

WELCOME TO SAINT DENNIS CHURCH!



SERVING THE GREATER LOCKPORT AREA SINCE 1846!

SAINT DENNIS CHURCH . . .

LOOKING UPWARD IN FAITH
MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE
LEADING ONWARD IN LOVE

. . . TO NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!



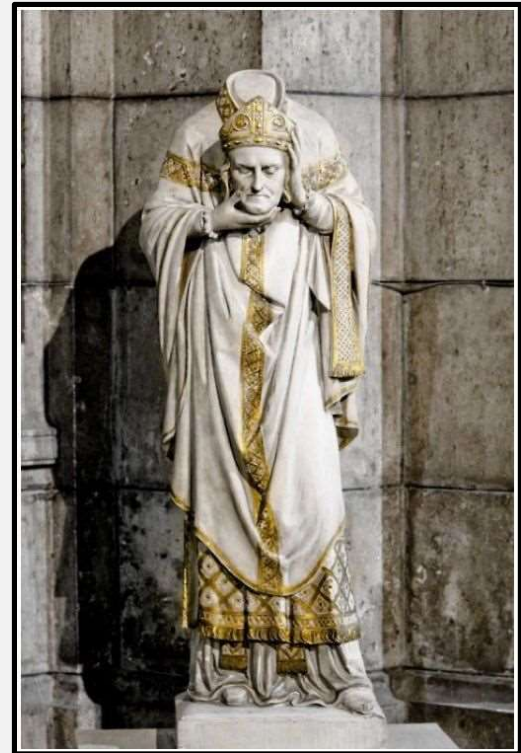
WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

WELCOMING NEW PARISHIONERS

INTRODUCING THE SAINT DENNIS PARISH COMMUNITY

- Being a Catholic Christian
- Catholic Christian Lifestyle
- Parish Community Life
- Your Parish Membership

Our parish patron is Saint Dennis,
Bishop of Paris and Martyr (d. 250 A.D.)



BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

In regard to our faith, the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.

BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

**What is the basic message
of Catholic Christianity and
why should it matter to me?**

The main thing here is to focus on
God's Plan, our Problem, his Provision,
and our Pathway to eternal salvation.

BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

- **Plan:** God created us to be good, with the express purpose of sharing his love and his happiness with us now and forever.
- **Problem:** We did not accept God's plan for us.
- **Provision:** Jesus Christ came to be our Savior.
- **Pathway:** When we embrace Christ as God ...

BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

- **God's Plan:** God has a loving plan for our happiness.
- **Our Problem:** We rejected God's plan through sin and, as a result of this, we lost our way both in this world and in the life to come.
- **Provision:** Jesus Christ came to be our Savior.
- **Pathway:** When we embrace Christ as God ...

BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

- **Plan:** God has a loving plan for our happiness.
- **Problem:** We did not accept God's plan for us.
- **Provision: God's Provision:** God provided a sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins through the death and resurrection of Christ.
- **Pathway:** When we embrace Christ as God ...

BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

- **Plan:** God has a loving plan for our happiness.
- **Problem:** We did not accept God's plan for us.
- **Provision:** Jesus Christ came to be our Savior.
- **Pathway:** When we embrace Christ as God, we enter into a special relationship with him in the community of his Church, and we begin to live a new life in Christ as devoted disciples.

BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

How do we know that we really need Christ?

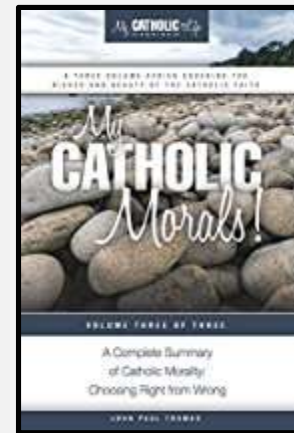
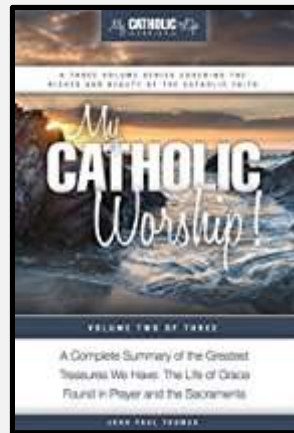
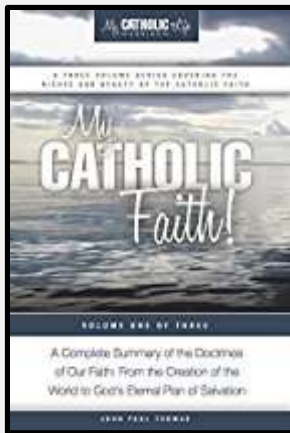
- The Good: the best is never good enough
- The Bad: none of our solutions work well
- The Ugly: the irony is that we all die anyway

What do we discover through faith in Christ?

