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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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I have baptized
you with water;
He will baptize
You with the
Holy Spirit
Mk 1:8

Yo los he bautizado
a ustedes con agua,
pero él los bautizará
con el Espíritu Santo. "

Marcos 1, 8

SEcond Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
19 de enero de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Along with proclaiming Jesus as the Lamb of God, John the Baptist tells us what this Lamb has come to earth to do: “Baptize with the Holy Spirit!” The first and second readings show us what this baptism will enable and call us to: To be light to the nations, and to be a people called to be holy. To be holy and to be a light, are not things that people can cause by the force of their own will. Only through the power of the Holy Spirit can our intentions to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Lamb of God, be fulfilled. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit to empower us and help us to be true missionary disciples of Jesus Christ!

Safe Haven Sunday - Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations

The constant flood of influence from the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it’s not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It’s only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage.

This weekend, every parish in our Diocese of Madison will celebrate our second annual Safe Haven Sunday. This weekend will provide free resources to give you confidence to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices.

The most powerful tool we have when it comes to teaching our children about the beauty of their sexuality in the digital age is conversation. Real, honest, “look them in the eyes” conversations about their deep questions. In the digital age, passive parenting is not an option—the internet never rests.

Safe Haven Sunday is celebrated through prayer and reflection in the context of the Mass. After Mass, Covenant Eyes’ most recent book, *Confident: Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure*, will be available for families to take home with them. This book includes a free seven-day text-to-opt-in program with practical tips for caring adults to create safer digital environments for themselves and young people. Simply text SECURE to 66866 to begin receiving guidance!

Thank you for celebrating with us! If you have questions or would like more information on this topic, please visit madisondiocese.org/safehavensunday or contact the STA Parish Office.

47th Anniversary of Legalized Abortion

On January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the U.S. Since then millions of children have lost their lives and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. This coming Wednesday, January 22, Catholics will observe the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” Individuals are called to observe the day by acts of penance and prayer. All are welcome to attend our 8:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, Jan. 22 as we pray for the legal protection of the unborn.

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Every Life is Worth Living Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.
Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear,
pain, and suffering.
Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable,
and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.
Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need,
and teach us to be merciful to all.
Through our words and actions, may others encounter the
outstretched hands of Your mercy.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Life

May every expectant mother encounter loving support as she awaits the birth of her child; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Justice

May every citizen study all the issues of injustice in our society and vote for candidates that will best live up to the tenets of our faith; We pray to the Lord:

Spaghetti Dinner

Please plan to attend our Spaghetti Supper **on Saturday, February 1 after the 4:30 PM Mass.**



We look forward to this annual event that helps us build community and enjoy an evening together as a parish family. Cost is a free-will offering. Be sure to mark you calendar so you don’t miss this special celebration.

This event needs many people to help make it a success. Signup sheets are in the Gathering Area. For more information, please contact Clarice Hinrichs. Thank you to all our volunteers who make this one of the high-lights of the year!

Ordination of Dcn. Lawrence Oparaji

Thank you all for your prayers, support, and kindness as we walk with Dcn. Lawrence on his journey. Here are the details of the Ordination and First Masses of Thanksgiving:



- Saturday, February 22, at 10:30 AM at Holy Name Heights, in the Bishop O’Donnell Chapel, Rev. Mr. Lawrence Oparaji will be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Presbyterate. Seating is limited in the Chapel, and it may be difficult to find a seat.
- His First Mass of Thanksgiving is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, at 1:00 PM at STA. All are welcome to attend this special Mass and the Reception that follows in the Social Hall. **If you plan to attend the reception, please RSVP to Clarice Hinrichs.** If you are willing to supply a dessert for the reception please contact Clarice.
- His Second Mass of Thanksgiving is scheduled for Sunday, March 1 at 9:00 AM at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, 221 Columbus St, Sun Prairie.

Please pray that Dcn. Lawrence’s father, Kenneth, will be granted a travel visa.

At this time the parish has purchased the supplies Dcn. Lawrence needs for the priesthood. If you would like to give a gift celebrating his ordination our suggestion is money to help cover his car payments, gas to visit parishioners, car insurance, and other expenses he will incur starting out as a priest.

