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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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**"The kingdom of heaven
 is like a treasure"
 - Mt 13:44**



**"El Reino de los cielos
 se parece a un tesoro"
 - Mt 13, 44**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
July 26, 2020 | 26 de Julio de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today we hear the parables known as “The Treasure,” and “The Pearl of Great Price.” The “Treasure,” and the “Pearl of Great Price,” is Jesus! When we seek out Christ, sacrificing everything in the process, in the

end we find a joy that is worth far more than anything we may have lost. Pope Francis says, “The disciple of Christ is not one who is deprived of something essential; He or she is one who has found much more: They have found the fullness of joy that only the Lord can give.” When we discover Jesus as the true treasure worth giving our whole lives for, we realize that Jesus comes before everything. This is not painful, it is the greatest joy! By giving away everything for Jesus, we discover that in reality, Jesus doesn’t take anything away from us, but in fact gives us everything! Jesus heals us, forgives us, and saves us, and this allows us to live in true freedom and joy of being a disciple! The presence of Christ in our lives transforms our hearts, opening us up to the needs of our brothers and sisters. One of my favorite quotes from Pope Benedict XVI is when he told the youth of the world at World Youth Day 2011: “If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great... Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return.”

Cross on the front of our building

Recently I noticed the cross on the front of our Church was in need of maintenance, including paint and repair where birds and bees had made holes and begun to live inside of it. We decided to remove it in order to wrap it in metal, which would make the cross maintenance free and no longer in need of occasional painting. When we went to remove the cross we discovered that the wood was completely rotten when the cross broke and half of it fell from the building. We also discovered about 20,000 honey bees. We had a bee farmer come and take the bees away and now we are considering what to do about replacing the cross.

Feast of St. Martha- Wednesday, July 29

I would like to share with you about St. Martha from the website, Catholic Online:

“Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus.’ This unique statement in John’s gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha’s home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9. Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha’s work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus’ response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done. In Martha we see ourselves -- worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same.”

Perhaps we can find some quiet time this week to be with Jesus in prayer. There is so much to pray for in these days.

Prayer for Life

For all nearing death: That their faith will grow ever stronger, as they prepare in hope to share eternal life with Christ; We pray to the Lord.



Prayer for Peace

For our local community:

That we may build peace by nurturing "understanding hearts" and celebrating the gift of diversity; We pray to the Lord.

Holy Communion Outside of Mass

There are many people who are not returning to Mass yet because of the continued threat of the health pandemic, especially those who are part of our vulnerable population. I am working with the Diocese on offering Holy Communion outside of Mass so people can come to Church and receive Communion without remaining in Church. I have been told this can only be offered to those who have health concerns and are vulnerable. Please stay tuned for more information on this. If you would like to receive Holy Communion and are not comfortable coming to Mass, please contact the parish office and we will arrange this with you.



Bee farmer saving about 20,000 bees from the cross on the outside of our building.



Rotten boards where the cross broke and fell to the ground.

August 1-2 Healing Prayer Ministry after All Masses

God is a God of love, and out of that love flows the salvation, restoration and wholeness that he longs to bring to all creation. God desires the healing of individuals from physical, emotional, spiritual and relational brokenness. If you are seeking healing of body, mind, or spirit, we will pray with you, that you may experience the love of Jesus and the healing power of the Holy Spirit. There will be an opportunity to receive confidential prayer for healing after all Masses on August 1-2. Chairs will be set up for correct social distancing, and masks will be worn to maintain safety during our time of prayer.

Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”

As I have considered this effort of evangelization I return often to the story of Pentecost. It is a portion of our story that is perfect for this effort, and also the starting point for my entire ministry as a bishop.



Reflection question: How are you praying for the bishop and his ministry?

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

Still afraid to share your faith? Remember the Apostles in the upper room? Can you imagine how they felt after Jesus was put to death? As Jesus had told them, they stayed in Jerusalem and retreated to the upper room. This is the place Jesus later appeared to them and transformed their lives! We need to meet Jesus in our upper room, daily. The times with Jesus will help to develop a personal relationship with Him and will give us the courage to share our faith!

