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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

These summer months are passing so quickly, and in the midst of them, I am happy to greet you with great affection and hope that you are doing okay in this new time in our lives. I think we share a big disappointment in not being able to enjoy the Apostolate Day at the Dells this summer due to the pandemic. But, I am grateful that we are able to continue offering the Sunday Mass thanks to WISC-TV, Channel 3000, now in the 53rd year of its weekly opportunity for worship. I am sure you have noticed that we have a much smaller ministry team for the mass as the studio has limited the number of people in their building. Hopefully, we will be able to again have music and Acolytes at the masses.

During this “new” time in our lives, it is common to hear people say: “I can’t wait until things get back to normal!” Or perhaps, “We better adjust to the new normal!” Or perhaps “I think we better get use to the abnormal for a while!” All of this, of course, begs the question: What is normal?

For the youth of today, their normal includes I-phones, Instagram, computer games, flat screen tv, microwave ovens, fast food, and much more. Many of us grew up with a rotary dial phone on the wall with a long cord, manual typewriter, televisions with no remote control (limited channels), and playing outside until dark. My parents thought walking to school was normal. They did not expect air conditioning at school or in our homes. So, “normal” does not mean static or unchanging. Of course, for many the reality of “safer at home” is a normal part of life, those who are homebound, in health care facilities, etc. Some expansions of the normal are seen as good, other changes are questionable.

Some of the changes we are experiencing will be part of life into the future. We will appreciate what we have a little more – we will want less. We have seen the value of shared time, shared life, family time and family life.

Yet, in faith, we believe there is someone who is right with us through our definitions and discovery of “normal” in our lives. The Lord Jesus Christ invites us to put our lives, our realities, our future into His hands - the Good Shepherd who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

For some folks this is the dark valley – the valley of darkness – depression and anxiety have taken grip and have led to paralyzing fear and worry. Praying over and over again, “The Lord is My Shepherd” and “Come, Holy Spirit” will bring some peace and consolation.

At the present time there are many voices saying what is right, what is best, this is what needs to be done, etc. In quiet, we will hear the voice of the Shepherd speaking to our hearts and telling us what is best for us. We might be nervous about many things, but we won’t be afraid or fearful in taking the important step of following the prompting, the voice, of the Spirit/Shepherd.

Mark Twain offers a good word of advice: “None of us can be as great as God, but any of us can be as good.” Comforted and empowered by our God, may we extend the gifts of kindness and compassionate support to all, friend and stranger, and so trust we are all in this together!

The Lord is My Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

Peace and Blessings for you all!

Msgr. Larry Bakke

Fall Retreat!



Participants loved the retreat last fall! We hope you can join us this year for faith enrichment, prayer, and fellowship with other people with disabilities.

Safety is very important to us. We will be limiting the size of the groups to 10 people, meeting in a large space, and wearing masks while inside.

There are two dates to choose from so that the groups can remain small. Retreats are FREE and will take place at Holy Name Heights in Madison. If there is high demand, we will consider offering a third date. We hope you can come!!

Please call our office at 608-821-3050 or return this registration form to sign up for the retreats before October 1. Space is limited and will be filled in the order that we receive registrations.

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact Phone:

Accommodations Requested:

Preferred Date: *Please circle one*

Sat. Oct. 10

Sun. Oct. 18

9am-Noon

1pm-4pm

Please mail this form to:

The Apostolate, 702 S. High Point Rd. Suite 225
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A staff member will follow up with you to confirm your registration and provide additional details.



The Apostolate is able to offer ministry to people with disabilities in the Diocese of Madison thanks to the generosity of so many donors!

Thank You!!



Upcoming Feast Days

August 15: Assumption of the Bl. Virgin Mary

August 27: St. Monica

August 28: St. Augustine

September 3: St. Gregory the Great

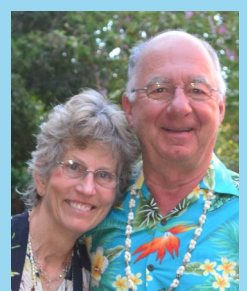
September 9: St. Peter Claver

September 21: St. Matthew

September 27: St. Vincent de Paul

Parish Disability Liaisons

This program is growing! 19 Parishes have identified a liaison for people with disabilities. Please contact Dcn. Jim to find out if there is someone at your parish or if you are interested in helping spread the Gospel in this role.



Growing in Faith During Quarantine: Resources and Reflections From a Book-Lover Who is Blind

By Katie Corbett

Before the rise in adaptive technology, I relied on braille books, church events and conversation with others to grow in my faith. As a person who is blind, I'm so grateful for the advancements in technology which have enabled me to learn more about my Catholic faith on my own, especially during the COVID-19 quarantine. I know that prayer and closeness to Jesus helps me grow closer to God than books and podcasts do; however, access to these materials has helped me pray more deeply, pray prayers I have not memorized and reflect on scriptures. (A braille Bible would take up an entire room, and a Bible on audiocassette does not provide the ease in looking up verses my sighted friends enjoy with their printed Bibles.)



As a person who cannot read traditionally printed text, I've found the following resources helpful as I learn more about the Christian life and explore other forms of prayer:

Xavier Society for the Blind (www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org): This non-profit provides materials in braille, large print and audio formats. This organization is specifically for Catholics and is where I have gotten a few braille Books of the Bible. This service is free.



Bookshare (www.bookshare.org): This subscription-based website provides access to printed materials in electronic and audio formats. Anyone with a print disability is eligible. This is where I found books by The Daughters of St. Paul to do Lectio Divina each day. The subscription cost is \$50 annually for unlimited access.



