



# 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.

## Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023

### Holy Mass Schedule

**NO Mass on Monday, 5/29**

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.

### Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday, 3:15-4:10PM

Sunday, 9:00-9:50AM

### Adoration

Monday, 2:00-4:00PM **NO 5/29**

Tuesday, 4:15-5:15PM

Friday, 9:00-10:00AM

### Parish Office Hours

**Offices CLOSED 5/29**

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

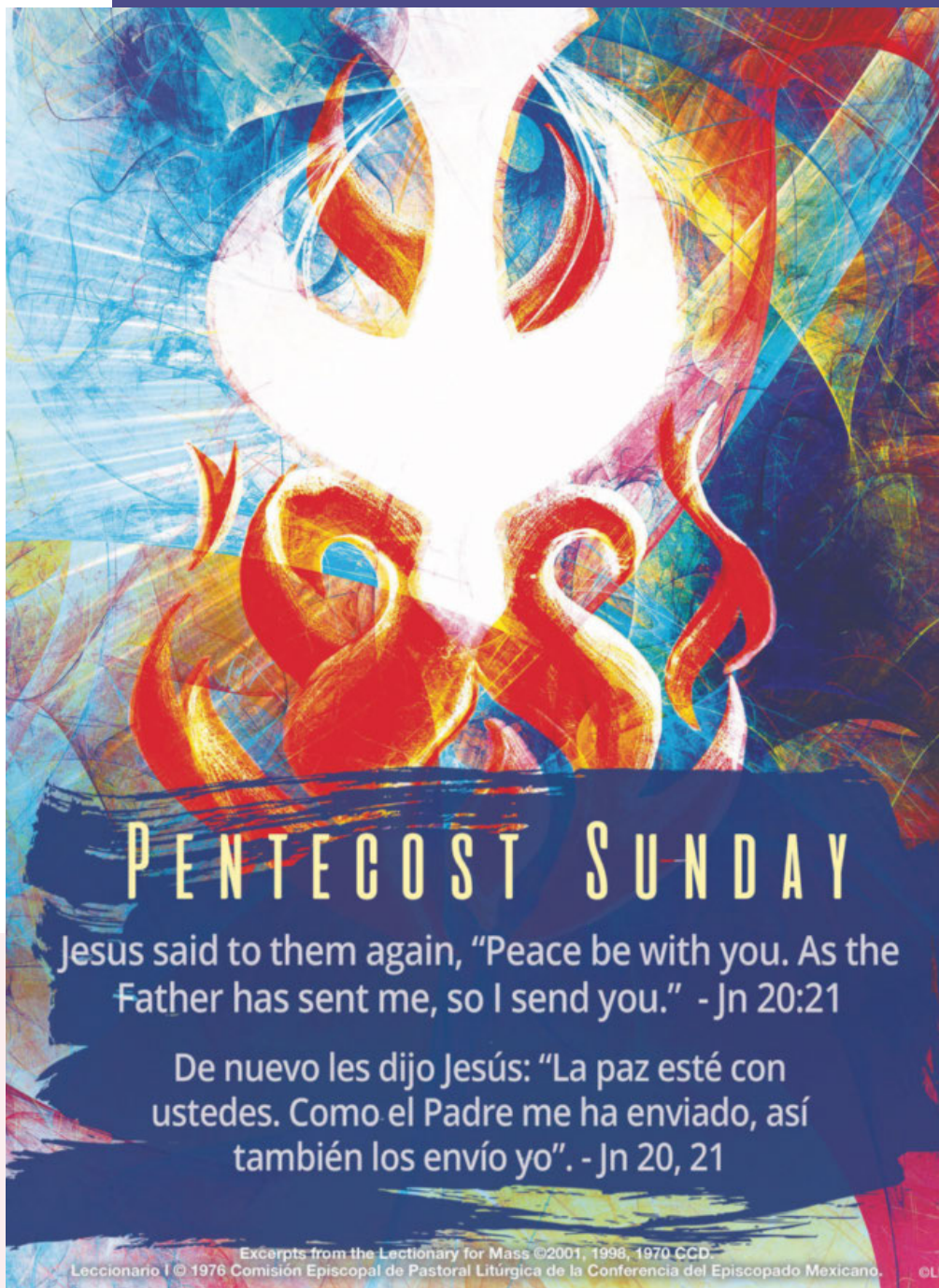
Lunes 2:00-4:00PM

Martes 4:15-5:25PM

Viernes 9:00-10:00AM

## Domingo de Pentecostés 28 de mayo de 2023

*Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth. Psalm 104*



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

De nuevo les dijo Jesús: "La paz esté con ustedes. Como el Padre me ha enviado, así también los envío yo". - Jn 20, 21

