

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

To be a spiritual home that radiates the love of God,
overflows with the power of the Holy Spirit,
and joyfully leads others to Christ.

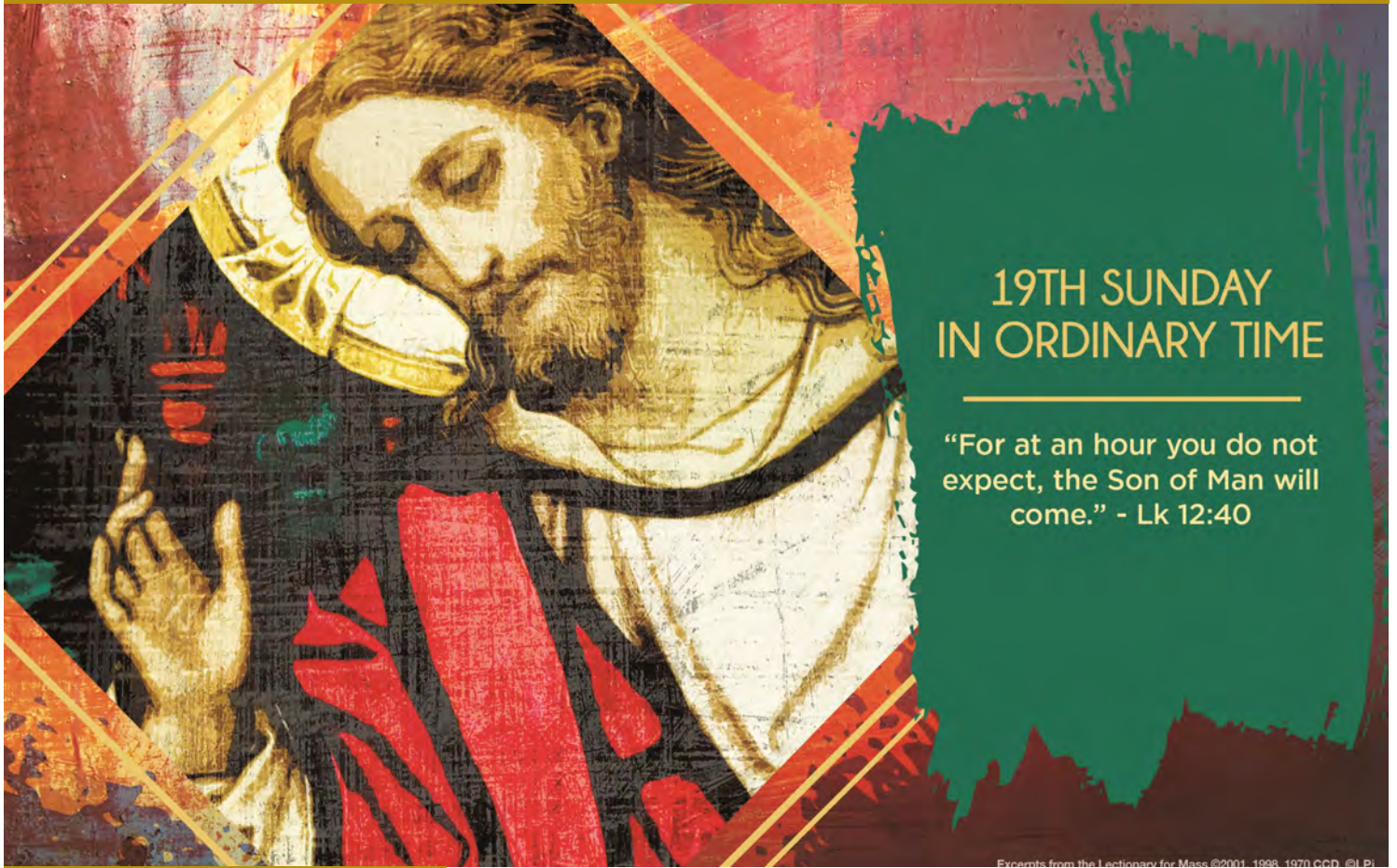
OUR VALUES

Pursue Holiness. Nurture Community.
Embrace Compassion. Bear Witness

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CATHOLIC PARISH



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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For at an hour you do not
expect, the Son of Man will
come.” - Lk 12:40

WELCOME

AUGUST 10
2025

Pastors & Deacons

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: 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-Noon

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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.

