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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

Happy Memorial Day!

¡Feliz Día Memorial!



**Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."
Jn 17:1**

**Jesús levantó los ojos al cielo y dijo: "Padre, ha llegado la hora. glorifica a tu Hijo, para tu Hijo también te glorifique."
Jn 17,1**

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 24, 2020

Séptimo Domingo de Pascua
24 de Mayo de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven

Our Vision for our STA Parish family is to be an evangelizing parish made up of missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Our Mission is to be a parish where people experience Jesus in a way that changes how they live. In our Gospel episode today, on the Solemnity of the Ascension, Jesus gives the “Great Commission” to the Apostles and to all of us: “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” This “Great Commission” is given to every one of us baptized Catholics, and we are enthusiastic about being a part of the New Evangelization that has been called for by the previous four Popes.

About four years ago, as a parish we began a great undertaking to become an evangelizing parish, and now Bishop Hying has chosen this vision for our Diocese of Madison. He has called every parish to work according to a timeline that is to begin next Sunday on Pentecost Sunday to develop leadership and a plan for evangelization. Dr. Patrick Gorman, Director of the Office of Worship, has been assigned to us as our Diocesan Staff liaison to work with us as we develop our plan. We are looking forward to entering this new phase of our evangelization vision and mission. We already have Jenny Ludtke as our Director of Evangelization, an Evangelization Committee, Prayer Team, and many evangelical programs like Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Alpha, Re-Lit, Heart of Our Faith Retreat, and so many more. In the coming year the Baptismal Preparation and Marriage Preparation will be completely changed to reflect more of an evangelical experience. Please continue to pray for our efforts, that they can bear great fruit for our families and our Church. More information will be forthcoming regarding these efforts.

Welcome Back to Public Mass Next Weekend!

Next Saturday and Sunday we will return to our regular Mass Schedule with only a fraction of the number of people normally here allowed to attend each Mass due to public health and Diocesan guidelines. Of course there will be a lot of restrictions and directives we must follow to ensure we do this in the safest and healthiest way possible. Especially there will be extra precautions for all of us, particularly around the reception of Holy Communion. Please read all the directives on our website before making your decision about attending Mass. If you feel that your health, age, or situation, make it not safe for you to attend, we will continue to live-stream the Mass for people to watch and pray along with us from their homes. Bishop Hying has extended the dispensation of the Sunday Obligation for at least the month of June, so no one should feel obligated to attend the public Mass, especially if they are sick, aged or have health problems. If you would like to be part of the rotation of people who attend the public Masses, please contact Terri Kopplin. We are trying to make it so we can accommodate all who are healthy and want to attend. We will resume our regular daily Mass schedule following Pentecost. Please also indicate to Terri Kopplin if you would like to attend those Masses as well.

As the time moves on and we begin our comeback, communication will be very important. Please be sure you are receiving our weekly emails and read the Sunday Bulletin and the *Catholic Herald*.

On a personal note, I am very anxious to return to public Mass. It will be a blessing to be able to pray together again in person and celebrate with you the Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion again. I imagine that it will be emotional for me to be together again. My joy and excitement of coming together again will be tempered by the restrictions

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Prayer for Life

For all Christians: That our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Justice

For all suffering from environmental injustice: That we may recognize their plight and advocate for laws that protect them; We pray to the Lord:

Adaptive Catechesis Article in Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities Newsletter!

Margarita Cabada wrote an article on our adaptive catechesis program here at STA! If you would like to see the full article please go to our website and read the article at <https://stamadison.org/re-for-special-needs/>.

Diocesan Memorial Day Mass

Bishop Hying will live-stream a Mass for Memorial Day on **Monday, May 25 from 10:00–11:00 AM**.

Thank You from Women's Care Center (WCC)

Dear Fr. Bart,
Throughout the midst of the current pandemic, WCC continues to serve and support clients. Thank you for your generous donation of \$600 towards our educational video series to help clients develop parenting skills. Kila Hagie, Director

Thank you Fr. Bart, and your faithful parishioners for your awesome support!
Garry and Ann

Thank You from SVdP

Thanks for your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul. Here are some bullet points and a couple pictures of how we are helping in the community right now.

