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Saturday 5:15 pm; Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

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Saturday 11:00 am-12:00 noon

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Saturday's 11:00 am - until all are heard

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Marriage: Contact Fr. Gary at least six months prior.

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GO MAKE DISCIPLES

How mortification can make us holy

Have you ever had somebody ask “What are you giving up for Lent?” Or: when you were young and whining about something, did a Catholic grandparent—or perhaps a nun who was maybe your grade school teacher—ever tell you to “Offer it up”? If so, there’s a big connection to this month’s “Go Make Disciples” (GMD) topic. And appropriately enough: Lent begins on February 17, and Lent IS a big time of “giving up” things in order to enhance our spiritual growth and deepen our sense of giving.

There’s a big, fancy church word for this phenomenon of “giving up,” called “**mortification.**” Perhaps you’re already familiar with it, but don’t fret if you’re not. Mortification is pretty countercultural in our society, the very opposite of a word that seems to reign in everyday life here in the U.S.—“self-gratification,” especially “instant gratification.” The word “mortification” has at its root a word that means “death” (like “mortician” or “mortuary”). That’s because it’s a word that means “dying to self”—a choice to self-sacrifice in order to counter selfishness and put our focus more on God and neighbor. The word is not meant to be a morbid one, in Christian practice, even though throughout history some people have maybe taken the practice too far. It’s also not supposed to make you humiliate yourself—though, if practiced wisely, it can definitely help you become more humble. To borrow the words of writer Ken Blanchard, mortification—done well—should help you make the following distinction: “Don’t think less of yourself, just think of yourself less.”

This month’s backgrounder document—originally published by the diocese in September 2020, also covered in the Madison Catholic Herald if you receive and read the newspaper—reminds us that self-mortification can help us all to become more holy by obsessing about ourselves less. This month’s formation newsletter, simply called “**Mortification**” can be found on HMC’s website at: www.holymotherchurch.weconnect.com/GMD4HMC (or simply follow the links from our opening page). But you can also use the shortcut link called www.tinyurl.com/GMDmort to find/read/download/print the entire newsletter.

As ever, please contact Mary Lynn Hendrickson (phone and email info are on the front of this bulletin) if you are unable to get this document online and would like a printed copy to pick up at the parish. Also contact Mary Lynn if you would be interested in joining a small study/discussion group with other parishioners, as we begin to learn and grow through the “Go Make Disciples” process.



Would you or another parishioner like to receive a phone call from a friend from HMC?

The Care Ministry team here at HMC has been connecting with homebound residents and those who may be feeling lonely during these unusual times. Please reach out to **Beth Craig**, contact on the front of this bulletin, to get this set up. We are here for you and look forward to talking with you.

Mass Intentions

- Saturday** • February 6 - *St. Paul Miki*
5:00 pm Sharon Ziebol
- Sunday** • February 7 - *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 am Jim O'Brien
10:15 am Vernon Dunn
- Tuesday** • February 9
5:30 pm Mary Dischler
- Wednesday** • February 10 - *St. Scholastica*
8:00 am Cathy Stephens
- Thursday** • February 11 - *Our Lady of Lourdes*
8:00 am Carol Ann Opdahl-Haville
- Friday** • February 12
8:00 am Betty Johnson
- Saturday** • February 13
5:00 pm Bryon Kottke
- Sunday** • February 14 - *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 am Joe Lynch
10:15 am Russell & Catherine Outhouse
- KC Rosary for Life** • following 8 am Mass

Diocesan of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal 2021

On February 13-14, Father Gary Wankerl will lead the in-pew process for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Those who have not made a pledge by mail will be asked to do so at this time. You will also be sent a special edition of the Catholic Herald on February 11th where you will have the opportunity to make a gift, as well.

Please read the annual appeal tabloid that is in your bulletin today. It provides a detailed explanation of the use of the funds that you are asked to give. This appeal funds many ministries throughout the diocese and helps many in need.

Each household is asked to make a generous gift. In doing so, please consider making a pledge, payable over six months.

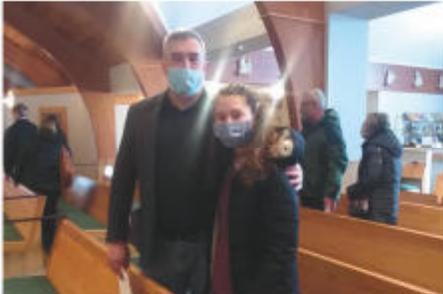
On February 13-14, one member from each household will be asked to fill out a commitment envelope during mass. Thank you in advance for your support of our parish, the diocese and the work of the church throughout the world.





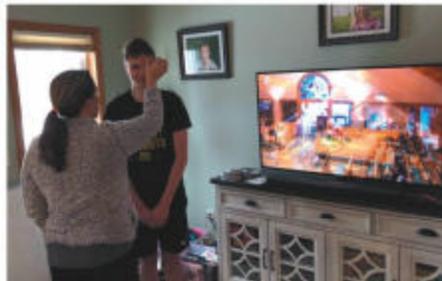
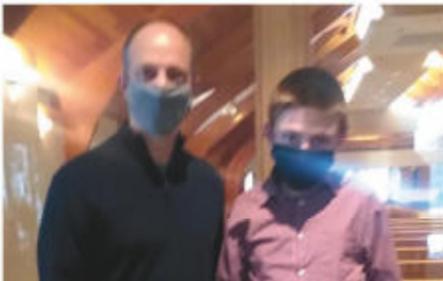
Rite of Welcome Mass

Our Confirmation Candidates participated in the Rite of Welcome during the morning Masses on January 24. Because of covid-19 concerns, the candidates and their sponsors could choose to participate in the church or online as we live-streamed the Mass. It was a beautiful occasion for all as our Candidates committed to continuing on their journey to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year and were signed with the cross by their Sponsors. Thanks to our Confirmation Candidates' parents for sharing these pictures with us, so we could share this experience with the rest of our parish community!



