



# APOSTOLATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - DIOCESE OF MADISON

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

Dear Sisters & Brothers,

It is a wonderful time of year as we journey through the Lenten Season to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The word "Lent" means Spring and we know these weeks have been blessed with rather warm, beautiful weather.

While I retired from parish ministry last summer, I continue to support Megan and Kayla in the Apostolate ministry. A highlight of each week for me is the TV Mass now in its 56th year, airing on CBS on Sunday mornings at 6:00 & 7:00 a.m. I know this enables so many to participate in the mass when you are not able to gather with your local parish communities for this amazing liturgy. Please know that when I celebrate the TV mass, I share a special connection with you as we pray through the marvels of television!

I hope this Lenten Season has been fruitful for you, a time to grow in your relationship with the Lord and receive the goodness of His grace in your lives.

May the Lord bless and keep you with the assurance that you are a beloved child of God!

Msgr. Larry Bakk, Chaplain of the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL FEASTS

MAR 24: PALM SUNDAY  
MAR 28: HOLY THURSDAY  
MAR 29: GOOD FRIDAY  
MAR 30: HOLY SATURDAY  
MAR 31: EASTER SUNDAY  
APR 7: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APR 8: ANNUNCIATION  
APR 25: ST MARK, EVANGELIST  
MAY 3: SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES  
MAY 12: ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
MAY 14: ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE  
MAY 19: PENTECOST SUNDAY  
MAY 26: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
MAY 31: THE VISITATION  
JUN 2: CORPUS CHRISTI  
JUN 7: MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
JUN 24: NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
JUN 29: SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES  
JUL 3: ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

## APOSTOLATE SAVE-THE-DATES

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

# A GUIDE TO HOLY WEEK

*Catholics have honored the last week of Jesus' life since the Apostles. Holy Week, stretching from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, is a time to reflect on all that Jesus suffered for us. It is a time to worship him as our king, and remember the light he brings to a dark world.*

## PALM SUNDAY

The beginning of Holy Week. Throughout this week, the congregation plays the part of the people who welcomed Jesus as king, realized he wasn't the king they thought he would be, and crucified him.

## THE TRIDUUM

One liturgical day in which we relive Christ's Passion and Resurrection. We observe three special liturgies:

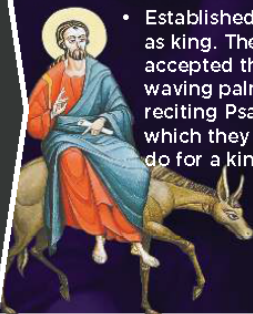
### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (HOLY THURSDAY)

### GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

### MASS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER)

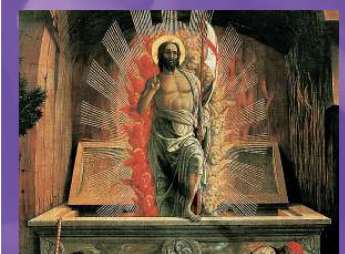
#### WHAT JESUS DID

- Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies
- Established himself as king. The people accepted this by waving palms and reciting Psalm 118, which they would do for a king



- Participated in the Passover/ Last Supper with his disciples
- Washed the disciples' feet (again, not the king they expected)
- Instituted the Eucharist and new priesthood
- Went to Gethsemane; experienced Agony in the garden
- Is betrayed by Judas and arrested
- Heals a slave

- Was betrayed and abandoned by his friends and followers
- Was scourged, crowned with thorns and mockingly hailed as a king
- Made to carry his cross, with a little help from Simon of Cyrene
- Was crucified under a plaque that read "King of the Jews"
- Darkness fell over Jerusalem
- Died and descended into Hell



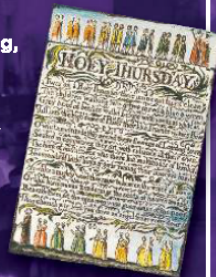
- Rose from the dead
- Appeared to Mary Magdalene and others

#### HOW WE HONOR IT

- Have a special reading about his entry into Jerusalem
- Wave palm fronds
- Sing psalms and hymns about Christ the King



- With a joyful Mass, with gratitude for the Eucharist
- Instead of a final blessing, we have Adoration
- Priest strips and washes the altar
- All decorations are removed or shrouded
- All candles extinguished, symbolizing darkness
- We have now moved from the Last Supper to sitting with Jesus during his Agony