Food Pantry Update:

- We are helping up to 160 families with food right now, which is more than double our usual
- Gone to curbside pickup to increase safety and allow us to serve more clients, more quickly
- Families can come back every 2 weeks vs. 30 days normally and are given 60-70 pounds of food

Pharmacy Update:

Currently writing 90-day free prescriptions for our 400 patients and gone to curbside pickup



Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”

Whether they were fishing, such as Peter, collecting taxes, like Matthew, or plotting the downfall of Rome, like Simon of the Zealot party, Jesus encountered His apostles in the ordinary activities of life and boldly called them to follow Him. The astonishing fact that they immediately did so points to the charisma and attractiveness of Jesus’ loving personality, the divine authority of His words and the impulse of active grace.



From Go Make Disciples: A Common Vision For Evangelization, as Proposed By The Most Reverend Donald J Hying, Bishop of Madison, March 2020

In the pages of the Gospels we can study the lives and experiences of those first followers of Jesus, who serve as the primary models of what discipleship looks like. May we too follow this path of relationship, holiness, service and witness in our ordinary activities of life!

Community Meal Program in May

Schedules for the next 6 months were sent out last week. Luke House is still serving a box lunch, so if your area has alternative foods listed in red, please bring them instead of your usual food contribution. If you have not received a schedule, please contact Mary Bailey. This Wednesday, May 27 STA parishioners will provide the ingredients for boxed lunches. If you are signed up to bring food please have it to the parish by 10 AM Wednesday morning.

1st Century BC:

Maccabees II to the New Testament

Have you ever wondered how the Romans wound up in Israel? How did Herod become king? Or who is this Caesar Augustus who called for the census that caused Mary and Joseph to journey to Bethlehem?

Join us on Zoom for a presentation by parishioner Tony Vanderscheuren on the historical and political context of the Gospel story. Meet dynamic figures like King Mithridates of Pontus, King Hyrcanus of Israel, and Queen Cleopatra of Egypt. We will be looking at how such figures contributed to the state of affairs in both Israel and the larger Mediterranean world leading up to the coming of Christ.

Check our Facebook event for the Zoom link, or email Jenny Ludtke.

Being a Disciple

You can be a disciple of Christ! Some of the first disciples had their own businesses and spent their days catching fish. One worked for the government collecting taxes. Before the Holy Spirit came upon them on Pentecost, they display characteristics such as doubt, fear, and weakness to name a few. After the Holy Spirit came upon them, they were empowered to preach the Gospel and baptize many followers. We received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism and the gift was confirmed at our Confirmation. By these Sacraments, we are empowered to share our faith with others just like the disciples! Now it is our turn!

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being placed on us, social distancing, and extra work of planning and cleaning that we will be doing. However, this is for our own good health and the health of others. These are first steps and eventually we will be able to worship as we always have in the past, but for now, we must follow the prescriptions and do the best we can to keep everyone safe. For example, I have been informed that we are to ask people not to talk or gather after Mass the way we like to do, to simply leave without socially gathering. Another example is that I will be wearing a mask to distribute Holy Communion. As you can see we will not be returning directly to “normal,” but we will be returning slowly, carefully, and safely.

Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and to take the precautions that the Church has outlined for us as we come back to Mass next weekend.

Happy Memorial Day!

Memorial Day is a Federal Holiday to honor all military personnel who died in war or from wounds sustained in battle.

Would that this Memorial Day were simply a time to remember the fallen veterans of past generations! Unfortunately, however, it is also a time to remember those who have recently died. Sadly, because war and terror rage on in our world, men and women who serve our country are continuing to give their lives today. For them, too, we offer gratitude for their bravery and service. Whenever I hear taps played at the graveside of one of our service men and women, I am moved to tears remembering their service to our country. Today we remember our fallen soldiers who died so that we can live with greater security, justice, and peace. May they rest in peace. We also offer prayers for the protection of those who continue to serve this great nation. Let us also honor Gold Star Families who have lost a family member during their service to our country.



Prayer for Our Country

Heavenly Father, On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastoral Council and Parish Trustee Elections

Due to the COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic, we decided to not hold elections this year, but to renew the status quo of our membership for this year. Thank you to all who are serving on our Pastoral Council and thank you to our Trustees who continue to serve the parish. During this great undertaking of the First Phase of the Make Disciples Capital Campaign, I especially appreciate the support of Jim Rose, Treasurer Trustee, and am grateful for his leadership on our MDCC Committee. He has done invaluable work in planning and communicating with the many entities involved in the project. It would be detrimental to the parish to make a change at this time. We will hold elections again next year as usual.

Construction Update

A special word of thanks to everyone who contributed to our Make Disciples Capital Campaign for making these projects possible. We are proud and excited about all the wonderful improvements we will enjoy because of your generosity. Last week was particularly hectic, but it was a great kickoff for our renovations. In addition to progress listed in last week's bulletin, several other projects continued to move forward.

