

Hello Care Team!

With Easter just days away and signs of spring in the air, we are reminded of God's promise of renewal and hope. As Scripture assures us, "By His great mercy He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3 NRSV). It is in this spirit of living hope that we share this newsletter with you.

In this issue you'll find:

An introduction from our new coordinator, Marisa

An overview of the structure of our Parish Social  
Ministries - of which you are a vital part!

The link to the recording of Care Team Tools  
for Preventing Falls

Information about upcoming events

And a thoughtful book recommendation

Thank you for the compassion, time, and care you share so generously. Your service truly enriches the lives of others and is a beautiful witness to hope in action.

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

September 22  
for our annual retreat

Those of you who visit in care facilities will relate to this Care Team member quote, **"Just saying hello to most of them puts a smile on their face"**

Happy  
Anniversary!

Primrose Lutheran  
April 2011

Hi everyone,

My name is Marisa Thiel, your new Program Coordinator for the Parish Social Ministries Program at Catholic Charities of Madison. I'm grateful to join such dedicated, kind people and look forward to our work together. Here are a few things to help you get to know me!

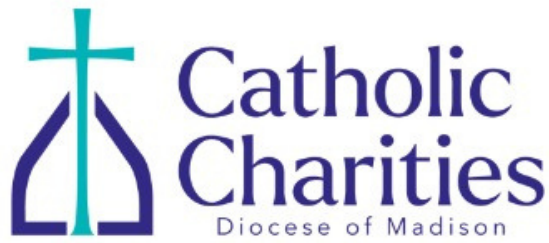


I am a born-and-raised Madisonian and love spending time on outdoor activities, such as going to the farmer's market in downtown Madison in the summer, hiking in new places around the state, and simply winding down and spending time in nature.

Photography and the creative arts are important to me. I enjoy coming up with new ideas and inspiration for my photos. I hope to use this creativity to highlight our amazing volunteers and the difference our programs make, thereby supporting our mission and outreach.

I'm truly honored to join the team, and I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming months!

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Shawn Carney, Executive Director

Kelly Medenwaldt, Chief Program Officer

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Melissa Kelley, Program Supervisor

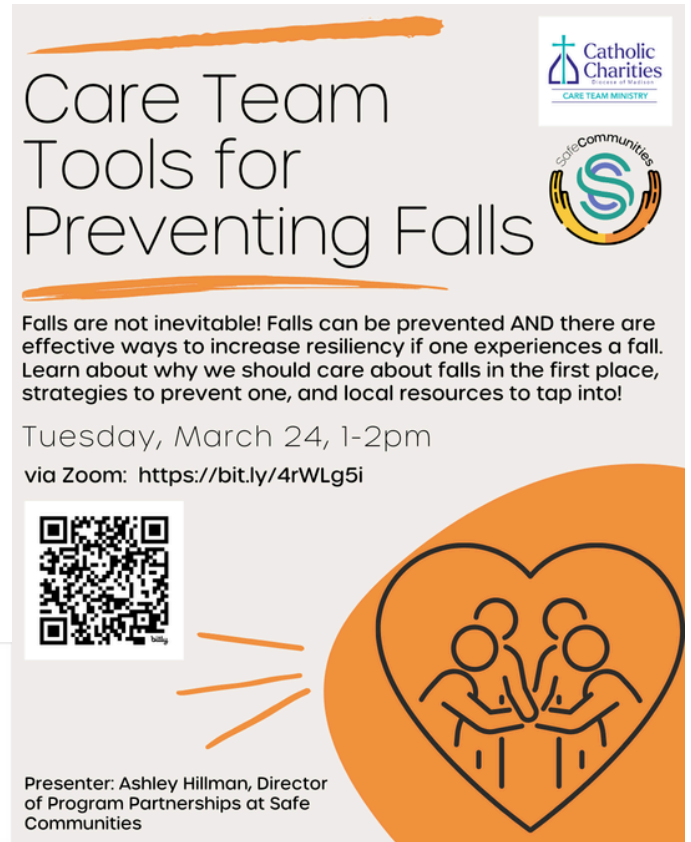
Marisa Thiel, Program Coordinator

Melissa & Marisa Team



Thank you to all who attended our first Quarterly Connection of the year.

