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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022

“Peace I leave with you.” Jn 14:27a

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



VI Domingo de Pascua
22 mayo de 2022

“La paz les dejo.” Jn 14, 27

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus appears to the Apostles in today's Gospel episode, gives them the gift of peace and promises to send them the Holy Spirit to be their "Advocate." What is the area of your life that is in need of peace? Have you invited the Holy Spirit, by name, to enter this space? How can you ask the Holy Spirit to address this aspect of your life? Jesus has already given us the Holy Spirit at confirmation. We have this gift. We need to call it forward in a specific way. The Spirit is there waiting to be invited in.



Sexto domingo de Pascua

Jesús se aparece a los Apóstoles en el episodio del Evangelio de hoy y les da el don de la paz y promete enviarles el Espíritu Santo para que sea su "Abogado". ¿Cuál es el área de tu vida que necesita paz? ¿Has invitado al Espíritu Santo, por nombre, a entrar en este espacio? ¿Cómo puedes pedirle al Espíritu Santo que aborde este aspecto de tu vida? Jesús ya te ha dado el Espíritu Santo en tu Confirmación, nosotros tenemos este don, necesitamos llamarlo de una manera específica. El Espíritu está allí esperando ser invitado a entrar.

Welcome Bishop Hying!

This Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 42 of our young people at a special 2:00 p.m. Mass. We welcome our bishop, Bishop Donald Hying, who will be here at STA to celebrate this sacrament with us. The presence of our Bishop underscores the importance of Confirmation. The Bishop is the successor of the Apostles upon whom the Holy Spirit descended on Pentecost. As leader, the Bishop signifies our unity in faith. It gives all of us an opportunity to pray with and meet Bishop Hying who is the local leader of our Church.

¡Bienvenido obispo Hying!

Este domingo celebramos el Sacramento de la Confirmación con 42 de nuestros jóvenes en un horario especial a las 2:00 p.m. Misa. Damos la bienvenida a nuestro obispo, el obispo Donald Hying, quien estará aquí en STA para celebrar este sacramento con nosotros. La presencia de nuestro Obispo subraya la importancia de la Confirmación. El Obispo es el sucesor de los Apóstoles sobre los que descendió el Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés. Como líder, el Obispo significa nuestra unidad en la fe. Nos da a todos la oportunidad de orar y conocer al obispo Hying, quien es nuestro líder local de nuestra Iglesia.

Confirmation harkens back to the original experience of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down on the infant Church and empowered it to carry on the life and mission of Jesus. Confirmation is a personal Pentecost for our young people and will empower them to carry on the life and mission of Jesus in our lives today. Congratulations to our Confirmandi, to their sponsors, and to their parents on this most monumental occasion!

La confirmación se remonta a la experiencia original de Pentecostés, cuando el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre la Iglesia naciente y la capacitó para llevar a cabo la vida y la misión de Jesús. La confirmación es un Pentecostés personal para nuestros jóvenes y los capacitará para llevar adelante la vida y la misión de Jesús en nuestras vidas hoy. ¡Felicitaciones a nuestros confirmados, a sus padrinos o madrinan y a sus padres en esta ocasión tan monumental!

Thank you to the parents for their commitment to raising their children in the faith. Thank you to Robert Rosa Cruz, our Director of Youth Ministry. Thank you to all who helped with our Confirmation Mass and reception, and for all you do to support the youth of our parish!

Gracias a los padres por su compromiso de criar a sus hijos en la fe. Gracias a Robert Rosa Cruz nuestro director de Pastoral Juvenil. ¡Gracias a todos los que ayudaron con nuestra Misa de Confirmación y recepción, y por todo lo que hacen para apoyar a los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia!

Wedding Season Begins

We have begun a time period in our parish where we have several weddings scheduled now and throughout the summer months into the fall. Dcn. Jerome and I are preparing 25 couples for marriage this year, and of those 16 are at St. Thomas Aquinas. This Saturday, I will be in Dubuque, IA, celebrating the wedding of my cousin's daughter. Let us continue to pray for all of our engaged couples as they prepare for their lifelong marriage and ask God's blessings on them in this joyful and happy time.

Comienza la temporada de bodas

Hemos comenzado un período de tiempo en nuestra parroquia donde tenemos varias bodas programadas ahora y durante los meses de verano hasta otoño. Dcn. Jerome y yo estamos preparando 25 parejas para casarse este año, y de esas 16 están en Santo Tomás de Aquino. Este sábado estaré en Dubuque, IA, celebrando la boda de la hija de mi prima. Sigamos orando por todas nuestras parejas comprometidas mientras se preparan para su matrimonio de por vida y pidamos las bendiciones de Dios sobre ellos en este momento feliz y alegre.

