



# AUGUST 27, 2023

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

### WELCOME TO PASTORATE 21

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# KINGDOM



“I will give you the keys to the kingdom  
of heaven. Whatever you bind on  
earth shall be bound in heaven;  
and whatever you loose on earth  
shall be loosed in heaven.”

MATTHEW 16:19

“Yo te daré las llaves del Reino de los  
cielos; todo lo que ates en la tierra  
quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo  
que desates en la tierra quedará  
desatado en el cielo”.

MATEO 16, 19

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*Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

*Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.*

*Psalms 138/Salmo 137*

# Welcome to Pastorate 21!

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS/QUEEN OF PEACE MASS TIMES

### Saturday Vigil Mass

4:30 PM—STA 5:00 PM—QP

### Sunday Masses

8:00 AM—STA 8:00 AM—QP

10:00 AM—STA 9:30 AM—QP

1:00 PM—STA (Spanish) 11:15 AM—QP

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday

8:30 AM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

#### Tuesday

5:30 PM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

#### Wednesday

8:30 AM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

#### Thursday

7:30 AM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

1:00 PM—at Renaissance (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### Friday

8:30 AM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

10:00 AM—at Attic Angel (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) or

10:00 AM—at Oakwood (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

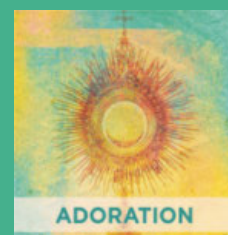
### Reconciliation

#### Saturday

3:15-4:10 PM—STA 3:45-4:30 PM—QP



**Pray the Rosary at  
STA before Mass on  
Mondays & Fridays  
at 8:00 AM**



**Join us for Adoration  
at St. Thomas Aquinas  
Mondays: 2:00-4:00 PM  
Tuesdays: 4:15-5:15 PM  
Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM**

### Advertising in the Bulletin

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## From Fr. Brian Wilk, Parochial Administrator

While Jesus' disciples may have hoped that he was the Messiah, they needed confirmation for such a radical claim. Jesus offered them confirmation slowly, establishing solid foundations before building further. For example, the disciples offer a list of people to whom many have compared Jesus - John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or another prophet. Peter's response, "You are the Christ" may have been something he was considering for a while, or it may have come at the moment. Either way Peter's awareness brought him a new mission.

We are all called to a similar, deeper conversion. These encounters may be sudden and powerful, or they may be gradual and gentle. Either way, for us such a new awareness can help fulfill the mission that Christ entrusts to those who bear his name. Who do you say that Jesus is? How do you give witness to who Jesus is in your daily life?

It hardly seems possible, but the school year has begun as students returned to Queen of Peace School this past week. Please keep our students, teachers, support staff, maintenance staff, administrators and school volunteers in your prayers. I am looking forward to a great year.

Si bien los discípulos de Jesús tal vez esperaban que Él fuera el Mesías, necesitaban confirmación para una afirmación tan radical. Jesús les ofreció confirmación lentamente, estableciendo bases sólidas antes de seguir construyendo. Por ejemplo, los discípulos ofrecen una lista de personas con quienes muchos compararon a Jesús: Juan el Bautista, Elías, Jeremías u otro profeta. La respuesta de Pedro: "Tú eres el Cristo", puede haber sido algo que estuvo considerando por un tiempo, o puede haber llegado en ese momento. De cualquier manera, la conciencia de Pedro le trajo una nueva misión.

Todos estamos llamados a una conversión similar, más profunda. Estos encuentros pueden ser repentinos y poderosos, o pueden ser graduales y suaves. De cualquier manera, para nosotros esta nueva conciencia puede ayudar a cumplir la misión que Cristo confía a quienes llevan su nombre. ¿Quién dices tú que es Jesús? ¿Cómo das testimonio de quién es Jesús en tu vida diaria?

