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We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

Seventh Sunday of Easter May 29, 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, 3:15-4:10_{PM} Sunday, 9:00-9:50_{AM}

Adoration

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00ам-5:00рм Friday, 9:00ам-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 3:15-4:10_{PM}

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Adoración al Santísimo

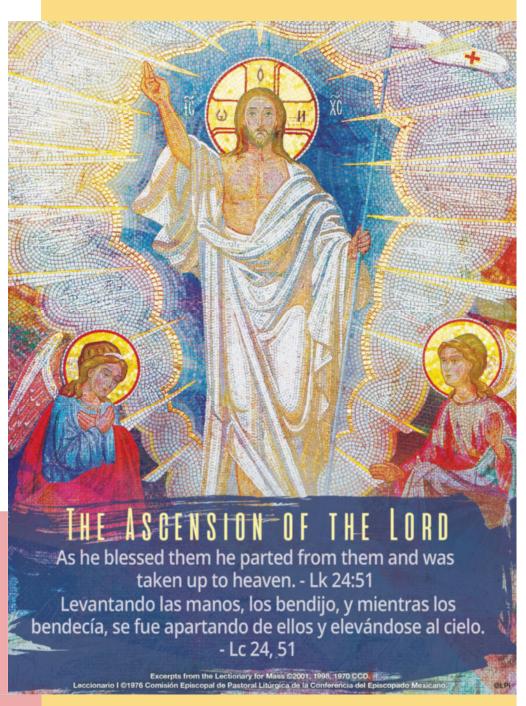
 Lunes
 2:00-4:00PM

 Martes
 4:15-5:25PM

 Viernes
 9:00-10:00AM

VII Domingo de Pascua 29 mayo de 2022

The Ascension of the Lord



Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).

The reality of the Ascension is so important that the creeds of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection.

Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into heaven not simply as souls after our death, but as glorified bodies after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming humankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The Pentecost Novena is the first of all novenas, nine days of prayer. After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer (Acts 1:14). They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

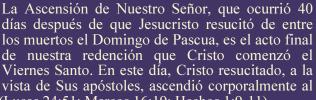
Bishop Hying has asked all of us to pray the Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit. This Novena started on Friday, May 27 and we will pray this prayer for nine days until Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Here is the prayer that Bishop Hying asks us to pray in these days, particularly for our Diocese, as we continue our "Go Make Disciples" Initiative, and our planning for the future initiative called "Into the Deep."

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Heavenly Father, as you sent fiery tongues of the Holy Spirit on the Church gathered at Pentecost, so now send forth the same Spirit on the Diocese of Madison. Inflame us with wisdom and courage, evangelizing zeal, and greater charity, that we may be renewed in the Heart of Your Son and come to live ever more deeply Your Trinitarian life of sacrificial love. Through the Sacraments and Scriptures, in personal prayer and service of neighbor, may each of us be renewed for the sake of the saving mission of the Church: to proclaim the Gospel to every creature and make disciples in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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La Ascensión de Jesús al Cielo



Cielo (Lucas 24:51; Marcos 16:19; Hechos 1:9-11).

La realidad de la Ascensión es tan importante que todos los credos del cristianismo afirman, en las palabras del Credo de los Apóstoles, que "Subió a los cielos, está sentado a la diestra de Dios Padre todopoderoso; desde allí vendrá a juzgar a vivos y muertos." La negación de la Ascensión es una desviación tan grave de la enseñanza cristiana como lo es la negación de la Resurrección de Cristo.

La Ascensión corporal de Cristo anuncia nuestra propia entrada al Cielo no simplemente como almas, después de nuestra muerte, sino como cuerpos glorificados, después de la resurrección de los muertos en el Juicio Final. Al redimir a la humanidad, Cristo no solo ofreció la salvación a nuestras almas, sino que comenzó la restauración del mundo material mismo a la gloria que Dios pretendía antes de la caída de Adán.

Novena al Espíritu Santo

La Novena de Pentecostés es la primera de todas las novenas, nueve días de oración. Después de la Ascensión de Jesús al cielo, ordenó a Sus discípulos que se reunieran en el aposento alto para dedicarse a la oración constante (Hechos 1:14). Oraron durante nueve días antes de recibir el Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés.

El obispo Hying nos ha pedido a todos que recemos la Oración de la Novena al Espíritu Santo. Esta novena comenzó el viernes 27 de mayo y rezaremos esta oración durante nueve días hasta el domingo de Pentecostés el 5 de junio. Aquí está la oración que el obispo Hying nos pide que oremos en estos días, particularmente por nuestra diócesis mientras continuamos con nuestro "Vayan y hagan discípulos", y nuestra planificación para la futura iniciativa llamada "En la profundidad" (Into the Deep).

