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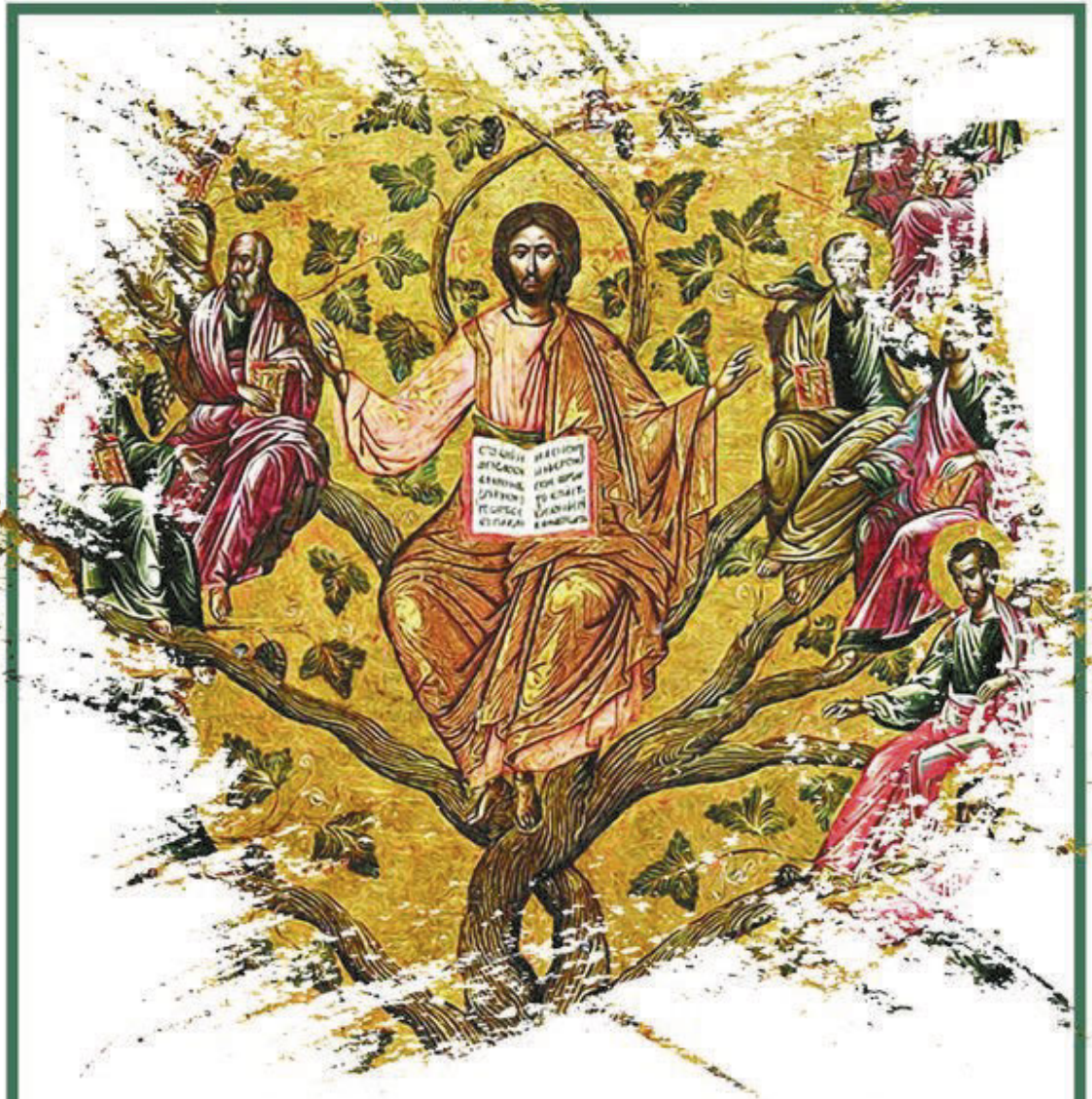
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“I AM THE TRUE VINE, AND MY FATHER IS THE
VINE GROWER.” —JN 15:1

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“YO SOY LA VERDADERA VID Y MI PADRE ES
EL VIÑADOR”. —JN 15, 1

5^º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. Psalm 22
Bendito sea el Señor. Aleluya. Salmo 21

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

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

Adoration

Mondays: 2:00-4:00 PM—STA

Tuesdays: 4:15-5:10 PM—STA

Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM—STA

Gospel Reflection of John 15:1-8

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

One of the things we sometimes miss in our Sunday Gospel readings is context. Take today's beautiful Gospel about the vine and the branches; it takes on extra meaning when we know that it comes to us from Chapter Fifteen of John's Gospel – the Last Supper Discourses. Jesus here is reassuring his apostles that he will be with them, even after his crucifixion. When understood in this light, the reading takes on a new poignancy that strikes a little deeper. For us, as the celebration of Easter begins to fade in our rearview mirror and the activities of spring ramp up, it is a good reminder that the risen Christ is still with us and that our mission as followers of Christ should not fade as well. As Jesus says in the final line of our Gospel today: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