The recording is now available on our website.



**Care Team Tools for Preventing Falls**

Falls are not inevitable! Falls can be prevented AND there are effective ways to increase resiliency if one experiences a fall. Learn about why we should care about falls in the first place, strategies to prevent one, and local resources to tap into!

Tuesday, March 24, 1-2pm  
via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/4rWLg5i>

Presenter: Ashley Hillman, Director of Program Partnerships at Safe Communities

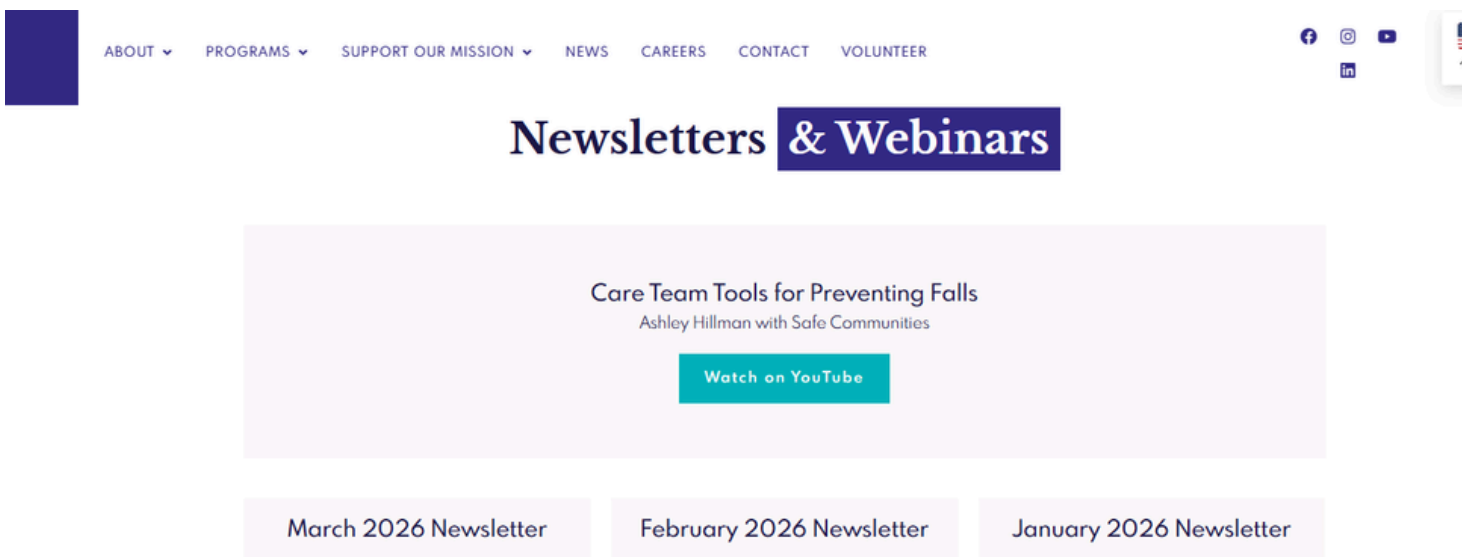


**Strengthening Community: Care Team Ministry at Catholic Charities**

Discover how the Care Team Ministry supports families through compassionate services and enhances communit...

