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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.

Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022

FIRST COMMUNION

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, 3:15-4:10PM
Sunday, 9:00-9:50AM

Adoration

Monday, 2:00-4:00PM
Tuesday, 4:15-5:15PM
Friday, 9:00-10:00AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-5:00PM
Friday, 9:00AM-Noon

Church and Chapel Hours

Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-5:00PM
Saturday, 10:00AM-6:00PM
Sunday, 7:00-11:00AM

Misa en español

Sábados a las 6:30PM

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15-4:10PM
y por cita previa

Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00-4:00PM
Martes 4:15-5:25PM
Viernes 9:00-10:00AM



III Domingo de Pascua
1 mayo de 2022

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

3rd Sunday of Easter-Congratulations to our First Communicants!

As St. John Paul II once recollected: "I remember as though it were yesterday when, together with the other boys and girls of my own age, I received the Eucharist for the first time in the parish church of my town. This event is usually commemorated in a family photo, so that it will not be forgotten. Photos like these generally remain with a person all through his or her life. As time goes by, people take out these pictures and experience once more the emotions of those moments; they return to the purity and joy experienced in the meeting with Jesus, the One who out of love became the Redeemer of humankind."

On this First Communion Sunday, let us remember our First Holy Communion and be renewed in our love for Jesus Christ and be in awe of how we can receive such an amazing gift of Jesus' Body and Blood, a gift of Jesus the Bread of Life!

Congratulations to our 47 students who join us for the first time at the table of the Lord and receive their First Holy Communion! I want to thank the parents of these children who have taken seriously the promise they made at their child's Baptism to raise their children in the faith. In these last years, parents have been greatly challenged due to their children's education being so disrupted by the pandemic. It has been a blessing for us to be back together for Religious Education classes this year. I am grateful we were able to do so safely and I appreciate the support and understanding of our families as we navigated these unprecedented times. Thank you to Claribelle Vera Heredia, Maira Rivera, and Terri Kopplin our Religious Education Administrative Staff for their support and help with communication and organization. Thank you as well to our volunteer catechists who have been the teachers of our students: Theresa Klinkhammer, Melissa Koempel, Thais Acosta, Nexi Prieto, Stacy Ackerman, and all the dedicated parents preparing for and following up on the sacramental formation at home. We appreciate all that our community has done to pass on our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist to our young people.



Go Make Disciples Parish Renewal May 9, 10, and 11

We are hoping and praying that we can have a strong participation in our Parish Renewal coming up soon. Please add these evenings to your calendar and plan to attend! This is an important moment for us as a parish family as we unite ourselves, come out of the pandemic, and plan for our future together. We have been through a lot! Our parish dream of becoming an evangelizing parish of missionary disciples was somewhat derailed by the pandemic, and we want to emerge now as a stronger, unified, and more compassionate people. Being together for our Parish Renewal will allow us to remember the importance of evangelization, learn ways of sharing our own story of faith, and to have a say in what we will do as we look to the future. Our speaker, Mari Pablo, has a fresh perspective for us to help inspire us in our journey. She is a Latina and a leader in our Church who works with the Evangelical Catholic, a group of lay Catholic men and women that help parishes achieve their mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Please see the bulletin and our parish website for more details.

Phase 3 Construction Update

by Greg Buchberger

We are excited to share that we are ahead of schedule and will begin Phase 3 of the Make Disciples Capital Campaign on May 2nd! This phase is focused on the Education Wing, now being renamed the Enrichment Center. The change in name is to help us embody our work as missionary disciples and to provide a space where people of all ages can learn and experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

Phase 3 is by far, the most expansive portion of our project, as it encompasses over 2/3 of our entire building. This also means that it will be disruptive to a majority of our staff members and will limit our building usage during the summer months. Phase 3 begins at the exterior entry for the Enrichment Center, both floors of the building, including staff offices, meeting rooms, classrooms, music room, upper conference room, and the bride's room. All the rooms will receive new carpet, new led lighting, and a fresh coat of paint. A few rooms are also being enlarged, and windows will be added for natural light and fresh air in the rooms that do not currently have windows. One of the rooms will have dedicated outside access and will feature a beautiful new patio area that can be used for meetings and events.