World Poverty Simulation

Last Sunday our Middle and High School Faith formation class did a world poverty simulation that highlights the factors that can lead to poverty. Students, parents, and parishioners worked together to learn more about poverty.



STA Singles Dinner Out

Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Singles for our monthly dinner at Imperial Garden, 2039 Allen Blvd., Middleton on Tuesday, January 21 at 6 PM RSVP by Sunday, January 19 to Jill at 1-608-604-3070 or jillymoose18@yahoo.com.

Charitable Gift Annuity

Did you know that you can make a charitable gift that also benefits you in a practical way? A Charitable Gift Annuity is a notation you make to our parish, yet you will receive a payment for the rest of your life! Plus, you may receive a charitable tax deduction and reduced capital gains taxes. Ultimately your gift will support our parish, while supporting you during your lifetime.

Medical Assistance During Mass

If you are a doctor, nurse, first responder, or EMT, and willing to help with an emergency during Mass please check in with Holly when you get to Mass and tell her where you will sit! Thanks in advance for your help!

Community Meal Program THIS Wednesday, January 22

This Wednesday, January 22, STA parishioners will provide the noon meal at Luke House on Madison's east side. If you signed up to provide food in January, please have it at the parish no later than 10 AM that day.

Note about February Community Meal: Because of Deacon Lawrence's ordination celebration on Sunday, Feb. 23, we will not have space in the freezer and refrigerator for food before Monday, Feb. 24. Please do not bring your food for the February meal before February 24. Thank you for your help.

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign. As of January 4, a total of 391 households have pledged \$2,936,024. If you did not get a chance to fill out a pledge card, you can find them in the Gathering Area by the mail slot.

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Campaign Progress



Fleece Tie Blankets and Recycle the Warmth!

January 25-26

Thank you to all who participated by donating fleece and by attending the fleece tie blanket activity as we made blankets for St. Vincent de Paul's Recycle the Warmth event! About 30 people of all ages participated in making 14 blankets that were completed that night, and another 27 blankets are being finished by individuals at home to be ready for the January 25 and 26 Recycle the Warmth blanket drive.

This was a wonderful experience combining service to our community and sharing God's love through warmth, all wrapped up with the fun of getting to know each other here at St. Thomas Aquinas parish! Be sure to mark your calendar to bring your donation of blankets to St. Thomas Aquinas that weekend, too. SVDP members will be in the gathering area to receive your donations.



Encounter School of Healing

February 7-8

St. William's in Janesville is hosting the Encounter School of Healing (the same conference that was here at STA this past summer), a conference to teach Catholics to boldly pray for Jesus' healing power and love to be made manifest in their lives. How many of us are praying for family members or acquaintances for God to reveal Himself in their lives?

Prayerfully consider participating in this conference if you are presently praying for the needs of someone dear to you, if you desire inner healing or a deepening of God's love, if you struggle with physical needs, anxiety, discouragement, or are in need of God's direction in your life. You are invited and encouraged to attend to see how God's healing love will work in your life and in those dear to you!

We cannot know how God's graces will flow and what he will do in the lives of those who attend and for those who are prayed for, but we do know that God desires our wholeness. This training may result in healing in one form or other for you, or for your family, or perhaps it will result in a desire to be part of the prayer ministry team at St. Thomas Aquinas. Register by going to encounterministries.us/encounter-school-of-healing/.

Administrative Assistant Full-Time

The Catholic Herald, official newspaper of the Diocese of Madison, is looking for a full-time administrative assistant with duties in secretarial/reception, circulation, editorial/production, and advertising areas. Macintosh, Quark, Microsoft Word, Outlook, social media, and Filemaker Pro experience helpful. Knowledge of the Catholic Church required. Excellent benefits. Send a cover letter with resume to: Mary Uhler, Editor, The Catholic Herald, Attn: Administrative Assistant Position, 702 S. High Point Rd., Suite 121, Madison, WI 53719-4926.

