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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.”

- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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August 15, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

Monday, August 16

8:00 Barbara Fitzgerald

Tuesday, August 17

8:00 Sheryl Schroeder

Wednesday, August 18

8:00 Bradley Childs

Thursday, August 19

8:00 Angie Campbell

Friday, August 20

8:00 Jerry Olley

Saturday, August 21

4:00 Don Taylor

Sunday, August 22

7:30 Kathy Metcalf
 9:00 Members of the parish
 10:45 Ena Rutemueller

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

"In loving one another through our works we bring an increase of grace and a growth in divine love."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"And Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." - Luke 1: 46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our wants.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Last Week's Activity (August 7 and 8)

Envelopes	\$	9,002
Offertory change	\$	<u>1,102</u>
Total	\$	10,104

Online offertory \$ 13,693

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 Logan Petri on receiving his First Communion on Sunday, August 15.

May you continue to feel the infinite love of Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY VERN

A special 90th birthday wish to Vern Maiers. Join her and her family in Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 a.m. Mass to wish Vern a very special day.



You Are a Treasure! Saint Dennis Vacation Bible School



Thank you to all of our Vacation Bible School participants! We had an amazing time learning how we are treasures to God and how He chooses, knows and hears us. Special thanks to our 45 middle and high school students who stepped up to be counselors and 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 our VBS was successful.

Special thanks to Chick-fil-A and Texas Roadhouse for their donation of kids meal coupons to all participants, the Women of Saint Dennis for sponsoring our counselor shirts (and we had a ton of counselors!) and to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation. A special shout out to Faith Church in Manitowoc for donating many decorations as well! We are truly blessed to have such a strong support network for our youth!

FELLOWSHIP AFTER MASSES

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

SAINT DENNIS SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



The Saint Dennis Knights of Columbus, Saint Joseph Council 4586 will be hosting a Drive-Thru Brat/Hot Dog/Hamburger Stand next Sunday, August 22 serving between 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The net profit will go to Saint Dennis School for their back to school needs. Drive thru or walk up and enjoy food and fellowship. The Knights live to serve, and we are certainly looking forward to serving you. Come hungry - leave happy!

FATHER RANDY WRITES . . .

What Is the Eucharist?

Jesus - who is always alive and present with us! The Eucharist is the body, blood and divinity of Jesus Christ inside and outside of the Mass.

What Is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration is visiting and spending time with Jesus in the Sacred Host exposed in the monstrance on the altar. The monstrance is a sacred vessel designed to elevate Jesus in the Sacred Host so that we may adore him. Here we may speak with Jesus "face to face" as a friend. We may give him our anxieties, the hopes and worries and even the sins of all humanity. Everyone can participate because we all can find at least one hour a week to spend with Jesus.

When Is Eucharistic Adoration?

A new chapel has been built adjacent to the convent at Immaculate Heart of Mary by the Sisters of Mary Morning Star. The specific purpose of the chapel is to provide a place of continuous adoration before the Lord for the parishioners here on the eastside. The chapel is available from 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. each day. Saint Dennis is on to "fill the time spots" on Mondays (all day) and on Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. You may sign up after Masses this weekend in Fellowship Hall or online at adorationpro.org/marymorningstar.

Why Eucharistic Adoration?

Jesus Gives Us His Graces!

"Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you."

Adoration Develops a Truly Personal Relationship with Jesus!

Adoration helps us to be more personally involved with Jesus Christ because it makes the Eucharist more central in our lives. "Jesus is the greatest friend you will ever have . . . tell him your secrets, tell him your joys and the things that make you sad. Tell him about the people whom you love."
(Pope Saint John Paul II)

Adoration Builds Community!

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Unity. "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. The Eucharist makes the Church."
(Catechism of the Catholic Church 1396)

Adoration Brings Peace to Ourselves and the World!

Visit the Lord in that heart-to-heart contact that is Eucharistic Adoration. Day after day, you will receive new energy to help you to bring comfort to the suffering and peace to the world.
(Pope Saint John Paul II)

Mother Theresa wrote: "The time you spend with Jesus . . . will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

"Our hours of adoration will be special hours . . . exposing (us) to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist."

Could you not watch one hour with me? - Matthew 6:40

Peace, Father Randy

OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.



"God does not come in extraordinary events, but works amid the apparent monotony of our daily life, in the frequently dull rhythm of our activities, in the little things that, working with tenacity and humility, we achieve in our efforts to do His will."

8-10-2021



SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

"I saw the Mother of God unspeakably beautiful. She said to me, 'My daughter, what I demand from you is prayer, prayer, and once again prayer, for the world especially your country. For nine days receive Holy Communion in atonement and unite yourself closely to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. During these nine days you will stand before God as an offering; always and everywhere, at all time and places, day or night whenever you wake up, pray in the spirit. In spirit, one can always remain in prayer.'" (Diary, 325)



Diocese of Madison **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Catholic schools play a critical role in passing on the faith and forming future generations that will keep our parishes vibrant communities of faith, worship, and service. Studies show that students who attend Catholic schools are more likely to attend Mass, donate to their parish, participate in the sacraments, consider a religious vocation, and volunteer in the parish. Catholic school graduates are also more likely to vote and participate in the political process as adults, thus helping to maintain and strengthen our democracy.

As the U.S. bishops have said, "It is the responsibility of the entire Catholic community... to strive towards the goal of making our Catholic elementary and secondary schools available, accessible, and affordable to all..." Investment in our Catholic schools enables the youth in our parishes to take advantage of all that Catholic education has to offer, and help shape the future of our parishes, our diocese, the universal Church, and the world around us.