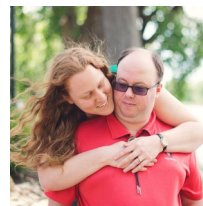
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org): This website contains, among many other resources, print and audio recordings of the daily readings. I subscribe to their Daily Readings podcast and listen to the readings every day as a part of my prayer. This service is free.

Audible (www.audible.com): While this subscription-based audiobook service is not a strictly Christian source, I've been able to find a lot of Catholic texts available. These books are more contemporary and I have been able to participate in book clubs and read what my friends are reading. I pay \$15 per month for access to one Audible credit, which can be used to purchase a book, or I can merely sign up for an account and purchase any books I choose.

A lot of these resources focus on books. I know that not everyone is a bookworm. I am, though, so will leave the recommendations of videos and other activities to people who enjoy those things. I hope you learned something new about a resource that could enrich your life or the lives of those you care about. May the peace and wisdom of Christ be with you as you strive to learn more about your faith and grow to love Him more deeply through that knowledge.

*To read Sacred Scripture
means to turn to Christ for Advice.*
-St. Francis of Assisi

Katie Corbett is a member of the Advisory Council of the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities. She works as a writer, enjoys spending time with her husband and is enthusiastic about learning new things.



To keep their guests safe, the Tommy Bartlett Show is not open this summer. With this news, and in a desire to keep everyone in our community safe and healthy, the Day at the Dells will be cancelled for this year. We appreciate the Tommy Bartlett Show's many years of generosity and look forward to partnering with them again in August 2021!



MONTHLY, FREE, BILINGUAL

The National Catholic Partnership on Disabilities is creating monthly adapted materials to assist families with the faith formation of their children at home. They are available in English or Spanish and can be used with all ages. Each month, you will find lessons on a topic that follows the liturgical calendar. Keeping in mind that children and youth with disabilities have different learning needs, you will find a few 'Tips and Tools' included in each monthly lesson to further help with instruction.

All of these resources have been generously released for free on the NCPD website. If you or someone at your parish needs help accessing these materials, call the Apostolate at 608-821-3050.



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Harland Coulthard
Ron Busch
Ron Vosberg
Tom Hilby

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Memorials

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Alfred & Ethel Ballweg
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August Brant Family
Bernice Weber
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Bill Stanek
Bob & Beatty McKenna
Bud Zodrow, Thomas & Sally
Charles & Doris Carpenter

Charles Doll
Dave Cavanaugh
David Grady
David Meier
David Reese
Donaald E Botting
Dorothy Alt
Dorothy Alt
Dustin Helt
Elise Buol
Esther Mootz

Felix Rosik
Florence Buol
Gordan Reese
Jack Laufenberg
Jack Laufenberg,
Jackie Polite
Jacob & Florence Buol
Jacob Ellefson
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Jim Kalscheur
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Julius & Calogera Bonura
Kevin Bindl
Kevin Farrell
Louis & Loretta Otter
Lucille Reisinger
Lyle Hamilton
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Margaret Esser
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Carpenter
Mary Lou Kleist
Joan Cavanaugh
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Irene Reese
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Jerry & Mary Lou
Gerry Laufenberg
Donovan and Charlain Boley
Joan Mootz Deal & Mark
Deal
Helen Kelly
John Buol
Irene Reese
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David and Lois Spahn
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Dorothy Hayes
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John Buol
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Jerry & Mary Lou
Baryenbruch
Elizabeth Dochnahl
Joan Cavanaugh
Alice McGuire
Sheila Ruhland
Helen Sullivan
Jeana & Ralph Haak
Doris Bindl
Robert & Rosemary Farrell
Thomas Otter
Mary Dresen
Pat Hamilton & Family
Eugene Esser
Joan Cavanaugh
Dick Herbst
Dorothy Bollant



Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May these souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Memorials For:

Mathilda Ripp
Melvin Bollig
Menzo Bronson
Mike Herbst
Mr. & Mrs. Laverni Herbst
Msgr. Charles Schluter
Msgr. Thomas Campion
Norman Shorty Lukes
Patrick Thomas Ryan
Robert Kopp
Roger Lee
Rollie Ripp
Roseann Otter
Rosella Kuehn
Rosie Ripp
Steven Kolakowski
Thomas Koltes
Tony Prem
Vernon Bindl
Vicki Meyers
Carrie Herbst, Lisa McDonald,
and Dan Perger
Deceased members of Harold &
Irene Haas Family
Living & Deceased Fathers,
Grandfathers and Godfathers
Living & Deceased Cummings &
Coyle Families
Msgr. Thomas Campion and
William Campion
Robert "Bob" Crahen

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David and Lois Spahn
John Buol
Anita Bronson
Dick Herbst
Dick Herbst
Helen Kelly
Helen Campion
Audrey Lukes
Irene Reese
Shirley Kopp
Helen & Roger Ripp
Joan Cavanaugh
Thomas Otter
Tom & Patty Kuehn
David and Lois Spahn
Sandra Kolakowski
Laura Koltes
Jerome and Mary Lou Baryenbruch
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NEW: Please check a box to indicate if this memorial is a Mass request or a donation.

If your request is more complex, please include a short letter including your phone number to ensure that we process the request correctly. Call the Apostolate at 608-821-3050 with any questions.



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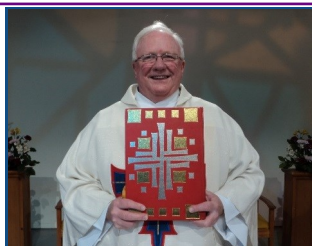


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Television Mass Schedule
Sundays

6am on WISC-TV Channel 3
7am on TVW and Direct TV 14



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