



# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES!

We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

## 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

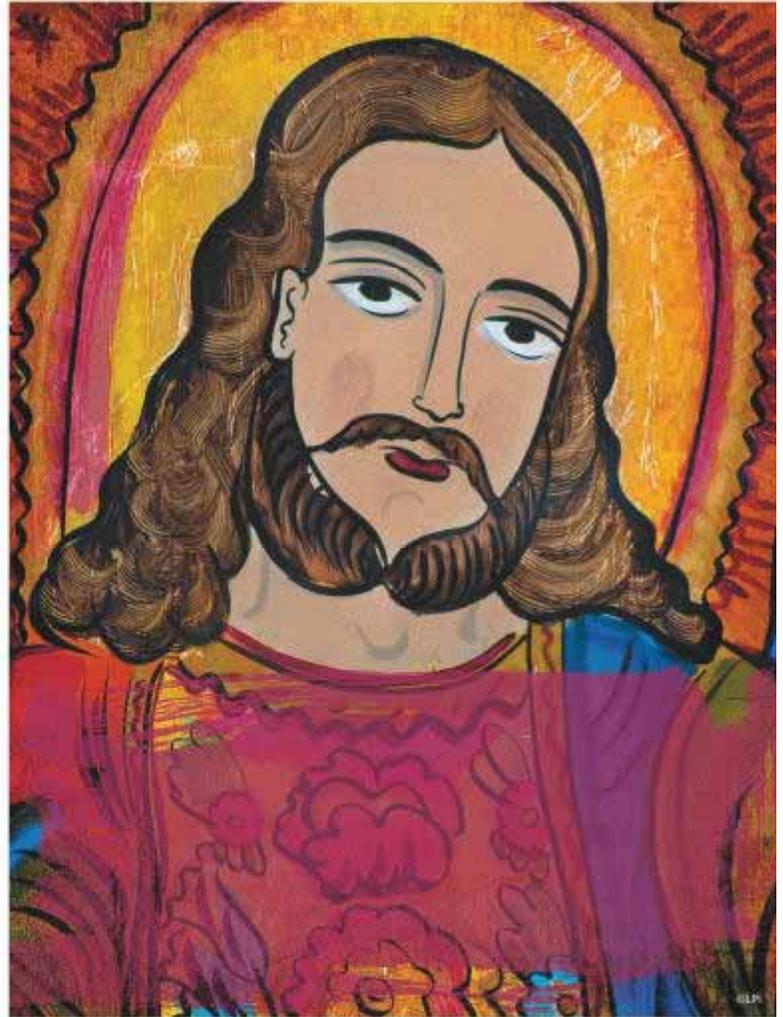
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**“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”  
 - Matthew 18:15**



**“Si tu hermano comete un pecado, ve y amonéstalo a solas. Si te escucha, habrás salvado a tu hermano.”  
 - Mateo 18:15**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
 September 6, 2020 | 6 de septiembre de 2020**



## Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

### Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Please see page 3 Dcn. Jerome's article on page 3 for a reflection on this Sunday's readings from Sacred Scripture.

### Happy Labor Day September 7<sup>th</sup>!

"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use an image, 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts..."

- Pope Francis, *Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and World Labor Day*, 5/1/13

"I address a strong appeal from my heart that the dignity and safety of the worker always be protected."

- Pope Francis, *Regina Caeli*, 4/28/13

On this Sunday before Labor Day, we have an opportunity to reflect on what the Church teaches us about the dignity of work and the rights of workers. In the Catholic tradition, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continued participation in God's creative action. The Catholic bishops of the United States have long held that the most effective way to build a just economy is to make decent work at decent wages available for all those capable of working. When the economy fails to generate sufficient jobs, there is a moral obligation to protect the life and dignity of unemployed and underemployed workers and their families.

As we mark Labor Day this year, we realize that many businesses are hurting and many people are unemployed due to the pandemic. We pray for a strong recovery for our economy. We are also invited in a special way to reflect on the persistence of low wages and inequality in our workplaces that exist in our day. In your own experience of work—in an office setting, serving others, as a student, or working in the home—how have you experienced work as a form of participation in God's creative action? How are persistent low wages a barrier to full participation in that creative action? What can you do to support workplaces built upon justice and dignity?