BY THE NUMBERS

Total number of schools: **42**

Student/teacher ratio in Catholic Schools: **11:1**

PK–12 students: **6,907**

Average actual cost to educate: **\$6,592**

High School Graduation Rate: **99.8% with 95% going to college**

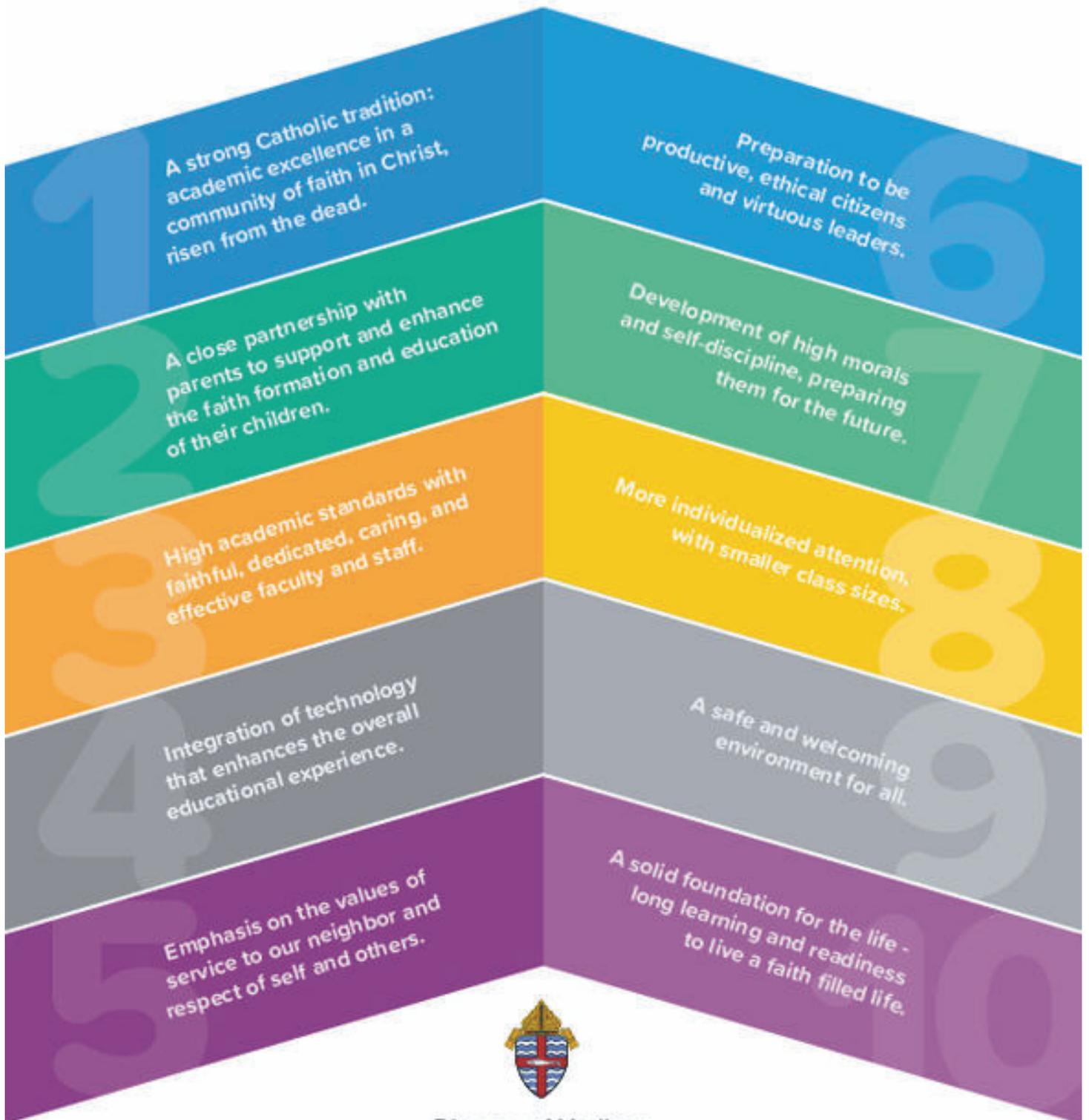
Average elementary tuition: **\$2,568**

Average public school cost to educate: **\$13,502**

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TOP 10 REASONS OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Diocese of Madison
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That is what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.



Happiness is about more than laughter, but laughter heals and bonds. Laugh together today. Watch a funny TV show or movie, tell each

other a silly joke, play a practical joke that does not backfire, or reminisce about the crazy things you have done during your life together.

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Calling all UW-Madison instructors! This fall, Saint Paul's University Student Center will be hosting a lunch on the first Tuesday of each month to build faith and fellowship among Catholic UW-Madison faculty and academic staff who teach on campus. The first lunch will be held September 7 at noon at Saint Paul's. To rsvp or learn more about other upcoming Catholic faculty and staff outreach and events on campus, email Cecelia Klingele at cklingele@wisc.edu.

READINGS

Week of August 15, 2021

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

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32/
Jn 6:60-69

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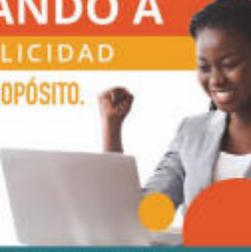
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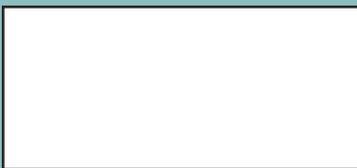
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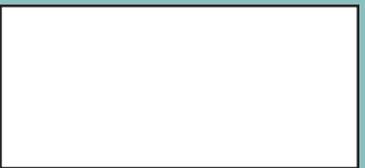
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