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

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 24, 2022

*"Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me" Psalm 138*

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



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence." - Lk 11:8

17° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Por su molesta insistencia, sí se levantará
y le dará cuanto necesite". - Lc 11, 8

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17° domingo del tiempo ordinario
24 julio de 2022

*Te damos gracias de todo corazón.
Salmo 137, 1-3,6-7*

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray and he teaches them the "Our Father." Jesus Christ invites His disciples to experience prayer, placing them directly in communication with the Father, inspiring in them a longing for a personal relationship with God, with the Father.

You could make the argument that the *Our Father Prayer* is one of the most precious gifts Jesus has left to us during his earthly ministry. Jesus shows us how to enter into a direct dialogue with God, who is our Father and we are His children! This prayer taught to us by Jesus is the synthesis of every prayer, and it is a true gift to know this prayer and to pray it. Especially when we pray it during the Communion Rite during Mass, the prayer brings us together as God's children and gives us the perfect words to be in intimate communion with God. Let us pray it and mean each word we pray.



Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Awareness Week: Called to the Joy of Love

The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is an original gift from God to humanity. Although sin entered the world damaging the marital relationship, this gift was not lost but redeemed by Christ and raised to a sacrament (see Eph 5: 28-32; see also Mt 19: 4-6). Sacred Scripture proclaims that God created humanity in "His image" as "male and female" (see Gn 1: 27). So unique is this relationship that the marital union makes of husband and wife "one flesh" (Gn 2: 24). Procreation, Scripture teaches, is a gift from God (Gn 1: 28). When spouses conceive new life, they participate in the Lord God's creative power. This is an awesome privilege and sacred responsibility!

The Catholic Church teaches that the best way of living out this sacred responsibility is by practicing NFP. NFP is a method of understanding a couple's fertility in their decision to avoid or achieve pregnancy and is up to 99% effective and 100% natural, and extends the mutual care of the woman's fertility into the faithful and life-giving love of husband and wife in all aspects of their marriage.

As pastor, I want to promote the Church teachings on Marriage and Family and also support and encourage our families who are practicing NFP. There is a lot of information on this topic and here is a link to learn more about NFP: [NFP Resources | USCCB](#)

17^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Los discípulos le piden a Jesús que les enseñe a orar y él les enseña el "Padre Nuestro". Jesucristo invita a sus discípulos a experimentar la oración, poniéndolos en comunicación directa con el Padre, inspirándoles el anhelo de una relación personal con Dios, con el Padre. Podría argumentar que la oración del "Padre Nuestro" es uno de los dones más preciados que Jesús nos ha dejado durante su ministerio terrenal. ¡Jesús nos muestra cómo entrar en un diálogo directo con Dios, que es nuestro Padre y nosotros sus hijos! Esta oración que nos enseñó Jesús es la síntesis de toda oración, y es un verdadero don conocer esta oración y rezarla. Especialmente cuando la rezamos durante el Rito de la Comunión durante la Misa, la oración nos une como hijos de Dios y nos da las palabras perfectas para estar en íntima comunión con Dios. Orémoslo y signifiquemos cada palabra que oramos.

Semana de Concientización sobre la Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN): Llamados a la Alegría del Amor

La Iglesia Católica enseña que el matrimonio es un don original de Dios a la humanidad. Aunque el pecado entró en el mundo dañando la relación conyugal, este don no se perdió sino que Cristo lo redimió y lo elevó a sacramento (cf. Ef 5, 28-32; cf. también Mt 19, 4-6). La Sagrada Escritura proclama que Dios creó a la humanidad a "su imagen" como "varón y mujer" (cf. Gn 1, 27). Tan singular es esta relación que la unión marital hace del marido y de la mujer "una sola carne" (Gn 2, 24). La procreación, enseña la Escritura, es un don de Dios (Gn 1, 28). Cuando los cónyuges conciben la vida nueva, participan del poder creador del Señor Dios. ¡Este es un privilegio asombroso y una responsabilidad sagrada!

La Iglesia Católica enseña que la mejor manera de vivir esta sagrada responsabilidad es practicando la PFN. La PFN es un método para comprender la fertilidad de una pareja en su decisión de evitar o lograr un embarazo y es hasta un 99% efectivo y 100% natural, y extiende el cuidado mutuo de la fertilidad de la mujer al amor fiel y vivificante de esposo y esposa en todos los aspectos de su matrimonio.