### Season of Creation September 1- October 4, 2020

The Season of Creation is a relatively recent addition to Catholic liturgical celebrations. In 2015, Pope Francis added the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to the Catholic liturgical calendar to be celebrated on September 1st each year. In 2019, the Vatican asked Catholic communities and pastors everywhere to join ecumenical communities around the world in celebrating the Season of Creation from September 1 to October 4.

The Season of Creation is dedicated to prayer, reflection, and celebration of God as Creator. It also celebrates and reflects prayerfully on the gifts of creation and the mission given us by God to care for creation and respond to its needs and crises today. The theme of the 2020 Season of Creation, chosen by its international steering committee, is *Jubilee for the Earth*. The steering committee explains the theme this way:

"Climate change is a result of the intersection of greed, inequality and destruction of God's Earth. The theme of Jubilee has been chosen for this year's Season of Creation as it reflects those three interlocking themes. Jubilee is a time to renounce overconsumption and economic systems based on constant economic growth at the cost of the Earth and those who are poor. Jubilee is a time when those who have consumed the most must make restitution to those who have suffered the most. Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from constant exploitation, to restore ecosystems and people."

During these days of the season of creation, we will be including prayers

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## Prayer for Life

May the life of every human person, from conception to natural death, be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts; We pray to the Lord.



## Prayer for Creation

May we recognize that our care for God's creation protects the lives of our neighbors who are threatened by the climate crisis; We pray to the Lord.

## Closed For Labor Day

No Mass will be held on Monday, September 7.

The office and building will be closed all day.

No Adoration Monday afternoon.



## Get to Know Your Parish

The Get to Know Your Parish booklets are in the Gathering Area. Please pick one up or check out our website to learn more about your parish. This is a great way of discovering how you can use your gifts and talents to help others. With the pandemic, we are pretty limited to what we can do in person, but once we are able to come back together, you will know how you can get involved.

## Faith Formation Registration is OPEN!!

Thank you STA families for patiently waiting. Faith Formation will be offered this year in different formats for different age groups from Pre-schoolers to High Schoolers. Please read the Letter to Parents, the Guidelines and Expectations, and the Calendar List on our website [stamadison.org/re-registration/](http://stamadison.org/re-registration/). Registration is due by September 15.

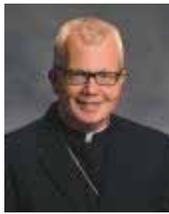
## Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual

If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Dcn. Jerome at [dcn.jerome@stamadison.org](mailto: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 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!

## Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”



To love our neighbors and to love ourselves perfectly, we should desire to work for the salvation of souls – to bring others and ultimately ourselves into perfect union with God. The love of God compels us to evangelize. We are disciples, we are evangelizers, and we are called to be missionaries to those around us out of love. We want every human being to know and love God, to experience salvation.

Reflection question: Name two or three immediate people to whom God is calling you to be mediator and messenger of God’s love, to serve as a missionary disciple.

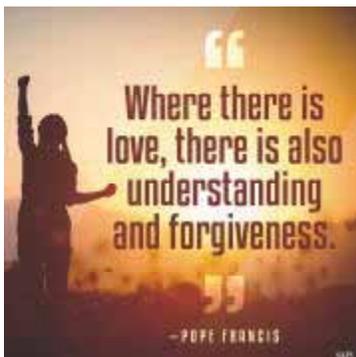
*From “Go Make Disciples” Pastoral Letter Given by Bishop Donald J Hying, on the solemnity of Pentecost, the 31st day of May in the year of Our Lord 2020*



## Gospel Reflection By Dcn. Jerome Buhman

Today’s Gospel is both beautiful and difficult. It has to do with dealing with conflict and correction in the early Church. The method of solving these issues is based on mutual love, rather

than a retribution or a punishment by the wronged individual. The person who was wronged should approach the sinner privately and individually, seeking a conversion of heart based on love. This protects the sinner from public embarrassment, protects the community from a rift, and provides a chance for a conversion of heart. If these fails, then a small number of witnesses is called in, again providing for the benefits listed above. If no reconciliation takes place, the whole community is finally involved. This entire process is based on mutual love of the individual and community, seeking reconciliation at the most personal level first. Finally, if all else fails, “treat him as you would a tax collector or Gentile.” These are interesting words, because the writer of this Gospel is Matthew, a tax collector. In the chapter of the Gospel when Jesus calls Matthew, Jesus says “I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” This means that even though a sinner might be expelled from the community, there is still hope he will be called back through conversion through an encounter with Christ. The mercy of God is always extended to his people!



