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Dear Friends,

As I write this greeting to you, we are in the midst of this winter's coldest days yet, and thinking of you, adds a seasoning of warmth to me! We are well aware that at this time last year, we were freshly learning of COVID-19 and yet had no idea the far reaching impact it would have on us all, on our world! Many people have gotten sick, lost loved ones in death, lost jobs and lots of freedoms of movement and gathering we had known.



Through it all, as people of faith, we trust that the Lord Jesus understands our suffering and challenges, and He is right with us. May this Lent, 2021 be a special time of renewal for us in our relationship with Christ and with each other. As Bishop Hying

spoke of in a recent video, we have the practice of giving something up during Lent, as well as thinking of spending more time in prayer, being kind, and patient. Perhaps a good thing for all of us to give up these days is *complaining*, making room in our lives for a spirit of gratitude, appreciating the blessings we have each day.

Whatever each of us does this Lent, may we do it for the Lord, discovering ways for us to grow as disciples of Jesus, to be his caring, servant minded people. Bless you all in this holy season.

Msgr. Larry Bakke, Director

Advent Blessings

We are thankful for so many ways that we were able to safely connect with and pray with many of you during Advent. Our weekly Bible Studies were attended faithfully each week by over 20 people, our Advent/Christmas Celebration has been viewed over 250 times, and we're thankful for the generosity of WISC-TV 3000 for broadcasting Mass on Christmas morning on public television! Thank you to everyone who helped make these opportunities possible!

- Apostolate Staff



Pictures Above: Volunteers from the annual Advent/Christmas Celebration contributed recorded greetings to our virtual celebration. Below: Apostolate Staff safely recorded a prayer service at Holy Name Heights.



Easter Triduum



The paschal Triduum consists of three full liturgical days. The three days are, together, the principal celebration of the paschal mystery. It is not a historical drama, not a reenactment of the last days of Christ. It is a whole paschal mystery looked at from various sides.

Holy Thursday, April 1st

Holy Thursday is the celebration of the Lord's Last Supper. It recalls the institution of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and the Ordained Priesthood.

Good Friday, April 2nd

Good Friday through Holy Saturday evening commemorates the Lord's crucifixion, burial and the keeping of the great Sabbath. Mass is not celebrated during this time. We gather in solemn prayer, listen to the Sacred Scriptures, offer prayers for the whole Church, venerate the cross, and share in Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Easter Sunday begins at sundown on April 3rd. Employing the fullness of liturgy on this night, we celebrate the primary feast of the entire liturgical year. It is a powerful experience of the signs, symbols, gestures, and words that form and shape us as God's people.

Easter celebrates Christ's Resurrection from the dead, which is the central truth of the Church's faith. It is the most joyous time of the year, as we adorn the church with flowers, the singing of Alleluias and the Gloria, because Christ has conquered death and sin – they no longer have power over us. Every Sunday throughout the year is a mini-Easter, when God's people faithfully celebrate this central truth for our lives now, and for eternity. -Msgr. Larry Bakke

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Picture Above: Msgr. Larry Bakke and Father Tom Coyle visit with people at St. Coletta's of Wisconsin during Lent 2020 (pre-COVID).

Priests wear purple for the season of Lent to remind us that it is a season of preparation for the great solemnity of Easter.

Upcoming Feasts

March 19: St. Joseph

March 25: The Annunciation

March 28: Palm Sunday

April 2: Good Friday

April 4: Easter Sunday



Giving Thanks for the Life of Sister Bernadette Prochaska, FSPA



Sr. Bernadette Prochaska, a long-time volunteer and supporter of the Apostolate, completed her earthly journey on January 6, 2021. Most of us who know her through the

Apostolate recall her decades of service as a regular organist for the Apostolate TV Mass. In more recent years, she drove all the way from her convent in La Crosse to Madison, sometimes through snowstorms, to provide this ministry. She was also a regular presence at Apostolate events.

All of us who knew St. Bernadette through the Apostolate knew that she was involved in other ministries. Little did we know the depth of those



ministries and the incredible influence she had on so many lives around the world. Sr. Bernadette was devoted to education at all levels. She served as a teacher and principal in Catholic grade schools. She served as a

professor and associate dean at Marquette

University. She was an instructor at Viterbo University. She taught English as a second language in Eastern Europe. She served as a diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools in Guam.

More than anything, Sr. Bernadette taught others how to recognize the gifts God has given them and how to use those gifts to build up the Kingdom of God. She taught

through the example of her life as a child of God and a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration.



May she rest in peace and may Perpetual Light shine upon her.