Or email: info@madisoncatholicaherald.org

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Offering a Bountiful Breakfast

Benefiting St Vincent de Paul Youth Service Council Scholarship Fund. Sunday, January 26 – 8:00 to 11:30 AM Catholic Multicultural Center West, 5256 Verona Rd – Fitchburg
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St. Francis Xavier School Now Enrolling for 20/21 School Year

Interested in learning more about St. Francis Xavier Catholic School? All STA parishioners are invited to attend the Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 9:30 AM - noon. Enjoy a free continental breakfast, tour the school, peruse student works on display and meet the teachers and staff.

St. Francis Xavier offers the same, low tuition rates to all Madison Diocese Parish Members as it does its own members. Parish Membership not required to enroll at school.

Seeking Small Group Hosts

Have you seen in the bulletin that we are going to begin a second round of new small groups? These groups are called Journey groups and will be starting in late February (right around the beginning of Lent). These groups help our parish family grow in Christian friendships and give us a way to encourage each other in our discipleship journeys.

Right now we are inviting small group hosts from all walks of life, and would love for you to consider saying yes to this role.

The Journey group gatherings last about 90 minutes each. There is time for prayer, conversation, scripture, and hospitality – all focused on helping participants grow closer to Jesus.

The small groups meet weekly for 7 weeks. The first get-together for each group is simply a chance to receive materials, get oriented, and share some great food.

Following that first night, there will be six 'content' sessions, and we are also encouraging each group to explore doing one service activity together. You could meet either at church or at your home, and you would pick the day of the week and time that works best for you.

We don't want hosts to be unprepared, so before the end of February, we will get everyone together for 3 hours of training – either two 1 ½ hour sessions, or one 3 hour session. We'll be taking time to talk about our own spiritual growth as well as cover all the practical things a host needs to know about running a Journey group.

What do you think? Would you be willing to hear more?

God bless, and thank you for prayerfully considering a yes to the invitation. Please contact Jenny Ludtke with your interest.

Young Adult Opportunities Coming Up

- **i.d.9:16 Disciples' Night Series: Why I'm Still Catholic**
As the Catholic Church continues to navigate scandal, confusion, corruption, and decline, we need confident answers for, "Why I'm Still Catholic..." Our next 5 part Disciples' Night series will focus on five areas that are often used as motivations to leave the faith but in reality are beautiful reasons to stay.
- **Social Dinner:** Saludos, fellow young adults! After a brief holiday hiatus, we will be resuming our monthly Social Dinner series with a stop at the newly opened Camino Real restaurant in Middleton. Please update your status on this FB event if you're planning to attend, so that we have a good estimate of how many folks to expect.
- **Young Adult Women: Retreat Opportunity** God Calls You. We Invite You. The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity invite single Catholic women 20-32 to a Come and See Weekend at Holy Family Convent Motherhouse in N.E. Wisconsin Feb 21-23. Experience their home and life; converse with sisters of all ages from new postulants and novices to those who have served several generations; enjoy a reflective trip to nearby Our Lady of Good Help shrine. The Sisters are also offering a 'Design Your Own Retreat' through 2020. Consider your specific discernment questions and hopes and, with guidance from a sister with retreat experience make 2020 a truly Discerning Year for yourself. Visit fsc-calledtobe.org for more info, or call or text Sr. Julie Ann Sheahan OSF 920-323-9632.



This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, January 19

Food Sunday

Rosary for Life, Church.....	7:30 AM
Confessions.....	9:00 AM
Rosary for Life, Church.....	10:00 AM
Middle and High School RE.....	11:15 AM

Tuesday, January 21

Rosary for Life, Church.....	5:00 PM
Prayer Team Meeting, Room 102 - 104.....	6:00 PM
Marian Prayer Cenacle Group, Library.....	6:00 PM
Men's Evening of Recollection, Chapel.....	6:00 PM
SVdP Conference Meeting, Upper Conference Room.....	6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22

Rosary for Life, Church.....	8:00 AM
Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room.....	9:00 AM
Community Meal Program Food due at parish by 10:00 AM	
Elementary RE.....	5:00 and 6:00 PM
Choristers Rehearsal, Music Room.....	5:00 PM
Spanish Alpha, Library.....	6:00 PM
RCIA, Lower Conference Room.....	7:00 PM

