

# Sunday, September 17, 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 18, 2023  
8:00am † Jan Breunig  
Tuesday, September 19, 2023  
8:00am † Katherine O'Brien/Neal and Ellen Schoepp  
Wednesday, September 20, 2023  
8:00am † Joseph Coquard  
Thursday, September 21, 2023  
8:00am † Judy Latham and family  
Friday, September 22, 2023  
8:00am † Shirley Swenson  
Saturday, September 23, 2023  
4:00pm Bernard Breunig  
8:00pm Living and Deceased of the St. Norbert's Parish Family  
Sunday, September 24, 2023  
8:00am Living and Deceased of the Markielewski Family

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for Adoration. We have Adoration Thursdays following the 8:00am Mass until Benediction on Fridays at 7:45am. Please contact Julianne Brickl at 608-698-2961 or Mary Markielewski at 608-516-1335 if you would like to become a volunteer or a substitute for Adoration.

## SACRISTANS

Sat. Sept. 16 at 4:00pm - Clara Weiss  
Sun. Sept. 17 at 8:00pm - Maggie Sisul  
Sat. Sept. 23 at 4:00pm - Cora Brickl  
Sun. Sept. 24 at 8:00am - Reagan Brickl

## MASS SERVERS

Sat. Sept. 16 at 4:00pm - Carl Weiss  
Sat. Sept. 16 at 8:00pm - Caleb Breunig  
Sun. Sept. 17 at 8:00am - Noah Endres  
Sat. Sept. 23 at 4:00pm - Landon Ambrose, Jack Brickl  
Sat. Sept. 23 at 8:00pm - Connor Breunig  
Sun. Sept. 24 at 8:00am - Eli Breunig

## CONFESSIONS

Mondays - Fridays: Starting a half an hour before each of the daily Masses.

Thursdays: 5:00 - 7:00pm.

Saturdays and Sundays: Starting one hour before each of the Masses.

## DURING FR. JAMES ABSENCE

While Fr. James is in Spain, please feel free to contact Fr. Faustino at 608-370-3751, or Fr. Miguel at 608-448-6061 or if you have trouble getting in touch with them directly please contact Juanita.

## FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Help promote the Sanctity of Life and the end to abortion. Join this Fall's 40 Days For Life Campaign by signing-up for the many 1-hour vigil slots available 7 days a week (6:00am-9:00pm), from September 27 – November 5. No special skills required – just peaceful prayer, fasting, and compassionate witness outside Planned Parenthood in Madison. To sign up / more info: go to [vigilforlife.org](http://vigilforlife.org) or call John Bohn @ (608) 628-7552

## BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Simon Breunig and Bailey Brokmeier

Dear Parishioners,

As you may already know, our parish is part of a pastorate with two other parishes in our area: St. Aloysius and Holy Cross. This means that we aim to share a pastor, parochial vicars, staff, and resources to better serve our communities and the mission of the Church. One of the changes that we are implementing as part of the Into the Deep consolidation process is a new bulletin for our pastorate. Starting the second weekend of November, we will have a single bulletin for all three parishes, instead of three separate ones. This will help us to save time, money, and paper, as well as to foster a sense of unity and collaboration among our parishes.

The new bulletin will be printed and delivered by LPi, the same company that has been providing Divine Mercy with this service for many years. LPi does not charge the parish anything for the service. The ads that local businesses buy in the bulletin cover the cost of printing the bulletins.

This is where we need your help. If you own a business, please consider sponsoring the bulletin by buying ad space. This new bulletin will have more exposure than the previous one. More copies will be printed and it will be seen by more people from different neighborhoods and backgrounds. It is a great opportunity to advertise your products or services, while also supporting our parishes and our local economy. If you are interested in buying an ad, please contact Taylor Hawkes of LPi at 1-800-950-9952 (x2575). He will be happy to assist you with the design and pricing of your ad. If you do not own a business, you can still help us by supporting our sponsors. If you are in need of a service, please look in the ad section of our bulletin before you look online. You will find many options for various needs, such as plumbing, landscaping, insurance, real state, and more. By choosing our sponsors, you are helping them to continue their partnership with us, and you are also showing your appreciation for their generosity.

We thank you for your cooperation and support as we transition to this new bulletin format. We hope that it will be a useful tool for communication and evangelization in our pastorate. Please let us know if you have any questions or feedback about this change.

May God bless you and your families,  
Fr. Miguel.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADOPT A ST. NORBERT GARDEN?

We are looking for more volunteers to tend the perennial borders on the stair way from the parking lot, the Fatima Shrine near the handicapped parking, maintain the area around the Madonna and Child/Greiber Memorial for the Unborn on Hwy Y and maintain the landscaping around the main church with periodic weeding or pruning a couple times a season. Your planting or pruning ideas will be guided by the Landscape Committee to ensure a long range vision is maintained. We will be happy to answer questions and consider your input as we all continue to keep our parish grounds flourishing. Please contact Juanita Wipperfurth if you would like to be part of this ministry.

## Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. Everyone is invited! The Madison Diocese will celebrate its first Eucharistic Congress on September 29-October 1, 2023, at St. John the Baptist, Waunakee. Everyone is invited to this three-day event. Open your hearts to conversion, transformation, and to becoming witnesses for Jesus' Eucharistic love!

Please [preview the Handbook](#) online and [pre-register](#) at the same time: [blessedbrokenandgiven.com](http://blessedbrokenandgiven.com). Pre-register to order lunch for Saturday. Come early. Carpool if possible.

**Need Childcare?** Childcare will be available throughout the entire weekend. Activities are planned to help children grow in their love of Jesus. If you need their help, send a note on the Congress website's [Contact](#) tab.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All parents are invited to attend a Parents' Meeting at St. Aloysius in the school gym on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00pm. Please read Fr. Miguel's insert in this weekend's bulletin.

Here is the link to the registration form: <https://www.divinemercury-parish.org/service-page/family-catechesis>.

## DREAMS FOR YOUR GRANDCHILD

Every Catholic grandparent dreams of having grandchildren who grow up to be healthy, happy and vibrant in their faith. We might wonder how much of an impact we really have. We may ask, "Do I as a grandparent truly have the power to make a difference in my grandchildren's lives?" Come and learn that the answer to this question is "YES" on **Monday, September 18**, at 6:30pm, at St. Aloysius Church in room C, Sauk City. Come explore with other grandparents Dreams For Your Grandchild, The Hidden Power of a Catholic Grandparent by Allen Hunt. This book is a wealth of good information for grandparents. With a series of 7 key ideas, action steps, prayers and tools, we chart a course that we will all find easy and natural to follow in order to enhance our relationship with our grandchildren.

This book: Discusses the research that proves your importance as a grandparent as the predictor of your grandchild's spiritual future. Shares the single most important question to ask your grandchild. Teaches you the most important spiritual habit to cultivate in your family's life. Defines success as a Catholic grandparent and how to take steps to create it. Tells you what you need to stop doing. Tells you what you need to start doing

Come meet with other grandparents and we will decide at that time as a group the best class days and times that we all feel are necessary to learn from the book and each other. Mike and Janet Wedwick and Nick and Kay Ringelstetter will lead the class. Hardcover books can be purchased at this first class for \$15 payable to Divine Mercy Parish. Scholarships for free books are available.

All who attend this first class will receive 2 free books: Life's Greatest Lesson by Allen Hunt which is an inspiring book about the importance of a grandparent. Also free is Holy Moments by Matthew Kelly. If you have questions please contact [grandparentsdivinemercury@gmail.com](mailto:grandparentsdivinemercury@gmail.com)

## THE BISHOP IS COMING! YOU ARE INVITED

Next **Saturday, September 23**, Bishop Hying will be presiding at the 4pm Mass here at St. Norbert to honor the Chris and Melissa Schmitt Family who are the Knights of Columbus Madison Diocese **Family of the YEAR!!** Immediately after the 4:00pm Mass all parishioners are invited to the Church Hall for a celebration; the Knights will provide drinks, snacks, cheese curds and the CCW will provide cookies and bars! Congrats to the Schmitt family and see you there.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions. We are pleased to host Life Line Screening on **Tuesday, September 26, 2023** at St. Norbert's Catholic Parish. This 4-screening package is offered for only \$149 and takes 60-90 minutes to complete. To receive a \$10 discount register by calling toll free 1-800-679-5161 or visit <https://ilsa.social/HC>.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK OFF

You are invited to the 40 Days for Life Fall 2023 campaign kick-off/opening prayer vigil on **Wednesday, September 27** at 5:00pm on the sidewalks surrounding Planned Parenthood, 3706 Orin Road in Madison, WI. Bishop Hying will lead us in prayer and encouragement as we start this campaign. In addition, Katie Mueller will share her testimony for the first time on how God worked through her and two other sidewalk counselors to save baby Silas and his parents from abortion. Please sign up to be a part of this life-saving campaign by calling Madison VFL Director of Outreach, John Bohn at (608)628-7552."

## GO MAKE DISCIPLES TIP OF THE MONTH

As we approach fall one of the most beautiful times of the year in Wisconsin. Let's challenge ourselves to find 15 minutes of prayer a day with God. It can be a rosary, a 15 minute walk to talk with God or 3 different 5 minute times in your day you remove yourself from the daily hustle and pray by yourself, with your family or a friend.

Our Go Make Disciples group are planning some extra times to meet and pray and learn together.

**Wednesday, September 27** we invite you to come and join our GMD meeting in the church hall at 6:00pm.

**Sunday, October 15** at 9:30am we invite you to Indian Lake to walk the path to the beautiful chapel. During the hike we will pray the rosary follow by snacks and fellowship in the pavilion. campsite.