MISSION, VISION & VALUES

OUR VALUE: Pursue Holiness

We surrender ourselves to God's continual conversion of heart, mind, and soul.



How do we pursue holiness in today's world?

Becoming holy is a journey. If you have set your heart to seek Christ and obey Him, you are on the path to holiness.

While we often get discouraged when we stumble and fall into sin, don't give up—ask for God's forgiveness, accept His mercy, and keep walking. Be reminded that the Saints had their weaknesses too. Holiness is surrendering ourselves to God's continual conversion of heart, mind, and soul, one day at a time.

Being holy, or set apart for God, doesn't mean we are to remove ourselves from the world, or worse, becoming judgmental of others. Jesus was a friend of sinners, he ate with sinners—yet He remained holy; never participating in their sin. We too are called to be in the world but not of it. This often means we must make difficult choices, saying no to activities, thoughts, and trends that go against God's will even if "everyone is doing it." But it doesn't mean we avoid those who aren't living holy lives—how else will they see Christ's light and come to know His love if we don't engage with them?

True holiness actually gives us the grace to love sinners more, because we are not looking to get something from them or join in their sin; we simply care about them as God does.

So, yes, abstain from gossip and avoid the college party scene, because you know it's not edifying—and embrace being seen as "odd or "different!"

Remember, holiness is attractive when combined with humility and genuine care. It's not about saying, "I'm better," but "God has something better for us."

Holiness should permeate every part of our lives. Ask God each day to guard your mind, since that's where much of the battle takes place.

Holiness flourishes with a close relationship with God—make prayer, worship, and Scripture reading a priority, so that the Holy Spirit can encourage and transform you.

We also grow in holiness best within a community of believers. Find friends in faith who also desire to follow God's will and lift one another up in their journey. Holiness was never meant to be a solo endeavor. If you don't have someone you can be open with about your struggles of faith and growth in discipleship, pray for a mentor or one who will keep you accountable.

Finally, keep in mind that while we cooperate in becoming holy through our efforts, it is ultimately achieved by God's grace and responding to His love by yielding to His Spirit.

Parish Highlights

EVENTS

10-Day Pilgrimage

AUGUST 11-20, 2026

INFORMATION

NIGHT!

**Tuesday,
AUGUST 12**

**6:00 PM
Marcy Center**

INFORMATION NIGHT!

Tuesday, August 12 | 6:00 PM | Marcy 7

Interested in learning more about the Marian Devotion Pilgrimage to Austria and Bavaria led by Fr. Sweeney in 2026? Come to an Information Night this Tuesday, August 12, at 6:00 PM in the Marcy Center. Get pricing, flight and hotel information, inclusions, and other details. On this 10-day pilgrimage you will be immersed in German heritage, awed by natural beauty, and able to unwind with stays in only 3 hotels, visiting some of the most beautiful and unique abbeys, cathedrals, and shrines in Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. See the itinerary in today's bulletin. Can't attend? Contact Fr. Sweeney for general information.

That Man Is You Kick-off Event

September 4 | 5:30 PM | Bobby's Bar

Save the date for the That Man is You Fall Kick-off at Bobby's Bar in Brookfield on Thursday, September 4, at 5:30 PM. Fall morning sessions begin on Friday, September 12 at 6:15 AM in the Marcy Center. Interested in a Thursday evening option? Contact Dennis at dennis.skrajewski@gmail.com and include your preferred start time.



Parish Center Offices Closed

Monday, August 18, 2025

The Parish Center offices will be closed on Monday, August 18, as the staff will be on retreat in preparation for our upcoming ministry year

NURTURE COMMUNITY



Indoor Adults Sports

St Dominic hosts adult basketball, volleyball, and pickleball during the week. Volleyball is Friday evenings, basketball and pickleball are a bit ad hoc. The sessions are open to parishioners with a goodwill offering for each session. Each sport has an email list. A waiver is required before participating and is available at the Parish Athletic Facility. Get on the list by emailing your desired sport(s) to adultsports@stdominic.net



Bus Trip

August 22

Join us for a fun bus trip to Sheboygan: Storybook Gardens, buffet lunch at the Town & Country Club, and a tour of Holy Name Church with one of our past seminarians, Fr. Nick Baumgartner! On the way home, find a unique treasure at the famous Evans 5 & 10 store. Cost is \$78 per person. Download the form at <https://stdominic.net/event/2025-08-22-bus-trip/>.

