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*How is what  
I AM DOING  
going to help a  
parish or school?*



### FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND LUNCH DECEMBER 5, NOON

Archbishop Grob will be Presider and a boxed lunch will be served in B118/119 for those who RSVP'd.

No First Friday Mass and Lunch in January.



### DEPARTURES

**Skyler Baumann** — Finance



### MMCPD CLOSED

**Monday, December 8**, in observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

**Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 24-26**, in observance of Christmas.

**Wednesday, December 31, Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2**, in observance of the New Year.

**Thank you, Archbishop Grob, for the additional paid holidays on December 26 and January 2!**



### HELP PLAN A MLK LUNCH & LEARN | JANUARY 19, 2025



World Mission Ministries is seeking volunteers to help organize a 90-minute Lunch & Learn in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., exploring his legacy and how it calls us to peace and justice today, especially for those who are marginalized. If you are interested in helping plan this event — program, hospitality or promotion — we'd love your input.

To join the planning team or to learn more, please contact:

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*Let's work together to create a meaningful experience that inspires action and reflection.*



### LOOKING AHEAD...

**2026 St. Francis de Sales Seminary and Pastoral Center Staff Gatherings**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026** — 8 a.m. Mass, followed by muffins and coffee.

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026** — Noon Mass followed by lunch.

More information will be shared closer to the events!

## Our Mission

Proclaim Christ and Make Disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church.



## WELCOME



Joan Arnett

**Welcome Joan Arnett!** Joan started with us on Monday, November 17, as a Family Service Coordinator at Holy Cross Cemetery. Here is a little bit about Joan:

**Kids:** Two

**Prior position:** Billing Administrator

**Church:** St. Martin de Porres

**Experience:** Over 45 years of office

management.

**Favorite Food:** Hamburgers, french fries and pizza.



Jessica Warren

**Welcome Jessica Warren!** Jessica started with us on Monday, November 17, as a Family Service Advisor at Holy Cross Cemetery. Here is a little bit about Jessica:

**Spouse and Children:** Jessica Warren is a devoted wife, mother and lifelong learner whose journey has been shaped by compassion, creativity and a deep love

for discovery. Married to her husband, Jason, since August 2003, Jessica finds her greatest joy in family life, raising their four children — Samantha (21), Malachi (19), Max (9) and Evalyn (8) — with love, laughter and purpose.

**Church:** A proud parishioner of St. Jerome Parish, Jessica's faith is a guiding force in her life, nurturing her spirit and anchoring her values.

**Degrees:** Academically, she holds degrees in biology, massage therapy and CBRF care, reflecting her commitment to both science and service.

**Prior Position and Hobbies:** Jessica's professional background includes roles that blend wellness and caregiving, though her most cherished titles remain "Mom" and "mentor." Whether she's writing heartfelt reflections, baking up something sweet or exploring new places with her family, Jessica brings warmth and wonder to everything she does.

**Pets:** At home, she shares her space with a charming guinea pig named "Kitty," whose quirky name is a nod to the family's playful spirit. Her favorite indulgence? Berries — fresh, vibrant and full of life, just like Jessica herself.



## CEMETERIES



St. Joseph's Cemetery had visitors last week when students and staff from Catholic Memorial High School came to do community service. They placed all the Christmas wreaths! They were very friendly and they did a great job with the wreaths!

Mario Vallejo, location manager, had Fr. Romanus come and say a few words about final days and corporal works of mercy. Upe

Reyes, foreman, took charge, making maps of the cemetery and had everything organized. Overall, it was a very special visit and the staff enjoyed having the group!



## THANK YOU!

**Thank you to all the incredible bakers at MMCPC for participating in the 2025 Great Archives Bake-Off!** The Archives Staff is pleased to announce your winners:

**Pies & Tarts – Jane Ore,** Strawberry Rhubarb Delight

**Cakes & Cupcakes – Samantha Wright,** Cupid Cream Puffs

**Brownies & Bars – Jenni Oliva,** Cheese Bars

**Breads & Rolls – Shelly Taylor,** Spinach Bread Pizza

**Cookies – Lexi Karaban,** Polish Butter Cookies

**Best In Show – Meg Aspinwall,** Dumpster Fire Sugar Cookies!

Looking for a winning recipe for the upcoming holidays? Stop into the Archives for a copy of any of these recipes!