The sacristy received a whole new HVAC venting layout. The old return air vent was removed and rerouted to a new location, the new bathroom received a dedicated vent, and the rest of the vents in the sacristy ceiling were moved to their new locations. A few copper heating pipes behind the sacristy walls were frozen solid, moved and rerouted, and then thawed. This was done so we don't have to drain all the heating pipes in the entire building.

Portions of the sacristy floor were removed so conduits can be run into the music area to carry wires for additional electrical receptacles and for the lighting in the music area. There will also be conduits run from the sacristy to the music area to carry all of the new audio and video wires, including mic jacks and instrument inputs in the music area.



The organ platform in the music area is being prepared for new tie-rod supports to be installed. Last week, the drywall ceiling above the choir area was removed to expose the structure. The flooring will also be removed so that the sound from the organ speakers can reach the singers below. Once the new tie-rods are installed, then the old steel support post will be removed so that this physical barrier is out of the way, not only allowing choir members to see better, but also to have one less obstruction to move around.

This week, framing will begin in the Chapel, as the new confessionals begin to take shape. This is especially exciting as we are creating completely new confessionals which are ADA compliant and easily accessible to everyone. We received a grant from the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities from the Diocese which helped us to offset some of the costs of this project! In addition to being accessible, our new confessionals also encourage our Safe Environment policies by having a separate space for the priest and the person going to confession. It is very exciting to see the confessionals starting to take shape this week!



Thank you for your patience! We look forward to the day when we can come together as one community of faith and pray together. Blessings! Greg

El artículo del Padre Bart empieza en la página 6.

vendrán con mis sentimientos de saber que debemos seguir las restricciones de seguridad, el distanciamiento social y mucho trabajo en la planificación. Nos han pedido que las personas no se reúnan antes ni después de Misa, que solo lleguen a la Misa y simplemente salgan después de la Misa sin reunirse en el área de recepción. Yo estaré también utilizando una máscara al distribuir la Santa Comunión. Como pueden ver no regresaremos a lo "normal" pero regresaremos poco a poco y de manera segura.

Continuemos orando por el fin de la pandemia y tomemos las precauciones necesarias para que regresemos a la Misa el próximo fin de semana.

¡Feliz Día Memorial!

El día Memorial es un día feriado federal en honor a todos los militares que han servido por nuestro país en las guerras, los que siguen luchando, los que han sufrido heridas, y los que han fallecido en batalla. Recordamos a todos los veteranos de generaciones pasadas también. Lamentablemente por todo el terror que existe en el mundo, mujeres y hombres de nuestra nación han tenido que arriesgar sus vidas para protegernos. Y hoy le damos gracias por su valentía y su servicio al país. En oración le pedimos a Dios que siempre protega y cuide a todas las mujeres y hombres que luchan, y de manera especial recordamos a todos los que han dado su vida para que nosotros vivamos protegidos y en un país con mayor seguridad, justicia, y paz.



Oración por nuestra Nación

Padre celestial, en este día memorial, oramos por todos los que con valentía han dado sus vidas para que tengamos libertad. Que su ejemplo de sacrificio nos inspire a tener un amor sin egoísmo hacia tu Hijo, nuestro Señor, Jesucristo.

Bendice a las familias de todas las tropas que han caído, bendice sus hogares y vidas con fortaleza y paz. En unión con las personas de bondad en cada nación, respondamos al llamado de trabajar unidos por la paz, y la justicia, y de esta manera evitar la violencia y el conflicto en todo el mundo.

Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.





Pray for Our Loved Ones
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- PVT Benjamin Litchfield

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.

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!

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

May 18

Offertory / Envelopes\$15,922

Counters Schedule

Due to Mass suspension and safety measures for COVID-19 counters are on hold until the public Mass schedule resumes.

Mass Intentions for This Week

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

**Monday, May 25: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and
Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin;
Memorial Day**

Private Mass: William and Lexy Rotzoll ☩
Bishop Hying will live-stream Mass at 10:00 AM.