Discipleship

ADULT MINISTRY

REFLECTION



TIME OUT

Tuesday Time-outs

Mark your calendar for the return of Tuesday Time-outs on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month starting in September from 6:15-7:30 PM in the Parish Arts & Activities Center.

All adults are invited to take a "time out" to grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. Time-outs provide an opportunity for prayer, formation, and community. Please consider joining us when the topic or time works for you, whether you are just beginning, need a refresher, or wish to learn more. Watch for the list of topics coming soon!

There is no need to sign up or RSVP.

Our first topic on September 2 is the Joy of Prayer!

The BIG 10

A mission statement helps an organization to focus on what they are doing and why they are doing it. I call this the "why" to the "what."

Our St. Dominic mission is to "seek Christ, know Christ, become Christ each one for the sake of all." When a mission statement animates the lives of people in the organization, then it becomes a living document. But I ask you, how can you become that which you do not know?

We have spent the last two years focusing on helping one another pray *with* each other, not just for one another. We have been encouraging you to share how God is working in your life so that His presence is known in a world where He is sorely missing. We have invited everyone to get to know one another, to extend a hand of friendship and welcome. These actions are the heart and soul of The Way. Our hope is that you have grown comfortable with that and are open to stretching yourselves to the next level of becoming more for Christ and for one another.

You may have noticed signs for The Big 10. The Big 10 will help us grow in the habits that result in knowing Christ better in order to live out our mission as Christ's disciples.

Each month, for the next 10 months, as a parish family we will support one another in growing in a habit of discipleship. If you were unable to join us for Mass this weekend, please pick up the Introduction or Master Card in the narthexes for keeping track of these habits. I invite you to hang it on

your refrigerator or put it in a prominent place to stay focused. Indeed, there are more than 10 habits a disciple should have, but these are the 10 we will focus on together. In two weeks, we will focus our attention on the first habit: Pray Every Day. On the weekend of August 23/24, you will be able to pick up your first action card. On this card will be all sorts of tips to help you grow your prayer life. *Failure to grow is failure to thrive.*

In my role as Director of Discipleship and Formation, multiple people reach out to me each month asking for guidance on their faith journey in becoming missionary disciples. Reflecting on these conversations, it is very clear that the foundation of our faith journey, our closeness to Jesus, is based upon these 10 habits, the Big 10! So, we want to turbo charge your skill set and your confidence in living these habits, by sharing the Big 10 with everyone, everywhere in our parish.

As we move from one habit to another each month, a new card will be presented to you. Not only that, you will receive a sticker to cover the icon for the habit you just completed. We invite you to cover all 10! Who knows, there may be a "prize" for those who do.

Most of all, this isn't a new program that we are offering at St. Dominic. Hardly. This is encouragement to keep pursuing Jesus. As JP II said, a life with Christ is an adventure. We shouldn't just settle. God certainly doesn't. God has so much more to show you! Join me in this adventure and see what God shows you through each of these 10 habits.



Serve & Share

THANK YOU



Knights of Columbus Note of Gratitude

Thank you, St Dominic! Once again you have given witness to your faith by your act of charity during our recent Knights of Columbus Food For Families Food Drive and Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectual Disabilities.

Total food collected and donated to local food pantry: 1,870 lbs.

Total donations received to support those with Intellectual Disabilities: \$2,266.52

These are fantastic results for a single weekend! Thank you!

Are you a Catholic man 18 years or older looking for ways to grow closer to Jesus Christ through service to family, parish, and community? Join our band of brothers at Holy Spirit Council 4648 by becoming a Knight! Scan the QR code, visit <https://www.kofc.org/join> to join online, or contact Andy Orgovan at 262.844.6827 or kofc4648@outlook.com for more information."



