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15^a Domingo DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

“Cayeron entre espinos, y cuando los espinos crecieron, sofocaron las plantitas. Otros granos cayeron en tierra buena y dieron fruto: unos, ciento por uno; otros, sesenta; y otros, treinta”. - Mt 13: 7-8



15th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:7-8

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Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday no live-stream 4:30 PM
Sunday: Masses in English..... 8:00 & 10:00 AM
 live-stream at 8:00 AM
 Misa en español/Mass in Spanish 6:30 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday with live-stream 8:30 AM
Tuesday with live-stream..... 5:30 PM
Thursday with live-stream..... 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, 4:15–5:15 PM
 Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
July 12, 2020 | 12 de Julio de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today we are presented with the parable of the Sower and the Seed. In your life, how can you cultivate rich soil within your life so as to grow in your faith?

There are so many resources available to help us these days when you consider the internet. We have the subscription for Formed.org, which is a vast library of online resources for the whole family. Please see the directions below on how to access this amazing tool. One of the strange things about the farmer in the parable is that farmers did not throw seed around like the one in the parable. Farmers were careful about planting the valuable seeds in the soil where they could grow. But the farmer Jesus talks about in the Gospel was so liberal and generous with spreading seed everywhere. This is how God is with us. Always giving life and freely offering Himself to us! Let us take advantage of all that is offered to us as ways of growing in our faith, that it may produce great fruit in our lives for God's Kingdom!

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Welcome Deacon Jerome Buhman!

Recently Bishop Hying assigned Dcn. Jerome Buhman to serve at our St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. We are happy to welcome Dcn. Jerome and his family to STA! Dcn. Jerome is a permanent deacon and will be serving in this role at our parish. We have also hired Dcn. Jerome as a part-time member of our STA staff so that he can take over our Marriage Preparation Ministry. The Marriage Preparation Ministry in the past was done by Erik Gyr. We are grateful for the many years Erik served our engaged couples. Erik will continue to minister to the homebound, sick, dying, and bereaved. He will dedicate more of his time to various other parish ministries. We work with about 30 engaged couples each year. The diocese is changing how we do Marriage Preparation. Instead of the clergy meeting with the couple once, to plan the ceremony, the new program called "Witness to Love" asks the clergy to meet each couple four times. Since I am not able to dedicate that much time to the program, we needed another clergy person to coordinate this ministry. In addition to this marriage preparation ministry, Dcn. Jerome will also coordinate our Baptismal Preparation. This will free up Lorianne to dedicate more of her time to directing our growing Hispanic Ministry. I am grateful to Bishop Hying for assigning Dcn. Jerome to our parish. I am looking forward to sharing in the ministry with Dcn. Jerome here at STA and having him as part of our STA staff!

PPP Loan from the U.S. Government

Back in March when we were experiencing a sudden and severe drop in income due to the stoppage of public Mass, we applied for a PPP Loan from the U.S. Government. We worked with our bank, Monona Bank, and were approved for a loan of \$137,000. This loan enabled us to continue paying our employees without interruption or lay-offs, helped to cover COVID-19 related expenses, and cover COVID-19 related income loss. Each month that goes by without regular Mass attendance we estimate a loss of \$10,000 in income

Prayer for Life

For families considering adoption: May the Lord guide and bless their journey, and grant them peace along the way; We pray to the Lord.



Prayer for Peace

As For our parish family:

May we plant seeds in rich soil and find peace and joy in our efforts to spread the Good News; We pray to the Lord.

from the loose change collection. We also canceled our May fundraiser that averaged about \$20,000 of income each year. Some of the COVID-19 expenses we incurred are the supplies we purchased to sanitize the building, hand sanitizer, the \$16,000 air purifying units we installed, face masks, new laptop for live-streaming the Mass, pyxes for transporting Communion Hosts, gloves, and technology improvements for working at home.

Due to the generosity of our parishioners who continue to mail in their weekly contribution and the loan from the government, we were able to end the fiscal year on June 30 with our expenses and income being even. We will offer a detailed Annual Financial Report at the end of August 2020.

Thank you for all of your support during this uncertain and difficult time. All you do for our parish is allowing us to continue our ministries to our parish community and beyond!

Next Weekend is Food Sunday.

See the list of most needed items below. Nutritious donations are doubly appreciated.

Cereal	Hearty soups
Pasta	Pancake mix
Pancake syrup	Canned vegetables
Olive/vegetable oil	Canned tomatoes
Toothpaste	Meals-in-a-can

The Human Concerns Commission wishes to express its sincere THANKS for your generosity.

