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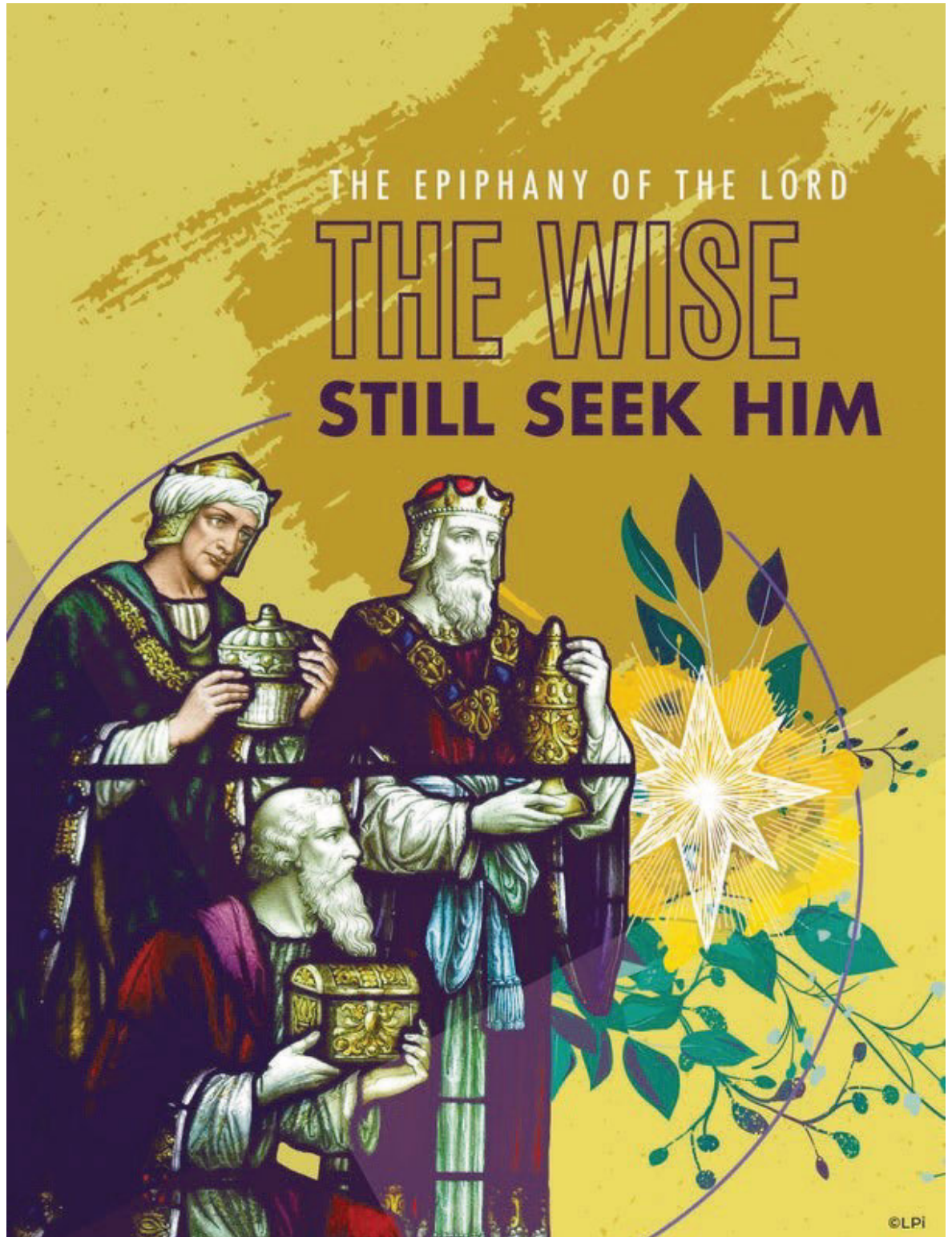
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
**THE WISE
STILL SEEK HIM**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. Psalm 72
Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos. Salmo 71

