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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.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity June 4, 2023

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.

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday, 3:15-4:10рм Sunday, 9:00-9:50ам

Adoration

Monday, 2:00-4:00рм Tuesday, 4:15-5:15рм Friday, 9:00-10:00Aм

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 9:00ам-5:00рм Friday, 9:00ам-Noon

Church and Chapel Hours

Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-5:00PM Saturday, 10:00AM-6:00PM Sunday, 7:00-11:00AM

Misa en español

Sábados a las 6:30pm

Confesiones

Sábados

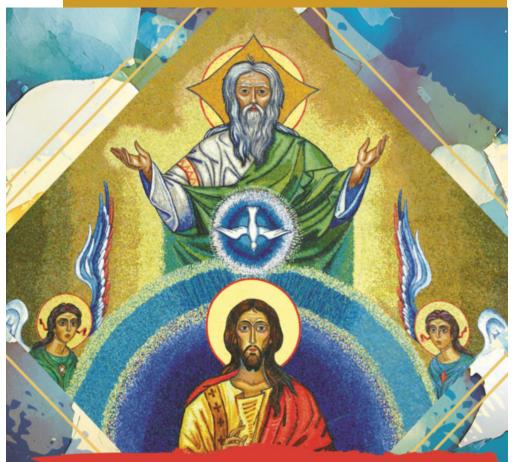
3:15-4:10рм y por cita previa

Adoración al Santísimo

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

Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad 4 de junio de 2023

Glory and praise for ever! Daniel 3



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16-17

LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

"Tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga la vida eterna." - Jn 3, 16-17

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Cantado y exaltado eternamente. Daniel 3

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

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

In today's Gospel, we receive further assurance of God's presence. Out of great love for us, God sent God's only son to save the world. We spent the last few months of Lent and Easter hearing stories of Jesus' time on earth, both before and after his death on the cross. Even death cannot separate us from God! It is reassuring to know that God is with us always!

Heart of Our Faith Retreat Next Saturday

Knowing God's love for us in our head is important for us to understand, but it is also important for us to know this in our heart. Sometimes the longest journey can be knowledge moving from our head to our heart. Please consider taking time next weekend as we celebrate Corpus Christi to experience a half day retreat about the heart of our faith. During this year our goal was to provide more opportunities for people to experience a retreat, time of prayer away from all the distractions of life. Please see more details on page 3 and plan to attend and invite a friend.

Into the Deep Update

This weekend, our new Pastoral Administrator, Fr. Brian Wilk, has a special message for our Pastorate #21. He is sharing the new Mass and Confession schedules. These schedules are mostly the same for us, with the exception of changing our current Spanish Mass from Saturday nights at 6:30PM to Sunday afternoons at 1:00PM. I am very pleased that our Mass attendance warrants keeping all of our Mass times, and it is my hope that changing the Spanish Mass time will allow the attendance to grow higher. Please take time to read this important message from Fr. Brian Wilk.

STA Staff Update

Many parishioners have asked me if our STA Staff members were going to move with me to Beloit. I want to reassure you all that no one from STA Staff is moving with me. They will remain at STA and remain committed to serving all of you. This will offer great stability in the midst of the changes that are on the horizon. This is a good time for me to thank the STA Staff for their many tributes in the recent editions of our weekly bulletin, and I am working on a tribute to the STA Staff for one of the upcoming bulletins. It is an extremely emotional time for me to say good-bye to such amazing co-workers with whom I have had the blessing of sharing in God's ministry over these past 10 years. Thank you for your prayers in this time.

Solemnidad de la Santísima Trinidad

En el Evangelio de hoy, recibimos una garantía más de la presencia de Dios. Por el gran amor que nos tiene, Dios envió a su Hijo unigénito para salvar al mundo. Hemos pasado los últimos meses de Cuaresma y Pascua escuchando relatos de la estancia de Jesús en la Tierra, tanto antes como después de su muerte en la cruz. Ni siquiera la muerte puede separarnos de Dios. Es tranquilizador saber que Dios está siempre con nosotros!