*Fr. Bart’s article is continued from the previous page*

and information about our care for creation as we celebrate this season and re-commit ourselves to being good stewards of the earth’s resources.

## Season of Creation 2020 Prayer

Creator of Life,

At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers, mountains, minerals, seas and forests sustained life. The eyes of all looked to You to satisfy the needs of every living thing. And throughout time the Earth has sustained life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give creatures our food in the proper time.

In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath; a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given; a time to liberate ourselves from vicious consumption; a time to allow the land and all creatures to rest from the burden of production. But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demands for growth, and our neverending cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world. The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. We have not allowed the land to observe her Sabbath, and the Earth is struggling to be renewed.

During this Season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the Earth, send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen

## Back to School

As students return back to school, please know of my prayers for all of our STA families during this turbulent time. So many teachers, parents, and students are struggling right now to adjust to the new methods involved in education during this pandemic in hopes of preventing further spread of the coronavirus. As we begin this school year with all of our fears and worries and burdens, let us turn to God for help and ask God to replace our discontent and anxiety with joy and hope. Here is a prayer I found on the USCCB website for going back to school. To be specific for what we are facing this 2020 school year, insert your special intention in the blank:

*Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge  
to guide your people in all their ways.*

*At the beginning of this new school year,  
in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, we implore your mercy.  
Bless and protect our students, teachers,  
staffs, their families, and especially \_\_\_\_\_.  
Give wisdom to the decision makers,  
be they in our schools or in our homes.*

*Expand the horizons of our minds,  
and deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways.  
Enliven our faith to reach out to those in need,  
particularly those isolated and lonely.*

*In these days when so much has changed,  
help us to trust in the love of your Son Jesus,  
our Divine Teacher, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.  
Amen.*

## Construction Update

A special thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Make Disciples Capital Campaign for making these projects possible. We are proud and excited about the wonderful improvements which we will enjoy because of your generosity. We are now on week 17 of the project! Thanks for your patience while we are still under construction.

Due to delays from suppliers, our project is about a week behind schedule. Most of it will be completed by the weekend of September 5/6, but there is a whole list of final details which will need attention next week. This will include our final walk-thru, as well as going over and making a list of any little details which still require attention before we formally call Phase 1 completed.

Last week, quite a few details came together. The organ was completely re-installed, the pebbled floor in front of the choir was cleaned and sealed, more trim pieces and woodwork were installed, the ladder was installed in the music storage room, and our confessionals are almost complete! The frosted glass for the confessional doors is about two weeks behind schedule, so we have temporary wood panels in the doors to provide privacy. Bishop Hying was even here on Monday to be the first person to use the new confessionals!

This week, we are starting to address the remaining pieces of the project. We are waiting for finish woodwork so we can finish the flooring in the music area and sanctuary, the wall beside the choir, and the trim work in the sacristy. The sacristy sink, faucet, and water heater were installed this plus, plus the sacristy bathroom toilet, sink, and mirror; bathroom tile work was finished. A new touchscreen was installed in the sacristy for the lighting system, giving us better control and functionality. The new security camera in the Chapel was installed! The painters will return to do touch ups before the end of the project!

The new piano for the church arrived this week Wednesday. This is truly a legacy gift for our parish. We are very excited to be able to have such a beautiful and fantastic instrument in our church. Finishing the new pews for the choir is behind schedule, so they were finished (stained and sealed) this week, and will arrive from Nebraska next week to be installed in the music area. We are still awaiting for the new kneelers for the confessionals, hymn boards, and cantor stand/podium. They will be installed as they arrive.

Our Audio Video Company installed the new TV screens/monitors in the Chapel and Gathering Space. They have begun to pull wires for the equipment which will be installed over the coming weeks. We hope the new Audio Video System will be functioning by the end of September. Then come a few months of fine tuning to make adjustments so everything works just right in our space. Thanks in advance for your patience!

