ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH



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Good Shepherd Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

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, 9:00-9:50AM

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

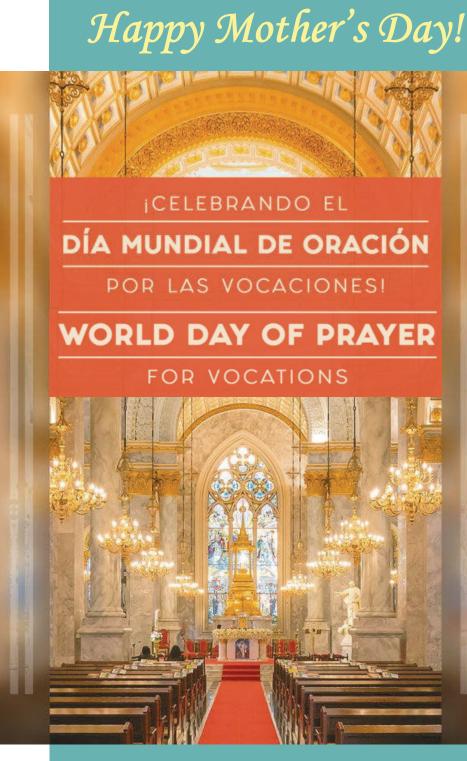
Sábados

3:15-4:10рм y por cita previa

Adoración al Santísimo

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

Domingo del Buen Pastor IV Domingo de Pascua 8 mayo de 2022



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Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday

Good Shepherd Sunday is a day to focus on Jesus' role as shepherd of souls and our role of following His voice wherever He goes. Let us pray today for the grace to follow where Jesus is calling us. Because of this theme of listening to



the voice of Jesus, today is also the World Day of **Prayer for Vocations**. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. Pope Francis tells us: "There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If He calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust Him." Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood. It is also a good practice for us to ask a young person, "Have you ever considered a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?"



Happy Mother's Day

Moms make life beautiful! St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, said, "Virtues go easily from mothers into their children's hearts. Children often willingly do what they see being done." We are so grateful for our moms and all they have done to raise us. We should love and respect our

mother every day, but we honor her in special ways on Mother's Day. If she is still alive, perhaps we can make time to call, write or grace her with the present of our presence. If she has died, we can pray for her or visit her grave. Today, we thank God for our mothers and ask God's blessing upon them for all they do for our families, especially for the many ways they have brought us closer to Jesus Christ through sharing the gift of faith with us. The special bond between mothers and children comes through a particular blessing from God. God gives mothers strength, wisdom, and patience and an abundance of love to share. May God continue to bless our mothers today and shower His blessings on them every day as they share God's love so freely and selflessly. We are so blessed by all the exceptional women of our STA Parish. May God bless our Mothers, and all those women who have been like mothers to us. Happy Mother's Day!

May - The Month of Mary

Today, as we begin the month of May, we will be celebrating May Crowning after our Masses. May is the Month of Mary and May Crowning is a traditional Catholic devotion where love and honor for our Blessed Mother is expressed through Marian hymns, prayers, and flowers.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, in his weekly address to the faithful on April 30, 2006, explained Mary's month in this way:

"In the days that followed the Lord's Resurrection, the Apostles stayed together, comforted by Mary's presence, and after the Ascension they persevered with her in prayerful expectation of Pentecost. Our Lady was a mother and teacher to them, a role that she continues to play for Christians of all times. Every year, at Eastertide, we relive this experience more intensely and perhaps, precisely for this reason, popular tradition has dedicated to Mary the month of May that normally falls between Easter and Pentecost. Consequently, this month which we begin tomorrow helps us to rediscover the maternal role that she plays in our lives so that we may always be docile disciples and courageous witnesses of the Risen Lord. Let us entrust to Mary the needs of the Church and of the whole world."

We pray through Mary's intercession for an end of the health pandemic, war, violence, division, and healing for the whole world.

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

John 10:27-30

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, in which we hear every year a different selection from the tenth Chapter of John's Gospel. Today's selection is quite short, containing only four verses, but those verses are packed full! In fact, Pope Francis explains that "[t]hese four verses contain the whole of Jesus' message; it is the nucleus of his Gospel: he calls us to share in his relationship with the Father, and this is eternal life." The relationship between a shepherd and the sheep is one of love and trust. In the fields at night, a good shepherd would make a temporary enclosure for the sheep from bushes and thorns, and then would lay down in the entrance to protect the sheep – literally laying down his life for their safety. For their part, the sheep had to listen to the voice of the shepherd and follow where he leads – because a good shepherd doesn't drive his sheep from behind, but goes before them, calling to them and showing them the path to take. So, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, take some quiet time to listen for the Shepherd's voice and hear where he is leading you.

"TAKE COURAGE, IT IS I; DO NOT BE AFRAID." -MATTHEW 14:27

"IÁNIMO! 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!

