

St. Thomas

Saturday4:00 p.m.Sunday5:00 p.m.

Please see inside for full week Mass schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays

St. Jude 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (with Adoration and Benediction)

 St. Thomas
 3:30 p.m.

 OLA
 4:00 p.m.

Sundays St. Stephen 8:30 a.m.

Confessions in Spanish St. Jude - First Friday of each Month 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (with Adoration and Benediction)

St. Jude

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St. Stephen

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St. Thomas 822 E Grand Ave. Beloit, WI 53511 608-362-1034 www.stjudeandstthomas.com

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PASTORATE 12



Today's Scripture is from Matthew 20:14-15

"What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?"

Pastorate Calendar

9/24/23 - OLA Fall Festival 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 9/25 through 9/27/23 - NO MASS 9/26/23 - OLA Seasons of Hope 9/27/23 - St. Stephen Faith Formation Registration Night, 6:30pm 9/29/23 - OLA NO SCHOOL 9/29/23 - OLA Wedding, 5:30 p.m. 9/30 & 10/1/23 - Respect For Life Collection for Diocese 10/1/23 - St. Jude (Spanish) Baptism Prep 10:30 a.m. 10/4/23 - St. Stephen Faith Formation begins 10/5/23 - OLA School, "Tolton: From Slave to Priest" 1:00 p.m. 10/7 & 10/8/23 - Baby Bottle Fundraiser begins 10/8/23 - St. Stephen Pork Chop Dinner 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 10/9/23 - OLA NO SCHOOL (Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day) 10/14 & 10/15/23 - OLA Knights of Columbus Lifesavers 10/19/21 - Transition Team Meeting at OLA 6:30 p.m. 10/21 & 10/22/23 - Baby Bottles are returned 10/28 & 10/29/23 - Diocesan Annual Mission Appeal

This is a partial calendar of the many things happening in our Pastorate. If you have something to add or highlight, please contact Berta in the OLA Parish Office 608-362-9066.

The St. Stephen Pork Chop Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, October 8! Mass will be at 10:00am, with the dinner being served from 11:00am - 2:00pm



Tickets and volunteer sign-ups are available in the gathering area at St. Stephen.

There is a priest assembly scheduled No for the last week of September. To accommodate this, there will be no Mass daily Masses in our pastorate on Monday, September 25, Tuesday, September 26, or Wednesday, September 27.

Readings for the week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16 -18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Respect For Life

Next weekend, September 30-October 1, the **Respect Life Collection will be conducted in our** parish.

Your help in supporting this collection is critical. Please take this week to pray about the support you can provide. A brochure and envelope will be inserted into the bulletin next weekend for your donation.

Respect Life Month - Baby Bottle Fundraiser



The Pastorate will be participating in a fundraiser to benefit the local pregnancy center. The bottles will be available on October 7th and 8th in all churches. Please note the dates for returning

the filled bottles are October 21 and 22.

Respect Life Month is an annual project of the US Catholic Bishops. We join Catholics nationwide in prayer and education for the sacredness of all human life.

Diaper Drive

St. Stephen is hosting a diaper drive to assist Willow Women's Center in Beloit. Diapers (including single packs), wipes (single packs are great!), diaper rash cream, infant Tylenol, small jars of baby food: fruits and vegetables, or cash donations are all accepted and appreciated.





Krísten Jacobson & Dan Cassídy September 29, 2023

Sacrament of Matrimony:



Make the proper arrangements at least six months in advance at the parish office. Before booking your reception hall or making other arrangements, be sure to check available dates with the parish.



Preparación para el Bautizo En Español Fechas: Octubre 1 y Diciembre 5 Locación: San Judas Centro Parroquial 737 Hackett St. Beloit, WI Preguntas: Araceli (608) 856-0566

Praver Chains

Requests for the OLA prayer chain can be made by calling or texting Rita Bonds at 608-201-5761 or by email at bdandroo7@aol.com

If you have requests for the St. Jude/St. Thomas prayer chain, please call Mary Schindler at 608-362-8912.

SACRAMENTS and VISITS FOR **HOSPITAL, HEALTHCARE & HOME**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HOSPITAL VISIT, PLEASE INFORM HOSPITAL PERSONNEL OR HAVE SOMEONE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

* **Anointing of the Sick** is for those in need of healing due to a serious physical, mental or spiritual illness, or when near death. IN ADDITION, our priests can administer this sacrament prior to surgery. Please call the OLA office at 608-362-9066

From the desk of Fr. Bart:

Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to radically generous forgiveness, a magnitude of forgiveness far above Peter's guess at what generous forgiveness should be. God's logic is not ours; this is not a transaction that makes sense on human terms. This is one more way that we are called to imitate God, whose mercy is boundless and to whom we owe much more than we are owed. In my experience, forgiveness is a longer process than just forgiving and moving on. Forgiveness is a process of acknowledging the harm, working through the feelings and thoughts that were provoked, and praying for God's help. Who are we called to forgive in the light of this Sunday's Gospel that calls us to forgive seventy-seven times?