EACH ONE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL

Help Serve at Mass!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed

Have you ever felt called to serve more deeply during the Mass? We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) at our parish.



EMHCs have the awesome privilege of helping distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to their fellow parishioners during Mass. It is a beautiful way to grow in love for the Eucharist and to serve our parish family and visitors to our parish.

At this time, we have a particular need for ministers at the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass and the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. If you regularly attend either of these Masses, your help would be especially appreciated.

Training is provided, and the time commitment is minimal — but the spiritual rewards are abundant. If you are a practicing Catholic in good standing and feel called to this ministry, please contact Paul Burzynski, Director of Liturgy and Music, for further information at paul.burzynski@stdominic.net. Thank you for considering this vital and sacred ministry!

E-GIVING

Sharing our Blessings

Our parish is truly blessed with a spirit of generosity. Each day we witness our members' dedication and joy in making sacrifices for the sake of God and others. Generosity is not only measured in terms of our treasure, but also in the offering of our God-given time and talents.

Through your financial support of our parish, you pass on the faith to our children, share in the joy of weddings and baptisms, comfort the sick, console the grieving, and support others in need. Financial giving is one way for each of us to grow in holiness.

Give anywhere, anytime, with eGiving!

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Catholic Kids

GOING DEEPER



Today's Gospel Reading

Take a moment to sit with today's Gospel: Lk 12:32-48. Spend some time pondering these questions today or throughout the week. Feel free to discuss them with others, reflect on them, or journal about them as part of your daily prayer. Do as many or as few as you wish. Allow the Spirit to work in you, with you, and through you.

What does it mean to be a "little flock" and why don't they have to be afraid?

What do you treasure most?

How is the punishment determined for those who did not know God's will versus those who did?

How might you be squandering your time, talent, and treasure rather than preparing for the return of the master? What is a change you can make today to be better prepared?

ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ST. DOMINIC
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

INSPIRING MINDS † DEVELOPING CHARACTER † SEEKING CHRIST

Meet Mrs. Lisa Taubner

School Office Administrative Assistant

My background includes serving as the school office administrative assistant at St. Joseph School in Wauwatosa.

I have been married to my loving husband Greg for over thirty years. We reside in Wauwatosa with our Havanese dog, Ivan, and are the proud parents of three grown children; Nicole (married to Spencer and living in Grand Rapids, Michigan), Kal (living in Milwaukee) and Shaye (living in Wauwatosa who is engaged to be married). We were thrilled to recently welcome our first grandson, Oliver.

Coming from a big, loving, Catholic family of seven brothers and sisters, faith and family is at the center of my life. Celebrating birthdays, baptisms, holidays, or dinners together is what I treasure most. I also enjoy reading (attending my monthly book club), gardening, traveling, and volunteering.

I am grateful for the life I've lived so far, and am excited for all the moments still to come.



FORMATION REGISTRATION

Deadline for Formation Registration is August 15!

All students in grades K3-12 are encouraged to grow in their relationship with Jesus through Kairos for Kids, Child Ministry classes, Emmaus and EDGE for middle school, or Life Teen for high school teens. Registration forms are online at stdominic.net/explore/documentslinks

Any student preparing for a sacrament are required by canon law to participate in religious formation for one year prior to the year they prepare for the sacrament. Questions? Contact Jill Fischer at 262.781.3480, Ext. 252



Student Ministry

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Radiant

Mark your calendar for our last Edge Summer Night on Tuesday, August 19, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Prayer Gardens as we host our second Radiant Adoration evening. This night is open to all middle school students and their families. Reflection by Fr. Sweeney, music with Nick Scanlan.

Emmaus and EDGE Kick-offs

Please join us for our Fall Kick-offs!

Emmaus:

Monday Sept 15 | 4:45-6:00 PM

EDGE: Tuesday Sept 16 | 6:00-7:30 PM

There is still room to registration your student to join us this year! See the website to register or contact Karissa.