Retiro "El corazón de nuestra fe" el próximo sábado

Es importante que entendamos y conozcamos el amor de Dios por nosotros en nuestra cabeza, pero también es importante que lo sepamos en nuestro corazón. A veces el viaje más largo puede ser el conocimiento moviéndose de nuestra cabeza a nuestro corazón. Por favor consideren tomarse un tiempo el próximo fin de semana mientras celebramos Corpus Christi para experimentar un retiro de medio día sobre el corazón de nuestra fe. Durante este año nuestro objetivo fue proporcionar más oportunidades para que la feligresía experimente un retiro, un tiempo de oración lejos de todas las distracciones de la vida. Por favor vea más detalles en la página 3 y planee asistir e invitar a un amigo.

Actualización de Into the Deep

Este fin de semana, nuestro nuevo Administrador Pastoral, P. Brian Wilk, tiene un mensaje especial para nuestra Pastorado #21 y el estará compartiendo con nosotros nuestro nuevo Horario de Misas y Horario de Confesiones. El horario es mayormente el mismo para nosotros, con la excepción del cambio de nuestra Misa en español de sábados por la noche a las 6:30 p.m. a domingos por la tarde a la 1:00 p.m. Estoy muy complacido de que nuestra asistencia a Misa garantiza que se mantengan todos nuestros horarios de Misa y es mi esperanza que el cambio de la hora de Misa en español permitirá que la asistencia crezca más. Por favor tomen tiempo para leer este importante mensaje del Padre Brian Wilk.

Actualización del Personal de STA

Muchos feligreses me han preguntado si los miembros del personal de STA se trasladaran conmigo a Beloit. Quiero asegurarles a todos que nadie del personal de STA se mudará conmigo y que permanecerán en STA y seguirán comprometidos a servirles a todos ustedes. Esto ofrecerá una gran estabilidad en medio de los cambios que se avecinan. Este es un buen momento para dar las gracias al personal de STA por sus numerosos homenajes en las últimas ediciones de nuestro boletín semanal y estoy trabajando en un homenaje al personal de STA para uno de los próximos boletines. Es un momento muy emotivo para mí al tener que decir adiós a tan increíbles compañeros de trabajo con los que he tenido la bendición de compartir el ministerio de Dios durante estos últimos 10 años. Gracias por sus oraciones en este tiempo y por favor estén seguros de las mías!

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An Exciting Journey Ahead: Eucharistic Revival Year II!

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Watch the video to learn more about the exciting journey ahead and how you can be a part of it!

Video Link: https://youtu.be/hDNZeBtCjjc

Next Sunday, June 11 will mark the beginning of Year II of the revival. The goal in the next phase of the revival will be to strengthen our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic adoration, parish missions, preaching, and the organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

For more information on how you can be a part of our Eucharistic Revival Team at STA, please email Jenny at *Jenny@stamadison.org*.

Un Emocionante Viaje Por Delante: ¡El Año II del Avivamiento Eucarístico!

Nuestro mundo está herido. Todos necesitamos sanación, pero muchos de nosotros estamos separados de la fuente misma de nuestra fuerza. Jesucristo nos invita a volver a la fuente y cumbre de nuestra fe en la celebración de la Eucaristía. El Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional es un movimiento para restaurar la comprensión y la devoción a este gran misterio aquí en los Estados Unidos, ayudándonos a renovar nuestra adoración a Jesucristo en la Eucaristía. Mira el vídeo para saber más sobre el emocionante viaje que tenemos por delante y cómo puedes formar parte de él.

Enlace de vídeo: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=i44289hX3Rs&t=1s

El próximo domingo 11 de junio marcará el comienzo del Año II del avivamiento. El objetivo en la siguiente fase del avivamiento será fortalecer nuestra vida litúrgica a través de la celebración fiel de la Misa, la Adoración Eucarística, las Misiones Parroquiales, la predicación y los movimientos orgánicos del Espíritu Santo.

Para obtener más información sobre cómo puede ser parte de nuestro Equipo de Avivamiento Eucarístico en STA, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a Jenny en *Jenny@stamadison.org*.



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.

<u>RSVP by June 5</u> by contacting Jennifer Ludtke, Director of Evangelization and Outreach, at 833-2606 or *Jennifer@stamadison.org*.

