

Parish Press

St. Christopher Catholic Parish

St. Andrew Catholic Church, Verona

St. William Catholic Church, Paoli

September 2016

— Save the Date —

St. Christopher Christmas/Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 12

The 2016 St. Christopher Christmas/Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 12 in the Parish Center. The sweepstakes this year is for \$500 and other items. Sweepstake tickets will soon be available for the Christmas/Holiday Bazaar. Please be sure to pick up your tickets, and turn in the ticket stubs and money. If you need more tickets, please find them at a table in the church entrance.

There will be a Craftroom, a Bake Shoppe and a Children's Christmas Shop. Many craft items have already been made for the Bazaar. Your crafts and special baked items (nut breads, cookies, pies, bars, candy, produce, preserves, peppernuts, lefsa, krumkake, stollen, popcorn balls, peanut brittle, etc.) are appreciated. Thank you!

Luncheon Menu

**Famous hot roast
beef sandwiches**

Salads

Relishes

Desserts

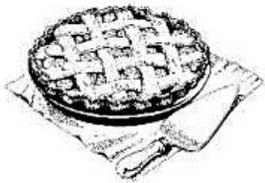
Coffee

Milk

Woodcraft items by members of the Knights of Columbus will also be available.

There will be a craft sale the weekend of September 24 & 25 so you can shop early.

Sign-up sheets for the Bazaar will be inserted in the bulletin soon and are available at the church entrance. Please complete and return the sign-up sheet as soon as you can. Thank you for your help.



The Fall Vicariate meeting will be Tuesday, October 25 at St. Peter's, Ashton. More info will follow.

*Submitted by Mary Schaller 845-7028
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New Opportunity!

The Joyful Crew!!!

A new group at St. Christopher Parish is forming to encourage children in grades 3-8 to share their joy and energy by serving others. Some ideas for this school year are making cards and baking cookies for the homebound and a tea party for our retired members to increase the sense of community between our children and our older generations. Other ideas include a dance party put on for younger children and a talent show. Keep watching for more information to come.



**Kids 3rd - 8th
grade**

Submitted by Laura Zakrzewski



Welcome!



Michele Brandhagen comes to the Verona area from Illinois where she attended Midwestern University. She works as a physician assistant, enjoys going to the dog park, doing yoga and cooking.

Dan and Cathy Cavill decided to join St. Christopher after moving from Middleton to Fitchburg. Cathy grew up in Chicago and Dan is coming back to his childhood church, St. Andrew! They have a 2 year old son, John, and may have a newborn baby in their arms by the time you read this. If you see them at the 9:00am Mass, make sure you give them a warm welcome.

Paul and Kate Gallimore live in Fitchburg, but were previously attending church in Middleton where Paul works. Paul works for American Family Insurance while Kate takes care of their children Mia (5), Simon (3), Owen (2) and Hannah (5 months). Paul and Kate enjoy golf, soccer, reading and spending time with family and friends.

Sahaya and Jerina Julius are former members of St. Maria Goretti and are joining St. Christopher because St. Andrew is closer to their home. Sahaya is a computer engineer and Jerina recently opened JNJ Craftworks, which sells handmade home décor, gifts and jewelry. Their daughter Natania (8) has joined the children's choir and they enjoy video games and movies as well as outdoor activities like boating, hiking and cricket.

Mitch and Tracy Lange live in Mount Horeb with their daughter, Ashley (15) and son, Eric (11). Their daughter Hannah is studying computer graphic and web design at Southwest Technological College. Tracy is a second grade teacher in Mount Horeb and Mitch works for Acuity Insurance. They enjoy boating, wave runners and ATVs and cheer on the Badgers, Packers and Brewers.

Matt and Erika Mauthe moved to the Verona area from Madison with their son Ben (6), and daughter Paige (3). Matt is a health care administrator at Marquardt Management Services and Erika is a planner at Lands End. They enjoy attending sporting events, going to the park and the zoo and traveling.

David and Jamie Morris moved to the Verona area from Miami, where David is originally from. David is a banker and Jamie is a high school teacher. They enjoy movies, woodworking and crafts and welcomed baby Eleanor to their family in June!

Benjamin Vondra has lived in the Verona area for the last 5 years and works for Dirty Duct Cleaning. He and his son Jaeger (4) enjoy spending time at the park and visiting grandma and grandpa at their farm in Platteville.