Pilgrimage to Holy Land and Greece

This weekend I will be arriving in Tel Aviv, Israel, and riding on our tour bus through Jericho, then finally into Jerusalem. Please know that all of you and all of the intentions of our Pastorate #12 are in my prayers as I make this pilgrimage. I really appreciate Fr. Jim, Fr. Lawrence, Fr. John, and Msgr. Duane who will be doing extra work and helping out while I am gone.



I am so sorry to miss our Parish Festival at OLA this weekend, I planned my pilgrimage before I learned of my transfer to Beloit/Clinton. I hope everyone has a wonderful time without me! We welcome all friends and guests and parishioners! I pray for the success of the event and thank all of the volunteers and the Festival Committee for all of their good work to help make the Fall Festival the wonderful event it is! On this day, we gain support for our mission and it offers us an opportunity to gather as a parish family and strengthen our community.

Madison Diocese Presbyteral Assembly XLIII

On Sunday, all priests in the diocese will gather at the Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells for our Annual Assembly of Priests with Bishop Hying. This year our theme is: Into the Deep: "Pressing Forward to What Lies Ahead." Our featured speakers will be:

- Our very own Bishop Hying, who will be talking with us about the *Into the Deep* initiative.
- The Table Group, the consultants who are helping us during the changes and transitions we are managing.
- And finally, Justin Bangert, a Christian Counselor who will be speaking to us about the important topic of Mental Health and how we can be better equipped to support our parishioners.

If you need a priest this week, please contact the parish office during business hours.

New Pastorate Bulletin!

Welcome to our new bulletin for our pastorate! I hope that this new format and having only one bulletin will further help us unify and work together, and it should make our communication stronger and easier. Going forward, staff member Berta Ingham Eddy will be the bulletin editor, allowing other staff members to accomplish other tasks. Thank you to all of our bulletin advertisers. I hope we can do what we can to support these businesses, as it's their generosity that makes the bulletins possible.

God's Blessings,

Fr. Bart

Continued Education for All of Pastorate 12



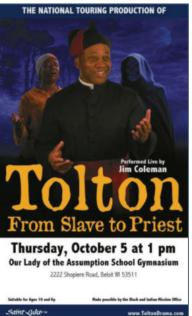
Adult education is an important part of parish life. The phrase "lifelong learner" is key in a changing world. In faith, continued growth is key as well. Renew International has prepared materials for adult faith development for nearly 50 years. Renew began in the Archdiocese of Newark and our Diocese used their materials for "Renew 2000." Renew describes itself as:

From the beginning, RENEW has been dedicated o revitalizing both personal faith and parish life. We do this by encouraging and supporting the formation of small groups that gather prayerfully to reflect on and share the Word of God, to make better connections between faith and life and to live their faith more concretely in family, work and community life.

Renew has a book for each participant with sessions that contains a scripture passage, a non-biblical reading, questions for reflection and discussion, suggestions for action and a closing prayer. Longing for the Holy is a Renew offering based on the writing of Fr Ron Rolheiser. **We will need to order Renew books for each participant at a cost of \$17.00**.

I would propose meeting on Tuesdays at 10:30 at St Thomas. To allow two weeks for registration, please have registrations in by October 9 with our first session on October 17 at 10:30 at St Thomas. The fee for the book can be paid at the first session.

Fr. Jim



OLA School Hosting Drama, *"Tolton: From Slave to Priest,"* on October 5

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church and School in Beloit will be hosting a performance of the dramatic production, "*Tolton: From Slave to Priest.*" The one-man multimedia play will take place on Thursday, October 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the OLA School Gymnasium, 2222 Shopiere Road, Beloit, WI 53511.

"Tolton" is the inspiring, challenging true story of the man who overcame great adversity to become the first African American Catholic priest.

This moving performance is recommended for ages 10 and up - it will be viewed by OLA students in grades 5-8. Please note that, for the sake of authenticity and intensity, harsh language will be used at times.

"In *'Tolton: From Slave to Priest,'* teachers might want to prepare their students to hear words, common in the late 1800s yet highly objectionable today, describing people of African heritage," said Saint Luke Productions. "Some of these terms were very offensive and derogatory even then. Bishop Joseph Perry, the postulator for Father Tolton's cause for sainthood, reviewed the script for Tolton and encouraged us not to shy away from the reality of abuse and insults that Father Tolton suffered, but to use the actual language he would have heard."

The public is welcome to attend this performance. There is no fee, but donations will be accepted to help defray the costs of bringing the production to OLA.

Eat To Support OLA 8th Grade! On Thursday, September 28, from 10:00

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a.m.- 10:00 p.m., Papa John's at 326 Blackhawk Blvd in South Beloit is donating back 15% of sales from Takeout, Delivery, and Pickup orders to the OLA 8th Grade class!

RSVP and all details here:

https://grouprai.se/f261720



Why we're raising: We are raising funds for a trip to Washington, D.C.