- The True: there is a reason and a purpose
- The Good: there are values that endure
- The Beautiful: life in Christ is worth living

BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN

MyCatholic.Life/the-my-catholic-life-series



Check out CatholicsComeHome.org, ForYourMarriage.org, and participate in the **ChristLife** course offered at our parish.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

**Catholic Christianity is a lifestyle
that is both spiritual and religious.**

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

ABOUT BEING SPIRITUAL AND BEING RELIGIOUS

- Being **religious** without being **spiritual** is like going through the motions, but without faith.
- Being **spiritual** without being **religious** is like talking the talk, but without walking the walk.
- Being both **spiritual and religious** is a lifestyle that can transform our everyday experience.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

- **Mind:** When you really know Christ, then you want to know all about him as well, through the Bible, the Catechism, spiritual reading, small sharing groups, and parish programs.
- **Heart:** When you really love Christ . . .
- **Self:** When you really know and love Christ . . .

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

- **Mind:** When you really know Christ . . .
- **Heart:** When you really love Christ, then you want to draw even closer to him through the Sacraments he entrusted to his Church, and through your personal plan of daily prayer.
- **Self:** When you really know and love Christ . . .

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

- **Mind:** When you really know Christ . . .
- **Heart:** When you really love Christ . . .
- **Self:** When you really know and love Christ well, then you want to be like him in every way. Religion is the bridge that connects what we believe and how we live each day.

CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLE

WORLDLY → RELIGIOUS ← SPIRITUAL

- **Worldly:** acting as if this world were all that there is
- **Spiritual:** realizing that the best is still yet to come
- **Religious:** living out the spiritual life in this world

SPIRITUAL PEOPLE RELIGIOUSLY PRACTICE THEIR FAITH

- **Prayer:** celebrating the spiritual sacraments of Christ
- **Learning:** believing the spiritual teachings of Christ
- **Service:** following the spiritual example of Christ

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

We are a Faith Community of
Prayer, Learning, and Service.

PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE



Pray with your Heart – Learn with your Mind – Serve with your Life

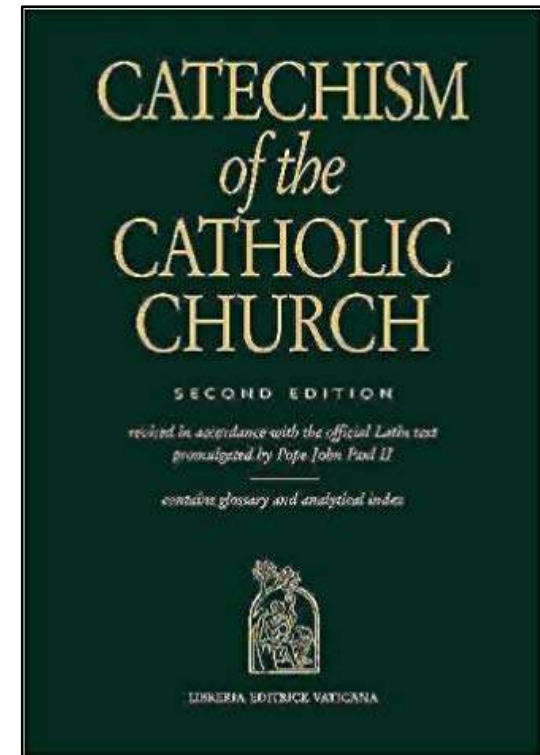
PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

- **We Pray Together:**
 - Daily Masses
 - Regular Confessions
 - Liturgical Ministries
 - Baptisms and Weddings
 - Anointings and Funerals
 - Eucharistic Adoration
 - Rosary and Devotions
 - Parish Prayer Requests



