

Parish Press

St. Christopher Catholic Parish

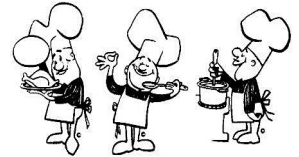
St. Andrew Catholic Church, Verona

St. William Catholic Church, Paoli

March 2017

Badger Prairie Needs Network Community Meal

Every Saturday, the Badger Prairie Needs Network (BPNN) hosts a community lunch for those in the Verona area. The food is provided by Epic and all are welcome to come, the goal to create community as well as help those in need.



On the first Saturday of every month, St. Christopher Parish provides the staffing the community lunch. To do this, we need about 12-15 people to help prep and serve the food and wash the dishes. Even children as young as 8 years old, accompanied by a parent, can help staff the dessert table. Volunteers are encouraged to take a short break between 12:30-1:00 and eat lunch themselves. The BPNN staff is very friendly and welcoming and the people we serve are grateful. This is a great chance to get to know fellow parishioners while following Jesus's call to serve others (Matthew 20:26-28; 25:31-46).

The Knights of Columbus are graciously organizing the volunteers for our parish. If you are interested in volunteering on April 1, please visit the Knights of Columbus page on the parish website and click on BPNN Signup. Contact Clyde Hellenbrand at 845-9253 or claud@chorus.net if you have any questions.

Submitted by Ryan Zakrzewski

Hunting for Holy Week

Easter Egg Hunt

at St. Christopher Catholic Parish

Saturday, April 8

10:30 am



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Our Lady's Good Helper Preschool Co-op is organizing an Easter egg hunt for **toddlers up through fifth grade**. The focus will be Holy Week mixed with the anticipation of Easter Joy. It will start with a short presentation in the St. Andrew Church before heading outside for the Easter egg hunt. To make it fun for everyone, the younger children, ages 5 and under, will have a separate hunt from the older children, ages 6-11, and hot coffee and refreshments will be available for the adults. It will be a good mix of fun and learning as we near Holy Week and Easter. Please bring your own basket or bag to collect the eggs. Contact Bridget Yallaly at 826-0260 or stchristopherpreschoolcoop@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Welcome!



David and Milena Larson recently joined the parish after living in the Madison area for several years. They have two children: Max, an 8th grader at Badger Ridge, and Emma, a 3rd grader at Sugar Creek. David is originally from Baraboo and Milena is from Columbia, South America. After serving in the military for years, David now works with the Department of Corrections and Milena is a stay-at-home mom. The family loves to travel and enjoy their 1-year-old Yorkshire Terrier named Minnie.

Neil and Lori Lonergan recently sold their home in Madison, moved closer to Verona, and just became first-time grandparents. Neil is an accountant who works for Grant Thornton and plans to retire in 2018. Lori is currently a homemaker who is enjoying being a grandma to 15-month-old Joseph. Because their sons, daughter-in-law, and grandson all live in nearby Mount Horeb, they are grateful to be able to spend many family times together.

Bob and Kristi Ramsey just moved to rural Verona from Waunakee. They have two children: Alyssa who is 19 and Jordan who is 23. Bob works for the DNR managing their camping department, and Kristi works for TDS. They enjoy horseback riding at Donald Park.

Jacob and Stephanie Salzmann grew up in the Deforest area and, after attending college, moved south to Verona. Jacob is an accountant and Stephanie is a preschool teacher. They enjoy golfing, reading, biking and walking. The pair are high school sweethearts.

Maxine Sendelbach moved to the Verona area from Fitchburg. She is retired and has four adult children, none of who live close by. She enjoys playing cards.

Stephen and Anita Smith have lived in the Madison area for many years. Stephen does wastewater management for the DNR and Anita works in catering for UW-Health. They are looking forward to joining our parish family.



In Loving Memory

Theodora M. Zweifel

Kenneth C. Remy

Eugene R. Haegele

Mary Marcia Burke

Raymond W. Gust

Linus C. Stampfl

Mary Lenore Wild

Nancy J. Duhr

Marcella Rose Busse

Lillian M. Miller



Holy Baptism

Blaire Margaret

daughter of

Lydan and Aniela Haas

A Walk Through the Liturgical Year with Abbot Rooney



All these questions and much more will be revealed as we welcome Abbot Marcel Rooney, OSB, as our special guest speaker on **Tuesday, March 28th, 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Center**. Abbot Rooney will expertly guide us through the yearly cycle of our Church year using story, humor, and a depth of knowledge and experience not to be missed. His background includes serving as a professor at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy in Rome and as Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation of the Order of Saint Benedict. Abbot Rooney founded the Orate Pastoral Institute of Sacred Liturgy, Music and Art based in our diocese for the purpose of promoting full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. All are invited to attend this unique opportunity during Lent to grow in our faith and worship of God. The evening is sponsored by the Parish Liturgy Commission.

Submitted by Cathy Schneider



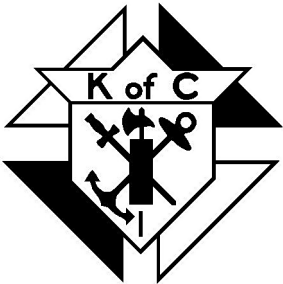
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP)

Do you speak Spanish?

If so, would you be willing to help our St. Christopher SVdP conference a couple times a year? Occasionally, we have a client who has a very limited understanding of English and having a translator would be very helpful. The visits only take about 15 minutes. We go to our client's home and meet with them to get an understanding of their needs. In many cases, we give them vouchers for beds, furniture and often delivery. When there is a communication barrier, it is hard to provide a high level of service. You would be accompanied by a fellow parishioner who is experienced doing home visits. We are flexible and willing to pick you up in the church parking lot or at your home. If you think you might be able to help us serve our brothers and sisters in need, please contact Ryan Zakrzewski at 608-219-1893 or rzakrzew333@hotmail.com. God bless you!

Submitted by Ryan Zakrzewski

Knights of Columbus Verona #11155



The Verona Knights of Columbus would like to say “thank you” to the members, families and friends of St. Christopher Parish for supporting our Pancake Breakfast on February 26th. The funds raised at our breakfast are being donated to help in replenishing the parish's savings and Building & Grounds fund. Also, thank you to everyone in the community who also supported our cause.

Submitted by Clyde Hellenbrand

Parish Life Commission (PLC) Events



No need to cook dinner or clean the dishes on Fridays, March 24 or 31. Come join us for the remaining two **Soup Suppers** following the Stations of the Cross. We will be serving two kinds of soup, fruit, veggies, and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Don't forget **Donut Sundays** are happening after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on 3/26, 4/23 and 5/14. It is a good opportunity to get to know other parishioners a little better while the kids play board games. A big thanks to Marie and Rick Jaggi who are graciously organizing this for the parish.

Come join us on Sunday, April 30th from 3-6 p.m. in the Parish Center for a **Family Potluck and Game Party**. Put this date on your calendar for a fun afternoon of bingo, cards, various games, and of course popcorn. This event is free and open to all ages.



We want to thank the 35 couples who attended Couples Night Out on February 17th. We would also like to give a special thank you to our speakers, Mike and Patty O'Brien. They've led a Catholic Marriage Preparation program for 30 years and facilitated marriage enrichment programs for 8 years at St. John Vianney Church in Janesville. Also, thanks to Bob Shunk who decorated the parish rooms so wonderfully for our special evening.

We are in need of help with various events within the parish. This is your opportunity to get involved in something fun and to answer God's call to you for stewardship (Matthew 25:14-30). Please contact billkuchenbecker@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Submitted by Bill Kuchenbecker