SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



WELCOME TO THE PASTORATE OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH & OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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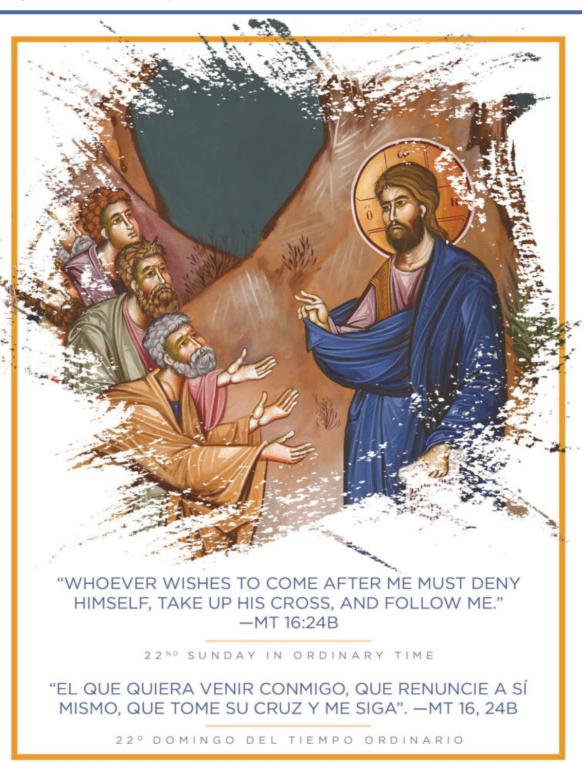


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My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. Psalm 63 Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti. Salmo 62

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 10:00 AM—STA 1:00 PM—STA (Spanish) 8:00 AM—QP 9:30 AM—QP 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

1:00 PM—at Renaissance (1st & 3rd)

Friday

8:30 AM—STA 8:30 AM—QP

10:00 AM—at Attic Angel (2nd& 4th) or 10:00 AM—at Oakwood (1st & 3rd)

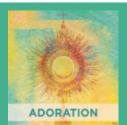
Reconciliation

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

Parking Lot Paving
Wednesday, September 6
through Friday, September 8
Please park on the street,
access the sidewalk
by the Enrichment Wing (Door #3).
These doors will be open.

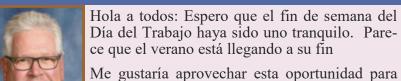
From Fr. Brian Wilk, Parochial Administrator

Hello everyone. I hope that you have a restful Labor Day weekend. It seems that summer is coming to an end.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a personal invitation to all of you to take part in the Diocese of Madison Eucharistic Congress the last weekend of September at St. John's in Waunakee.

Included will be the celebration of the Mass, some very vibrant and dynamic speakers, spiritual direction, Reconciliation and other faith opportunities. The Congress provides an excellent opportunity to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to better understand and appreciate the Eucharist as we gather with others from throughout the Diocese. Please take advantage of this opportunity. I hope to see many of you there.

Have a blessed week.



Me gustaria aprovechar esta oportunidad para extender una invitación personal a todos ustedes a participar en el Congreso Eucarístico de la Diócesis de Madison el último fin de semana de septiembre en la Parroquia San Juan en

Waunakee.

Se incluirá la celebración de la Misa, algunos oradores muy vibrantes y dinámicos, dirección espiritual, Reconciliación y otras oportunidades de fe. El Congreso ofrece una excelente oportunidad para fortalecer su relación personal con Jesucristo y para comprender y apreciar mejor la Eucaristía mientras nos reunimos con otros feligreses de toda la Diócesis. Por favor, aprovechen esta oportunidad. Espero ver a muchos de ustedes allí.

Que tengan una semana bendecida.

Gospel Reflection/Reflexión del Evangelio

Matthew 16:21-27 by Dcn. Jerome

Both today's first reading from Jeremiah and our Gospel speak of the suffering we will likely endure as followers of the Lord. I use the word "endure" because it has a couple meanings that are applicable to our lives in light of the readings. "Endure" in one sense means "to undergo or suffer." Now, we are unlikely to suffer physical attacks for our discipleship, but we may very well be exposed to what Jeremiah termed "derision and reproach" as we live our lives of faith. Hopefully, our response will be similar to Jeremiah's in that he cannot hold the message of the Lord only in his heart. He is compelled in the face of opposition to proclaim God's Word.

