

Registration

For further information, and to sign up for any of these series, please contact your local parish.

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St. Francis Xavier Church

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Regardless of your parish affiliation you are most welcome to join one of our series when the time is right for you.

As you plan, please keep in mind that we recommend attending all the sessions in a series. If your loss was very recent, you may need time before attending such a group. We encourage you to call to discuss this if you are uncertain.

God comforts us in all our troubles so that we, in turn, may comfort others.

II Corinthians 1:4

Our faith can play an important role following the death of a loved one. Being with others who share the experience of losing someone close to them also helps ease the feelings of loneliness.



Westside Catholic Bereavement Ministry Series 2024 -2025

For Those Seeking
Bereavement Support
in a
Spiritual Setting



Sponsored by the churches of:

Blessed Sacrament
Our Lady Queen of Peace
St. Bernard, Middleton
St. Andrew, Verona
St. Francis Xavier
St. James & St. Joseph
St. Thomas Aquinas

*Come, all you who are
weary and burdened, and
I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28*

The Westside Catholic churches sponsor Bereavement Ministry at various times throughout the year for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one.

Varying in length and in topics covered, each series offers a supportive and faith-filled setting in which to learn about the grief process and to share your experience of grief with others. The facilitators of this peer ministry are parish staff and/or trained parish members who have also experienced the pain of the loss of a loved one.

If you are feeling the loneliness of grief, we invite you to consider participating in any of these opportunities. This overview offers you a picture of what will be available through the coming months, so that whenever you feel ready, you can take a new step on your journey to renewed hope.

Area Parish Bereavement Ministry Series 2024 – 2025

Sept 18 – Oct 23, 2024

*Wednesday evenings (6)
6:30 – 8:00 PM*

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Nov 6 & Nov 20, 2024

*Wednesdays (2)
9:00AM – 2:00PM*

St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains

Nov 18, 2024 – Jan 6, 2025

*Monday evenings (6)
6:30 – 8:00 PM*

St. Thomas Aquinas

March 19 – April 16, 2025

*Wednesday mornings (5)
10:00AM – Noon*

St. Andrew Church, Verona

Spring 2025

Wednesdays in Lent

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Emmaus Ministry

for Grieving Parents

*Online support and regional retreats offered
throughout the year.
www.emfgp.org*

Diocesan Resources

madisondiocese.org/mentalwellness

***Other series may be offered
in the later spring.***

***Please contact your parish
for updates.***

Topics may include:

- ❖ The Process of Grieving
- ❖ Understanding the Emotions of Grief
- ❖ Feeling Crazy is Normal
- ❖ Finding the Hope of Our Catholic Faith
- ❖ Surviving Stress, Loneliness and Guilt
- ❖ Special Kinds of Grief / Handling Holidays
- ❖ Children and Grief
- ❖ Our Faith and the Spiritual Elements of Grief
- ❖ The Communion of Saints
- ❖ Making Memories...
Keeping Memories



***It is possible to create,
out of this void,
a new life.***
