

Our Mission

To seek Christ, know Christ,
and become Christ,
each one for the sake of all.

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CATHOLIC PARISH



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WELCOME

APRIL 21

2024

Pastors & Deacons

Pastor: Fr. Dennis Saran
Associate Pastor: Fr. Tim Schumaker
Deacons: Deacon Greg Diciaula
Deacon Jeff Kucharski

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM
9:00 AM Live stream
stdominic.net/live
Mon/Wed/Fri: 8:30 AM
Tues/Thurs: 6:30 AM

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:00-4:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays: 1:00-7:30 PM



Parish Center Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Welcome



Guests and Visitors

At St. Dominic Catholic Parish you will discover a welcoming group of people with a desire to seek Christ, know Christ, and become Christ, each one for the sake of all. We offer a place to belong, to worship, to grow, and to serve. We are excited to get to know you as you learn more about us. Please let us know how we can help!

New Members

We meet personally with all new members to provide a warm welcome, answer questions, fill out the necessary forms, and help you get connected. To join our parish family, please contact Molly Schmidt at 262.781.3480, Ext. 241 or molly.schmidt@stdominic.net. We look forward to meeting you!

Becoming Catholic

We are glad of your interest in learning more about the Catholic faith. For each person, the path to seeking, knowing, and becoming Christ is unique. The Church recognizes the importance of this journey. Please contact our Pastoral Associate, Mary Lestina, who will be happy to talk with you about the process at 262.781.3480, Ext. 228 or mary.lestina@stdominic.net.

REFLECTION

Insanely Excessive Love

~Father John Muir

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had

literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

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Parish Highlights

CAMPUS NEWS



Church HVAC Replacement

You may be wondering about the black pipes being installed in the north narthex. They are the supply and return lines for our new heating and cooling system in the church.

HVAC highlights

- Replaced aging boilers in the school with units that had the capacity (and then some) to also heat the church
- Four Church AC units have been limping along and must be replaced
- Four Church furnaces are aging out and are tied to the new AC units
- Replacing the furnaces with an air handler at the same time to:
 - Take advantage of boiler option
 - Reduce overall cost of the project
- Black pipes will be hidden in strategic areas
- School heating being addressed as part of the overall project

Timeline and Funding

- Work will continue into June
- We will be without heating and cooling for a period of time
 - Timing of work selected to minimize the risk
 - Please pray for “average” temperatures
 - Exploring contingency options
- Funded through the Love One Another Capital Campaign proceeds.

Thank you to our partner, Southport, for the excellent work.

THANK YOU, our parish family, for your support of these improvements.



EVENTS



Mass of Hope & Healing

Monday, April 29 | 6:00 PM

The Mass of Hope & Healing is for women and families who have lost a child due to stillbirth, miscarriage, sudden death, or abortion. Please join us in praying for healing and strength and for a procession to the Prayer Gardens of St. Dominic. All are welcome!

Go Make Disciples

Sunday, May 5 | 4:00-5:30 PM | PAAC

See the flyer in today's bulletin for this special event with Evangelical Catholic, where you will learn how to accompany others into a Jesus-led life. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/GoMakeDisciples2024>



St. Dominic Golf League

This league is for both men and women. Play as your schedule allows. See the flyer in today's bulletin for details or visit <https://stdominic.net/event/2024-04-07-st-dominic-golf-league>



Discipleship

YOUNG ADULTS



Brew City Catholic

Brew City Catholic exists to inspire adults in their 20's and 30's to become close companions of Jesus and who joyfully invite others to walk with them. As an initiative of the Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (Southeastern Wisconsin), our invitation is for you to enjoy this moment in your 20s or 30s, knowing that Christ and the Catholic Church are with you and for you.

- Enjoy this moment in your life!
- Meet new people.
- Get to know the person of Jesus Christ.
- Discover the richness of the Catholic Faith.
- And, be equipped to live this wonderful adventure with Christ by your side.