Acompáñennos 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! iVayan y hagan discípulos!





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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

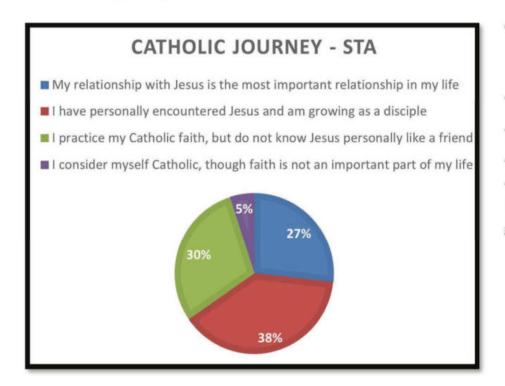
¡Nuestras historias son tan poderosas! Cuando contamos la obra de Dios en nuestras vidas, podemos ayudar a mostrar a otros cómo Dios obra en sus vidas también.

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

The Disciple Maker Index and Parish Renewal

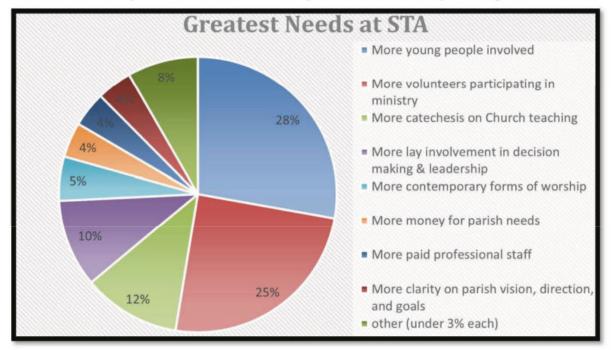
You may recall seeing some Disciple Maker Index (DMI) data from the Diocese as a whole in the April 7 issue of the *Catholic Herald*. As we approach our Parish Renewal on May 9-11, it is a good time to reflect on the results of our parish's response to the DMI from autumn 2021. We will be using those results to inform our Renewal and we encourage you to attend; Fr. Bart would love to hear your voice as we determine parish priorities for the near future.



One of the possible priorities identified through analyzing the DMI is our need to nurture a deeper relationship with Christ.

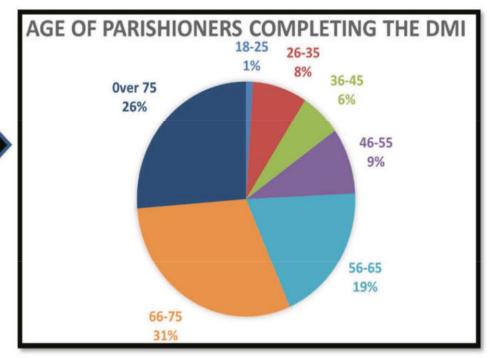
We want everyone to know Jesus as a friend, so this could be an area on which to focus, possibly by bolstering daily prayer, small groups, Scripture study and retreats

Another priority identified in the DMI might be the need for our parish to better engage young people. Parishioners heavily involved in the life of the parish indicated the parish's greatest needs:

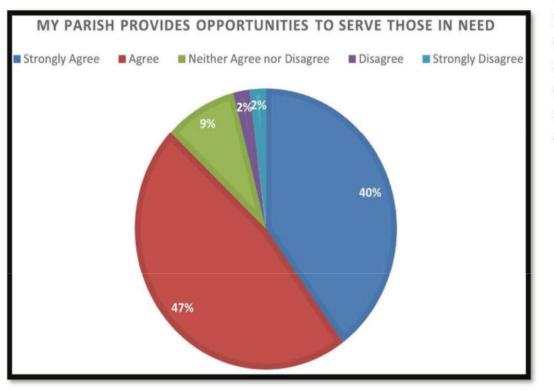


The need to better engage our younger members is also highlighted by the age demographics of the 60% of our parishioners who completed the DMI:

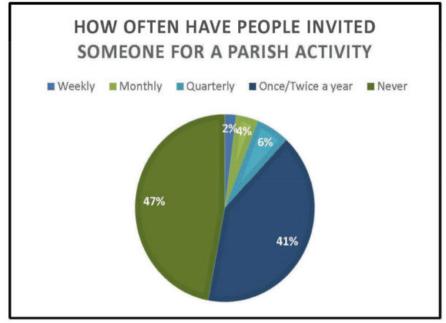
The future depends on engaging the young single adults and adults with young families, so this might be a vital area on which to concentrate in the next several years.



