

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 16, 2022

Our help is from the Lord . Psalm 121

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MADISON

LET DOWN YOUR NETS

The Risen Lord Jesus

is calling all of us

in the Diocese of Madison

to something greater.

But before a miraculous catch,

He first invites us to venture

from where we've been fishing

and set out into the deep.

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, 3:15-4:10рм Sunday, 9:00-9:50ам

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, 7:30ам-5:00рм Saturday, 10:00ам-6:00рм Sunday, 7:00-11:00ам

Misa en español Sábados a las 6:30PM

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15-4:10PM y por cita previa

Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes Martes Viernes 2:00-4:00pm 4:15-5:25pm 9:00-10:00AM

29° domingo del tiempo ordinario 16 de octubre de 2022

El auxilio me viene del Señor. Salmo 121



Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

by Fr. Bart Timmerman



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Into the Deep Future Planning

Beginning this Sunday, we will begin to share important information with all parishioners about the future planning process the Diocese of Madison is undergoing and is scheduled to enact this coming summer of 2023. Besides articles in the *Catholic Herald*, our parish will be sending out flocknote emails, publishing information in the Sunday bulletin, and making announcements. We are planning a Town Hall Meeting for the parish in early December. I am including an important media release in my column to bring us up to date with the planning process. This new

realigning of resources will affect every parish in the diocese and the new model going forward will form 30 total parishes from our current model that has 102 parishes. During our time together at our annual conference with the Bishop, the priests were invited to offer feedback on the proposed model. Now the committee is considering the priests' recommendation and making updates to the model, which they will then share with parish staffs and parishioners for their input. It seems like there will be major changes coming this summer and we are asked to remain positive and hopeful to support this transition for the good of all.

The Current Reality & Future of the Local Church

The Diocese of Madison takes next step in the "daunting, necessary, but hope-filled task of recalibrating our resources to [better] match the mission of Jesus." After spending several months collecting and analyzing thousands of data points, the Diocese of Madison has released its Current Reality Report and is sharing it with the priests, leaders, and faithful of the diocese as the next step of the Into the Deep strategic planning process. Into the Deep, launched in late April, is aimed at reimagining diocesan structures and realigning resources for the sake of mission. The Current Reality Report spells out with great clarity and insight the challenges, strengths, and opportunities the diocese faces both now and into the future. In particular, there are 8 key takeaways from the Current Reality Report:

- The total population across the Diocese of Madison is growing;
- People are leaving the practice of the faith, especially younger people, and the Catholic population is aging;
- Fewer and fewer people are attending Mass;
- Significantly fewer people are receiving Sacraments;
- Faith Formation enrollment is significantly declining, while Catholic School enrollment is holding relatively steady;
- There are significantly fewer priests than in the past, but this number projects to be relatively stable into the future;
- Donors to the Church give about 2% of their income, with fewer older people giving more these days;
- At present, the diocese and its institutions are facing financial challenges impacting both mission and employees.

Given all of this, the question before the entire Diocese is what to do to disrupt and reverse these troubling trends? Or, as Bishop Hying has phrased it, what is an appropriate bold new model which will help us to accomplish "this daunting, necessary, but hope-filled task of recalibrating our resources to [better] match the mission of Jesus Christ?" The next phase of Into the Deep will be to develop a new model of parish structures and life – through collaboration and consultation with both clergy and laity – that helps us to build a brighter future and to accomplish the goals set forth by Bishop Hying at the outset of this initiative, including:

- Coming together to follow Jesus Christ as a community of missionary disciples;
- Renewing the local church/Diocese to make it more vibrant and healthy;
- Reclaiming Sunday, so as to increase Mass attendance and participation in the other sacraments;
- Evangelizing others and helping them come to know the infinite love of Jesus Christ;
- Engaging young people and forming them as followers of Jesus;
- Equipping leaders to better live and share the life-changing good news of Jesus with others;
- Serving those in need more effectively through the practice of the works of mercy;
- Freeing up time, energy, and resources for our ongoing evangelization efforts throughout the Diocese