David Nguyen and Elizabeth Vu moved from Milwaukee to Madison with their children James (7) and Lily (4). David does IT work from home and Elizabeth works as a scientist at BellBrook Labs. They enjoy swimming, biking and playing tennis.

Baptisms



Madelyn Grace Blattner, daughter of Matthew and Nicole Blattner

Wyatt Jeffrey Cooper, son of Brandon and Jennifer Cooper

Hannah Katherine Gallimore, daughter of Paul and Katelin Gallimore

Anthony Henry Getchel, son of Brandon and Lori Getchel

Matthew Peter Hansen, Jr., son of Matthew and Tabitha Hansen, Sr.



Alberta J. Fassbind

Mary Alice Niebuhr

Donald F. Reisdorf

Msgr. Delbert L. Schmelzer

Robert L. Wolf

Marriages



Adam Lai and Natalie Tran

Matthew East and Kelly Gessner

Adult Faith Formation

When it comes to our Faith, we are all called to be lifelong learners. St. Anselm's motto was "Faith seeking understanding." Although Faith in our hearts often comes first, it naturally desires to be known in our minds, as well! This year, make it a point to learn something new about the Catholic Faith. Here are a few ways how:

- ◆ Pick up a book or Lighthouse Media CD from either the entrance of St. Andrew's or the parish center.
- ◆ Make a **FREE** account on formed.org and watch one of the hundreds of videos and movies, listen to one of the audio talks, or read a book about the Faith. To create your free account, just enter our parish code on the formed.org homepage: **7ZC8WK**
- ◆ Join one of the many adult faith communities and studies hosted at the parish. This year, various groups will meet on Sunday mornings, Monday nights, Tuesday nights, Wednesday mornings, and Thursday mornings. Each group is a little different, offering many formats, content, and ways to learn our Catholic Christian Faith more!

I feel blessed to serve in coordinating the Adult Faith Formation at the parish, and I look forward to helping our entire parish family encounter Christ in a deeper way this year! If you have any ideas or suggestions for how to do that, or you are interested in helping others discover Christ, please contact me!

Thoughts of a Respite Care Team Member . . .

I was a little hesitant when I first joined the Respite Care Team. Having not been around elderly people much, I was a little nervous that I wouldn't do a good job. The night before my first visit with "Ruth," I even dreamed that I had to keep catching her as she fell down over and over again. People told me that they benefited from helping our "partners" just as much as the partners themselves. Although I was skeptical about all the benefits they professed, I saw how much the homebound loved visitors, so I decided to give it a try.



Only a couple of weeks after joining the Respite Care Team, I realized how much it had changed me and the way I look at others around me. I was driving down the road on my way to work, when I noticed an elderly woman fall off her bike while riding up a hill. I went around a corner and couldn't see her anymore. I thought if she was able to ride a bike, she could probably handle what looked like a gentle fall onto the grass. Then I thought of Ruth, who was both bold, determined and spry for her age, but still needed others to look out for her. Even though I risked being late for my new job, I turned my car around and headed back. I discovered the elderly woman on the grass next to the curb, with a man approaching to help her. I learned that she had not only fallen off her bike once, but several times and was confused. Paramedics came quickly and I left. Not only did I still arrive to work on time, but I felt full of joy. Joy that I had, in a little way, played the role of the Good Samaritan and that two other Good Samaritans had stopped to show God's love as well.

As a result of my role in the Respite Care Team, I feel like I look at those around me in a different light. When I look at others, I more often find myself thinking about what little things I can do to make them smile, to make them feel loved. It is easier to see myself in another's shoes and I feel that the little things I do, do make a difference. Our lives are so busy these days, it is nice to slow down and just be there for someone, a time to relax, cease worrying about our own problems or what we need to do next, and just love as Jesus would. Yes, Ruth benefits from my visits, but so do I.

All Respite Care Team members, throughout the Madison area, receive training and support through Catholic Charities and Oakwood Lutheran Senior Services. For more information about the St. Christopher Respite Care Team, please contact Betty Azim at b.azim@yahoo.com or 608-497-0794 or Cathy Schneider at schneiderc@tds.net or 608-845-9240. The Respite Care Team may not be for everyone, but everyone can do the little things, a little smile, a friendly good morning or the opening of a door — with great love.

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Submitted by Laura Zakrzewski