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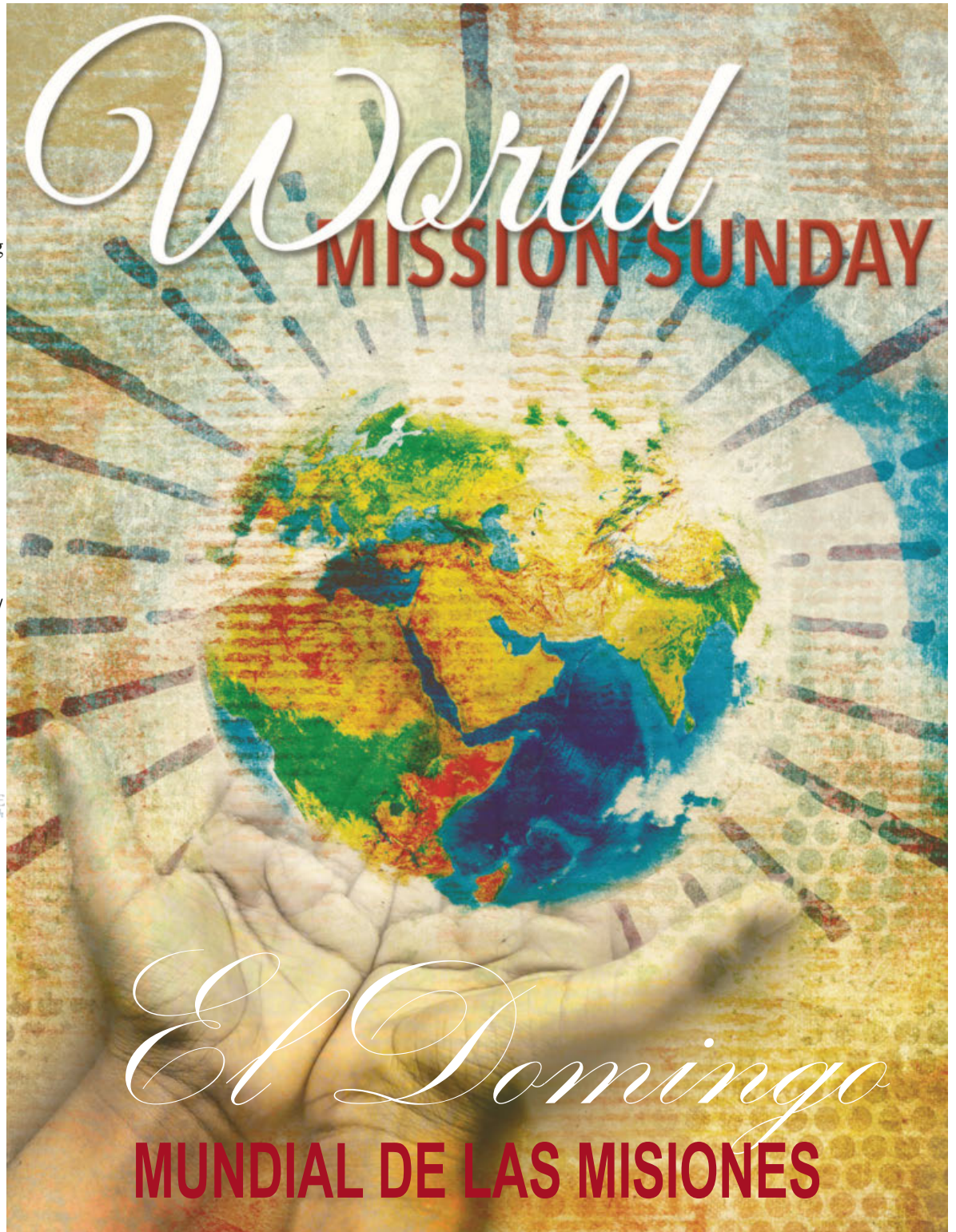
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Give the Lord glory and honor.

Psalm 96

Cantemos la grandeza del Señor.

