ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES! We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time August 28, 2022

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor. Psalm 68

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30AM Tuesday, 5:30PM & Thursday, 7:30AM Saturday, 4:30PM English 6:30PM Spanish Sunday, 8:00AM and 10:00AM All Masses are live streamed.

Confession Schedule

Saturday, 3:15-4:10рм Sunday, 9:00-9:50Aм

Adoration

Monday, 2:00-4:00рм Tuesday, 4:15-5:15рм Friday, 9:00-10:00Aм

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00ам-5:00рм Friday, 9:00ам-Noon

Church and Chapel Hours

Monday-Friday, 7:30ам-5:00рм Saturday, 10:00ам-6:00рм Sunday, 7:00-11:00ам

Misa en español Sábados a las 6:30PM

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15-4:10PM y por cita previa

Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes Martes Viernes 2:00-4:00рм 4:15-5:25рм 9:00-10:00ам

22° domingo del tiempo ordinario 28 agosto de 2022 Preparaste, oh Dios, casa por los pobres. Salmo 68

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

⁷⁷Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited." - Lk 14:8bc

"No te sientes en el lugar principal, no sea que haya algún otro invitado más importante que tú". - Lc 14, 8

> Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. 87 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Liturgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado

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Parish News and Words from Our Pastor Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel opens with a well-known parable about the last being the first. The second half has a message not for the guests but for the host: "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors,



in case they may invite you back and you have repayment." Jesus is describing an invitation that is transactional. It isn't a gift, because it comes with an expectation. Instead, Jesus proposes inviting those who cannot repay the host for such a meal. If the host were to "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind," it would be a meal gifted out of love, not expectation. Who might the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind be in the banquet of your life? Who do you meet in life who you know cannot repay for what you give?

Parent Meetings for Religious Education Program

During the last two Sundays, we have gathered the parents after Mass for an informational meeting about our Religious Education Program. I have enjoyed seeing the families and talking with them about our upcoming program year. We are blessed with so many wonderful families that make up our parish community and it was good to be together for questions and exchanging information. We are still looking for volunteers to help us with our catechetical programs and if you enjoy working with young people, please contact Robert Rosa Cruz, our Youth Minister and Religious Education Director. We are excited to begin a new year of growing in our faith and passing on our faith to the next generation!

Looking for Volunteers

We need to engage more parishioners in our parish ministries, especially Child Care Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, and Communication Ministry. If you would like to know more about these ministries, please contact Holly Irving, Director of Discipleship. We hope to offer more child care in the future so parents with children can be involved in faith building experiences. We also hope to begin to have more opportunities for socials and being together as a community and so we need volunteers to help us with hospitality, serving food, and cleaning up. The Communication Ministry is one of helping to communicate with parishioners about upcoming opportunities for growing in our faith at STA. Please pray about how you can help us in these crucial ministries for our parish family.

22° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario El Evangelio de hoy empieza con una parábola bien conocida acerca de los últimos serán los primeros. La segunda mitad contiene un mensaje no para los invitados sino para el anfitrión: "Cuando des un almuerzo o una cena, no invites

a tus amigos, ni a tus hermanos, ni a tus parientes, ni a los vecinos ricos, no sea que ellos te inviten a su vez, y así tengas tu recompensa." Por el contrario, Jesús propone que se invite a los que no pueden recompensar al anfitrión por un banquete así. Si el anfitrión "invita a los pobres, a los lisiados, a los paralíticos, a los ciegos," será un banquete donado con amor, sin expectativas. Quienes son los pobres, los lisiados, los paralíticos y los ciegos en el banquete de tu vida? Quienes tu conoces en tu vida que no pueden recompensarte por lo que les das?

Reunión para Padres Participantes del Programa de Educación Religiosa

Por los pasados dos domingos, hemos reunidos a los padres después de Misa para una reunión informativa acerca de nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa. Yo he disfrutado ver a las familias y hablar con ellas sobre nuestro programa este próximo año. Hemos sido bendecidos con familias maravillosas que pertenecen a nuestra comunidad parroquial y fue bueno estar juntos para contestar preguntas e intercambiar información. Todavía estamos buscando voluntarios para que nos ayuden con nuestros programas catequísticos y si te gusta trabajar con niños y jóvenes, por favor contacta a Robert Rosa Cruz, nuestro Ministro de Niños y Jóvenes y Director de Educación Religiosa. Estamos emocionados de empezar un año nuevo de crecer en nuestra fe y pasar nuestra fe a la próxima generación!