Gospel Reflexion Juan 15,1-8 de deacano Jerome Buhman

Una de las cosas que a veces echamos de menos en las lecturas de los Evangelios dominicales es el contexto. Por ejemplo, el hermoso Evangelio de hoy sobre la vid y los sarmientos adquiere un significado especial cuando sabemos que procede del capítulo quince del Evangelio de San Juan: los Discursos de la Última Cena. Aquí, Jesús asegura a sus apóstoles que estará con ellos, incluso después de su crucifixión. Entendida de este modo, la lectura adquiere una nueva connotación, más profunda. Para nosotros, cuando la celebración de la Pascua empieza a desvanecerse en nuestro retrovisor y se intensifican las actividades de la primavera, es un buen recordatorio de que Cristo resucitado sigue con nosotros y de que nuestra misión como seguidores de Cristo no debe desvanecerse tampoco. Como dice Jesús en la última línea de nuestro Evangelio de hoy: "En esto es glorificado mi Padre, en que den mucho fruto y sean mis discípulos".

Diocese of Madison Sacred Music at the Oratory 2023-2024 Season

Holy Name Oratory
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Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 pm
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Sung by the Madison Diocesan Choir

Concert Program:

The Lord Is My Shepherd—Matthew
Oh, for a Closer Walk with God—Stanford
Psalm 133—Proulx
If Ye Love Me—Stopford
Sicut Cervus—Palestrina
Ave Maria—Biebl
O How Amiable—Vaughan Williams

Easter Art & Environment

Thank You!

Thank you for your generous donations towards the beautiful Easter décor in the church, including the lilies and other beautiful flowers, and also the palm trees and ferns, which we will use to decorate the sanctuary this Easter Season. Your gifts helped make our worship space beautiful for our celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and throughout this Easter season!

Throughout the year, our Art & Environment volunteers work hard to create a beautiful seasonal environment to enhance our prayer, decorating our entryway, gathering area, chapel, and church sanctuary. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we strive to make our space vibrant, welcoming, and inviting for all who come to pray with us. Our already beautiful church turns mesmerizing during the Easter Season and enlivens our prayer, as we welcome all people to experience Jesus Christ in a life-changing way! Thank you for your donations and gifts of remembrance towards our Easter flowers and palms.

We would also like to express gratitude to our Seasonal Art & Environment volunteers who work hard to bring more joy to the Easter season! Contact Greg Buchberger in the parish office to join our Art & Environment Team: greg@stamadison.org.

Total amount donated to Easter Flowers & Palms: \$2,250

Total amount spent on Easter Flowers & Palms: \$3,930

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Care for God's Creation Team

Thank you from Care for God's Creation

Thank you for celebrating Earth Day with us last weekend. And thank you to all who volunteered to help set-up, serve, and clean up at the events.

We had fun at our Tasting Tables event on Saturday night and welcomed many on Sunday as we brought back Donut Sunday. Fellowship, conversation, joy with lots of young ones joining us! We are grateful so many people took copies of the vegetarian recipes.

AND, (drum roll, please!), the WINNER of the competition for best recipe is Jim Ludtke. There were many runners-up close behind. See the photos of the event and a copy of the winning recipe. We have electronic versions of the recipes if you weren't able to pick them up last weekend. Contact Trudi Jenny at trudijenny@yahoo.com. Be sure to use "Vegetarian Meals" in your subject line.



'Souper' Meatloaf (with minor modification)

Source: Best Recipes From the Backs of Boxes, Bottles, Cans and Jars by Ceil Dyer

Mix together:

- 1 10.75 oz can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 2 lbs Impossible Meat
- 1/2 cup fine dry breadcrumbs
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 2 packs of Lipton Dry Onion Soup Mix
- 1 tsp. salt

Pack firmly in to a loaf pan. Bake for 1 hour. Sprinkle grated sharp cheddar cheese on top. Bake for another 5 minutes at 375F.

Why eat more vegetarian meals? Because raising animals creates more greenhouse gas emissions than planting, nurturing, and harvesting vegetables. We hope you will consider adding another meatless meal each week and find many new and delicious meals online by searching for "meatless meals."

"There is nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions.... All of these [actions] reflect a generous and worthy creativity which brings out the best in human beings.... Furthermore, such actions can restore our sense of self-esteem; they can enable us to live more fully and to feel that life on earth is worthwhile.

—Pope Francis, Laudati Si' (#211-212).

