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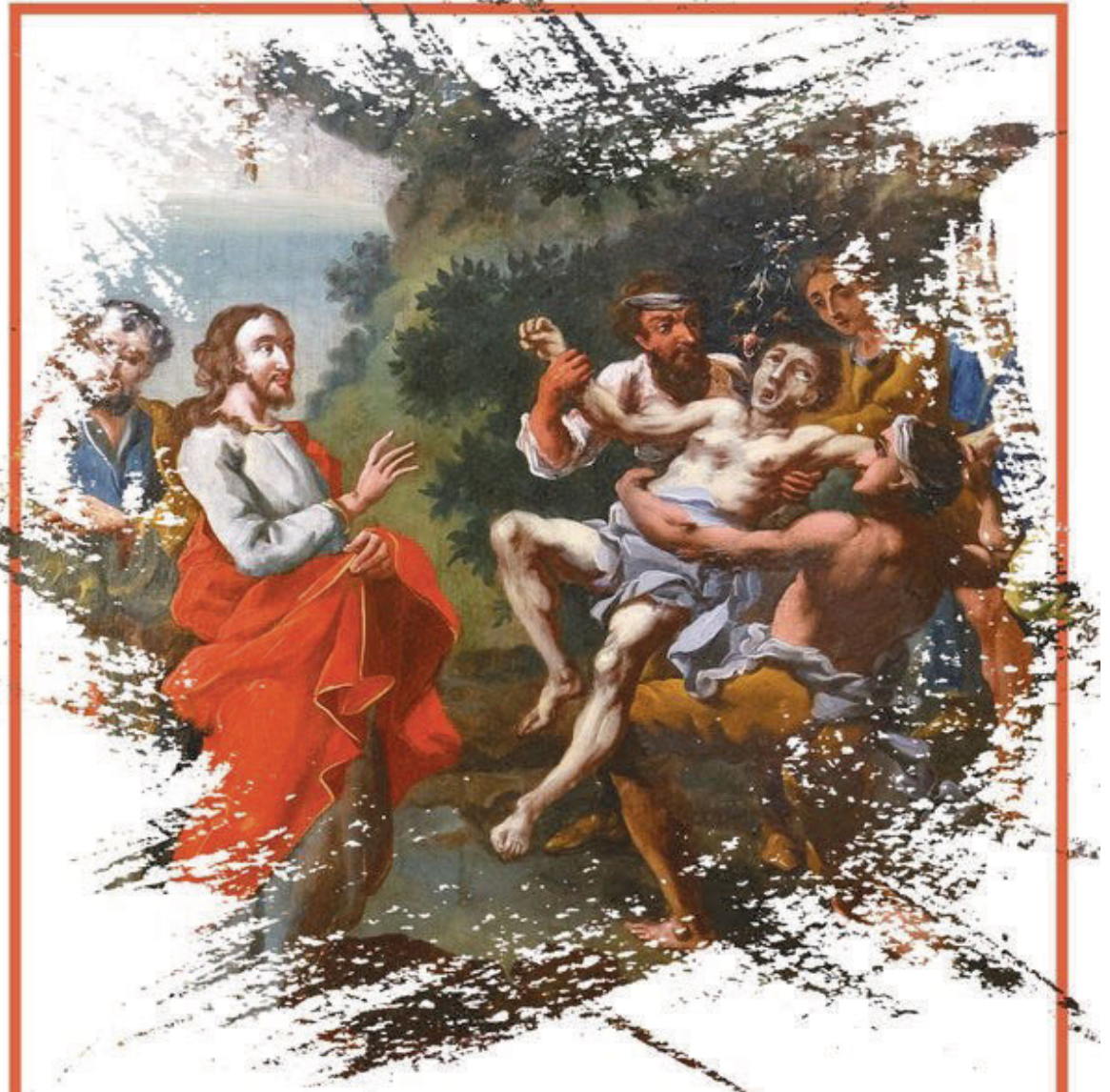
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**"I KNOW WHO YOU ARE—THE HOLY ONE OF GOD!"
- MK 1:24**

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"YA SÉ QUIÉN ERES: EL SANTO DE DIOS". - MC 1, 24

4º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Psalm 95
Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz. Salmo 94*

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)

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: By now you should have received a mailing from the Diocese of Madison concerning the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. I would ask that you prayerfully review the material and consider how you might be able to support this important appeal. Both St. Thomas Aquinas and Queen of Peace have generously supported this effort in the past.