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Planning for death is as natural as planning for life. Having a will is good stewardship of your assets. Take care of your family, and consider your parish family in your preparations, too!

Our Continuing Dialogue on Racism

The Justice and Peace Committee pray for a greater understanding of the sin of racism. We are hopeful that our weekly notes on the topic will lead parishioners to more in-depth study, reflection, prayer and conversation that will nurture a conversion of heart and bring healing to all.

The USCCB approved a pastoral letter against racism, “Open Wide Our Hearts” at its November 2018 General Meeting. To read the document search for “Open Wide and Hearts: The Enduring Call for Love” on the USCCB website (usccb.org) and click on Racism. We offer this quote for your reflection.

“Love compels each of us to resist racism courageously. It requires us to reach out generously to the victims of this evil, to assist the conversion needed in those who still harbor racism, and to begin to change policies and structures that allow racism to persist. Overcoming racism is a demand of justice, but because Christian love transcends justice, the end of racism will mean that our community will bear fruit beyond simply the fair treatment of all. After all, ‘Within [the human] family,’ as St. John Paul II said, ‘each people preserves and expresses its own identity and enriches others with its gifts of culture.’”

Let us study, reflect and pray for an awakening of consciousness of our own participation in institutional racism, share our concerns with others and commit to actions that will heal our society’s racial inequities.

Enrich your faith on Formed.org

The parish has gifted everyone with a subscription to www.Formed.org . Consider watching a movie "with" a group of friends, and chatting about it afterwards on the phone!

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

As of July 20:

Campaign Goal	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date.....	\$3,051,098
Received to Date	\$1,184,445
Number of Households Participating.....	434

School Supplies Drive

This is the last week to help the Lussier Community Education Center provide free school supplies and backpacks to more than 250 kids in need this year!

Be sure to bring your items in by Saturday, August 1 or drop off a check to STA with School Supplies in the memo line.



Thank You From Waspam

Mr. Robert,
Thank you for the donation of \$1500 that I received.
Many thanks! It has been distributed as follows:
Pays the vacation time and Christmas bonuses of exactly 13,000 cordobas* for the three teachers: Profesor Kadir Gaitan, Jenny Ferlyn, and Secretary Eyra Manzanares.

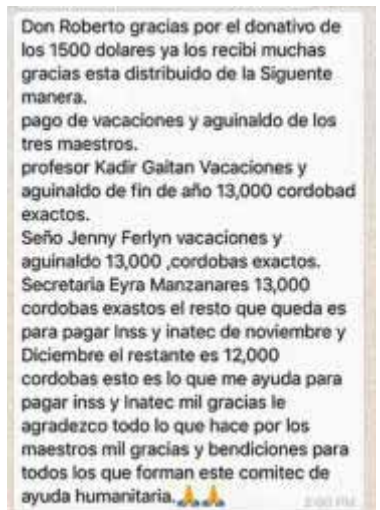
The remainder will pay for INSS** and INATEC*** for November and December which is 12,000 cordobas, and this will help me pay it.

Many thanks, I’m very grateful for all you do for the teachers, many thanks, and blessings to all those who are part of this committee that provides humanitarian help.

* The córdoba is the currency of Nicaragua.

** INSS is the Nicaraguan Institute of Social Security

***INATEC is a Nicaraguan organization which supports access to training, technical education, and technology for families, communities, institutions, and enterprises



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. The construction work is making steady progress and we look forward to seeing the finished product in less than two months! Thanks for your patience while we are under construction.



Two weeks ago the focus was on some larger details within the project. In order to install the new projection screen, the steel beam which will completely cover and enclose the screen, was installed above the sanctuary. This will get enclosed in

wood, later in the project, to match the rest of the church.

The cross was removed from the exterior of the building, and it literally fell apart because the wood and supports are completely rotted through. From our research, this cross appears to be original to the church when it was built in 1976. We are getting quotes to have the cross rebuilt and hopefully reinstalled before the end of our construction project. In addition, before taking the cross down, we called a bee keeper to relocate 20,000+ honey bees that had made a home there.



