Our Mission

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



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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." - Lk 3:4

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DECEMBER 8 2024

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Pastor: Fr. Dennis Saran Associate Pastor: Fr. David Sweeney 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: 2:00-4:00 PM (Advent)

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdavs: 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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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

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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

God Breaks into our History

In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when "the word of God came to John the Baptist:" Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our history, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

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— Father John Muir

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays: 2:00-4:00 PM (December 7, 14 and 21)

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays: 1:00-7:30 PM

(No Adoration on 12/24 or 12/31) The Immaculate Conception

<mark>(Solemnity)</mark> Monday, December 9

Monday, December 9 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM (School Mass), 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM Christmas Vigil Tuesday, December 24 4:30 PM and 10:00 PM *Festival of Carols: 9:30 PM*

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)

Tuesday, December 31 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Wednesday, January 1 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT EVENTS

Stronger Together—Save the Dates!

Save the dates for our upcoming marriage events on Thursday evenings: January 23, March 20, and May 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Marcy Center. These evenings are geared toward couples married for 10 years or less.

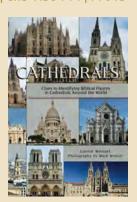
January: Supporting each other on our spiritual journeys and in our daily life March: Dealing with conflict without arguing May: Our Time / My Time - Respecting and supporting our individualities

Evenings will include fun couple games, a presentation, and time for socializing and sharing. Watch for more information!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tell Me a Story December 10 | 6:15-7:30 PM | PAAC

Please join us for this special Tuesday Time Out with guest Lorrie Wenzel; parishioner, world traveler, author, and



art historian, as she shares with us the hidden messages in religious art. Attendees will learn the visual name tags of biblical figures found in cathedrals throughout the world.

Guests will receive a free copy of her book "Cathedrals: Clues to Identifying Biblical Figures in Cathedrals Around the World." No need to RSVP. All are welcome!



2025 Calendars

The 2025 St. Dominic Catholic Wall Calendars are available for pick up this weekend in the narthexes, courtesy of Harder Funeral Home.

This year the calendar shares our Mission and newly developed Vision and Values. **Please one per family**.

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SEMINARY EVENT





St. Andrew Dinner Friday, December 27 | 5:00 PM

Young men who want to learn more about the Catholic priesthood are invited to visit St. Francis de Sales Seminary for an evening of fellowship.

The event will begin with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Listecki and continue with dinner hosted by Fr. Michael Malucha, Vocation Director, and diocesan priests and seminarians.

Register by December 20 at thinkpriest.org/events

For more information, reach out to Fr. Sweeney or call 414.747.6437.



MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

Primary Vocation

Have vou ever heard before. "Your family is your primary vocation!"

Full disclosure, I think it's time to retire that phrase. In my experience, a misunderstanding of what that actually means has created an idolatry of family life. Let me explain.

When the Church uses the phrase "family as primary vocation," they are NOT saying "your family is the most important call in your life and everything else comes second." We have to understand what "primary vocation" means in this context. Because for the longest time I thought, and many of us think, the most important thing we will do in our life is be a spouse and a parent, maybe even a grandparent. But this is false. You read that correctly. This is a misunderstanding of what the Church teaches.

As we discussed last week, our most important vocation, our highest call, is to holiness. It is to be saints. It is to be completely and perfectly united to Jesus. THAT is our primary vocation. THAT is the most important thing we will do with our life. Everything else in life is meant to serve the purpose of drawing us closer to Jesus. Including our family. So when we talk about family as the "primary vocation,' we are talking about family as the primary avenue God designed to draw you closer to Him. Just as for our priests, priesthood is their "primary vocation," the primary way God leads them to Him. Our lower case primary vocation is meant to serve the uppercase Primary Vocation of holiness and becoming saints. The

vocation is not the goal. It is the way we reach the goal.

But that isn't how we are often taught that phrase. Instead, we have taken it to mean that God gave me my family and so dedicating all of myself to my family is actually what God wants. And while that is kind of true (please do dedicate yourself to your family), it also tends to mean that we dedicate ourselves to our family at the expense of dedicating ourselves to God. And that's where we get it wrong. We skip Mass to go to sporting events because hey, that's my primary vocation right? This is what I'm supposed to prioritize! We over book our calendars, focusing on the kids, not leaving any time for personal prayer. And we console ourselves that "hey, someday they will be out of the house" or "someday I'll be retired and have more time for God," completely ignoring the fact that God wants you to be present to Him now, always, in every stage of life.