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*Envía, Señor, tu Espíritu,  
a renovar la tierra. Aleluya.*

*Salmo 103*

# Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

## Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

### Pentecost Sunday 2023

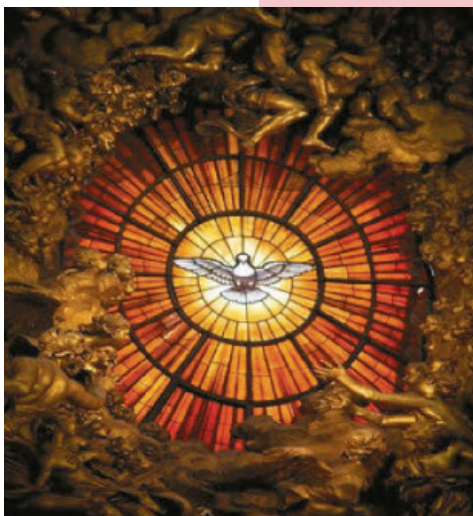
Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension into heaven. The timing of these feasts is also where Catholics get the concept of the Novena - nine days of prayer - because in Acts 1, Mary and the Apostles prayed together "continuously" for nine days after the Ascension leading up to Pentecost. Traditionally, the Church prays the Novena to the Holy Spirit in the days before Pentecost. In the US, Ascension Thursday is observed instead of the 7th Sunday of Easter, so this affects how we observe the feast days and why it is different than the Biblical timeline.

In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room. Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers (Acts 2:13-41). The apostles and believers, for the first time, were united by a common language, and a common zeal and purpose to go and preach the Gospel.

Today's Gospel passage tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." These wonderful words, which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit with the gift of forgiveness, are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But they have a much wider meaning. Those words remind us of the Christian vocation we all have, to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgmental and vengeful.

### Come, Holy Spirit

*Come Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts  
of your faithful, and kindle in them  
the fire of Your Divine Love.  
Send forth Your Spirit and they shall  
be created, and You shall renew the  
face of the earth. Oh God, Who by  
the light of the Holy Spirit instructed  
the hearts of the faithful, Grant, that  
by the same Spirit we may be truly  
wise and ever rejoice in His  
consolation. We ask this through  
Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



### Domingo de Pentecostés de 2023

Pentecostés siempre ocurre 50 días después de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, y diez días después de su ascensión al cielo. La cronología de estas fiestas es de donde los católicos sacan el concepto de la Novena - nueve días de oración-, porque en Hechos 1, María y los Apóstoles rezaron juntos "continuamente" durante nueve días después de la Ascensión hasta Pentecostés. Tradicionalmente, la Iglesia reza la Novena al Espíritu Santo en los días previos a Pentecostés. En EE.UU. se celebra el Jueves de la Ascensión en lugar del 7º Domingo de Pascua, por lo que esto afecta cómo celebramos las fiestas y por qué es diferente al calendario bíblico.

En la tradición cristiana, Pentecostés es la celebración de la venida del Espíritu Santo sobre los Apóstoles, María y los primeros seguidores de Jesús, reunidos en el Cenáculo. Pentecostés se considera el día del nacimiento de la Iglesia: Pedro, el primer Papa, predica por primera vez y convierte a miles de nuevos creyentes (Hch 2,13-41). Los apóstoles y los creyentes, por primera vez, estaban unidos por una lengua común, y por un fervor y propósito común de ir a predicar el Evangelio.

El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy nos cuenta cómo Jesús dio a los Apóstoles el poder y la autoridad para perdonar los pecados. "Recibid el Espíritu Santo. A quienes perdonen los pecados, les quedaran perdonados; a quienes se los retengan, les quedaran retenidos". A estas maravillosas palabras, que unen inseparablemente la presencia del Espíritu Santo con el don del perdón, se refiere directamente el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Pero tienen un significado mucho más amplio. Esas palabras nos recuerdan la vocación cristiana que todos tenemos, de amar y perdonar como hemos sido amados y perdonados en el mundo de hoy, que a menudo es ferozmente crítico y vengativo.

