



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES!

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

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 11, 2022

I will rise and go to my Father.
Psalm 51

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



*Creo en mí,
Dios mío, un
corazón puro.*

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51

SALMO 51

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24° domingo del tiempo ordinario
11 septiembre de 2022

Volveré donde mi Padre.
Salmo 51

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today, on Sunday, September 11, 2022, we remember with sadness and heavy hearts the events of September 11, 2001. Our U.S. Congress designated that every September 11 be observed as “Patriot Day.” Our government has asked us to fly the flag at half mast and observe a moment of silence in honor of individuals who lost their lives. On that day of infamy 21 years ago, nearly 3,000 people were killed in the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States. Many of us recall exactly where we were when we heard the news and viewed the sad images. But a new generation has emerged in these last two decades, and it is incumbent upon that generation and all generations that follow to remember those who perished in New York and Washington and Shanksville, Pa. and to learn of the heroism of ordinary citizens and first responders who were willing to sacrifice their lives so others may live. We bow in somber silence and pray for all impacted by 9/11, and we pray for peace throughout our world.



24^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy, Domingo, 11 de septiembre de 2022, recordamos con tristeza y con gran pesar los eventos del 11 de septiembre de 2001. Nuestro Congreso de los Estados Unidos designo cada 11 de septiembre como el “Día de los Patriotas”. Nuestro gobierno nos ha pedido que izamos la bandera a media asta y observemos un momento de silencio en honor a los individuos que perdieron sus vidas. En ese día de infamia, hace 21 años, cerca de 3,000 personas fueron asesinadas en los ataques terroristas cometidos en contra de los Estados Unidos. Muchas de nosotros recordamos exactamente donde estábamos cuando escuchamos las noticias o vimos las tristes imágenes. Pero una nueva generación ha surgido en estas últimas dos décadas, y es pertinente que esa generación y todas las generaciones del futuro sigan recordando a aquellos que perecieron en Nueva York, Washington y Shanksville, Pa., para aprender del heroísmo de ciudadanos ordinarios y socorristas que estuvieron dispuestos a sacrificar sus vidas para que otros sobrevivieran. En un silencio sombrío, bajemos nuestras cabezas y oremos por todos los afectados por el 9/11, y oremos por paz a través de nuestro mundo.



Final Construction of Phase III of Our MDCC Is Almost Complete!

We are very excited to bring to completion the final phase of the construction portion of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign. We began Phase I of the construction in May of 2020 with improvements to the sanctuary, music ministry and choir area, sacristy, and the new confessionals. Then last summer 2021 during Phase II, we remodeled the social hall and kitchen. This summer we entered the final third phase of the construction and transformed the religious education wing into our new enrichment center where people of all ages in any stage of discipleship can experience Jesus in a life changing way. As part of these improvements we added insulation, installed solar panels, added efficiency to our HVAC system, and installed more efficient lighting as we strive to care for the environment and reduce our carbon footprint. Thank you for your generosity with the MDCC. We are still hoping to reach our goal of \$3.5 million, and we are getting really close (\$3.318 million pledged so far).

If you would like to make a pledge to the campaign, please contact Julia or Holly at 833-2600.

Fase Final de Construcción, Fase III de Nuestra Campana Capital Ve y Haz Discípulos, Casi Completada!

Estamos muy emocionados de llevar a término la fase final de la porción de construcción de nuestra Campana Capital Ve y Haz Discípulos. Empezamos la Fase I de construcción en Mayo del 2020 con mejoras al Santuario, el área del Ministerio de Música y Coro, la Sacristía y los nuevos Confesionarios. Luego el verano pasado 2021 durante la Fase II, remodelamos el Salón Social y la Cocina. Este verano entramos en la tercera y última fase de construcción y transformamos el Ala de Educación Religiosa en nuestro Centro de Enriquecimiento donde personas de todas las edades y cualquier etapa de discipulado puedan encontrar a Jesús de manera que les cambie la vida. Como parte de estas mejoras hemos añadido insolación, eficiencia a nuestro sistema de HVAC, instalado paneles solares y luces más eficientes a la vez que buscamos cuidar el ambiente y reducir nuestra huella de carbono. Gracias por sus generosidad con la Campana Capital Ve y Haz Discípulos. Todavía tenemos la esperanza de alcanzar nuestra meta de \$3.5 millones y estamos bien cerca (\$3.318 millones en promesas hasta ahora). Si te gustaría hacer una contribución a la campana, por favor contacta a Julia o a Holly al 608-833-2600.