Salmo 95

Pastorate #21: St. Thomas Aquinas & Queen of Peace

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 (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

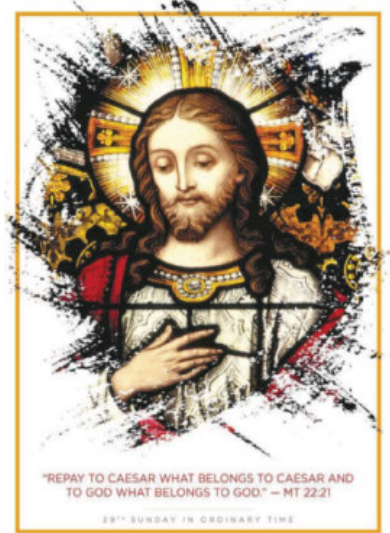
From Fr. Brian Wilk, Parochial Administrator

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all who so generously supported the recent missionary appeal on behalf of the Dominican Fathers and Brothers of the Province of Nigeria. I know that Fr. Raymond and his Dominican brothers appreciate all the support. Missionary work is a tough and sometimes dangerous life, as Fr. Raymond explained to us. Please keep all missionaries in your prayers.

The readings this week-end talk about giving to God what is God's and giving to Caesar what is Caesar's. It is about priorities. Our vocation to holiness needs to be at the root of our endeavors. All that we do and have needs to be embraced in a way that gives the Lord the glory due his name. There can be no higher priority than God.

Have a blessed week.



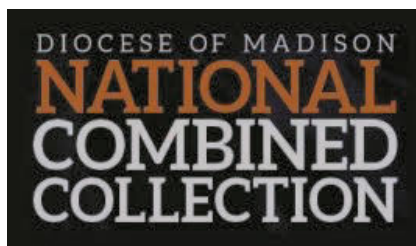
National Combined Collection

This weekend, the International Combined Collection is being conducted across the diocese. This collection is combining the following individual collections:

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

Please consider how you can make a difference in the lives of so many. **Yellow** International Combined Collection envelopes were included in the mailed offertory packets. We will also have extra envelopes and brochures available in the gathering space for you to pick up. Please turn in your envelope to Parish Office or drop it in the offertory basket during Mass.

Thank you for your support!



Gospel Reflection—Matthew 22:15-21

by Dcn. Jerome

Probably the most famous quote from today's Gospel is, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." But I want to focus on Jesus' previous line when he asks about the Roman coin, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" I think Jesus may be talking about more than coins when he asks this question; I believe he may have been using coinage as a stand in for everything material. Caesar, and by extension the Roman Empire, stood for the material and earthly: it was built by armed conquest, maintained by Roman law and taxation and rooted in worldly matters. Caesar's face and inscription on the coin showed that this is what he (and the Empire) valued. However, God created humankind in God's image, and it is His law that is inscribed upon our hearts (Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 8:10). God's creation is what he values most, and all we are belongs to him. So, when Jesus says to repay to Caesar, it is not so much a comment about taxes, but more a rejection of focus on earthly priorities. Jesus could look at each of us and ask "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" and we would answer "God's." Let us strive to live then as those made in the image of God with his law inscribed on our hearts.

Upcoming Events

You are all invited to
♦ St. Thomas Aquinas' second:

Trunk or Treat?

When: October 25, 6p-7:30p

Where: Parking lot of St. Thomas Aquinas
Catholic Parish

What: decorate your car trunk!

To reserve your trunk space, contact
Robert Rosa-Cruz at
robert@stamadison.org.



All Saints would like to invite
children to Trick or Treat our
Neighborhood!

Sunday, October 29th 1-3PM

****You may start at any of the following locations****

All Saints Assisted Living-519 Commerce Dr

All Saints Main Street-511 Commerce Dr

All Saints Independent Living-8202 Highview Dr

All Saints memory Care-8210 Highview Dr

Make sure and pick up your MAP!

****Maps will be available at all buildings for those
residents/tenants participating****

ECUMENICAL Thanksgiving SERVICE

Monday, Nov. 20th | 6:30PM

At City Church

4909 E. Buckeye Rd., Madison 53716

Refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Nonperishable items or contributions will be accepted for area
homeless shelters.