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



**The face to face confessional offers adjustable lighting and more space. The new confessionals are available for use starting this weekend.**

## MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support.

As of August 31:

Campaign Goal.....	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date.....	\$3,051,098
Received to Date .....	\$1,228,911
Number of Households Participating .....	461

## New Men's Group at STA: Men Ascending

In *Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, Matthew Kelly poses one of the most important questions any of us can ask: "How is the best way to live?" What is God's will for us?

In a world fraught with selfishness, war, poverty, huge economic disparities and racial injustice, we can see how crucial it is to answer that question. The seven deadly sins and more – dishonesty, self-pity, fear and despair -- are driving much of the dysfunction that has produced the world we live in. We want to give men a chance to change that and overcome those stumbling blocks. The answer to Kelly's critical question is to cultivate the virtues in our daily lives, and it doesn't start by trying to change the world. As men we each need to begin with ourselves personally. And this doesn't even start with Kelly's question.

Applying the approach used by 12-step recovery programs in dealing with addictions, in "Men Ascending" we will struggle with the question behind Kelly's question: "What kind of man do I want to be?" We will share our experience, strength and hope with each other in order to cultivate the virtues. Together we can diminish the shortcomings which undermine our efforts to be the best men we can be as we discover the best way for us to live and fulfill God's will for us.

More than ever before, men need practical tools to cultivate the virtues and we cannot effectively do this all by ourselves. We need each other. To learn more, contact Jim Wrich at [jim.wrich@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.wrich@yahoo.com) or Jennifer Ludtke at 833-2606 or [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org). The group intends to hold its first meeting (online) the week of September 8.

## Confession Times

**Saturdays, 3:15–4:10 PM**

**Sundays, 9:00–9:50 AM**

**in the new confessionals in the chapel**

## 24-Week Bible Timeline Study STARTS SEPTEMBER 17!

Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and The Bible Timeline, a 24-part Bible study, makes it easy.



Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. In this revolutionary approach to Bible study, The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into 12 color-coded time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

St. Thomas Aquinas will offer The Bible Timeline beginning Thursday, September 17 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM via Zoom. Participants need to purchase their materials prior to the start of the study; purchasing the study set allows access to the videos. At your convenience, you will watch lively and informative videos online, then complete the reading assignment in your Bible, and answer questions in your workbook. Every week, we will gather virtually for one hour to discuss what you have watched and read.

For more information, help purchasing materials, or to sign up for our parish discussion, contact Janet Tuccinardi at [jtuccinardi@gmail.com](mailto:jtuccinardi@gmail.com) or Jennifer Ludtke at [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org).

To purchase your materials: 1) Visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com). 2) In the search field, enter "Bible Timeline" 3) Scroll down to "Products" 4) Click on "The Bible Timeline: Story of Salvation, Study Set, \$35.95." 5) Add to Cart and Checkout. 6) That's it. You will receive an email from Ascension Press immediately on how to view the videos on the Thinkific Platform.

## Alpha Online at STA

Join us for Alpha Online, starting  
September 23, 7-8:15 PM  
What is Alpha?



Alpha is a series of gatherings that provide a comfortable, hospitable environment to honestly explore the basics of the Christian faith and the big questions of life. Alpha has been going strong, all over the world, for over 30 years. The parish has been hosting Alpha courses for almost 4 years.

### Who should come to Alpha?

Anyone who has questions about the meaning of life, the Christian faith, or who wants to get to know Jesus better. Alpha is a place to ask questions. Even if you have been Catholic your whole life, Alpha will deepen your appreciation for the way God loves you.

To sign up contact [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org) and she will send you the Zoom link and full schedule.

Click here to listen to what our parishioners have to say about Alpha: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJHw7VCwUhPIAJIRK-3WQ2SmciM5jinII>

## Belonging to Christ, Belonging to the Church: Exploring RCIA



Wed Sep 16, 6:00 PM (online)

Ever feel that something is missing?

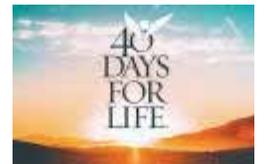
Maybe it's a clearer understanding of who God is, and how one can live in right relationship with God and others. Maybe belonging to the Catholic Church is where you are being called, and where that missing piece can be found.

Join Fr. Bart Timmerman, our pastor, and Jenny Ludtke, Director of Evangelization & Outreach, on a Zoom meeting to discuss what RCIA is (short answer: the process to explore becoming Catholic), and isn't, and answer your questions both practical and philosophical.