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY



Testimony

"The 2025 Alive in You mission trip has been my favorite trip so far. I was impacted by how everyone was emulating Christ at their worksite by willing the good of people not in our own parish or community. If there are any teens thinking of going on a mission trip, I would highly recommend going. Mission trips allow you to connect with people, make friends, and emulate Christ. As psalm 37:4 says, "Delight in Me and I will give you the deepest desires of your heart". – Aiden A.

You Are Needed!

Do you love high school students? Do you love Jesus? Have you ever considered becoming a Core Team member? Contact Sami today!

SCHEDULES

EMMAUS

September 15 | 4:45 PM | Student Lounge

EDGE

August 19 | 6:30 PM | Prayer Gardens

RADIANT

September 16 | 6:00 PM | Marcy Center



Karissa Tousignant

Karissa Tousignant
Middle School Minister

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Life Teen Summer Event!

Aug 17 | 6:15-8:15 PM | Summer Life Teen



Samantha Taylor
Samantha Taylor
High School Minister

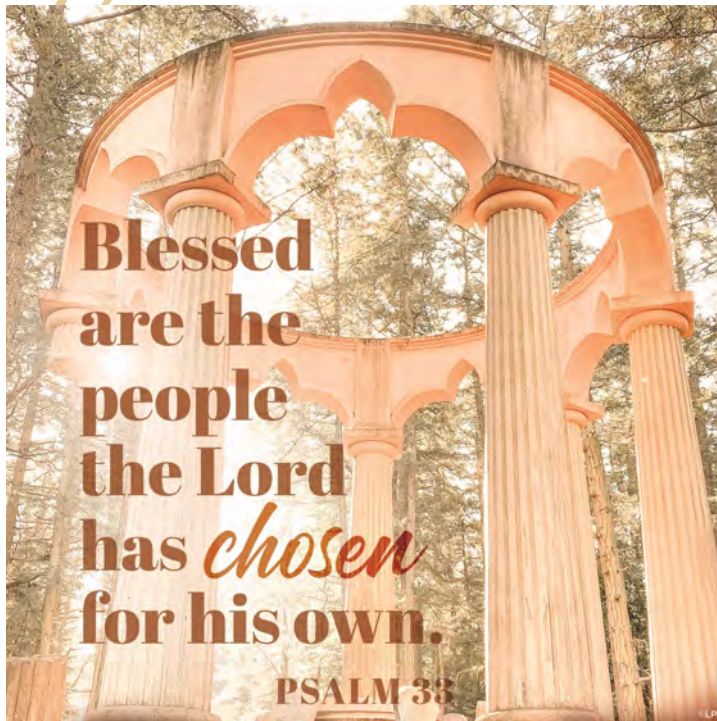
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Gather



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2025

This Friday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. A vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 14, and on Friday, Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM.

READINGS | MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 11

Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

FSW 8:30 AM: † Carol O'Dwyer

Tuesday, August 12

Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

FSW 6:30 AM: For the intention of Curtis Stevens

Wednesday, August 13

Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

FSW 8:30 AM: † Sophie Bothe

Thursday, August 14

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

DS 6:30 AM: † Thomas P. Bruders, SR

FSW 6:00 PM Vigil Mass: † Drew Rusnak

Friday, August 15—Feast of the Assumption

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

DS 8:30 AM: † Catherine Hoeffler

FSW 12:10 PM: † Susan D. Reinders

Saturday, August 16

Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15

DS 4:30 PM: † Marilyn Johnston

Sunday, August 17

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

FSW 7:30 AM: Ken & Jean Zinda

FSW 9:00 AM: † Evelyn Kolasinski, † Paul Hubka, † Myles Bruch

DS 11:00 AM: For all our parishioners

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

Baptisms

Scottie Anne Wabiszewski

Sanctuary Lamps

Church: Christine Schultz

Chapel: Maddie Jensen, Cadet, USAF Academy

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Reading Tutors Needed

Fall 2025

The Seton Catholic Schools Happy Reader Program is seeking caring adults to serve as reading tutors at 8 schools for the coming school year. No experience necessary. Each tutor gives two hours a week and works one-on-one with the same students throughout the school year. Training, materials, and staff give tutors support. Contact Mary Beth Driscoll at mbdathome@gmail.com.



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



House Blessing, Explained!