VAYAN Y HAGAN DISCÍPULOS

Padre Celestial, así como enviaste lenguas como de fuego del Espíritu Santo sobre la Iglesia reunida en Pentecostés, ahora envía el mismo Espíritu sobre la Diócesis de Madison. Inflámanos de sabiduría y coraje, celo evangelizador y mayor caridad, para que seamos renovados en el Corazón de tu Hijo y lleguemos a vivir cada vez más profundamente tu vida trinitaria de amor sacrificial. Por los sacramentos y las Escrituras, en la oración personal y en el servicio al prójimo, que cvada uno de nosotros sea renovado por el bien de la misión salvífica de la Iglesia: proclamar el Evangelio a toda criatura y hacer discípulos en el Santo Nombre de Jesucristo. Amén.

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

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Memorial Day Weekend

On this Memorial Day Weekend, our parish family remembers and honors those brave women and men who proudly wore the uniform of our armed forces and made the ultimate sacrifices that have become the lifeblood of our country. We remember them with gratitude and pride. As disciples of Jesus, we can also see in the sacrifice of fallen veterans a reminder of the sacrifice of Christ, and a call to lay down our own lives in service to others. The sacrifices made by our own countrymen and women throughout American history are a reminder of Christ's message: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13)."

STA Offices will be CLOSED on Memorial Day



Join Bishop Hying for Memorial Day Mass

MEMORIAL DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Monday, May 30th
at 10_{AM}
Resurrection Cemetery

Discipleship & Development

by Holly Irving



First Responders

There is a reason I am not in the medical profession. Medical emergencies scare me!

The Medical and Security Committee decided to have a reserved pew available for First Responders so they are easily accessible. If you are a First Responder and would be available to help at your convenience, please contact:

Holly Irving holly@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600

Fin de semana del Día de los Caídos

En este fin de semana del Día de los Caídos, nuestra familia parroquial recuerda y honra a las mujeres y hombres valientes que orgullosamente llevaron el uniforme de nuestras fuerzas armadas e hicieron los máximos sacrificios que se han convertido en el alma de nuestro país. Los recordamos con gratitud y orgullo. Como discípulos de Jesús, podemos ver en el sacrificio de los veteranos caídos un recordatorio del sacrificio de Cristo y un llamado a dar nuestras propias vidas al s ervicio de los demás. Los sacrificios hechos por nuestros propios compatriotas a lo largo de la historia de los Estados Unidos son un recordatorio del mensaje de Cristo: "Nadie tiene mayor amor que este, que uno dé su vida por sus amigos (Juan 15:13)".

Las Oficinas de STA estarán CERRADAS este lunes de Memorial Day

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

John 17:20-26

In last year's column for this weekend, I wrote about the readings for Ascension; this year I want to briefly reflect on the readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Both our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and our Gospel from John start similarly. In the first sentence from Acts we read "Stephen . . . looking up intently to heaven. . ." and our Gospel starts "Lifting his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed . . ." Both men had their eyes fixed on the goal, the attainment of salvation – not just for themselves, but for others as well. Because of their preaching of the Good News, both suffered persecution and death. At the end of our first reading, Stephen is stoned to death; in the very next chapter of our Gospel from John, Jesus is arrested. These readings help us to focus on what our goal is - heaven for ourselves and for others through our daily witness. But they also remind us that we may suffer in attaining those goals. We may not suffer death, but perhaps derision, mockery, indifference, apathy - or even our own discomfort in preaching the Good News publicly through our words and actions. These readings are a call to keep our eyes fixed on heaven, while working on Earth to spread the Good News.

National Eucharistic Revival

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has put forth a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This is based upon a document they published entitled, The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church."

We at STA, along with parishes throughout the nation, are kicking off the Eucharistic Revival:

Feast of Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19th 1-3 PM

We will begin with a Holy Hour, gathering to pray and worship Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Holy Hour will lead into a reflection on the Eucharist by Dcn. Mark Foley, followed by Benediction. We will end with social time together. Please consider joining us as we mark the beginning of the Eucharistic Revival!

You can view and download The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church and find more information on the Eucharistic Revival at: *eucharistic eucharistic eucharistic*

Moving forward, we welcome all those who would like to be a part of ongoing efforts to integrate the Eucharistic Revival into parish life, through the lens of our recent parish renewal. During the parish renewal, two priorities for our parish were discerned - a focus on nurturing our personal relationships with Jesus and on developing greater engagement of young adults, including families with young children.

We invite you to take this to prayer and ask yourself, "Is God calling me to bring others closer to the Eucharist?" If you do feel so called, please contact Jackie Schramm at jackie.schramm@icloud.com.

Cry of the Earth: Care for Our Common Home

This Sunday, we conclude Laudato Si' Week. During this week, the USCCB asked us to reflect on this question: "What can I do to walk together with my brothers and sisters to make sure that our common home remains a place that respects the dignity and interconnectedness of all created life?" Let us continue to pray, learn and act on this question.