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

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
Friends,

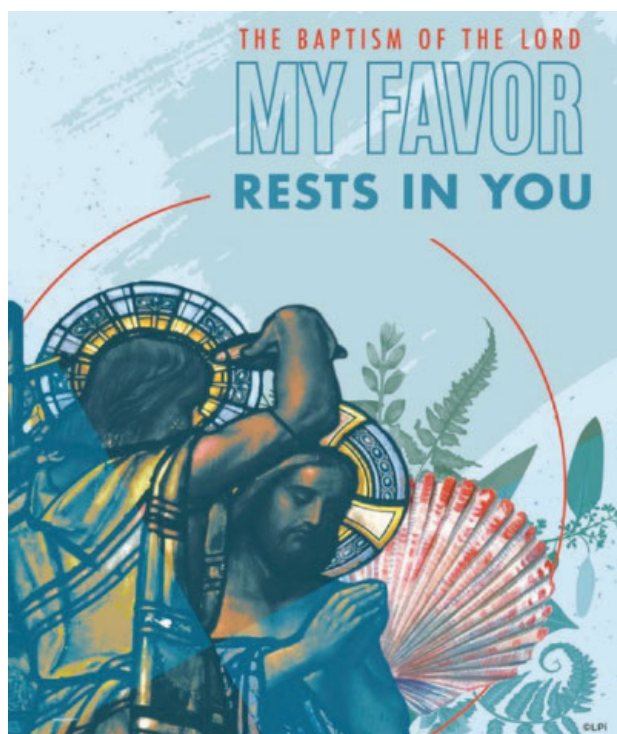
As we celebrate the Epiphany this weekend, there are some details of the story that are very intriguing. For me, one of those details is that the Magi returned to their homes “by a different route.” This suggests not just a geographical route, but a new mentality. Having met Christ and having heard his Gospel, we too will hopefully travel through life by a different route. We will have different attitudes, different values, different goals. It is impossible to encounter Christ without it affecting the way we live our lives.

As the Christmas season winds down, on behalf of Fr. Jay, Msgr. Gunn, and me please accept our sincere thanks for the many gifts, cards, treats and well wishes extended to us these past few weeks. They do mean a great deal. It is a privilege to serve all of you in this pastorate. The three of us are looking forward to a happy and productive 2024. Thank you to all for your continued prayers and support.

Blessings in the year ahead.

Fr. Brian

Epiphany—Lessons & Carols
Sunday, January 7 at 4:00 PM



Blessing Prayer for Epiphany

20 + C + M + B + 24

The number of the New Year
is split at the beginning and end.

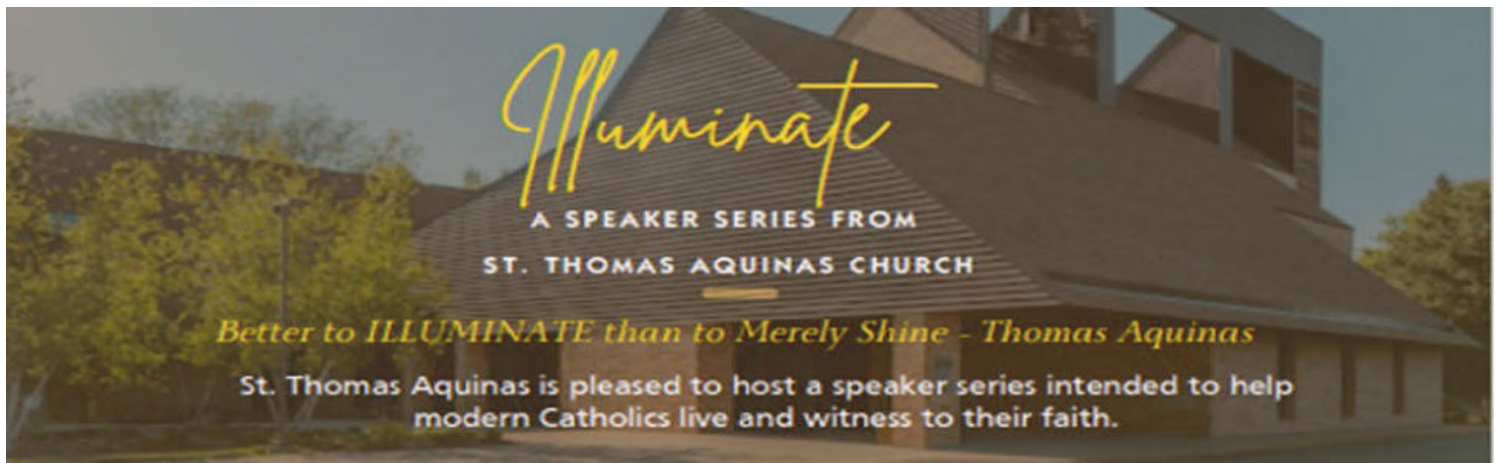
The initials C + M + B represent the three kings:
CASPER, MELCHOIR, AND BALTHASAR.

They may also stand for
“Christus mansionem benedicat,”
“May Christ bless this house.”

Take the piece of chalk,
gather around the inside of the front door.
Use the chalk to inscribe the numbers and letters
on your door frame, while praying:

*May God, who provided a safe dwelling
for the eternal Word,
bless our house and all the people who live here.
Throughout the year, may those who go through
our front door enjoy the blessing of Christ.
We pray especially for world Peace in 2024.
We ask these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessings from Saint Thomas Aquinas



Illuminate: A Speaker Series at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Madison *"Better to illuminate than to merely shine." – St. Thomas Aquinas*

As a way to honor the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas, we are pleased to host a special evening to help Catholics live and witness to their faith. Our patron saint would be delighted! On **Tuesday, January 23, 6:30pm** Ashley McKinless and Zac Davis, hosts of the *Jesuitical* podcast from America Media, will record in front of a live studio audience of attendees, as they discuss with Bishop Hying **why they love the Church**.