Tuesday, May 26: St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00 AM Helena Szylow and Kazimiera Sak ☩

Wednesday, May 27: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00 AM Jill Bosch ☩

Thursday, May 28

8:00 AM Sue Chomor ☩

Friday, May 29

8:00 AM Dan Stoudt ☩

Saturday, May 30

4:30 PM Rosemary Johnson ☩

Sunday, May 31: Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Mildred Adler ☩

10:00 AM Carol Kronfuss ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of May 24

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/
Jn 21:20-25

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/
Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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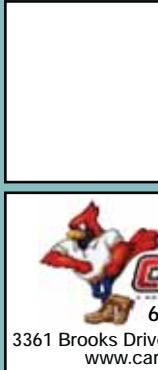
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Somos una parroquia Católica donde las personas presencian a Jesucristo de una manera que cambia la manera en la que viven.



Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

Solemnidad de la Ascensión de Jesús al Cielo

Nuestra Visión en nuestra Parroquia de STA es ser una parroquia evangelizadora donde podemos crear discípulos misioneros de Jesucristo. Nuestra misión es ser una parroquia donde las personas presencian a Jesucristo de una manera que cambia como viven. En nuestro evangelio de este domingo, la Solemnidad de la Ascensión, Jesús les da la “Gran Comisión” a los Apóstoles y a todos nosotros: “Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones, bautizándolas en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enseñándolas a cumplir todo cuanto yo les he mandado.” Esta “Gran Comisión” se nos ha dado a todos los bautizados Católicos y con entusiasmo somos parte de la Nueva Evangelización como lo fueron nuestros pasados Papas. Hace cuatro años atrás nuestra parroquia tomó la iniciativa de movernos hacia una parroquia evangelizadora y ahora el Obispo Hying ha escogido esta visión para nuestra Diócesis de Madison. Él quiere que cada parroquia trabaje con un horario establecido con su equipo de trabajo y los líderes parroquiales para que juntos llevemos a cabo su plan de evangelización.



La diócesis nos ha designado al Director de la Oficina de Adoración, Dr. Patrick Gorman, como nuestro mentor y comunicador en este proceso. Estamos ya preparados para comenzar este proceso juntos en esta visión evangelizadora. Como ya saben, hemos hecho mucho ya en STA: tenemos a Jenny Ludtke como Directora de Evangelización, tenemos un Comité de Evangelización, un Equipo de Oración, y programas de evangelización como Catequesis del Buen Pastor para niños(as), Alpha, Re-Lit, Retiros, y mucho más. En el próximo año los programas de Preparación Bautismal and Matrimonial serán completamente cambiados para que cada experiencia sea más evangelizadora. Por favor continúen orando por nuestros esfuerzos para que sean fructíferos para nuestras familias y nuestra Iglesia.

¡Bienvenidos a las Misas Públicas el Próximo Fin de Semana!

El próximo fin de semana, 30 y 31 de mayo, estaremos regre-

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.

sando al horario regular de Misas y sólo alrededor de 130 más o menos pueden asistir a cada Misa debido a las restricciones. Debemos de seguir todas las directivas para que esta apertura y regreso a la Misa sea seguro para nuestros feligreses. Existirán precauciones que debemos tomar, en especial durante la recepción de la Santa Comunión. Por favor lean todas las directivas en nuestra página de internet antes de tomar su decisión de asistir a la Misa. Si usted siente que es un riesgo para su salud y prefiere no asistir, nosotros continuaremos ofreciendo la Misa transmitida en vivo por Facebook y Youtube para que todos puedan verla desde sus hogares. El Obispo Hying extenderá la dispensación de la obligación dominical por al menos un mes más en todo junio. No se debe sentir obligado a asistir a la Misa celebrada públicamente, en especial si se encuentra enfermo, tiene problemas de salud, o es de mayor edad. Le pedimos que si quiere asistir a la Misa en español que por favor se comunique con Lorianne (lorianne@stamadison.org) para que lo podamos contar dentro del número de personas. Comenzaremos el horario regular con la Misa en español a las 6:30 PM, el próximo Domingo de Pentecostés, 31 de mayo.

En una nota personal, me encuentro muy ansioso de regresar a la Misa pública. Será una bendición poder orar con ustedes otra vez en persona y celebrar la Santa Misa y recibir la Santa Comunión de nuevo. Sé que será algo emocional para mí el estar con ustedes de nuevo. Mi alegría y emoción también