No parece ser posible, pero ya el año escolar ha comenzado, los estudiantes regresaron a la Escuela Queen of Peace la semana pasada. Por favor mantenga a nuestros estudiantes, maestros, personal de apoyo, personal de mantenimiento, administradores y voluntarios escolares en sus oraciones. Esperamos tener un gran año.

# Gospel Reflection/Reflexión del Evangelio

## Matthew 16:13-20 by Dcn. Jerome

The recent Gospel readings this year highlight a series of call-outs that Jesus uses to challenge, to educate, and to motivate the apostles, especially Peter.

Two weeks ago, Jesus walked on the water. Peter went to meet him, but, due to lack of faith, began to sink. Jesus saved him, but also called him out for lack of faith. Today, Jesus calls out his disciples by asking what they think of him and challenges them to answer for themselves what they believe about him. Peter rises to the challenge and Jesus praises him for his openness to the Father. In next week's Gospel — *\*spoiler alert\** — Jesus will reveal to the disciples that he will suffer, be killed, and will rise again. At Peter's protest that Jesus should not suffer, Jesus will call him out and challenge him to think not like a man would think, but how God would think. He further calls out Peter & the disciples by asking them to deny themselves and take up their own crosses for the sake of the kingdom.

So, you may be asking, what do these call-outs to Peter 2000 years ago have to do with me? Well, something very important happens in today's Gospel: Jesus tells Peter that he is the rock on which he will build his Church. We are that Church, so we are connected to Peter. But there's more. The Greek word that the Gospel author uses for Church, and which he only uses two places in the entire gospel, is *ecclesia*. And the literal Greek meaning of *ecclesia* is "those who are called out." And that means as church, by our very name, we are being called out. We are being called out. We are being challenged by the very same questions as Peter is in the Gospels. Why do we at times have so little faith? Who do WE believe that Jesus is? Are we comfortable with the fact that Jesus suffered and died for us? Are we willing to deny ourselves and take up our crosses and follow Jesus? Jesus challenges us as he challenged Peter. How do we respond to these challenges?

## Mateo 16:13-20 de Deacano Jerome

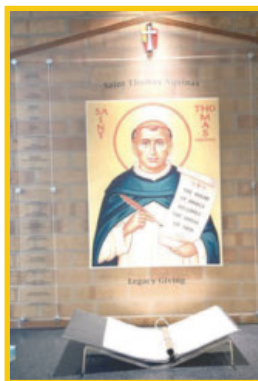
Las últimas lecturas del Evangelio de este año resaltan una serie de llamadas de atención que Jesús utiliza para retar, educar y motivar a los apóstoles, especialmente a Pedro.

Hace dos semanas, Jesús caminó sobre las aguas; Pedro salió a su encuentro, pero por falta de fe empezó a hundirse. Jesús lo salvó, pero también le llamó la atención por su falta de fe. Hoy, Jesús desafía a sus discípulos preguntándoles qué piensan de él y les reta a responder por sí mismos lo que creen de él. Pedro acepta el reto y Jesús lo elogia por su apertura al Padre. En el Evangelio de la próxima semana, Jesús revelará a sus discípulos que sufrirá, morirá y resucitará. Ante la protesta de Pedro de que Jesús no debía sufrir, Jesús le llamará la atención y lo retará a pensar no como pensaría un hombre, sino como pensaría Dios. Además, le pide a Pedro y a los discípulos que se nieguen a sí mismos y carguen con sus propias cruces por el bien del Reino.