Se Buscan Voluntarios

Estamos en la necesidad de envolver más feligreses en nuestros Ministerios Parroquiales, en especial el Ministerio de Cuido de Niños, Ministerio de Hospitalidad y el Ministerio de Comunicación. Si te gustaría conocer más sobre estos ministerios, por favor contacta a Holly Irving, Directora de Discipulado. Esperamos poder ofrecer cuido de niños en el futuro para que padres con niños pueden envolverse en experiencias de edificar la fe. También queremos empezar a tener más actividades sociales y reunirnos como comunidad y necesitamos voluntarios que nos ayuden con hospitalidad, sirviendo alimentos y en el recogido y limpieza. El Ministerio de Comunicación es el que ayuda a conectar con los feligreses sobre próximas oportunidades en STA para crecer en nuestra fe. Por favor ora sobre cómo puedes ayudarnos en estos ministerios cruciales para nuestra familia parroquial.

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



Luke 14:1, 7-14

My first homily as a Deacon centered on these readings so I am going to revisit that homily -- and the grand topic of my homily was...dirt. Yes, dirt.

Dirt gets a pretty bad rap, and that is unfair. Dirt is essential to life. Look at

the almost miraculous nature of dirt: its consistency is such that it holds together well enough to support growth but is porous enough to allow for cultivation. Dirt accepts seeds, allows water to nourish them, and provides support and nourishment for growing plants. Plants, in turn, provide the base for an entire ecosystem to survive.

What does dirt have to do with today's readings? Well, in the first reading from Sirach, the author writes: *My child, conduct your affairs with humility,* and, later we hear *Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.* In the Gospel, Jesus tells us, *Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, But the one who humbles himself will be exalted.*

There is a common theme here – Being humble and acting with humility. What does this mean? If we examine the origin of the words *humble* and *humility*, they come from the same Latin root – humus – which translates as – you guessed it – Dirt. Being humble means to be dirt – but in a very special way.

If we look at Genesis Chapter 2, verse 7, we see that it says "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground." God then breathed the breath of life into man, and man became a living being. We *are* dirt -- by which I mean we are a created being. But we also have been given the breath of God. Made out of dirt, yes, but also made in God's image.

Every person on the planet Earth is created by the same Creator. Every person is created from the same dirt. Every person is created in the same image. When we recognize that fact, when we truly believe that fact, and when we live and act in accordance with that fact, *then* we have achieved humility.

This true recognition of where we stand in relation to God *and* to one another is humility. For if we treat each other as truly equal, blessed and unique creations of God, then issues of honor, discrimination, power and prestige are eliminated – flushed from the soil of God's garden. And if we act with humility, others will respond in kind, as Sirach reminds us in the first reading. The soil is then fit for growing the Kingdom with the seeds sown by God.

Really Cool Info Attached

Maybe that's not **really** what RCIA stands for, but if you are curious, read on . . .

In general:

Do you have questions about faith?

Are you searching for a safe place to discuss issues and questions regarding God and faith?

Are you searching for something that seems to be missing from your life?

Or specifically:

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different faith background & would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more?

If you or someone you know answers **YES** to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is a journey that begins with your questions. There is no obligation to join the church as you discover more about faith and later, more specifically, Catholic faith.

The decision is ultimately yours to discern if this is to be your spiritual home. The invitation is always open. Contact Dcn. Jerome at *dcn.jerome@stamadison.org*.

Initial sessions using *Alpha* begin *Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM.*



Care Team

Our parish care team is here to assist you. The care team can give caregivers time away from their loved ones so they have an oppor-

tunity to take care of themselves. If you or someone you know might benefit from this service, our team members can work with you to help determine what services we can offer to assist you. Our team members are volunteers from our parish, and all have been interviewed, screened, background checked and trained by Catholic Charities. Over the years, our parish care team has assisted many parishioners.