Como pastor, quiero promover las enseñanzas de la Iglesia sobre el Matrimonio y la Familia y también apoyar y alentar a nuestras familias que practican la PFN. Hay mucha información sobre este tema y aquí hay un enlace para aprender más sobre la PFN: [NFP Resources | USCCB](#)

Farewell to Terri Kysely

by Fr. Bart Timmerman



I am sad to announce that Terri Kysely will be leaving our STA Staff at the end of July. Terri has been offered a position with the Madison Public School Foundation, and we wish her the very best in this new endeavor.

It has been a real gift to have Terri as part of our staff and I appreciate all she has done for our parish family over this past year. We will miss her skill, dedication, and laughter and all the support she offers to various staff members and parish ministries. Particularly I will miss the excellent administrative support she offered to me; she will be greatly missed. We are however very pleased that she and her family will remain as parishioners and volunteers at STA. Thank you Terri for your service to our parish family!

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



Luke 11:1-13

Wow, there are so many themes in this week's readings that it would require pages of reflection to cover them all. Instead, I will focus on just one subject that is close to my heart: the aorta.

Wait, no, while that **IS** close to my heart, that's not what I want to talk about – or, rather it is, in a roundabout way. I want to talk about humor and spirituality. There are elements of humor in both first readings and the Gospel. Although both readings deal with “serious” subjects, there is some humor in the way Abraham deals with God. And Jesus uses some absurdist-type humor when speaking of giving a child a snake or a scorpion when asked for food. Both make use of humor to highlight God's mercy. In our lives, we often divorce humor from our spiritual life, feeling perhaps that it is too serious a matter for humor. But a judicious use of humor can enhance a spiritual life, and humor can be used to gently force us to consider deeper issues. Humor is a part of our daily life and should be part of our relationship with God. Many saints made use of humor, even in the most dire circumstances (St. Lawrence, “Turn me over, I'm done on that side”) to demonstrate their faith and hope in the Lord. So this week, try to find some way to incorporate some humor in your spiritual life and have a heart-y life.

Career & Volunteer Opportunities

Full-Time Administrative Assistant of Communications & Hospitality

Help Wanted! Our growing parish, with an engaged assembly and professional staff, seeks an enthusiastic Catholic experienced in administrative duties. Strong Microsoft Office skills preferred, with proficiency in organization and timeliness. High school degreed applicant with collaborative teamwork skills will provide support to all levels of communications and hospitality. Job duties include managing parish newsletters and website, supporting the Business Manager with financial data entry, overseeing hospitality for parish events and funerals, and organizing hospitality volunteers, as well as broader parish support services.

Interested applicants should email a cover letter with their resume to Julia Hix, Business Manager at julia@stamadison.org or call the Business office at 608-833-2600x867 for more details.



Book it!

Interested in serving the St. Thomas Aquinas family by volunteering in the Parish Library? Come and hear about upcoming exciting projects and learn how to make this resource an even more integral part of our parish life. We will be meeting (in the Library, of course!) on Monday, July 25 at 10 AM. All are welcome!



**Luke House
Community
Meal Program
Bring in Food Items
by July 27th at 9 AM**

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 perform other duties. If you are interested, please contact Holly at holly@stamadison.org.



We've named our parish priorities...we've discerned our goals... now it's time to figure out the strategies to get us there!

About 9 months ago, all parishioners were invited to complete the *Disciple Maker Index Survey*, to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish supports that growth. Over 500 people shared their opinions.

Based on those results we were able to name the top priorities for our parish. This was accomplished with the help of members of the Evangelization Commission, Pastoral Council, and the 120+ parishioners who attended the May 11 Parish Renewal Town Hall. We named two priorities that would be the most impactful areas to focus on as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey: **nurturing a personal relationship with Jesus** and **developing greater engagement of young adults, including families with young children**. Truly the Holy Spirit was guiding the conversation, as these two priorities were clearly where we as a parish were being called.

After naming the two priorities that we intend to focus on for the next 2-3 years, the parish needed to set SMART goals, and once again, we looked to parish members to help us discern two things we wanted to accomplish. In late May, almost 20 different parishioners, widely representing our parish demographic, helped to set the following goals:

Priority: Nurturing a Personal Relationship with Jesus

- Goal 1:** By April, 2024, St. Thomas Aquinas will increase participation in small groups by 10%.
- Goal 2:** According to the DMI, 20% of respondents have attended a retreat. By April, 2024, St. Thomas Aquinas will increase that percentage to 30%

Priority: Develop greater engagement of young adults, including families with young children

- Goal 1:** By April, 2024, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will have a 100% increase in the number of families registered for faith formation/sacramental preparation (for children of catechetical age), from 145 to 290 households.
- Goal 2:** By April, 2024, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will develop and involve 25% of newly married couples, parents of newly baptized children, newly initiated, or newly registered young adults in follow-up opportunities.

