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"Si me aman, cumplirán mis mandamientos; yo le rogaré al Padre y él les enviará otro Consolador que esté siempre con ustedes". - Jn 14, 15-16

6th
SUNDAY OF EASTER
"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." - Jn 14:15-16

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Parish Office Schedule

Monday - Friday by phone: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Church Building Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The church and chapel are the only areas open during these hours.

Mass Schedule

Live-stream on Facebook and homepage stamadison.org, then posted to YouTube

Sunday: 9:00 AM in English; 10:30 AM in Spanish

Monday: Fr. Bart will offer Mass in private

A staff member will post a personal prayer or devotion to Facebook sometime during the day

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:00 AM

Confession

Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturday: 9:00-10:00 AM

Adoration

Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturday: 9:00-10:00 AM

Sixth Sunday of Easter | Sexto Domingo de Pascua
May 17, 2020 | 17 de Mayo de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus will not leave us alone, He does not practice social distancing! He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans." He assures us in today's Gospel. He asks the Father to give us His Spirit,

to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading. The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons, proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized - that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation, by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord. We are rescheduling the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Hying for September 2020. Please continue to pray for our youth who have prepared so well for this Sacrament and have to postpone and wait to celebrate and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son. Let us live out our Confirmation by being witnesses to all that Jesus has done for us!

Novena to the Holy Spirit

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His Apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light, strength, and love so needed by every Catholic today. Please join in praying this Novena to the Holy Spirit each day beginning **Friday, May 22 and ending Sunday, May 31:**



"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

Continue to Celebrate Mary in the Month of May

If we truly love somebody, then we want to get to know them better, follow them more closely and finally to imitate their good qualities that we call virtues. St. Louis de Montfort in his classic *True Devotion to Mary* gives us a list of the ten principal virtues of Mary. Imitate them and you will be on the highway to holiness. Here they are:

Her deep humility,	lively faith,
blind obedience,	unceasing prayer,
constant self-denial,	surpassing purity,
ardent love,	heroic patience,
angelic kindness,	and heavenly wisdom!

St. Louis teaches us: "*The greatest saints, those richest in grace and virtue will be the most assiduous in praying to the most Blessed Virgin, looking up to her as the perfect model to imitate and as a powerful helper to assist them.*"

Prayer for Life

May our elected officials always strive to keep the Lord's Commandments and work for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Justice

For all who champion racial equality:
That they may be strengthened in their efforts knowing that the Advocate remains with and in them;
We pray to the Lord:

Our Comeback to Church!

We are getting closer to when we will be able to come back to Church. There are still a lot of unknowns, but if you would like to be part of the first ones back, please email Mary Bailey at Mary@stamadison.org and we will put you in the drawing for the limited seating that will be allowed. It is too bad that we won't be able to have everyone return, but we must follow the laws and we must be safe. Thank you for your patience with this situation. And please subscribe to our email list and visit our website for the most up to date information and news.

Looking for Face Mask Sewers

As we prepare for an eventual return to public celebrations of the Mass, we need to have face masks available for anyone that doesn't come with one. If you or someone you know are willing and able to make face masks and donate them to the parish, please contact the Parish Office at 833-2600 or email Clarice and let us know you are able to help out!

Thank You From Waspam, Nicaragua

Dear Fr. Timmerman,
I hope that this thank you note finds you in good health and enjoying the wonders of the Lord. Just to let you know that the \$2,500 was deposited into my account and I will make sure that it will get to the Sister in Waspam and Fr. Rodolfo

By the way we are trying to make the Misikito zone into a Prelature. The Papal Nuncio is in favor and Pope Francis had really given permission for 3 ecclesiastical jurisdictions when the Vicariate of Bluefields was dissolved. So right now I am Bishop of Bluefields, Apostolic Vicar of Siuna with the death of Bishop David Zywiec and trying to get off the ground a Prelature. I was 76 last December and ready for retirement.

Please give my thanks to all the People of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

United in prayer.

In the Risen Lord and His Mother Mary
Bishop Paul Schmitz, OFM Cap.

The Care of Creation Team Invites You to Join Them May 16 to 24!

From May 16 to 24, the Care of Creation team invites you to unite with Catholics worldwide to celebrate the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. We encourage you to sign up with the USCCB (usccb.org/environment) to receive daily reflections starting on May 16.