Into the Deep

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

An initial outline or sketch of this new model

- Our current 102 parishes (and their 135 churches + school buildings, rectories, other buildings, etc.) will be reorganized/reconfigured into approximately 30 "pastorates" or groupings of parishes each under the leadership of a single Pastor and other priests collaborating with him and serving as Parochial Vicars (or priests in residence, if retired).
 - Note: The number "~30" is driven by our data and projects to provide for a stable and sustainable model into the future.
 - Note: Public feedback will be sought about these proposed groupings sometime in November, after which the model will be refined.
- After a period of public feedback and refinement, these ~30 pastorates/groupings of parishes will be finalized and approved by Bishop Hying sometime in January or February (2023). Parishes will officially start working together as pastorates in July (2023).
- Starting in July (2023) and over the course of a year or so, the parishes within each of the ~30 pastorates will merge into a single canonical parish (which is like a marriage where previously separate entities become one with a shared life together), giving us ~30 parishes with 135 churches + school buildings, rectories, other buildings, etc. by sometime in 2024.
 - Note: how this will affect our Catholic schools is still to be determined. Presently, the focus of initial modeling has been on developing a draft of the ~30 pastorates. Once school-related questions about how to strengthen Catholic education within the diocese come into play, appropriate stakeholders will be consulted.
 - Following these mergers and the formation of ~30 new canonical parishes, each will have to prayerfully and prudently discern at the local level which of their church buildings and/or other facilities are needed and/or helpful in their proclaiming and living out the Gospel and the mission of the Church.
 - If it is determined at a particular parish (i.e., by the pastor in consultation with his parish leadership and after considering available options) that one or more of their buildings would be a grave burden and should no longer be used (without causing harm to the good of souls), then they will receive guidance from the diocese about how to properly close/sell the respective building(s). Following church law, any money received from the sale of a building will remain locally with the parish to be used at their discretion and in the service of evangelization, ministry, and mission.
 - * Note: despite what people often think, the diocese does not receive this money, but it remains at the parish for local needs.

Overall, then, this new model (which is still being developed and which will be refined following a public feedback period over the next few months) is about reorganizing and realigning our parishes and other resources so that all of us in the Diocese of Madison are better positioned to "go make disciples" and contribute to the building up of God's kingdom. Furthermore, we are embarking upon this bold journey together with gratitude for the past but with an eye towards the present and the future. But above all, we are looking towards Heaven – our true homeland and the source of all spiritual grace!

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Patroness of the Missions, pray for us!

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, pray for us!



Next weekend, October 22–23, the International Combined Collection will be conducted in our parish. This collection is combining the following individual collections:

World Mission Support • Catholic Relief Services Church in Central & Eastern Europe Church in Latin America • Peter's Pence Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa

Your help in supporting these collections is critical. Please take this week to pray about the support you can provide. A brochure and envelope are inserted into this bulletin. Please return it for the collection next weekend.

Into the Deep Data Assessment & Demographic Trends

What Does The Data Assessment Tell Us?

For several months, our Diocese has engaged PartnersEdge to gather Catholic analytics and insights from within our own Diocese. This data will inform a strategic road map which will move us from maintenance to mission in all that we do. Over the next few weeks, we'll share 8 key takeaways from the data assessment.

>> Catholic Demographic Trends

The number of practicing Catholics is decreasing, especially among younger generations. Parishioners over 65 comprise 21% of the Catholic population. This age category is the only segment growing, and it's growing only slightly.



www.intothedeepmadison.org

Bishop Hying Video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=uJb1Vv8xvYU&t=16s

Stay connected:

www.intothedeepmadison.org/stay-connected

>> General Demographic Trends

The population in the Diocese of Madison will continue to grow in the next 5 years with stagnation or decline in many rural areas. Generation Z (born 1997 - 2012) will be the largest generational group (24.1%) in 5 years.



Update from Fr. Jablonski, Chairman of Into the Deep Strategic Planning Committee

On September 29th, we presented the *Into the Deep Current Reality Report* two times to various groups of diocesan leaders, including permanent deacons and religious, school principals, parish staff members, council members, trustees, diocesan staff members, etc. At both of these presentations the vast, vast majority of people in attendance soberly accepted our challenging current reality but also seemingly embraced with hope and enthusiasm the initial outlines of our plan for the future. In fact, after the presentations, I received many comments and emails about how this is the right path forward even if it might be difficult. Many people rightly understood that "we face significant challenges, which require a significant and bold solution!"