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

Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

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Annual Finance Report July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022

If you did not get a bulletin from last Sunday, please be sure to pick up a copy of our Finance Report from the Gathering Area, call the parish office to request a copy, or access a digital copy on our website: stamadison.org/annual-financial-report. Once again, I would like to thank all of our generous parishioners for your support of our mission at St. Thomas Aquinas to love God, love others, and make disciples. We have made great strides over these recent years to improve our financial health and bookkeeping practices, to make improvements to our campus especially through the Make Disciples Capital Campaign, support our Diocese through the Priest for the Future Campaign and the Annual Catholic Appeal, and to support and expand our outreach ministries to those in need. All of this is possible because of your generosity and dedication. Thank you and may God bless you for your goodness!

I offer special thanks to Jim Rose, our Financial Trustee, who worked full time for six months while we searched for a new Business Manager. Jim did not accept a salary and brought many improvements to our business practices, including the concept behind our new look Finance Report. Also, a special thank you goes to Julia Hix, our Business Manager, for her excellent work carefully managing the financial gifts entrusted to us and for the report she created to communicate so well to the parish about our finances.

Please contact Julia at the parish office if you have questions about the report: 833-2600.

Reporte Financiero Anual 1 de julio de 2021 al 30 de junio de 2022

Si usted no tomo el boletín del pasado domingo, por favor asegúrese de recoger una copia de nuestro Reporte Financiero en el Área de Reunión, llame a nuestra oficina parroquial para solicitar una copia o usted puede acceder una copia digital en nuestra página web: <https://stamadison.org/annual-financial-report/>. Una vez más quiero agradecerle a todos nuestros feligreses generosos por apoyar nuestra misión en Santo Tomás de Aquino de Ama a Dios, Ama a los demás y Haz discípulos. En los últimos años hemos dado grandes pasos para mejorar nuestra salud financiera y prácticas de contabilidad, para hacer mejoras a nuestro recinto especialmente a través de la Campaña Capital Haz Discípulos, apoyar nuestra Diócesis a través de la Campaña Sacerdotes para el Futuro y la Campaña Católica Anual, y para sostener y expandir nuestros ministerios de alcance a los más necesitados. Todo esto es posible gracias a su generosidad y dedicación. Gracias y que Dios los bendiga por su bondad!

Quiero ofrecer un agradecimiento especial a Jim Rose, nuestros Administrador Financiero, que trabajó a tiempo completo por seis meses mientras encontrábamos un nuevo Gerente Administrativo. Jim no acepto un salario e implemento varias medidas para mejor nuestras prácticas institucionales, incluyendo el nuevo concepto detrás del nuevo aspecto de nuestro Reporte Financiero. También quiero ofrecer un agradecimiento especial a Julia Hix, nuestra Gerente Administrativa por su excelente trabajo manejando con mucho cuidado las donaciones financieras que han sido confiadas a nosotros y por el reporte que ella preparó para comunicar correctamente sobre nuestras finanzas a toda la parroquia.

Por favor contacte a Julia en la oficina parroquial si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el reporte: 608-833-2600.

Discipleship & Development

by Holly Irving

Spice up your night at STA's "Taste of Chili Heaven" FUN(d) Raiser!

Come join us for our annual FUN(d) raiser on **Friday, October 28 at 5:30 PM**. This evening will be filled with delicious fall food and fun! There will be a wine pull and trivia! Don't tell me you are not good at Trivia! Form a team! There is power in numbers! Tickets go on sale soon.