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 and Funny Money

by Julia Hix, Business Manager



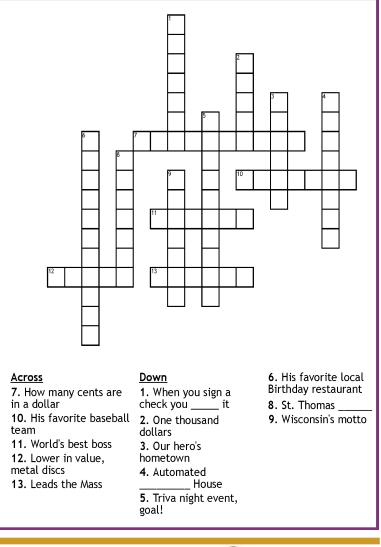
You might not think it's possible that talking about money can be funny, but if Fr. Bart is your boss, it can be! I was blessed to join the parish staff in April 2022. As Business Manager, one of the job duties I was intimidated by was all the financial reporting and responsibility to make sure I am working with our Pastor to be the best stewards of our parish finances. Fr. Bart has been an amazing partner to me, all while

making reporting time fun and always keeping the mood upbeat. All the math we try to do in our heads! Making the numbers work out like the perfect puzzle! I will also cherish the memories and all the laughs during our time each week carved out for him to sign his name over and over on the big stack of checks!

Fr. Bart has the incredible and unique quality to make every person feel seen and heard. He makes time for everyone and does it with a smile on his face!

I am so incredibly blessed to have spent the last year working with Fr. Bart.

Fr Bart: Thank you for all the puzzling spreadsheets, (sometimes negative) numbers and the bellyaching laughs. Thank you for all the spiritual direction, for all the advice you've given me, and for being the world's best boss! Your new parish is going to LOVE you!



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





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

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



Pastorate 21—Meet Our Incoming Priests



Fr. Brian Wilk

Fr. Brian grew up in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After attending the University of Wisconsin, he remained in Madison and worked for a member of the State Assembly for three years. Fr. Brian then returned to graduate school and earned a

Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration.

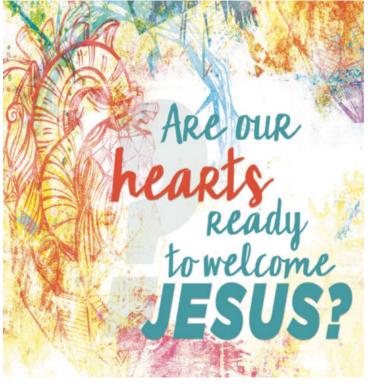
Prior to entering the seminary in 1999, Fr. Brian worked for 13 years for the UW at both the Wisconsin Alumni Association and in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

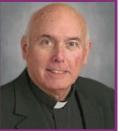
He studied at St. Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts. He was ordained May 23, 2003 (along with Fr. Jay) by Bishop William Bullock at St. Raphael Cathedral.

Since ordination, Fr. Brian has served as a parochial vicar at Our Lady Queen of Peace, St. Joseph and St. Dennis parishes. As a pastor, he has served at St. Henry and St. Bernard parishes in Watertown, St. Joseph in Fort Atkinson, St. Mays in Palmyra and most recently at St. Bernard in Middleton.

"I am thrilled to be returning to the west side of Madison. These are strong faith communities, and we can surely become stronger as we work together. I am very grateful to Bishop Hying for this opportunity."

Fr. Brian Wilk





Monsignor James Gunn

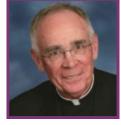
Msgr. Jim Gunn grew up on a Dairy farm in Janesville, Wisconsin, with his parents, Kevin and Rosemary (Beggs) Gunn and his siblings, Michael (deceased), Joan Pruefer, Joseph, Kathleen, and Kevin. He attended Saint William

and Saint Patrick Grade Schools in Janesville and then attended High School at Holy Name Seminary in Madison. He also attended Holy Name Seminary, Edgewood College, Saint Francis de Sales College, and studied at Saint Francis de Sales, School of Pastoral Ministry and received a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained on June 3, 1977 by Bishop Cletus O'Donnell at Saint Raphael Cathedral, Madison.