For additional inspiration, see the insert in today's bulletin which provides the major themes of the encyclical, offers opportunities to take action, and concludes with a prayer.

On Sunday, May 24 at noon local time, people around the world will be praying for protection of God's creation. We will include the prayer card in next week's bulletin and encourage all to join the global community in prayer at noon.

Bishop Hying on "Go Make Disciples"

As I travel around our Diocese, the same questions arise: How can I live my Catholic Faith with authenticity and joy? How do I develop a living relationship with God that truly centers my life? How do we pass on the Faith to our beloved young people? How do we transform the poverty and suffering of the world and change society for the better? How can my parish move from maintenance to mission, becoming more welcoming, energized, active and participative? How do we reach all of the people who have simply checked out of Church and religion all together?



From Go make disciples: A common vision for evangelization, as proposed by the Most Reverend Donald J Hying, Bishop of Madison March 2020

Has the Holy Spirit been stirring your hearts to ask these fundamental questions, too? The emerging answer is the reality of missionary discipleship - our response to Christ's personal invitation to follow Him.

Community Meal Program in May

Schedules for the next 6 months were sent out this week. If you have not received yours, it should arrive soon. The next day that STA parishioners will provide the ingredients for boxed lunches will be Wednesday, May 27.



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign.

As of May 12:

Campaign Goal	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date	\$3,038,344
Received to Date	\$1,120,392
Number of Households Participating.....	434

Hospital Stays

If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please tell the hospital that you are a member of St. Thomas Aquinas and let us know as well so we can support your family. This information is kept confidential and only used in prayers with the permission of the sick person or his or her representative.

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Will your estate be eaten up by taxes? It doesn't have to happen. Planned giving programs can help you avoid gifting the state when you didn't intend to, as you preserve your Catholic Heritage.

Being a Disciple

Have you ever gone on vacation and seen someone wearing a Wisconsin or Packer shirt? The two of you knew immediately you have something in common! This commonality might even get the two of you talking about your state or your favorite sport! As Disciples of Christ, we have that commonality, through the Sacraments of Initiations: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation! Is this commonality visible like our clothing? It is visible through our prayer at Mass and through our actions as a disciple of Christ! In the next several weeks, let's explore the first Disciples of Christ and what makes you a disciple of Christ.

Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual Update



Good news! Baptism Preparation Sessions are still happening and so is the celebration of Baptisms! If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Lorianne Aubut at lorianne@stamadison.org to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.

Regarding the Baptisms: although public celebrations of Masses are not being held, Father Bart can still celebrate the ritual of Baptism without a Mass. There are specific guidelines to follow if you choose to baptize your child during these moments of the pandemic. Please contact Lorianne to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!

Construction Update

We are excited to share with you that we have now begun our renovations in the Music Area, the Sacristy, and the Chapel. Our official kick-off date was Monday, May 11. A special word of thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Make Disciples Capital Campaign for making these projects possible. We are proud and excited about all the wonderful improvements which we will all enjoy because of your generosity.

As you may have seen in the bulletin previous weeks, Ismael and Nacho have been instrumental in getting this project underway! Because of their hard work and dedication, we completed all of the demolition ahead of schedule, and they saved us some significant time and money.

On Sunday, following our live-stream Mass, the old sound system and video system were completely disconnected and removed from the church. All these items needed to be removed from the sacristy so that work could begin. Our video system was replaced 2 years ago after the old system was destroyed by a lightning strike, so we will be reusing all of the current video system in the new AV system for the church. This will save us the cost of replacing that equipment!

The Social Hall has now been set up for us to live-stream our Masses until we return to the main church. Because the new AV system will get installed and finished after the rest of the construction is complete, we still have a few months of using temporary equipment. Please know that we are doing our best to provide a high quality live-stream for everyone who is joining us for prayer here at St. Thomas Aquinas.