For more than six years, *Jesuitical* has been a leading podcast for young adult Catholics, discussing the Catholic news of the week, and interviewing a special guest with a unique perspective on world events, culture or our faith. In each episode, they ask, "Where do we find God in all this?" While the main target audience of the *Jesuitical* podcast is young adults, older teens and adults of all ages are encouraged to attend this event. Confirmation students, OCIA participants, long-time church goers, those who are skeptical... this event could spark or re-ignite your own love for the church!

We hope you will join us for 5:30 Mass, followed by Italian themed appetizers, before the event with Zac and Ashley from 6:45-8pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas Social Hall.

For more information,
 contact Jennifer Ludtke,
 Dir. of Evangelization & Outreach,
 (608)833-2606
jennifer@stamadison.org.



**Special Young Adult
 Gathering on
 Monday, January 22nd**

There is an opportunity for young adults to meet the Jesuitical team in a more casual atmosphere before the event on Tuesday. Zac, Ashley and their producer, Sebastian Gomes, were at the Synod on Synodality in Rome in October. Find out what happened at the synod and what it means for us! Join these millennial editors at America Media at **Vintage Brewing Company** (674 S. Whitney Way, Madison 53711) from **7-9pm** for this informal conversation about the synod over drinks and appetizers! Donations at the door are welcome.

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 THE CHURCH.



**Join Ashley
 McKinless
 & Zac Davis
 ('Jesuitical'
 podcast hosts)
 during a live
 recording,
 followed by
 Q&A**

Come to the STA social hall after 5:30pm Mass for refreshments and a fascinating glimpse into the making of a podcast!

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Don Cornelius harvesting wild rice

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
7:00 - 8:15 pm, via ZOOM

Dan Cornelius, a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, is the Outreach Program Manager for the University of Wisconsin Law School's Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center and UW-Madison's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, where he works on the development of producer cooperatives, supply chain analysis, and legal and policy aspects of food and agriculture. Mr. Cornelius' background in raising livestock, growing Indigenous corn, and harvesting other seasonal foods promotes his ability to provide effective technical assistance to Native American farmers and ranchers. Mr. Cornelius also serves as an appellate judge for the Oneida Nation.

The cost is \$10 per person; please register online at shalomretreats.org or by calling 563.582.3592 by Friday, January 12.

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Sharing Sunday Dates for 2024

Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Vincent de Paul and Lussier Community Education Center pantries in 2023. They truly counted on St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners' donations to keep their shelves full!

Attached to this bulletin is a list of 2024 Sharing Sunday dates and the "dot" reminders for your calendar. Donation items needed are food, cleaning, and personal items, &/or cash. More info is included on the insert.

Liturgical Items

Gospel Reflection of Matthew 2:1-12

by Dcn. Jerome

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany, when the magi from the east arrive in Jerusalem to do homage to "the newborn king of the Jews." I have often wondered – what was their reaction when arriving in Jerusalem? Were they surprised that there were no celebrations taking place for the new king-to-be? Were they shocked that the current ruler, Herod, knew nothing about it? Were they disappointed at the lowliness of the house where the star stopped? Were they shocked and doubtful that the baby they saw there would someday be "king of the Jews?" Yet, despite any surprises, disappointment or shock they may have had initially, when they beheld the baby Jesus they prostrated themselves and did him homage. There will be many times in our lives and in our lives of faith when we will feel surprised or disappointed or shocked. Yet if we, like the magi, keep Christ as our center and recognize God in our midst, then as our first reading today says "upon you the Lord shines" and the darkness of doubt will be driven away.

Greeters & Ministers of Hospitality Needed

There is nothing better than to walk into a place of worship and feel welcomed. I am looking for parishioners to greet people at the door and welcome them and ministers of hospitality to greet people, help seat them, take up the collection, and put out bulletins. If you are interested in using your gifts and talents in this way, please contact Holly Irving at holly@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600.

Servers needed

Servers have the great opportunity to help the priest during Mass, but also pray more deeply. When you are in the sanctuary, you are focused on what the priest is doing, which helps you focus on the prayer. I am looking for anyone who is in 5th grade to adult. If you are interested, please contact Holly Irving at 608-833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org.

Family Room

We have opened a family room for families that use the cry room. This room has chairs and a monitor so you can watch Mass on the screen. It is located down the back hall. Feel free to use this room, too. The nursing room is still available for mothers who are nursing their babies.