His assignments have included:

Deacon: Saint Henry, Watertown, Wisconsin Priest: Saint Stanislaus, Berlin, Wisconsin Saint Joseph, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin Holy Name Seminary, Madison, Vocation Director, Instructor Holy Ghost, Dickeyville, Wisconsin Saint Joseph, Edgerton, Wisconsin Saint John the Baptist, Saint Mary of the Lake, Waunakee, Wisconsin Vicar for Priests, Diocese of Madison Vicar Forane, West Dane Vicariate, Diocese of Madison

> "I love being a Priest, serving in parishes, each new assignment brings out a new dimension of priesthood." Msgr. Jim Gunn



Fr. Jay Poster

Fr. Jay grew up on the East Side of Madison. He attended St. Raphael Grade School, Edgewood High School, the University of Wisconsin (Journalism) and MATC (auto mechanics). Answering the call to priesthood, he received a MDiv.

from Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary. He was ordained May 23, 2003 by Bishop William Bullock.

He served as parochial vicar at St. Maria Goretti parish from 2003-2008, and as pastor at St. Joseph, Fort Atkinson, and St. Mary, Palmyra, from 2008-2011. He is currently serving at St. Joseph, Baraboo (2011-present) as parochial administrator/pastor and as Sauk County Vicar Forane.

Justice & Peace and Outreach

SVdP Eighth Annual Care Cafe Fundraising Breakfast

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Madison held its Eighth Annual Care Cafe Fundraising breakfast on Wednesday, May 24. They hosted 350 people who are passionate about helping our neighbors in need. Dcn. Dick, our district's spiritual advisor, led the opening prayer. Bishop Hying, the National Episcopal Advisor to the National Council of the US Society of St. Vincent de Paul, gave the keynote speech. He spoke about our shared call to serve people in poverty. Julie Bennett, CEO, spoke of the importance of all the ways the society serves our neighbors, treating all with dignity. There was a wonderful video story shared of an individual and his family from Ghana and the support they received that all started with a home visit by two Vincentians.

The goal was to raise \$200,000 to meet the needs of neighbors locally. The many district programs include the food pantry, Lacy's garden, pharmacy, clothing and furniture, and Vinny's Lockers for storage of belongings for the homeless. A new program offering microloans to compete with payday lenders will be starting soon. As of May 24, 82% of the goal was reached.

At our St. Thomas Aquinas table we dined with our conference members and parish supporters! A big thanks to all who support our society!





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 lifeaffirming 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 as a user-friendly, easyto-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* or STA Respect Life Team Lead Greg Chesmore at *gchesmore@yahoo.com*.

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

Sharing Sunday requests for June 11 Can you help?

With the school year coming to a close, our friends and neighbors who depend on the Lussier Community Education Center (LCEC) for food and supplies will need additional items to meet the needs of their children during the summer.

These items were specifically requested by LCEC, however, all contributions are welcome. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

White Rice Canola Cooking Oil (*not* vegetable or olive) 100% Fruit Juice Canned Tuna Kraft Mac n Cheese Sugar Canned Corn Toilet Paper Laundry Detergent

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





Justice & Peace and Outreach

Quite Persistently Seeking The Almighty through faith, fellowship and fitness!

Join fellow QP/STA parishioners as we participate in the 5th annual **Madison Gospel 5K Walk/ Run** on **Saturday, July 8** in Penn Park. This familyfriendly event is open to people of all ages and abilities, and seeks to gather neighbors in "faith, fellowship and fitness." Proceeds will fund youth programs on Madison's southside. Come celebrate the richness and diversity of our Madison community by running, walking or volunteering! Registration is open now for you to join our pastorate team at *https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Madison/ MadisonGospel5K*

(The group/team name and password is *QP/STA*). For questions or more info, contact Susan Kiernan at *susanflorencekiernan@yahoo.com*



Celebrating the Anniversary of Laudato Si'

We have just concluded Laudato Si' Week. Pope Francis's seminal encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, published in May, 2015, is available in book format or on line at *www.vatican.va/ content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papafrancesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html*

If you are interested in participating in a discussion of the encyclical, contact Trudi Jenny at *trudijenny@yahoo.com*.

- The Pope's encyclical challenges us to rethink our relationship with nature.
- He reframes the environmental dialogue from a political discussion into language of faith. Creation, the natural world around us and all living things in it, is a precious gift from God to be revered by all.
- Our pervasive "throwaway" culture, combined with deforestation, and massive industrial and agricultural pollution is seriously degrading the earth, our home.
- Pope Francis points out the solid scientific consensus that human activity is the main contributor to a warming climate and warns of a worsening crisis. Without change, additional harmful sea level rise, droughts, water shortages and negatively impacted crop yields are expected.
- Since the livelihoods of the poor will be most impacted, it becomes a moral imperative to take action.
- Pope Francis urges us to take action to mitigate these outcomes by working to protect our common home and by eliminating wastefulness in our lives.

