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Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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August 1, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 1

7:30 John Herro
 9:00 Members of the parish
 10:45 Albert, Lucille and Lloyd Ludkey

Monday, August 2

8:00 Gillitzer and Steele families

Tuesday, August 3

8:00 Betty Flynn

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 Joey "McHugh" Stiller

Thursday, August 5

8:00 Howard Reamer

Friday, August 6

8:00 Ena Rutemueller

Saturday, August 7

4:00 Betty Flynn

Sunday, August 8

7:30 Duane Moran
 9:00 Members of the parish
 10:45 Shirley Lewandowski

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." Exodus 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs." Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Week's Activity (July 24 and 25)

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| Envelopes | \$ | 5,733 |
| Offertory change | \$ | <u>882</u> |
| Total | \$ | 6,615 |

Online offertory \$ 11,958

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



HOLY TAILGATE

The sun was shining and the breezes were blowing as the Saint Dennis Parish grounds came alive again to celebrate our

Holy Tailgate event last Sunday. It would not have been a success without all of the fabulous volunteers, tremendous sponsors and donors, committee who planned the event in a short amount of time and everyone who came to Saint Dennis to help celebrate our mini-Festival. Thank you to all! God is good all the time. He's already helping to inspire us to formulate a plan for next year. Stay tuned for more information!

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SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

"What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight; build it anyway."



MY LIGHTHOUSE!

Online registration for Faith Formation 2021-2022 is open.

Faith Formation K-8 classes will be held on Mondays offering a year filled with both in-person and virtual classes, along with family opportunities each month. Confirmation students should also sign up for classes held on Sundays. Visit the parish website for first semester calendars, registration and payment buttons. Registration is open and will run through August 31 on the parish website. Questions or problems? Call Jacque at 246-5124 or email at jchilds@stdennisparish.org.



SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR CHAPEL OPENING SOON

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star are getting close to the final stages of completing their new chapel. The Sisters have generously invited the near eastside parishes of Madison to commit to expanded hours of Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, seven days a week. The times will be Monday - Saturday from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saint Dennis, is scheduled for Mondays from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Fridays from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. although parishioners can sign up for a different date as well. Not only is this a privilege of adoring our Lord, but this is also a unique opportunity to witness the contemplative side of the Church through the life of the Sisters of Mary Morning Star.

The parishes that are initially taking part in scheduling are Immaculate Heart of Mary, Christ the King, Saint Dennis, Saint Peter, and Saint Bernard. Currently adoration is planned to begin September 12 with an inaugural Mass at 1:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary with a Eucharistic procession to follow, ending at the Sisters' new chapel. We are honored to have Bishop Hying as the celebrant and homilist at this Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Saint Dennis adoration sign-ups will take place on the weekend of August 14 and August 15.

SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

"My soul was filled with a peace much deeper than anything I had experienced before, a divine reassurance which nothing can efface, a deep peace which nothing can disturb, even though I were to go through the severest of ordeals, I am at peace; God Himself governs all things." (Diary, 1660)

FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASSES

- August 1 (Women of Saint Dennis)
- August 8 (Knights of Columbus)
- August 15 (Women of Saint Dennis)
- August 22 (Stewardship and Saint Dennis Home and School)

CARE FOR CREATION

Hearing about the extreme heat, drought and wild fires in our western states as well as flooding in Germany and elsewhere is discouraging. It appears that climate change is out of control. What can we do? We can work locally, nationally, and we can pray to God for a miracle.

Locally: The Saint Dennis Care for Creation team is regrouping and resuming meetings. Our next meeting is this Sunday August 1 at noon in the school faculty room. Join us.

Nationally: Steve Coleman, a member of our Care for Creation team has been working on legislative action for over seven years. There is now a chance of putting a price on carbon pollution. The next three weeks are very important in the US Senate. This link to the Citizens Climate Lobby <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/senate/> provides information on why this legislation is so important. Write to your senators, contact them by email and also by calling them expressing support.



"It would be good to ask ourselves every day: 'What do I bring to Jesus today?' He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity toward others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things."

7-25-2021

GOD SUSTAINS US!

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle do not quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You cannot see the forest for the trees” is a widely known saying that can bring

wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and do not like, want, and do not want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we do not move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the “now” time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

Happiness can be fleeting. Selfless love has the potential to carry a couple over the long haul and bring abiding joy. Is there some way you can be selfless *today*? Do not aim for every day, just today - one day at a time.



SCHOENSTATT’S DRIVE-THRU SLOPPY JOE LUNCH AND BAKE SALE



Join the sisters at Schoenstatt’s Heights, 5901 Cottage Grove Road, on Sunday, August 1 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to pick up your delicious sloppy joe lunch, served with chips, baby carrots, a cookie and water. Also pick up some Schoenstatt Sisters’ homemade chocolate chip cookies sold by the half dozen. Matching funds provided by Catholic Financial Life, Chapter 88.

THE POPE’S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST



Intention for Evangelization: The Church
Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

SACRED HEARTS RUMMAGE SALE

Sacred Hearts, 229 Columbus Street, Sun Prairie is hosting a rummage sale on Thursday, August 5 - Friday, August 6, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and half price on Saturday, August 7 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Questions? Call 837-7381 or visit their website at sacred-hearts.org.

READINGS

Week of August 1, 2021

- Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/
Jn 6:24-35
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/
Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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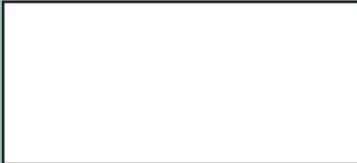
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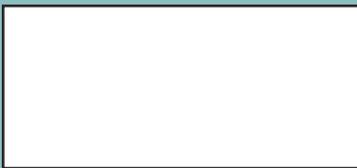
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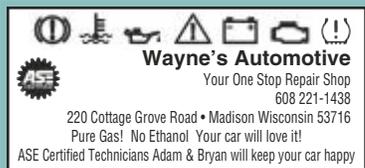
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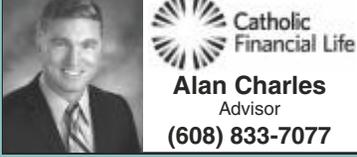


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