When we put our family (or career or religious call for that matter) above our relationship with Jesus, we make an idol of the very thing that was meant to lead us closer to Jesus. We must reorder our lives according to the true order: God first and everything else (including our family) after. It is a hard shift to make. But when we put God first, everything else has a way of falling into place.

Until next week . . .



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Serve & Share

EACH ONE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL.

Giving Tree Gift Return This Weekend!

December 7/8 ONLY

Please do not drop off gifts before these dates. Any gifts received after noon on December 8 can not be forwarded to the organizations.



For your convenience, we will offer a drive-up drop-off on Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 AM –12:00 PM in the north church parking lot.

Thank you for your generosity!

Blood Drive

January 8 | 1:30-6:30 PM | Marcy Center

There is a critical need for blood donors and also first time donors. Make it your New Year's Resolution to donate blood!

To make your appointment, visit http:// bit.ly/40MOXAh or contact Molly in the Parish Center at 262.781.3480 or molly.schmidt@stdominic.net



CHRISTMAS MEAL

Christmas Meal for the Homebound and Needy

Most of us are fortunate to have family and friends in which to share the holiday. But there are many individuals in our area who are either homebound, alone, or just having a hard time making ends meet.

On Christmas Day, St. William Parish will be delivering FREE Christmas meals to anyone in the Waukesha County area who may be in this situation. Meals are also available to be picked up between 11:00 AM and 1:15 PM at St. William Parish.



If you, or someone you know, is in this situation, please contact Marcia Slowinski at 262.798.1520 to arrange a meal.

Requests will be received through Friday, December 13.

BAKHITA HOUSE



ST. BAKHITA CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE

Meal Train

The Bakhita House, located in the heart of Milwaukee, is a Catholic Worker House based on the legacy of Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement. In 2022 it formally opened its doors to survivors of sexual exploitation, offering a safe space for recovery and healing.

Each Monday night the women (8) gather together to share an evening meal designed to inspire community and compassion.

Would you kindly consider making a meal for this group on a Monday to show them our love and support?

More information on the St. Bakhita Catholic Worker House can be found at: Bakhitahouse.org.

Information on the meal train, including specifics of time/delivery, can be found at https:// mealtrain.com/g913nm. If you have any questions, please text or call Gerri Schultz at 262.617.8194.

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Today's Gospel Reading

Take a moment to sit with today's Gospel: Luke 3:1-6. Allow the Spirit to work in you, with you, and through you.

John the Baptist is known as the one who prepared the way of the Lord for others. How can you help your family, your children, your friends, prepare their hearts for the coming of the Lord on Christmas?

"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth..." This prophesy from the Book of Isaiah is a promise of Divine Renovation, not of earthly topography, but of our hearts.

What valley in your life do you need the Lord to fill this Advent? What mountain are you facing in life that you need the Lord to make low? What winding road needs to be straightened or what rough way made smooth? Ask Jesus in faith and trust that it will be done for you according to this promise.

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Inspiring Minds † Developing Character † Seeking Christ



Strings Orchestra Christmas Concert

December 12 | 7:00 PM | Parish Arts & Activities Center

Our day school strings students will perform Christmas songs of the season on Thursday, December 12. Please come and support the musical efforts and talents of our children. All are welcome!

Christmas Concert

December 17 | 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM Church

Preparations are underway for the annual School Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 17. Music teacher Christine White has been working with our students in all grades on their



performances. All are invited to come and enjoy this special event that is sure to enhance your Advent and Christmas season.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Children's Liturgy of the Word Upcoming dates: December 8, 15, 22

Children in grades 1-4 are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. No registration is required, just a willingness to be respectful. Offered on Sundays during the 9:00 AM Mass.

Student Minist

MIDDLE SCHOOL: EDGE & EMMAUS



EDGE Christmas Party!

All middle school students are welcome to join usfor ourEDGE Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:00 PM in the Marcy Center. Please bring your favorite Christmas snack to share.

Emmaus is off until the new year. See you back on Monday, January 6!



Sunday Night Mass

Please join us for our 5:30 PM Sunday Evening Mass tonight, December 8! Singers are most welcome to join us in the choir!

CORE TEAM NEEDS YOU!

