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Cluster Newsletter June 2026

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. DON THIMM ON HIS 50TH PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY!

On May 31, our cluster held a potluck luncheon to celebrate Fr. Don's 50th Ordination Anniversary and to give thanks for the many ways he has blessed God's people and the Church in those five decades. Below is the thank you presentation Deb Hamm gave at both Masses on May 31, and the prayer our congregation prayed over Fr. Don at Mass.

"Today we give thanks for Fr. Don Thimm, who celebrated 50 years of priestly ministry earlier this month. What a blessing it was when Fr. Don said "yes" to our cluster four years ago!

He has shared our joy and blessed our celebrations at parish and school Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, Anniversaries, graduations, First Communions, Confirmations and more. He has comforted us in times of sorrow: serious health diagnoses, deaths, broken relationships and other unexpected losses.

He has helped us heal through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick and visits in our homes and at hospitals.

He has listened to us. He has comforted us with his simple, quiet and profound presence.

Fr. Don has inspired us with well-thought-out and pertinent homilies that inspire us to become better disciples. He has helped Christ nourish us as we gather at the altar for Communion.

He...has...called...us...by...name!

His kindness, faithfulness, prayerfulness, humility and the generosity of his time and ministry makes him a shining example of Christ's presence among us.

And so, today, we give thanks to you, Fr. Don, for your genuine commitment to bringing Christ more alive in this broken world of ours.

We appreciate YOU, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

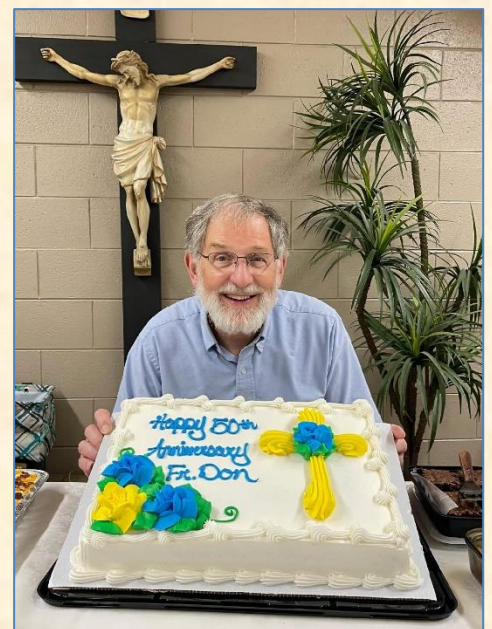
Prayer over Fr. Don:

Almighty and merciful God, we offer You our sincere thanks and gratitude for Fr. Don who has faithfully served You, Your people and Your Church for 50 years. We thank You, Lord, for the grace You have bestowed upon him and for the gift of his priestly ministry. May he look back on the past 50 years with deep gratitude and a sense of ever-growing awareness of the many lives he has touched with the finger of God. May he feel the sincere appreciation of those to whom he has ministered.

May he be blessed with strength and courage for the years ahead. May Your presence be with him, comforting and inspiring him as he continues his ministry.

We ask that You grant Fr. Don the grace and wisdom to spread Your word and lead with continued humility and compassion. May he be filled with joy and peace as he continues to serve You and Your people. May his ministry continue to provide hope, healing, and spiritual renewal to all he meets.

We ask this all in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



2026 DIVINE SAVIOR PARISH PICNIC

June 20

Food, Music and Fun



4:30 pm: Mass in Park Pavilion
5:30 pm: Food & Events Open
6:00 pm: Music by Just 2 Dudes
8:00 pm: Silent Auction Closes
8:30 pm: Raffle Drawing
9:00 pm: Picnic Ends

LOCATION:
Belgium Community Park
106 Beech St.
Belgium, WI 53004

Volunteers & Donations Needed! Work a shift or donate supplies. To access the [SignUp Genius](#) to volunteer or donate, contact the Parish Office or visit our website!

