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We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday: Masses in English.....	8:00 & 10:00 AM
Misa en español/Mass in Spanish.....	6:30 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30 AM
Tuesday	5:30 PM
Thursday	7:30 AM

Confession

Saturdays, 3:15–4:10 PM

Sundays, 9:00–9:50 AM

Prayer, Devotion, and Adoration

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Monday after Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Wednesday after Mass

Morning Prayer: Thursday after Mass

Rosario en español: Thursday, 6:00–7:00 PM

Rosary in English: Friday, 8:05 AM

Adoration: Monday, 2:00–4:00 PM

Tuesday, 4:15–5:20 PM

Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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“En el cielo habrá más alegría por un pecador que se arrepiente, que por noventa y nueve justos, que no necesitan arrepentirse.”

LC 15, 7

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to repentance.”

LK 15:7

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 15, 2019**

**Vigésimo Cuarto Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario
15 de Septiembre de 2019**



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our Gospel today with the parables of mercy remind us that no matter how far we wander, God the Father will always run to welcome us back! I invite you to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Time with Family and Presbyteral Assembly

Thank you to Fr. Jim Kuhn for presiding at our Masses while I am away. I will spend time this weekend with my family, then attend the Presbyteral Assembly at Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. This year is our first assembly with Bishop Donald Hying. Our theme is: The Sacrificial and Fatherly Heart of the Celibate Priest. We will have two presenters: Rev. Carter Griffin from St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington D.C. and Dr. John Bergsma, Professor of Theology at Franciscan University and author. For Sacramental emergencies, please contact Erik Gyr, our Pastoral Associate.

Make Disciples Capital Campaign!

Thank you for your enthusiasm for this massive undertaking and for your support of the campaign. Please sign up to attend one of our information sessions. We have a very solid start and great momentum thanks to our generous donors we met with during the silent portion of the campaign. Please consider making a sacrificial gift to the campaign above and beyond what you are already contributing annually in support of our parish. May God bless us in this endeavor!

Annual Pledging of our Time, Talent, and Treasure

Next weekend we will conduct our annual in-pew pledging of our Time, Talent and Treasure. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we give our whole lives to Him. This is an important weekend for us as a parish family because it is only by all of us working together and doing our fair share that we can continue our mission of growing in love for Jesus and sharing our love of Jesus with others. Please pray this week about how God is calling you to share your gifts, finances, and time with our parish family and be prepared to make a pledge next weekend. Also, I encourage you to read our Annual Financial Report available on our website, at the parish office, or by calling and having one mailed to you.

KNOW YOUR FAITH TO GROW YOUR FAITH
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Tuesday Evenings
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

SEPTEMBER 24th
The Profession of Faith

OCTOBER 1st
The Christian Mystery



OCTOBER 8th
Life in Christ

OCTOBER 15th
Christian Prayer

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- Discuss the pillars of our faith.
- Learn how to trust a loving God we cannot see.
- Deepen your experience with God.

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Smiling Faces Needed at Weekend Masses

We need parishioners to greet people warmly and offer assistance to anyone who seems to want it. You don't have to have all the answers, just be willing to help find them. Scheduling is very flexible! If you love meeting people and helping them feel welcome, please contact Holly Irving.

Prayer for Life

For all whose hearts ache from participating in abortion: may they be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Peace

For all whose hearts ache for those whose lives are lost in devastating storms: May they seek the Lord's compassion and healing for the families left behind; We pray to the Lord:

A Prayer for Catechists

As we all share in being Catechists to those around us on this Catechetical Sunday let us pray together this week for one another. To bring the love and understanding of Jesus to those around us.

Loving God, Creator of all things, you call us to be in relationship with you and others.

Thank you for calling me to be a catechist, for the opportunity to share with others what you have given to me.

May all those with whom I share the gift of faith discover how you are present in all things.

May they come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips, so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.

May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth.

May all my words and actions reflect your love. Amen.

Parish Life Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 18 at 5:30

Our parish has something happening all the time! With this the Parish Life Committee is looking for people interested to help with current activities and some that have yet to be announced.

If you are interested in learning more about Parish Life, what we currently do, what kind of help is needed, and what is planned for the future, then this meeting is for you.

