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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."

- Jn 6:48-50

August 8, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 8

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

Monday, August 9

8:00 James and Mary Evelyn Dwyer

Tuesday, August 10

8:00 Menzo Bronson

Wednesday, August 11

8:00 Patricia Landry

Thursday, August 12

8:00 Deceased members of the Brunner and Crowley families

Friday, August 13

8:00 Ed Knapton

Saturday, August 14 - Vigil

4:00 Members of the parish

Sunday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 Dolores Coyle
 9:00 Karen Kornell
 10:45 Clifford and Ella LaCrosse

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

"Love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!"
 - 1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need His help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist we join our sacrifice with the sacrifice of the Holy Mass and receive the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Week's Activity (July 31 and August 1)

Envelopes	\$	11,721
Offertory change	\$	<u>1,116</u>
Total	\$	12,837

Online offertory \$ 6,202

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



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sophia Henning and Anthony Oettiker on receiving their First Communion on Saturday, August 7.

May you continue to feel the infinite love of Christ.

MY LIGHTHOUSE!

Online registration for Faith Formation 2021-2022 is open.

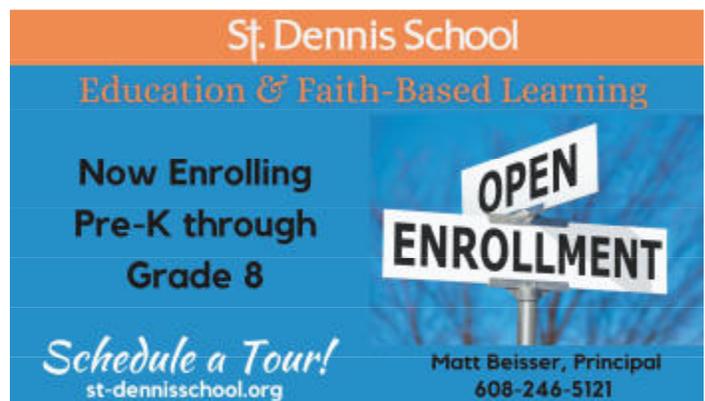


Faith Formation K-8 classes will be held on Mondays offering a year filled with both in-person and virtual classes, along with family opportunities each month. Confirmation students should also sign up for classes held on Sundays. Visit the parish website for first semester calendars, registration and 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.



SCRIP WEEKEND

Next weekend, August 14 and August 15, Scrip cards will be available for purchase in Fellowship Hall. The Scrip you purchase generates rebates from retailers that benefit the parish and the school. Scrip cards are also available at the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - noon. Just ring our door bell.



FATHER RANDY WRITES . . .

We have been journeying with John 6 and the great Eucharistic discourse. Every three years Mother Church wants her children to be formed by the teachings of the Eucharistic miracle and the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We have kept before us the three-fold mission of the Church, namely: 1) worship of God 2) evangelization and 3) care for the poor. Yes, the presence of God is everywhere but we have the Real Presence of Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity with us in the Eucharist. As a community of faith, let us keep the Sunday Eucharist as the most important thing in our week.

Chapel of Adoration - Coming Soon

Over the last six months a new chapel has been constructed as part of the convent at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monona. The Sisters of Mary Morning Star invite the east side parishioners to join them in the gift of adoration and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The goal is to have parishioners praying before the Lord throughout the day seven days of week.

Next weekend you will be invited to sign up for a time of adoration on a weekly basis at the weekend Masses. Please give prayerful consideration to this opportunity to strengthen your faith. This one hour a week can literally change your life in such a meaningful way!

Our recent Festival was a great success. The celebration of the Eucharist outdoors was a true blessing and well over 500 people were in attendance. The day unfolded with plenty of food (roast beef dinner, hamburgers, Italian sausage, the Kona Ice truck,) games for the kids and most especially an afternoon of music provided by our own parishioners. I offer the following as a very preliminary assessment of the income received to date as gift. Please consider making a financial gift for our Festival if you have not already done so.

Festival -Donation Data to Date/Comparison

Date	# of contributors	\$ Received	Average Gift
July 1, 2020 - August 4, 2020	384	\$52,220	\$135.99
July 1, 2021 - August 4, 2021	384	\$38,252	\$ 99.61
July 1, 2020 - August 31-2020	445	\$62,680	\$140.85
July 1, 2021 - August 31, 2021	??	??	??

Peace, Father Randy

FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASSES

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

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.



"The Gospel is the Good News and the force that changes our lives and hearts for the better. For this I ask you to read the Gospel every day and meditate on a short passage to be nourished from this inexhaustible source of salvation."

8-4-2021

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Saint Dennis welcomes our newest members:

Maureen and Patrick Arthurs and family
Teresa DeVault

Robert and Jennifer Divney and family
Lindsey Eckel and family
Sidney and Ida Follett

Peter and Ann Formiller-Bloczynski and family
Brian and Roxanne Jensen

Clayton and Marci Kawski and family
Judith McCoy

And we welcome our newest members with Baptism in July:

Lucy Ann Brooks, daughter of Andrew and Kelly
Emmit Philip Johnson, son of Bryan and Rebecca
Eva LeeAnn Valdes, daughter of Adalberto and Amanda

"Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you are a mile away and you have their shoes!" (Jack Handey) To curb the urge to criticize your spouse, you may need a little distance and perspective, but make sure to come back.





NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines

who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God's generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR CHAPEL OPENING SOON

The Sisters of Mary Morning Star have invited the east side parishes of Madison to commit to Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, seven days a week. 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. 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.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR RACIAL EQUITY

Join people of faith who stand in support of a truthful understanding of reality of racism in our country on Monday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the State Street side of the Capitol.

SAINT BERNARD RUMMAGE SALE

The Women of Saint Bernard, Madison is hosting a rummage sale in the Parish Center gym. It will be held on Friday, August 13 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 14 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Parish Center gym is located at 2438 Atwood Avenue. And stop at the Saint Bernard Knights of Columbus stand for a delicious brat/hot dog! Questions? Call (608) 712-1202.

READINGS

Week of August 8, 2021

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday:	
Vigil:	1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/ 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

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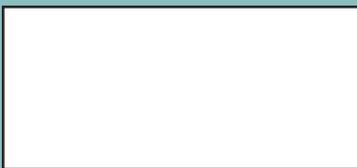
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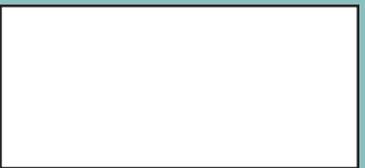
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