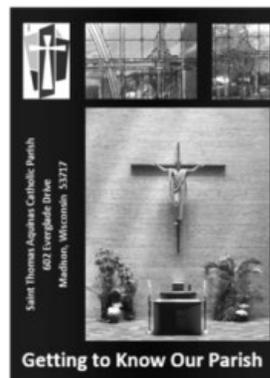
For more information,
please contact Holly at
833-2600

holly@stamadison.org



Pledging October 8-9

Next month, we will be conducting the annual pledging of our time, talent, and treasure. Copies of the "Getting to Know Our Parish" booklets are available in the gathering area. Please pick one up to learn more about the various ministries that STA has to offer. For more information, please contact Holly at 833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org



Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



Luke 15:1-31

We seem to live in an impatient world. But impatience is not a new issue. It just seems magnified today. But we can see impatience even in our readings this week. In the Gospel, the younger son was impatient for his inheritance. Not content with his current life, he was sure he could build a better life if he could just have his inheritance NOW. In the first reading, we see the incredible impatience of the Israelites. Despite all the things God has done for them, they decide to make their own God and construct the golden calf, with nearly disastrous results.

The problem really is how we react in situations that require patience. You see how the Israelites reacted when Moses and God appeared to have left them. They became impatient in the face of uncertainty; they felt out of control of the situation; they felt uncomfortable and fearful. They wanted comfort, they wanted control, and so they made the golden calf.

In many ways, we can be like these Israelites, in small ways and in large. Sometimes, like the Israelites, we feel that maybe God isn't really there and we want control. Since he doesn't seem to be present, and impatient as we are, we create golden calves of our own. Our work schedules, our need for rest and recreation or exercise, our busy school commitments and extra-curricular activities—while they are important, they all can become idols to be followed. Like the Israelites, we can turn away from the mountaintop, and look only to the work of our own hands, bodies and minds.

But then, like the woman in today's Gospel who lost her coin, we find that we have lost something of the greatest value – a healthy relationship with God. And like the woman, we will then work and search to locate God in our lives.

Not that it is always easy; sometimes it is difficult for us to find God in our everyday world. In such times, we can only be patient and recall that God works in his own time, not ours; he works in his own ways, not ours. When we look for him to be what we want him to be on our own schedule, it is then that we lose sight of him altogether. He is still there, but our eyes are blinded by our own straining. At that point, it is best to just close our eyes, open our hearts, and let God speak to us.

So let us learn to be quiet, be patient, and listen. He may be calling us now.

Really Cool Info Attached

Maybe that's not **really** what RCIA stands for, but if you are curious, read on . . .

In general:

Do you have questions about faith?

Are you searching for a safe place to discuss issues and questions regarding God and faith?

Are you searching for something that seems to be missing from your life?

Or specifically:

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different faith background & would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic?

Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more?

If you or someone you know answers **YES** to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is a journey that begins with your questions. There is no obligation to join the church as you discover more about faith and later, more specifically, Catholic faith.

The decision is ultimately yours to discern if this is to be your spiritual home. The invitation is always open. Contact Dcn. Jerome at dcn.jerome@stamadison.org.

Initial sessions using *Alpha* begin
Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 PM.



Care for Creation

Season of Creation

September 1st - October 4th

The Season of Creation “offers individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation...”. (Pope Francis)

Here are a few ways to honor this season. Include prayers for creation in your daily prayers. Take time (even if only 15 minutes) to walk in nature or reflect on a place you have visited where you found God in the beauty of your surroundings and give thanks to God. Read *Laudato Si’: On Care for our Common Home*, Pope Francis’s encyclical. Do your carbon footprint and commit to lifestyle changes that will lower your dependence on fossil fuels. Study candidates’ commitment to caring for the environment as you decide who to vote for in November.

Let Your [Energy Efficient] Light Shine!



“Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others...the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us.” (Laudato Si 159) Be sure to stop by the table in the gathering area on **September 24-25** to pick up two free LED lightbulbs from the Care for Creation Team as a reminder that replacing old light bulbs with more energy efficient bulbs helps to not only lower our carbon footprints but also saves us money—money that could be donated to help those effected by natural disasters made more severe due to rising temperatures.



Care for Creation Team

If you would like to join the STA Care for Creation Team to be inspired and supported by members of your faith community, contact Trudi Jenny, trudijenny@yahoo.com.

Music & Liturgy

by Greg Buchberger

The St. Thomas Aquinas Music Ministry returns to its “normal” fall rehearsal schedule for the first time since before the pandemic began. There are many opportunities for students and adults to become involved. If you are currently involved as a musician, choir member, or cantor here at St. Thomas Aquinas, THANK YOU! If you are not currently involved in our music ministry, NOW is the time to consider becoming involved!

