

# APOSTOLATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - DIOCESE OF MADISON

LOVE, CARE, AND COMPASSION  
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SINCE 1967

Dear Friends of the Apostolate,

What a blessing it is to be able to share in the mission of the Apostolate with you all! As I reflect back on my first year with the Apostolate and beginning of my term as director, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the opportunities to encounter so many beautiful souls. It is truly an honor and a privilege to continue to carry out this mission of inclusion and participation of persons with disabilities in the Diocese of Madison with the support of so many.

With so much going on in our diocese, it's been a busy time of year. Since our last newsletter, we have seen many of you at the Veneration of St. Jude's relics, the Eucharistic Congress, the St. Dymphna Mass, and our Fall Retreat. With each of these events came a reminder for me of the goodness of our Lord, who through and with and in all things are possible. The Holy Spirit, through all of those we encounter, continues to inspire us to find new ways to meet needs and provide trainings and resources. With the continued support of Msgr. Larry, Kayla, and all of you, I am so excited to be an instrument of God's love for all through this ministry.

May the Lord bless you in this coming holiday season and through the winter months!  
Megan Wedwick, Director

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL FEASTS

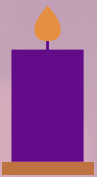
NOV 26: CHRIST THE KING  
NOV 30: ST ANDREW, APOSTLE  
DEC 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, **HDO**  
DEC 12: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
DEC 25: NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS), **HDO**  
DEC 26: ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR  
DEC 27: ST JOHN, APOSTLE  
DEC 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS  
DEC 31: THE HOLY FAMILY  
JAN 1: SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD  
JAN 7: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
JAN 25: CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE  
FEB 2: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
FEB 14: LENT BEGINS (ASH WEDNESDAY)  
FEB 22: CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE  
MAR: 19: ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## APOSTOLATE SAVE-THE-DATES

ST MARGARET MASS  
SUNDAY, APRIL 14  
DAY AT DEVIL'S LAKE  
THURSDAY, JUNE 6

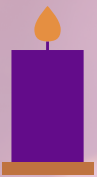
# Advent

Advent is a season of preparing. What are you going to do to prepare yourself for the coming of Jesus this year during the Advent Season? What about getting or making your own Advent calendar? There are so many options, such as calendars filled with all types of sweets or snacks, puzzles, activities, or prayers for each day of the season. With each day of opening your Advent calendar, you and your family have a visual representation of the countdown to the Nativity of Jesus. Another idea is to spend time in prayer with the Advent Wreath. Using the wreath during your prayer time gives you and your family the opportunity to experience 4 attributes of Christ as you prepare for His coming. Each week of Advent, pray the corresponding prayer every evening before dinner or before bed to prepare your heart for Jesus to come.



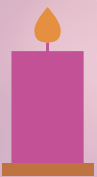
Week One: Christ our LIGHT

Shine forth and light the path we are to take this Advent to grow closer to you this Advent season. May we recognize the light that shines like only you can shine.



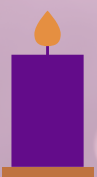
Week Two: Christ our HOPE

We ask you to fill us with hope in an eternity in heaven. May we recognize in this season of preparing for your coming that we are preparing ourselves for our joining you in heaven.



Week Three Christ our JOY

Complete our joy, Lord, in all things that come from you, that as we prepare to receive you we may be filled with the joy of heaven and the angels in your presence.



Week Four: Christ our PEACE

We pray for those who are surrounded by war and chaos, that your peace, which surpasses all understanding, may reign supreme. Fill us with your peace, so that when we are troubled we may readily seek out the peace that only comes from you.



## Advent calendar





# *A Letter from our Chaplain, Msgr. Larry Bakke*



Dear Sisters & Brothers of the Apostolate,

Blessings for you in this month of November! It is a special time when the Church invites us to remember our family members and friends who have died, entrusting them to God's Divine Mercy. November 12 marks the anniversary of Msgr. Thomas Campion's death in 2010. What a gift he was to the Church and for this Apostolate which he began in 1967 with Bishop O'Donnell's direction. I know that countless people hold his memory very dear in their hearts. And, we continue to pray for all those who are now suffering, and those who have died in Ukraine, in the Holy Land, and throughout our country. We pray without ceasing for peace, for healing and forgiveness among people everywhere.

And Thanksgiving Day is also a significant part of this month. Of course, the practice of gratefulness is a way of life as we strive to live in the light of gratitude for all we have been given. Gratefulness gives us courage and generosity, and leads us to healing and service.

December 3, 2023 is the beginning of the season of Advent, a time when we live in anticipation and preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We marvel and enter into the mystery of God becoming human, forever changing the course of our world. May it again be a time to reexamine what the Incarnation means to us in a personal way, in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season.

Please know that I hold all of you with love and prayer in my heart. Each Sunday we have a wonderful opportunity to connect in worship during the Apostolate TV Mass. This weekly gift of the WISC-TV staff was begun by Msgr. Campion on the First Sunday of Advent in 1967. It continues to be a gift for me to celebrate the mass most Sundays since 2011!