Entonces, te preguntarás, ¿qué tienen que ver conmigo estas llamadas de atención a Pedro de hace 2000 años? Pues bien, en el Evangelio de hoy sucede algo muy importante: Jesús le dice a Pedro que él es la roca sobre la que edificará su Iglesia. Nosotros somos esa Iglesia, así que estamos conectados con Pedro. Pero hay más: la palabra griega que el autor del Evangelio utiliza para Iglesia, y que sólo utiliza 2 veces en todo el Evangelio, es *ecclesia*. Y el significado literal griego de *ecclesia* es "los que le llaman la atención". Y eso significa que como Iglesia, por nuestro propio nombre, nos está llamando la atención. Nos está llamando la atención; estamos siendo desafiados por las mismas preguntas que Pedro en los Evangelios: ¿por qué a veces tenemos tan poca fe? ¿Quién creemos que es Jesús? ¿Nos sentimos cómodos con el hecho de que Jesús sufrió y murió por nosotros? ¿Estamos dispuestos a negarnos a nosotros mismos, a tomar nuestra cruz y a seguir a Jesús? Jesús nos desafía como desafió a Pedro; ¿cómo respondemos a estos desafíos?

## Remembering St. Thomas Aquinas

We miss our loved ones when they are gone! One way to keep their memory alive is to name St. Thomas Aquinas Parish as a recipient of a memorial gift. A gift in memory of a loved one can help to purchase liturgical items we need for the celebration of Mass. It can be designated to our endowment funds. Please check the legacy wall and the memorial book in the Gathering Area to see how our parishioners have memorialized their loved one!



## STA Library Volunteers Needed



Looking for a unique way to volunteer that will *bee* fun and *bee* flexible?

Well, *hive* I got the place for you!  
The St. Thomas Aquinas Library!

We are looking for a *swarm* of volunteers to join our team to create a *buzz* about our library and *comb* up with ideas for the future!

If interested, make a *beeline* to your computer or phone and contact Dcn. Jerome at  
[dcn.jerome@stamadison.org](mailto:dcn.jerome@stamadison.org)

# Eucharistic Congress

"Run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus...."

—Hebrews 12:1b-2—



## Re-Enter the Race and Encounter Jesus!

### Madison Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Friday, Sept. 29-Sunday, Oct. 1St. John the Baptist, Waunakee, WI

We strive to draw closer to Jesus in faith, love, and in the hope of eternal life. And St. Paul calls this striving, a *race*. **Re-enter that race** in a new way by spending a weekend with Jesus in the Eucharist at the **Eucharistic Congress**. Encounter His loving presence in beautiful Masses, inspiring talks, prayer, discussions, and Adoration.

*Enjoy a fellowship  
rooted in faith!*



Bishop Hying encourages us to come together to experience the beauty, power, and truth of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

## Quotes from Saints about the Eucharist



*"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world.*

*Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us.*

*Seek Him without tiring,  
welcome Him without reserve,  
love Him without interruption:  
today, tomorrow, forever."*

*-St. Pope John Paul II"*

## En Español

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## ¿Qué Buscas?

### CONFERENCIA HISPANA CATÓLICA

sábado, 23 de septiembre de 2023

8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Centro Pastoral María Madre de la Iglesia, 3501 S. Lake Dr.  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

Preguntas: Llama a la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano 414-769-3395

# Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study

Opening Your Heart, a 22-week Bible study, will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God, help you form a personal relationship with Christ, and help you find answers to life's biggest questions through the context of the Catholic faith. Opening Your Heart is an incredibly effective guide to deep, lasting transformation of the heart, and we encourage all participants new to Walking with Purpose to begin here, regardless of previous experience with Bible study.

Join women from St. Thomas Aquinas and Our Lady Queen of Peace parishes as we explore the core questions that we need to wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.

## Registration is Now Open!

Registration forms are available in the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Office or email Terri Hix at [walkingwithpurpose.stamadison@gmail.com](mailto:walkingwithpurpose.stamadison@gmail.com)  
Please register by August 30th.

