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May God Bless you, My Sisters & Brothers!

As I write to you, we are in the midst of these beautiful Fall days and I trust you are doing okay in this “new time” of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a daily challenge for all of us. Please be safe and do all you can to enable those in your life to also be healthy and safe!

November 12<sup>th</sup> is a special day for all of us who are connected to the Apostolate as it is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Msgr. Tom Campion’s (TC) death. What wonderful memories we share about this great priest who began the Apostolate in 1967. I came across an “Angels Aware” newsletter from 1977 in which Msgr. TC had included this prayer, so appropriate for this season:

*Once more the Autumn sky hangs low,  
the dry leaves rustle in their glee.  
Earth’s bounty gathered in harvest,  
proof of God’s generosity.  
I watch the people come and go  
with freedom to choose their way,  
their goals, their churches, loves, and homes.  
Once more in this Thanksgiving time.  
I know we sometimes seethe with fear,  
and doubt the future still unborn.  
Yet ever when November comes,  
with dying Autumn’s soul at rest,  
I bow my head with “Thank You God,”  
And know indeed that we are blest.*

Grace and Peace to you All.  
Msgr. Larry Bakke



### Thanksgiving Prayer

**May the light of our gratitude burn brightly in our hearts and in our world. In the silence of our hearts, let each of us give thanks for all the many gifts that are ours.**

**Let us also be mindful of those today who are without food, family, or home.**

**Let us remember all whom we love with whom we share life, and those who have gone before us, and those to be born.**

**God of all gifts, from your holy heart has come a flood of gifts upon us. With uplifted hearts, we thank you with prayer this day.**

**We are grateful not only for the gift of life itself, but for all the gifts of friendship, love, devotion, and forgiveness that we have shared.**

**May we give our thanks by lives of service, by deeds of hospitality, by kindness to strangers and by concern for one another.**

**We are most grateful this day for the way You, our God, are visible to us in one another, in countless daily gifts, and in the marvels of creation.**

**We bless you Oh God for the blessings of our lives.  
We pray all with grateful hearts in the name of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



# Gratitude Fall Retreat 2020

On Sunday, September 18, we gathered at Holy Name Heights for our second annual Fall Retreat! This year looked a little different in an effort to keep people safe and healthy, but we are so grateful that we were able to continue to provide this opportunity for people in our diocese! During the afternoon, we explored gratitude, the idea that “Everything is a gift,” and ultimately that even when

it feels like everything is being canceled and taken away, no one can take away the love of Jesus who died for us. Participants had opportunities to build new friendships, pray, and have fun together. One participant who attended the retreat said,

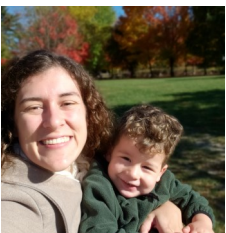
**“It was just what I needed.”**

Blessed Be God in all of His gifts!



## Give Thanks In All Circumstances

So many things that I have always taken for granted have changed this year due to COVID. Through repeated disappointments and long days isolated at home, God has helped me to recognize everything as a gift from Him, my creator. I've been learning this from the story of Job in the Bible. His children were taken away and killed, his wife was killed, all of his livestock (his job) were stolen and all of his possessions (money in savings) were stolen, and he was physically suffering from illness, yet he still praised and thanked God. He recognized God as his creator. Job reminded me that because God is our creator, everything is a gift from Him – every breath, every smile, every opportunity to love. Today, I praise God who created me, wants me to exist right now, and loves me enough to die for me. No matter what challenges I face, I can always give thanks to God for His love, mercy, and the hope of Heaven.



- Kellie O'Brien, Communications Coordinator



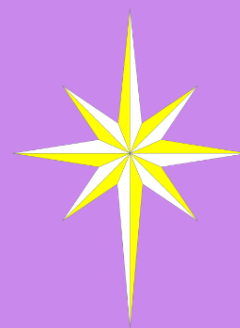
# *Virtual Advent/Christmas Celebrations*

for people with disabilities, older adults, and their family / caregivers



## **PRAYER SERVICE AND CAROLS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 @10AM**

Join us for a prayer service, music by the Diocesan Choir, greetings from your favorite people involved with our annual events, and opportunities to interact with staff and others in the community! Subscribe to our YouTube channel or contact us to have the link emailed to you directly prior to the event.



## **BIBLE STUDY SMALL GROUPS SUNDAYS AT 3 OR MONDAYS AT 6PM**

If you want to dig in a little deeper and prepare for Christmas in a new way this Advent, join one of our Bible Study groups! This will be a perfect space to grow in faith with other people who live with disabilities and their family/caregivers! Contact our office to register and you will be emailed reminders and the link to join the Zoom conversations. No outside preparation will be needed. Just show up!



## **CHRISTMAS MASS WITH BISHOP HYING DECEMBER 25 AT 6AM**

If you are unable to attend Mass in person on Christmas, join us in prayer with Bishop Hying! Music will be provided by members of the Diocesan Choir. Mass will be on public television thanks to the generosity of WISC-TV 3000. If you have watched the TV Mass in the past, please invite others who haven't seen it before! It will be a glorious way to begin Christmas Day!