The main church entrance will remain open throughout construction, and everyone should use the main church doors, checking in at the parish office when coming to the parish for meetings and events. Thank you in advance for your patience and your generosity. More details to come! Blessings!



“TAKE COURAGE, IT IS I; DO NOT BE AFRAID.”

-MATTHEW 14:27

“¡ÁNIMO! SOY YO. NO TENGAN MIEDO.”

-MATEO 14:27

Join us May 9-11!

Led by Mari Pablo of Evangelical Catholic, Monday and Tuesday evenings will have talks that inspire and energize. Wednesday evening will be a Parish Town Hall. All evenings will have Spanish and English components, so that our entire parish family can be together! We hope to see you there!

Acompañennos del 9 al 11 de mayo

El lunes y martes por la noche tendremos charlas que inspirarán y energizarán dirigidas por Mari Pablo de la organización *Evangelical Catholic*, El miércoles por la noche habrá una reunión parroquial general. Todas las noches tendrán componentes en español e inglés, para que toda nuestra familia parroquial pueda estar reunida. ¡Esperamos verlos ahí!

Go Make Disciples! ¡Vayan y hagan discípulos!

Learn
more here.



Aprende
más aquí.



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Monday, 5/9, 6:30-8:30pm Remembering our Call

Jesus invites all of us to follow Him and to make disciples. When we remember the many gifts we have been given, how can we not joyfully bring others to the Lord?

Tuesday, 5/10, 6:30-8:30pm Recounting God's Work

Our stories are so powerful! When we recount God's work in our lives, we can help point others to how God works in their lives, too.

Wednesday, 5/11, 5:45-8:30pm Renewing our Parish

We have remembered our call, and recounted God's work in our lives. Yet, we are called not only as individuals, but as a community. We need the voices of everyone in our parish family to help set the renewed vision for the parish's evangelization efforts. Dinner will be served; RSVP to terrikysely@stamadison.org

Lunes, 9 de mayo, 6:30-8:30pm Recordando nuestro Llamado

Jesús nos invita a todos a seguirlo y hacer discípulos. Cuando recordamos los muchos dones que se nos han dado, ¿Cómo no podemos llevar a otros al Señor con gozo?

Martes, 10 de mayo, 6:30-8:30pm Contando la Obra de Dios

¡Nuestras historias son tan poderosas! Cuando contamos la obra de Dios en nuestras vidas, podemos ayudar a mostrar a otros cómo Dios obra en sus vidas también.

Miércoles, 11 de mayo, 5:45-8:30pm Renovando nuestra Parroquia

Hemos recordado nuestro llamado y relatado la obra de Dios en nuestras vidas. Pero somos llamados no sólo como individuos, sino como comunidad. Necesitamos las voces de todos en nuestra familia parroquial para ayudar a establecer la visión renovada de los esfuerzos de evangelización de la parroquia. Se servirá la cena; RSVP a terrikysely@stamadison.org

Earth Day



Respond to the Cry of the Poor

In anticipation of Laudato Si Week, May 22-29, the Care for Creation Team is sharing with you some actions you can take to participate in the Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP), the Vatican's 7-yr plan for individuals, parishes, schools, and dioceses around the globe to put into action the principles espoused by Laudato Si'. See <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>.

Last week we focused on the first of the 7 goals of the Platform: "Response to the Cry of the Earth." The second goal is "Response to the Cry of the Poor." The LSAP defines this response as "a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth." And it encourages working on "projects that promote solidarity, with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants, and children at risk."

Our parish provides financial support and encourages parishioners to volunteer with programs that address some of these issues. See the "Get Involved" tab on our website and check out the volunteer opportunities. Reach out to vulnerable groups by volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Conference by cooking, serving, and interacting with clients at the Catholic Multicultural Center or Luke House, or volunteering at the Lussier Community Education Center.