### Ven, Espíritu Santo

*Ven Espíritu Santo, llena  
los corazones de tus fieles y enciende  
en ellos el fuego de Tu Amor Divino.  
Envía Tu Espíritu y serán creados,  
y renovarás la faz de la tierra.  
Oh Dios, que con la luz  
del Espíritu Santo instruyes  
los corazones de los fieles,  
concédenos, por el mismo Espíritu,  
ser verdaderamente sabios  
y gozar siempre de Su consuelo.  
Te lo pedimos por  
Cristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.*

# Tributes to Fr. Bart Timmerman

*As Fr. Bart has shared, this July he will be moving on to serve a new pastorate and bring joy, laughter and wisdom to his new community in Beloit. The news is bittersweet, but we know he's destined to touch the lives of many! Each week, please enjoy an article from a member of the STA staff- a fun memory, a letter of thanks or an example of one of the many ways Fr. Bart has positively impacted their own lives. Enjoy!*

## Fr. Bart shows me Jesus and sets my heart on fire for Him.

*by Maira Rivera, Director of Elementary Faith Formation & Hispanic Ministry*

I know, it's a bummer to see Fr. Bart go after so many years here and just after the completion of many projects. It just seems like it would make more sense to settle *into the deep* with him here. But, the Lord has other plans for us, His church, and His plan is always better than anything we could imagine. Truly, there's no better way to respond to this reality other than trusting Him whole-heartedly. The Lord gave us Fr. Bart for a long while, and we are so grateful.

And so, with immense appreciation we rejoice remembering ... I love Fr. Bart's devotion at Mass, especially during the Communion Rite, when he recites "...look not on our sins", and tenderly shakes his head no and continues, "but on the faith of your Church" with a trusting nod for a yes. It melts my heart.

It is in faith formation and Hispanic Ministry where I have seen him at his best. He has a strong desire for the youth and kiddos to fall in love with Jesus and uses humor and tenderness to help them learn and understand. He makes time from his one-man-show (well, with the Holy Spirit) to be active in the formation of all of our students, whether they are preparing for a sacrament or not, trusting to bring, in addition to traditional catechism, the Catechist of the Good Shepherd to provide pasture of all flavors for his sheep, only to get the flock closer to the Shepherd. Thank you, Fr. Bart. We won't forget. The Hispanic community, which he keeps close to his heart, is beyond thankful for all that he does, even when it seems impossible, to nurture the faith and devotions that the Hispanic community crave from the ways they worshiped in the countries they had to leave behind. Fr Bart sees them, sees us... with his heart.

I never would have thought I would be so involved with the Church. I used to come to Mass on Sundays: in-and-out and then on with my "life" for so many years. Coming here, seeing Fr. Bart smiling, cleaning out pews during the re-opening after COVID to get ready for the next service on Good Friday...I've never seen such a thing. Where I come from, the priest demands, delegates, and just shows up to Mass, confession or whatever other duty, while the parishioners handle the rest...I know Fr Bart is a man that we all can relate to. He enjoys cheering for his team, has a contagious laugh, sits down with you to enjoy a cookie and a chat, welcomes you, includes you...and I see how he tries to be like Jesus: in fun and in sadness; in seriousness and in jokes...he shows me Jesus, and sets my heart on fire for Him. I'm grateful to the Lord for Fr. Bart. *"May the Lord our God bless you and protect you, shine His face on you and grant you, His favor. May the Lord grant you, His peace. The Lord God, King of the universe blesses you, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen"* -Numbers 6, 24-27.



## Fr. Bart's Farewell & Celebration!

Wednesday, June 28  
6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas  
602 Everglade Drive  
Madison, Wisconsin 53717

Hosted by STA Parish Family  
(608) 833-2600



Join us as we say farewell to Fr. Bart Timmerman and wish him well on his new assignment as Pastor in Beloit beginning July 1st.

Wednesday, June 28th: We'll begin in church with evening prayer and music, followed by a celebration with refreshments in the Social Hall.

Cake will be served, and we are also requesting volunteers to bring in desserts, appetizers or champagne. Once you click "yes" to RSVP there will be an option to "sign-up" to bring refreshments. Please contact the parish office with questions: [parish@stamadison.org](mailto:parish@stamadison.org)

Join us as we *TOAST to Timmerman!* See you June 28th!



# Into the Deep Update

## Actualización de Into the Deep

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

### Into the Deep Update

Next weekend there will be an important announcement from our new Parochial Administrator, Fr. Brian Wilk, regarding the new Mass and Confession Schedule for our Pastorate #21. Please stay tuned for this important announcement. The main update for us this week is in regard to Hispanic Ministry. The announcement from the diocese will appear below. You will notice that there has been a change in priest assignment to cover Hispanic Ministry for our pastorate. Instead of Fr. Gabriel Lopez-Betanzos as first assigned, Fr. Brian Dulli will now offer the Spanish Mass and be available for pastoral care. The change was made because we wanted to have a priest who could be more available to the community rather, than offering the Mass only. Maira Rivera, our Director of Hispanic Ministry, will work closely with Fr. Brian Dulli to be sure we are serving the people.