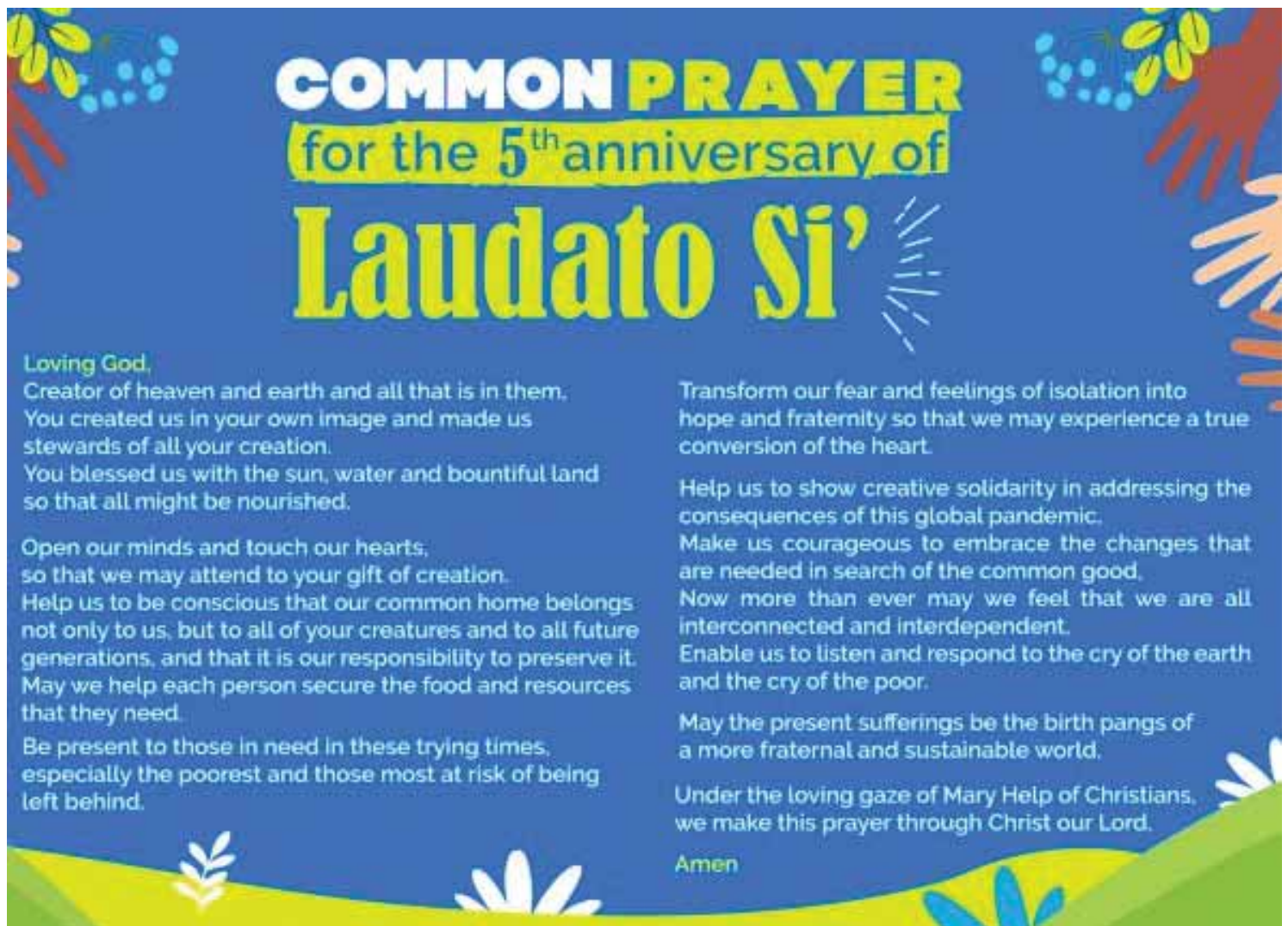
Para más información en español, por favor vea la página 4.

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

On Sunday, May 24, the Care for Creation team invites you to pray in unity with Catholics worldwide in celebration of the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. Please join us at noon to pray the prayer below and/or join our 20-minute virtual prayer service on Facebook or YouTube. If you are busy at noon, you can participate in the prayer service anytime.

If you are interested in becoming more active on Care for Creation consider the following suggestions:

- Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Care for Creation Team. Contact Trudi Jenny: trudijenny@yahoo.com or 608-217-4469.
- Learn more about Catholic Social Teaching on Care for Creation in Steve Coleman's booklet, "A Catholic Response to Global Warming". Steve shares documents from our Popes and Bishops, provides a brief summary of the science of global warming and offers suggestions for taking action. <http://bit.ly/catholic-ccl>.
- Do your carbon footprint and find the most effective way to lower your use of fossil fuels. One calculator can be found here: conservation.org/carbon-footprint-calculator#.
- Take the Catholic Climate Covenant St. Francis Pledge. It has been updated in honor of the 5th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*. The Covenant offers many ideas on how we can each take better care of the Earth and they ask that each of us share a specific action we will take this year. See the pledge at catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/st-francis-pledge.
- Write to your Members of Congress asking for strong legislative action to mitigate climate change. Catholic Climate Covenant makes this easy to do: catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/advocacy.