Learn more about indigenous reverence for the gifts of the Earth by reading Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Sign up for programs at the Nehemiah Center/Justified Anger website <https://nehemiah.org/justified-anger/> to better understand and begin to build solidarity with people of color. Learn Spanish, attend our Saturday 6:30 Spanish Mass and interact with our Hispanic parishioners.

Prayer for Life

For elected officials: May they work to protect human life from conception to natural death;
We pray to the Lord.

Prayer for Justice

May all those who suffer from hunger find their fill as those who are bountifully fed advocate for laws that ensure that all who are hungry are fed.
We pray to the Lord.

Making Sundays Special!

If you eat out at a restaurant, pray a meal prayer out loud.

Prayers

Prayer for Compassion

God of dust from which we come:

In the silence of contemplation,
help us hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor
as one cry, unified, amplified.

May we hear the cry of your creation
calling out to be seen from every corner;
may our practice of deep listening bring us to see all
those creatures whose dignity is routinely ignored,
that, in our seeing, we might be moved
from indifference to compassion,
domination to collaboration,
from 'mastery over' to harmonious coexistence.

Mother God of land and sea, source of all that is:

We pray for our practice to bring us deeply
into a compassionate relationship with the earth,
our common home,
and with each of the interconnected ecosystems
which contribute to the delicate web of our livelihood.

Gracious giver of all life:

As our contemplation leads us to compassion,
may that compassion be the breath
of every action we take.
Let us glorify the sacredness of both the natural world
and the world's poor,
that your resplendence may radiate.
In your name we pray, AMEN.
--Catholic Health Association

Pray the Rosary for Ukraine, Unborn

Join us on **Mondays at 8:00 AM** to pray the Rosary for the unborn and the Supreme Court Justices. Join us on **Fridays at 8:00 AM** to pray the Rosary for the people in Ukraine and peace in the world.

Reflection on War

When we resort to violence,
we show that we no longer know anything about God,
who is our Father, or even about others,
who are our brothers and sisters.
We lose sight of why we are in the world
and even end up committing senseless acts of cruelty.
We see this in the folly of war,
where Christ is crucified yet another time.
Christ is once more nailed to the Cross
in mothers who mourn
the unjust death of husbands and sons.
He is crucified in refugees who flee from bombs
with children in their arms.
He is crucified in the elderly left alone to die;
in young people deprived of a future;
in soldiers sent to kill their brothers and sisters.
Christ is being crucified there, today."
--Pope Francis

Faith Formation

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

May 4th from 6:00-7:15 PM
ALL Faith Formation families
are invited to join us for
pizza, year re-cap, & social.

MAY CROWNING

May 7 & 8
After ALL
Masses

SUNDAY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM

There are 3 classes left:
May 1, 8, 15

Outreach & Volunteering

Lussier Community Education Center says "Thanks"

A very **BIG** thank you to all of the parishioners who contributed food and cleaning/personal items on Sharing Sunday! Donations exceeded the usual generous quantities. Lussier Community Education Center was so pleased to be able to replenish their shelves, especially those items which were specifically requested.

A **HUGE** thank you to the families of volunteers who made the delivery work fun and efficient! The tasks—loading, transporting, unloading, dividing, weighing & sorting—were performed in such an organized & streamlined fashion. What a great crew!



STA Parish Care Team

Our Parish Care Team is here for you. The team is just one of the many ways our parish reaches out. We have a very special team of members that are here to help you and your loved ones. We are called not only as individuals, but as a community. Each of us can give in so many ways.

As Father Bart said on Easter Sunday: Thank you to all of our wonderful STA staff members, parishioners, and volunteers for all you do!

If you are interested in serving as a care team member or have questions, please contact Judy Niederberger at 608-845-7057 or Kathy Swanson at 608-444-9374



Volunteers
NEEDED!

St. Thomas Aquinas is helping with the Catholic Multicultural Center's meal program on the third Sunday of each month! We are forming two teams of 4 volunteers each to cook and serve the meal (see time commitment below).