### Update about Priest Assignments for Hispanic Ministry in Madison and the greater Madison area

On May 5th, several priests who serve Hispanic Ministry in Dane County and the new Parochial Administrators for those respective parishes/pastorates met to determine how best to initially serve the Hispanic community at St. John the Baptist in Waunakee, St. Thomas Aquinas in Madison, and St. Peter in Madison come July 1, 2023 (when the "Into the Deep" plan begins to get implemented). Following this meeting and understanding the importance of serving the Hispanic community both sacramentally and pastorally, **Bishop Hying has assigned Fr. Brian Dulli to assist in Pastorate 21** and Fr. Osvaldo Briones, SJS to assist in Pastorate 18 as the priests who serve the Hispanic community both sacramentally and pastorally with potential office hours at those parishes. The Hispanic community in Pastorate 23 will be served by a designated priest from Pastorate 22; the exact priest is still to be determined. Bishop Hying will continue to consult with priests and leaders in the Hispanic community to develop a more comprehensive plan for Hispanic Ministry in the greater Madison area and across the Diocese of Madison.

### Actualización de Into the Deep

El próximo fin de semana habrá un anuncio importante de nuestro nuevo Administrador Parroquial, P. Brian Wilk, con respecto al nuevo Horario de Misas y Confesiones para nuestro Pastorado #21. Por favor permanezcan atentos a este anuncio importante. La actualización principal para nosotros esta semana es con respecto al Ministerio Hispano. El anuncio de la diócesis aparecerá a continuación. Usted notará que ha habido un cambio en la asignación de sacerdote para cubrir el Ministerio Hispano para nuestro Pastorado. En lugar del P. Gabriel López-Betanzos como fue asignado al principio, P. Brian Dulli ahora ofrecerá la Misa en Español y estará disponible para el cuidado pastoral. El cambio se hizo porque queríamos tener un sacerdote que pudiera estar más disponible para la comunidad en lugar de ofrecer la Misa solamente. Maira Rivera, nuestra Directora del Ministerio Hispano trabajara muy de cerca con Padre Brian Dulli para asegurarnos que estamos sirviendo a nuestra gente.

### Actualización sobre los puestos sacerdotales para el Ministerio Hispano en Madison y el área metropolitana de Madison

El 5 de mayo, varios sacerdotes que sirven en el Ministerio Hispano en el Condado de Dane y los nuevos Administradores Parroquiales para esas respectivas parroquias/pastorados se reunieron para determinar la mejor manera de servir a la comunidad hispana en St. John the Baptist en Waunakee, St. Thomas Aquinas en Madison y St. Peter en Madison comenzando el 1 de julio de 2023 (cuando el plan "Into the Deep" comience a implementarse). Después de esta reunión y comprendiendo la importancia de servir a la comunidad hispana tanto sacramental como pastoralmente, el **Obispo Hying ha asignado al Padre Brian Dulli para ayudar en el Pastorado 21** y al Padre Osvaldo Briones, SJS para ayudar en el Pastorado 18 como sacerdotes para servir a la comunidad hispana tanto sacramental como pastoralmente con horas de oficina potenciales en esas parroquias. La comunidad hispana del Pastorado 23 (St. Peter/St. Dennis) será atendida por un sacerdote designado del Pastorado 22 (Good Shepherd/actualmente Cathedral); el sacerdote exacto aún está por determinarse. El Obispo Hying continuará consultando con sacerdotes y líderes de la comunidad hispana para desarrollar un plan más integral para el Ministerio Hispano en el área metropolitana de Madison y en toda la Diócesis de Madison.



INTO THE DEEP

### Stay Connected!

We believe that the *Into the Deep* strategic plan will help us achieve a brighter future for our local church, which is the Diocese of Madison. And, **we need your help!**

We need your prayers, your renewed commitment to following Jesus as a missionary disciple, and your continued engagement. **We want you to walk with us.** Please sign up for our email newsletter.

May God help all of us in the Diocese of Madison to courageously and generously follow Him... *into the deep*...and on the path to heaven! Stay connected: <https://intothedeepmadison.org/stay-connected>

# Resurrection Cemetery

## Resurrection Cemetery Give a Tree Program is Growing

Pictured: Fr. Bart Timmerman of St. Thomas Aquinas and the parish staff, with Damian Lenshek, visit the newly planted Swamp White Oak tree in Resurrection Cemetery in Madison on May 19th. The tree was donated by the St. Thomas Aquinas Memorial Fund and directed donations made in memory of family member's passing.