Mass with Bishop Donald Hying and Fr. Mark Niehaus

Join us on Monday, October 17 at 7:00pm At Schoenstatt Heights Founder Shrine 5901 Cottage Grove Road, Madison, WI *** RSVP to <u>annmta3@gmail.com</u> appreciated (but not necessary)



FERIA DE MINISTERIO HISPANO HISPANIC MINISTRY FAIR

Sábado, 12 de noviembre 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sto. Tomás de Aquino 602 Everglade Drive, Madison WI 53717 Saturday, November 12 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM St. Thomas Aquinas 602 Everglade Drive, Madison WI 53717

Con la participación de/With the participation of:

CAMINO NEO CATECUMENAL EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC TALLERES DE ORACIÓN Y VIDA



8:30 AM: Llegada//Arrival 9:00 AM: Misa con el Obispo//Mass with Bishop 10:00 AM: Presentaciones//Presentations 12:00 PM: Almuerzo // Lunch 1:00 PM: Exposiciones //Expositions

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Recursos adicionales por: El Centro Multicultural Católico conferencia de San Vicente de Paul Los Caballeros de Colón

Complete esta hoja de asistencia antes del 21 de octubre y envíe a: Complete this RSVP sheet by October 21st and send to: lorianne.aubut@madisondiocese.org

Nombre de la parroquia/Parish Name:

Nombre del sacerdote/Priest Name:

Nombres de los 5 líderes hispanos/Names of the 5 Hispanic leaders:

Espacio limitado; Evento exclusivo para el sacerdote con sus 5 lideres. Limited Space: Event exclusive for the priest with his 5 leaders.

Free Burial of Cremains

The Catholic Church teaches that when cremation is chosen, "the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery." You are invited to lay the cremated remains of your loved one to rest on sacred ground with a solemn Catholic committal **on October 29**, *free of charge*. Perpetual recordkeeping is included, so that you and your family, even if they are unable to attend the committal, will always be able to visit your loved one.

For details and to register, please visit *madisondiocese.org/rest*.

Care Team



STA Parish Care Team

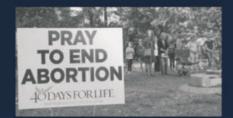
Being a member of the Parish Care Team provides an opportunity to help others in need. The acts of kindness

provided are just one way of finding some of our greatest fulfillment. Care members are there to help parish members who need just a little assistance. Over the years the team has assisted many parishioners.

If you would like to learn more, please call Judy Niederberger at 608-845-7057 or Kathy Swanson at 608-444-9374.

Justice & Peace Committee

Join Father Bart & the St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life Team ...praying for LIFE





Friday, October 21 12 - 1 pm Sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 3706 Orin Rd., Madison

Rachel'sVineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion - one weekend at a tir

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer hope and healing for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion.

The next retreat will be on November 11-13, 2022.

Learn more about this healing ministry at: *www.madisondiocese.org/rachel*.

Further information on healing after abortion is found on this Madison Diocesan link: www.madisondiocese.org/healing-after-abortion



St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers Needed

Our STA conference is always open to new members. The three pillars of our society are Spirituality, Friendship and Service. We would love to have you join our parish conference.

If you would like more information contact: Kathy Taddy President, *kathy.taddy@gmail.com* or Mike Meehan VP, at *meehanmnk@gmail.com*.

Our SVDP district council on Fish Hatchery Road in Madison is also looking for daytime volunteers for their food pantry. They especially need people who can help pack food boxes.

> Contact Jenni Troia for more information: *jtroia@svdpmadison.org*

Sharing Sunday—October 15-16

It's time again to boost the pantry shelves at the Lussier Community Education Center. The following **most needed** items have been specifically requested, but all donations are welcome. Thanks for your generosity!

> Peanut butter (16.3 oz jars preferred) Brown rice • Pancake mix • Maple syrup Salt • Flour (2 lb bags preferred) Sugar (2 lb bags preferred) • Soy sauce Hoisin sauce • Hot sauce • Toilet paper Feminine pads

MAKE SUNDAYS SPECIAL! Show your love for God and others by helping those in need.



