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### 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 31, 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<sub>PM</sub> Sunday, 9:00-9:50<sub>AM</sub>

#### 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<sub>PM</sub> y por cita previa

### Adoración al Santísimo

 Lunes
 2:00-4:00PM

 Martes
 4:15-5:25PM

 Viernes
 9:00-10:00AM

18° domingo del tiempo ordinario 31 julio de 2022 "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Psalm 90



"Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

LUKE 12:21

"Lo mismo le pasa al que amontona riquezas para sí mismo y no se hace rico de lo que vale ante Dios".

LUCAS 12, 21

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87 Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano.

"Señor, ten compasión de nosotros."

Salmo 89

## Parish News and Words from Our Pastor Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

### Hispanic Ministry Plan for Interim Period

In light of the recent resignation of our Director of Hispanic Ministry, we have made a temporary plan for ministry in this interim period before a new staff member is hired. I have asked Robert Rosa-Cruz to be our staff point person

for Hispanic Ministry, and we have formed a Hispanic Ministry Board made up of parishioners who have divided up the responsibilities amongst themselves. We will have regular monthly meetings and the community will be ministering to themselves. The Board Members will be looking for volunteers to help in the different ministries. I would like to share with you who the Board Members are. I appreciate their willingness to serve in this time.

### The Hispanic Ministry Board Membership

Thais Acosta
Heriberto Alba and Maria Macias
Pedro Cortes and Gloryann Vargas
Digna and Carlos Leon
Edgar Martinez
Laura Martinez
Nexy Prieto
Maira Rivera

We offer a robust ministry to Spanish speaking parishioners including weekly Mass, liturgical ministries, confessions, baptisms, funerals, weddings, religious education, sacramental preparation, pastoral care, support for those in need, Alpha, Scripture study, adult faith formation, outreach to refugees, etc. I am grateful for the support STA offers to our Hispanic Ministry and all of those involved in serving our community.

### **Religious Education Plan for Interim**

In the interim period before we hire a new staff member, I have asked Robert Rosa Cruz to coordinate this ministry for children in grades 1-5. Before resigning, Margarita was able to set up the schedule for this year and get many volunteers in place. We are still looking for some volunteers to help us, especially on Wednesday evenings to help with teaching or being a classroom support for our traditional catechesis classes and MS youth ministry. Being short-handed with our staffing, we can really use the support of our community this year more than ever. If you feel called to help support our Religious Education Program, please contact Terri Kopplin at terri@stamadison.org.



### Plan de Ministerio Hispano para el Período Interino

A la luz de la reciente renuncia de nuestro Director del Ministerio Hispano, hemos hecho un plan temporal para el ministerio en este período intermedio antes de que se contrate a un nuevo miembro del personal. Le pedí a Robert

Rosa-Cruz que sea nuestra persona de contacto para el Ministerio Hispano y hemos formado una Junta del Ministerio Hispano compuesta por feligreses que han dividido las responsabilidades entre ellos. Tendremos reuniones mensuales periódicamente y la comunidad se ministrará a sí misma. Los miembros de la Junta buscarán voluntarios para ayudar en los diferentes ministerios. Me gustaría compartir con ustedes quiénes son los miembros de la Junta. Agradezco su disposición a servir en este tiempo.

#### Membresía de la Junta del Ministerio Hispano

Thais Acosta
Heriberto Alba and Maria Macias
Pedro Cortes and Gloryann Vargas
Digna and Carlos Leon
Edgar Martinez
Laura Martinez
Nexy Prieto
Maira Rivera

Ofrecemos un ministerio sólido a los feligreses de habla hispana que incluye misa semanal, ministerios litúrgicos, confesiones, bautizos, funerales, bodas, educación religiosa, preparación sacramental, cuidado pastoral, apoyo a los necesitados, Alpha, estudio de las Escrituras y formación en la fe de adultos, alcance a los refugiados, etc. Estoy agradecido por el apoyo que STA ofrece a nuestro Ministerio Hispano y a todos los involucrados en servicio a nuestra comunidad.