Apostolate Bible Study Lent 2021

During Lent, we are all called to repent for our sins by doing more prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This year, to help you spend more time in prayer, the Apostolate is offering weekly Bible Study groups. You can choose to join a group that meets every Sunday at 3pm or a group that gathers every

Monday at 6pm.

These gatherings will be on Zoom and will be a time to gather for prayer, discussion, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome, and Catholic adults with special needs or intellectual or developmental disabilities are especially welcome to join in our prayer and conversation. It's never too late to join because the content is new each week. Contact our office at 608-821-3050 for Zoom link to join us!

It's a Matter of Interpretation

By Dcn. Jim Hoegemeier

Like so many other people, I tried to find a “silver lining” in the many changes we have experienced due to the pandemic. I made a resolution to learn a new skill during the pandemic. The challenge I came up with was to learn many of the deacon parts of the Mass in American Sign Language (ASL), with the idea that I could, at some point, offer those prayers during a Mass in which people who are Deaf participate.

Fortunately, the Apostolate has a network of ASL interpreters who provide ASL interpretation for the weekly Apostolate TV Mass. They are the people you see in the “bubble” in the lower right corner of the screen. One of these interpreters, Michele Guyette, has extensive experience in teaching ASL and agreed to be my instructor. Father Christopher Klusman, a Deaf priest from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, also offered assistance.

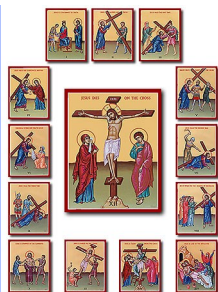
After several months of weekly classes via Zoom, the time for my public debut came with the Apostolate TV Mass on Christmas Day. I offered the Penitential Act (Lord Have Mercy), the Gloria, and the final dismissal in ASL. Things went pretty well, but it was a challenge, especially the Gloria, since that prayer moves along quickly. This experience has given me a much deeper appreciation for ASL interpreters. At that

Christmas Day Mass, I was NOT interpreting. I was saying prayers I already knew in a language other than English. ASL interpreters first hear something in spoken English and then relay it in ASL (or, in some instances, the other way around). Often, such as with a homily, they do not have any



Picture Above: Dcn. Jim signing in ASL during the Apostolate Christmas TV Mass while interpreter, Michelle Guyette, points to him for the viewers.

preview of what they are hearing in spoken English. They have to hear what is said and then, in nearly real time, relay it in ASL so that those who are Deaf can understand it in their language. ASL interpreters refer to the “lag”, the number of words in their mind that they have just heard spoken that they have yet to express in ASL. At the same time, ASL interpreters are hearing words spoken in English, thinking about how to translate words already heard, and expressing words in ASL. Just think about that! Having this amazing skill is a true gift from God and using it is a ministry benefiting all of us.



Stations of the Cross

Praying the Stations of the Cross allows us to lovingly meditate on the Jesus' journey to His crucifixion. This year, you can join us in praying the Stations of the Cross from your home. Go to APDMadisonDiocese.com and click the link in the banner at the top of the page to pray with us.

Special Education in Catholic School

By Kellie O'Brien

For many years, Catholic elementary schools have been unable to welcome children with special needs because they did not have the funding to provide the services those children need. For the first time in our diocese, Callie Meiller found a way to support these children within a Catholic school.

Callie is the principal of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School in Monona (IHM). This year, IHM received a grant to start a Special Needs Scholarship Program from the Department of Public Instruction. They are the first parish in the Diocese which has been able to offer this level of support for students with Special Needs.

With the grant, IHM is able to welcome children with IEPs (Individualized Education Plans) to be a



part of their school community and still have their special needs met. Callie has always hoped that IHM could be a place where every student feels like they belong, and this program is making that a reality for kids who require extra support throughout the day.

With the grant, IHM hired a full time, very experienced, Special Education Teacher and a Special Education Assistant to meet the needs of their current group of students. These specialists are able to go into the classroom to help students and can spend time one on one in their resource room doing things like occupational and speech therapy.

Already, Callie has seen great fruits from this program. Children with special needs are growing in confidence as they learn and develop the skills they need while all of the students are learning to be more loving and compassionate with each other.

Callie's advice to other Catholic Schools in the diocese is "Try it!" It's a lot of work to get it going, but it's totally worth it to see all of the kids in your school thriving and growing.



For more information, contact Callie Meiller at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Monona or Michael Lancaster, Director of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Madison.

Parish Disability Liaison

Parish Disability Liaisons serve as a link between the Apostolate, your pastor, and people with disabilities in your parish. It hopes to promote a personal connection with each person who has a disability in the diocese. As this program continues to grow, contact Dcn. Jim if you or someone you know may be a good fit for this position at your parish.