October 16th Help Needed 9:30_{AM}-1:00_{PM}

If you are interested in helping, please sign up online at *stthomasaquinas16.flocknote.com/signup/89842* or contact Stella at *stella.castellino1026@gmail.com*

Luke House Community Meal Program Bring in Food Items by October 26th at 9AM

Reflect, Renew and Act

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. --Pope Francis, *Laudato Si' 217*



Care for Creation Team

Our small actions to protect God's handiwork DO make a difference. Sharing examples of how you have changed habits to better care for God's creation with others will inspire them to do the same and may even lead to an invitation to join you at Mass some Sunday.

Outreach Funding Review Board

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. - Matthew 25:40

Do you volunteer for a nonprofit group?

St. Thomas Aquinas strives to be a parish that keeps Jesus' words in mind in all we do. Every year, our budget includes funding for groups that help people in need. The groups might benefit young children, families, the elderly, or the poor, and each has a parish member that volunteers for the organization. The Outreach Funding Review Board looks at applications from these deserving groups and helps decide which we should support.

If you are a member of a nonprofit that would like to apply for funding, please contact Jenny Ludtke at 833-2600 or *jennifer@stamadison.org*.

Looking for new members!

Would you like to help recommend where the parish's outreach money goes? Our board has openings and would love to have new voices at our table. There are 2-3 meetings a year, review the request applications, and come to an agreement about how much and to whom we recommend the parish should give. This is a low commitment, feel-good committee!

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jenny Ludtke: 833-2606 or *jennifer@stamadison.org*.

Dcn. Dick & Dcn. Jerome at the Pet Blessing - Oct. 14th



Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

Luke 18:1-8



In our Gospel today, Jesus tells his disciples, and us, to "pray always." Wow. That seems like a tall order. How do we do that?

I'll let a legend about St. Francis of Assisi help us answer this. St. Francis

was a great preacher and was asked by another friar, Brother Juniper, how to preach eloquently. So, Francis told Brother Juniper to meet him the next day. The two met early in the morning and Francis led Brother Juniper through the marketplace, chatting with workers and villagers, playing with children, giving some food to lepers, helping an elderly woman with her wash. Finally, Brother Juniper, exasperated, asks Francis; "When are you going to teach me how to preach?" Francis merely replied, "Brother Juniper, we have been preaching!" We can replace the word 'preaching' with 'praying' and the lesson would remain the same.

If we live our everyday lives in a prayerful fashion, we are praying. If we persistently worship our God in word and in deed, if we keep Him in mind both as we celebrate the holy sacraments as well as when we are running errands, or closing a deal, or playing at recess or on a sports team, then we are praying and proclaiming the Gospel. If we pray and preach through the way we live, we are well on our way to fulfilling Christ's command to pray always.

The <u>Co</u>nversational <u>M</u>inistry <u>I</u>nformational <u>T</u>eam—COMIT

This team functions to gather information from parish members about:

- their life of faith
- their needs and hopes for the future of our parish
- input on ongoing opportunities
- feedback regarding the parish's focus on evangelization.

This will be accomplished by the team and additional individuals through phone interviews and/or surveys with parish groups including, but not limited to:

- young adults
- families with young children
- newly married couples,
- those who have experienced RCIA
- newly registered STA members
- longtime parish members of STA.
 - For more information, contact Deacon Jerome at dcn.jerome@stamadison.org

Discipleship & Development

by Holly Irving

"Taste of Chili Heaven" Trivia Night Fun(d)Raiser - Friday, October 28th

Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses. Visit the table in the gathering space. **Tickets are \$25 each** and include drinks (two adult beverages per person), dinner, and trivia! More info below.



Hospitality

Hospitality & Parish Events Ministry VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Formally known as Parish Life, this newly (re)launched ministry is looking to begin serving later this Fall!

Hospitality & Parish Events Ministry at Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish is a ministry responsible for the planning, food serving, set-up and clean-up of parish events and gatherings.

Join us at our kick-off meeting in the Social Hall to learn more and sign-up. Plus take a tour of the newly remodeled kitchen!

INTERESTED JOINING US?