Cook meal - (4) 9:30-11am
Serve meals - (4) 11am - 1pm

Teens (age 16+) and adults of all ages are welcome to help! Our first time serving will be May 15, 2022. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at stella.castellino1026@gmail.com



"Thanks" from Women's Care Center, Catholic Charities, & Catholic Multicultural Center

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish gave \$580 to the **Women's Care Center** to support mothers with counseling, ultrasounds, cribs & supplies, professional education, etc. Also, \$700 went to **Catholic Charities**.

The Catholic Multicultural Center is grateful for the \$9,100. "What a wonderful gift!", Msgr. Larry Bakke. "The generous gift made by St. Thomas helped us tremendously with the re-opening," Jeanne McLellan, Director.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 30 St. Pius V, Pope

4:30 PM Julius & JJ Moor ☩

6:30 PM Amable Leon, Ana Cristino de León, and Digna Suárez de Rivas ☩

Sunday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM Amelia Trumbower ☩

10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Piotr Sak & Jan Szylow ☩

Tuesday, May 3 Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

5:30 PM Gary Miller ☩ and Family

Wednesday, May 4

8:30 AM Ann and Charles Belekevich ☩

Thursday, May 5 National Day of Prayer

7:30 AM Tom Coon ☩

Friday, May 6

8:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Siegert/King Family

Saturday, May 7

4:30 PM Lina Maria Vergara ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners & All Living and Deceased Mothers

Sunday, May 8 World day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day

8:00 AM Edward and Annetta Harrison ☩

10:00 AM Dale Blumreich ☩

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 TOTALS	\$479,027	\$178,543
4/3/2022	\$23,412	\$4,709
4/10/2022	\$16,258	\$15,730
4/17/2022	\$24,279	\$3,960
4/24/2022	\$48,601	\$7,255
April Total	\$112,550	\$31,654
April GOAL	\$107,400	\$16,519

*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus Loose Offertory (cash)

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 2:

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Monday, May 9:

Bariola, Degenhardt, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

All in the same boat

An interesting tidbit from today's Gospel is the listing of the apostles who were in the boat that went out to fish. There is, of course, Simon Peter, who only recently denied Jesus three times. Then there is Thomas, the one who doubted Jesus' resurrection. Next, we have Nathanael, who earlier in the Gospel when he first heard of Jesus, said sarcastically, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" And Zebedee's sons who argued about who got to sit at Jesus' right and left hand when he came into his kingdom. And the disciple whom Jesus loved. Every one of these deniers, doubters, smart-alecs, power-seekers and beloved are in the same boat. At Jesus' command they lower their nets for a great catch of fish.

We should feel relieved to hear about this motley crew. For we, too, are on a boat, the Barque of Peter, and we, too, are a motley crew. Who among us hasn't doubted or denied, strived for power or position of some type, or been flippant in our faith. And yet, in a sense, we are all "the disciple whom Jesus loved." The followers Jesus called to in our Gospel were flawed, just as we are flawed, yet He names us all "children" and entrusts us all to be those who fish for others. Despite what we may think about our current state of worthiness, our current state of discipleship, Jesus calls on us to cast our nets in His name. Just like the disciples in today's Gospel, we are all in the same boat sailing toward that shore where Jesus waits, and we want to catch as many fish as we can to take with us.

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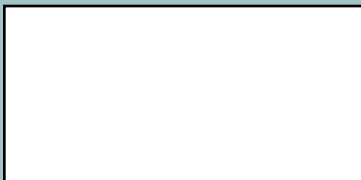
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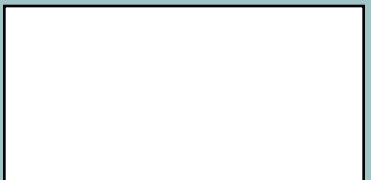
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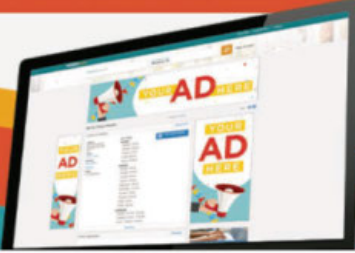
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