"Endure" has a second meaning which is "to continue in existence." Following the will of God and accepting His grace will allow us to endure despite persecution and even death: "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Life in Christ may at times cause us to suffer human persecution of some sort, but that same life can lead us to salvation with God's grace. So, to sum up – endure to endure!

Mateo 16:21-27 de Deacano Jerome

Tanto la primera lectura de Jeremías de hoy como nuestro Evangelio hablan del sufrimiento que probablemente padeceremos como seguidores del Señor. Utilizo la palabra "soportar" porque tiene un par de significados que son aplicables a nuestras vidas a la luz de las lecturas. "Soportar" en un sentido significa "sufrir o padecer". Ahora bien, es poco probable que suframos ataques físicos por nuestro discipulado, pero es muy posible que estemos expuestos a lo que Jeremías denominó "burla y reproche" mientras vivimos nuestras vidas de fe. Esperemos que nuestra respuesta sea similar a la de Jeremías en el sentido de que no puede mantener el mensaje del Señor sólo en su corazón - se ve obligado frente a la oposición a proclamar la Palabra de Dios.

"Aguantar" tiene un segundo significado que es "continuar existiendo". Seguir la voluntad de Dios y aceptar su gracia nos permitirá perdurar a pesar de la persecución e incluso de la muerte: "el que pierda su vida por mi causa, la encontrará". La vida en Cristo puede hacernos sufrir a veces algún tipo de persecución humana, pero esa misma vida puede llevarnos a la salvación con la gracia de Dios. Así que, resumiendo: ¡aguantar para aguantar!



LABOR DAY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
NO Mass • NO Adoration
Parish office CLOSED

Annual Financial Report

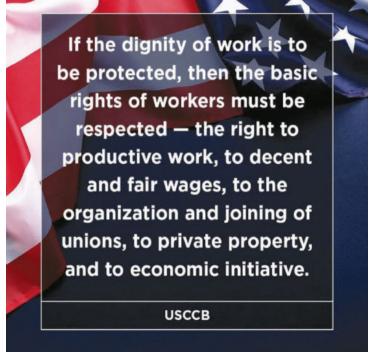
The Annual Financial Report for our recent fiscal year, July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023, will be inserted into next weekend's bulletin—September 9-10. Please take time to review this report of parish finances, including our expenses, charitable collections, and revenue results for the recent fiscal year. We are pleased to provide this report to share with you the many ways our parish has continued to thrive--a gift from God and a testament to your faithfulness and kindness!

Thank you for your continued gifts of treasure to support the operations of the church and parish facilities and for your generosity towards liturgy, evangelization programming and faith formation.

For questions, please contact:

Julia Hix Business Manager 608.833.2600 x867 julia@stamadison.org





Eucharistic Congress



Bible Study Groups Have Begun

If you would like to join a Bible Study this fall, contact Cheryl at 608-231-4616 or Cheryl.horne@gopc.org. These sessions will be at Queen of Peace and all focus on the Eucharist to coincide with the Eucha-

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

QUEEN OF PEACE 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!



QP/STA Shuttle to/from the Eucharistic Congress

A shuttle bus has been booked to and from the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on Fri., Sept. 29, Sat., Sept. 30. You can take the bus from either QP or STA to the gathering in Waunakee. To find the itinerary of events including Mass, guest speakers, musicians, Spiritual Direction, opportunities for Reconciliation the Eucharistic Miracles display, etc go to: Schedule-8.5-x-11 1.jpg (1632×2112 or blessedbrokenandgiven.com

The bus only costs \$5 per round trip but seats are limited! To sign up for a seat on the bus or the conference, contact Cheryl at 608.231.4616 or *Cheryl.horne@gopc.org*.

He calls you to a deeper faith.