A third priority arising from the DMI data could be encouraging involvement in ministries as a way of living our baptismal call. Baptism calls us to serve others, and as a parish we must help each other answer that call to service in the community. A great opportunity presents itself to move parishioners from the Agree category to Strongly Agree. There is also an opportunity for the parish to provide tools



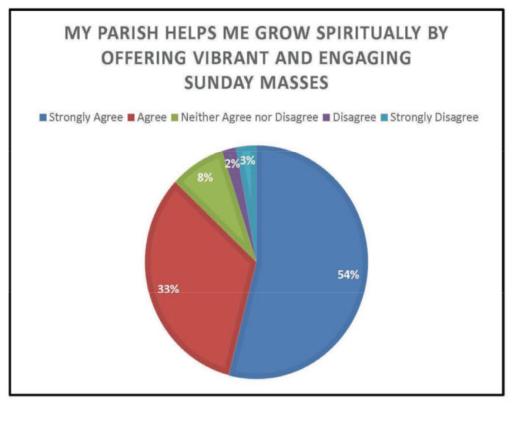
to help parishioners discern their gifts and talents that can be used in the service of the community. Another priority pointed to by the DMI is cultivating an invitational stance in order to grow as an inviting parish. We believe God gathers us into a community of faith. The parish should grow as the Body of Christ where each member feels welcomed and is proud to invite a friend. The percentages in this chart

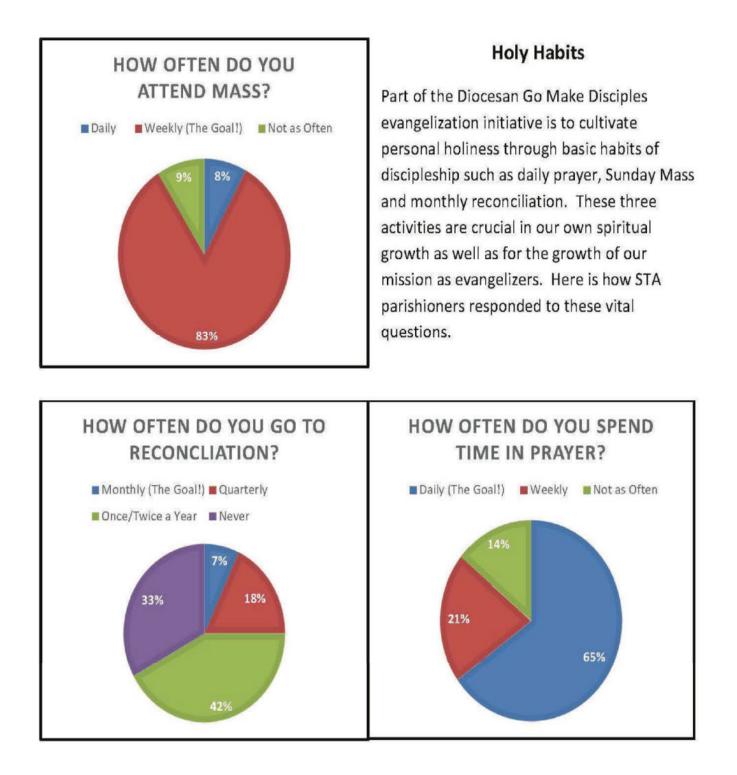


provide a snapshot of our parish's invitational stance at the time the DMI survey was taken. While the pandemic may have had some affect on the numbers represented here, the data shows a clear opportunity to focus on developing an invitational dynamic.

A final possible priority revealed through the DMI is growing in appreciation of the Mass. We believe the Mass is source and summit of all that we are as the people of God.

The parish would like to grow in its love for the Mass and its mandate to share the Good News. While the appreciation of the liturgies is high at St. Thomas Aquinas, there is definite opportunity to strengthen our love and gratefulness for the Mass.





Strengths and Opportunities

These charts clearly illustrate the strengths and opportunities that exist in our parish in regard to these three holy habits. By strengthening our personal holiness through prayer, Mass and Reconciliation, we can better become the evangelizing missionaries we are called to be through our baptism.

Catholic Multicultural Center 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.

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 15th**. If you are interested in helping, please sign up online at *https://stthomasaquinas16.flocknote.com/signup/89842* or contact Stella at *stella.castellino1026@gmail.com*

Volunteer at the Catholic Multicultural Center Food Pantry Garden!



Want to make a direct impact on helping people in our community have access to fresh, healthy food? Volunteer at the Emmett Schulte food pantry garden located at 11214 Mid Town Rd., Verona and grow food for the Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC) food pantry and daily free meal program. Work sessions are Mondays from 4-7pm and Wednesdays from 5-7pm (come anytime; volunteers need not commit to staying the whole session). Volunteers can sign up once a week, a few times during the season, or anywhere in between. No experience necessary; tools and supplies are provided. In addition to this garden, a variety of Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens sites need and appreciate volunteers, each with their own work times. Learn more at: *foodpantrygardens.org*.