Catholics who move to a new place of residence often wish to have their dwelling blessed, to call the favor and help of God upon all those who live in the house and all those who will enter it.

The Roman Ritual (Book of Blessings) provides two formats for house blessings: one during the Easter or Christmas season (specifically for the Epiphany) and one for Ordinary Time. Those who live in the home must be present for a house to be blessed. A priest, deacon, or lay person can administer the blessing, although if a lay person does so they must use the rites accorded to lay ministers in the Roman Ritual.

A house blessing includes Scripture readings, intercessions, and a prayer of blessing.

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ST. JAMES THE LESS PARISH FESTIVAL

AUGUST 22 - 24, 2025



22 BELLA CAIN
FRI 8:30 PM - 11 PM

23 SCYTHIAN
SAT 7:30 PM - 9 PM





24 REVEREND RAVEN
SUN 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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If you would like to learn more or register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/>

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AUGUST

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, August 10

12:30 PM	Baptism Service	CH
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Monday, August 11

9:15 AM	Morning Prayer	CHPL
9:30 AM	Holy Dusters	CH
5:30 PM	Welcome Home Team Gathering	PLYGRD
6:00 PM	Grief Share	MC3

Tuesday, August 12

1:00 PM	Eucharistic Adoration	CHPL
6:00 PM	Pilgrimage Information Night	MC7

Wednesday, August 13

8:00 AM	Rosary	CHPL
9:30 AM	Women at the Well Bible Study	MC6
9:30 AM	Moms Group	MC1
10:30 AM	Cantor Rehearsal	CH
6:30 PM	Bible Study - Fischer	PC107

Thursday, August 14

6:00 PM	Feast of the Assumption Vigil Mass	CH
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Friday, August 15

8:30 AM	Feast of the Assumption Mass	CH
9:15 AM	Rosary	CHPL
12:10 PM	Feast of the Assumption Mass	CH
6:30 PM	AA Meeting	MC6

Saturday, August 16

8:00 AM	Men's Faith Sharing Group	MC5
3:00 PM	Sacrament of Reconciliation	CHPL

Sunday, August 17

6:15 PM	Lifeteen Summer Event	PLYGRD
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THE BIG



EMBRACE THE BIG TEN!

Forming a new habit takes time, dedication, and practice. As you dig into building new or stronger habits of discipleship, come spend time in community for accountability, support and encouragement.

- **TIME-OUTS** on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 6:15-7:30 in the PAAC
- **FAMILY NIGHT LIGHT** on the 1st Friday of the month from 5:30-7:30 in the PAAC to bring the habit to your home as a family
- **HABIT WORKSHOPS** on the 2nd Sunday of the month after 9:00 AM Mass to gain insight and feedback from fellow disciples
- **SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES** of fellow parishioners are popping up everywhere! Want to join one, let us know!
- Check out our St. Dominic website for resources to enhance your experience of building your monthly habit at stdominic.net/10habits

10-Day Pilgrimage

AUGUST 11-20, 2026

INFORMATION

NIGHT!

Tuesday,
AUGUST 12

6:00 PM

Marcy Center



Led by
Fr. Sweeney!



ITINERARY:

Day 1: Tuesday, August 11: Depart USA

Private coach to Chicago O'Hare. Overnight flight to Vienna. Complimentary dinner, breakfast, and beverages on board.

Day 2: Wednesday, August 12: Vienna

Arrive in Vienna, proceed through Passport Control, claim luggage, and meet our Peter's Way tour manager to board the touring bus and be on our way to **Klosterneuburg Abbey** overlooking the Danube River. Tour the Abbey Church, medieval cloister, the Tomb of St. Leopold, the world-famous Verdun Altar, the seven-branched candlestick of Agnes, and other art treasures of the 14th and 15th centuries. Celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Leopold. Independent lunch at the abbey. Return to Vienna and check in to our hotel for a 3-night stay. Dinner and overnight in our Vienna hotel.