To inquire about receiving services, or to become a member of our care team, contact Judy Neiderberger at 608 845-7057, or Kathy Swanson at 608 444-9374.

Care for Creation

Reflect, Renew and Act

The World Day for Prayer for the Care of Creation is Thursday, September 1. The day kicks off the Season of Creation, a month-long observance that calls upon Catholics to pray and care for God's Creation. **From September 1st to October 4th**, we are asked to reflect on our relationship with the environment, how we live, and how our lifestyles impact the natural world, humans and all creatures inhabiting it. This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation...".

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that "we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of Creation". Pope Francis urges us to recognize our connectedness with the natural world saying, "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it." (LS 139). Advocating for Creation Care helps safeguard the inheritance the Creator has given us, ... an inheritance essential to our well-being. Pope Benedict XVI told us that protecting this inheritance is a way of fulfilling our role as stewards of Creation. If you would like to join the STA Care for Creation Team and be inspired and supported by members of your faith community, please contact Trudi Jenny, trudijenny@yahoo.com.



Care for Creation Team

Prayer

Gentle God, we confess we distract easily. We are surrounded by wonder, but we settle for gadgets. We are drowning in abundance, but we shop and shop until our hearts are empty. We have substituted big screens for the sky of stars. So, awaken us. Awaken us to the sky that's always there, to the land that's always there, to the breath that's always there. Let us live with hearts full, hands empty, spirit large, ego small; friends many, and regrets few. Amen.

Music & Liturgy

by Greg Buchberger

In less than a month, the St. Thomas Aquinas Music Ministry will return to our "normal" fall rehearsal schedule for the first time since before the pandemic began. There are many opportunities for students and adults to become involved. If you are currently involved as a musician, choir member, or cantor here at St. Thomas Aquinas, THANK YOU! If you are not currently involved in our music ministry, NOW is the time to consider becoming involved!

Cantors/Small Group Singers: (Saturday 4:30p.m./ Sunday 8:00a.m./Summer Months–Sunday 10:00 a.m.) The cantors' and singers' primary function is to support and encourage the congregation in singing. They are our song leaders, animators, and psalmists. These small groups of singers share their gifts and talents year-round. Join any

STA Parish Choir: (Sunday 10:00a.m. - Sept-May)

time.

The STA Parish Choir sings weekly at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. In addition, this group sings for evening Holy Day Masses, Midnight Mass, Christmas Day, Holy Week, Easter, Confirmation, and other special liturgical celebrations during the church year. Open to students (grades 7+) and adults. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The ability to read music is helpful, but not necessary. – Our first rehearsal is scheduled for **Thursday**, **September 8**. Please contact me ahead of time if you are interested in joining us or would like more information so that things can be prepared for our first rehearsal.

STA Choristers: (Saturday 4:30p.m. &/or Sunday 10:00a.m., Once or Twice a Month – September–May)

The STA Choristers (Children's Choir) sing monthly at the 4:30p.m. Saturday Mass and/or the Sunday 10:00a.m. Mass. In addition, this group has the opportunity to sing for other celebrations, including Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve Masses. This choir sings from September through May each year, and is open to students (grades 3-8) as well as high school students. Students should be able to read well in order to keep up at rehearsals and Masses! Rehearsals are most often on Wednesday from 5-6p.m. – Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7 at 5:00p.m. Please share the word and let's get some more of our students involved!

STA Spanish Choir: (Saturday 6:30 p.m.)

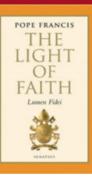
The STA Spanish Choir sings weekly at the 6:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. This choir joins the STA Parish Choir for bilingual celebrations throughout the liturgical year. This choir sings year round and is open to students (grades 7+) and adults. Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. before the 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass. Join any time. Contact me for more information or come and join us on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Music Room!

Instrumentalists & Accompanists: (All Masses)

Instrumentalists and accompanists (piano and/or organ) are encouraged to join our music ministry, depending upon experience. Audition required.

For more information, contact Greg at greg@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600 x869.

Young Adults, Faith Formation, and Families



Young Adults: Lumen Fidei

This fall, young adults will be discussing the *Lumen Fidei*, *Light of Faith* church document. These sessions will be broken down into 5 weeks.