Prayer for Eucharistic Conversion

ord Jesus, thank You for Your presence in the Holy Eucharist where I encounter You in an intimate, true, and loving union. Through the Holy Spirit, pour the graces and merits of Your Sacred Heart-into my own. Make the Eucharistic Congress a moment of conversion, turning me from my self-love to live the divine life with You as a child of God. Help me to truly realize the gift of Your Body and Blood.

I pray for all who come to the Congress, that You will set their hearts on fire for love of You in the Holy Eucharist. I pray that the Congress will strengthen our union as one Church—one in the Eucharist, in faith, and in love for You and others. Mary, our Mother, pray for us, that the Congress will glorify Your Son and help open souls to the encounter they need. Amen.



Quotes from Saints about the Eucharist



"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacra-ment, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.

-St. Angela of Foligno

En Español

Él te llama a una fe más profunda faith.

Oración por la conversión eucarística

C eñor Jesús, gracias por Tu presencia en la Sagrada Eucaristía donde te encuentro en una unión íntima, verdadera y amorosa. A través del Espíritu Santo, derrama las gracias y los méritos de Tu Sagrado Corazón, en el mío. Haz del Congreso Eucarístico un momento de conversión, alejándome de mi amor propio para vivir contigo la vida divina como hijo de Dios. Ayúdame a realizar verdaderamente el regalo de Tu Cuerpo y Sangre.

Rezo por todos los que vienen al Congreso, para que enciendas sus corazones por amor a Ti en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Rezo para que el Congreso fortalezca nuestra unión como una Iglesia, una en la Eucaristía, en la fe y en el amor por Ti y por los demás. María, Madre nuestra, ruega por nosotros, para que el Congreso glorifique a Tu Hijo y ayude a abrir las almas al encuentro que necesitan. Amén.





"Corre con perseverancia la Carrera que temenos por delante, mirando a Jesús."

Hebreos 12:1b-2

¡Vuelve a entrar en la carrera y encuentra a Jesús!

Congreso Eucarístico Diocesano de Madison

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

Nos esforzamos por acercarnos más a lesús en fe, amor y esperanza de vida eterna. Y San Pablo llama a este esfuerzo.

Vuelva a entrar en esa carrera de una manera nueva pasando un fin de semana con Jesús en la Eucaristía en el Congreso Eucarístico.

¡Disfruta de una comunión arraigada en la fe!



El obispo Hving nos anima a unirnos para experimentar la belleza, el poder y la verdad de Jesucristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía.

Pre-registrese!

- · Horario: Eng/Span
- Folleto: Eng/Span
- · Guia: Eng/Span
- blessedbrokenandgiven.com

¿Necesita cuidado de niños? El cuidado de niños estará disponible todo el fin desemana, ofreciendo actividades religiosas planificadas. Notifique al cuidado de niños a través

de la pestaña Contacto del sitio web del Congreso.

Justice & Peace and Outreach

Season of Creation September 1—October 4

During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and



grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation."

So urges Pope Francis in this year's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. We know what is needed, we know what to do. What prevents us from acting?

According to the U.N., plastic pollution may double by the end of this decade, particularly in the oceans and other bodies of water. All of life is at risk, but the larger part of this burden falls upon people living in areas that already are hazardous such as communities near mines, refineries, steel plants and power stations. Our consumption drives all these industries, but we can take steps to reverse this trend. Even small changes in our lifestyles and consumption habits matter. Adopt a reusable bottle or insulated cup for water or coffee. Take reusable bags on every shopping trip. Use cloth mesh bags for produce. Take your own containers to restaurants for any leftovers. Try doing just one of these things and then consider adding others over time.

STA's Care for God's Creation team will be offering reusable shopping bags for \$5 after the weekend Masses on September 9-10 and September 16-17. Consider picking up one or more of these bags to begin your own program of reducing the burden of plastic on God's creation and "stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice."

Charity Starts with You & Me

Just imagine being a young student getting ready to go back to school and worrying about where you're going to eat your next meal, get clean clothes, do your homework, or even sleep.