The Parish Life Committee is in need of becoming more of a 'hearts and hands' committee. How can we be more responsive to the changing and expanding needs of the parish, and to make the rest of 2019 more warm and welcoming for fellow parishioners and guests? To RSVP or ask questions please contact Clarice Hinrichs.



Thanks for the Veggies!

Four “stouthearted men” from the parish have done a great job of planting, fertilizing, stringing tomatoes, hand weeding (a lot) and harvesting this summer! That hard work has yielded “fruits of our labor” for many people in need in southern Wisconsin. The bulk of the produce went to Green Care food pantry in Monticello, but tomatoes were delivered to Badger Prairie food pantry in Verona, Badger Prairie Needs Network in Verona, and Middleton Outreach Ministry (who received over a hundred pounds of tomatoes for their food pantry). Badger Prairie Needs Network was very appreciative of the tomatoes (especially the heirloom tomatoes) and peppers. What a wonderful blessing we are able to share thanks to the work of faithful volunteers!

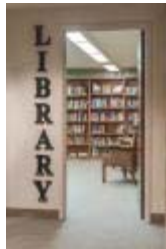
Small Group Opportunities

Looking for a way to grow in your faith? Take a look at the poster in the gathering area for opportunities to start with a small faith sharing group this fall!

One correction: The Tuesday mornings (10-11:30 AM) with Carol Wright meets at her home near UNIVERSITY Hospital (not St. Mary’s), starting mid-OCTOBER (Not mid-September).

Looking for Books

The library committee is asking you to check your shelves for library books checked but not returned. There are no fines, but we would love to get these resources back for others to use! There is a basket in the library in which to place them. Thank you very much!



STA Singles Dinner Out

Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Singles for our monthly dinner at The Nitty Gritty, 1021 N Gammon Rd, Middleton on Wednesday, September 18 at 6 PM. RSVP by Monday, September 16 to Jill at jillymoose18@yahoo.com or 608-604-3070.

40 Days for Life Vigil

September 25 - November 3

St. Thomas Aquinas will again participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign in Madison. Could you pray with Jesus for mothers and their unborn child one hour during these 40 days?

St. Thomas Aquinas will pray at Planned Parenthood each Wednesday during the Vigil from 5 - 6 PM and 6 - 7 PM. At least two people will be present during each of these two hours, starting on Wednesday, September 25. Signup sheets for our parish commitment will be in the Gathering area. For more information on 40 Days for Life or to sign up for hours at other times contact go to: 40daysforlife.com/Madison.

Films for Caregivers on Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias

September 29 and October 13 at 11:15 AM at STA

The first film is *Caring for Someone Who Has Early to Mid-Stage Alzheimer’s Disease*; the second is *Caring for Someone Who Has Mid to Late-Stage Alzheimer’s Disease*. Catholic Charities Dementia Specialist, Susan Rutter, will introduce each film and answer questions.

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Learn more about our Make Disciples Capital Campaign by attending a one hour informational session.

Sunday, September 15: 1:00 PM

Tuesday, September 17: 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, or 7:30 PM

Tuesday, September 24: 10:00 AM, 3:00 PM or 7:30 PM

Thursday, September 26: 10:00 PM, or 7:30 PM.

Saturday, September 28: 11:00 AM

Please call Holly Irving and let her know which session you will be attending.

IRA Rollover

Wondering what to do with your annual IRA distribution? If you and/or your spouse are in your 70s this may be a great gift to the parish and provide advantages to you:

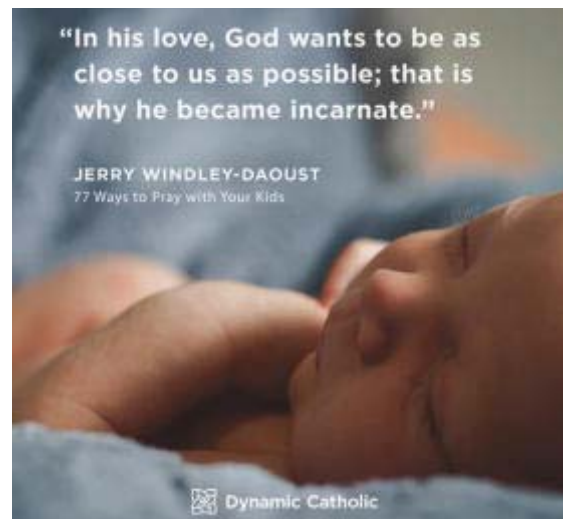
- Avoid taxes on a transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to the parish
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize.