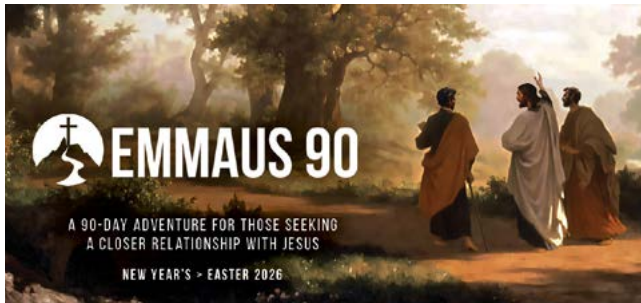
**Thank you to all who participated in the Cart Parade and Mac & Cheese Events! Congratulations to Development (Packers) for winning the best cart! Second place, was Missionary Planning (The Rockettes!) and Third Place was HR with the Thanksgiving Dinner table.**

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## EMMAUS 90 2026



Make 2026 the year you grow deeper in prayer and discipleship. We invite you to get a group together of two to three friends, coworkers or family to join you on this 90-day adventure from New Years to Easter 2026. Together we will get to know Christ, uphold the dignity of every person and transform the world.

Emmaus 90 is an offering from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, to help you, like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, recognize how Jesus is drawing close to you, to listen to him speak through the Scriptures, to encounter him in the Eucharist and to be equipped to share your faith with others. It includes a daily Scripture and prayer prompt, weekly formation sessions by livestream with local and national speakers, a guidebook journal to track your progress and more.

If you sign up by December 10 and use code **E90ARCHSTAFF**, you can pick up your guidebook journal at the Archdiocesan Offices after December 17, the code covering the \$5 shipping cost. We will mail your guidebook to you if you do not register with the coupon code. Contact Margaret Rhody if you have any questions.

Get more info and register by December 10 at <https://www.archmil.org/evangelization/Eucharistic-Revival/Emmaus-90.htm>

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**WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/EMMAUS-90**



## UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS

## Advent Wreath Gatherings in the Main Lobby

**Monday, December 15 and 22 | 8:45 a.m.**

This year we continue our tradition of Monday morning Advent Wreath Prayer Service — Food and Fellowship, but with a slight change. **New this year**, we will not be dividing the weeks by designated departments.

We are asking employees to Sign-Up [HERE](#) to volunteer to bring food and beverages on days that you are able to bring a dish. Examples include juice, cider, breakfast breads, coffee cake and whatever else you can think of! If possible, please individually portion. See HR for plates. Coffee will be provided.

**Note:** Please sign up as soon as possible to make sure we have enough each week. HR will provide napkins, cups and utensils.

**December 2** — Collection trees will be up. Please donate hats, gloves and scarves which can hang on the tree. Also, Sr. Carmelita, D.R.E., for St. Anthony and St. Hyacinth, said they are in great need of donations of construction paper, crayons, dry erase makers — regular, not fine point — and copy paper for the hundreds of children in their religious education program. The catechists make copies of the materials for their classes. Please donate what you can!

**December 3** — Kick-off of door decorating, which will conclude on December 16 at noon. For this year, the theme is, “Christmas Around the World.” Please get together with your department to try and win the coveted trophy! Only one door will be entered in the contest for each department, but please decorate more than one to show your Christmas cheer. Doors must be completed by December 16 at noon for photos to be taken.

**December 17 | 10-11 a.m.** — Stroll the halls to view the doors in the contest and enjoy treats supplied by the offices. Then come down to the C-Wing employee entrance to cast your vote for your favorite door. Voting will take place through noon on December 18. No late votes will be entered.

**December 19** — Annual Christmas Mass and Lunch. Blessing of the Nativity will be at 11:45 a.m. outside, in front of the building. Staff are encouraged to participate and to dress accordingly. Mass will take place at noon in the Mater Christi Chapel. Catered lunch to follow in B118/119. Register [HERE](#) by noon on December 11.

**December 24, 25, 26, 31, January 1 and 2** — **MMCPCC Closed in observance of Christmas and the New Year.**

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# Wellness Newsletter

## December National Health Observance

Self-care for the Holidays and

Financial Well-being Awareness Month

December's health observances are Self-care for the Holidays and Financial Well-being Awareness Month. Check out the following UnitedHealthcare educational resources to learn more about these topics:



- [Benefits of practicing gratitude](#)
- [Seasonal affective disorders and ways to help cope](#)
- [Social isolation and loneliness](#)
- [Understanding financial well-being](#)

## United at Work Presentation of the Month

Healthier Travel

During this presentation, you may learn how to stay safe and healthy while traveling.



Specifically, we will discuss signs and symptoms of jet lag and identify risks that may be associated with traveling.

Available to view in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

# Health Tip Flier of the Month

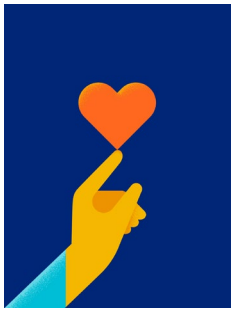
## Healthier Travel



Check out this month’s health tip flier on Healthier Travel.

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# Health actions of the month



- Volunteer for a local charity
- Practice gratitude daily

January preview

- Preventive Care, Cervical Health Awareness and Wintertime Safety Month
- United at Work presentation: Cold Weather and Wintertime Safety
- Health Tip Flier: Cold Weather and Wintertime Safety

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