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## Virtual 'Story Time' an outreach to kids

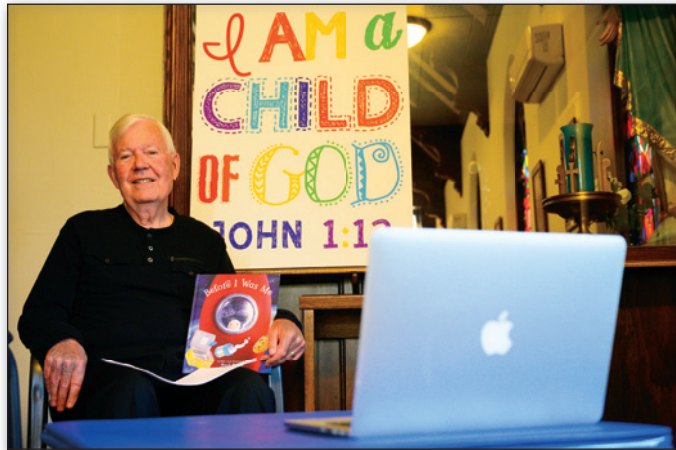
BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

**GREEN BAY** — Like many parish communities, in response to COVID-19, the Quad Parishes on the west side of Green Bay — Annunciation, St. Joseph, St. Jude and St. Patrick — sought to provide online faith opportunities and services. During discussion about offerings, Deacon Jerry Coenen pointed to an age group that needed to be included.

"We had novenas and other things for adults, but no one was doing anything for the children," he said. "They are cooped up at home, too. I think it would be nice for them to hear some stories — Bible stories and stories about different moral issues."

"Story Time with Deacon Jerry" was launched on the Quad Parishes website ([quadparish.org](http://quadparish.org)) and [facebook.com/thequadparishes](https://www.facebook.com/thequadparishes) on May 5. Deacon Coenen shared the creation story from Genesis with young viewers during the first installment. He also read "Before I Was Me," a book written by his close friend, Frank Fraser.

Deacon Coenen keeps his au-



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**Deacon Jerry Coenen prepares to record one of his "Story Time with Deacon Jerry" videos from Annunciation Church in Green Bay on June 11. Deacon Coenen, who serves the Quad Parishes on the west side of Green Bay, saw a need for parishes to reach out to children during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

dience in mind when preparing materials and finds free online resources.

"I try to make it for the kids," he said. "For the burning bush, I told them, 'When your dad makes a fire with paper, the paper burns up. It's gone. In this instance, the paper didn't burn, the bush didn't burn.'"

"(Story Time) seems to be really well received by the kids," said Jennifer Poehlmann, liturgi-

cal coordinator for the Quad Parishes. "The families are looking forward to it. It really bridges the ages, the topics he talks about. I think everybody learns something listening to him telling the stories."

Poehlmann records and posts the episodes. Recording mishaps have been limited, she said.

**Our full story** appears in the June 19 issue.

### FRANKLY, FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
When God called him, Moses was in human terms a "failure." The Book of Exodus depicts him in the land of Midian as a fugitive. As a young man he had felt compassion for his people, and had aligned himself in defence of the oppressed. But he soon discovered that, despite his good intentions, it was not justice, but violence that came from his hands. His dreams of glory shattered, Moses was no longer a promising official, destined to rise rapidly in his career, but rather one who gambled away opportunities, and now grazed a flock that was not even his own. And it was precisely in the silence of the desert of Midian that God summoned Moses to the revelation of the burning bush: "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God" (Ex 3:6).

+ Pope Francis, June 17, 2020

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## Summer faith activities available for children

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**ALLOUEZ** — With the cancellation of Vacation Bible Schools (VBS) and Camp Tekakwitha events this summer, the diocesan Families and Schools of Discipleship Mission Team is offering an alternative for families.

Children in grades 1-12 can grow in their faith and earn patches while participating in summer activities.

"Earning patches, badges and emblems has long been a part of Scouting, but many people aren't aware that many of these activities are open to non-Scout families as well," said Maximus Cabey, children and youth faith formation director.

There are a variety of topics covered, but most of them involve learning about saints and those in the process of being declared saints. In addition, the NFCYM also offers patch activities related to saints, including series on

Women in Faith, Models of Faith and special patches for the Blessed Mother.

Anyone interested in learning more about the "Earn a Patch Family Faith Activity" can visit [gbresources.org](http://gbresources.org) and click on "At-Home Resources." These are ongoing programs, not limited to summer. For more information, email: [education@gbdioc.org](mailto:education@gbdioc.org) or call the Families and Schools of Discipleship Mission Team at (920) 272-8309.

# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

## St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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- 1 Kateri Tekakwitha was the first Native American canonized (2012).
- 2 She took the baptismal name "Kateri" to honor St. Catherine of Siena. "Tekakwitha" means "She who bumps into things." Kateri had poor vision due to smallpox at age four.
- 3 Kateri is called "Lily of the Mohawks." She was born in a Mohawk village in present-day New York state in 1656. Her mother was Christian. Kateri's family died in a smallpox epidemic.
- 4 At 19, Kateri refused to marry and fled to a Jesuit mission south of modern Montreal. She died there on April 17, 1680.
- 5 The Green Bay Diocese's Camp Tekakwitha, in Shawano County, is named for her.

# Let us pray, fast and act to end racial hatred

Dear friends and followers of Jesus:

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, all of you daughters and sons of God in northeast Wisconsin, I simply must speak to you about the current situation in our



### BISHOP'S CORNER

Bishop David Ricken

country with regard to the horrible event that happened recently in Minneapolis and the tremendous outcry this has caused in our nation, all on top of the pandemic. What was done to George Floyd was a heinous act, a horrible brutal act crushing out the life of one of our fellow citizens, who from reports desired peace and unity among peoples.

This racial hatred must end and this national wound must be healed. Each of us must take responsibility for any hatred which lurks around in our minds and hearts. Scapegoating and blaming others who are different from us, in our appearance or beliefs must stop. We must show the self-restraint to listen deeply to one another and to engage in honest and respectful dialogue with genuine positive regard for the other.

In the Gospel today for Trinity Sunday we see and hear that clarion call of Jesus in the famous passage from John 3:16-18: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so

that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

This week the Holy Father, Pope Francis, issued a special message to all of the people of the United States, writing: "We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost."

It is clear to me that we must listen deeply to those who have been aggrieved, no matter their skin color or language or cultural background, and especially now to our black brothers and sisters.

In order to listen deeply, we must repent of our sins. In the Book of Daniel, 9:9-10, the prophet tells us: "Yours, O Lord our God, are compassion and forgiveness. Yet we rebelled against you and paid no heed to your command." We need to repent every day, like the prophet Daniel, in prayer to our God for mercy upon us all. We must act more like God's people and humble ourselves and pray. We must beg God's forgiveness for ignoring him, for ostracizing him from our personal lives, from our communal lives, from our national lives.

The entire column appears in our June 19 issue.

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## Parish SNAPSHOT



On May 31, the Bellevue Retirement Community was evacuated due to a water main break. Resurrection Parish in Allouez, the official evacuation site for the retirement community, took in residents that evening. Fr. Tom Reynebeau mobilized his pastoral staff and two health and wellness volunteers, and they spent the next five hours walking around and talking with the 177 residents. The parish continued to offer its kitchen for meals to be prepared for displaced residents. (Submitted photo)