Season of Creation: Learn, Discern, Decide

As we pray and reflect on our Care of Creation journey during the Season of Creation, let us move forward by learning more about what we can do. A great place to start is to read Pope Francis’s encyclical, *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*, available at the Vatican website or in book format. A summary and action steps are available through the Catholic Climate Covenant in their Resources section.

We also encourage that you sign the St. Francis pledge on the Catholic Climate Covenant website. Go to catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/st-francis-pledge. The pledge is simple: "I pledge to pray, live, and advocate *Laudato Si’*". Once you sign up, you will receive a confirmation with many ideas on how to implement that pledge. The resources and articles on the CCC website and their monthly newsletters are very informative on all that the Catholic Church is doing to promote Care of Creation.

Learn more, discern what you can do, and take actions that contribute to saving God’s Creation for future generations. Questions: contact Trudi Jenny, at trudijenny@yahoo.com.



The Alpha Course Begins in October! Who Will You Invited?

What is Alpha?

On paper, it doesn't seem all that different from a 'study group'. What makes it different is that no question is off the table, no presumptions about faith are made, and the big questions of life are open for discussion. Alpha is a series of gatherings that provide a comfortable, hospitable environment to explore the basics of the Christian faith and the big questions of life. Alpha has been going strong for over 30 years, all over the world!



What Happens at an Alpha Session?



GOOD FOOD

Each Alpha gathering begins with food and refreshments. This is a time of fun and relaxation in a casual atmosphere.



ALPHA TALK

Following refreshments there is a video of a short talk exploring various aspects of the Christian faith.



DISCUSSION

Guests get into small groups where everyone is welcome to share thoughts and ask questions in a non-judgmental and relaxed setting.

Who Should Come to Alpha?

Alpha is intended for those who may not believe Christian teachings, or who have questions, or aren't part of any church. However, anyone who wants to get to know Jesus and their faith better is welcome. Has it been awhile since you had to explain the basics of what we believe about Jesus and our faith? Do you have a family member or friend who has stepped away? Alpha can help you talk with them in a new way, or give them a place to ask their own questions.

**Come, invite a friend, a family member, or several!
Please RSVP by Friday, September 27, or for more information, contact Jennifer Ludtke**

Alpha Course Topics	Tuesday "cocktail hour" 6:45 - 8:30 PM	Wednesday, 5:30 - 7:15 PM
Is there more to life than this?	10/1	10/2
Who is Jesus?	10/8	10/9
Why did Jesus die?	10/15	10/16
How can we have faith?	10/22	10/23
Why and how do I pray?	10/29	10/30
Alpha Day Away	Saturday, November 2	
Why and how should I read the Bible?	11/5	11/6
How does God guide us?	11/12	11/13
Why and how should I tell others?	11/19	11/20
Does God heal today?	12/3	12/4
Closing Potluck—Saturday, 12/14 after 4:30 Mass		

Music & Liturgy with Greg Buchberger

Join our music ministry! There is still time!

STA Parish Choir: Rehearsal is Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

STA Choristers: Rehearsals is Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 PM

STA Spanish Choir: Rehearsals is Sundays at 5:15 PM

New Choir Accompanist!

I am excited to introduce Jason (Jason) Giagtzoglu, who will serve as our choir accompanist at rehearsals and the 10:00 AM Mass with the Parish Choir. Jason has a vast background in music, and I am excited for the gifts he will share with our community, which will allow me to serve more efficiently as choir director when the whole choir is here!



Jason is studying at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, working on his Doctor of Musical Arts - Piano Performance, Minor in Administration in Arts Organizations, and also studying organ with John Chappell Stowe. He finished his Masters in Piano Performance at California State University at Long Beach in 2018, and graduated from the University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece with his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance in 2016. We are extremely blessed to have Jason joining us while he studies here in Madison.

Make Disciples Campaign Supports Our Music Ministry!

As was announced last weekend, we are beginning our Make Disciples Capital Campaign, which will finally address our inadequate and failing sound system, the overcrowded, hazardous music area in church, the purchase of a new piano, and eventually the enlargement and remodeling of our music rehearsal space. As we continue to strive to be a place where everyone is welcome, known, and prayed for, these updates will help us serve our parishioners and guests with renewed passion and vitality.