This inaugural tree was planted this Spring as part of the Cemetery Give a Tree Program to replace trees lost at the cemetery recently, many that were over 100 years old. The Swamp White Oak grows very rapidly and can live for a long time - 300 to 350 years - and uniquely produces its acorns in clusters of two. Thus, like its donating parish, this tree an evangelizer: it sends its acorns out in pairs (Luke 10:1) and each acorn has a seed within it to be planted which, with God's grace, will grow and flourish (1 Corinthians 3:6-9).



The tree grows between Resurrection Cemetery chapel and the office and is marked with a granite marker that reads: "How Lovely is your Dwelling Place O Lord of Hosts! In Memory of the Faithful departed of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish."

Participating in the Give A Tree Program helps ensure the future beauty of Catholic cemeteries, which is a way of participating in the corporal work of mercy of burying the dead. For more information on the program, visit: <https://madisondiocese.org/tree>.

**About the Memorial Fund:** Often families designate our parish as the recipient of Memorial Gifts collected after a family member's passing. This is a significant way to remember your deceased loved one. To designate, simply state in the loved one's obituary, "Memorial contributions to St. Thomas Aquinas." We are grateful for Memorial Gifts because they help to support our parish mission! For information about Memorial Gifts, contact Holly at (608) 833-2600 or [holly@stamadison.org](mailto:holly@stamadison.org).

## Join us for Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

Please mark your calendars and join us in praying for the dead. All Masses are at the Resurrection Cemetery chapel, 2705 Regent Street, Madison.

- **May 29, Memorial Day, 10am, Bishop Hying**
- Jun 16, 10am, Msgr. James Bartylla

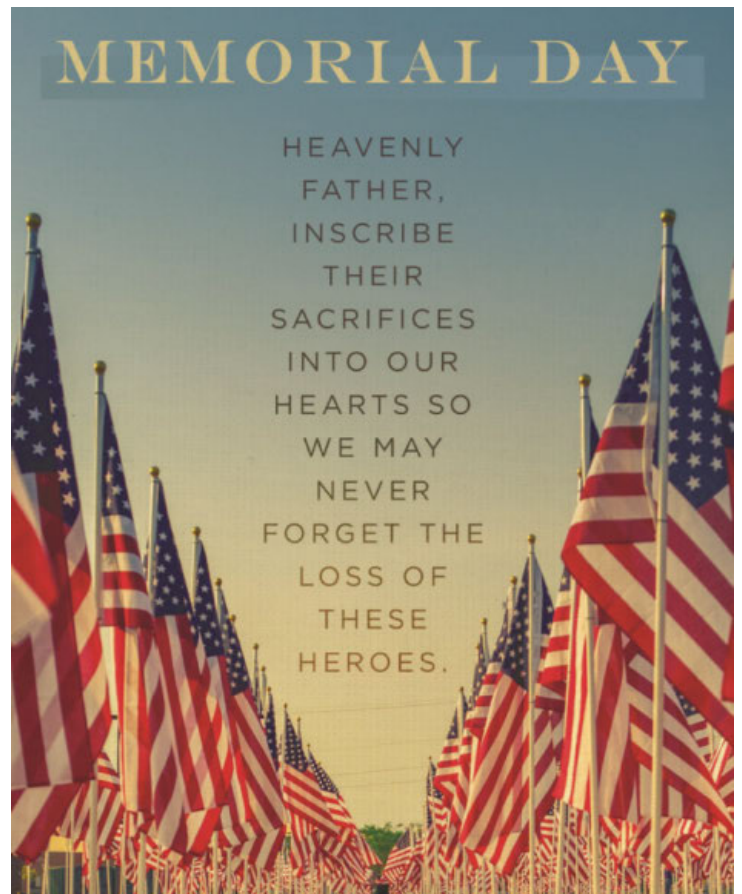
## Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

First, join fellow parishioners in our own Eucharistic Procession on *Corpus Christi*, June 11. Then, join others from the diocese at the **Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**: Sept. 29-Oct. 1, at St. John the Baptist, Waunakee. A beautiful, Eucharistic Procession will take place after the Sunday Mass on Oct. 1. Immerse yourself in faith, fellowship, and family!

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love."

--St. John Paul II

Go to the revival website at [blessedbrokenandgiven.com](http://blessedbrokenandgiven.com) to learn more.





## ***The Heart of Our Faith Parish Retreat***

***Saturday, June 10, 12:30—4:15 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas***

How often have we heard the beautiful message of the Gospel...the good news of God's love, Jesus' gift of salvation, the Holy Spirit's power? Perhaps, more importantly, how often do we take time to not only hear this message, but to let it sink in from our head to our heart?