The Knights of Columbus Chapter 4527, which includes Queen of Peace & St. Thomas members, are kicking off our fall drive. We will be working with the MMSD-Homeless Service Transition Education Program. We will support that program and the Catholic Multicultural Center to help as many kids as we can.

Below is a list of needed items. Please make sure all items are new (not used). Bins will be in the gathering space **September 16-24**. Thank you for your support.

School Supplies – Backpacks

Personal Hygiene items – Shampoo, body soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, tampons, pads, and laundry soap.

Clothing – Undershirts, underwear, bras, socks, boots, and waterproof gloves in all sizes.

Blankets - Tie-fleece blankets for sleeping in their cars

Gift Cards – St. Vincent, Goodwill, and Grocery Store (\$25 increments)

Coats for Kids —As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are able to purchase large quantities of coats at a huge discount. Or if you want to just donate cash you can reach us at Knights of Columbus Council #4527, 5256 Verona Road, Madison, WI 53711

KofC.org/join – When the time is right, we are council #4527.



From the Diocese

The Church's Vigilance on Abuse Continues

Any allegation of sexual abuse should be brought to the attention of law enforcement officials. If an allegation involves a priest,

deacon, or other church personnel, regardless of when it is said to have occurred, it should also be reported to the Diocese of Madison, by way of the Sexual Misconduct Question and Reporting Line, 608-821-3162. The diocesan policies regarding sexual abuse allegations, and instructions for making a report of sexual misconduct, are available on the diocesan website: *madisondiocese.org/victim-assistance*

Experiencing Suicide Grief?

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR A 4 PART SERIES: SUICIDE LOSS - ADDRESSING OUR SUICIDAL LOSSES 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 (608) 821-3050

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

sponsored by the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities - Diocese of Madison

Volunteer Opportunities

Liturgical Ministries

Weekday Live Streamers Needed

Looking for a way to serve others AND learn valuable tech skills? Join the Livestream Team and learn how to livestream the Mass This is a ministry that means so much to those unable to attend Mass in person. You will be trained, and you can schedule yourself according to your own availability. We'd love to hear from you. High school and college students all the way through retirees are encouraged to give it a try!

Contact Jenny Ludtke to learn more at 608.833.2606 or *Jennifer@stamadison.org*

Greeters

Don't you feel welcomed when you are greeted with a warm smile? We are looking for more people to be greeters at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. You will greet according to your schedule.

Ministers of Hospitality

Do you pray the 4:30PM Mass? Ministers of Hospitality are needed to greet people, seat people, take up the collection, and put out bulletins.

Altar Servers Needed

Servers are needed for all Masses. Adults and children 10 years old and up are welcome. It's a great opportunity for parents to serve with their children.

If you are interested in becoming a Greeter, Minister of Hospitality, or Altar Server, please contact Holly at *holly@stamadison.org* or 608.833.2600.

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

Our Lady Queen of Peace Blood Drive

Thursday, September 21 from 1-5PM

Gathering Space 401 S. Owen Drive, Madison

For an appointment call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit *redcrossblood.org* and enter Sponsor Code: OLQPWI







BAPTISM

Scan to schedule an appointment.

"I would love to volunteer, but I don't have the time!"

Well, how about this opportunity: back-up baptism preparation class facilitator!

- ♦ Less than 12 hours A YEAR!
- ♦ Work from home!
- ♦ Training provided!
- ♦ Meet other parishioners!
- ♦ Enrich your own faith life!
- ♦ Work with Deacon Jerome! (ed: no, strike this, we actually want people to volunteer)

If you are interested, please contact Dcn. Jerome at dcn.jerome@stamadison.org for more information.

Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC) Volunteer Opportunities

Here are some ways for our St. Thomas Aquinas community to get involved and foster a stronger connection with the CMC and those they serve.

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* or 608.441.0117.

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 be 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.

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.

STA Choristers:

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

The STA Choristers (Children's Choir) sings 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!!!

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.

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 about STA Music opportunities, contact Greg Buchberger at greg@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600 x869.

OP 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.