Cantors/Small Group Singers: (Saturday 4:30p.m./ Sunday 8:00a.m./Summer Months–Sunday 10:00 a.m.)

The cantors’ and singers’ primary function is to support and encourage the congregation in singing. They are our song leaders, animators, and psalmists. These small groups of singers share their gifts and talents year-round. Join any time.

STA Parish Choir: (Sunday 10:00a.m. – Sept–May)

The STA Parish Choir sings weekly at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. In addition, this group sings for evening Holy Day Masses, Midnight Mass, Christmas Day, Holy Week, Easter, Confirmation, and other special liturgical celebrations during the church year. Open to students (grades 7+) and adults. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The ability to read music is helpful, but not necessary. – Our first rehearsal is scheduled for **Thursday, September 8**. Please contact me ahead of time if you are interested in joining us or would like more information so that things can be prepared for our first rehearsal.

STA Choristers: (Saturday 4:30p.m. &/or Sunday 10:00a.m., Once or Twice a Month – September–May)

The STA Choristers (Children’s Choir) sing monthly at the 4:30p.m. Saturday Mass and/or the Sunday 10:00a.m. Mass. In addition, this group has the opportunity to sing for other celebrations, including Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve Masses. This choir sings from September through May each year, and is open to students (grades 3-8) as well as high school students. Students should be able to read well in order to keep up at rehearsals and Masses! Rehearsals are most often on Wednesday from 5-6p.m. – Our first rehearsal is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 7 at 5:00p.m.** Please share the word and let’s get some more of our students involved!

STA Spanish Choir: (Saturday 6:30 p.m.)

The STA Spanish Choir sings weekly at the 6:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. This choir joins the STA Parish Choir for bilingual celebrations throughout the liturgical year. This choir sings year round and is open to students (grades 7+) and adults. Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 5:30p.m. before the 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass. Join any time. Contact me for more information or come and join us on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in the Music Room!

Instrumentalists & Accompanists: (All Masses)

Instrumentalists and accompanists (piano and/or organ) are encouraged to join our music ministry, depending upon experience. Audition required.

For more information, contact Greg at greg@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600 x869.

Small Faith Sharing Groups

Small Faith-sharing Groups: New members welcome

Faith groups nourish our sense of belonging. Our fast paced lives can leave us little time to reflect on the meaning of life. Faith groups give us a chance to slow down, recall the day or week in quiet time and listen to God and others. This fall there are several small groups that would love to have you join them!

MOST – Men of St. Thomas Aquinas

This group spends time each week, Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm, with Sacred Scripture, reading from the Sunday Mass alternated with readings of each member's choice. Members discuss how the passage speaks to them, and in the process share personal challenges as well as experiences of hope. Looking to the future, the group is considering a change in format that would include studying the Catechism, and engaging in corporal acts of mercy either on their own with special projects or in support of other parish groups. This group meets in person at the parish. To learn more, contact Jim Wrich at jim.wrich@yahoo.com

Contemplative Dialogue

Contemplative Dialogue is a process of reading, silence and sharing that gives the Spirit a chance to move in one's heart through active listening. This group of women meet every other week at 9:30am at the parish. The group will be reflecting on *Lumen Fidei* and the start date is September 29. They would love to welcome another 2-4 new members as they continue growing closer to Jesus, strengthening their prayer life, and feeling braver in sharing their faith with others. To learn more, contact Trudi Jenny at trudijenny@yahoo.com

Women Journeying Together

This is a spiritually supportive group of older women, focused on prayer and intention. They start each meeting with sharing something about what is going on in their life: challenging issues, happy moments or anything in-between. The group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 12:00, either in person at the host's home or via zoom, depending on the group's availability. Currently, they are studying the book *A Well Built Faith*. To learn more, contact Carol Wright at fam4kidz@gmail.com

Walking with Purpose

WWP Bible studies for women combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women—Walking with Purpose is for you! We are forming a leadership team to bring this national ministry to the women of St. Thomas Aquinas, and to start a local chapter. If you would like to learn more about this dynamic bible study, there will be an informational meeting on Thursday, September 22 at 6-7pm in the social hall. Please RSVP to Terri Hix at thixoh@msn.com. You can learn more WWP at www.walkingwithpurpose.com



Alpha Begins Again!