Desserts: Drop off your favorites (pies, tortes, cakes, bars or cookies) at the concession stand on **June 20** any time after 10:30 am. If you have questions regarding desserts, call Anne Shiningar at 262-339-9893.

Raffle Tickets: Pick up your raffle tickets from the back of HColy Cross Chapel! Every family has an envelope with their name on it. More info at www.dsoll.org or contact the DS Parish Office at 262-692-9994.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Divine Savior Catholic School

Divine Savior Catholic School students and staff wrapped up the school year on June 3. It is hard to believe that our school year is over! At DSCS each month we focus on a different virtue or trait that will help us to let the light of Christ shine in our lives, in our school and in the world. During the month of September we worked on **PATIENCE**. Our students and staff did an excellent job practicing patience. During October we worked on being **RESPECTFUL**. During the month of November we worked on **GRATITUDE**. In December we worked on sharing **JOY**. At DSCS January reminded us to let our light shine with **SELF-CONTROL** and in February we let our light shine with **FORGIVENESS**. During March we focused on **EVANGELIZATION** by sharing what we know about Jesus with everyone we met! During April we worked on letting our light shine with **RESPONSIBILITY**. For our last month of the school year our focus was on letting our light shine with **PRAYER**. It was a very prayerful May at DSCS!

We have some BIG news to end our school year with! DSCS has received a \$110,000 grant from the Bruce Krier Foundation. This was a school security grant. Mrs. Pierson, Tim Dubey, Terri Schueller and I worked on writing this grant and we submitted it in February. We are so excited to announce that we will be getting windows to replace many of our warped and damaged windows. We will also be able to install new interior doors to help us secure all levels of our building. In addition, we will be re-keying our building. Our school community is beyond blessed by the generosity of the Bruce Krier Foundation.

If you are looking for a great school for your children, please consider becoming a part of the Divine Savior Catholic School family! DSCS is definitely the place to be if you are looking for a high-quality education centered on the teachings of Christ. We have a talented, caring, and dedicated staff ready to help your child grow both spiritually and academically. Our faith-based curriculum, small class sizes, and family atmosphere may be just what your child needs to reach his or her potential. We offer before and after school care and a summer care program for students enrolled at DSCS. Our tuition is also very affordable!

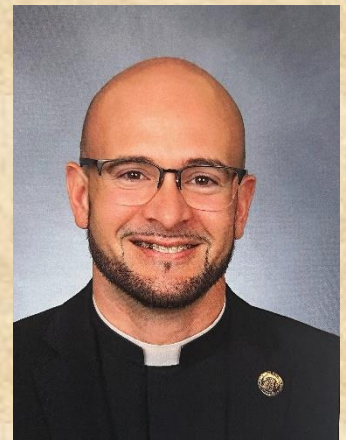
DSCS is proudly supported by both Our Lady of the Lakes Parish as well as Divine Savior Parish. How fortunate for us that these two vibrant parishes work together to support the important work we do at DSCS each day for all of our students. DSCS offers tuition assistance to families in need and members of the Our Lady of the Lakes Parish can qualify for a \$800.00 per child scholarship each year through the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Scholarship program. Be sure to take advantage of these great opportunities and become a member of the DSCS family today! Call the office at 262-692-2141 to set up a tour.

Yours in Faith, Principal Lynn Sauer

Thank you Fr. Ariel Orozco!

Fr. Ariel Orozco spent time from January through May working with the young people in Divine Savior Catholic School and in our cluster Faith Formation Program. He was recently named as the new Pastor at Holy Apostles Parish in New Berlin.

We were blessed by his presence here. We want to thank him for his ministry among us and wish him well in his new position. Please pray for him as he begins his first placement as a pastor.