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 DATES

EDGE/Emmaus

December 8 | 5:30 PM | Sunday Night Mass December 9 |No Emmaus December 10 | 6:00 PM | EDGE Christmas Party December 17 | No EDGE December 16 | No Emmaus



Karissa Tousignant

Karissa Tousignant Middle School Minister

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LIFE TEEN

December 8 | 5:30 PM | Sunday Night Mass December 8 | 6:15 PM | Life Teen *Holy Dating* December 15 | 6:15 PM | Life Teen *Christmas Party*





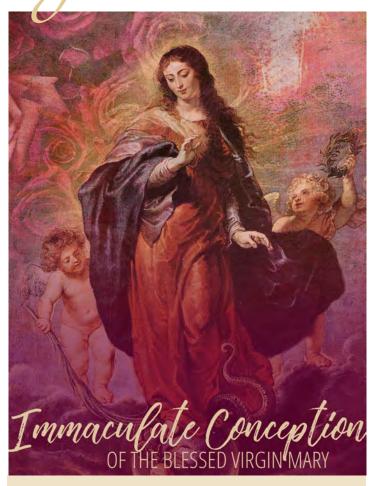
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In Loving Memory

† Agnes Proell, wife of the late Heinz Proell

† Ron Mulvaney, husband of the late Joan Mulvaney, uncle of Karen (Ed) McKibben, great uncle of Katherine, Edward and Matthew

Wedding Banns

Natalie Cahill & Patrick Donohue

Baptism

Greta Bernadine Cayo

Sanctuary Lamps

Church: Deacon Larry LaFond and Mark LaFond Chapel: Ed O'Connor

Yellow Ribbon Ministry

Jonathan Grey, Sr. Airman USAF

READINGS | MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 9-Immaculate Conception

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 FSW 7:00 AM: For all our parishioners FSW 8:30 AM: † Julia Strauss DS 12:10 PM: † Albert Lotz DS 6:00 PM: † Marija Grum

Tuesday, December 10

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14 FSW 6:30 AM: † Anna & James Emmerich, Sr.

1:00-7:30 PM: Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 11

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30 FSW 8:30 AM: † Warren Sladky

Thursday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

DS 6:30 AM: † Carol Vilione

Friday, December 13

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

CF 8:30 AM: † Fred & Ellen Bell

Saturday, December 14

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

DS 4:30 PM: † Doug Jaeger, † Len Brugger, † Thomas Schaefer

Sunday, December 15—3rd Sunday of Advent

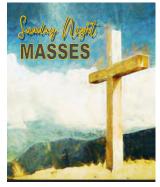
Zep 3:14-18a/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

CF 7:30 AM: For all our parishioners FSW 9:00 AM: † Marcia Boehnlein, † Sally Widmann, † Giuseppe Cardinale, † Tom Lopac FSW 11:00 AM: † Amy Stueckroth

DS Fr. Dennis | FSW Fr. Sweeney | CF Fr. Curt

Sunday Evening Mass Tonight!

Join us tonight, December 8, for our monthly Sunday evening Mass with contemporary music at 5:30 PM in church. All are welcome!



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Emmaus 90

This New Year, experience how Jesus draws near to you, speaks to you through Scripture, is with you always in the Eucharist, and equips you to join his mission to bring new life to the world through Emmaus 90. See how your life



is transformed when you set aside a little time each day— Time for God, Time for Connection, and Time for Excellence.

We know. Commitments can be tricky. "Is this too much?" "Will I fall short?" "Do I have what it takes?" It's not going to go 100% according to plan. You're not going to do everything perfectly. But God will bless your daily striving, and you will see your faith grow. We encourage you to be generous with your life for 90 days. God is never outdone in generosity. He is calling you to greatness and will give you all that you need. Registration for Emmaus 90 is required. **Register by December 10 to receive your Guidebook Journal by Christmas.** Register at archmil.org/emmaus-90 or pick up a card in our south narthex kiosk.

Advent Day of Prayer

December 11 | 9:15 AM-3:00 PM | Redemptorist Retreat Center Oconomowoc

In Advent we prepare for the great celebration of the most wonderful mystery of Emmanuel – God with Us. This day of prayer begins with refreshments in the serving area, followed by a conference, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and time for silent reflection. After lunch, we will pray the Rosary together and close with the celebration of the Eucharist. Presenters: The Retreat Team. (Fee: \$30) Register at redemptoristretreat.org/product-page/december-9-2020-adventday-of-prayer

Handmaid of the Lord

December 21 | 6:30 PM | St. Margaret Mary Parish

Acacia Theater will present a one woman play that is a beautiful portrayal of Mary, the mother of Jesus, as she recounts his life through her eyes. Scan the QR code to order tickets.