- No sacraments, **unless** it's an emergency
- Empty tabernacle and undecorated Church
- Candles are only lit when the Eucharist is present
- Silent and solemn procession for liturgy
- Read the Passion according to St. John
- Pray for everyone through Solemn Intercessions
- Receive the Eucharist, consecrated the day before



- Venerate the cross by kissing it, kneeling before it, etc

- Gather in the dark, symbolizing the darkness of the tomb and our sin
- Priest lights a fire and blesses it. We follow the candle, like the Israelites following the pillar of fire
- Deacon sings the Exultet prayer, which is structurally similar to what Jesus would have prayed at the Last Supper
- Have nine readings and eight Psalms, which show the story behind the Salvation Jesus won for us
- During the Gloria, lights come on and we decorate the Church to symbolize Jesus rising
- Those coming into the Church are Baptized and Confirmed. We all renew our Baptismal promises

# pray Novenas with us!

What is a novena? A novena is a way of asking for the intercession of a particular saint by praying the same prayer/prayers for 9 consecutive days. Novenas can be prayed at anytime, but they are often prayed beginning or ending on the saint's feast day. Below are two novenas you can join us in praying in the coming months. St. Margaret of Castello is the patron saint of people with disabilities and St. Dymphna is the patron saint of those with challenges related to mental health. Both of these women had extraordinary faith in God.

To pray the St. Margaret of Castello Novena ending on her feast day, begin on Friday, April 5, 2024.

**Begin:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Pray:** Dear God, thank You for the gift of life that You have given me. I am sorry for the times when I have failed to recognize the value and sacredness of life in others.

Day 1

You created St. Margaret with a great capacity for loving others, and with unique gifts that many people failed to see during her lifetime. Please give special grace to those parents considering abortions. Give them the courage to choose life and open their hearts to the child that God has given to them. St. Margaret you were rejected by your own parents, yet you saw God's goodness in all circumstances. You accepted the years of loneliness and isolation that you endured without losing hope. You saw suffering as a gift from God that helped your faith blossom. Pray that I would accept the suffering I have been given in this life so that I may more fully share in life with Christ in the next. Help me to not become bitter because of the suffering I endure.

Please intercede on my behalf for these intentions (State your intentions here). Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For days 2-9, go to: [www.praymorenovenas.com/margaret-of-castello-novena](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/margaret-of-castello-novena) or join our email list.



May is  
Mental  
Health  
Awareness  
Month

To pray the St. Dymphna Novena ending on her feast day, begin on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

**Begin:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Day 1: For Faith - O God, Source of our salvation, in the midst of a pagan people, Thou didst enlighten St. Dymphna by the light of the true faith, which she professed under the guidance of her holy confessor, Gerebran, with such constance that she suffered martyrdom. Through the intercession of these two saints, we beg Thee to strengthen the faith which Thou hast given us, so that by wisely subjecting our souls to Thy Supreme Authority, and by faithfully conforming our lives according to our faith, we may honor Thee with our whole heart and soul until the hour of our death. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be five times

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

For days 2-9 go to: [www.praymorenovenas.com/st-dymphna-novena](http://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-dymphna-novena) or join our email list.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE**



*Diocese of Madison*  
*St. Margaret*  
*Mass and Reception*

**WITH BISHOP HYING  
SPONSORED BY THE APOSTOLATE  
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**HOLY NAME ORATORY  
702 S HIGH POINT RD, MADISON**

**10 AM  
SUNDAY,  
APRIL 14, 2024**

This will be  
a sensory  
friendly  
Mass

**PLEASE RSVP  
TO THE EVENTS  
ON THESE PAGES**

**BY**

**EMAILING [APD@MADISONDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:APD@MADISONDIOCESE.ORG)**

**OR**

**CALLING (608) 821-3050**

All are invited to join us  
for this free day of  
prayer and fun! The  
day will be from  
10 AM-2 PM and will  
include:

Mass celebrated by  
Bishop Hying, lunch  
provided by the  
Apostolate, and  
activities/  
music, all while  
enjoying the beautiful  
lake from the South  
Shore. Park entry fees  
will also be covered.

**DAY AT  
DEVIL'S LAKE  
STATE PARK**

*Thursday, June 6th, 2024*

**PLEASE REGISTER BY JUNE 1ST!**

## Experiencing Suicide Grief?



**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR  
A 4 PART SERIES:  
ADDRESSING OUR SUICIDAL LOSSES WITH THE HELP OF  
OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.**

**AT HOLY NAME HEIGHTS  
702 S. HIGH POINT RD. MADISON, WI 53719**

**OPTIONAL DINNER WILL BE OFFERED  
FROM 5 TO 6 PM.**

**THE SERIES WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM.**

RSVP is not required, but is appreciated.