Dominick and I pulled all the organ wires into place from the speaker locations to the new junction box behind the choir risers to prepare for re-installing the organ near the end of the project. Also, the AV company delivered a couple of the new custom-painted AV components, so we could see the final colors and decide on final locations.



Last week Tuesday, the new projection screen was installed inside of the steel beam above the altar platform, and the electrical and control wires are being pulled into place and connected. This process requires two lifts to support the width of the screen to get it raised into place and securely installed in the beam.

The organ/pipe platform will receive a little more attention this week, installing some strategically placed materials to make

sure there are no vibrations or noises produced by the platform when the organ gets played. The organ speakers produce a wide range of frequencies, so it's very important to isolate all of the potential vibration and noise points now, before the bottom of the platform is completely closed in.

The acoustic wall which will be installed behind the choir risers is arriving this week. Once the wall panels have arrived,

we will finalize the plan for their installation. This is an important piece of the music area renovation, not only helping the choir members to hear one another better, but also to help their sound project naturally into the room, requiring less amplification and a more intimate sound. This will help the assembly to hear with more clarity, the texts which the choir sings, and will help to bring acoustic energy to their music and song.

The new cabinetry for the sacristy will be arriving this week as well! Once the cabinets are on-site, we will begin installing them in the sacristy! The new cabinetry goes all the way to the ceiling, providing more storage, and the soffits have been removed to allow taller cabinetry.

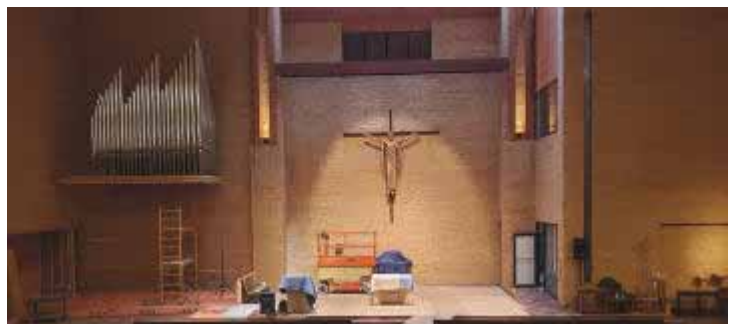
Ismael has been working hard to address a whole list of little jobs while the construction is happening in church. He is working on patching holes in the bricks in the walls of the church, helping our construction workers and electricians to navigate various areas of the building, and helping to make sure all of the little details are considered as we work through each of the areas of the project! His help and expertise is immensely valuable to our staff and to our construction team, who are working so hard to make sure we have a beautiful space when this work is all completed.



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



Above: Church 2 weeks ago; Below: Church last Tuesday





Pray for Our Loved Ones

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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.

Resources for Human Needs

- SVdP Conference:** St. Vincent du Paul Conference (food, rental assistance, school supplies, utilities) Phone messages only 608-205-8276
- www.momhelps.org/:** Middleton Outreach Ministry (food, rental assistance, utilities, clothing, rides, home chores)
- www.womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html:** Women's Care Center (counseling, ultrasound, baby items, parenting class)
- www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/:** Catholic Charities (adoption, aging services, developmental disabilities, counseling, alcohol - drug abuse treatment, adult day care)
- www.cmcmadison.org/:** Catholic Multicultural Center (meals, health services, education, job development, immigration legal help)
- abuseintervention.org/:** Domestic Abuse Intervention Service (crisis response, emergency shelter, support groups)
- www.silentnomoreawareness.org:** Abortion recovery help and awareness campaign
- hopeafterabortion.com:** Project Rachel (resources for abortion recovery)
- Madison Al-Anon Hotline:** support for people troubled by someone else's drinking or drug use - 608-255-5181
- www.elizabethhousedane.org:** Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County (residential maternity and parenting program)
- National Suicide Hotline:** 800-273-8255
- National Hotline for Sex Trafficking:** phone 1-888-373-7888 or text "help" to 233733