Thank you for all you do, and commit to do, to protect God's Creation.

Resources for Human Needs

SVdP Conference: St. Vincent de Paul Conference (food, rental assistance, school supplies, utilities) Phone messages only 608-205-8276

momhelps.org: Middleton Outreach Ministry (food, rental assistance, utilities, clothing, rides, home chores)

womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html: Women's Care Center (counseling, ultrasound, baby items, parenting class)

catholiccharitiesofmadison.org: Catholic Charities (adoption, aging services, developmental disabilities, coun-

seling, alcohol - drug abuse treatment, adult day care)

cmcmadison.org: Catholic Multicultural Center (meals, health services, education, job development, immigration legal help)

abuseintervention.org: Domestic Abuse Intervention Service (crisis response, emergency shelter, support groups)

silentnomoreawareness.org: Abortion recovery help and awareness campaign

hopeafterabortion.com: Project Rachel (resources for abortion recovery)

Madison Al-Anon Hotline: for people troubled by someone else's drinking or drug use - 608-258-0314—confidential and anonymous

elizabethhousedane.org: Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County (residential maternity and parenting program)

National Suicide Hotline: 800-273-8255

National Hotline for Sex Trafficking:

Phone 1-888-373-7888 or text "help" to 233733

Liturgical Assistance

by Holly Irving

Medical Emergencies



We have a special seat reserved for First Responders. This enables the ministers of hospitality to know where you are sitting. We also have purchased lanyards with medical professional tags on them. Please

feel free to pick one up from the closet by door # 1 and return it after Mass. If you are willing to sit in the reserved seat, please contact Holly Irving at *holly@stamadison.org* for further information!

Around the Diocese



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE GREEN SCAPULAR

REV. FR. CHAD DROESSLER, PASTOR

Extends a warm invitation to the clergy and faithful of your parish for the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Green Scapular devotion on Sunday, June 18 at 10:15am for Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Hying. A picnic lunch on the church grounds will follow Mass.

> 5101 Schofield Street Monona, WI 53716



HEART / MARY

A plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions for those who make pilgrimage to the Shrine for its patronal feast.

Eucharistic Parish Mission at St. Christopher Parish

A wonderful opportunity to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi will happen on June 8-11 in Verona. All are invited. Bishop Donald Hying will be present for the opening Mass, and Fr. Herald Brock of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be present Friday through

the weekend. Come for as many of the offerings as you can. There will be extended hours of Eucharistic Adoration throughout the time of the mission. Adoration begins Thursday evening after the opening Mass (around 8:00PM) and continues until 4:00PM Saturday afternoon, with breaks for the daily Masses. A full schedule of the mission is found on the St. Christopher Parish web site and at *www.saintchristopherparish.com/2023/03/21/parishmission-june-8-11-2023/*.



Diocese of Madison

2023 Summer Organ Recital Series

Compline "Night Prayer" will be prayed after each recital. All recitals begin at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 15

Tyler Pimm Associate Director of Music and Organist St. Maria Goretti, Madison

Thursday, July 20

Michael Mills

Director of Music Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monona

Thursday, August 17

John Sittard Director of Music Diocese of Madison/St. Bernard, Madison

Holy Name Oratory, Madison

featuring the Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ (Op. 1204)

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* to learn more.

Stay Connected!

INTO THE DEEP 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!

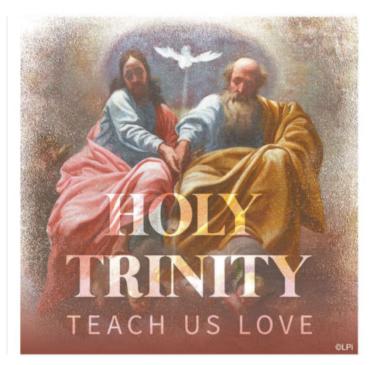
We need your prayers, your renewed commitment to following Jesus as a missionary disciple, and your continued engagement. We want you to walk with us. Please sign up for our email newsletter. May God help all of us in the Diocese of Madison to courageously and generously follow Him... *into the deep...and on the path to heaven!* Stay connected: *https://intothedeepmadison.org/stay-connected*