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of gatherings that provides a comfortable, hospitable environment to honestly explore the basics of the Christian faith and the big questions of life. Alpha has been going strong, all over the world, for over 30 years. The parish has been hosting Alpha courses for almost 5 years, including an online version last fall. It has given hundreds of people the opportunity to discover answers to their questions about God.

Who should come to Alpha?

Anyone who has questions about the meaning of life, the Christian faith, or who wants to get to know Jesus better. Alpha is a place to ask questions. Even if you have been Catholic your whole life, Alpha will deepen your appreciation for the way God loves you. Do you have someone in your life who has questions about God? Invite them, and consider attending with them! It will give you both a chance to learn.

Sessions begin in person on Wednesday, September 14

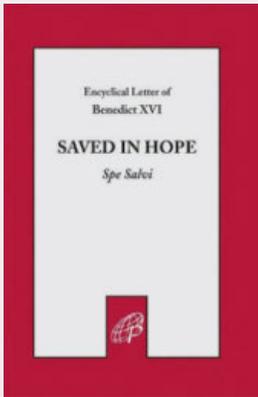
Contact Deacon Jerome at dcn.jerome@stamadison.org with questions or for more information.



Young Adults and Faith Formation

Young Adults: *Spe Salvi*

There is no YA on Thursday, Sept. 15.



We will continue with our study and talk about the Virtues with the church document *Spe Salvi*.

(Free on vatican website).

Next time we meet, we will talk about paragraphs 1-10.

Questions?

Contact Robert Rosa-Cruz at robert@stamadison.org.

Faith Formation 2022-2023 Kick Off (Overview)

Preschool & Elementary Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tuesday, September 20th at 4-5:30PM & 6-7:30PM
Wednesday, September 21st at 4-5:30PM

Elementary Students (Traditional Catechesis)
Wednesday, September 21st at 6-7:30PM

Formación de años 6 a 10
Miércoles 21 de septiembre a las 6 a 7:30PM

Middle School
Wednesday, September 21st at 6-7:30PM

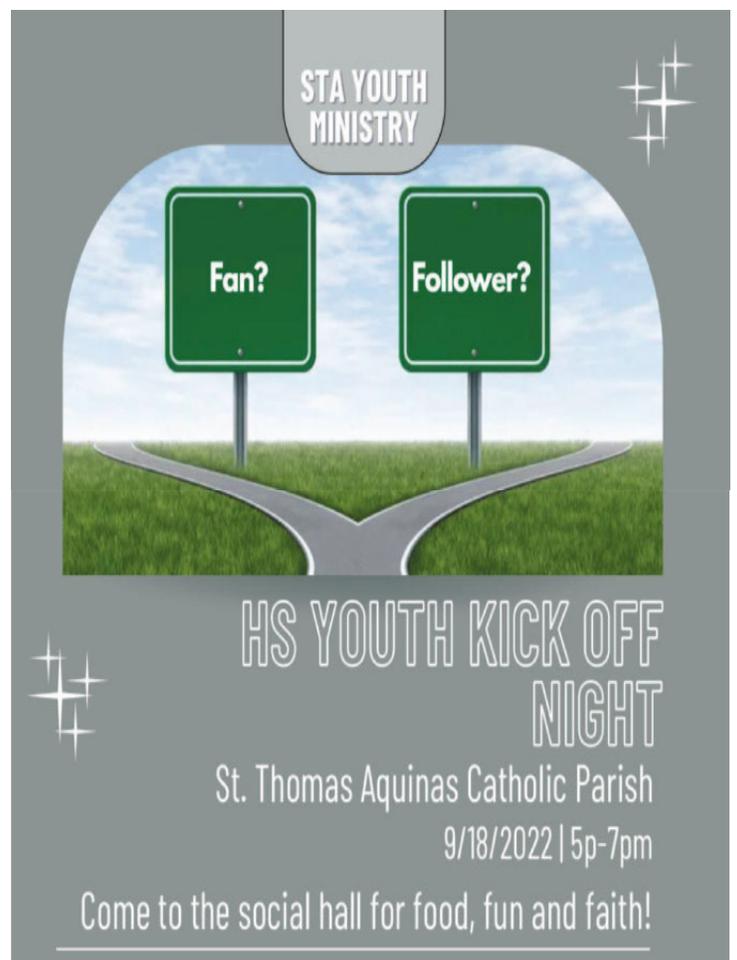
High School
Sunday, September 18th at 5-7PM