Not Catholic? This is a great first exploration. Catholic, with friends or family who are not Catholic or not practicing? This is a great virtual event to invite them to, or to attend yourself to be better informed.

TO GET A LINK TO THIS EVENT: email Jenny at [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org) or call 833-2606

## Learning About 40 Days for Life with Dr. John Bohn



Mon Sep 21, 7:00 PM

Have you ever wondered what the 40 Days for Life prayer vigils are all about? Do you want to intercede on behalf of unborn children and their moms in danger of abortion, but you're not sure if praying outside Planned Parenthood is for you?

Please join us to discuss the upcoming Madison 40 Days for Life campaign and hear from Vigil for Life's Outreach Director Dr. John Bohn. Dr. Bohn is excited to help us get to know 40 Days for Life and the opportunities it presents for us to live our faith and share God's love for unborn babies and their moms.

For more information or the Zoom link, contact Jenny Ludtke at [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org) or Greg Chesmore at [gchesmore@yahoo.com](mailto:gchesmore@yahoo.com).

There's room for everyone in the pro-life movement.



## Let us Appreciate our Grandparents Every Day

Grandparents can be essential evangelizers (slightly revised) In 1978 President Jimmy Carter signed a federal proclamation declaring National Grandparents Day would be observed on the first Sunday after Labor Day. This year the date is Sunday, September 13. Grandparents Day invites us to reflect upon grandparents' importance and to thank our grandparents alive or dead and all grandparents for their important role.

Some say that grandparents have the benefits of grandchildren, but none of the responsibilities. I don't think this is always true. Throughout history when parents were absent or unable to raise their children, grandparents often stepped in and made a difference.

Speaking to The International Conference on Pastoral Care for Elderly, on January 31, 2020, Pope Francis said that grandparents often play a pivotal role in ensuring that the faith is passed on to their grandchildren especially in secularized societies. Pope Francis added "God has a large population of grandparents throughout the world. They are the indispensable link in educating children and young people in the faith." Grandparents can be evangelizers!

Professor Gordon Rupp, the British historian, was asked how segments of the church in Russia could survive decades of persecution and communist propaganda. He answered, "It's largely due to grandparents." The communists made the big mistake of thinking that because churches were only full of old people, it had no future. They didn't realize that grandparents have an impact on their grandchildren. Old Russian grandparents passed their faith on to their grandchildren. Rupp believes that is why to a degree there is a revival of Christianity in Russia.

Pope Saint John Paul II repeatedly said that young persons are the hope of the future. This is true, but we should remember that our future is also in the past because older people pass on values and faith to youth. Saint Paul loved Timothy dearly, but he recognized that this gifted young Christian disciple was not merely a product of his own making. He had a heritage that went back to his grandmother Lois. She had faith in God, and she passed that faith on to her daughter Eunice. Together they instilled it in Timothy. He was not a self-made man. He was a product of a Godly heritage that came to him from his grandmother.

Some say that when their first grandchild is born, new grandparents are also born. I fondly recall a nursing home resident named Sally whom I visited regularly. Her dream was to hold her baby granddaughter. She bubbled with joy as she told me how good she felt when she finally held her dream.



Unlike many busy, multi-tasking parents, grandparents often have more time to create wholesome memories such as going for ice cream, telling stories, or recognizing the stars of the big dipper! I know grandparents who enjoy their grandchildren in these and other ways. Young and old take turns enriching each other. Children valued by grandparents tend to do better in school and to feel comfortable with older people. The comfort that a grandparent can provide helps grandchildren feel safe, secure, and loved.

Sometimes I ask first and second grade students who reminds them the most of Jesus. Often they name their grandmother, grandfather or both. In 1991 a large newspaper asked for letters of affection from 11,000 students. Surprisingly often students did not write about boyfriends and girlfriends, or even about mom and dad, but mainly about grandparents.

In my 22 years of teaching one of my favorite students was raised by his grandmother. He inspired me and many other adults. My mom and dad loved their grandchildren. The feeling was mutual.

A man named Bob unexpectedly experienced a grandfather's sacrificial love. On Bob's early morning walk, a garbage truck stopped. The driver showed Bob a photo. He said, "This is my grandson. He is on life support," Assuming the driver was begging for money for the hospital bill, Bob reached for his wallet, but the driver told Bob that he wanted something more than money. Instead he pleaded tearfully, "Could you please pray for my grandson?" Bob did.