The programs that are supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal directly benefit our parishes in many ways. In our pastorate the support of the ACA is important for evangelization and religious formation, Hispanic ministry, Catholic school support, professional development for parish staff, continuing education of priests, support for the Catholic Multi-cultural Center, family ministry and many other programs and services. Support of the ACA makes these programs and services possible.

While we will have a commitment Sunday in a few weeks, I would ask that, if possible, you respond now either by mail or on-line. Information on how to donate is included in the mailing. Thank you for your past support. Please consider making a pledge in 2024 to this important appeal. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support this year. Blessings.

Fr. Brian

Gospel Reflection of Mark 1:21-28

by Dcn. Jerome

This reading in Mark's comes at the very beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and I think the key line in today's reading is "he taught them as one having authority." It was important for Mark to show early in his Gospel that Jesus had the power, the authority, of God. It was important that Mark show that Jesus was fulfilling the role prophesized in today's first reading: that Jesus was a prophet like Moses, but of greater authority. Indeed, Mark will reveal as his Gospel unfolds that this new prophet, Jesus, is God.

Today, we think of authority as "one in command" or "one who gives orders." And that definition seems to be verified in today's reading, when Jesus commands the unclean spirit. But if you look at the roots of the word authority, it actually derives from a word, auctor, which literally means "one who causes to grow." Not one who commands but One who causes to grow.

The Gospel says the people were astonished at Jesus' teaching for he taught them as one having authority – that is, he did not command them; he caused them to grow. That is the root of authority.

And when Jesus casts out the unclean spirit, it is not just the casting out that shows his authority; it is the freeing of the man to grow in God's Word that best displays Jesus' authority. We see again near the end of the Gospel, Mark writes that it is Jesus' teaching that reveals his authority; it is his teaching that causes his listeners to grow.

It is easy to look at this Gospel and believe that the central message is God's authority to cast out unclean spirits. While that is true, I believe it is secondary. The casting out of the unclean spirit is a mere prelude to the true flowering of authority. The real authority is the opening up after the casting out; it is listening to and following the teaching of Jesus that allows us to grow.

FROM MASS TO MISSION

A Day for Prayer, Learning, and Fellowship



**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

9:00am – 4:00pm

Registration Information:

Website: <https://www.qopc.org/worship/from-mass-to-mission-a-liturgical-ministry-gath.cfm>

Cost: \$15, includes lunch

Deadline: February 5, 2024

Location

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For more information:

contact Caleb Mitchell, Director of Liturgy & Pastoral Music at Our Lady Queen of Peace, caleb.mitchell@qopc.org, 608-231-4618 or Gregory Buchberger, Director of Music Ministries at St. Thomas Aquinas, greg@stamadison.org, 608-833-2600 x4869.

A Day for Prayer, Learning, and Fellowship

From Mass to Mission

The Evangelizing Power of Sunday Mass

Join us as we explore the role of the Eucharistic liturgy in the life of our parish and the Catholic life. The Mass is where we come together as the Body of Christ to be nourished at the tables of the Word and the Eucharist. Possessing a deeper understanding and appreciation of the liturgy will therefore strengthen our baptismal call to mission and evangelization. At this gathering, you will be inspired to deepen your participation in both the liturgy and the mission of the Church.

PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE

- Go and Make Disciples: From Mass to Mission
- The Church Exists in Order to Evangelize
- The Mass and Its Significance for our Christian Lives
- Renewing the Light of Christ

PRESENTERS



RACHEL ESPINOZA

Rachel is an editor and liturgical training consultant at Liturgy Training Publications. Previously, she served as the Director of Family Formation and Evangelization at Saint Clement Parish in Chicago. Rachel holds a Master of Divinity from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN.



TIMOTHY JOHNSTON

Timothy is the pastoral associate of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Hyde Park, Chicago. Prior to this, he served as the director of the Office of Worship in the Archdiocese of Washington. Timothy holds a Master of Arts from St. John's University, Collegeville, MN.



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ARE YOU IN NEED OF HEALING? ¿NECESITA CURACIÓN?

Come to the Chapel after Mass
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD,
& SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

Venga a la capia
Después de la misa de la 1:00 p.m.
DOMINGO 4 DE FEBRERO



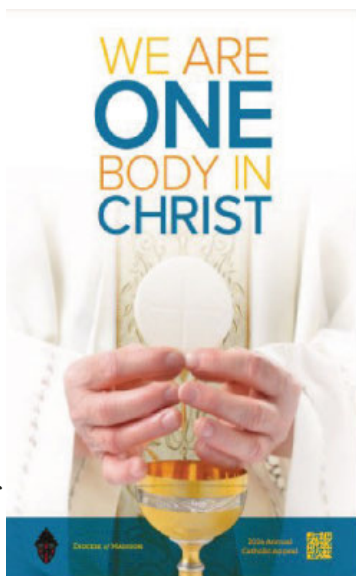
Annual Catholic Appeal

ACA Weekend February 10-11

February 10 & 11 is commitment weekend for the ACA. Next weekend, you will find the tabloid in the bulletin. Please read the tabloid and prayerfully decide how you can support the ministries of the diocese.

The ACA supports the ministries of the Diocese of Madison. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge payable over six months to the appeal. Your gift will help enable the Diocese to reach its goal and provide for many ministries, education, and services throughout the Diocese.

Thank you for continuing your support of our parish, Diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.



Justice & Peace and Outreach

Support Your Commitment to Care for God's Creation

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

-Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #217

To protect the poor and future generations, Pope Francis urges the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to take serious action to address the ecological crisis. His encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* is a compelling call to care for our common home, the Earth, God's great gift to us. This builds on a long history of Catholic social teaching.

Joining groups that are acting on creation care can support your efforts to protect "God's handiwork". Consider joining our Care for God's Creation Team, local organizations, or state or national advocacy groups. You'll get innovative ideas on how to make a difference. To work in solidarity with faith-based groups, investigate the Catholic Climate Covenant and take their pledge; check out Creation Justice Ministries, or the *Laudato Si'* Movement. There's power in numbers! You can make a difference!

To join Pastorate 21's Care for God's Creation Team, contact Trudi Jenny, trudijenny@yahoo.com.



KoC's Recruiting February 3-4

Next weekend, the Knights of Columbus #4527 will be hosting a table for recruitment. We get it—just the thought of anyone asking you to contribute your time is very daunting. But we know that so many things we do benefit our community in so many ways, we can't just walk away from asking for your help to become a member of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus are a group of Catholic men who are living their faith at home, their parish, and in their community. Margaret Mead once said, "never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." We are not asking you to donate a ton of hours. It is what you can do when you can do it. We have two ways for you to join us, stop and see us at the recruitment table or join online at KofC.org/joinus. We are council #4527.



Faith & Family



2023-24 Faith Formation—January

High School Youth: Sundays 5-7PM
January 28—Pro-Life Presentation

MS Youth: Wednesdays 6-7:30PM
January 31—Why do I need a savior?