All young adults in their 20's/30's are invited to join us. Sessions will be on Thursdays at 7p at Panera Bread, Mineral Point Rd.

Read Chapter 3 for September 1 Any questions, contact Robert Rosa-Cruz at *robert@stamadison.org*.

NOTE: *Lumen fidei* church document can be found free on the Vatican website.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Needed for Visually Impaired

The parish is looking for someone who would be willing to do a recording of talking through each of the prayers and actions of daily Mass. This project is for someone who is visually impaired and who would like to 'practice' at home in order to be better able to participate when they come to Mass.

> Willing to help or want to learn more? Contact Jennifer Ludtke at 833-2606 or jennifer@stamadison.org

STA SVDP Conference Is Always Open to New Members

The three pillars of our society are Spirituality, Friendship and Service. We would love to have you join our parish conference. If you would like more info contact:

Kathy Taddy, President, *kathy.taddy@gmail.com* Mike Meehan VP, *meehanmnk@gmail.com*

The SVDP district council on Fish Hatchery Road in Madison is also looking for daytime volunteers for their food pantry. They especially need people who can help pack food boxes. Contact Jenni Troia, *jtroia@svdpmadison.org* for more information.

Thank You from LCEC

Sharing Sunday Heroes...

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies and food for the Lussier Community Education Center (LCEC) pantry last weekend. LCEC is most grateful for your generosity and efforts! The pantry shelves are again full of necessities for those in need in our neighborhood. Also, a huge thank you to the volunteers who helped transport, weigh and sort the donations. St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners are true heroes!

Registration for 2022-2023 Faith Formation (ages 3-17)



Contact the Faith Formation Office for more details & availability

(608) 833-2606 or formation@stamadison.org

Back to School Prayer

Holy Spirit, Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them, their teachers, and all who work at their school. Give strength and grace to their growth, wisdom and understanding to their search for knowledge, and peace and zeal to their spirits. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Lukas Storyteller

While in one of his adventures in the Sea of Galilee, Lukas met Jesus and was so impressed and gratified that now together

with his old friend Noah, a turtle survivor of Noah's Ark, gather and tell the greatest stories of all times of Jesus and all the Saints that Lukas met through the ages... Discover how these stories full of music and fun changed the lives of the youngest of the reef: Ana, Paul, Agnes and Peter. Go to *formed.org*.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 27

4:30 PM Irene and Rollie Luedtke♥ 6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners Sunday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:00 AM ludi Quirt♥ 10:00 AM Jack Turcott \$ Monday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the **Baptist** 8:30 AM Margaret Petron + **Tuesday, August 30** 5:30 PM Baby Andre Howard Sena♥ Wednesday, August 31 8:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Adams Family Φ **Thursday, September 1** 7:30 AM Benedicto Phuc Friday, September 2 8:30 AM Patricia Hernandez Saturday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church 4:30 PM Miles Breunia + 6:30 PM Albertina Bermudez + Sunday, September 4 8:00 AM Rosemary Johnson 🕈 10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022

- Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
- Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/ Lk 14:25-33

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 GOAL thru August	\$841,500	\$229,347
2022 TOTALS	\$908,625	\$284,058
8/7/2022	\$16,154	\$2,725
8/14/2022	\$15,486	\$6,008
8/21/2022	\$69,363	\$7,295
8/28/2022		
August Total	\$101,003	\$16,028
August GOAL	\$108,500	\$58,000

*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus loose offertory (cash), adjustments to totals may occur.

COUNTERS' SCHEDULE

Monday, August 29: Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer, Zingsheim

> **Tuesday, September 6:** Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Thank you to the friends & family of Bob Launder,

who designated St. Thomas Aquinas as recipient of their memorial gifts.



Barbara Wermuth Bernice Bariola James and Nancy Wermuth Gerald & Janice Sanden Bridget & Jeffry Disch

Prayers

Prayer for Life

For those who are imprisoned, especially those facing the death penalty: May they be treated with the respect due to every human person; *We pray to the Lord*.

Prayer for Justice

We pray to the Lord.

For those who are wrongfully convicted and imprisoned; May they find the right counsel to advocate for their release, rejoice in being reunited with their families, and heal from their experience in prison;

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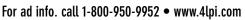


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