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor (cont'd)

by Fr. Bart Timmerman



Thank You Dcn. Mark Foley

Last Saturday at our 4:30 p.m. Mass, newly ordained Dcn. Mark Foley preached the homily for the very first time. He did an amazing job and we have high expectations for him as he continues the path to Ordination to the

Priesthood next year for our diocese. In his remarkable homily, he taught us a short prayer and he asked us to pray it every day for one month. I want to share this in writing with you so that you can be sure to use it in your daily prayer:

*“Jesus, I ask you to please
reveal your love for me in my life
in a way that is real, personal, and powerful.
Amen.”*

Gracias Diácono Mark Foley

El sábado pasado en nuestro 4:30 p.m. Misa, recién ordenado Dcn. Mark Foley predicó la homilía por primera vez. Hizo un trabajo increíble y tenemos grandes expectativas para él mientras continúa el camino hacia la ordenación sacerdotal el próximo año para nuestra diócesis. En su notable homilía, nos enseñó una breve oración y nos pidió que la rezáramos todos los días durante un mes. Quiero compartir esto contigo por escrito para que puedas estar seguro de usarlo en tu oración diaria:

*“Jesús, te pido que
revelés tu amor por mí en mi vida
de una manera real, personal y poderosa.
Amén.”*



Congratulations to our new Pastoral Council member Lucas Esser!

**A heartfelt thank you to our
candidates**

**Annie Kelly and Nick Roback,
who generously participated in the election.**

~Pastoral Council Members

Discipleship & Development

by Holly Irving

Ministers of Hospitality and Greeters Needed

Are you a people person? If so, our parish family needs Ministers of Hospitality and Greeters. Greeters stand at the doors to the Church and welcome everyone! You schedule yourself as a greeter. Ministers of Hospitality greet people, help people find a seat, take up the collection, put out bulletins, and have other duties. If you are interested, please contact Holly at holly@stamadison.org.

Rosebud Program

The Rosebud Program is a way for parents and grandparents to request prayers and support for anyone who is pregnant, celebrating birth or adoption, grieving miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, infant or child death, or waiting to become pregnant or adopt.

Here is how it works: **In the Gathering Area by the statue of Mary**, there are a variety of colored roses and cards that address the needs listed above. Each rose represents a special need. The person wanting prayers writes their name on the card matching their prayer request, chooses the appropriate colored rose and then puts it into the vase. The prayers are put onto the prayer chain.

I have just removed the roses to give others the opportunity to put in their requests. Your prayer request is being prayed for by the people on the prayer chain. For more information, you can contact Holly at 833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org.

Pastoral Care

by Erik Gyr

Saint Thomas Aquinas Care Team



There are many benefits of being part of the Parish Care Team Ministry. For our parish, it enhances our ability to provide direct assistance to our parish members. It also offers various opportunities for as few as 2 hours a month.

If you are interested in serving as a team member, we are available for your questions, and we'll also provide needed training. To learn more about STA's Parish Care Team Ministry, to inquire about becoming a member, and/or needed services please contact:

Judy Niederberger at 608-845-7057

Kathy Swanson 608-444-9374

Go Make Disciples!
¡Vayan y hagan
discipulos!



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CATHOLIC PARISH

How wonderful it was to be together for a Spirit-filled Parish Renewal on May 9-11!

Led by Mari Pablo of Evangelical Catholic, our parish family was inspired, given a chance to hone some of our evangelization skills, and then worked together to determine priorities to develop as an evangelizing parish of missionary disciples.

Each night, Spanish-speaking and English-speaking members of our parish started together in prayer and song before breaking into our specific language groups. A favorite song (used all three nights) was the bilingual “Amor de Dios/O Love of God” that speaks of our unity through baptism and asks God to “Make us all one family; bring us together to do the works of love. Haznos una familia que se une por obras de tu amor.” You just may hear this one at Mass sometimes, too!



On Monday and Tuesday, Mari was amazing...she did all the talks in both Spanish and English! On Monday, we focused on **remembering our call**. Mari pointed out that Jesus invites all of us to follow Him and to make disciples. We are called through our baptism to joyfully bring others to the Lord. Staff members Holly Irving and Julia Hix lent a hand with an activity that pointed to the importance of having good conversation skills and reflecting on Mt 5:13-16—our call to be salt and light. Staff members Robert Rosa-Cruz and Margarita Cabada led the same activities in Spanish.