***Look for an email to all registered families from Robert Rosa-Cruz between Sept 7-9.

If you did NOT receive an email, please contact the Faith Formation Office.***

608-833-2606 or

formation@stamadison.org



Parish Priorities

Time to Start Work!

Recently, Fr. Bart and the staff were able to prayerfully sit with the input from the priority/goal/strategy discernment process. There are actually three building blocks that we need to work on...consider them “pre-strategies”...in order to set us up for success with the rest of our efforts.

The three starter strategies are:

1. Formation of a Childcare Ministry team
2. Training a Conversational Interview team
3. Re-establishing a Hospitality Ministry team

Our goal is to have these pieces established within the next 3-5 months, so that by the start of the new year, we can launch other parish-wide efforts (such as retreats, for example) that are fully supported and accessible, especially for families with young children.

You are invited to a working meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 6:30-8:30pm.

We will explain more about these three starter strategies. More importantly we will create teams of people who will make things happen in each of those three areas, including co-chairs who can take part. We have some helpful resources for next steps in implementing goals. Staff will be able to provide resources, support and advice. But a key thing that will help determine the success of our efforts is the level to which parishioners take ownership. Do you have ideas for one of these areas, or experience with a particular area? The parish needs your prayers, ideas and energy!

Please RSVP by Friday, September 16 to Jennifer Ludtke at jennifer@stamadison.org or 833-2606.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to be part of a particular team, please let me know.

I will pass your name to that working group so that they can include you in their future meetings.

We are so excited to have you involved in creating and launching these efforts. God has truly blessed our parish. May the Spirit continue to work with and through us!

Local Festivals

**Blessed Sacrament Parish's
6th annual Oktoberfest!**
Sunday, October 2, 12:00-5:00 pm
School Parking Lot (enter on Rowley Ave.)

The gang's all here! Gather your family and friends and join Blessed Sacrament Parish for its annual Oktoberfest celebration! Featuring beer from three Madison-area breweries, food, music from the Mike Schneider Polka Band, kids activities, and raffle baskets. Free admission, but bring cash or a credit card for food and drink tickets, and bring your ID if you want to imbibe!



**Sacred Hearts Sun
Prairie Fall Festival**

**\$5000 Sweepstakes
Raffle**

**Games, Pony Rides,
Beer, Food, Fun!**

**Sept. 10: 2-11pm
Sept. 11: 10am-5pm**

<https://sacred-hearts.org/fall-festival>

Job Opportunities

Development Assistant for the Office of Stewardship

If you know of someone who would be interested in assisting the Diocesan Office of Stewardship in building and cultivating relationships with donors by phone, email, and mail, please forward this on!

This position is also responsible for assisting with all aspects of processing campaign contributions and pledges and helps to ensure the highest possible fulfillment rate on gifts and pledges for all campaigns while ensuring donor database records are complete and kept up to date. The Diocese offers competitive pay and benefits in a great working environment. For a full job description, please go to the link below and click on Chancery openings.

To apply, please send cover letter/resumes to Jill McNally at Jill.mcnally@madisondiocese.org

Marriage and Family Coordinator for the Office of Evangelization

The Coordinator is responsible for coordinating staff, programs, and activities for ministries related to marriage and family, and facilitating communication and providing leadership to parishes and other constituency groups within the diocese in the area of marriage and family life.

Project Coordinator for the Office of Evangelization

The Project Coordinator in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is to serve as a support team member to the whole team of the OEC including, the Office of the Bishop, Catechetical/Evangelization staff, Marriage & Family staff and the Youth Apostolate.