There are two opportunities for this study:

- \* **AM Session: Wednesdays, 9:30am – 11:00am,**  
September 20, 2023–April 24, 2024  
in the Community Room
- \* **PM Session: Thursdays, 6:00pm – 7:30pm,**  
September 21, 2023–April 25, 2024  
in the Social Hall



## Top Ten Reasons

### TO JOIN WALKING WITH PURPOSE

10. Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
9. WWP fits into your busy schedule.
8. No prior Scripture knowledge is required.
7. WWP is a no-judgment zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's Word.
6. It's the *more* you've been looking for.
5. Meet new women for fellowship and connection.
4. Be better prepared to share the Biblical principles of our faith.
3. There is no actual walking involved.
2. We share our everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity and accept one another for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

### and the Number 1 reason to join WWP:

Jesus wants your friendship and your focus on Him this year.

walking with purpose

SAVE THE DATE!

# TASTE OF CHILI HEAVEN

FALL TRIVIA FEST

OCT 21 5:30PM

Hosted by the FUN(d) Raising Committee



**Madison Catholic Woman's Club**  
**MCWC 2023 STYLE SHOW AND DESSERT PARTY**

Tuesday, September 12th, 2023  
Registration 11:00 am  
Seating and Dessert 11:30 am  
Style show 12:00 Noon

St. Thomas Aquinas Hall  
602 Everglade Dr  
Madison, WI 53717



# Justice & Peace and Outreach

## Season of Creation

Friday of this week—September 1—is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, instituted in the Catholic Church in 2015 by Pope Francis to remind us of our commitment to care for our common home. This is also the beginning of the annual Season of Creation, which extends from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is *Let Justice and Peace Flow*, a message that grows in importance and necessity as we consider so many recent events. In his message for this day, Pope Francis emphasizes that

"God wants everyone to strive to be just in every situation, to live according to his laws and thus to enable life to flourish. When we seek first the kingdom of God (Mt 6:33), maintaining a right relationship with God, humanity and nature, then justice and peace can flow like a never-failing stream of pure water, nourishing humanity and all creatures."

There are significant links between justice and the global climate crisis that we are now witnessing. The warming of the planet is seriously affecting the poor and the vulnerable—those without the resources to move elsewhere or to rebuild when environmental disasters occur. To enact the justice God calls for, we must change the very way that we live. Addressing climate change requires habit change, and there are some remarkable examples that we could put into practice. For example, Americans use an average of 365 plastic bags per person per year, while people in Denmark use an average of only 4 plastic bags per year. Certainly we can do more to move in that direction!

To inspire and encourage us all to act during the Season of Creation, STA's Care for God's Creation team will be encouraging the use of reusable grocery bags by selling recycled plastic shopping bags for \$5 on the weekends of September 9-10 and 16-17. Each bag will feature the winning artwork from our logo contest, highlighting the message of Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Using and re-using a recycled bag is an important first step in reducing the amount of plastic that is accumulating on the earth. Consider picking up one or more of our STA shopping bags in September. In this small way, you can begin to make a big difference!



**The Care for Creation Team**  
[trudijenny@yahoo.com](mailto:trudijenny@yahoo.com)

## Sharing Sunday thank you



The shelves at the Lussier Community Education Center food pantry are full again with last week's Sharing Sunday donations.

Thank you so much to all of the parishioners who contributed 835 pounds of food and supply items. The response to LCEC's list of most needed items was excellent—they now have lots of canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, soup, tuna and vegetable oil! Also, a huge thank you to the great team of volunteers who transported, weighed and sorted the food—job, well done!

## CMC Volunteer Opportunities

Here are some opportunities at the Catholic Multicultural Center. This is a way for our St. Thomas Aquinas community to get involved and foster a stronger connection with the organization and those they serve.

Volunteering Opportunities include:

- ♦ Free community meal cooking or serving
- ♦ School meal delivery driver
- ♦ Grounds/garden volunteering
- ♦ Jobs office assistance (bilingual)

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Sarah Beghin, ESL & Volunteer Coordinator, at [sarah@cmcmadison.org](mailto:sarah@cmcmadison.org) or 608.441.0117.