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

John 3:16-18

Our Gospel reading today is a short snippet from a long conversation in John's Gospel between Jesus and Nicodemus. If you recall, Nicodemus was a Pharisee who came to see Jesus secretly at night because he was afraid of the backlash he might get. You might also recall that Nicodemus asks a lot of questions and sometimes has difficulty grasping what Jesus is teaching. I think many times we are like Nicodemus; sometimes we are a little shy about our faith when we are in public. And like Nicodemus, we often have many questions and sometimes have difficulty grappling with aspects of our faith. Today is Trinity Sunday, and the Trinity is one of those aspects about which we may have questions for which there are no easy answers. Our human view of Trinity -- three persons in one God -- is a deep philosophical and theological concept about divine relationships that is frankly difficult to grasp intellectually. However, we can approach a better understanding of it via the same thing - relationship. Jesus Christ came into the world and became human (as our Gospel says today) and as a human we can perhaps know God the Trinity better through a close relationship with Jesus. That is why, despite all of Nicodemus' questions about particulars of the faith may be important, what is most important is a relationship with Jesus and belief in Jesus, who IS one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit.



Faith Formation & Family



Totus Tuus Sessions

Grades 1-6: July 24-28th from 9:00AM-2:30PM Grades 7-12: July 23-27th 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

608-833-2606 or formation@stamadison.org Follow us on Instagram: @sta_youth_ministry

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*



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International Friendship Hosts Needed

Bring the world to your doorstep by hosting a student from Spain! A group of students from Spain will be in Wisconsin for a few weeks this summer. Several students are still in need of a

family willing to let them be a part of their everyday routine, whatever it may be! For more information, please see the attached flyer or visit:

www.InternationalFriendship.com.



"You will never enjoy the sweetness of a quiet prayer, unless you shut your mind, to all worldly desires and temporal affairs." St. Norbert

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & **Companions**, Martyrs 4:30 PM Anfilóquio Leão Bezerra 🕈 6:30 PM Alberting Bermudez • Sunday, June 4 The Most Holy Trinity 8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioner 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Dempsey Family[♠] Monday, June 5 St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr 8:30 AM Val Mroczynskit Tuesday, June 6 St. Norbert, Bishop 5:30 PM Hurtgen & O'Brien Families Wednesday, June 7 8:30 AM Timothy Kinney + Thursday, June 8 7:30 AM Jan McGinley + Friday, June 9 St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church 8:30 AM Robert Schwarz 10:00 AM (Oakwood) Dawn Ladik 🕈 Saturday, June 10 4:30 PM Dawn Bosold + 6:30 PM Melanie Ertz♥ Sunday, June 11 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioner

Weekly Readings

10:00 AM Grazyna & Janusz Szylow Anniversary

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6,8-9/Dn 3:52-56/ 2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18 Monday: Tb 1:3,2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2,3b-6/ Mk 12:1-12 **Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2,7-9/ Mk 12:13-17 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a,16-17a/Ps 25:2-9/ Mk 12:18-27 **Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11,7:1,9-17;8:4-9a/ Ps 128:1-5/Mk 12:28-34 Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146-1b-2,6c-10/ Mk 12:35-37 **Saturday:** Tb 12:1,5-15,20/Tb 13:2,6-8/ Mk 12:38-44 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Weekly Offertory Update

| Weekend Offertory | Income* | MDCC & MDCC Endowment |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 2023 Year Goals | \$1,421,000 | \$405,000 |
| 2023 Year TOTALS | \$605,388 | \$182,254 |
| Week 1 5/7/2023 | \$18,561 | \$1,704 |
| Week 2 5/14/2023 | \$15,223 | \$2,2 9 5 |
| Week 3 5/21/2023 | \$17,625 | \$1,841 |
| May ACH 5/23/2023 | \$40,516 | \$6,315 |
| Week 4 5/28/2023 | \$12,769 | \$889 |
| May 2023 Totals | \$104,694 | \$13,044 |
| 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

Monday, June 5: Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Monday, June 12: Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Prayers

June 4th The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May we more deeply respect the gift of each person, who is created and called to holiness by the gracious action of the Trinity; *We pray to the Lord*.

For all the faith-filled: May they be guided by the Spirit to work for justice in our broken world; *We pray to the Lord*.



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St. Thomas Aquinas, Madson, WI

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