Visit brewcitycatholic.com

Brewing the Faith

Brewing the Faith is an evening designed to help you connect with other adults in their 20s and 30s. It's open to absolutely anyone; grab a beer, hear a message, and meet your neighbor. It's that simple! No registration is needed. We can't wait to see you there!

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus left us the Holy Spirit as an Advocate. He knew that we would need help in living according to The Way. The Advocate worked among members of the early Church to spread the message of Jesus Christ throughout the world. The Advocate works among us today, keeping the Church alive and fruitful. "We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit by the effects the Spirit has on people. People who are filled with the Holy Spirit show the effects of the Spirit's presence in their lives. We call these effects the fruits of the Holy Spirit" (Living the Mass: How One Hour a Week Can Change Your Life, Grassi and Paprocki, Loyola Press, 2011, p. 168-170). There are twelve fruits.

- Love: selfless service to others by words and action. Also known as charity
- Faithfulness: keeping one's promises to God and those whom we have committed ourselves
- Joy: deep and constant gladness in the Lord that circumstances can't destroy
- Modesty: moderation in all our actions, especially our conversations and external behavior
- Kindness: generous acts of service striving to be the best for others not themselves
- Goodness: love all people without exception
- Peace: serenity knowing that all will work out well because God is with us
- Patience: love that is willing to endure life's suffering, difficulties, and routines
- Self-control: discipline of physical and emotional desires by being modest and respectful of others
- Chastity: the integration of our physical sexuality with our spiritual nature
- Generosity: willingness to give, even at a cost to ourselves
- Gentleness: strength tempered by love leads us to be gentle, peaceful, and gracious. Forgiveness over anger.

This weekend marks the one year anniversary of St. Dominic sharing The Way with our community. The Way is our approach to addressing the changes in our culture and encouraging our members to pray with others, share their experience of God in their lives, and further grow in knowledge of the Catholic faith. We are focused on caring for our community and strengthening their resolve in a world that has grown God-less. Since last April:

- 39 people have gone through Missionary Discipleship Training
- 70 people have gone through the Called and Gifted Workshop
- An average of 20 people attend Tuesday Time Outs on a regular basis
- Dozens of small groups have started
- Many personal apostolates have been pursued

We invite you to again evaluate how you are placing your relationship with God front and center. Want to talk? Contact Jill Fischer, Director of Discipleship and Formation, at jill.fischer@stdominic.net or 262.781.3480, Ext. 252.

Serve & Share

SERVE



Eucharistic Adorers Needed

Jesus waits for you with a loving heart, full of mercy. Could you offer a half hour of your time to allow Him to fill you with His peace? Adoration is on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 7:30 PM in the chapel. The following times slots need regular adorers:

3 :00-3:30 PM, 3:30-4:00 PM, 4:00-4:30 PM, 4:30-5:00 PM

If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Paula Magliocco at pjmagliocco@yahoo.com or 262.370.1154.

St. Dominic Campus Cleanup Day Thank you

Thank you to all who came out to help care for our parish grounds this Saturday in conjunction with Earth Day 2024.

In his encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si': On Care of our Common Home*, Pope Francis writes, "Whether believers or not, we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone." (no. 93)

Let us look for ways that we can protect and care for the world around us.



EACH ONE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL

Food Pantry Collection This Weekend

April 20/21

We are hosting a food collection to support St. Catherine and St. Sebastian's Food Pantry this weekend, April 20-21. The greatest need is for spaghetti sauce, canned meals such as ravioli or soup, and toilet paper. Please bring your items on April 20/21 ONLY. Collection bins will be in both narthexes. Thank you!