The Pope's remarks remind me of a grandmother sacristan who baby-sat her grandson and tried to influence him by teaching him prayers and Christian values. At Sinsinawa my neighbor's door was plastered with her grandchildren's art. To her, each drawing was a masterpiece.

Most living grandparents appreciate hearing from their grandchildren. They both need each others' love! A letter, a telephone call or visit can make a grandparent's day. If needed, younger grandchildren can ask their parents to help them write a letter. If their grandparents are in Heaven, grandchildren can ask for their prayers.

Whether they are living or deceased, let's give our grandparents a "Happy Grandparents Day" by being the best grandchild we can be! May the Holy Spirit inspire us to remember and appreciate our grandparents on Grandparents Day and every day. May we pray to Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents for guidance. May Jesus give grandparents peace and good health. Hooray for all grandparents!

Father Don Lange

Happy Grandparents Day!



## Holy Land Collection

Each year on Good Friday, Catholic Churches take up a Holy Land collection which supports the mission of the Franciscans living in the Holy Land. The funds that are generously given go to:

**Faith, Memory & Culture – The Holy Places:** Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history.

**Social & Charitable Activities:** In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.

**Educational & Scientific Activities:** The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for young men to answer the call to become Franciscan priests and brothers. Additionally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places.

**Pastoral Activities:** The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering worship, Christian formation, and necessary youth and family programs, especially in regions affected by war.

**Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs:** The Christian Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize liturgical celebrations for local Christians and pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing ecumenical cooperation.

Because of the pandemic, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday collection. Pope Francis has asked us to generously give to the Holy Land collection the weekend of September 12 & 13. Why this weekend? This is the closes weekend to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, which is September 14. It is on this feast that we remember how Jesus died for our sins because He loved each and everyone of us! Please take time to prayerfully consider the many blessings God has given you and generously give to the Holy Land Collection! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## Season of Creation September 1-October 4

“As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning...Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.” --From the Earth Charter, Quoted in *Laudato si'*, #207

The theme for this year's Season of Creation is Jubilee for the Earth. “Climate change, currently one of Earth's most pressing crises, is a result of the intersection of greed, inequality and destruction of God's Earth. Jubilee is a time to renounce overconsumption and economic systems based on constant economic growth at the cost of the Earth and those who are poor. Jubilee is a time when those who have consumed the most must care for those who have suffered the most. Jubilee is a time of rest for the land from constant exploitation, to restore ecosystems and people.”<sup>1</sup>

During the days of this pandemic, we have stayed home more, driven less, learned to make do with what is available rather than going out to grocery shop, perhaps spent more time in nature. Is this experience a Jubilee of sorts? What have we learned? How will we continue to make lifestyle changes that will help prevent further degradation of the gift of God's creation?

<sup>1</sup>Season of Creation 2020, Jubilee Time for the Earth, a Catholic Liturgical Guide by James E. Hug, S.J.

## Bishops' Statement on Racism

In recognition of the recent anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington and in anticipation of our celebration of the Feast of St. Peter Claver on September 9, the Justice and Peace Committee is sharing a statement from the Bishops' Chairman for Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism. *For the full text, go to [www.usccb.org/offices/public-affairs](http://www.usccb.org/offices/public-affairs)*

“... in the midst of our country's ongoing racial unrest, we restate our commitment to peacefully seeking racial justice. We stand in solidarity with Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI of Milwaukee, which serves the City of Kenosha, who earlier this week said, ‘Violence can never be the means to attain peace and justice. The Church stands as a beacon of hope. The sins of violence, injustice, racism, and hatred must be purged from our communities with acts of mercy, with the protection and care for the dignity of every human person, with respect for the common good, and with an unwavering pursuit of equality and peace.’ ... We reiterate the value of those whose human life and dignity in this country are marginalized through racism and our need to fight for them including the unborn. Considering the violence in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and in other cities across the nation, we urge all people of faith to observe August 28 or the Feast of St. Peter Claver on September 9 as a day of fasting and prayer...”