Msgr. Larry Bakke



## **CHRISTMAS MORNING**

**6:00 AM ON WISC-TV CHANNEL 3  
7:00 AM ON TVW AND DIRECT TV 14**

**TELEVISED MASS  
WITH BISHOP DONALD HYING**



In November, the Apostolate held a retreat at Camp Gray in Reedsburg. Our retreat theme was "Praying with the Saints" as a follow-up to having just celebrated All Saints Day. Throughout the day, participants had the opportunity to learn about many saints and deepen their relationship with their Confirmation saints as through games, prayers, talks, and making prayer cards. Having several wonderful volunteers made it possible for us to have frequent one-on-one interactions throughout the day. The retreat concluded with Mass celebrated by Msgr. Bakke with participants fulfilling liturgical roles.



# THANK YOU

TO ALL WHO JOINED FOR OUR FALL RETREAT  
- PRAYING WITH THE SAINTS -



## SAVE THE DATE

### Thursday, June 6th, 2024

The day will include Mass celebrated by Bishop Hying, lunch provided by the Apostolate, and activities/entertainment that is yet to be determined, all while enjoying the beautiful lake from the South Shore. Park entry fees will also be included.

Our NEW summer event!  
(replacing Day at the Dells/Duck Pond)  
Join us for:

## DAY AT DEVIL'S LAKE STATE PARK



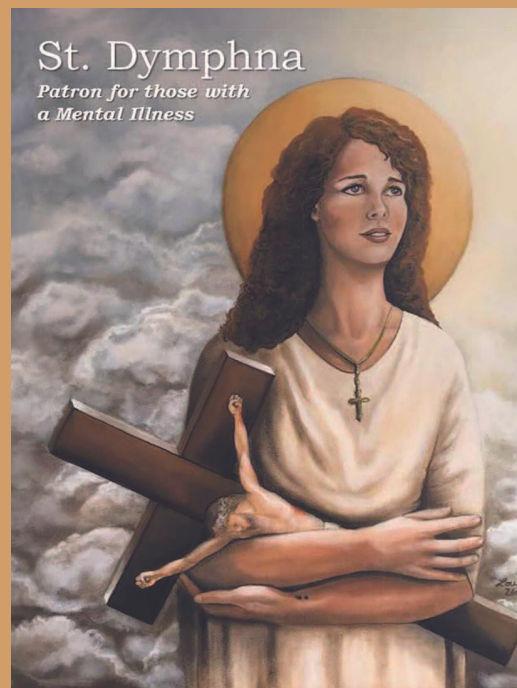
*"We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." - CCC 2283*

## Suicide Loss Grief Group

The Apostolate sponsored a 4-part series, led by certified grief counselor Peg Weber, for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one by suicide. We plan to offer another one of these groups in the spring. If you or someone you know would be interested in more information, please email the APD. During this group we often heard iterations of: "I don't want to have to be here, nobody wants to be here, but I'm grateful for this group of people who understand my grief and I know I'm where God wants me to be."

On October 15, the Sunday after World Mental Health Day (October 10) Bishop Hying celebrated the St. Dymphna Mental Health Mass. This Mass was for all who have experienced or are experiencing mental illness, support persons, and health care providers. After the Mass, there was an opportunity for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to be received by anyone who so desired as well as a reception. The Lord's healing presence was felt throughout the day. Thank you to all who attended and participated in this day and to all who shared their talents in the beautiful liturgy. St. Dymphna, pray for us!

If you are interested in starting a mental health ministry at your church or Pastorate, or hosting a local St. Dymphna Mass, please contact the APD. \$500 St. Dymphna grants are still available through our promotion of mental health ministry initiative.



### The National Suicide & Crisis Line

This is an emergency line that is specifically designed to streamline mental health crisis responses

Looking for a Catholic mental health practitioner? Both of the organizations below are databases for Catholic clinicians. Did you know that PhD level therapists are able to practice across most state lines through PSYPACT? This may allow you to more easily find a Catholic physician who specializes in your area of need.



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Over the weekend of September 29 – October 1, over 1,000 people gathered at St. John the Baptist Church in Waunakee for the Diocese of Madison's first ever Eucharistic Congress. This Congress aimed to remind the faithful of how truly present Christ is in the Eucharist. It was a beautiful weekend, filled with countless opportunities to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist. Speakers from all over the country shared stories and insights into Eucharistic life, the Eucharistic Miracles Display was set up, Mass was held daily, and Adoration was held frequently. The weekend culminated with a Eucharistic procession, symbolizing each and every person's call to bring Jesus, who we receive in the Eucharist, out into the world through our words and actions. The Apostolate had a table at the event, where we highlighted reception of the Sacraments for persons with disabilities and how we are striving to give people with disabilities in the Diocese of Madison opportunities, resources, and skills to live out their Sacramental lives through inclusion and participation in their local pastorates. We are grateful for this opportunity and for the desire of those planning the Congress to include persons with disabilities by doing their best to make accommodations as needed.



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**please join us in praying for  
these and all who have died**

July 2023 - October 2023

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**Our next Newsletter will be coming out in March 2024!**

### Television Mass Schedule Sundays

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7 am on TVW and Direct TV 14



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