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Catholic Kids

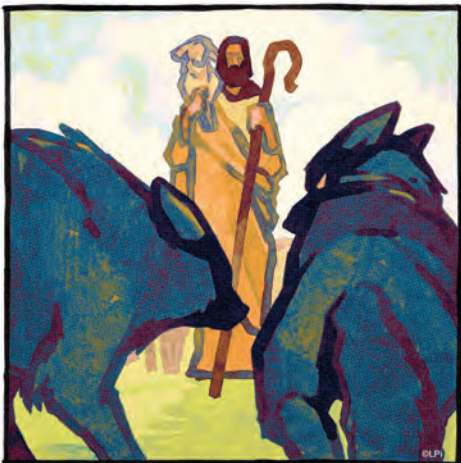
GOING DEEPER

Today's Gospel Reading

Take a moment to sit with today's Gospel: John 10:11-18. Allow the Spirit to work in you, with you, and through you.

Jesus speaks to the relationship between a shepherd and his sheep in today's Gospel. Knowing more about this relationship helps in appreciating his message. Sheep are a prey animal that is rather defenseless, therefore, they tend to stay in a group. Sheep have great hearing, a keen sense of smell, and monocular vision which allows them to see a full 360 degrees. This all helps to identify a "friend" or a "foe." Due to their ability to imprint at birth, if hand-raised apart from their mother from birth, they know and only respond to their shepherd. The shepherd's role is to take care of them and defend them from harm.

Jesus speaks about how He is the Good Shepherd, not just a shepherd, but good. It can be hard sometimes in life to believe in the goodness of God. How do you see the goodness of God in your life?



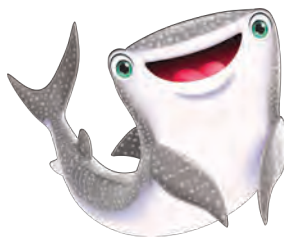
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God!

Monday, July 22-26 | 9:00 AM—Noon

Plan to join us the week of July 22, 2024 for this faith-filled adventure.



We will go deep into an amazing undersea adventure where kids will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Totally Catholic Scuba Vacation Bible School (VBS), kids will be immersed in Sacred Scripture and discover what living water is really all about!

Children age three (who are potty trained) through entering 5th grade are invited to enroll in this summer opportunity. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Scan the QR code here or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ScubaVBS2024> to register.



Teens entering 8th grade and up, as well as adult volunteers, are needed to help as station and group leaders during the week of VBS. Anyone age 18+ MUST be Safeguard certified before July 1 to participate.

Please contact Mrs. Stacey Irvine at stacey.irvine@stdominic.net or 262.781.3480 for more information.

Student Ministry

MIDDLE SCHOOL: EMMAUS AND EDGE

Please join us for EDGE on Tuesday, April 23, at 6:00 PM in the Marcy Center.



Calling all 5th grade students! Have you been wondering what happens at Edge and Emmaus? Now you can see for yourself!

All 5th grade students, including our students from St. Dominic school, are invited to join us for special *Come and See* events of Emmaus and Edge.

Emmaus: Monday, April 22, | 4:45 PM
Student Lounge

EDGE: Tuesday, April 23 | 6:00 PM
Marcy Center. *See you there!*

Love Begins Here

There are still a few spots available for Love Begins Here mission trip. Sign up ASAP!



HIGH SCHOOL: LIFE TEEN



No Life Teen April 21!

See you next week

@6 pm Waukesha Skateland 4/28~
permission slip needed, email Sami ~



CORE TEAM

You Are Needed!

Do you love middle or high school students? Do you love Jesus? Have you ever considered becoming a Core Team member?

We are looking for more Core Team members to help serve our growing EDGE and Life Teen Ministries and would love to treat you to coffee and share more about our ministries!



Contact us to learn more at samantha.taylor@stdominic.net or karissa.tousignant@stdominic.net

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Middle School

EMMAUS

April 22 | 4:45 PM | Emmaus
April 23 | 6:00 PM | EDGE
April 29 | 4:45 PM | Emmaus
April 30 | No EDGE
May 6 | 4:45 PM | Emmaus
May 7 | 6:00 PM | EDGE
May 13 | 4:45 PM | Emmaus
May 14 | 6:00 PM | EDGE

Contact Karissa:

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High School

LIFE TEEN

April 21 | No Life Teen
April 28 | 6:00 PM | Roller skating at
Waukesha Skateland. Permission
slip needed
May 5 | 6:15 PM | Life Teen
Marriage
May 12 | 5:30 | Sunday Night Mass
May 12 | No Life Teen
Mother's Day
May 19 | 6:15 PM | Life Teen
Relationship & Dating

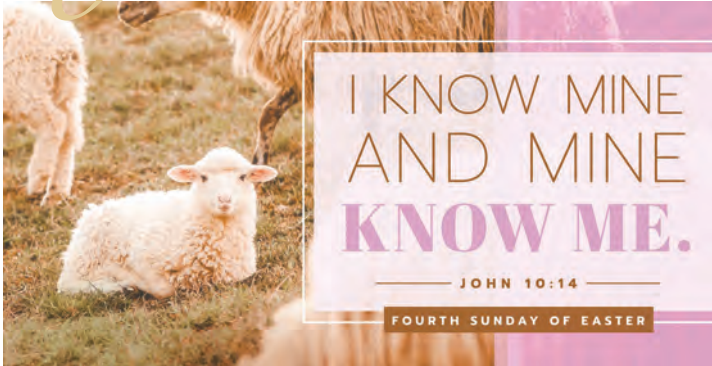
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Gather



In Loving Memory

- † Zoellick, Jacqueline, wife of the late Allen (Pete)
- † Kim Ashland, wife of Jim, mother of Drew & Alex

Wedding Banns

Arika Ostrowski & Nicholas Zompa

Baptisms

James Erwin Bohrer, James David Goodwin, Louise Mae Murtha

Yellow Ribbon Ministry

Jonathan Grey, Senior Airman, USAF

Sanctuary Lamp

Church: Janice Schuh



Thanksgiving Masses

With thanksgiving to God, we will celebrate Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi, 11th Archbishop of Milwaukee.

In honor of his 75th Birthday and in anticipation of his

retirement as shepherd of our archdiocese, join us for regional Masses as we thank him for his spiritual leadership. A reception will follow each Mass.

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 6:30 PM | Lumen Christi, Mequon
Thursday, May 23, 2024, 6:30 PM | St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee
Sunday, June 9, 2024, 11:00 AM | Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee

READINGS | MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 22

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

CF 8:30 AM: † Kay Kelble

Tuesday, April 23

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

DS 6:30 AM: † Jim, Marge & Steve Wolak

1:00-7:30 PM: Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, April 24

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

DS 8:30 AM: † Anne Horner

Thursday, April 25

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

DS 6:30 AM: † Randall, Ann & Jack O'Brien

Friday, April 26

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

CF 8:30 AM: † Anthony Christopher Eddy

Saturday, April 27

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

DS 4:30 PM: † Robert Zale, † Edith A. Sheehan, † Erwin Buelmeier, For the intention of Michael & Christine Hoeffler

Sunday, April 28

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

CF 7:30 AM: † Bruno & Cathy Jablonski

CF 9:00 AM: † David Stich, † John & Sandra Weber

DS 11:00 AM: For all our parishioners

DS Fr. Dennis | TS Fr. Tim | CF Fr. Curt Frederick

Narthex Display Materials

The kiosks, bulletin boards, easels, and tables in the church narthexes are reserved for approved and scheduled display materials offered by St. Dominic Catholic Parish. All materials are placed by an appropriate staff person. Any unapproved items left or displayed will be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

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ARCHDIOCES OF MILWAUKEE



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Please join the Vocations Office in praying for an increase of Vocations in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, and renew the face of the earth.

Safe Environment Week

April 21-27

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 21–April 27 as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

Annual Mass of Atonement

April 29 | 6:00 PM | Holy Apostles Parish, New Berlin

This Mass is one of the ways that the current leadership of the Archdiocese publicly atones for the clergy abuse crisis and scandal. We invite you to join us in support of the survivors, family members, and communities that have spoken or unspoken stories of survival and pain. If you are unable to attend, we would ask that you please remember all those that suffer from the wounds of abuse in your prayers for peace, healing, and justice. Please visit www.archmil.org for more information.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Paschal Baylon

St. Paschal Baylón (1540-1592) was born in Spain and worked as a shepherd from childhood until his 20's. He often prayed while working in the fields. He was known for his work ethic and honesty.