COMMON PRAYER
for the 5th anniversary of
Laudato Si'

Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your own image and made us
stewards of all your creation.
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land
so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs
not only to us, but to all of your creatures and to all future
generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and resources
that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being
left behind.

Transform our fear and feelings of isolation into
hope and fraternity so that we may experience a true
conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the
consequences of this global pandemic.
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that
are needed in search of the common good.
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all
interconnected and interdependent.
Enable us to listen and respond to the cry of the earth
and the cry of the poor.

May the present sufferings be the birth pangs of
a more fraternal and sustainable world.

Under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,
we make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Vivamos juntos la Semana Laudato Si. Ven, ora con nosotros

La Semana Laudato Si es una iniciativa global impulsada por el Papa Francisco para celebrar el quinto aniversario de la Carta Encíclica que profundiza en la necesidad del cuidado de la casa común.

Ciudad del Vaticano

La invitación es para que creyentes y personas de buena voluntad se unan en torno a la reflexión, la oración y las acciones necesarias para construir un mejor futuro para nuestro planeta. Para ello, se ha dispuesto una agenda de talleres y eventos interactivos en línea que culminarán con un espacio de oración mundial el próximo 24 de mayo al mediodía. (Hora de Roma). Entérate y participa en las actividades con un solo clic: Semana Laudato Si...”Todo está conectado”

La reflexión del Papa

En su invitación a vivir la Semana Laudato Si, el Santo Padre, nos recuerda su llamado a responder a la crisis ecológica que vive el planeta; un clamor que se hace evidente en las necesidades de los más pobres y las transformaciones del planeta que se han hecho evidentes en sus cambios inesperados y los desastres naturales que solo generan la pérdida de especies valiosas para los ecosistemas.

“*Todo está conectado*” es el lema de la Semana Laudato Si y marca el comienzo de la preparación para actuar en septiembre del presente año en el denominado “*Tiempo de la creación*” al cual el Pontífice ha convocado a celebrar desde la oración y el cambio por el bienestar de nuestra casa común.

Por su parte el Dicasterio para el Servicio de Desarrollo Humano Integral insiste en el valor de las enseñanzas de la encíclica dado el contexto que estamos viviendo a raíz de la expansión del coronavirus y la visión de la encíclica “*Laudato Si*” que nos exhorta a construir y vivir en un mundo mucho más justo y sostenible. Esto depende en gran parte de nuestras prácticas cotidianas y la adopción de políticas públicas que estén más allá de las buenas intenciones.



ORACIÓN COMUNITARIA
por el 5º aniversario de
Laudato Si'

Dios de amor,
Creador del cielo y la tierra y de todo lo que contienen,
Nos creaste a tu imagen y nos hiciste custodios de toda tu creación.

Nos has bendecido con el sol, el agua y la tierra fértil
para que todos pudiéramos alimentarnos.

Abre nuestras mentes y toca nuestros corazones,
para que podamos responder al don de tu creación.
Ayúdanos a ser conscientes de que nuestra casa común
no sólo nos pertenece a nosotros, sino también a todas
las criaturas y a todas las generaciones futuras, y que es
nuestra responsabilidad preservarla.

Que ayudemos a garantizar que cada persona cuente con
la alimentación y los demás recursos que necesita.
Hazte presente entre los necesitados en estos tiempos
difíciles, especialmente los más pobres y los que corren
más riesgo de ser abandonados.

Transforma nuestro miedo y sentimientos de soledad
en esperanza y fraternidad para que podamos
experimentar una verdadera conversión del corazón.

Ayúdanos a expresar nuestra solidaridad de forma
creativa para hacer frente a las consecuencias de esta
pandemia mundial, haznos valientes para acometer los
cambios que se necesitan en busca del bien común,
que podamos sentir ahora más que nunca que todos
estamos interconectados y que somos
interdependientes, permítenos escuchar y responder al
clamor de la tierra y al clamor de los pobres.

Que todos estos sufrimientos sean los dolores del
nacimiento de un mundo más fraterno y sostenible.

Bajo la amorosa mirada de María Auxiliadora, hacemos
esta oración por Cristo Nuestro Señor.

Amen