You may also RSVP by filling out the form at:  
<https://apdmadisondiocese.com/ministry/mental-illness/>

Please note, there will be a separate group offered in the future  
for those who are interested in pastorally caring for others who  
are grieving a death by suicide.

**DATES**  
**TUESDAYS**  
**APRIL 2ND**  
**APRIL 16TH**  
**APRIL 30TH**  
**MAY 14TH**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

**THIS YEAR, LOVE BEGINS HERE LOCAL  
MISSION TRIPS IS OFFERING THE  
OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WITH  
DISABILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN A DAY OF  
SERVICE PROJECTS AROUND THE DIOCESE  
OF MADISON!**

**YOU WOULD BE JOINING A GROUP FOR  
THAT DAY'S SERVICE PROJECT FROM 9AM  
TO 3PM, WITH A LUNCH BREAK.  
TRANSPORTATION CAN BE INCLUDED.  
CAREGIVERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AS  
WELL OR A SUPPORT PERSON CAN BE  
PROVIDED.**

**TO INQUIRE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING OR TO  
LEARN MORE ABOUT LBH, PLEASE CONTACT  
THE APOSTOLATE!**

### LOCATION AND DATES:

**ST. CECILIA, WIS DELLS  
JUNE 10, 11, 12, OR 13**

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,  
CROSS PLAINS  
JUNE 24, 25, 26, 27**

**ST. OLAF, DEFOREST  
JULY 15, 16, 17, 18**

**ALL SAINTS, BERLIN  
JULY 29, 30, 31, AUG 1**

# Apostolate Grant Program

As of this year, the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities has improved the accessibility of the Diocese of Madison by awarding over \$2 million in grants to parishes and programs of the Diocese. When Monsignor Larry Bakke began the Grant Program in 2013, he hoped to support the mission to enable everyone's inclusion in the life of the Church by utilizing the tremendous support the Apostolate had received from many donors over the years.

The Grant Program continues to be an important part of the APD's ministry. It is beautiful to see programs and spaces across the diocese be accessible and allow for Catholics of all abilities to live out their unique mission of discipleship as part of the community. We encourage you to think of a person/people that you know with a disability, then ask yourself when you are participating in events/councils/Mass at your parish: "Could they be doing the same thing that I'm doing right now?", If not, "What accommodations would make it possible for them to be able to?". You can also consider what would happen if you have a short term disability, a broken leg, for example. Would you be able to continue to volunteer/serve/receive the Sacraments/attend events? By thinking of these things, we are prompted to realize how our community, programs, and buildings can be made more accessible to everyone around us.

So, what has the grant program actually funded?

- ADA compliance for: chapels, confessionals, restrooms, doors, office spaces, sidewalks, renovation projects
- Hearing assistive technology, including many hearing loops
- Interpreter services and ministries to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Catholic Schools and Reading Programs
- Monthly Lunch Groups for People with Disabilities
- Spanish Disability Resource Programs
- Speaker Presentations
- Elevators, lifts, ramps



Thanks to the APD Grant Program, we were able to host the beloved Advent/Christmas celebration at St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Monroe in 2023. This would not have been possible without the renovated spaces, accessible restrooms, and the Monroe community.

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# Mass Intentions and Memorials

Anthony (Bud) Meister  
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Ben & Mary Minter Family  
Deceased Members of the  
Monson Family  
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Joe Donny  
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Robert Cragg  
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Ronald Bollig  
Roseann Otter  
Sr. Bernadette Prochaska  
Stanley Wagner  
Steven Kolakowski  
Vincent & Doris Coyle  
Virginia Adler

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

November 2023 - February 2024

## Donors

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Apostolate!

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## Donation Form

Please note that this form is for donations only. To request a TV Mass, please call the Apostolate.

All donations may be sent to: Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities  
702 S. High Point Rd., Suite 225,  
Madison, WI 53719.

If you would like to make a  
donation in memory of a loved  
one, please indicate the name  
of the person below

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial for: \_\_\_\_\_

☐

please check this box to have donation kept anonymous

\*If your request is more complex, please include a letter with your phone number to ensure that we process the request correctly. All donations are tax deductible. Call the Apostolate with any questions.



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

### Television Mass Schedule Sundays

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



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