Baylón taught himself to read so he could pray the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin. He would give parts of his dinner away to those in need when he was shepherding in the field. He also had great compassion for the sick.

At age 24, Baylón joined the Friars Minor and although invited to study to be a priest, he chose to be a brother. In this vocation he served as a chef, door man, gardener, and official beggar.

St. Paschal found particular solace while praying before the Blessed Sacrament. He was known to spend most of his free time in adoration and would occasionally experience visions after all-night prayer. He is the Patron Saint of Eucharistic Congresses and Societies.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. DOMINIC

CAF-Cafeteria CH-Church CHPL-Chapel MC-Marcy Center PAF-Parish Athletic Facility PAAC-Parish Arts & Activity Center
PC-Parish Center PG-Prayer Gardens RC-Resource Center SCH-School SL-Student Lounge TL-Teacher's Lounge

Sunday, April 21

9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MC7
9:00 AM	K5 Formation Class	MC5
9:00 AM	Kairos For Kids	MC2
10:00 AM	Dcn. Aaron Siehr Reception	PAAC
4:00 PM	Confirmation Group - Rankin	MC4
6:30 PM	Confirmation Group - Jensen	MC3
8:30 PM	Adult Basketball	PAF

Monday, April 22

9:15 AM	Morning Prayer-Liturgy of the Hours	CHPL
9:30 AM	Grief Share	MC3
2:45 PM	Girl Scouts Meeting - Troop 1427	CAF
2:50 PM	Strings Beginner Rehearsal	PAAC
4:45 PM	Gr. 1-5 Formation Classes	SCH
4:45 PM	Emmaus	SL
4:45 PM	First Communion Prep	CH
6:30 PM	Adult Confirmation	PC107
6:30 PM	Human Resources Meeting	PC105
6:30 PM	Confirmation Group - Rankin #2	MC4
7:00 PM	Student Leadership Small Group	SL

Tuesday, April 23

11:45 AM	School Mass Practice	CH
1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel
2:50 PM	Strings Intermediate Rehearsal	PAAC
6:00 PM	EDGE	MC7
6:15 PM	Gr. 1-5 Formation Classes	SCH
6:15 PM	Time Out	PAAC
6:15 PM	First Communion Prep	CH
6:30 PM	Confirmation Group - Grasse	RM 137
6:30 PM	Tiger Scouts Den 3	CAF
7:00 PM	Small Group - Taylor	SL

Wednesday, April 24

8:00 AM	Rosary	CHPL
9:15 AM	School First Communion Prep	CH
9:30 AM	Women at the Well	MC6
10:30 AM	Cantor Rehearsal	CH
12:30 PM	Formation Holy Half Hour	CHPL
2:50 PM	Young Rembrandts	CAF
2:50 PM	Strings Advanced Rehearsal	PAAC
6:30 PM	Small Group—Fischer	PC107

Thursday, April 25

11:30 AM	Small Group - Ziolkowski	MC4
4:00 PM	Ostrowski/Zompa Wedding Rehearsal	CH
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	CH
6:30 PM	New Member/Mentor Event	OFFSITE
7:00 PM	Young Adult Small Group - Donohue	MC4
9:00 PM	Adult Basketball	PAF

Friday, April 26

6:15 AM	That Man Is You!	MC7
9:30 AM	Rosary	CHPL
2:30 PM	Ostrowski/Zompa Wedding	CH
2:45 PM	Girl Scouts	CAF
6:00 PM	AA Meeting	MC6
9:00 PM	Adult Volleyball	PAF

Saturday, April 27

8:00 AM	Men's Faith Sharing Group	MC6
9:00 AM	First Communion Retreat	CH/PAAC
3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	CHPL

Sunday, April 28

9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MC7
9:00 AM	K5 Formation Class	MC5
9:00 AM	Kairos For Kids	MC2
12:30 PM	Baptisms	CH
4:00 PM	Confirmation Group - Rankin	MC4
6:15 PM	Life Teen	MC7
8:30 PM	Adult Basketball	PAF

Ten Tips for Protecting Children and Offering Outreach to Victims/Survivors

1 Sexual abuse is about the victim.
Many people are affected by abuse but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life.

