

APOSTOLATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - DIOCESE OF MADISON

LOVE, CARE AND COMPASSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SINCE 1967

BLESSING OF FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

MSGR. LARRY BAKKE

God most provident,
we join all creation
in raising to you a hymn of
thanksgiving through Jesus Christ, Your Son.



For generation upon generation
peoples of this land have sung of your
bounty;
We too offer you praise
for the rich harvest we have received at
Your hands.

Bless us and this food which we share with
grateful hearts.

Continue to make our land fruitful
and let our love for You be seen
in our pursuit of peace and justice
and in our generous response
to those in need.

Praise and Glory to You,
Lord God, now and for ever.

Amen.

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

ALL SAINTS DAY - NOV 1ST
ALL SOULS DAY- NOV 2ND
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - DEC 8TH
CHRISTMAS DAY - DEC 25TH

APOSTOLATE SAVE-THE-DATES

LENT RETREAT AT CAMP GRAY -
SATURDAY MARCH 11TH



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CANCELED

*We regret that we again have decided
to cancel this annual event. We will
miss being able to celebrate with you
during this special season. We join in
prayer and waiting for the joy brought
to us by the birth of Christ!*

DAY AT THE DUCK POND 2022

EXCERPT FROM AN ARTICLE WRITTEN
BY KEVIN WONDRASH & MOLLY
SCHOEPP FOR THE CATHOLIC HERALD

MADISON — July 13, 2022, may go down as an historic day in the Diocese of Madison.

On that day, the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities-Diocese of Madison held its first Day at the Duck Pond at the Mallards' stadium at Warner Park on Madison's east side.

It was a day of prayer, food, and fun...Through the generosity and hospitality of the Mallards, guests were greeted at the gate and then guided to a covered tent area for a pre-game prayer service. Bishop Donald J. Hying of Madison led the prayer service along with Msgr. Larry Bakke, director of the Apostolate. Music was provided by Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish... "It's wonderful to be back together" in a new place, said Bishop Hying. Adding that we know "that the one important truth in our life never changes and that is God and God's love for us."

To read the full article, including the story of Fr. Chris Klusman, Director of the Deaf Apostolate for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, who is one of 10 deaf priests in the world, go to madisoncatholicherald.org/enjoying-a-day-at-the-duck-pond/

"it's nice because there are not a lot of things we can do together; you can do them with your family but it's nice to do something with friends. Plus I love baseball."

- Denise

"It's just an amazing opportunity for people with disabilities to come together because normally it would be harder to do so."

- Margie



Above: a photo of Fr. Klusman in the stands talking with interpreter Shiloh, and guests of the event. Below: a full tent of guests praying together at the prayer service before the game.



**YOU'RE
INVITED**

DAY AT THE DUCK POND 2023 IN PROGRESS, LOOK
FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT WITH DETAILS COMING SOON!



We want to thank all of those who volunteered their time, talents, and treasures to the Day at the Duck Pond. This event would not have been possible without each and every one of you!

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NEW DIRECTOR, MEGAN WEDWICK

Greetings to all those connected to the Apostolate in any way! I am so excited to introduce myself to all of you as the new Director (alongside Msgr. Larry). Originally from Prairie du Chien, WI, I attended the University of Wisconsin and then stayed in the Madison area. Since graduating with my degree in Rehabilitation Psychology, I have been working in residential services and/or ministry. This opportunity with the Apostolate is such a blessing in it's integration of both of these fields with a Catholic focus. I am really looking forward to bringing my passion for integrating people with disabilities and mental health challenges into the Church through awareness, acceptance, and accompaniment to this ministry. I strive to see the day when each and every person can see themselves and be seen as the beloved child of God whom they are, deserving of dignity and able to contribute to their faith community. My husband, Nathan, and I live in Prairie du Sac with our pup, Bjorn. I enjoy all things fall, hiking, hunting, fishing, and puzzles.



October is Mental Health Awareness Month

Photo above is the group Catholics for Mental Wellness from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Madison at the annual NAMI Walks Your Way, an event on October 8th, 2022, to show support for those who have mental health challenges.

Upcoming Mental Health First Aid training opportunities

Saturday, Nov 12th
9a-5p

St. Dennis Parish Hall

Thursday, Nov 17th
8a - 4p

*Care Team Ministry only

Friday, Dec 9th
9a-5p
Holy Name Heights

To register, email apd@madisondiocese.org
or
call (608) 821 - 3050

The Gift of Giving

Many people with disabilities are remembered especially during the season of Advent as needy recipients of charity. Families, parishioners, and coworkers look for opportunities to buy gifts for those less fortunate, less healthy, and less wealthy. The able-bodied become the designated "givers" and the disabled become the designated "receivers".



However, we know that the act of giving benefits the one giving as well as the one receiving. The ability to help others increases self-worth and a feeling of belonging. People with disabilities who are not able to independently shop for a present, volunteer at a soup kitchen, or shovel a sidewalk for a neighbor may not have equal opportunities to be helpers. They may not experience the good feelings derived from giving as often as their non-disabled peers.

This season try *giving* the gift of *giving* to someone with a disability. Your gift of kindness will enable them a chance to experience the same satisfaction that comes with heartfelt giving. Here are some possibilities:

- Take someone who doesn't drive Christmas shopping.
- Address Christmas cards for someone who has difficulty writing.
- Help a friend bake and deliver Christmas cookies to their neighbors.
- Stand beside someone who may have difficulty ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettle drive.
- Accept an offer for assistance, even though you prefer to work alone.
- Ask someone who cannot attend Sunday Mass to pray for specific parishioners in need.
- Invite someone with a disability to volunteer for a parish ministry.

"You don't know what gifts you have until someone receives them."

- Henri Nouwen

For more information on including persons with disabilities in parish life, contact Marsha Rivas, Equal Access Ministry, Diocese of Toledo, 419-244-6711.



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*Promoting the Meaningful Participation
of Persons with Disabilities in Church and Society*

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in
praying
for
these
and all
who
have
died**

March 2022 - September 2022

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702 S. High Point Rd., Suite 225, Madison WI 53719.

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Sundays

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



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