We hope you can join us in getting pizza for a good cause!

P.S. Please feel free to invite - and share this event with - your friends and family.



Use this QR Code for more information!

Faith Formation Registration Night

St. Stephen's Faith Formation registration night will be held on **Wednesday, September 27th at 6:30 pm** at the Family Center.

- *All Pastorate students K 8 welcome!
- (Classes begin October 4th)

The Family Center is located in the same parking lot as the church, 716 Shu Lar Lane, Clinton WI.

Welcome to the members of Beloit Catholic High/Beloit Memorial High class of 1963, celebrating their 60th class reunion this weekend. Some of



the class members are celebrating with us at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, September 24, at OLA. God's blessings on your celebration this weekend.

Annual OLA School Wreath Sale! Support our school by purchasing

Support our school by purchasing a wreath for your home, office, or a loved one's final resting place. We have many different sizes and shapes, including candy canes, crosses, swags, and garlands. There are decorated birch logs and cemetery pots which are great for a front porch decoration.

Forms and money are due to the school by September 24th. All items should arrive at the school the week of Thanksgiving. Pick up times will be posted in the bulletin closer to the dates and will include times after Saturday and Sunday Masses that weekend.

See an OLA School Family to order or call the school office for more information.



You are responsible for picking up your wreath. If you have questions, please contact Erin Burke at 920-979-3942.

The Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Friday, Sept. 29-Sunday, Oct. 1; St. John the Baptist, Waunakee

"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?"—Luke 14:28

When we go on a trip, we prepare by buying what we need, carefully packing our luggage, and buying our plane ticket. But most of all, we anticipate who and what we will see. The trip's object is in our thoughts and in our hearts. Likewise, we prepare for our trip to St. John the Baptist, both spiritually and practically.



Are you Registered?

Registration is necessary. We have space and attendance limitations. So, don't delay—register at <u>blessedbrokenandgiven.com</u>.



What will you do during the Conversion Calls?

Take some time to think about the choices in advance: Confession, Spiritual Direction, Intercessory Prayer, Small Group Discussion, Eucharistic Workshops, Adoration. Choose one at one Call and another at the next.

Do you need childcare?

Childcare for children over one-years-old will be available throughout the weekend thanks to several groups: Catholic Schoolhouse, Divine Mercy Academy, Our Lady's Good Helpers Preschool Co-op, Little Flowers Group, St. John the Baptist School, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Register your children now (or on the website).

Where will you park? Where do you go to check-in? Will you receive a Handbook? Are you spending time in prayer and Adoration? And there's more: <u>Consult the Checklist online</u>.

Come and be Comforted: **Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group**



Seasons of Hope is a support and fellowship group for those who have lost a loved one. There is no timetable for grief. Even losses that occurred years ago can still bring pain and sorrow. Whether your loss occurred last week or 5 years ago, you have a home here. The group meets on Tuesdays at 6pm in the OLA **Administration Center.** If you have questions or plan on attending, please call Gayle at 608 289-9341.



Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

At St. Mary Help of Christians in Briggsville, WI. **One Day Spiritual Retreat** Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

All Are Welcome!

Donation: \$25/Individual \$40/Couples Scholarships are available; Pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact Nancy Davis at (608) 742-6998 ext. 217. Use the registration form on the other side of this flyer and mail to:

> St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception c/o Nancy Davis 309 W. Cook St . Portage, WI . 53901

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10 am Sunday, October 15th. 2023

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Please RSVP to the APD on or before October 11th by emailing APD@madisondiocese.org or calling (608) 821-3050

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry of Pastorate 12 is alive and growing! There are many opportunities to share your talents within the four Churches of our new Pastorate. Here are some of the ways you can get involved:

OLA Choir-Sunday at 1030am

Rehearsals on Wednesday, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Open to students (grade 7 and up) and Adults. Ability to read music is a plus, but not required.

St Thomas Folk Group/Small Group Singers -Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 5:00 p.m. This small group shares their talent year-round.

All churches-Cantors/Small Group Singers-Year round-All Masses Support and lead the congregation in singing and leading Psalms. One, two, or up to five persons is ideal.

Instrumentalists- Year round-All Masses Proficient and accomplished string, brass, keyboard, and woodwind players are invited to join us.

For more information about Pastorate 12 music opportunities, contact Dave Conroy at davec@olabeloit.com



With the cooler fall weather upon us, it is time for Knights of Columbus annual Koats for Kids.

KC Council 605 will once again be helping children from our pastorate receive new proper fitting coats for the upcoming winter.

The need for coats is great and, as with a lot of other things, the costs have increased. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this effort, please send your donation to Knights of Columbus, c/o Tim Taylor, Treasurer, 1330 Forest Ave., Beloit, WI 53511.

If you know of a child in our pastorate that could use a coat, please send an email to kc605beloit@yahoo.com with their gender, size and age. We will reply to your request with additional information.

Our program matches a specific coat with each specific child, so that each child's coat fits properly.

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The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18

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