To sign up to help at the Emmett Schulte Garden, please contact Laura, CMC Grants & Communications Coordinator: 608-441-1180 or *laura@cmcmadison.org*.





St. Bernard Parish, Atwood Ave., Madison Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 PM

Join Bishop Hying and priests of the Diocese of Madison to honor all police, fire, EMS personnel and first responders, of any faith tradition. Uniforms welcome! These brave men and women do so much for our communities. Catholic faithful from around the diocese are also welcome.

Following Mass, brats and hamburgers will be served, sponsored by Gunderson Funeral and Cremation Care.

For more info, contact Fr. Michael Radowicz at (608) 249-9256 x222 or *pastor@sbmsn.org*

Discipleship & Development

Active Shooter Training May 17th from 6-8 PM at STA

This training gives you tactics on how to keep yourself and other safe during an active shooter attack. If you are interested in attending, please contact Holly at *holly@stamadison.org* or 833-2600.

National combined Collection

Next weekend, May 14/15th, the National Combined Collection will be conducted in our parish. This combined collection is combining the following individual collections:

Black & Indian Missions

- Catholic Promotion of Authentic Human Development
- Catholic Communications Campaign

Catholic Home Missions

- Catholic University of America
- Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services

Retirement Fund for Religious

Your help and support is critical. Please take this week to pray about the support you can provide. A brochure and envelope will be inserted into the bulletin next weekend for your donation.

Pastoral Council Election

Pastoral Council candidate and election information are in the gathering area. Elections will be held May 14-15.

Faith Formation

by Margarita Cabada

As the year comes to an end, I wanted to express my gratitude for allowing me to serve your elementary aged children. A big thank you also goes to the amazing catechists who offered their time to guide and teach the children about God. They are wonderful partners for parents. Together, we are witnesses to the children of Jesus and his mission:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, that I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:19–20

Do you feel God is calling you to serve in this beautiful mission as well? We are in the process of planning and scheduling catechists' retreats or/and trainings. Please contact me if you have any questions, and please know that...

- If you feel the Lord has blessed you with an ability to communicate His truth and love to young people, **we need you!**
- If you are a teacher by profession and would like to share your faith with our young people, we need you!
- If you are not a teacher by profession but would like to share your faith with our young people, we will equip and form you, because **we need you!**
- If you are a person of prayer and in touch with God, who directs our ministry, **we need you!**

Please consider how you might answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus by sharing your faith with our parish children.

Please send me an email at *margarita@stamadison.org* for more information.

**All volunteers must complete the safe environment training and requirements.*



2022 First Communion at the 4:30pm, 6:30pm, 10Am Masses



Farewell from Claribelle

Dear STA community,

By the time you read this message I will already have finished my duties at Saint Thomas Aquinas. I am deeply grateful for your patience, trust, and support. This opportunity was an honor and a blessing that I will treasure forever. Also, during the short time I served as a staff member, I witnessed the Love poured over this Parish community and the efforts to have a bilingual devoted community. On behalf of the Hispanic community, receive my gratitude. God is good all the time! All the time God is good! Fraternal hug, Claribelle Vera Heredia

SUNDAY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM ONLY 2 classes left: May 8, 15

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 7

4:30 PM Lina Maria Vergara 🕈 6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners & All Living and Deceased Mothers Sunday, May 8 Good Shepherd Sunday, World day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Dav Edward and Annetta Harrison Φ 8:00 AM 10:00 AM Dale Blumreich + Monday, May 9 8:30 AM Marie C. Medina 🕈 Tuesday, May 10 St. Damien de Veuster, Priest 5:30 PM Paolo Antonio Rufino♥ Wednesday, May 11 8:30 AM Paul Bariola + Thursday, May 12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr 7:30 AM Winfred Kysely \$ Friday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima 8:30 AM David Peterson Φ 10:00 AM Necla (NEJ lah) Erokay (air OH kay)♥ Saturday, May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle 4:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners 6:30 PM Ernesting Robbles-Morales♥ Sunday, May 15 St. Isidore 8:00 AM Kathleen Reddie 10:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Souik Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

- Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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.

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 TOTALS	\$494,953	\$180,812
5/1/2022	\$15,926	\$2,269
5/8/2022		
5/15/2022		
5/22/2022		
5/29/2022		
May Total	\$15,926	\$2,269
May 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 9:

Bariola, Degenhardt, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu Monday, May 16:

Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer, Zingsheim

Prayers

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you • throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other • young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Check out the insert in this bulletin!

Prayer for Life

For all mothers: That they may be encouraged and supported as they live out this special vocation; We pray to the Lord.

Prayer for Justice

For all who choose motherhood: That they may find the support they need to nourish and nurture their children to become responsible and respectful citizens; We pray to the Lord.

Making Sundays Special!

Let friends and neighbors see you celebrating Church traditions and holy days. *Be prepared to talk about what they mean.*



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