## September 9: A Slave to the Slave: St. Peter Claver



St. Peter Claver was born in Spain and felt God calling him to serve the slaves as they arrived in Cartagena, Colombia. He was ordained a Jesuit priest in Colombia and spent the rest of his life serving slaves and the poor in the area. His memorial feast day is Sept. 9. We will use the readings for his memorial at our 8:30 AM Mass that day. Before Mass, at 8-8:20 AM, we will have a prayer service devoted to St. Peter Claver. The purpose of the Mass and prayer service is to continue our focus on racism and to join in the National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities which is also on Sept. 9. Both the Mass and Prayer Service will be live streamed. Those who attend Mass will receive a St. Peter Claver memento. For a 90-second audio summary of his life and mission, access this Franciscan Media at [www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-peter-claver/](http://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-peter-claver/)

## Temporada de la Creación 2020 Oración

Creador de la Vida,

En Tu Palabra, la Tierra trajo plantas que producen semillas y árboles de todo tipo dando frutos. Los ríos, montañas, minerales, mares y bosques sustentaron la vida. Los ojos de todos te miraban para satisfacer las necesidades de todo ser viviente. Y a lo largo del tiempo la Tierra ha sostenido la vida. A través de los ciclos planetarios de días y estaciones, renovación y crecimiento, abres la mano para dar a las criaturas nuestra comida en el tiempo adecuado.

En tu Sabiduría, concediste un día de reposo; un tiempo bendito para descansar en gratitud por todo lo que habéis dado; un tiempo para liberarnos del consumo vicioso; un tiempo para permitir que la Tierra y todas las criaturas descansen de la carga de la producción. Pero hoy en día nuestra vida empuja el planeta más allá de sus límites. Nuestras demandas de crecimiento, y nuestro ciclo interminable de producción y consumo están agotando nuestro mundo. Los bosques son lixiviados, la parte superior erosiona, los campos fallan, los desiertos avanzan, los mares se acidifican, las tormentas se intensifican. No hemos permitido que la Tierra observe su día de reposo, y la Tierra está luchando por ser renovada.

Durante esta época de la Creación, les pedimos que nos concedan valor para observar un sábado para nuestro planeta. Fortalecenos con la fe para confiar en tu providencia. Inspíranos con la creatividad para compartir lo que se nos ha dado. Enséñanos a estar suficientemente satisfechos. Y al proclamar un jubileo para la Tierra, envía a Tu Espíritu Santo a renovar el rostro de la creación.

En nombre de Aquel que vino a anunciar buenas noticias a toda creación, Dios mío. Amén

### Regreso a la escuela

A medida que los estudiantes regresan a la escuela, por favor conozcan mis oraciones por todas nuestras familias STA durante este tiempo turbulento. Muchos maestros, padres y estudiantes están luchando en este momento para adaptarse a los nuevos métodos involucrados en la educación durante esta pandemia con la esperanza de prevenir una mayor propagación del coronavirus. Al comenzar este año escolar con todos nuestros temores, preocupaciones y cargas, acudamos a Dios en busca de ayuda y pidamos a Dios que reemplace nuestro descontento y ansiedad por gozo y esperanza. Aquí hay una oración que encontré en el sitio web de la USCCB para volver a la escuela. Para ser específicos de lo que enfrentamos este año escolar 2020, inserte su intención especial en blanco:

*Bendecido eres, Señor Dios,  
Creador del cuerpo, de la mente y del corazón;  
has enviado el Espíritu de sabiduría y conocimiento  
para guiar a su gente en todos sus caminos.*

*Al comienzo de este nuevo año escolar,  
en este tiempo de incertidumbre y ansiedad,  
imploramos tu misericordia.*

*Bendice y protege a nuestros estudiantes, maestros,  
personal, sus familias, y especialmente \_\_\_\_\_.  
Dar sabiduría a los tomadores de decisiones,  
ya sea en nuestras escuelas o en nuestros hogares.*

*Expande los horizontes de nuestras mentes,  
y profundizar nuestro compromiso de buscar  
la verdad de sus caminos.*

*Anima nuestra fe para llegar a los necesitados,*

*particularmente los aislados y solitarios.*

*En estos días en que tanto ha cambiado,  
ayúdanos a confiar en el amor de tu Hijo Jesús,  
nuestro Divino Maestro, que es el mismo  
ayer, hoy y para siempre. Amén.*