### Experiencing Suicide Grief?



**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR A 4 PART SERIES:  
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WITH THE HELP OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH**

OPTIONAL SUPPER WILL BE OFFERED FROM 5 TO 6 PM.  
SERIES WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM AND WRAP UP BY 8 PM  
LOCATION: HOLY NAME HEIGHTS  
702 S. HIGH POINT RD, MADISON WI 53719

RSVP is not required, but appreciated by September 7th.  
Please RSVP to the APD office  
[APD@madisondiocese.org](mailto:APD@madisondiocese.org)  
(608) 821-3050

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TUESDAY, SEPT 12TH  
TUESDAY, SEPT 26TH  
TUESDAY, OCT 10TH  
TUESDAY, OCT 24TH

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# Music Ministry Opportunities

## Music Ministry

The Music Ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas is vibrant and full of life because of the dedication and hard work of our parishioners who give of their time and talent to help our gathered assembly to pray well each weekend. In just a couple of weeks, we will begin our regular rehearsal schedule, and we are dedicated to continuing to grow and serve our parish community! We are also aware that during the coming years, there will more opportunities to share our talents within our new Pastorate with Our Lady, Queen of Peace. There are many opportunities for students and adults to become involved.

### Here are a few of the ways to get involved:

#### **STA Cantors/Small Group Singers: (Saturday at 4:30PM / Sunday at 8:00AM / Summer Months – Sunday at 10:00AM)**

The cantor's and singer's primary function is to support and encourage the congregation in singing. They are our song leaders, animators, and psalmists. These small groups of singers share their gifts and talents year-round. – Join any time. Contact Greg ([greg@stamadison.org](mailto:greg@stamadison.org)) for more information.

#### **STA Parish Choir: (Sunday at STA at 10:00AM – September – May)**

The STA Parish Choir sings weekly at the 10:00AM Sunday Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas. This choir is open to students (grade 7 and up) and adults. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:30PM to 8:30PM. The ability to read music is helpful, but not necessary to join the choir. – Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, September 7. Please contact Greg ([greg@stamadison.org](mailto:greg@stamadison.org)) if you are interested in joining us or would like more information.

#### **QP Adult Choir: (Sunday at QP at 9:30AM – September – May)**

The QP Adult Choir sings weekly at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass at Our Lady, Queen of Peace. This choir is open to all young adults and adults who love to sing. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30PM. The choir sings four-part SATB music. – Our first rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6. Please contact Caleb Mitchell ([caleb.mitchell@qopc.org](mailto:caleb.mitchell@qopc.org)) if you are interested in joining us or would like more information.

#### **STA Choristers: (Saturday at 4:30PM and/or Sunday at 10:00AM, Once or Twice a Month)**

The STA Choristers (Children's Choir) sing monthly at the 4:30PM Saturday Mass and/or the Sunday 10:00AM Mass. This choir is open to students (grades 3-8) as well as high school students. Students should be able to read-well in order to keep up at rehearsals and Masses! **We are trying to re-establish this choir! If you have students who love music and love to sing, please encourage them to join us!!!** Contact Greg ([greg@stamadison.org](mailto:greg@stamadison.org)) with questions and for more information!

#### **STA Spanish Choir: (Sunday at 1:00PM)**

The STA Spanish Choir sings weekly at the 1:00PM Sunday Mass. This choir joins the STA Parish Choir for bilingual celebrations throughout the Liturgical Year. This choir sings year round and is open to students (grade 7 and up) and adults. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 12:00 Noon, before the 1:00PM Spanish Mass. Join any time. Contact Greg ([greg@stamadison.org](mailto:greg@stamadison.org)) for more information or come and join us on Sunday at 12:00 Noon in the Church!

#### **QP Handbell Choir: (Saturday at QP at 5:30 pm.)**

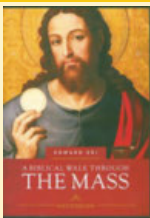
The QP Handbell Choir rings at the Saturday 5:30PM Mass at Our Lady, Queen of Peace. This choir is open to people of all ages that can read music. The QP Handbell Choir has three rehearsals prior to the upcoming Mass they ring at, usually on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm, beginning September 26. For more information, contact Caleb Mitchell ([caleb.mitchell@qopc.org](mailto:caleb.mitchell@qopc.org)).