Thursday, January 23

Rosary for Life, Church.....	7:00 AM
Spanish Rosary, Church.....	6:00 PM
Parish Choir Rehearsal, Music Room.....	6:30 PM
Spanish Bible Study, Lower Conference Room.....	7:00 PM

Friday, January 24

Rosary for Life, Church.....	8:00 AM
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Saturday, January 25

Confessions.....	3:15 PM
Rosary for Life, Church.....	4:00 PM

Sunday, January 26

Rosary for Life, Church.....	7:30 AM
Confessions.....	9:00 AM
Rosary for Life, Church.....	10:00 AM
Middle and High School RE.....	11:15 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, January 24, Mass

Brookdale: No Service this Week

Sebring: Sunday, January 26, Word and Communion

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, January 18

4:30 PM Danny Meixelsperger ☩

Sunday, January 19: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Al Prieve ☩

10:00 AM Jim Nikolay ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, January 20: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr;

8:30 AM Helen and William Mianowski ☩

Tuesday, January 21: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

5:30 PM Jerry Quinn ☩

Wednesday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 AM George Ingwell and Living and Deceased Members of the Alighieri Family ☩

Thursday, January 23: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

7:30 AM Thomas O'Connell ☩

Friday, January 24: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Gary and Dick Bormett ☩

10:00 AM Ron Heinrichy ☩ at Oakwood

Saturday, January 25

4:30 PM Mary O'Meara ☩

Sunday, January 26: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

8:00 AM George Reilly ☩

10:00 AM Al and Evelyn Schaff ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of January 19

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

January 11/12

Offertory / Envelopes	\$18,155
Building Fund.....	\$381
Christmas Flowers.....	\$121

Counters Schedule

Monday, January 27: Phyllis Reindl and Dick Ihlenfeld

Monday, February 3 : Mary Michalski and Cyrilla Wipperfurth

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal as of October

STA Parish Pledge Total	\$142,169
Paid to Date	\$136,633

Thank you for fulfilling your pledge and supporting our Diocese of Madison.

Priests For The Future

Parish Pledge Total	\$1,423,789
Paid to Date	\$1,404,751
Total Over-Goal Sharing (October 2019)	\$394,594

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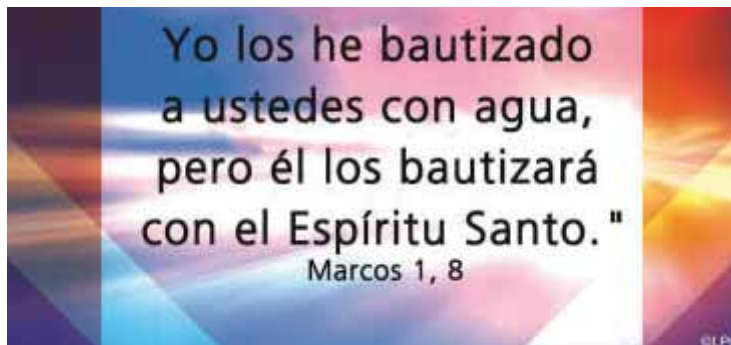
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Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Junto con proclamar a Jesús como el Cordero de Dios, Juan el Bautista nos dice lo que este Cordero ha venido a la tierra a hacer: “¡Bautiza con el Espíritu Santo!” La primera y segunda lectura nos muestran lo que este bautismo permitirá y nos llama a: Ser luz para las naciones y ser un pueblo llamado a ser santo. Ser santo y ser una luz, no son cosas que las personas puedan causar por la fuerza de su propia voluntad. Solo a través del poder del Espíritu Santo se pueden cumplir nuestras intenciones de seguir los pasos de Jesús, el Cordero de Dios. ¡Oremos al Espíritu Santo para empoderarnos y ayudarnos a ser verdaderos discípulos misioneros de Jesucristo!