As you can see, we've accomplished so much, and we are thrilled at the level of investment and prayerful help that parishioners have had in this process. God has been guiding our parish through the collective wisdom of our parish family. But we're not done yet!

On Tuesday, August 2, 6:30-8pm, there will be one more opportunity to share your insights. We need to put concrete strategies into place to achieve our goals. How are we going to increase the number of those attending retreats? What tools are we going to use to reach out to families with children of catechetical age? Which programs will most effectively help us involve young adults at multiple stages in life?

We invite you to join us!

Bring your prayerful, creative thinking. Bring your openness to the Holy Spirit.

Help St. Thomas Aquinas more fully become a place where people experience Jesus in a way that changes how they live.

**Please RSVP by July 31st to Jennifer Ludtke, Director of Evangelization,
at 833-2606 or jennifer@stamadison.org**

if you are able to attend to help us with the final step in our strategic planning!

Faith Formation, Families, & Fun!

Young Adult Picnic

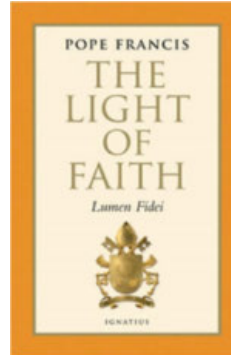
Recently, the young adults gathered for food, fun, and fellowship. If anyone in their 20's or 30's, single, married, or married with children, would like to join, please reach out to Robert Rosa-Cruz at robert@stamadison.org. He'll get you plugged in!



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



Check out our website at stamadison.org/faith-formation/
Contact the Faith Formation Office for more details
(608) 833-2606 or formation@stamadison.org



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 beginning August 11 at Panera Bread located in Mineral Point Road.

Any questions, contact Robert Rosa-Cruz at robert@stamadison.org.

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

Care for Creation

Reflect, Renew and Act

"Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society."
--Pope Francis, *Laudato Si' 91*



Care for Creation Team

Let us recognize that all our actions impact our brothers and sisters across the globe. May our love for them inspire us to change habits that contribute to the climate crisis so that they may simply live.

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JULY 31ST

NEXT SUNDAY!!!

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 23 St. Bridget, Religious

4:30 PM David Vanover ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, July 24 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Gene Kruska ☩

10:00 AM Howie and Theresa Roberts ☩

Monday, July 25 St. James, Apostle

8:30 AM Julia Dolphin Glab ☩

Tuesday, July 26 Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 PM Keegan Huhn ☩

Wednesday, July 27

8:30 AM Lorrie Lipe

Thursday, July 28

7:30 AM Norbert and Erna Esser

Friday, July 29 St. Martha

8:30 AM Anthony Mitnacht

Saturday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysolgius, Bishop & Doctor for the Church

4:30 PM Helen and Jack Boyle ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:00 AM Paul Bariola ☩

10:00 AM Ki Hoon Baik ☩

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 Goal thru July	\$733,000	\$171,347
2022 TOTALS	\$741,300	\$254,026
7/3/2022	\$15,574	\$2,706
7/10/2022	\$18,094	\$643
7/17/2022	\$14,046	\$6,465
7/24/2022		
7/31/2022		
July Total	\$47,714	\$9,414
July GOAL	\$91,000	\$38,000

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

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 25:

Baik, Degenhardt, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

Monday, August 1:

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Prayers

Prayer for Life

May married couples embrace their call to total, faithful, and fruitful love with openness to new life; *We pray to the Lord.*

Prayer for Justice

For all the faith-filled:
That we may open our doors and our hearts to those in need and advocate for legislation that supports them and gives them hope; *We pray to the Lord.*

Making Sundays Special!

Take time for spiritual reading. Consider tackling one of the classics such as "The Story of a Soul," by St. Therese de Lisieux.

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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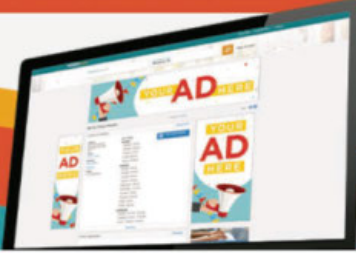
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