Tuesday gave us a chance to **recount God's work**. When we talk about God's work in our own lives, we can point out to others how God works in their lives, too. Directed by staff members Erik Gyr and Deacon Jerome Buhman (in English) and Robert and Margarita (in Spanish), participants shared “mini testimonies” with partners, and a few people were even brave enough to share with the whole assembly! We ended the night with time in Adoration, prayerfully offering the stories of our lives to the Lord.



Finally, on Wednesday, we shifted our focus to **renewing our parish**. We are called to discipleship not only as individuals, but also as a community. Over 130 people came together for a meal in our newly renovated social hall, then prayerfully reflected in small groups about where the Holy Spirit is calling us to focus our energy. Over the next 2-3 years, what would bear the most fruit? Two priorities were clearly discerned – a focus on nurturing our personal relationships with Jesus, on developing greater engagement of young adults, including families with young children. How will this actually look? Stay tuned! The next step will be to develop concrete “SMART” goals (*specific, measurable, achievable, and relevant*). Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to guide us, so that we may **Go, Make Disciples!**



Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

John 14:23-29

Both last week's Gospel and our Gospel today give us a little hint of what is coming the next couple weeks, with the Ascension and Pentecost. Last week, Jesus said, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer," and today he says, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." In today's Gospel, though Jesus tells his disciples that he will soon no longer be with them physically, he promises that "whoever loves me will keep my Word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." Taken together, these are beautiful statements of the promise of the Trinitarian God -- Father, Son and Spirit -- to be with us. In this one brief passage, Jesus assures us of the presence of Himself, the Father and the Spirit in our lives. And more than that, Jesus speaks of God not just being occasionally present, but making His dwelling in us. This promise of God's desire for a close personal relationship with us should fill us with joy, wonder and hope!

Anniversary Blessing



What Anniversary are You Celebrating in 2022?

Bishop Donald Hying will be recognizing married couples celebrating 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage and the first 3 years of marriage.

Sunday, August 14th
St. Francis Xavier in Cross Plains

The event will start at 2pm with a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a cake, coffee, & punch reception.

Please notify **Terri Kysely** by **May 25th** to have your name submitted to the Diocese.

Terri Kysely: terrikysely@stamadison.org



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Celebración de Aniversario de Bodas de 25 años para la Comunidad Hispana



¡Este evento es por
invitación solamente!

¿Están celebrando 25 años de Matrimonio en el 2022?

El domingo, 28 de agosto con una Misa en español el Obispo Hying reconocerá a las parejas hispanas casadas que están celebrando 25 años de matrimonio este año.

Después de la Misa tendremos una pequeña recepción con pastel y chocolate caliente.

Detalles sobre el evento en la invitación personal.

Para recibir su invitación, por favor notifique a la oficina de la parroquia a la cual usted pertenece antes del 25 de mayo de 2022.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day

4:30 PM Bibiana Gutierrez ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, May 22 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 AM John Hurtgen ☩

10:00 AM Duane Bartnick and Jerry, Emil and Bernadine Lauber ☩

Monday, May 23

8:30 AM Fr. Donald Murray ☩

Tuesday, May 24

5:30 PM Roland and Betty Endres

Wednesday, May 25 St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

8:30 AM Josephine Cassidy ☩

Thursday, May 26 St. Philip Neri, Priest

7:30 AM Helena Szylow & Kazimiera Sak ☩

Friday, May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:30 AM Gene & Dolores Prieve ☩

10:00 AM (Oakwood) Hannah Agbonna ☩

Saturday, May 28

4:30 PM Deceased Members of the Gray/Picchiotti Family ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, May 29 The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope

8:00 AM Ruth Little ☩

10:00 AM Marci Schaeve ☩

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 TOTALS	\$513,180	\$184,668
5/1/2022	\$12,984	\$1,585
5/8/2022	\$21,169	\$4,540
5/15/2022		
5/22/2022		
5/29/2022		
May Total	\$34,153	\$6,125
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 23:

Baik, Degenhardt, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

Tuesday, May 31:

Bariola, Degenhardt, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu



**Luke House
Community
Meal Program
Bring in Food Items
by May 25th at 9 AM**

Prayers

Prayer for Life

May the Supreme Court act to restore legal protection for the lives of unborn children by overturning the tragic decision of Roe v. Wade;
We pray to the Lord.

Prayer for Justice

For all who champion racial equality:
that they may be strengthened in their efforts knowing that the Advocate remains with and in them;
We pray to the Lord.

Making Sundays Special!

Go for a walk and be in awe of God's creation.

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.

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