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

January 30&31

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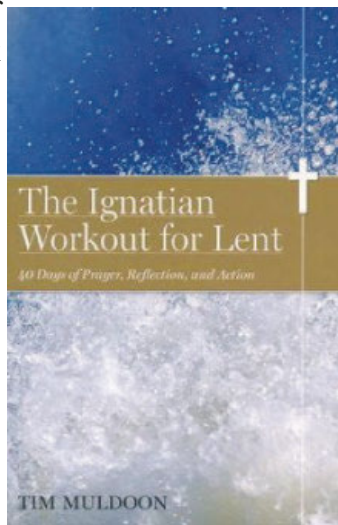
Young Adult Ministry

We'll be starting a new book for the season of Lent. We'll be looking at Tim Muldoon's *The Ignatian Workout for Lent: 40 Days of Prayer, Reflection, and Action*.

Please email Robert if you plan to attend this book study so that he can give you a copy of the book. A meeting explaining the format of the book will take place on **Feb. 8 at Panera Bread on Mineral Point Rd at 7p.**

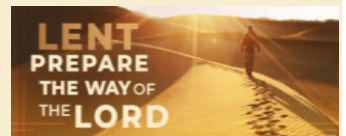
If you plan to be part of this study, please contact Robert Rosa-Cruz at:

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Lenten Study Groups

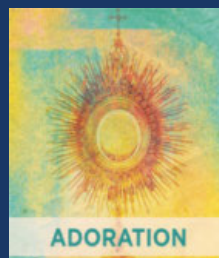
Is your Small Christian Community looking for study suggestions for Lent?



Queen of Peace groups, please contact Cheryl Horne: 608-231-4616 or Cheryl.horne@qopc.org

STA groups, please contact Jenny Ludtke: 608-833-2606 or jennifer@stamadison.org

Join us for Adoration at St. Thomas Aquinas



Mondays: 2:00-4:00 PM

Tuesdays: 3:15-4:10 PM

Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 27

4:30 PM Millie Sorensen✙

Sunday, January 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

8:00 AM Timothy Kennedy✙

10:00 AM Tom Schomisch✙

1:00 PM Alex Martin✙

Monday, January 29

8:30 AM Janice McGinley✙

Tuesday, January 30

5:30 PM Bernadine Oparaji✙

Wednesday, January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest

8:30 AM Dr Oscar D. Gutierrez✙

Thursday, February 1

7:30 AM Frederick Halverson✙

Friday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

8:30 AM John Kjentvet✙

10:00 AM (Oakwood) Shirley Stathas✙

Saturday, February 3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

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

Sunday, February 4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Linda Schwab✙

10:00 AM Darlene Limber✙

1:00 PM Zoila Díaz de Rossel

Weekly Offertory Update

| Weekend Offertory | Income* | MDCC & MDCC Endowment |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 2024 Year Goals | \$1,531,500 | \$280,000 |
| 2024 Year Totals | \$79,609 | \$13,428 |
| Percent of Goal Reached (YTD) | 5.20% | 4.80% |
| Solemnity of Mary 1/1/2024 | \$909 | - |
| Week 1 1/7/2024 | \$14,302 | \$160 |
| Week 2 1/14/2024 | \$14,392 | \$796 |
| Week 3 1/21/2024 | \$11,973 | \$6,965 |
| January ACH 1/23/2024 | \$38,033 | \$5,507 |
| Week 4 1/28/2024 | | |
| January 2024 Totals | \$79,609 | \$13,428 |
| January 2024 Goals | \$136,500 | \$30,000 |

*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 29:

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Monday, February 5:

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 (8)/
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-7/
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/
Ps 86:1-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10-12/
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7-10/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9-14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-6 (see 3a)/
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Prayers

January 28th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.*

For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace; *We pray to the Lord.*

May Christ's light continue to shine throughout the year as we pray for, share our treasure with, and champion legislation that will support those in the margins; *We pray to the Lord.*



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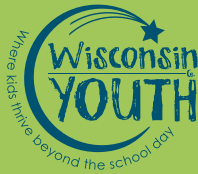
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