Adults and teens are invited to join us for this special half-day retreat, as we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. Perhaps for some it will be the first time you give God the chance to move you from understanding to believing—from head to heart. For some, it may well affirm a message that you know well and have heard many times. Wherever you are on your journey, this will be an opportunity for each of us to strengthen our faith, and be better prepared to share this good news with others. You can start sharing the good news now by inviting a friend to register with you. All are welcome!



**This free retreat begins in the social hall at 12:30 PM and concludes in time to attend 4:30 PM Mass. RSVP by June 5 by returning the form below to the parish office, or by contacting Jennifer Ludtke, Director of Evangelization and Outreach, at 833-2606 or [Jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:Jennifer@stamadison.org).**

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**Yes, I would like to attend the Heart of Our Faith Retreat on June 10.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (phone and/or email): \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

# Justice & Peace and Outreach

## Care for God's Creation Logo Design Contest Winners



Care for God's  
Creation Team

"Reusing something instead of immediately discarding it, when done for the right reasons, can be an act of love which expresses our own dignity."

--Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*: *Care for Our Common Home*, paragraph 211

As we conclude Laudato Si' Week, we are excited to announce the winners of our logo contest. We thank all the students who used their creativity to show love and appreciation for God's Creation! The STA Care for God's Creation Team is encouraging the use of reusable shopping bags by printing the two winning designs below on bags. These bags will be available to parishioners during the Season of Creation this coming September. Keep an eye out in the bulletin over the summer as we feature other art that was submitted for the contest.



### Winner: Amalia

We loved how this artwork evoked nature with its content and color, and how St. Thomas Aquinas's name was included into the design. It is simple and powerful.

### Winner: Claire

We loved how this artwork showed care for God's creation while also encouraging participation. This design was so inspiring!



## Walking with Moms

Continuing the Catholic Church's long-standing commitment to support and

empower women facing unexpected pregnancies, the Diocese of Madison has launched the "Walking with Moms" program. Whether a mom is pregnant or already parenting, each parish in the diocese is being trained and equipped to link moms and families to life-affirming resources in the community, such as pregnancy resource centers (e.g. Women's Care Center and First Care Clinic), free and low-cost clinics (such as Our Lady of Hope Clinic), local St. Vincent de Paul conferences and a variety of services from Catholic Charities and the Catholic Multicultural Center. This spring, the Walking with Moms effort in the diocese launched Walking with Moms website: [walkingwithmoms.com](http://walkingwithmoms.com) as a user-friendly, easy to navigate resource site spotlighting local resources. The St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life team and parish staff are committed to supporting families in need and stand with moms who choose life for their children.

To get involved with Walking with Moms and our parish Respect Life efforts, please contact Jenny Ludtke at [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org) or STA Respect Life Team Lead Greg Chesmore at [gchesmore@yahoo.com](mailto:gchesmore@yahoo.com).

There's a role for everyone in the pro-life movement, serving families and saving babies!



## Women's Care Center Clothing or Gift Card Request

We have a LOT of mamas who are in desperate need of **Spring/Summer boys clothing size 18 months—5T**. Any donations of these items are appreciated!

We could also use Amazon or Walmart gift cards in denominations of \$50 or less to supplement our Crib Club with needed items.

Donations can be dropped off at:  
the Women's Care Center,  
3711 Orin Road, Madison, WI 53711  
Monday – Friday from 9 am – 5 pm.

Thank you SO much for your support of the moms in our community and of our center.  
We cannot do it without you!

## Healing Prayer Ministry



### June 3-4 after all Masses

The work of healing through prayer was an integral part of Jesus' ministry. Jesus equipped his followers to carry on this ministry, and it is part of our calling as baptized members of the Body of Christ. If you are seeking healing of body, mind, or spirit, we will pray with you, that you may experience the love of Jesus and the healing power of the Holy Spirit. There will be an opportunity to receive confidential prayer for healing after all Masses next weekend.

## Liturgical Assistance

by Holly Irving



### Medical Volunteers Needed

A few weeks ago, someone had a medical emergency, during Mass. Someone announced in church that medical help was needed. Many people came to the assistance of this person. We have a special place reserved at Mass for people who are medically trained.

If you can help, to please contact Holly Irving at [holly@stamadison.org](mailto:holly@stamadison.org) for further information!