I am proud of how our parish music program has developed. We now have over 50 musicians, with 35+ members in the Parish Choir alone, when everyone is present. Our musicianship has also grown, enabling us to sing a wider repertoire of music. Our volunteer musicians dedicate on average at least 3-4 hours EVERY week to this ministry, and we have been challenged to grow in our faith in real and concrete ways.

Currently we rehearse in the parish nursery, which has poor acoustics and only room for 32 seats. At least twice a week we must reset furniture and chairs and put toys away. In the church, we squeeze into a maximum of 27 seats on unsafe, portable risers. Our parish musicians and I are so very excited and grateful to see these dreams and plans finally coming to fruition with the kickoff of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign. Thank you for all that you do to support our vibrant ministry of sung prayer at St. Thomas Aquinas!



Toys on the shelves and piled behind the piano (see the reflection in the window) make full choir rehearsals very crowded.

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, September 15

Confessions9:00 AM
 Make Disciples Campaign Group Meeting, Upper Conf. Rm 1:00 PM

Monday, September 16

Make Disciples Campaign Group Meeting, Upper Conf. Rm 6:00 PM
 Encounter School of Healing Follow Up, Upper Conf. Rm 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 17

Make Disciples Campaign Group Meeting, Fire Side Room10:00 AM
 Make Disciples Campaign Group Meeting, Fire Side Room 1:00 PM
 Marian Prayer Cenacle Group, Library 6:00 PM
 Men's Evening of Recollection, Chapel, confessional 6:00 PM
 St. Vincent de Paul, Upper Conference Room 6:30 PM
 Make Disciples Campaign Group Meeting 7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 18

Toddler Time, Upper Conference Room and Nursery9:00 AM
 Parish Life Committee Meeting, Social Hall 5:30 PM
 Care Team Meeting, Lower Conference Room 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 19

Spanish Rosary, Church 6:00 PM
 The Wild Goose, Upper Conference Room 6:30 PM
 Spanish Bible Study, Lower Conference Room 7:00 PM

Friday, September 20

Skein of Geese, Bride's Room9:00 AM

Saturday, September 21

STACKS, Room 102-104 1:00 PM
 Confessions 3:15 PM

Sunday, September 22

Confessions9:00 AM
 Make Disciples Capital Campaign Spanish Meeting 6:30 PM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, September 20, Rosary
Brookdale: Friday, September 20, Word and Communion
Sebring: Sunday, September 22, Word and Communion

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

September 7/8

Offertory / Envelopes \$17,878
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Counters Schedule

Monday, September 16: Dick and Mary Ann Ihlenfeld
Monday, September 23: Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, September 14

4:30 PM Gil Schlimgen ☩

Sunday, September 15: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

8:00 AM Living and deceased members of the Neu Family
 10:00 AM Luisa Belen Fernandez ☩
 6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, September 16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:30 AM Elizabeth Madigan ☩

Tuesday, September 17: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:30 PM Madeline and Don Pepper ☩

Wednesday, September 18

8:30 AM Tom Gombar ☩

Thursday, September 19: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

7:30 AM Shirley DiRienzo ☩

Friday, September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 AM Jay Standiford ☩

Saturday, September 21

4:30 PM Family of John and Kay McDonald ☩

Sunday, September 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM James and Marilyn Schaefer ☩
 10:00 AM Jerry Conwell ☩
 6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of September 15

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/

1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/
 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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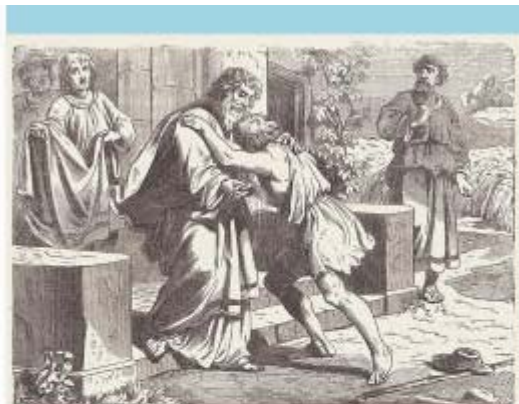
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Parroquia Santo Tomás de Aquino

Ama a Dios. Ama a los Demás. Haz Discípulos!