### Plan de Educación Religiosa para Interino

En el período intermedio antes de contratar a un nuevo miembro del personal, le pedí a Robert Rosa-Cruz que coordine este ministerio para niños en los grados 1-5. Antes de renunciar, Margarita pudo establecer el cronograma para este año y conseguir muchos voluntarios en su lugar. Todavía estamos buscando algunos voluntarios para que nos ayuden, especialmente los miércoles por la noche, para ayudar con la enseñanza o ser un apoyo en el aula para nuestras clases de catequesis tradicional y el ministerio juvenil de escuela secundaria (MS). Con la escasez de personal, realmente podemos usar el apoyo de nuestra comunidad este año más que nunca. Si se siente llamado a ayudar a apoyar nuestro Programa de Educación Religiosa, comuníquese con Terri Kopplin en terri@stamadison.org

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### Looking to Hire an Administrative Asst.

Please pray for us as we continue to look for a new Administrative Support Person. This coming week, Terri Kopplin will be out of town. Maira Rivera, our Faith Formation & Hispanic Ministry Admin. Asst., and another familiar face, Clarice Hinrichs, will be managing the main office. We thank you in advance for your patience with us during this time of transition. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our staff as a full-time Administrative Assistant, we want to hear from you! For more details about this position, see the ad on this page.

### Thank You from Terri Kysely



It is bittersweet that I will be leaving STA on August 1. I've accepted a new position at the Madison Public Schools Foundation. When I came to STA a year ago, you welcomed me with open arms of kindness, generosity, and eagerness to

help. I appreciate all you have done for me. Also, special thanks to Fr. Bart for giving me this opportunity to serve you. He is a model of Christ in his thoughtfulness and concern for all people. The parishioners of STA are a blessing to me. I will treasure the moments and memories forever. Blessings, Terri

### **Gospel Reflection**

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



### Luke 12:13-21

In our Gospel today, we see the line "the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" This reminded me of a distinction St. Gregory the Great made between charity and justice. When we give of our wealth to those in

need, we tend to regard this as an act of charity, giving to others from what is ours. Gregory, however, disagrees, saying rather that it is an act of justice. He argues that God has given all freely to everyone, therefore providing the poor what they need is an act of justice, since what we have in the first place is not really ours, it is God's gift to everyone to be shared. This, then, is a shift in perspective. Instead of going out of our way, or going above and beyond, we are recognizing that what we are doing is simply acting justly in the eyes of God.

#### Buscando contratar asistente de admin.

Oren por nosotros mientras continuamos buscando una nueva persona de apoyo administrativo. La próxima semana, Terri Kopplin estará fuera de la ciudad. Maira Rivera, nuestra asistente de administración para Formación de Fe y Ministerio Hispano junto a otra cara conocida, Clarice Hinrichs, estarán a cargo de la oficina principal. Le agradecemos de antemano su paciencia con nosotros durante este tiempo de transición. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está interesado en unirse a nuestro personal como asistente administrativo de tiempo completo, ¡queremos conocerle! Para obtener más información sobre este puesto vacante o para postularse, comuníquese con nuestra Gerente Comercial Julia Hix por Julia@stamadison.org.

### **Administrative Assistant**

# 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.

### **Care for Creation**

### Reflect, Renew and Act

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up?"
--Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 160

#### **Care for Creation Team**

Are we leaving our children a planet that is better than the one we have known? When we are tempted to drive rather than bike, turn the temperature up or down to suit our comfort level, or take a long shower, let us look into the eyes of our children and grand-children to inspire us to do all we can to protect God's creation.

### Invitation to Strategize with Us



We've named our parish priorities...

We've discerned our goals...

Now it's time to figure out the strategies to get us there!

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.

#### **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.

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!
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 31<sup>st</sup> to Jennifer Ludtke at 833-2606 or *jennifer@stamadison.org* if you are able to attend to help us with the final step in our strategic planning!

### **VOTE**



### Tuesday, August 9

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in poli-

tics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." - Pope Francis, 9/16/13

On Tuesday, August 9, voice your support for candidates that best represent the principals of Catholic Social Teaching--affirming the dignity of the human person and the common good of all. The Justice and Peace Committee encourages everyone to vote their conscience in the partisan primaries leading up to the November election. We are deciding who will be the best candidates to run for many state, national and county positions, including Governor, US Senate and House, and County Sheriff.

Please check the website MyVote.wi.gov for information on where to vote, hours the polls are open, confirm that you are registered, view a sample ballot, locations for early voting, etc. If you have not yet mailed your absentee ballot, please allow a week for delivery, or drop it off at your city clerk's office or at your polling place on the day of the election. All ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on August 9.