#### **Instrumentalists: (All Masses)**

While we often have string players at our Sunday Masses, other instrumentalists are welcome to join us as well. We would also welcome world music and percussion additions to our ensembles. Proficient and accomplished instrumentalists are invited to join us, depending upon experience. Audition required.

For more information, contact Greg at [greg@stamadison.org](mailto:greg@stamadison.org) or 608-833-2600 x869.

## Queen of Peace Offerings



### Bible Study Groups Are Back!

If you would like to join a Bible Study this fall, contact Cheryl at 608-231-4616 or [Cheryl.horne@qopc.org](mailto:Cheryl.horne@qopc.org). These sessions all focus on the Eucharist to coincide with the Eucharistic Congress in September!

This will be a wonderful way to explore Scripture AND to come to a deeper meaning of the Mass!

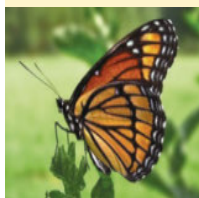
Monday mornings from 9:30-11am:  
Daytime in person & Zoom (Hybrid) session

Wednesday afternoons from 4-5:15pm—in-person

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm—Zoom session

Friday mornings from 9:15-11am—in-person

Come join us!



### Autumn Bereavement Series

This series will begin on Wednesday, **September 20 from 6:15-8:15pm.** For more information or to sign up, email [Cheryl.horne@qopc.org](mailto:Cheryl.horne@qopc.org) or call 608-231-4616.

## Seniors & Pastoral Care



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### St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Care Team

Our parish Care Team mission is to aid those being served in preserving a rich and independent lifestyle. In addition, we seek to give family caretakers freedom to rest and relax while their loved one has a friendly visitor from our parish.

Care team members are trained to provide respectful, non-medical assistance and are led by Care Team leaders with tremendous experience who have been trained through Catholic Charities. Over the past years our care team has assisted many parishioners.

Services include, but are not limited to rest and relief for family caregivers, visits and phone calls, assistance with mail, local errands/organizing, and providing companionship.

Our parish care team continues to serve those in need. In that regard to further assist, we especially need more men from our parish to be on our team.

If you would like to learn more about this and how our team could support you or someone you love, or how to become a member of our care team please contact Kathy Swanson at 608-444-9374 or Judy Niederberger at 608-845-7057.

THERE'S A REFRESHER CLASSROOM COURSE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!	
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b> October 9, 2023 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM  <b>Location:</b> St Thomas Aquinas Church 602 Everglade Dr. Madison, WI 53717  Signage will be posted directing you to the classroom	<b>Register by October 1st:</b> Please call: Crystal Nemeth 608.231.4614  The class is a 4 hr refresher course on good safe driving practices. There will be two 10 minute breaks during the class. The cost of the class is \$20 for AARP members, \$25 for non members. Checks made out to AARP will be collected by the instructor. Please bring your AARP Card & Drivers license for registration. Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration.  Please check with your insurance company to see if you will receive a discount after completing the course.
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## Upcoming Events

### St. Joseph's 63rd Annual Fall Festival

September 16th & 17th, 2023  
 1935 Hwy V, Sun Prairie (East Bristol)

Saturday Sept. 16th  
 Music provided by:  
 The Decade:  
 An 80's Rock Experience  
  
 7:00pm - 11:00pm



Sunday Sept. 17th  
 Music provided by:  
 Acoustic Night with  
 Bob & Andy James  
  
 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Join us Sunday Sept. 17th

Chicken & Ham Dinner | 11am - 4pm  
 Bingo | Bake Sale | Raffles | Progressive Bidding  
 Fun and Games for the whole family!

Mass Times | Saturday - 6pm | Sunday - 11am

## IGNITE FEST

Weekend SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH

Saturday, 9/9 following 5pm Mass. There will be ministry tables (with activities and games), food trucks, and live music in the QP parking lot.