Estate Planning

Consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by establishing an estate plan. Everyone should have an estate plan comprised of either a will or a trust-this will allow you to determine how and to whom the gifts God has bestowed on you will be distributed when you can no longer serve as your own steward. If you are planning on giving to charity, please consider St. Thomas Aquinas Parish as part of your estate plan. Contact Holly Irving at holly@stamadison.org or with your gift. Thank you so much for making St. Thomas Aquinas the beneficiary of your estate!

Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”

We can perceive a certain malaise, not only in society, but even in our Church and in our parishes in these last years. Fear, uncertainty, depression, and loss of meaning afflict many. Because we love the Church and the human race, we want to change that!



Reflection question: Where do you see signs of malaise, and where do you see signs of hope?

From “Go Make Disciples” Pastoral Letter Given by Bishop Donald J Hying, on the solemnity of Pentecost, the 31st day of May in the year of Our Lord 2020

Being a Disciple

Continue to develop your relationship with God through prayer. This will give you the strength and courage to share your faith. Remember after Jesus’ death, the Apostles were afraid. They feared for their lives! We don’t have to fear for our lives! We can share the love of Jesus. Still afraid? Attend faith-filled opportunities like Relit that offers ways to share your faith and give you an opportunity to practice. Practice sharing your faith with another Catholic who is also scared to share their faith.

Dcn. Jerome Buhman

Hello to my fellow parishioners at St. Thomas Aquinas! My name is Deacon Jerome Buhman, and I am very excited to join this family!



As way of introduction, I will bore you with a few personal details: I was born the ninth of ten children (so, large family) on a farm near the bustling metropolis of Clarksdale, Missouri (pop. 273). I attended a high school seminary in Kansas City and then seminary college at a Benedictine monastery near Maryville, Missouri. Upon graduation and discernment that the priesthood was not my calling, I moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to obtain Masters degrees in History of Science and Library & Information Studies. I soon married and now have my own (much smaller) family composed of my wonderful wife, Deb Juneau, and two awesome college-age children, Katie and Quinn. And a dog. And two cats. And some fish. (So, really, not that much smaller).

With Deb’s encouragement and support, I entered the diaconate in 1999 and was ordained in 2004. For the first sixteen years of ministry I was at St. Maria Goretti Parish where I served in pastoral care, visiting hospitalized parishioners, those in care facilities and homebound, and organizing other pastoral care programs. The change in scenery in coming to St. Thomas also involves a change in responsibilities; I will be undertaking marriage and baptismal preparation ministry as well as liturgical functions.

I have been warmly welcomed by everyone I have met here, and I look forward to worshipping with you and getting to know you all better!

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

As of July 7:

Campaign Goal \$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date..... \$3,051,098
Received to Date \$1,164,782
Number of Households Participating..... 434

Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual Update



If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Dcn. Jerome at dcn.jerome@stamadison.org to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.

Regarding the Baptisms: although public celebrations of Masses are still very small, 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 Dcn. Jerome to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!

School Supplies Drive

Help the Lussier Community Education Center provide free school supplies and backpacks to more than 250 kids in need this year!



This summer, adult and youth volunteers and community partners, like you, will support the drive by signing up students, collecting donations, packing items, and distributing supplies.

Please help us ensure that our students are ready for school, no matter what school might look like this year, by making a monetary donation or donating new school supplies.

Please make checks out to STA with a note in the memo for “school supplies.” One of the brown bins in the Gathering Area will have a sign for “School Supplies.”

Supplies are needed by August 1st!

Supplies Needed:

- Markers (wide and thin)
- Highlighters
- Pencils (Ticonderoga)
- Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Glue Bottle
- Erasers
- Scissors (kids and adult)
- Ball Point Pens (black or blue)
- Backpacks (especially for high school students)
- Index Cards (3x5)
- Post-it Notes
- Rulers
- Scotch Tape
- Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- 5 Subject Notebooks
- Basic Calculators

Important Facility Improvements

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Clean & Healthy Air

As we have been journeying through the Coronavirus Pandemic, we have been dedicating ourselves to keeping our parishioners healthy and safe. As research became available regarding the spread of the coronavirus and studies came to light regarding singing, one of the proven methods to keep the air and surfaces in public spaces safe and clean that was suggested by medical professionals as well as professional music organizations, was to install UV lamps in every room. This would have been extremely costly to install, and these lights could not be in use when people were present in the room, thus rendering them somewhat ineffective. Once it became clear that the transmission was more often airborne, new recommendations suggested that UV lamps or other devices be installed directly into HVAC systems to help keep the air clean and eradicate the virus traveling through the air. We reached out to our HVAC provider and were presented with a couple of options. I am happy to share with you that we continue to work to keep our parishioners safe and healthy, and that we have installed iWave-C units in all 5 of the HVAC units throughout our building. In addition, it's important to note that our HVAC systems were designed to bring outside air into the building, which also helps keep our air fresh and healthy.