To evaluate candidates, check out the League of Women Voters of Dane County (lwvdanecounty.org) for their *Candidates' Answers*.

Thank you for taking advantage of our right and responsibility to vote and for answering our calling to be faithful citizens.

#### **PRAYER**

Merciful Father.

Thank you for inviting each of us to join in your work of building the kingdom of love, justice, and peace.

Draw us close to you in prayer as we discern your call in our families and communities.

Send us forth to encounter all whom you love: those not yet born, those in poverty, those in need of welcome.

Inspire us to respond to the call to faithful citizenship, during election season and beyond.

Help us to imitate your charity and compassion and to serve as models of loving dialogue.

Teach us to treat others with respect, even when we disagree, and seek to share your love and mercy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

--USCCB, Faithful Citizenship

### **Faith Formation and Families**

## PARENT ORIENTATION

Aug. 14 after the 10a Mass For those in grades K-5

Aug. 21 after the 10 Mass For MS/HS Students

Meetings will be held in the social hall.

If you cannot attend either of these sessions, please let the formation team know at formation@stamadison.org.



ANY SUPPLIES DROPPED OFF AT STA THIS WEEKEND, JULY 30-31, will be taken to LCEC on Monday, 8/1 AM.

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Markers wide & thin
- Highlighters
- Ball point pens black/blue Rulers
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Pink erasers
- Colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Glue bottles
- Scissors kid/adult size
- Basic calculators

- 3"x5" index cards
- Post-It Notes
- Scotch tape
- NOTEBOOKS
  - 1-subject
  - 5-subject
  - Composition
- Backpacks for high school students

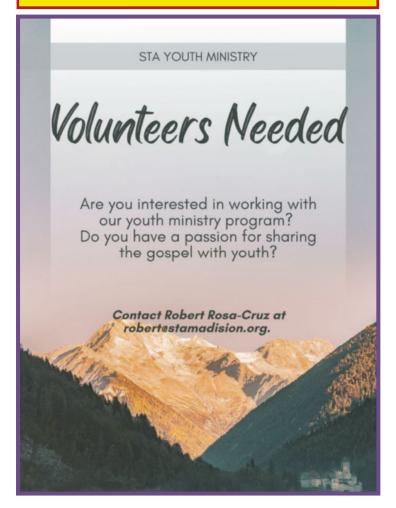
### Registration for 2022-2023 Faith Formation (ages 3-17) is OPEN

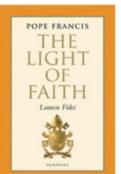


Check out our website at stamadison.org/faith-formation/

**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 on 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.

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of 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 †

Monday, August 1 Bishop Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Fred Zingsheim \$\Phi\$

Tuesday, August 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop

5:30 PM David and Marie Denison♥

Wednesday, August 3 St. John Vianney, Priest

8:30 AM Maria Cristina Vergara

Thursday, August 4

7:30 AM Tom Coon \$\Phi\$

Friday, August 5

8:30 AM Margaret and Dennis Pandl +

Saturday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:30 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Brown & Belekevich

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, August 7

8:00 AM Lila Meyer♥

10:00 AM Val Mroczynski♥

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2022

**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

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-

23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

### **Weekly Offertory Update**

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 Goal thru July	\$733,000	\$171,347
2022 TOTALS	\$794,536	\$262,941
7/3/2022	\$15,574	\$2,706
7/10/2022	\$18,094	\$643
7/17/2022	\$14,046	\$6,465
7/24/2022	\$53,236	\$8,915
7/31/2022		
July Total	\$100,950	\$18,729
July GOAL	\$91,000	\$38,000

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

#### **COUNTERS SCHEDULE**

Monday, August 1: Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Monday, August 8: Degenhardt, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu



Prayer Ministry after all Masses August 6-7

### **Prayers**

### **Prayer for Life**

For women who are unexpectedly pregnant: May they be filled with trust in God's providence and lovingly welcome the gift of their child; We pray to the Lord.

### **Prayer for Justice**

For all global leaders:

That they may not "store up treasure for themselves" and destroy others out of greed, but share their harvest with their neighbors and bring an end to conflict; *We pray to the Lord*.

### **Making Sundays Special!**

Include God in your vocabulary. Bring Him up in a casual way in your everyday conversations.

### 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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