Memorials

Memorials For:

Math & Katie Ballweg
Matilda Ripp & Anges Schlimgen
Maxine Ballweg-Rose
Melvin Bollig
Menzo Bronson
Michael P & Helen C Bindl
Mike & Tommy Herbst
Monsignor Thomas Campion
Msgr. Tom Campion
Pat Woods
Paul Breitnauer
Paul Breitnauer
Paul Breitnhauer
Paul J Breitnauer
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Paul J. Breitnauer
Paul J. Breitnauer
Paul McGuire
Pete Maly
Pete Maly
Peter & Marcella Ripp
Ralph Hanson
Richard Mack
Rick A Rettenmund
Robbi Koci
Robert Gross
Ronald Bollig
Russell & Lorraine Devitt
Ruth Ann Maier
Sharon Stremick
Sister Bernadette Prochaska
Sister Bernadette Prochaska
Stan Wagner
Stanley Wagner
Stephan Takacs
Stephan Takacs, and Roy & Mary Robichaux
Stephen and Jo-Ann Esser
Stephen Benesh
Susan Bollant
Teresa Snorek
Thomas Knopes
Walsh Family
William (Bill) and Marybel Rego
Al Bauman
Alan A Bauman
Alan A Bauman
Alan Bauman
Alan Bauman
Dan Remick
Donovan Boley
Ed Keller and Fritz Adler
Erna Crosby
Erna Crosby
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Given By:

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Jim & Esther Esser

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Louella Buol
Anita Bronson
Sandra Kay Bindl
Dick Herbst
Carl & Carol Matthews
Dick Herbst
Ray & Madeline Laufenberg
Charles and Kathleen Janik
DeForest Dental
Lori Braam
Chad Fey
Melany Melvin
Leslie Farmer
Anaïs Mahiques
Jan McGuire
Jeanne Maly
Jeanne Maly
Dan & Rita Endres
Lucille Hanson
Dave & Nancy Schoepp
Earl & Rosie Rettenmund
Dan & Rita Endres
Janine Gross
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Tom Layton

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Dennett Conway, Margaret Conway, Michael Conway, Louis Schwarz and Jennette Schwarz
Deceased Members of the Franzen and Miller Families
Family and Friends of Patricia Seaman
In Honor of Doctores, Nurses, EMT, Fireman, Police Officer & Clergy

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinney
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Matthews
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Baryenbruch
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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnston

Helen Kelly

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Shirley Schey

Patricia Seaman

Dick Herbst

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Algie & Kate Schlough Family
Richard & Patricia Schlough Family
John G & Frances Ballweg Family
Ambrose & Julia Meinholz Family
Ben & Mary Minter Family
Victor & Madalen Ballweg Family

Given By:

Nancy Hornack
Nancy Hornack

Magdalen Ballweg
Magdalen Ballweg
Ben & Mary Minter
Magdalen Ballweg

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Mass Intentions from Dec 2020-Jan 2021

Memorial Donations from July 2020 - Jan 2021

Memorials For:

Agnes Hambrecht
Alan A Bauman
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De Paulson
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and Nicole Bauman
Judith Walters
Sylvia Rupnow
Jim & Lucille Ballweg
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Madeline Laufenberg
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Paula Van Wie
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Dick Herbst

Dick Herbst
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Sandra and Jessica Shivelor
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Charlain Boley
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Nancy Hornack
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Mary Gorst

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Edwin Kruchten
Elmer & Rita Kammes
Erna Crosby
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Erna Crosby
Erna Crosby
Florence Franz
Florence Laufenberg
Frank & Lavone Thompson
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Gerald & Leon Myers
Gordon Reese
Harold Haas Family
Harris Mier
Helen Houlihan
Jack Laufenberg
Jacob & Florence Buol
Jacob and Florence Boul, Jerome
and Marian Buol, Elise Buol,
Jeramay Buol
Jacob Buol Family
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Janice A Brunner
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John & Florentine Ruhland
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John W Owens & Don Lang
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Keith Alt
Kinney & Shipley Families
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Laverne & Kathleen Herbst
Leo Breunig
Leonard & Lydia Endres
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Linus Maier
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Evelyn Wagner
Dick Herbst
Irene Reese
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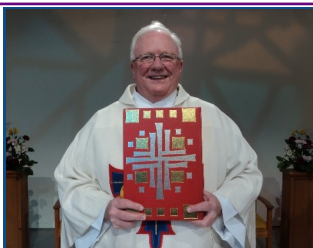


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