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For more info or to RSVP  
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## Advent Deaf Retreat: Evangelizing the Love of Christ

**Father Christopher Klusman from  
the Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
is coming to Madison to lead the  
annual Advent Deaf Retreat!**

This year more than ever, we need to step away  
from our daily life for a time of prayer and  
fellowship!

Your safety is very important to us! We will be  
gathering in a very large space so that we can  
maintain social distancing. The retreat will be  
shorter this year so that we're sharing the space  
for less time. Everyone will wear masks during  
the retreat and extras will be available. We will  
be taking every measure possible to keep  
everyone safe while we grow in faith together!

Please RSVP to Sue Gudenkauf at  
[Sueginterpreting@gmail.com](mailto:Sueginterpreting@gmail.com).

Switching to a virtual format is an option so  
please let her know if you would be able to  
attend in person or if you're only interested in a  
virtual option.

## Saturday, December 12 12-5 at St. Dennis

# Memorials

## Memorials For:

Anna & Tony Ripp  
Bette Kundert  
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Charleen Zander  
Clarence Straka  
Clete & Dorothy Alt  
Donald E. Botting  
Dustin Laufenberg  
Flo Ring  
Gordon & David Reese  
Jack Laufenberg  
Jacob Buol Family  
James Burris  
Jim & Florence Meier  
Joanne Steinberg  
Joanne Steinberg  
Joanne Steinberg  
Joanne Steinberg  
John & Florentine Ruhland  
John Hasburg  
John Sullivan  
Josephine Kelly  
Julius & Calogera Bonura  
Lawrence J. "Larry" Karls  
Leona Rosol  
Leroy & Evelyn Goerke  
Louis Sullivan  
Lyle Kelly  
Marcel & Janice Meinholz  
Margaret & Peter Schmitt Family  
Margaret Karls  
Marquise Jackson  
Mary Thompson  
Matt Garofalo  
Maxine Ballweg - Rose  
Menzo Bronson  
Miles M Breunig  
Monica Garofalo  
Monica Sullivan  
Msgr. Thomas Campion  
Nancy Marshall  
Norman Ripp  
P.J. McGuire  
Robert P. Wipperfurth  
Russell and Lorraine Devitt  
Ruth Ann Maier  
Syl, Joe & Dennis Sutter  
Tim Dresen  
Urban Werla  
Vern Ziegler  
Victor & Rick Crapp

## Given By:

Esther Botting  
Harvey Kubly  
Joann & Gary Polglaze  
Linda Mueller Family  
Ronald & Carol Zander  
Donna Saunders  
Charlene Brennan  
Esther Botting  
Gerry Laufenberg  
Dolores Coyle  
Irene Reese  
Gerry Laufenberg  
Donovan & Charlain Boley  
Lucille Burris  
Helen Kelly  
Betty Krantz  
Dean & Kelly Kalschauer  
Dennis & Julie Reisdorf  
Eugene & Judy Schmitz  
Kevin & Angie Hefty  
Dr. Sheila Ruhland  
Vern & Bernie Liegel  
Helen D Sullivan  
Helen Kelly  
Jeana & Ralph Haak  
K of C Council 6371  
Friends & Family  
Tom & Anne Gerke  
Helen D Sullivan  
Helen Kelly  
Magdalen Ballweg  
Jean Rosemeyer  
Roger Ripp  
Dinny Binger  
Esther Botting  
Helen D Sullivan  
Helen Kelly, Agnes Beckwith  
Anita Bronson  
Medora Breunig  
Helen D Sullivan  
Helen D Sullivan  
Helen Campion  
James Hoegemeier  
Helen Ripp  
Jan McGuire  
Daryl Wipperfurth  
Mary Geske  
Roger & Helen Ripp  
Marlene Acker  
Gerry & Sherry Dresen  
Margaret Werla  
Barabara Ziegler  
Beverly Crapp

## New Adoration Chapel will be Accessible to All!



On Saturday, August 15, Bishop Hying came to the convent of the Sisters of Mary, Morning Star in Monona to consecrate the space that will be used for their new adoration chapel. Bishop Hying reflected on

how amazing it is that God has intended this land, which has existed for ages, to be consecrated to Him for this unique purpose. The Adoration Chapel will be open to all Catholics, serving as the first perpetual adoration chapel on the East Side of Madison. The Apostolate provided a financial gift to the sisters to help make the chapel accessible to people with physical disabilities. We pray that God will bless this building project and bring many graces to our diocese through it!



*The Apostolate grant program is available to help fund projects that will allow people with disabilities to fully participate in the life of the Church in the Diocese of Madison. For more info, visit our website [APDMadisonDiocese.com/Grants](http://APDMadisonDiocese.com/Grants).*

## Memorials For:

Katherine & Thomas Werla Family  
Leander, Verena & Ron Hellenbrand  
L&D of the Cummings and Coyle Families

## Given By:

Ann Patek  
Jerry Hellenbrand  
Dolores Coyle



Memorial For: \_\_\_\_\_ Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Select *one* per memorial: ☐ Mass Request (*Not tax deductible*) OR ☐ Donation (*Tax deductible*)

**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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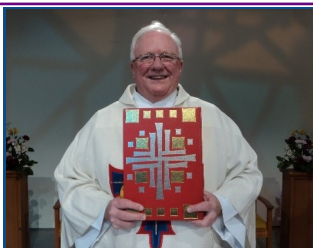


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Television Mass Schedule  
Sundays

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



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