For more diocesan openings, visit
<https://www.madisondiocese.org/employment>

Maintenance Position Available at St. Bernard

St. Bernard is seeking to hire a part-time position responsible for performing maintenance duties on parish facilities. This individual will work closely with the lead maintenance supervisor to complete a multitude of jobs around the St. Bernard campus including: mowing the church and cemetery grounds; plowing the sidewalks around the church; cleaning the church, parish center and religious education center facilities and other duties as assigned.

This is a 15-20 hourly position. Interested candidates can email their resume to parish@stbmidd.org or contact the parish office at 608-831-6531.

Volunteer Opportunities

STA SVDP Conference Is Always Open to New Members

Are you interested in putting your faith into action? Our St Thomas Aquinas conference of St Vincent de Paul is looking for new members to actively be involved in our ministry. We strive to witness to Christ, develop true friendships and personally connect with those in need. The society of SVDP is made up of lay Catholic men and women who are committed to live and grow in their Christian faith through prayer and personal involvement in charitable works. Our mission is to help the needy in many ways, primarily through one on one contact with people. Our parish has been very generous and supportive of our ability to provide basic needs, both physical and spiritual, for families. There are many ways to volunteer based on your schedule.

Contact Kathy Tad at kathy.taddy@gmail.com.

You can also visit with one of our members at our table after Mass this weekend.



Sharing Sunday

September 17-18

MAKE SUNDAYS SPECIAL!

You can show your love for God and others by purchasing and donating.

SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Madison

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in our Pastoral Care department are needed.

Surgical Waiting Area volunteers welcome patients and visitors to waiting area. While waiting for their loved one in surgery, volunteers provide compassion and serve as a concierge to our visitors. 3-hour shift Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

At Your Service support patients, visitors and staff, deliver flowers, mail, patient belongings, escort patients and visitors to their destination, assist hospital staff maintain a smooth flow throughout the patient discharge process and focus on the patient as the priority.

More info: ssmhealth.com/volunteer or 608-258-6640

Catholic Multicultural Center Help Needed

St. Thomas Aquinas helps with the meal program **on the 3rd Sunday of each month**. Two teams of 4 volunteers each are needed to cook and serve the meal.

Cook meals 9:30-11am

Serve meals 11am-1pm

Teens (age 16+) and adults of all ages are welcome to help!

The next date will be September 18th.

Sign up online at

<https://stthomasaquinas16.flocknote.com/signup/89842>
or contact Stella at stella.castellino1026@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10

4:30 PM Valorie Olson ☩

6:30 PM Julius Moor ☩

Sunday, September 11 Grandparents' Day

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Melvin Ballweg ☩

Monday, September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 AM Herb, Ruth, and Michael Retterath ☩

Tuesday, September 13 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:30 PM Ann Lenoch ☩

Wednesday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Bradley Family ☩

Thursday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Neu Family

Friday, September 16

8:30 AM Robert Schwarz ☩

Saturday, September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:30 PM Lee Wollersheim ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, September 18 Catechetical Sunday

8:00 AM Andy Coombs

10:00 AM Don Chesmore ☩

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 GOAL thru September	\$933,000	\$300,347
2022 TOTALS	\$937,168	\$294,325
9/4/2022	\$11,854	\$5,325
9/11/2022		
9/18/2022		
9/25/2022		
September	\$11,854	\$5,325
September	\$91,500	\$71,000

*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus loose offertory (cash), adjustments to totals may occur.

COUNTERS' SCHEDULE

Monday, September 12:

Degenhardt, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Monday, September 19:

Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer, Zingsheim



**Prayer Ministry
after all Masses
September 10-11**

Prayers

These intercessions are provided by the USCCB and members of the Justice and Peace Committee including the Respect Life and Care for Creation Teams. Moving forward we will no longer be differentiating between prayers for Life and prayers for Justice and Peace as all our prayers flow from a consistent ethic of life. We will simply share 2-3 intercessions that focus on our calling to live by the principles of Catholic Social Teaching which guide our Diocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity.

September 11th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For solidarity and peace in our global human family:
That we may work together to protect the lives of those who are most vulnerable;
We pray to the Lord...

For the protection of God's creation:
That the actions we take to consume less may sustain life for our global sisters and brothers;
We pray to the Lord...

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