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Sunday, 9/10 Ministry tables set up in the Queen of Peace Gathering space before and after each mass.

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## Faith & Family

### Young Adults Book Study

A Young Adult book study will begin meeting after Labor Day. Watch the bulletin for more information.



For more info or to subscribe to the YA email newsletter, contact Robert Rosa-Cruz at 608.833.2606 or email [Robert@stamadison.org](mailto:Robert@stamadison.org)

### RCIA OCIA

#### New Name – Same Journey!

- ♦ Do you have questions about faith?
- ♦ Are you searching for a safe place to discuss issues regarding God and religion?
- ♦ Are you searching for something that seems to be missing from your life?
- ♦ Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation such as Confirmation or Eucharist?
- ♦ Have you joined us from a different faith background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?
- ♦ Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially taken the step to become Catholic?
- ♦ Have you been away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more?

If you or someone you know answers **YES** to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). It is a journey that begins with your questions. There is no obligation as you discover more about faith, and later, more specifically, Catholic faith. The decision is ultimately yours to discern if this is to be your spiritual home. The invitation is always open.

Contact Dcn. Jerome at [Dcn.jerome@stamadison.org](mailto:Dcn.jerome@stamadison.org)

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### 2023-24 Faith Formation Registration is OPEN!

#### Upcoming Parent Meetings:

8/27 @ 11AM (English) PK/EL Mtg.

8/27 @ 2PM (Spanish) PK/EL Mtg.

8/30 @ 6PM MS/HS Youth Mtg.

#### Start dates:

9/10 @ 5-7PM High School Youth

9/12 @ 4-5:30PM & 6-7:30PM PK/EL

9/13 @ 4-5:30PM PK/EL

9/13 @ 6-7:30PM EL/MS Youth

#### Faith Formation Office

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[ROBERT@STAMADISON.ORG](mailto:ROBERT@STAMADISON.ORG)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 26

4:30 PM Mary Omeara✙

### Sunday, August 27 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Sister Joan Schaefer

10:00 AM Bernardo Acevedo✙

1:00 PM St. Thomas Aquinas & Our Lady  
Queen of Peace Parishioners

### Monday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM John "Jack" Turcott✙

### Tuesday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

5:30 PM Melanie Ertz✙

### Wednesday, August 30

8:30 AM Marta Peña✙

### Thursday, August 31

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the  
Adams Family

### Friday, September 1

8:30 AM Pat Jagoe✙

### Saturday, September 2

4:30 PM Living & Deceased Members of the  
Quinn Family✙

### Sunday, September 3 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Jan McGinley✙

10:00 AM Teresa M. Birdwell✙

1:00 PM Carmen Faria

## Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-3,6,8/  
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5,8-10/Ps 149:1-6a,9b/  
Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12/  
Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5,12-14,17/  
Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1-2,5-6,10-12/  
Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1,7-9/  
Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6,8-9/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27

## Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,421,000	\$405,000
2023 Year Totals	\$911,841	\$276,526
Week 1 8/6/2023	\$15,965	\$2,325
Week 2 8/13/2023	\$16,840	\$2,690
Assumption Mass 8/15/2023	\$1,720	
Week 3 8/20/2023	\$12,660	\$2,180
August ACH 8/22/2023	\$39,861	\$6,030
Week 4 8/27/2023		
August 2023 Totals	\$87,045	\$13,225
August 2023 Goals	\$108,500	\$58,000

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

MDCC: Make Disciples Capital Campaign

## Counter Schedule

### Monday, August 28:

Baik, Degenhardt, Dulli, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

### \*TUESDAY, September 5 (\*due to Labor Day):

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

## Prayers

### August 27<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

For those who are imprisoned,  
especially those facing the death penalty:  
May they be treated with the respect  
due to every human person;  
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May we recognize  
not only the beauty of God's creation,  
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