Somos una parroquia Católica donde las personas presencian a Jesucristo de una manera que cambia la manera en la que viven.



"En el cielo habrá más alegría por un pecador que se arrepiente, que por noventa y nueve justos, que no necesitan arrepentirse."
LC 15, 7

Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

Vigésimo cuarto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¡El Evangelio de hoy, con las parábolas de la misericordia, nos recuerda que no importa cuán lejos vaguemos, Dios el Padre siempre acudirá a darnos la bienvenida! Los invito a experimentar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación.



Compromiso anual de nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro

El próximo fin de semana realizaremos nuestro compromiso anual en nuestro banco de nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro. Como discípulos de Jesucristo, le entregamos toda nuestra vida. Este es un fin de semana importante para nosotros como familia parroquial porque solo si todos trabajamos juntos y hacemos nuestra parte justa para apoyar a nuestra parroquia y a nuestros ministerios, podemos continuar nuestra misión de crecer en el amor a Jesús y compartir nuestro amor por Jesús con los demás. Ore esta semana acerca de cómo Dios lo está llamando a compartir sus dones, finanzas y tiempo con nuestra familia parroquial y prepárese para hacer una promesa el próximo fin de semana. Además, le animo a leer nuestro Informe financiero anual disponible en nuestro sitio web, en la oficina de la parroquia, o llamando y le enviaremos uno por correo.

Catequesis para niños y jóvenes

Es tiempo de registrar a sus hijos e hijas en la catequesis! Por favor comuníquese con Lorianne Aubut para registrarse. Registro temprano termina el 9 de septiembre.

ALPHA en español

Todo adulto está invitado a nuestras sesiones de ALPHA en español para este Otoño. Comenzaremos el miércoles, 2 de octubre con una cena para la familia a las 5:30 PM. Sesiones corren de 6:00 – 7:15 cada miércoles de octubre a diciembre. Para registrarse comuníquese con Lorianne Aubut.

Misa en español

Domingos 6:30 PM

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15 - 4:10 PM y por cita con el párroco

Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00 - 4:00 PM en la capilla

Martes 4:15 - 5:25 PM en la capilla

Viernes 9:00 - 10:00 AM en la capilla

Rosarios en español

Jueves 6:00 PM

Estudio Bíblico en español

Jueves 7:00 PM

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Sacramentos y otros

Para Bautismos, Primera Comunión, Confirmación, Matrimonios y Quinceañeras contacte a Lorianne Aubut. Para la unción de los enfermos contacte a Mary Bailey.

Oración por la Vida

Por todos a quienes les duele el corazón por su participación en un aborto: para que sean fortalecidos para buscar la compasión, misericordia y sanación del Señor en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación; roguemos al Señor:

Oración de Paz

Para todos aquellos cuyos corazones duelen por aquellos cuyas vidas se pierden en tormentas devastadoras: Que busquen la compasión y la curación del Señor por las familias que quedan atrás; Oramos al Señor:

Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de septiembre

Domingo: Ex 32, 7-11. 13-14/Sal 51 3-4. 12-13. 17. 19 [Lc 15, 18]/

1 Tim 1, 12-17/Lc 15, 1-32 o 15, 1-10

Lunes: 1 Tim 2, 1-8/Sal 28, 2. 7. 8-9 [6]/Lc 7, 1-10

Martes: 1 Tim 3, 1-13/Sal 101, 1-2. 2-3. 5. 6 [2]/Lc 7, 11-17

Miércoles: 1 Tim 3, 14-16/Sal 111, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [2]/Lc 7, 31-35

Jueves: 1 Tim 4, 12-16/Sal 111, 7-8. 9. 10 [2]/Lc 7, 36-50

Viernes: 1 Tim 6, 2-12/Sal 49, 6-7. 8-10. 17-18. 19-20/Lc 8, 1-3

Sábado: Ef 4, 1-7. 11-13/Sal 19, 2-3. 4-5 [5]/Mt 9, 9-13

Domingo siguiente: Am 8, 4-7/Sal 113, 1-2. 4-6. 7-8 [cfr. 1. 7]/

1 Tim 2, 1-8/Lc 16, 1-13 o 16, 10-13