What is iWave?

iWave is an air purifying device that installs in any air duct system. When air passes over the iWave, ions produced by the device reduce pathogens, viruses, allergens, particles, smoke, and odors in the air, creating a healthy environment without producing any harmful byproducts. iWave uses needle-point bi-polar ionization, to create equal amounts of positive and negative ions. When these ions are injected into the air stream, they break down passing pollutants and gases into harmless compounds like oxygen, carbon dioxide, nitrogen, and water vapor. When the ions come in contact with viruses, bacteria, or mold, they remove the hydrogen molecules – without them, the pathogens have no source of energy and will die. The ions also attach to allergens like pollen and other particles, causing them to band together until they are large enough to be caught by our ventilation system's air filter. For more information on iWave or how it works, visit: <https://www.iwaveair.com/>.

Safe & Healthy Buildings

We, at St. Thomas Aquinas, continue to make our spaces as safe as possible for our parishioners, visitors, and friends. This new addition to our HVAC system not only helps to keep our air clean in the world of COVID-19, it also works to purify our air and remove impurities all the time. This is an investment in keeping everyone who enters our doors healthy and providing a welcoming environment for all those who come to worship with us. While this doesn't guarantee that germs or viruses can't be spread in our buildings, it does provide us with another level of protection, as we continue our work to reach out to, and care for all of our brothers and sisters. – As Father Bart mentioned in his Facebook video, this project was accomplished through your generosity and support. Thank you for all that you do to make St. Thomas Aquinas a place to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples!

Construction Update

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. We are making steady progress on our construction work and look forward to seeing the finished product in a couple months! Thanks for your patience while we are under construction.

This past week focused on finishing up electrical work in the music area; taping, mudding, sanding, and finishing the dry-wall in the confessionals, the sacristy, and the music storage room; insulating the choir risers to reduce noise and sound transmission into the room; and sheathing the wall next to the choir where wood finishes will be installed later in the project! We are seeing a lot of progress each week!

This week, the choir risers will finish getting insulation installed, and then they will have plywood sheathing installed in preparation for the hardwood floor which will be installed later in the project. At this point, we will be able to see what the new music area will look like once it is finished! It's exciting to see the transformation and things taking shape. Last week final plans were submitted and the new acoustic wall that will get installed behind the choir was ordered! These acoustic panels will be custom made to fit our space and will take about 6 weeks for fabrication and delivery to us.

With work finished on the floor, the contractors will shift their attention to preparing the organ/pipe platform for its final finishes. Dominick and I will also spend some time pulling the organ wires into their final places, using the new conduits which were installed last week. This will allow work to move forward on finishing the rest of the organ platform! Blocking and furring will be installed in preparation for the final wood treatments which will be installed later in the project and the organ platform will finally match the rest of the wood in the interior of the church.

The sacristy will receive some attention this week as well! Since we are moving the door that goes into the sacristy from the Chapel, we were hoping to remove the old header and widen the doorway. This would have given us some additional space and kept the ceiling a uniform height, but we are not able to do so because of some structural issues! So, this header will get framed in, along with the doorway which we were hoping to widen. These areas will have plywood sheathing installed, and be prepared to have wood finishes applied later in the project!

It is quite amazing to watch all the moving pieces of the project come together!

Thanks to all of you for your patience! We are all looking forward to the day when we can utilize and celebrate in our newly updated space and pray together. Blessings! Greg





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Thank you to all active and non active military members and their families. 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.

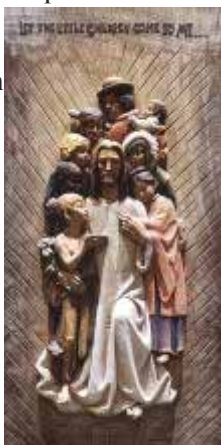
Faith Formation Update

We are receiving many questions about what faith formation (religious education classes) will look like this coming fall. Here is what we can tell you as of June 29.