Pray

Add this short prayer to your daily prayers and reflect on the Prayer to Care for Our Common Home https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-care-our-common-home

Learn

Caring for our common home is a central tenant of our Catholic faith and an invitation to join our brothers and sisters of other faith traditions in responding to the global climate crisis. Refer to the USCCB's publication, *Ecumenical and Interreligious Guidebook: Care for Our Common Home*, https://www.usccb.org/resources/care-our-common-home and consider how we can work with other communities of faith on this important task. Contact Trudi Jenny at trudijenny@yahoo.com if you would like to know more about what is happening in the Madison area.

Act

The U.S. Bishops (USCCB) have long advocated for policies that support and encourage better stewardship of God's creation. Learn more about actions the Bishops have taken and sign up to receive action alerts at https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/register. Use your voice to tell your elected officials why caring for God's creation matters to you.

Thank you for praying for God's creation, learning more about what you can do, and taking action to save our planet for future generations.

Fr. Carlos Bermudez of Venezuela presided at the Spanish Mass on May 21st.



Confirmation

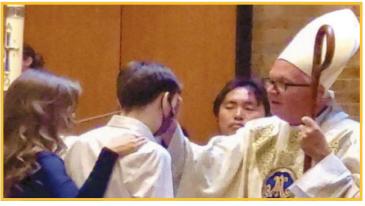
May 14th Confirmations

Congratulations to our candidates! They were full of joy as they received the Holy Spirit. Bishop Hying, Fr. Bart, and Dcn. Jim Hoegemeier together with sponsors, families and friends celebrated this great sacrament with the candidates.



May 22nd Confirmations

Last weekend, 64 students, 43 of STA, were confirmed by Bishop Donald Hying. Let us pray for all these teens that they may continue to say YES to the Lord in all they think, do, or say. A big thank you to our priests, deacons, catechists, and parents for walking with these students.







Youth & Young Adults



Graduation Mass Sunday, June 5th at 10AM

A special blessing will be offered for 8th & 12th grade graduates.

If you are attending 10_{AM} Mass, let Robert Rosa-Cruz know by June 3rd robert@stamadison.org

Love Begins Here for Teens

Love Begins Here is a local, life changing mission program in the Diocese of Madison that helps middle and high school teens encounter Jesus Christ through a week of local service lived in a joyful, Catholic community. Inspired by the life and witness of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta, LBH invites teens to serve those in need in their own homes and communities, thus continuing Christ's work on earth. This summer, one hundred enthusiastic, hardworking, middle and high school missionaries will be staying at Blessed Sacrament Parish, and working on the days of June 27th-30th and July 6th-7th. LBH is currently looking for people to serve on projects such as general vard work, gardening/weeding, garage cleaning, window washing, painting, and providing joyful company to elderly parishioners. If you or your neighbor lives in Madison or within 20 minutes of the Madison area and would be in need of having a group of 4-5 teens and an adult chaperone, come to your home, please contact:

Meghan Bonham at 608.821.4578 or meghan.bonham@madisondiocese.org





Figt Ministries Discernment Retreat

Single women, age 18-30, who are seeking to do God's will, are "invited to attend an upcoming Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat:

June 3-5, 2022 International Schoenstatt Retreat Center Archdiocese of Milwaukee, WI

Consecrated sisters from various communities assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister. The cost is \$25 to attend. Registration can be found at *fiatministries.org/retreats/*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 28

4:30 PM Deceased Members of the Gray/ Picchietti 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 4

10:00 AM Marci Schaeve +

Monday, May 30 Memorial Day

8:30 AM NO MASS at St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 PM Jack Sprague \$\Pm\$

Wednesday, June 1 St. Justin, Martyr

8:30 AM Anfilóquio Leão Bezerra

Thursday, June 2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

7:30 AM Angelo Tuccinardi Family

Friday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions,
Martyrs

8:30 AM Special Intention \$\phi\$

Saturday, June 4

4:30 PM Larry and Betty Gerczak †

6:30 PM Franco and Andres Meschisi Vaccaro♥

Sunday, June 5 Pentecost; St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners 10:00 AM Diane Bartnick Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ls 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or || 3:1-5/Ps

104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/

Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-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

Tuesday, May 31:

Bariola, Degenhardt, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu **Monday, June 6:**

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Prayers

Prayer for Life

For all Christians:

That our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next:

We pray to the Lord.

Prayer for Justice

For all Christians:

That they may be good stewards of the earth by taking daily action to protect that which sustains life for future generations;

We pray to the Lord.

Making Sundays Special!

Say thank you for something that someone didn't realize they gave you, like the inspiration to seize the day or the courage to do something that was difficult.

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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