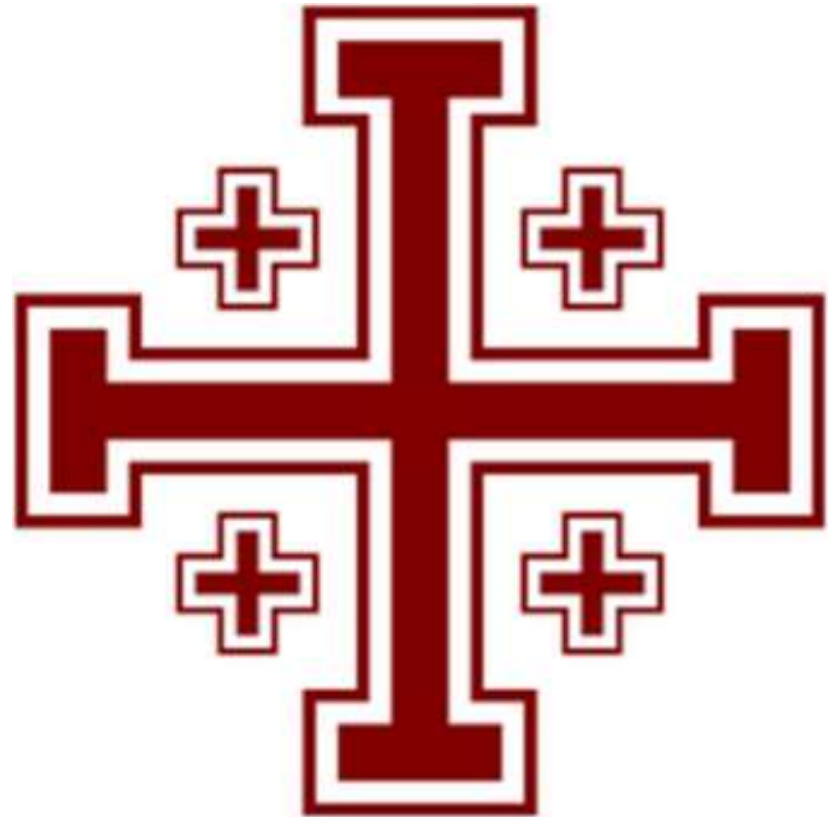
PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

- We Pray Together
- **We Learn Together:**
 - Religious Education for Children
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 - Youth Ministry Programs
 - Young Adult Programs
 - Adult Faith Formation
 - Adult Convert Program
 - Adult Prayer and Study
 - Parish CHRISTLIFE Course



PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

- We Pray Together
- We Learn Together
- **We Serve Together:**
 - Charitable Activities
 - Service Opportunities
 - Communion Call Visits
 - Parish Organizations
 - Community Outreach



PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AT SAINT DENNIS CHURCH!

- The parish community is a place where we pray, learn, and serve together, as Intentional Disciples of Christ. Within the fellowship of the Church, we cultivate a uniquely Catholic Christian Lifestyle!
- Like any worthwhile organization, we sign up because we share its core values, we attend its meetings, and we support its activities. It is the same for being part of a parish faith community.

YOUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP

**There are many ways to belong.
We are glad that you are here!**

YOUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP

WAYS TO BELONG

- **Regular Parishioners**
 - by residence or by choice
- **Associate Parishioners**
 - friends from other parishes
- **Special Parishioners**
 - homebound or in healthcare



YOUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP

- **Regular Parishioners**
 - Attend Holy Mass here weekly
 - Involvement in Parish Activities
 - Participation in Parish Programs
 - Regular Offertory Contributions
 - If you can come, you can join!
- Associate Parishioners
- Special Parishioners



YOUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP

- Regular Parishioners
- **Associate Parishioners**
 - Friends from Other Parishes
 - Attend Mass here Regularly
 - Involved in Some Activities
 - Receive our Parish Mailings
- Special Parishioners



YOUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP

- Regular Parishioners
- Associate Parishioners
- **Special Parishioners**
 - Homebound or in Healthcare
 - Parishioners with Disabilities
 - On our Communion Call List
 - Enrolled in our Prayer List



YOUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Please accept this personal invitation for pastoral assistance and support.

What things would you like to know more about regarding our faith?

What intrigues you most about knowing and loving Christ more deeply?

What kind of counseling might help you deal with any personal matters?

Which sacraments from your youth would you like to catch up on now?

If you were not married in the Catholic Church, what is holding you back?

In what other ways can we help you with your faith and in your daily life?

Our priest is waiting to meet with you personally to talk about these things.

Please introduce yourself to the pastor in church or contact the parish office.

**WELCOME AGAIN TO
SAINT DENNIS CHURCH!**

**Thanks for *joining* Saint Dennis Parish!
Thanks for *being* Saint Dennis Parish!**

SAINT DENNIS CATHOLIC CHURCH



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