Domingo de Refugio Seguro - Equipar a la familia: tener conversaciones críticas

La constante avalancha de influencia de Internet y las redes sociales en todas sus diversas formas, junto con las presiones sociales de sus compañeros, dificultan que los niños vivan vidas virtuosas y santas. En la era digital, no se trata de si su hijo verá algo inapropiado en línea. Solo es cuestión de cuándo. Y lamentablemente, la pornografía en Internet está enseñando a nuestros hijos cómo y qué pensar sobre el sexo y el matrimonio.

Este fin de semana, todas las parroquias de nuestra Diócesis de Madison celebrarán nuestro segundo domingo anual de Refugio Seguro. Este fin de semana proporcionará recursos gratuitos para darle confianza para hablar con sus hijos sobre los peligros de Internet, así como sus opciones personales en línea y fuera de línea.

La herramienta más poderosa que tenemos cuando se trata de enseñar a nuestros hijos sobre la belleza de su sexualidad en la era digital es la conversación. Conversaciones reales, honestas, "mírelos a los ojos" sobre sus preguntas profundas. En la era digital, la crianza pasiva no es una opción: Internet nunca descansa.

El Domingo de Refugio Seguro se celebra a través de la oración y la reflexión en el contexto de la Misa. Después de la Misa, un libro de Covenant Eyes estará disponible para que las familias lo lleven a casa. Este libro incluye un programa gratuito de mensajes de texto de siete días con consejos prác-

Oración por la Vida

Que toda mujer gestante encuentre el consuelo amoroso mientras espera el nacimiento de su hijo; roguemos al Señor:



tics para adultos afectuosos para crear entornos digitales más seguros para ellos y los jóvenes. ¡Simplemente envíe un mensaje de texto SECURE al 66866 para comenzar a recibir orientación! Si tiene preguntas o desea obtener más información sobre este tema, visite madisondiocese.org/safehavensunday o comuníquese con la Oficina Parroquial de STA.

47º aniversario del aborto legalizado

El 22 de enero de 1973, la Corte Suprema legalizó el aborto en todo Estados Unidos. Desde entonces, millones de niños han perdido la vida y millones de mujeres y familias han resultado heridas por el aborto. El próximo miércoles 22 de enero, los católicos observarán el “Día de oración por la protección legal de los niños no nacidos”. Las personas están llamadas a observar el día mediante penitencia y oración. Todos están invitados a asistir a nuestra misa a las 8:30 am el miércoles 22 de enero mientras oramos por la protección legal de los no nacidos.

Si usted o alguien que conoce sufre después del aborto, hay ayuda confidencial y compasiva disponible. Visite HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Oración Cada vida vale la pena vivir:

Padre celestial, gracias por el precioso regalo de la vida. Ayúdanos a apreciar y proteger este regalo, incluso en medio del miedo, dolor y sufrimiento.

Danos amor por todas las personas, especialmente las más vulnerables, y ayúdanos a dar testimonio de la verdad de que vale la pena vivir cada vida.

Concédenos la humildad para aceptar ayuda cuando la necesitamos, y enséñanos a ser misericordiosos con todos.

A través de nuestras palabras y acciones, que otros encuentren las Manos extendidas de tu misericordia.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

Cena de espagueti Santo Tomás de Aquino

Te invitamos a nuestra cena de espagueti el sábado 1 de febrero de 2020 después de las 4:30 p.m. Misa. Estamos ansiosos por este evento anual que nos ayuda a construir una comunidad y disfrutar una velada juntos como familia parroquial. ¡Gracias a todos nuestros voluntarios que trabajan tan diligentemente para ayudar a que este sea uno de los mejores momentos del año!



Safe Haven Sunday

Equipping the Family: Having Critical Conversations

The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers, make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In this digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's a matter of when.

Parents have the biggest influence on their kids' behaviors—more than their friends, school, or parish church. It's time to put that influence to use and have much needed conversations with your children.

Learn more about how to talk to your kids about internet dangers by reading Covenant Eyes' most recent book, *Confident: Helping Parents Navigate Online Exposure* (provided in the back of church on Safe Haven Sunday). Then, join a free seven-day text-to-opt-in program that provides vital practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and young people. Text **SECURE** to **66866** to begin receiving guidance today!