October 18th, 6:30pm-8pm

You can contact the Parish Office for more information:

🔇 (608) 833-2600

🔋 <mark>parish@stamadison.org</mark>

#GI**₩ING**TUESDAY

Christmas is Right Around the Corner

Soon we will be making our lists for Black Friday, November 25. Next comes Small Business Saturday. Then we have Cyber Monday. After we have saved so much money on these sales, we have #GivingTuesday! This will be your opportunity to give back and help others. I am looking for *three* donors to match \$5000. If you can match, please contact Holly Irving at *holly@stamadison.org* or 608.833.2600.

Grounds Volunteers for Winter

'Tis the season of colors, leaves falling, but we're thinking snow! We will be looking for individuals who can assist us with snow shoveling around sidewalks on the weekends this winter. While we have a regular service to provide clean-up to our parking lots and sidewalks after a snowfall, we occasionally need individuals who can arrive to help prior to the snow removal company.

If you are interested in helping us this winter, please call or email Brian Franzen *brian@stamadison.org* or 608-833-2600.

Young Adults and Faith Formation

Trunk or Treat

This event is free for all! Families and parishioners come to the STA parking lot for a night of fun. Come with your vehicle, decorate your trunk, dress up according to your theme, hand out candy, and walk car -to-car to see some cool-looking decorations and get candy in the process! Costumes, creativity in candy giving, and best trunk are encouraged as well! Come on out for a night of fun!

To reserve your trunk space or if you have any questions, contact Robert at *robert@stamadison.org*.



Young Adults: Spe Salvi Thursday, October 20 at 7pm Panera Bread on *Mineral Point Road*

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 41-48. Questions? Contact Robert Rosa-Cruz at *robert@stamadison.org*.



High School

10/16-Enduring Wisdom of St. Paul (Special Night) 10/23- Pumpkin Carving Night 10/30-No meeting

Middle School

10/19-My Father's House 10/26-Trunk or Treat

Preschool & Elementary Classes in October: 18&19, 25&26

Faith Formation Office 608-833-2606 formation@stamadison.org

Follow us on Instagram: @sta_youth_ministry

Come sing, praise, and listen to the Lord. There II be a small reflection by our youth minister Robert Rosa-Cruz.

Sunday • October 16• 6p-7p at the church. All parishioners are invited!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & doctor of the Church 4:30 PM JoAnn Szczepaniuk♥ 6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners Sunday, October 16 8:00 AM D. Aldo Pitassi and Rose Marie Walch Φ 10:00 AM Emil and Bernadine Lauber 🕈 Monday, October 17 8:30 AM Al and Evelyn Schaff Tuesday, October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist 5:30 PM Thomas & Theresa Olson • Wednesday, October 19 8:30 AM Josephine Cassidy \$ Thursday, October 20 St. Paul of the Cross, Priest 7:30 AM George F. Jacobs, Jr. + Friday, October 21 8:30 AM Joe & Joyce Schwaiger♥ Saturday, October 22 St. John Paul II, Pope 4:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners 6:30 PM Angel Arturo Landino + Sunday, October 23 8:00 AM Connie & Ralph Zielke • 10:00 AM Florentine Ruhland +



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2022

- Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
- Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
- Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 GOAL thru October	\$1,046,500	\$360,347
2022 TOTALS	\$1, <mark>079</mark> ,148	\$354,168
10/2/2022	\$25,222	\$1,329
10/9/2022	\$23,189	\$1,180
10/16/2022		
10/23/2022		
10/30/2022		
October Totals	\$48,411	\$2,509
October GOAL	\$113,500	\$60,000

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

COUNTERS' SCHEDULE

Monday, October 17: Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer, Zingsheim Monday, October 24: Baik, Degenhardt, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

Mass Intention Scheduling for 2023 As of Wednesday, October 12, at 10am

Each family will be able to reserve up to *three* Masses in 2023. No more than one on a weekend (Saturday or Sunday) and *two* on a weekday. Requests will be on a first come, first serve basis and can be made with both Judy and Clarice in the main office. Traditionally, a donation of \$10 per Mass is recommended.

Parish Office: (608) 833-2600

Prayers

October 16th 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

That the life of every person, from conception to natural death, will be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts; *We pray to the Lord.*

May we persist in prayer and action for justice in our troubled world, trusting God, in his infinite mercy, will protect all life in our common home for future generations. *We pray to the Lord*.



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