Day 3: Thursday, August 13: Imperial Vienna

Breakfast at our hotel. **Celebrate Mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral.** Tour the Cathedral, Austria's most eminent Gothic edifice houses a wealth of art treasures and is dedicated to St. Stephen, the first martyr of Christendom. Then, continue our orientation tour as we pass by the Hofburg Palace, winter residence of the Habsburg emperors; the Capuchin Church, which contain the imperial vaults; St. Charles' Church, a splendid example of late Baroque architecture; and the Belvedere Palace, former residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy. Drive around the Ring, one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world, passing the Vienna Opera, Museums, House of Parliament, City Hall, and the Burgtheater. Independent lunch. The afternoon is free to explore Vienna on your own! Independent dinner and overnight in Vienna hotel.

Day 4: Friday, August 14: Mariazell

Breakfast at our hotel. Today, we'll drive across the spectacular forested mountains, rushing streams, and small market towns to the little village of Mariazell, a favorite Viennese resort. Visit the **Shrine of Mariazell**. Since its founding, it has become the most popular Marian shrine in Austria, and there is a miraculous wooden statue of the Virgin Mary that is much venerated at the church. Today Mariazell Baroque church has been rebuilt several times in different architectural styles and still houses the old statue. **Celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Mariazell.** Independent lunch with time to enjoy the quaint main square in Mariazell. Mid-afternoon return to Vienna for dinner and overnight at our Vienna hotel.

Day 5: Saturday, August 15: Melk Abbey, Lake District & Salzburg *Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Breakfast at our hotel. Depart Vienna hotel for Melk. Enjoy magnificent scenery along the Danube in a region known as the Wachau, the pride of the historic preservation movement in Austria. At Melk, we will visit the Benedictine Abbey, crowning the rocky hill overlooking the Danube. Its library contains over 80,000 books and 2,000 manuscripts, all on religious subjects. **Celebrate Mass at Melk Abbey.** Independent lunch. Continue our scenic drive through the Austrian Lake District with marvelous views of the Salzkammergut region. In Mondsee, visit the **Basilica of St. Michael** which reached international fame for the wedding scene in the movie *The Sound of Music*. Then, continue to the Baroque city of Salzburg, a jewel set on the beautiful banks of the Salzach River. Evening: Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Salzburg.

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Marian Devotion Pilgrimage to Austria & Bavaria

Day 6: Sunday, August 16: Salzburg

Breakfast at our hotel. **Celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Maria Plain** (*subject to confirmation*). Begin our **guided tour of Salzburg's sights** along Getreidegasse, the city's pedestrian street, lined with authentic 17th and 18th century buildings. Pass by the house where Mozart was born and view Monchsberg with the fortress "Hohensalzburg," which overlooks the city. Built into the side of Monchsberg is the Salzburg Festspielhaus, home of the famous Salzburg Festival Operas. See **Residenzplatz**, the center square of Salzburg, dominated by the dynamic sculpture of the Residenzbrunnen, the largest baroque fountain north of the Alps. Next, visit **Salzburg Cathedral and St. Peter's Abbey**, next to the cemetery where the escape was filmed in The Sound of Music and where most of Mozart's religious works were premiered. Independent lunch. Enjoy a visit to the **Bräustübl tavern and Brewery**, Austria's largest outdoor beer garden. **Enjoy a festive group dinner in this traditional meeting place – a piece of living history in the world heritage center of Salzburg.** Overnight at our Salzburg hotel.

Day 7: Monday, August 17: Altötting & Munich

Breakfast at our hotel. Leave Salzburg for **Altötting**, often referred to as the "Lourdes of Germany" due to the thousands of pilgrims coming here every year for healing attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Altötting. A young Joseph Ratzinger came here, and it is known to be one of his favorite shrines. We will see the "Black Madonna," a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary. Opposite the altar, the hearts of the Bavarian Dukes, Kings, and Electors are stored in richly decorated silver urns as a special sign of their deep loyalty to the Bavarian National Shrine. We'll also visit the Basilica of St. Anna, the Holy Chapel, the Collegiate Church, and the treasury housing the gifts donated to the Basilica. **Celebrate Mass at St. Konrad Church.** Independent lunch in Altötting. Depart for Munich, the capital of

Bavaria and the second largest city in Germany. Check in at our hotel. Dinner and overnight at our Munich hotel.