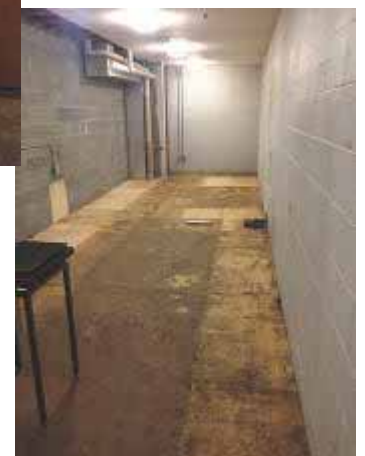
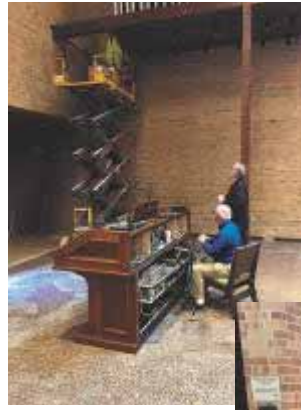
On Monday morning we filled the first dumpster with all of the demolition materials, then emptied the church sanctuary to get everything out of the way and let construction begin. Our organ contractor disconnected the organ console and removed it from the church. It has been placed on a new, movable platform, so that when it gets re-installed in the church, we will be able to move it for special events and rearrange the music area as needed. We have also removed all of the speakers and wiring from the platform above the music area, so that work can begin right away. The platform will be getting new tie-rod supports which will be hidden behind the pipes and secured to the wall, so that the metal post can be removed. This platform will also be modified to let the choir and musicians hear the sound from the organ speakers. Once the work in the church is complete, the organ will be re-installed with new wiring which allows the console to be moved as needed! Special thanks goes to Dominick, Ismael, and Nacho for their extraordinary help getting this part of the process done!

And now we (parishioners and staff) get to stay out of the way, so that our construction team can really get things moving. By our staying out of the main church and the chapel, they can focus on making progress without having to stop and start their work, or taking time to do extra cleanup in the middle of the project. Currently, old HVAC equipment is being removed from the sacristy and the old confessional area, pipes are being moved to create space for full height cabinetry and a new bathroom in the sacristy, and final details and fixtures are being chosen.

During the entire time of construction, the Social Hall will be used as our prayer space, especially for Daily Mass and for anyone who comes here for prayer. The tabernacle is set up in the Social Hall, and things are arranged for our weekend Masses as well. Once our construction is done and we are able to gather again as a parish community, we will make arrangements for being back in the church together!

Thank you to everyone for your patience! We are all looking forward to the day when we can come together as one community of faith and pray together.

Blessings! Greg





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Thank you to all active and non active military members and their families that serve our country. We hold you in our heart and thank you for your service.

Please let Clarice (833-2600) know if there has been a change to the status of your family member.

Thank You Coronavirus Helpers

St. Thomas Aquinas Staff would like to say thank you to EVERYONE working the front lines during COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

May God bless the doctors, nurses, CNAs, PAs, and MAs who care for the sick, wounded, and aging during their time of need.

May God bless the cleaning teams for going above and beyond, sanitizing everything in order to keep people safe.

May God bless people working at grocery stores, farms, and places that supply us with food, keeping our bodies fed and healthy.

May God bless truck drivers, postal workers, UPS, FedEx, and delivery workers as they continue to bring needed goods to all of us.

May God bless all those who deserve a “pat on the back” for doing their job in new ways, so that all of us may be safe, cared for and healthy.



Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, May 16

8:00 AM Acción de gracias por favores recibidos de San José

Sunday, May 17: 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Velma Lins ☩

10:30 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, May 18: St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Private Mass: Lila Meyer ☩

A staff member will post a personal prayer or devotion to Facebook sometime during the day

Tuesday, May 19

8:00 AM Jim Leonard ☩

Wednesday, May 20: St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

8:00 AM Christopher Kubat and deceased members of the Voss and Kubat Families ☩

Thursday, May 21: The Ascension of the Lord; St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM John Wilk ☩

Friday, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 AM Loniello Family ☩

Saturday, May 23

8:00 AM Marvin Frisch ☩

Sunday, May 24: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Ruth Little ☩

10:30 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of May 17

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 - 18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

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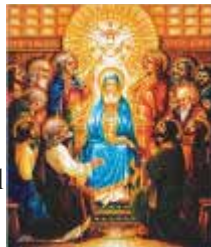
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Jesús no nos dejará solos; Jesús no practica distanciamiento social. En el bautismo todos somos convertidos en hijos de Dios. El Padre nos ha dado al Espíritu Santo para que estemos en unión con el Padre. La Primera Lectura de este Domingo nos promete esto. La escena de Actos nos presenta el rito de la Confirmación. Los Samaritanos aceptan la Palabra de Dios y son bautizados. Pedro y Juan son enviados para orar y colocar sus manos sobre los nuevos bautizados para que ellos reciban al Espíritu Santo. Este es el origen del Sacramento de la Confirmación, la gracia del Bautismo es completada y los creyentes son sellados con la promesa del Espíritu por el Señor. Nos mantenemos en la gracia del amor de Cristo y seguimos sus mandamientos. Somos llamados a ser testigos de la salvación, con el poder del Espíritu Santo. Vivamos nuestra Confirmación y compartamos todo lo que ha hecho Jesús por nosotros.