OP Handbell Choir: (Saturday at QP at 5:00 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 who 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 about QP Adult Choir or Handbell Choir, contact Caleb Mitchell at caleb.mitchell@qopc.org



Seniors & Pastoral Care

Chronic Pain Awareness Month

According to the CDC an estimated 50 million Americans live with chronic pain. If you experience chronic pain and/or illness, please know that you are not alone. The chronic illness support group will meet at the QP Parish Center on **September 14th from 1-2pm** for a time of prayer, sharing and support. If you prefer to meet via Zoom, please email Crystal for a zoom link at *crystal.nemeth@aopc.org*.

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.

QP Autumn Bereavement Series



This series will begin on Wednesday, **September 20 at 6:15-8:15pm**. For more information or to register, email *Cheryl.horne@gopc.org* or call 608.231.4616.

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception & St. Mary Help of Christians



Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Saturday, October 21, 2023

A Spiritual One-Day Retreat for Parents Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child of Any Age, By Any Cause, No Matter How Long Ago.

Losing a child under any circumstances is horrendous. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Just as He comforted His grieving disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus comforts us and we comfort each other in this very special ministry.

Join other Emmaus Parent Companions and our St. Mary's Retreat Team in a warm and loving place—to think, to talk, to feel, and to pray. Find compassion, rest, and peace... at least for a time.

Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

At St. Mary Help of Christians in Briggsville, WI.
One Day Spiritual Retreat
Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

All Are Welcome!

Donation: \$25/Individual \$40/Couples Scholarships are available; Pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact Nancy Davis at (608) 742-6998 ext. 217.

Use the registration form on the other side of this flyer and mail to:

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception c/o Nancy Davis 309 W. Cook St • Portage, WI • 53901

Upcoming Events





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.

FOOD TRUCKS | LIVE MUSIC | COMMUNITY

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

#IGNITEYOURLIGHT



Faith & Family

OUNG

DULTS

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*

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*Initial sessions using Alpha begin
Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 PM.

Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat

Is your marriage tearing you apart or is it just not what you had hoped it would be? We invite you to find help through Retrouvaille, (ret-tro-vi), where husbands and wives are helped to re-discover each other. In Retrouvaille couples discover they are not alone. There is hope and grace.

Madison's upcoming Retrouvaille program begins September 15–17, at the Green Lake Conference Center. Follow up sessions will be in Madison. Call 608-249-2377 or go to *helpourmarriage.org*.

Your confidentiality is always respected.





2023-24 Faith Formation Registration is OPEN!

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

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



Are you interested in helping our ministry program? Do you have passion for sharing your faith to youth? Do you want to see our youth increase their faith?

Come and volunteer with us this faith formation year! We're looking for more small group leaders, speakers, and more.

COMMUNICATE WITH ROBERT ROSA-CRUZ AT ROBERT@STAMADISON.ORG



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 3 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Jan McGinley +

10:00 AM Teresa M. Bridwell +

1:00 PM Carmen Faria

Monday, September 4 Labor Day

8:30 AM **NO Mass**

Tuesday, September 5

5:30 PM James Schaff \$\Phi\$

Wednesday, September 6

8:30 AM Paul Bariola Family Living & Deceased+

Thursday, September 7

7:30 AM Agnes Weber \$\Phi\$

Friday, September 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Philip Kessel \$

Saturday, September 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest

4:30 PM Melanie Ertz +

Sunday, September 10 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time/Grandparents' Day

8:00 AM Matt Dorn +

10:00 AM Fred Zingsheim♥

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

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6,8-9/Rom 12:1-2/

Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1,3-5,11-13/

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11 **Friday:** Mi 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/

Mt 1:1-16,18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4,6,8/Lk 6:1-5 **Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Rom 13:8-10/

Mt 18:15-20

Weekly Offertory Update

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Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,421,000	\$405,000
2023 Year Totals	\$928,099	\$277,451
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	\$16,258	\$925
August 2023 Totals	\$103,303	\$14,150
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

*TUESDAY, September 5 (*due to Labor Day):
Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

September 11:

Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Prayers

September 3rd Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions;

May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance; We pray to the Lord.

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

May all act on the belief that to be in right relationship with God, we must also be in right relationship with His creation; *We pray to the Lord*.



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