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## Newsletters & Webinars

Care Team Tools for Preventing Falls  
Ashley Hillman with Safe Communities

Watch on YouTube

March 2026 Newsletter February 2026 Newsletter January 2026 Newsletter



# Sampler Event

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 | 2-4PM

Cornerstone Community Center  
(505 N. Main St. Deforest)

- Cost: Free (registration required)
- Open to anyone in Dane County
- Limited to 40 participants!
- Light snacks provided

BSOA classes meet the criteria necessary to help improve balance

RSVP to Brittney at Cornerstone Community Center by April 3rd: 608-846-9469



# Have you lost a loved one to suicide?

Join us for our 4-part series:  
Addressing Our Suicidal Losses  
with the Help of Our Catholic Faith

Group meets from 6-8 pm  
with dinner provided from 5-6 pm

Spring series on Mondays:  
April 13 | April 20 | April 27 | May 4

St. Patrick Church  
434 N. Main St., Cottage Grove

To register, scan the code or visit  
[madisondiocese.org/mhsupportgroups](http://madisondiocese.org/mhsupportgroups)  
Questions? Call 608-821-3053





# Holy Hour

April 26  
at 3:00 pm

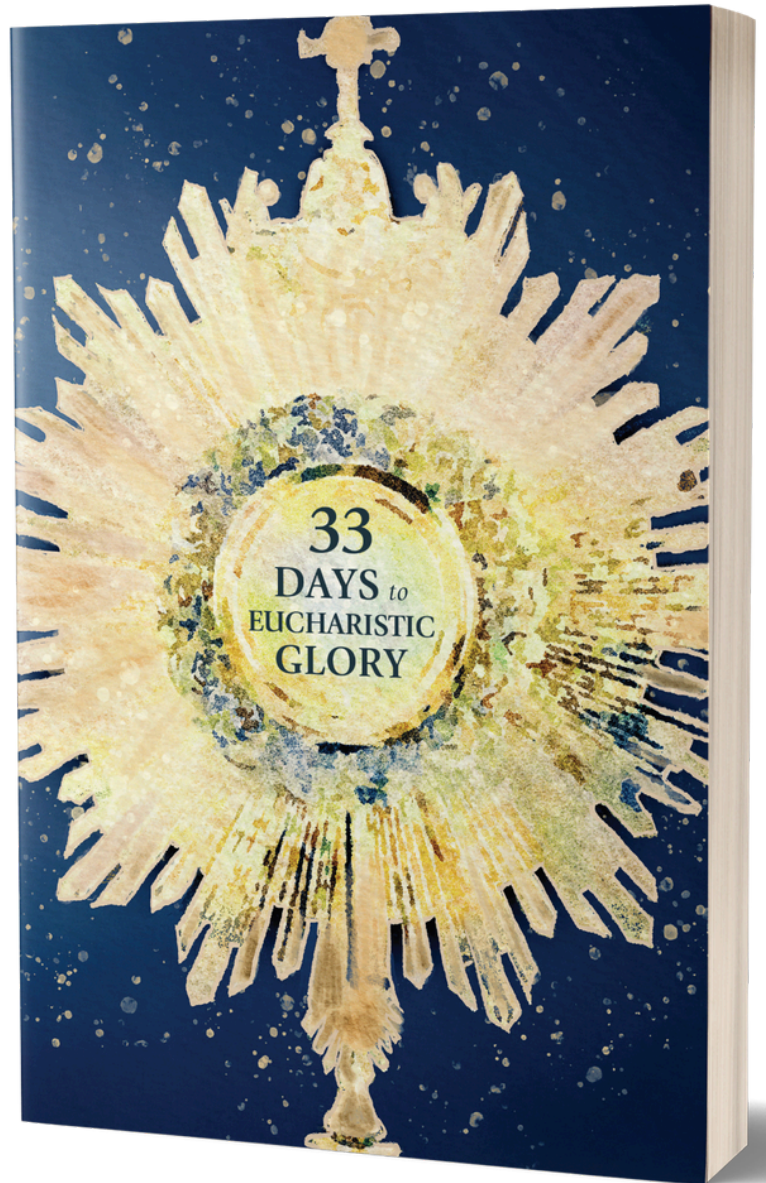
5901 Cottage Grove Rd.  
Madison, WI 53718  
(608) 222-7208