### Assistive Listening Systems Available

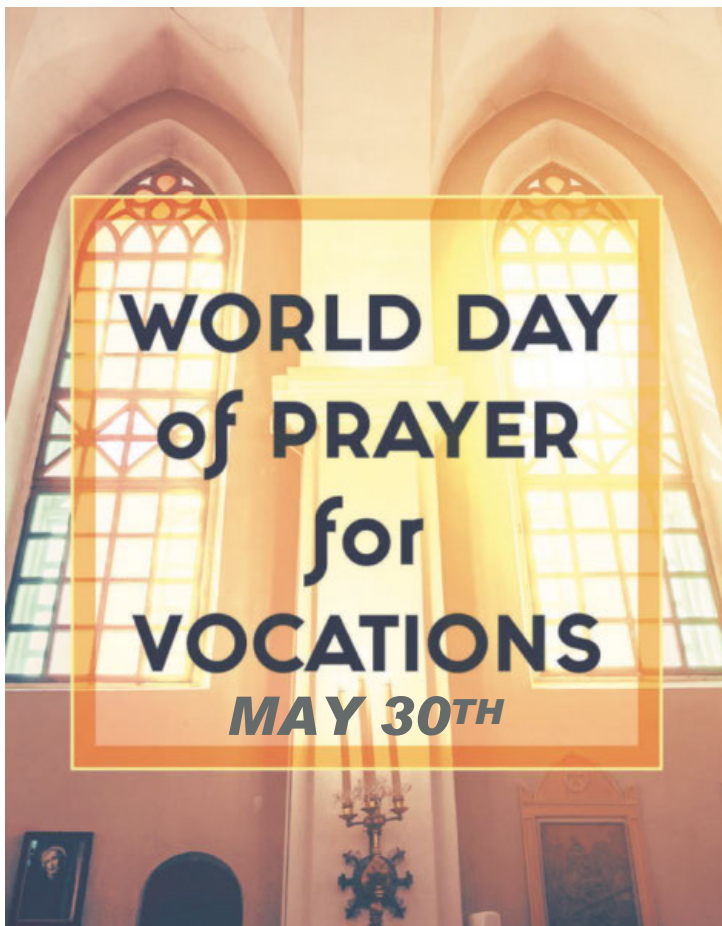
Are you hearing impaired? Assistive Listening System Receivers are available for people who have difficulty hearing in the church or the chapel. You can request one from an usher.

This system has two options:

- 1) You can use the receiver with headphones (either bring your own, or use ours). Or...
- 2) You can use the receiver with a loop that goes around your neck and connects directly to the T-coil of your hearing aids.



If you are unsure if your hearing aid has this capability, your audiologist can advise you how to switch your hearing aid on and off the T-coil mode.



## Agrace Opportunities

### Volunteers Needed for Adult Day Center

Volunteers are needed to provide companionship to clients at the Agrace Adult Day Center. Agrace will host orientation for new volunteers Thursday, June 15, from 1-3p.m. at its Madison campus. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (608) 327-7163 or visit [Agrace.org/Volunteer](http://Agrace.org/Volunteer) and fill out an application.

### Grief Support Group Options in June

In June, Agrace is offering professionally led, in-person and virtual (accessible with a tablet, computer or smartphone) grief support options.

**Bridges** is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. Meetings are held every other Wednesday at the Agrace Grief Support Center. In June, meetings are June 7 and 21, from 5:30-7 p.m.

**Bridges (virtual)** is for adults grieving the death of any loved one. Meetings are held every other Wednesday. In June, meetings are June 14 and 28, from 9:30-11 a.m., via Zoom.

**Young Adult** is for anyone aged 18 to 30+ years who is grieving the death of a loved one, parent, child, spouse, sibling or friend. The group will meet June 8, from 6-7:30 p.m., at the Agrace Grief Support Center.

Pre-registration is required for all groups. For details, fees or to register, email [griefsupport@agrace.org](mailto:griefsupport@agrace.org) or call (608) 327-7110.

No fee for these programs if a participant's family member was in hospice care in the past 12 months. Fees for others can be lowered or waived, if needed.

**Pre-registration is required for each session;** email [griefsupport@agrace.org](mailto:griefsupport@agrace.org) or call (608) 327-7110 with questions or to register.

### Get Expert Customized Grief Support—By Text

Agrace now offers thoughtful, customized text messages from a service called Help Texts. It's free and you can sign up even if you are also receiving grief support individually or in a group. To sign up or learn more, visit [HelpTexts.com/Agrace](http://HelpTexts.com/Agrace).

### In-home Support from Age at Home Can Boost Well-being

Do you care for or know an older adult who could benefit from non-medical home care services? Social interaction, like a daily visit from an Age at Home companion, can boost a senior's well-being and also ensure that they safely shower, dress, take medications and eat well. If you think the support of an Age at Home companion could help someone you love, call (608) 327-7456 or visit [AgeatHome.org](http://AgeatHome.org).

# Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

## John 20:19-23

The Spirit moved me to write about the first reading today as well the Gospel. 😊 There's a line from today's reading from Acts when the disciples are preaching and each person in the crowd "heard them speaking in his own language." Upon reflection, that is the same way the Spirit works with us – we each hear the promptings of the Spirit in our own way, and we each react to those promptings according to the unique gifts we are given. In the Gospel, Jesus says to his disciples (including us!) "as the Father sends me, so I send you." As with the first reading, we each hear this command "in our own language" – that is, we are all called to evangelize, but we each have unique gifts to carry out that evangelization. We evangelize, but each "in our own language." Pentecost is a perfect time to stop and open ourselves to the Spirit and listen to hear how the Spirit calls us to evangelize.

It is interesting that our Gospel notes that it was the "first day of the week" when Jesus appeared to his disciples and told them to receive the Holy Spirit because this weekend is considered the unofficial "first weekend of the summer." We celebrate the coming of the Spirit this weekend – don't let the myriad events of summer drown out the Spirit's voice in your life because we are sent forth to evangelize, no matter the season, each in our own language.

# Faith Formation & Family



## Totus Tuus Sessions

**Grades 1-6: July 24-28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM-2:30PM**

**Grades 7-12: July 23-27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00PM**

**at St. Thomas Aquinas**

**Registration forms available in the gathering area or by contacting the Faith Formation Office.**

## Faith Formation Office

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## Young Adults

Young Adults will meet periodically during the summer.

To find out more information contact Robert Rosa-Cruz at 608.833.2606 or

[Robert@stamadison.org](mailto:Robert@stamadison.org)



## Did you hear? Did you know?

Our very own Robert Rosa-Cruz and Jenny Ludtke are the new President and Vice President of MDREO (Madison Diocese Religious Educators' Organization), a diocesan professional organization. Both of them will bring a lot to the table not just in the parish, but also at the diocesan level. Congratulations Robert and Jenny! St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!



## May Crowning on May 7<sup>th</sup>



**Taller de Escritura de la Naturaleza**  
**Nature Writing Workshop**

*...the world goes on. Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the stream, the deep mosses, the mountains and the rivers. Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clear blue sky, with the keen vision of the stars, screaming, sing.*

**Saturday June 3rd**  
**10:00am-12:00pm**  
**at Olin Park**

Nature walk + guided workshop to write your own nature poetry or essay. All are welcome, no experience necessary.

**\* Snacks & prize raffle \***

Un paseo en la naturaleza + taller de escribir su propia poesía o ensayo. Son bienvenidos aunque no tengan experiencia.

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop**

4:30 PM Rosemary Johnson ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

**Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 AM Ruth Little ☩

10:00 AM Bob Kalscheur ☩

**Monday, May 29 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day**

8:30 AM NO MASS

**Tuesday, May 30 World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

5:30 PM Mary Kleinheinz ☩

**Wednesday, May 31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 AM Dorothy E. Peterson ☩

**Thursday, June 1 St. Justin, Martyr**

7:30 AM Charles Moder ☩

**Friday, June 2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs**

8:30 AM Lonnie Sassman ☩

**Saturday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**

4:30 PM Anfilóquio Leão Bezerra ☩

6:30 PM Albertina Bermudez ☩

**Sunday, June 4 The Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioner

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Dempsey Family ☩

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34/  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15,20 or Acts 1:12-14/  
Ps 87:1-3,5-7/Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8,14,23/  
Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/  
Is 12:2-6/Lk 1:39-56

**Thursday:** Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-9/Mk 10:46-52

**Friday:** Sir 44:1,9-13/Ps 96:10-13/Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday:** Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8-11/  
Mk 11:27-33

**Sunday:** Ex 34:4b-6,8-9/Dn 3:52-56/  
2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

## Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,421,000	\$405,000
2023 Year TOTALS	\$552,103	\$175,050
Week 1 5/7/2023	\$18,561	\$1,704
Week 2 5/14/2023	\$15,223	\$2,295
Week 3 5/21/2023	\$17,625	\$1,841
May ACH 5/23/2023		
Week 4 5/28/2023		
May 2023 Totals	\$51,409	\$5,840
May 2023 Goals	\$115,000	\$12,000

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

### Counter Schedule

**Tuesday, May 30:**

Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

**Monday, June 5:**

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

**St. Thomas Aquinas Office  
CLOSED Monday, May 29<sup>TH</sup>  
NO Mass & NO Adoration**

## Prayers

### May 28<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday

May the Holy Spirit strengthen God's people to embrace and protect the precious gift of human life;  
*We pray to the Lord.*

May we see beauty in diversity, welcome all who speak in different tongues, and advocate for peace and unity in this war-torn world;  
*We pray to the Lord.*



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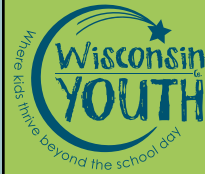
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