Confirmation Retreat: This Weekend and Next!

Our Confirmation Candidates are participating in a retreat at HMC either this weekend or next weekend. Please pray for our Candidates that they come to this experience with open hearts and minds, so they are able to receive all of God's blessings throughout the weekend. Please pray for our teen/ adult leaders as well as they share God's love with everyone on the retreat. Pray that everyone grows closer to God through our Confirmation Retreat and it is a positive and safe experience for all!



High School Mission Trip to Nashville

If it is safe to do so, we are planning to take a group of high school students on a mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee on **June 19-25** with Catholic Heart Work Camp! (If covid-19 is still a concern, we will stay here and do a local week of mission work during that same week.) Our teens will be provided a variety of opportunities to serve in a variety of ways, while partnering with social agencies. Are you a high school student who likes to serve others? Are you interested in growing in your faith? Would you like to visit another part of the country? Then, you will love our mission trip! Several teens have already signed up, but there are still a few more open spots! Contact **Becky Phillips** for more information.





Love Begins Here: A local service opportunity for middle school students

Current 6th-8th grade students are invited to participate in the Diocesan-led mission opportunity called Love Begins Here with our parish this summer. Love Begins Here provides youth with an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a life changing way as they participate in service work, prayer opportunities, and build community among other Catholic students in the area. Adults are invited to serve as lead missionaries (serving alongside our awesome middle school students!)

HMC will be participating in Love Begins Here on July 18-21. If it is safe to do so, we will stay overnight at St. Maria Goretti School with other parish groups and serve in the Madison area. If covid-19 is still a concern, we will stay in the Oregon area and it will turn into a day camp experience. Visit the link found at www.madisondiocese.org/lovebeginshere and register online. **We have a limited amount of spots available, so register as soon as possible to ensure your middle school student's participation on LBH 2021!** Please contact Becky Phillips for more information.



Thank you for your continued support!

Church Support

Ending January 31, 2021

Envelopes/EFT/WeShare	\$8,516.26
Loose offering	98.00
Capital Needs (incl. WeShare)	274.45
Total	\$8,888.71
Avg. Weekly Budget Needed	\$10,620.00

Catarina (incl. WeShare)	\$422.92
Cans for Catarina	80.00

Fiscal Year-to-Date July 2020 - June 2021

Envelopes	\$331,144.30
Loose offering	2,531.99
Capital Needs	7,432.48
Total	\$341,108.77
YTD Budget Need	\$332,340.00

Consolation for Catarina	\$30,160.21
Cans for Catarina	325.00

CANS FOR CATARINA

Thank you for your continued support by donating your aluminum cans! All proceeds go to our sister parish in Guatemala.

Please note: aluminum only cans should be in plastic bags and tied securely at the top. This helps with loading and transporting to recycling plant. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for "cashing in the cans."

Women's Book Group for February

Our parish's next Well-Read Mom meeting will be **THIS**

THURSDAY, February 11 at 7:00 pm in Consolation Hall (masked and socially distanced, with capped attendance numbers due to Covid). We will be discussing the modern spiritual classic *In This House of Brede* by Rumer Godden. If you prefer to join us virtually, contact Emily for the meeting link. Well-Read Mom is a national book club for women that advocates the reading of great books and spiritual classics that encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations—helping every reader to explore what is good, beautiful, and true. Best of all: ***You don't have to be a mom to participate!***

If you're interested in joining us or have any questions, please reach out to group leader Emily Preisler. Also, if you haven't attended before—since our numbers have been growing with each passing month, and Covid restrictions limit the number of people who can gather physically in one spot—contact her as well, at **EJPREISLER@GMAIL.COM**



Weekend Closing Song

I SEND YOU OUT

John Angotti

Verse 1

1. I baptize you in the name of the Father,
I baptize you in the name of the Son.

I baptize you with the Holy Spirit,
Go out and spread Good News!

Refrain: All

I send you out on a mis-sion of love. I send you out
on a mis-sion of love. I send you out
on a mis-sion of love, and know that I am with
you al - ways un-til the end of the world.

Verse 2

2. Well, it's time for us
to become people with spirit.
It's time for us to become people of love.

It's time for us
to know that Jesus Christ is risen,
forgives our sins, and brings us new life!

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Minister Scheduling for February and March

Due to the fluid situation of COVID, only ministers who have contacted Larry regarding availability will be scheduled. If you would like to be scheduled for upcoming months, **please contact Larry** by phone or email.

High School Student musicians

Are you working on pieces for zoom or small group rehearsals? We are looking for recordings to add to our livestream Mass broadcasts. Contact Larry if you are interested in sharing your music!



Mark your calendars!
Our next Virtual
Bingo Events are
scheduled for
**Saturday,
February 20
& Saturday,
April 20**

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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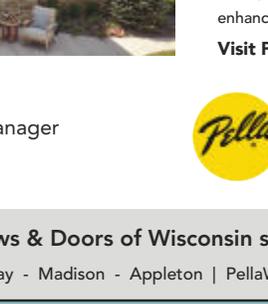
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