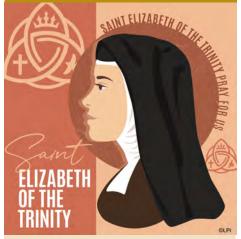


Simbang Gabi

December 20 | 6:30 PM | Holy Family Parish, Whitefish Bay

The Filipino community invites you to a devotional, nine-day series of Masses in preparation for Christmas. Mass | Music | Food | Fun

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was born in France, where her father was stationed with the military. After her father died her family moved close to a Carmelite monastery. Elizabeth was a stubborn child with a hot temper, but she was also a good student and an accomplished pianist.

Fascinated by the nuns at the nearby convent and inspired by Thérèse of Lisieux, Elizabeth began her religious journey. At just 14 years old she made a personal vow of virginity and set her mind on becoming a Carmelite.

Elizabeth entered the Carmel in 1901. She loved being a part of the community. She found particular peace and connection with the Trinity in contemplative prayer. Much of what she wrote has been published, including many of her letters and her prayer, "O My God, Trinity Whom I Adore." Elizabeth would be with the Carmelites for only five years before she succumbed to Addison's disease. She was canonized in 2016 by Pope Francis.

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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, December 8					
9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM 12:30 PM 3:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Children's Liturgy of the Word K4 Kairos K5 Formation Class OCIA Life Teen Girls Small Group - Jensen Baptism Service Girl Scout Troop #37727 Sunday Night Mass Life Teen Adult Basketball	MC7 MC1 MC2/5 MC4 MC4 CH MC2 CH MC7 PAF			
Monday, De	ecember 9				
7:00 AM 8:30 AM 9:15 AM 9:30 AM 12:10 PM 2:50 PM 6:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Mass Immaculate Conception Mass Morning Prayer Holy Dusters Immaculate Conception Mass Strings-Beginner Immaculate Conception Mass	CH CH CHPL CH CH PAAC CH			
Tuesday, December 109:30 AMSeniors Christmas Party					
9:30 AM 1:00 PM 2:50 PM 6:15 PM 6:15 PM	D.A.R.E. Graduation Eucharistic Adoration Strings-Intermediate EDGE Time Out y, December 11	OFFSITE PAAC CHPL PAAC MC7 PAAC			
8:00 AM	Rosary	CHPL			
8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:30 AM 2:45 PM 2:50 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	All School Mass Women at the Well Small Group - Kopp Young Rembrandts Strings-Advanced Confirmation Small Group - Taylor Small Group - McKibbin	CH MC6 MC4 CAF PAAC SL MC4			

Thursday, D	December 12	
11:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Small Group - Ziolkowski Cub Scout Den Meeting Called & Gifted Discernment Group	MC4 CAF MC4
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	CH
7:00 PM 9:00 PM	Strings Christmas Concert Adult Basketball	PAAC PAF
Friday, December 13		
6:15 AM 9:15 AM	That Man Is You!	MC7
9:15 AM 11:15 AM	Rosary School Staff Christmas Luncheon	CHPL MC7
2:45 PM	2nd Grade Brownie Troop Meeting	CAF
6:00 PM	AA Meeting	MC6
7:00 PM 9:00 PM	Young Adult Advent Event Adult Volleyball	CH PAF
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8:00 AM	Women's Morning Retreat	МС7/СН
8:00 AM 2:00 PM	Men's Faith Sharing Group Sacrament of Reconciliation	MC5 CHPL
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Sunday, De 9:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MC7
9:00 AM	K4 Kairos	MC1
9:00 AM	K5 Formation Class	MC2/5
10:00 AM 10:00 AM	OCIA Welcome Home Gathering	MC4 MC7
12:15 PM	Life Teen Girls Small Group - Jensen	MC4
4:00 PM	Confirmation Small Group - Rankin	MC4
6:30 PM	Life Teen	MC7
8:00 PM	Adult Basketball	PAF
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ST. DOMINIC EDGE CHRISTMAS PARTY Gingerbread House Contest

Get into the holiday spirit with our Gingerbread House Decorating contest! Gather your friends and join us for an evening of icing, candies, and creative confections. The evening will also include prayer, a short discussion about Mary, the Immaculate Conception, who we celebrate on Dec 9th this year and additional games and activities! Bring your favorite Christmas snack to share!

10 DECEMBER 2024 6:00PM MARCY

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