Co-sponsored by a wide coalition of area churches.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34 NIV

GIVING TUESDAY

GivingTuesday is November 28.

Christmas is right around the corner. That's right! Black Friday is November 24 and ads are already online to view. Then comes Cyber Monday. Are your lists ready for Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales? After you saved so much money on these sales, you can donate the savings on GivingTuesday! This is your opportunity to give back and help others. The money donated on GivingTuesday goes to support other non-profit organizations. STA is looking for 3 donors to match \$5000. If you are someone who wants to help those in need and could match \$5000, please contact holly@stamadison.org.

T.E.C. Retreat at Immaculate Conception Church, Kieler

Starts: Friday, October 27 at Noon

Ends: Sunday, October 29 at 3:30PM

TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Our Shepherd Bishop Donald Hying has also centered his Go Make Disciples initiative on that same theme. TEC is especially designed to help us grow in our love for Christ and our Holy Catholic Church. It is an amazing experience for the young at heart, anyone 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. This is also a shout out to those of you who have already experienced a TEC retreat and would like to help out. Fr. Bernie Rott will be the Spiritual Director. Jeff Jackson will be the Lay Director and can be reached at 608.778.6027 or jeffjackson@gmail.com. Online or paper applications and more information about TEC can be found at www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC or by contacting Marie Lins at the OEC at 608.821.3135.

Justice & Peace

Outreach Funding Review Board

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

Do you volunteer for a nonprofit group?

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

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



Rachel's Vineyard

"It was a time that I could let go of the guilt and shame I had carried for so many years. I was finally able to grieve and find peace."

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat testimony

Hurting from abortion?

Find hope, healing, and mercy.

Our next retreat is November 10-12.

Register at madisondiocese.org/rachel

LAUDATE DEUM

On the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecologists and animals, Pope Francis released his sixth Apostolic Exhortation called



Care for God's Creation Team

Laudate Deum, a 20-page document.

He speaks to global leaders as well as the laity. He emphasizes the need for "all people of good will" to act urgently to care for our common home because "...our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point". (LD #2) And "there are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles and convictions within societies, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes." (LD #70)

Search Vatican.va in English, select Apostolic Exhortations, and click on *Laudate Deum* to read the document. You can also find the Vatican press release here: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-10/laudate-deum-pope-francis-climate-crisis-laudato-si.html?fbclid=IwAR3lwZImzJOD5f-hSYs9_jTz8F5OFDeRVD2ogleYM-Pug0IaZifZvX4XW68

May we heed Pope Francis' call for lifestyle changes and pray for bold action on the climate crisis at COP28 this November-December.



STA Luke House Community Meal Program

Bring in items

By 9AM on October 25

New schedules coming out soon.

All Souls Day

Remembering our Faithful Departed

Each November the Church remembers and prays for all our faithful departed. In particular, we call to mind those in our parish who have died during the past year. We begin the month with the celebration of All Saints on November 1 and continue by observing All Souls on November 2. In faith we pray that we too may be made worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the apostles and all the saints who have done the Father's will. We also pray for our departed brothers and sisters – may they be brought into the light of God's Presence.

Please take time in November to pray for our departed members and their families. May our prayer be joined to the whole Communion of Saints on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

All are encouraged to add the names of their departed family members to our parish prayer by completing and returning the form on the right.



All Souls Day

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass please remember:

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith...

Pastoral Care



Wednesday, October 25th
9:15-10:15 AM

Explaining Medicare Part D Drug Plans

Come join Scott Procknow in the lower level of the QP Parish Center as he enlightens us on **Medicare Part D**. Scott is a pharmacist who works for Walgreen's and has 20 years of experience dealing with the complex maze of insurance plans. He will be discussing how to determine which Medicare Part D drug plan is right for you. Scott will be independently giving advice and not steering anyone towards a particular plan. All are welcome and no need to RSVP.

Palliative Care & Hospice: Supportive Services From Serious Illness to End-Of-Life

Come join Kim Beuerman from St. Mary's Care Center and Adam Mescher from Agrace Hospice as we talk about Palliative Care and Hospice. We will talk about how they are similar, how they are different, why it is important to understand our options and what the Church teaches about each. We will be in the gathering space on **Sunday, October 29 from 12:30-1:30pm at Queen of Peace Church**. All are welcome.