Faith & Family

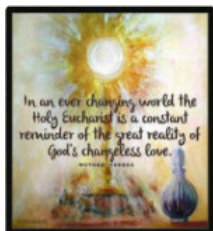


Young Adults

For more info about Young Adults, contact Robert Rosa-Cruz: robert@stamadison.org.

The Chosen Season 3

Come join in watching and discussing **Season 3** of *The Chosen* on **Thursdays at 6:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace**. We will meet in the Parish Center Lower Level (as well as online) to watch Season 3 of this fascinating series. Participants can join us in person or virtually. Season 4 comes out at the beginning of Lent, and we will just get through Season 3 in time to go see Season 4 together in the movie theaters! Call Cheryl at 608-231-4616 for more information!



Encounter Jesus!

Come join us at Queen of Peace as we gather to spend just an hour with Jesus on Friday, 1/12 at 6pm. We will spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration, hearing music and stories of how Jesus can change your life. This is just another way to start your new year off in prayer, tranquility and with a deeper appreciation for our faith!



Retrouvaille

Is your marriage tearing you apart? 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 is **January 26–28, 2024** at the Green Lake Conference Center. Follow up sessions will be in Madison. Call 608-249-2377 or check our website: helpourmarriage.org. Your confidentiality is always respected.



2023-24 Faith Formation—January Christmas Break:

December 20-January 6

High School Youth: Sundays 5-7PM

January 7, 14, 21, 28

MS Youth: Wednesdays 6-7:30PM

January 10, 17, 24, 31

PK/EL Tuesday & Wednesday

4-5:30PM & 6-7:30PM

January 9&10, 16&17, 23&24, 30&31

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St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Care Team

This is a wonderful time of year for giving. Mark Chapter 10 calls us to be of service to others. We are so fortunate to belong to a parish that does so much for our members.

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.

To be a care team member is not a big commitment. We assist in many ways. When there is a need, a team leader will come to the home to meet the family members or caregivers. A parish care team member will be matched with their needs.

To learn more about how our team could support you or how to be a member of our parish care team please call our parish office at 608.833.2600.

Catholic Cemeteries

When is the right time to make your cemetery plans?

If you have recently retired, paid off your mortgage, or had your youngest graduate from college, now might be a good time to make your cemetery plans. Resurrection Cemetery at 2705 Regent Street, Madison, serves all the parishes in the Madison area, and offers graves, niches, vaults, monuments, Trappist caskets, and vases.

Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. Since we are often busy with funerals, it is best to call for an appointment at 608.238.5561 to discuss your options. You can also browse available property at madisondiocese.org/cemeteries.

Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 6 St. André Bessette,
Religious**

4:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas & Our Lady Queen
of Peace Parishioners ☩

Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM St. Ambrose Academy Guardian
Circle Benefactors

10:00 AM Rose Vespasiani ☩

1:00 PM Aurelia Delgado ☩

Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM Timothy Kennedy ☩

Tuesday, January 9

5:30 PM Donald Michalski ☩

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 AM Lina Vergara ☩

Thursday, January 11

7:30 AM Irene Mayer ☩

Friday, January 12

8:30 AM Lydiette Calderon

**Saturday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

4:30 PM Timothy Kennedy ☩

**Sunday, January 14 Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Fred Zingsheim ☩

10:00 AM Pat Jagoe ☩

1:00 PM Juanita Guillen y Adalberto
De Oliveira ☩

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,421,000	\$405,000
2023 Year Totals	\$1,495,696	\$381,722
Percent of Goal Reached (YTD)	105.26%	94.25%
Week 1 12/3/2023	\$29,439	\$1,744
Immaculate Conception 12/8/2023	\$2,926	-
Week 2 12/10/2023	\$26,605	\$707
Our Lady of Guadalupe 12/12/2023	\$3,128	-
Week 3 12/17/2023	\$35,952	\$8,415
Week 4 12/24/2023	\$51,032	\$5,210
Christmas 12/25/2023	\$17,825	\$11,502
December ACH 12/26/2023	\$39,671	\$5,657
Week 5 Holy Family 12/31/2023		
December 2023 Totals	\$206,576	\$33,235
December 2023 Goals	\$184,500	\$40,000

*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, January 8:

Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

TUESDAY, January 16:

Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer

Prayers

January 7th The Epiphany of the Lord
For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us
to recognize the gift of different charisms
within the Christian community and to discover
the richness of different traditions and rituals
in the Catholic Church; *We pray to the Lord.*

On this Feast of the Epiphany,
may we be given the grace to always see the face of
Christ our Savior in others; *We pray to the Lord.*

In this new year, let us make the words of Psalm 72,
"Justice shall flower in his days, and profound
peace,... " become a reality; *We pray to the Lord.*



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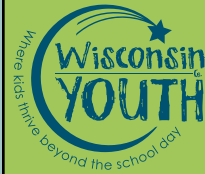
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