Novena al Espíritu Santo

En preparación para Pentecostés, oremos juntos la **Novena para la Unción del Espíritu Santo**. Aquí un enlace donde pueden encontrar la Novena: aciprensa.com/recursos/novena-por-la-uncion-del-espiritu-santo-2210



Nuestro regreso a la Iglesia

Pronto estaremos abriendo nuevamente y, aunque, hay muchas cosas que no sabemos todavía, si usted quiere ser uno de los primeros en saber sobre el regreso a la Iglesia y participar en las primeras Misas, envíen un correo electrónico a Mary Bailey: Mary@stamadison.org, comuníquese con Lorianne Aubut, y los añadiremos al número limitado de personas que podrán participar de las primeras Misas. Lamentablemente no podemos tener a todos en las primeras Misas a la misma vez ya que debemos seguir las leyes y mandatos y límites para la seguridad de todos. Muchas gracias por su paciencia mientras comenzamos a abrir nuevamente.

Misas

Debido a la pandemia del coronavirus, todas las celebraciones públicas de la Misa se han suspendido. De martes a sábado a las 8:00 AM las Misas en inglés serán grabadas en vivo en Facebook.com/Stamadison y en YouTube (youtube.com/c/StThomasAquinasChurchMadison/). El domingo la Misa en inglés a las 9:00 y la Misa en español a las 10:30 serán grabadas en vivo en Facebook y YouTube también, y las subiremos a nuestro canal de YouTube para que las puedan acceder luego.

Confesiones

Martes, jueves, sábado 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Adoración al Santísimo

Martes, jueves, sábado 9:00 - 10:00 AM

El Rosario y el Estudio bíblico

se han suspendido hasta el fin de la pandemia.

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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.

Gracias a todos los trabajadores durante el Coronavirus

Santo Tomás de Aquino quisiera agradecerle a TODOS los trabajadores durante este tiempo del COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Que Dios bendiga a todos los doctores, enfermeras, y todos los que responden y ayudan a los enfermos y a los ancianos en este tiempo de necesidad.

Que Dios bendiga a todos los que trabajan en la limpieza, manteniendo todo limpio en distintos locales.

Que Dios bendiga a todos los que trabajan en los supermercados, a los agricultores y todos los que manejan los alimentos.

Que Dios bendiga a todos los que trabajan en los correos y continúan llevando todo lo que necesitamos a nuestros hogares.

Que Dios bendiga a todos los que hacen sus trabajos de diferentes maneras para que nosotros estemos seguros y saludables.





ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

LAUDATO SI'

“Praise be to you, my Lord.”

“LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord.” These are the words that open Pope Francis’ encyclical on ecology and care for God’s creation. These words, quoting St. Francis of Assisi’s beautiful canticle, remind us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

Pope Francis’ encyclical letter [*Laudato Si’*](#) was released in June 2015. Five years later, in 2020, Pope Francis invited all Catholics and people of good will to celebrate its fifth anniversary by protecting families and future generations through action to care for our common home. Here are themes that Pope Francis highlighted in *Laudato Si’* which require our urgent response today.

- **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.
- **Care for God’s Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.
- **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.
- **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.
- **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.
- **Technological and economic development** must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.
- **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.
- **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.
- **Hope and Joy.** “Injustice is not invincible” (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God’s vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

1. **Become more aware of our connectedness.** Care for one another and creation includes understanding that “everything is connected” (no. 91) and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?
2. **Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference.** For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.
3. **Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace.** For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.
4. **Support local efforts to solve environmental problems.** Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.
5. **Contact your members of Congress** to share Pope Francis’ message and urge action to address climate change.

Prayer

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you
in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.
Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love
for all the creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good,
advance the weak, and care for this world in
which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Praise be to you!
Amen.

Excerpted from “A Christian prayer in union with creation,”
in *Laudato Si'*, no. 246

For More Information

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice (www.usccb.org/environment)
- Catholic Climate Covenant (www.catholicclimatecovenant.org)
- WeAreSaltAndLight.org