We will have things that will happen this fall! Our faith formation team (Fr. Bart, Lorianne, Dominick, Jenny, Deacon Jerome, and Terri) will be meeting in July to talk about what this coming year will look like. We will discuss many of the questions that are pertinent right now like social distancing, wearing masks, how often to meet, and what spaces can be used safely. We will also talk about how can we use the aids of technology to deepen faith lives and what parts of preparation can be done from home as a family.

Needless to say, there are a lot of things we can plan ahead and a lot of things that are changing day-to-day. By August all families will receive an update from us on what the year will look like.

We are praying for all of you and looking forward to working with you to grow closer to Christ and each other!
STA Faith Formation Team.



Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, July 11

4:30 PM Howard and Dorothy Rather ☩

Sunday, July 12: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Marv Prue ☩

10:00 AM Tim Bauer ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, July 13: St. Henry

8:30 AM María Calderón ☩

Tuesday, July 14: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

5:30 PM Donald and Madeline Pepper ☩

Wednesday, July 15: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Jean and Joseph Fogerty ☩

Thursday, July 16: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 AM Mari Moreno ☩

Friday, July 17

8:30 AM Sosnowski and Fejdych Family Living and Deceased ☩

Saturday, July 18

4:30 PM Michael Sorge ☩

Sunday, July 19: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ed Burish ☩

10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

6:30 PM Humberto y Rogelio Macías ☩

Readings for the Week of July 12

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

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July 4/5

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Monday, July: 20 Dan Gronemus

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Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy vemos la parábola de la Semilla y el Sembrador. En tu vida, ¿puedes cultivar un terreno bueno en estos momentos para crecer más en tu fe? Existen muchos recursos que nos pueden ayudar en estos días, cuando piensas en la internet. Nuestra parroquia tiene una suscripción a una biblioteca en línea llamada FORMED, la cual ofrece recursos para toda la familia. Una de las cosas extrañas es que sabemos que los agricultores no tiran semillas por todos lados sin importar; pero el agricultor en esta parábola es muy generoso y tira semillas por todos lados sin importar el suelo. Así es Dios con nosotros. Siempre dando su vida y dándose así mismo por nosotros. ¡Permitamos que Dios derrame sus semillas de amor y fe hacia nosotros para que demos fruto para el Reino de Dios!

¡Bienvenido Diácono Jerome Buhman!

Recientemente el Obispo Hying asignó al Diácono Jerome Buhman para servir en nuestra parroquia de STA. Estamos muy contentos de darle la bienvenida al Diácono Jerome y a su familia a STA. El Diácono Jerome es un diácono permanente y servirá como tal en nuestra parroquia. Él se ha convertido en un miembro del equipo trabajando medio tiempo en la parroquia y tomará el Ministerio de Preparación Matrimonial y de Preparación Bautismal. Estos cambios le permitirán a Erik trabajar más con ministerios pastorales con los enfermos, los que están en casa, los que están por fallecer y los que sufren alguna pérdida, y ya no con las parejas a casarse. Este cambio también le permitirá a Lorianne trabajar más con el Ministerio Hispano, y ya no con la preparación bautismal. Estoy muy agradecido con el Obispo Hying por darnos al Diácono Jerome a STA!



Misa en español

Domingos 6:30 PM

Confesiones

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

Aviso sobre la Catequesis

Estamos recibiendo muchas preguntas sobre la catequesis para este próximo año: esto es lo que te podemos informar hasta este momento.

¡Tendremos programas de catequesis para este año escolar! El equipo de catequesis se estará reuniendo en julio para discutir y planificar cómo se verá este año. Tomaremos en cuenta sus preguntas sobre lo que está ocurriendo con el distanciamiento social, las mascarillas, y los espacios a utilizar para la seguridad de todos. También estaremos discutiendo el cómo usar la tecnología para crecer en la fe y cuales partes de la preparación catequética se harán desde el hogar.

Claro está, hay mucho que se pueden planificar desde ahora, y muchas otras cosas que cambian día a día. Para agosto todas las familias recibirán información sobre cómo el año de catequesis se verá para nuestras familias.

Estamos todos orando por ustedes y esperamos verlos y trabajar juntos nuevamente para así crecer más cercanamente con Cristo y con los demás.