*Come & join us!*

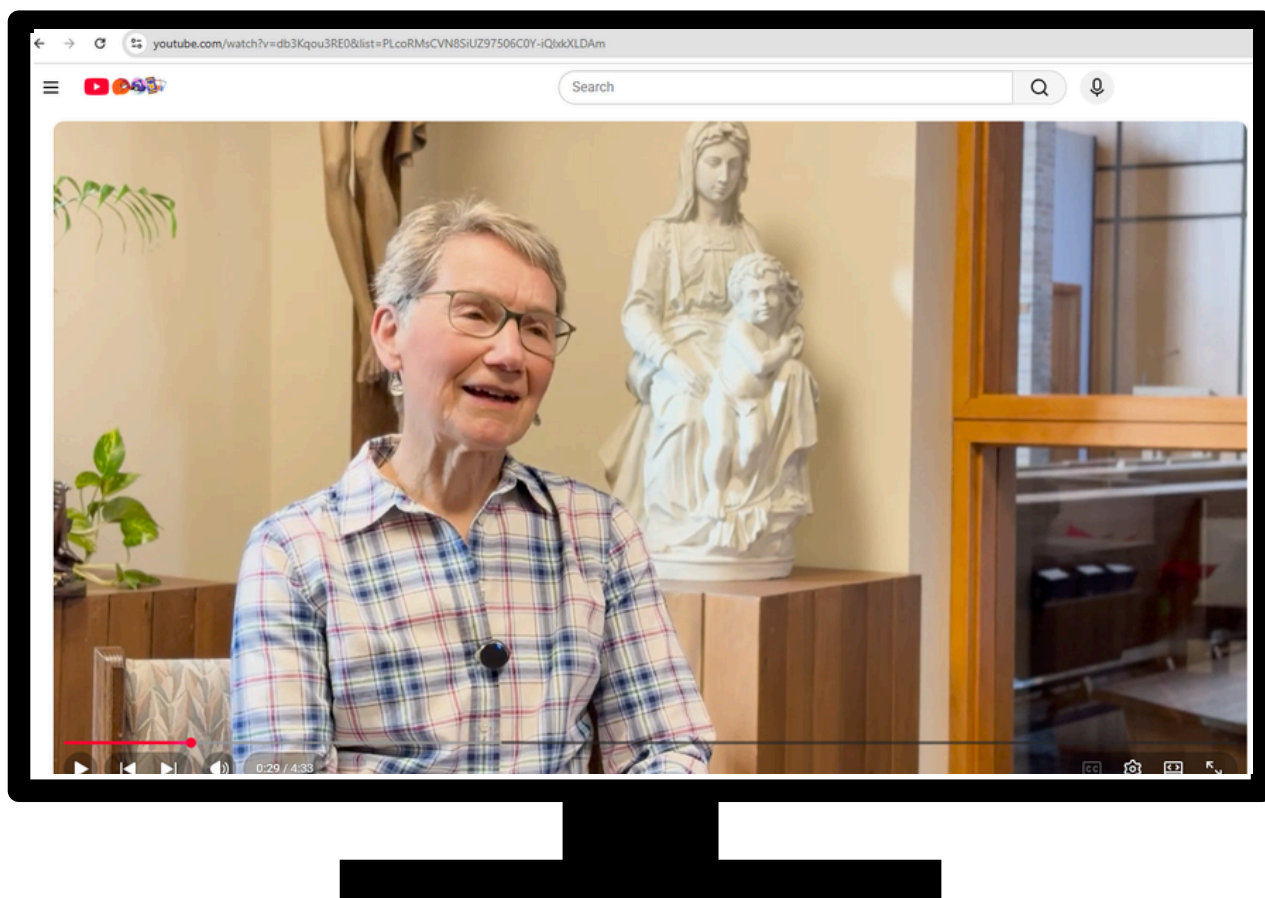
# BOOK NOOK



Be one of the first people in history to experience Eucharistic Consecration. You'll journey alongside Mother Teresa, John Paul II, Thérèse of Lisieux and other spiritual masters to experience Jesus in the Eucharist like never before.



Remember to share our wonderful Care Team video. This resource is perfect for use in your parish to highlight our ministry and inspire others to join our efforts. If you're interested, just ask us how to get started!



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