## PARISH PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

As part of the Go Make Disciples initiative, members of St. Norbert's parish group have provided a Parish Prayer Intention Book. This book will reside in the back of the church. Please feel welcome to write down your own intentions; as general or detailed as you'd like. Also take a moment to page through the book and pray for other parishioners' intentions, maybe before or after Mass, or during Adoration. We can all benefit from more prayer in our lives and more care for each other. Please reach out to any member of the Go Make Disciples group with questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 17** St. Joseph, East Bristol, 63rd Annual Fall Festival. Chicken and Ham Dinner 11am - 4pm.

**Sept. 17** St. Patrick's, Loreto Fall Festival. Mass at 7:30am. Open Pit Barbequed Beef with all the trimmings served buffet style or drive thru, 11am - 2:30pm.

**Sept. 18 Sept. 23** Diaper Dash at McKee Farms Park in Fitchburg hosted by Babies & Beyond. You can register, donate and learn more about the event at: <https://babiesandbeyondwi.org/diaperdash/>.

**Sept. 23** Most Reverend Bishop Hying celebrating the 4:00pm Mass in honor of the Dane County Knights of Columbus Family of the Year, Chris and Melissa Schmitt

**Sept. 24** Mexican Food at St. Aloysius Church, front entrance by the bell tower, Sauk City. Organized by the Hispanic KC to benefit St. Aloysius School. Beef and Pork Tacos 3 for \$10.

**Sept. 26** Life Line Screening at St. Norbert Parish. More information and how to register available at all bulletin stations.

**Sept. 26** Suicide Loss Session at Holy Name Heights, Madison. Optional supper from 5:00 - 6:00pm. Series from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Contact the APD office at [APD@madisondiocese.org](mailto:APD@madisondiocese.org) or 608-821-3050.

**Sept. 27** Go Make Disciple meeting in the Church Hall at 6:00pm.

**Sept. 27** RE Parents' Meeting at St. Aloysius in the gym at 6:00pm.

**Sept. 27** 40 Days for Life Campaign Kick off at Planned Parenthood, Madison at 5:00pm.

**Sept. 28** Parish Council Meeting in the Church Hall at 7pm.

**Sept. 28** Sauk County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life Respect Life Banquet at Walnut Hill Church, 1900 East Street, Baraboo, 6:00 - 8:00pm. Guest speaker Charity Barry - Human Trafficking, Baked Chicken and Roast Beef Dinner. Adults - \$18, Youth 17 & Younger - \$9, Children 5 & Under - free. For tickets contact Rich Braun at 608-495-3556. Deadline to order tickets is September 15.

**Sept. 29 - Oct. 1** The Madison Diocese Eucharistic Congress at St. John the Baptist, Waunakee.

**Oct. 1** St. Olaf Church Fall Festival, De Forest. Chicken and Ham Dinner serving from 11am - 3pm. Raffle, bake sale, craft/jewelry sale, kids games, silent auction.

**Oct. 8** CCW Meeting in the Church Hall after the 8:00am Mass.

Dear Parishioners,

I am excited to announce that we are launching a new Family Catechesis program in our pastorate. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to grow in our knowledge and love of the Catholic faith, and to share it with our families and friends.

Family Catechesis is a program that aims to engage every member of the family in learning the faith. It is based on the principle that parents are the first and primary educators of their children in the ways of the faith.

However, we know that many parents may feel unprepared or inadequate to teach their children about the faith. That is why we want to help you and support you in this important mission. We are going to make it easy and accessible for all parents to teach their children the Faith. If you don't feel equipped or ready, this program is certainly for you too!

The program consists of two sessions per month on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. Each session will begin with a shared meal, followed by separate classes for parents and children. The classes for adults will be taught by the priests of our pastorate and other speakers. The children will review with our catechists what they learn at home. The classes will cover the basic teachings of the Catholic faith, such as the Creed, the Sacraments, the Commandments, and the Prayer.

The program is open to all families in the pastorate, not just those who do not have their children at St. Aloysius School. In fact, we encourage all families to participate, regardless of their children's age or education level. This is a great way to reinforce what your children learn at school or at home, and to deepen your own understanding of the faith.

We also invite other parishioners, those without children or with grown children, to join us in this program. You can help us by volunteering to organize dinners or assist with childcare. You can also benefit from the classes and the fellowship with other Catholics.

Family Catechesis will begin on **Wednesday, October 4, 2023**. To register, please fill out the form on the Divine Mercy website. If you have any questions, please contact me or our director of religious education, Sharon Schoepp.

I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to grow in your Faith as a family and as a community. I look forward to seeing you at our first session!

May God bless you and your families,

Fr. Miguel

Here is the link to the registration form: <https://www.divinemercury-parish.org/service-page/family-catechesis>