2 The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime.
The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Those who have been abused can heal, but it often takes time, therapy, and the support of loved ones.

3 No one has the right to have access to children.
No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the Church without proper screening and without following the rules.

4 Common sense is not all that common.
Dioceses, schools, parishes, and especially families, must educate themselves and others on how to protect children.

5 Child sexual abuse can be prevented.
It is critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm—such as protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

6 Feeling heard leads toward healing.
Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one's pain

and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivor's suffering, pain, and anger are acknowledged.

7 You cannot always predict who will be an abuser.

Experience shows that most abuse is committed by someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family.

8 There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling.

9 People can be taught to identify grooming behavior.

Grooming behaviors are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

10 Background checks are important.

Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children.



Keeping Children and Teens **SAFE ONLINE**

Computers and mobile devices can be helpful tools for children and teens to learn and grow in faith and fellowship. Unfortunately, the digital world is also full of unsafe and explicit content. You wouldn't hand a teen the car keys without first teaching them how to drive. The same should be true for using technology—teach them how to keep themselves and others safe while using it.



You can use the following tips to better protect young people from harm online:

1 Model appropriate online behavior for young people. Children look to their parents to teach and show them the ways to appropriately use technology. The biggest influence on what children see as acceptable or unacceptable is you.

2 Teach your children not to share private information or images online. Strangers posing as online friends can try to gain the trust of minors. Personal information such as name, address, and phone number should never be shared with an unknown person. Tell your children to immediately tell a trusted adult if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable.

3 Limit usage of computers and mobile devices to public spaces in the home. Not only will this help to prevent young people from accessing unsafe websites, it will also help them to develop safe browsing habits later in life.

4 Install software that can block or monitor explicit website use. Open access to harmful websites, like those that include pornography, is a constant threat to

young people. Website filters can prevent access to harmful and explicit sites and some can even alert you when such a site is accessed.

5 Review and discuss the websites your child has visited and apps they have used. Oversight of your child or teen's browsing history and app usage can help to keep them safe online. If you notice your child has browsed an unsafe website or app, discuss why that behavior is harmful. Learn about current apps that could be harmful to children and teenagers, especially those that involve image sharing, private communication, or the illusion of privacy.

6 Report online exploitation of minors to public authorities. If you become aware of explicit content involving minors, such as solicitation, explicit images or videos, you should submit a report to law enforcement or through resources like CyberTipline from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.





All adults are invited to join us in our Summer Reading Series. We will be reading and discussing some quality pieces of literature to help form and equip disciples in our midst.

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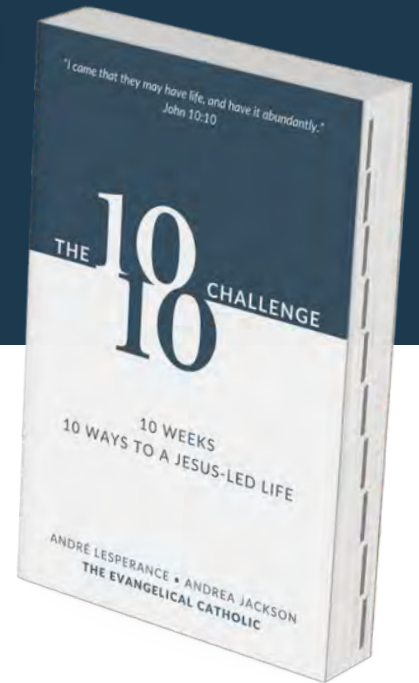
**Discussion will begin at 6:30 PM in the Marcy Center.
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Please contact us with your questions.

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