**Our DSCS graduates
certainly let their light
shine in their years at
Divine Savior Catholic
School.**

**They will be missed.
We wish them well and know
that they will succeed in
whatever paths they
travel.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Thursdays from 5:00-7:00 pm
at St. Mary's Chapel, Random Lake**

**Second Sunday of the month
1:30 – 3:30 pm
(from April through November)
at St. Nicholas Chapel, Dacada**

**First Mondays from 2:00-5:15 pm
at St. Rose Chapel,
Fredonia**

Cluster Youth Faith Formation News

This spring we had a whirlwind ending to another successful and faith-filled Faith Formation year, starting with our Confirmation retreat at Holy Hill the second weekend in April. The following week, we had the 7th-10th grade parents compete against the 7th-10th grade students in a trivia match of "Who's Smarter than a Faith Formation Student". (By a margin of only three points, the students proved they actually were paying attention in class. 😊). The following two weekends, we celebrated with our 2nd graders as they received their First Communion at Holy Cross on April 26 and Our Lady of the Lakes on May 3. Then on May 17 at 2 pm, our Confirmation students received the Sacrament of Confirmation with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Haines. Bishop Haines remarked that he was impressed to see so many young families active and involved in their faith lives in our cluster.

It is only through the dedication and passion of our volunteer teachers and aides that we're able to offer these programs that strengthen our youth's faith lives. I just want to take this opportunity to recognize them by name: **Dana Fischer** (K5-1st grade), **Kelsey Plier** (aide); **Jenny Stemwell** (2nd grade, First Communion); **Madonne Rauch** (3rd grade), **Eve Burmesch** (aide); **Kristin McCabe** (4th/5th grade), **Antonette Zellmer** (aide); **Kati Dimmer** (6th grade), **Mack Katte** (aide); **Cory Dimmer** (7th grade), **Janine Morano** (aide); **JoAnn Karpin and Russell Zimmermann** (8th grade), **Darrell Boeck** (9th grade), **Matthew Boeck** (10th grade), **Bill Johannes and Joe Watry** (Confirmation), **Eric Riesselmann** (substitute and prayer service leader), **Karen Halleman** (substitute); and **Leon Jacoby, Mark Buechler and Suzanne Ramirez** (door monitors and security).

Our teachers and volunteers continue to give with grace, flexibility, and a servant heart and I am thankful for each one of them.

On June 21, our Mission Trippers will once again be going out and serving as the hands and feet of Christ to others. This year 18 youth and five adults will be heading to Catholic Heart Workcamp in Knoxville, TN. Thank you for all your support and donations to make these trips possible. We ask that you continue to pray for their safety and strengthening of their faith lives.

I'm happy to announce that we will once again be offering **Vacation Bible School** this summer July 27-31 from 9 am-noon. It will be held at Divine Savior Catholic School. You can register online through our cluster website (dsoll.org) or pick up paper applications in either of the parish offices. We're always looking for help in design, set up, clean up and in the different centers. (Those over the age of 18 who are helping out the week of VBS must have received the Safe Environment training).

We will be sending out this fall's Faith Formation registrations in June. If you have a child that you'd like to enroll and have not received a registration, please contact either parish office.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and blessed summer!

*Terri Riesselmann, Director of
Cluster Youth Faith Formation*
**Bishop Jeff Haines confirmed 15 of our
cluster youth on Sunday, May 19, at Our
Lady of the Lakes.**



Recent changes at the Archdiocese...and more to come...

Last year, Archbishop Grob began a restructuring process at the Archdiocesan Offices in order to ensure that the Archdiocese was operating efficiently and in service to parishes. A consultant group was called in to lead the process. If you have need to call the Archdiocese, you may notice that the names of some of the offices have changed and that some of the employees have new titles. Also, as part of this process, there are plans to relocate the Archdiocesan Offices. The current office building is in need of very expensive repairs and the building is much larger than the needs of the Archdiocese. (You may remember that the Milwaukee Bucks used to rent a large portion of the building before they built their own practice facility some years ago. This lost revenue certainly effected the budget.) There are many needed repairs and the cost to renovate the building is astronomical. An Archdiocesan Committee had visited over 70 properties in their search for a new space. *Work also continues on the St. Francis Seminary Renovations.*

Stay tuned for more information as their planning process continues.