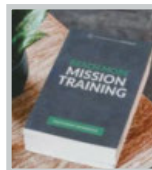


Thanks for the Lussier Pantry donations!

The shelves at the Lussier Community Education Center pantry are much fuller after last week's Sharing Sunday donations. Thanks to all of the parishioners who contributed 578 pounds of food and supply items. The response to LCEC's list of most needed items was appreciated—they now have lots of mandarin oranges, pasta sauce, sugar, dish washing soap and vegetable oil! Also, a huge thank you to the great team of volunteers who transported, weighed and sorted the food—job, well done!

From Sidney & Hannah at LCEC: 600 is a lot! And it is truly appreciated. We are so lucky to have such generous donations, and our community members are going to benefit from the specific items that you collected.

Evangelization



Feeling like you might be ready to share your love of Jesus?

Ready to debunk some myths about evangelization, and get equipped to authentically share your love of Jesus?

St. Thomas Aquinas has a partnership with Evangelical Catholic, and has used their Reach More training program for nearly three years. This is a training course that involves not only group classes, but one-on-one time and daily prayer to help you take what you are learning to heart. This training group is intended to help people who are already faithful and connected to deepen their spiritual life, to grow as disciples, and to grow in the confidence and competence that will help draw others to Jesus...without having to knock on doors or stand on street corners!

Join Jenny Ludtke for an information session on Wednesday, May 1, at 9:15am in the STA parish library.

The intention is to launch a new cohort that would meet on Wednesday mornings, starting in June. RSVPs are helpful but not necessary. Not able to make it, but interested? Contact Jenny Ludtke at 833-2606 or jennifer@stamadison.org.

Liturgy



First Communion—May 4-5

This is a very exciting time for all of our First Communicants preparing for the sacrament. Just a heads-up that First Communion will be celebrated next weekend on **Saturday, May 4, at**

4:30 PM, and on **Sunday, May 5, at 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM Masses**. All pews on the main floor of the church will be reserved for these families at the 4:30 PM & 10 AM Masses. Please plan accordingly.

Don't just sit there!

Of course, you are not just sitting in church. You are praying! God is calling you to do more.

Servers at all Masses are needed. Servers assist the priest during Mass. This is a great way to stay focused on the Eucharistic prayer.

Ministers of Hospitality are also needed to greet people, help them find seats, take up the collection, put out bulletins, etc. If you love meeting people, being a minister of hospitality is for you.

Contact Holly Irving at holly@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600 if you are interested in being a server or minister of hospitality.

Faith & Family

Ministerio Juvenil



Youth Ministry

2023-24 Faith Formation—April

High School Youth: Sundays 5-7PM

April 28—End of Year Celebration

MS Youth: Wednesdays 6-7:30PM

Summer Break!

PK/EL Tuesday & Wednesday

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

Summer Break!

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vulnerable among us.

"Whoever receives one
child such as this in my
name receives me."

Mt 18:5.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27

4:30 PM Dennis Daly ☩

Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM John Halloran ☩

10:00 AM Donald Michalski ☩

1:00 PM Emilianno Andrés Pineda ☩

Monday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Zanne Gray ☩ & David Gray ☩

Tuesday, April 30 St. Pius V, Pope

5:30 PM Maria Augusta Nehring ☩

Wednesday, May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

8:30 AM Russ & Marion Bridge ☩

Thursday, May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer

7:30 AM Teresa Drogalis ☩

Friday, May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

8:30 AM Piotr Sak & Jan Szylow ☩

10:00 AM (Oakwood) TBD

Saturday, May 4 First Communion

4:30 PM Walt & Peg Sauer ☩

Sunday, May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter/ First Communion

8:00 AM Matt Dorn ☩

10:00 AM Margaret Cushman ☩

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

Weekly Offertory Update**

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2024 Year Goals	\$1,531,500	\$280,000
2024 Year Totals	\$472,829	\$63,213
Percent of Goal Reached (YTD)	30.87%	22.58%
Week 1 4/8/2024	\$17,981	\$4,662
Week 2 4/14/2024	\$18,256	\$2,770
Week 3 4/21/2024	\$19,856	\$1,445
ACH April 4/23/2024	\$39,365	\$5,322
Week 4 4/28/2024		
April 2024 Totals	\$95,457	\$14,199
April 2024 Goals	\$147,000	\$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

Monday, April 29:

Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Monday, May 6:

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 (26a)/ 1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1-4
(see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-1

Prayers

April 28th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

For elected officials:

May they work to protect human life
from conception to natural death;

We pray to the Lord.

For all the faithful:

That God may bless them with pruning
so they may be more fruitful
in their work for justice, peace, and sustainability;

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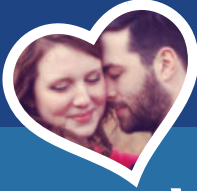
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