STA Parish Care Team

Are you, a friend, or a family member caring for a loved one? Is it challenging to stay positive when the day-to-day demands are increasing? Sometimes it is difficult to ask for help, but there can be great healing and benefit to allowing yourself to be cared for as well as your loved one. Our Care Team offers many services to help you. We can meet with you to identify ways that we can assist you and your loved one. All of our team members are parish members who are interviewed, screened, background checked and trained. To inquire about receiving services or become a member of our team, please contact Kathy Swanson at 608-444-9374 or Judy Niederberger at 608-845-7057.



Faith & Family



2023-24 Faith Formation—October

High School Youth: Sundays 5-7PM

Oct. 22-Pumpkin Carving Night

PK/EL Tuesday & Wednesday 4-5:30PM & 6-7:30PM

October 24&25

October 25 at 6-7:30PM TRUNK or TREAT
(Family Night)

MS Youth: Wednesdays 6-7:30PM

October 25 at 6-7:30PM TRUNK or TREAT
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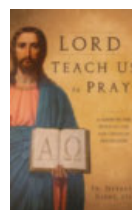
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Follow us on Instagram: [@sta_youth_ministry](https://www.instagram.com/sta_youth_ministry)

Young Adults Book Study

Need a prayer life? Don't know how to start one? The book our young adults will be talking about is called *Lord, Teach Us To Pray: A Guide to the Spiritual Life and Christian Discipleship* by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby.

The book study is on **Thursdays at 7p.m.** Meetings will be held at **Panera Bread** on **Mineral Point Rd.** If interested, contact Robert at robert@stamadison.org.




QUEEN OF PEACE KNIGHTS

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 21

4:30 PM Jan McGinley✙

Sunday, October 22 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

8:00 AM Bernie Wentworth✙

10:00 AM Jim Speth

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

Monday, October 23 St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:30 AM Nancy Speth

Tuesday, October 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

5:30 PM Amelia Trumbower✙

Wednesday, October 25

8:30 AM Lucia Rufino✙

Thursday, October 26

7:30 AM Ann Tuszyński✙

Friday, October 27

8:30 AM Castellino and De Calderon Families✙

Saturday, October 28 Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

4:30 PM Pat Jagoe✙

Sunday, October 29 Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Jim & Marilyn Schaefer✙

10:00 AM Donald Irving✙

1:00 PM Diacono Jack Fernan✙ y las Almas del Purgatorio

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 45:1,4-6/Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10/
1 Thes 1:1-5b /Mt 22:15-21

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12,15b,17-21/Ps 40:7-10,17/
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-8/
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4,6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66,68,76-77,93,
94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4,47,51/
1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,421,000	\$405,000
2023 Year Totals	\$1,081,691	\$327,630
Week 1 10/1/2023	\$20,557	\$1,004
Week 2 10/8/2023	\$20,310	\$550
Week 3 10/15/2023	\$14,262	\$7,078
Week 4 10/22/2023		
October ACH 10/24/2023		
Week 5 10/29/2023		
October 2023 Totals	\$55,130	\$8,632
October 2023 Goals	\$113,500	\$60,000

Missionary Fr. Raymond Nwabueze, Collection from STA for Dominican Fathers & Brothers Province of Nigeria: \$12,202.00. Thank you for your generosity!

*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

October 23:

Baik, Degenhardt, Dulli, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

October 30:

Baik, Degenhardt, Dulli, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

Prayers

October 22nd Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For women and men suffering after abortion:
May the Church's abortion healing ministry,
Project Rachel, help them find peace and healing
through God's endless mercy;
We pray to the Lord.

For all who have lost family, friends and homes
due to natural disasters:
May our sharing in their grief bear fruit and enliven
our commitment to care for our common home;
We pray to the Lord.



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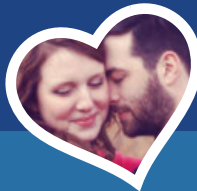
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