Day 8: Tuesday, August 18: Neuschwanstein Castle & Ettal Monastery

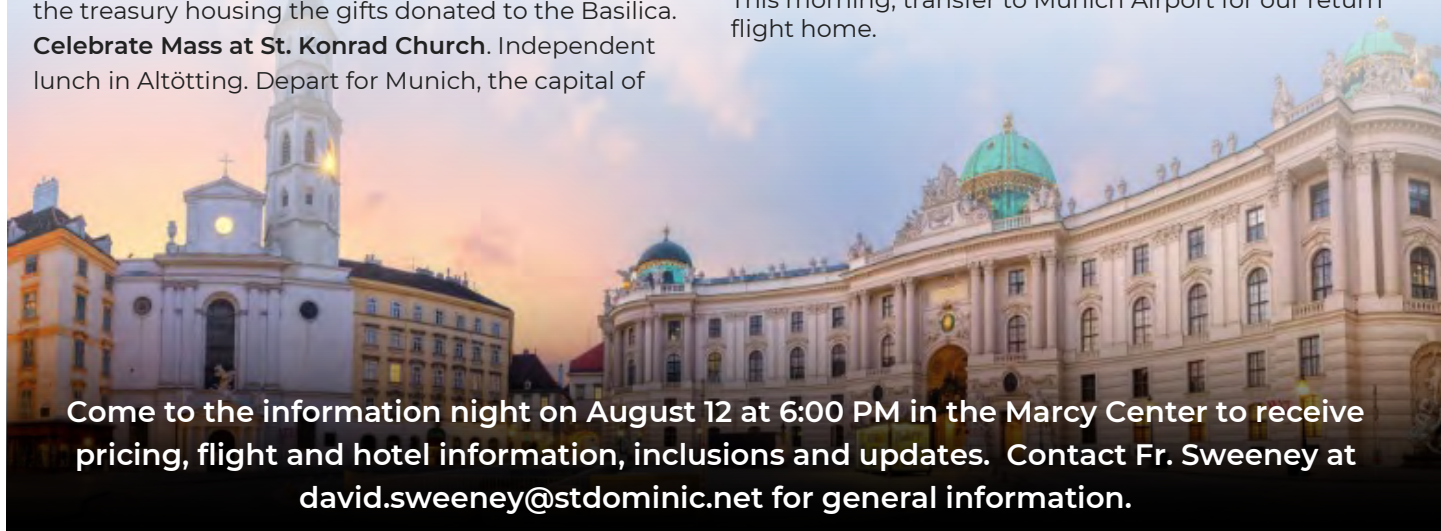
Breakfast at our hotel. We head to southern Bavaria to explore King Ludwig's majestic **Neuschwanstein Castle**. Go back to the times of Wagner as you visit the royal apartments decorated with scenes from German sagas and Wagner's operas, the throne rooms and music halls. Independent lunch. Continue to Ettal Monastery, a vibrant place of prayer, community, and Benedictine tradition. Monastic life follows a centuries-old order shaped by the Rule of Saint Benedict. **Celebrate Mass at Ettal Monastery.** Enjoy a tour that will give you insights into the cloister, the daily routine of the monks, and the spiritual foundations that determine monastic life. After our tour of the monastery, we'll learn how the famous Ettal beer is brewed according to old craft traditions – followed by a tasting. Return to Munich. Independent dinner and overnight at our Munich hotel.

Day 9: Wednesday, August 19: Munich

Breakfast at our hotel. Our local guide will take us to explore the highlights of Munich, including the Marienplatz and world-famous Glockenspiel; the twin-towered Frauenkirche, the most familiar landmark of old Munich; town hall; and the royal boulevard with its triumphal arch and victory gate. Celebrate Mass at the Church of Our Lady (Frauenkirche). Independent lunch. Free afternoon. **Festive farewell dinner at a traditional Bavarian-style restaurant in Munich.** Overnight at our Munich hotel. .

Day 10: Thursday, August 20: Return to the USA

This morning, transfer to Munich Airport for our return flight home.



Come to the information night on August 12 at 6:00 PM in the Marcy Center to receive pricing, flight and hotel information, inclusions and updates. Contact Fr. Sweeney at david.sweeney@stdominic.net for general information.

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