Building and Grounds Updates:

Our Buildings and Grounds Committees have been very busy working on projects to keep our buildings and grounds safe and in good condition. Each year our insurance company, Catholic Mutual, visits all of our sites and they are always impressed by the condition of our buildings and grounds.

Many of you contributed and pledged to the Love One Another Campaign several years ago. Others of you contribute to specific projects in our cluster parishes. We are grateful for all of our donors who make these projects financially possible and to the many volunteers who keep our buildings and grounds in great shape.

CHAPEL AUDIO SYSTEMS

The **Our Lady of the Lakes (Random Lake) Audio System** is complete.

The **Holy Cross Chapel Audio System** work has begun and will be completed in the coming weeks as the rest of the equipment arrives.

Both of the audio systems were paid for by Love One Another money. Safety cameras will also be installed at those two chapels through Love One Another donations.

The **Audio System** at St. Rose Chapel in Fredonia will also be upgraded in the coming months.



HOLY CROSS PROJECTS

The new **Holy Cross Chapel Septic System** is almost complete. (See pictures above.)

Bids have been received to repair the **Cement Approach to the Handicapped Area, the Sidewalk Areas** at the entrance of the Chapel and the **Parking Lot** at Holy Cross Chapel. The Handicapped Area will be repaired first.

The **Bells** at Holy Cross have been repaired.

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECTS

The **Steeple** at St. Nicholas Chapel will be reshingled.

The **School Building** at Dacada will be razed at the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee.

ST. PATRICK'S PROJECT

The **Outhouse** at St. Patrick's Chapel in Adell has been razed.



You can see that our volunteers involved in Buildings and Grounds work in our cluster are VERY busy. If you are interested in helping them out, please call one of our parish offices.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY – Behold Your Child Ministry

There has been a new section added to the Holy Cross Cemetery. This is where the Behold Your Child section of the cemetery will be located. *We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with this project: tiling out the culvert; hauling and leveling dirt; use of equipment, donating and delivering straw and grass seed and watering the newly-seeded grass.*

Behold Your Child is a ministry for couples who experience the loss of a baby due to miscarriage, stillbirth or early childhood death. For too long, families who experienced these tragic losses felt little support from their parishes. This ministry provides free burial services for these little ones who die unexpectedly. Please contact Deb Hamm if you any need for this ministry or if you want more information.

We have four cemeteries (Random Lake, Dacada, Holy Cross and Lake Church) that currently have space for burials. When we receive enough donations, we will also add space in the Fredonia cemetery. If you would like to help ensure this ministry continues to be provided for free for these families, please contact Terri Schueller or Deb Hamm.



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St. Vincent de Paul Invites You! Please join us at the

Annual Society of St. Vincent de Paul Memorial Mass on

Thursday, July 23, at 6 pm at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish.

Every year a Mass is celebrated to honor deceased Vincentians from Sheboygan County. This year OLL is hosting this special Mass. Father Don will officiate. All are welcome to come and pray with us!



Archbishop Grob has called for a new Marriage Initiative. That means he is inviting anyone who was married in a civil ceremony to have their marriage blessed (validated) in the Church. If interested, please contact Deb Hamm to discuss the steps that need to be taken to make that happen.

Baptism Class: If you are a new parent or expecting a child, and it has been three years since your last child was baptized, you need to take a class before having your child baptized. Consider taking the class while you are pregnant. Contact Deb Hamm to set up a class.

Hospital Visits: Please remember if you or an immediate family member is hospitalized and you'd like the parish to know, you should call your parish office. The privacy laws make it very difficult for us to know if someone is in the hospital. Even if someone at the hospital says they will notify your parish, they don't always do so.

Adult Sacraments: If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, maybe now is the time! Also, if you never received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** as a teenager, you could still do that. **Contact Deb Hamm for information on what is entailed in completing these Sacraments.**