- Equipo de Catequesis de STA

Las lecturas de la semana del 12 de julio

Domingo: Is 55, 10-11/Sal 65, 10. 11. 12-13. 14 [Lc 8, 8]/Rom 8, 18-23/
Mt 13, 1-23 o 13, 1-9

Lunes: Is 1, 10-17/Sal 50, 8-9. 16-17. 21 y 23 [23]/Mt 10, 34 - 11, 1

Martes: Is 7, 1-9/Sal 48, 2-3. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 [cfr. 9]/Mt 11, 20-24

Miércoles: Is 10, 5-7. 13-16/Sal 94, 5-6. 7-8. 9-10. 14-15 [14]/Mt 11, 25-27

Jueves: Is 26, 7-9. 12. 16-19/Sal 102, 13-14 y 15. 16-18. 19-21 [20]/Mt 11, 28-30

Viernes: Is 38, 1-6. 21-22. 7-8/Is 38, 10. 11. 12. 16 [cfr. 17]/Mt 12, 1-8

Sábado: Mi 2, 1-5/Sal 10, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 14 [12]/Mt 12, 14-21

Domingo siguiente: Sab 12, 13. 16-19/Sal 86, 5-6. 9-10. 15-16 [5]/

Rom 8, 26-27/Mt 13, 24-43 o 13, 24-30

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Focus on the Good

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who live their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Thank You for Donations to Lussier Center

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Lussier Community Education Center Food Pantry over the past months. The Center is very grateful for our contribution of \$380 in June in addition to the \$1,025 donation in April. Financial donations enable the Center to purchase food to satisfy the requests of food pantry clients during these difficult times. Please keep all of those who are struggling with food insecurity in your prayers.

The Justice and Peace Committee will be offering some food for thought on racism on an ongoing basis in the bulletin.

As Father Bart has said in his sermons, racism is a sin that we need to eliminate in ourselves. We also need to eliminate institutional racism. White people need to work to eliminate white privilege. One example of white privilege is the practice of 'redlining.' What is redlining? For decades, many banks in the U.S. denied mortgages to people, mostly people of color in urban areas, preventing them from buying a home in certain neighborhoods or getting a loan to renovate their house. The practice — once backed by the U.S. government — started in the 1930s and took place across the country. Scholars who study housing discrimination point to redlining as one factor behind the gulf in wealth between blacks and whites in the U.S. today. ("Redlining's legacy: Maps are gone, but the problem hasn't disappeared" by *Christopher J. Brooks*, updated on June 12, 2020 www.cbsnews.com) This is one example of where white people have the responsibility to work toward rectifying the effects of systemic racism.

For more thoughts on white privilege, read Father Bryan Massingale's thoughtful article, "The Assumptions of White Racism and What We Can Do About it." Let us pray for an awakening of consciousness about white privilege and together encourage actions that will stem the tide of systemic racism.

Parish Staff Unavailable Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15



As a staff we will be in a two day training/planning session and will not be available by phone or face-to-face meetings.

The Social Hall will continue to be open and available for prayer all day. Please enter from the Education Wing as the main church doors will be locked.

We thank you for your support and understanding as we work together to Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples.

Racial Justice Book Discussion Series

Conversations around race can be uncomfortable for most of us. Conversations around race in the Church are no exception. Join us for a 7-week discussion of *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone as a way to begin safe dialogue, face our misconceptions and fears, and move deliberately to spiritual, community and social transformation. **Our first meeting will be held Monday, July 27 from 5:30 - 7 PM.** Subsequent meeting times will be decided by the group.

This group is for people of all races and at *all* phases of the journey. Join us if you:

- feel awkward and ill-equipped when topics of race arise.
- find yourself confused, even angered by the Black Lives Matter movement.
- have been contemplating racial injustice for many years.
- long to be part of meaningful action or need a place to ponder your role as a Catholic Christian. All are welcome!

Check out our Facebook for a video invitation and introduction to this book series.

In order to provide space for everyone to participate in discussion we will be limiting the size of the group to 10 but plan to offer the series again in coming months. **Email Marie Pope at mariejece7@gmail.com to register. Order your book online or through a local book seller.**

Solar Panel Update:

We have had our solar panels on the roof for a little over 3 months now! In that time our building has used 82 MWH and our solar panels have covered 10MWH. That means that our solar system has saved us about \$1,300 in 3 months.

With our great sun, our solar system can power about 2 houses for 7 days, with only 3 days of collecting the sun or it can offset about 7 trees being grown in the same 3 days! The graph in red shows what the building uses for energy and the green is what the solar panels cover. You can see days with lots of sun and the rainy days where there is less sun.