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, July 25

4:30 PM Greg Miller ☩

Sunday, July 26: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM José Moreno ☩

10:00 AM Louise Bryce ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, July 27

8:30 AM Maria Antonienta Van Pratt ☩

Tuesday, July 28

5:30 PM Joseph and Lucille Devine ☩

Wednesday, July 29: St. Martha

8:30 AM George Larscheid ☩

Thursday, July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM Ron Heinricy ☩

Friday, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:30 AM Ki-Hoon Baik ☩

Saturday, August 1

4:30 PM Jerry, Mary Donna, and Julie Lacke ☩

Sunday, August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Joseph C. Dean ☩

10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

6:30 PM Elena Eliosa and Francisco Muñoz ☩

Readings for the Week of July 26

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/ Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/ Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

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Monday, July 27: Diane Katalenich

Monday, August 3: Aeki Baik

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“El Reino de los cielos se parece a un Tesoro”
- Mt 13, 44

Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Hoy escuchamos que las parábolas del “Tesoro,” y la “Gran Perla Preciada se refieren a Jesús.

Cuando buscamos a Cristo, sacrificando todo en el proceso, al final encontramos una alegría que es más valiosa que cualquier otra cosa que hemos perdido. El Papa Francisco dice: “El discípulo de Cristo no es el que se ha perdido de lo esencial; sino el que ha encontrado algo mucho mejor: Es el que ha encontrado completamente la alegría que solo el Señor puede dar.” Cuando descubrimos a Jesús como nuestro verdadero tesoro, por cual podemos dar la vida, nos damos cuenta que Jesús viene antes que todo. Esto no es doloroso, pero una gran alegría. Al dar todo a Jesús descubrimos que Jesús no nos quita nada, pero ¡nos da todo! Jesús nos sana, nos perdona, nos salva y esto permite que vivamos con una verdadera libertad y alegría como discípulo. La presencia de Cristo en nuestras vidas transforma nuestros corazones, y nos abre a las necesidades de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Como dijo el Papa Benedicto XVI en una de mis citas favoritas en 2011: “Si dejamos que Cristo entre a nuestras vidas, no perderemos nada, nada, absolutamente nada de lo que hace de la vida una libre, hermosa, y grandiosa... ¡No le tengas miedo a Cristo! Él no nos quita nada y nos da todo. Cuando nos damos a Él, recibimos cientos de cosas de regreso.”

La cruz del frente de nuestro edificio

Recientemente noté que la cruz en frente de nuestra Iglesia necesitaba mantenimiento. Necesitaba pintura y reparación donde los pájaros y las abejas hicieron huecos y nidos. Decidimos remover la cruz para cubrirla en metal y de esta manera no tener más mantenimientos de reparación y pintura. Cuando removimos la cruz, notamos que la madera estaba podrida y la mitad de ésta se cayó del edificio. También descubrimos casi 20,000 abejas. Contactamos a un granjero de abejas para que se las llevara y ahora estamos considerando qué hacer para reemplazar la cruz.



Misa en español

Domingos 6:30 PM

Confesiones

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

Adoración al Santísimo

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

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

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

Rosarios en español

Jueves 6:00 PM

Estudio Bíblico en español

Jueves 7:00 PM

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Santa Comunión fuera de la Misa

Hay muchas personas que todavía no han regresado a la Misa debido a la amenaza de la pandemia, en especial la población vulnerable. Estoy trabajando con la Diócesis para ofrecer la Santa Comunión fuera de la Misa para aquellas personas que puedan venir a la Iglesia y recibir la Comunión sin quedarse en la Iglesia. Se me ha dicho que sólo se puede ofrecer a las personas con condiciones de salud y los más vulnerables. Por favor manténganse al tanto para más información. Si usted desea recibir la Santa Comunión y no se siente cómodo asistiendo a la Misa, por favor comuníquese con la oficina y arreglaremos un tiempo para usted.

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