## Reflexión del Evangelio

### Diácono Jerome Buhman

El Evangelio de hoy es hermoso y difícil. Tiene que ver con lidiar con los conflictos y la corrección en la Iglesia primitiva. El método para resolver estos problemas se basa en el amor mutuo, en lugar de una retribución o un castigo por parte del individuo agraviado. La persona que fue agraviada debe acercarse al pecador en privado e individualmente, buscando una conversión de corazón basada en el amor. Esto protege al pecador del bochorno público, protege a la comunidad de una grieta y proporciona una oportunidad para una conversión de corazón. Si estos fallan, entonces un pequeño número de testigos es llamado, de nuevo proporcionando los beneficios mencionados anteriormente. Si no se logra la reconciliación, toda la comunidad finalmente está involucrada. Todo este proceso se basa en el amor mutuo del individuo y de la comunidad, buscando la reconciliación en el nivel más personal primero. Finalmente, si todo lo demás falla, "trátalo como lo harías con un recaudador de impuestos o gentil". Estas son palabras interesantes, porque el escritor de este Evangelio es Mateo, un recaudador de impuestos. En el capítulo del Evangelio, cuando Jesús llama a Mateo, Jesús dice: "No vine a llamar a los justos, sino a los pecadores." Esto significa que aunque un pecador pueda ser expulsado de la comunidad, todavía hay esperanza de que sea llamado de nuevo a través de la conversión a través de un encuentro con Cristo. ¡La misericordia de Dios siempre se extiende a su pueblo!

## ¡El Registro para la Catequesis está ABIERTO!

Muchas gracias a todas nuestras familias de STA por su paciencia. La catequesis de niños y jóvenes será ofrecida de distintas maneras dependiendo las edades para niños en pre-escuela hasta la escuela secundaria. Por favor lea la Carta a los Padres, las Guías y Expectativas, y el Calendario en nuestra página de internet [stamadison.org/re-registration/](http://stamadison.org/re-registration/). El registro estará abierto hasta el 15 de septiembre.



### Monthly Envelope and Offertory Income

#### Actual vs. Budget for June 2020

Budgeted	\$ 101,024
Actual	\$ 80,268
Variance Month (Unfavorable)	(\$ 20,756)

#### Fiscal Year to Date Actual vs. Budget (July 2019– June 2020)

Budgeted	\$1,267,228
Actual	\$1,243,992
Variance Year to Date (Unfavorable)	(\$ 23,236)

### Monthly Envelope and Offertory Income

#### Actual vs. Budget for July 2020

Budgeted	\$ 80,119
Actual	\$ 77,705
Variance Month (Unfavorable)	(\$ 2,414)

#### Actual vs. Budget for August 2020

Budgeted	\$ 94,961
Actual	\$ 100,962
Variance Month	\$ 6,001

#### Fiscal Year to Date Actual vs. Budget (July 2020 - August 2020)

Budgeted	\$ 175,080
Actual	\$ 178,667
Variance Year to Date	\$ 3,578

### 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal as of August 27

Goal .....	\$109,197
STA Parish Pledge Total .....	\$130,577
Paid to Date .....	\$116,826
Number of Families Donating.....	373

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23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Mass Intentions for This Week

#### Saturday, September 5

4:30 PM John Lynch ☩

#### Sunday, September 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Margaret Kelley ☩

10:00 AM Kevin Sorge ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

#### Monday, September 7: Labor Day

No Mass, Building Closed for Labor Day

#### Tuesday, September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 PM Kathleen Ann Loehr-Lishka ☩

#### Wednesday, September 9

8:30 AM Gene Kruska ☩

#### Thursday, September 10

7:30 AM Valerie Olson ☩

#### Friday, September 11

8:30 AM Gil Schlimgen ☩

#### Saturday, September 12

4:30 PM Miles Breunig ☩

#### Sunday, September 13

8:00 AM Madeline and Donald Pepper ☩

10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

6:30 PM D. Aldo Pitassi and Rose Marie Walch ☩

### Readings for the Week of September 6

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 /Rom 14:7-9/  
Mt 18:21-35

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### Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

#### August 29/30

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#### Counters Schedule

Tuesday, September 8: Phyllis Reindl or Dick Ihlenfeld

Monday, September 14: Mary Michalski or Cyrilla Wipperfurth

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**"Si tu hermano comete un pecado, ve y amonéstalo a solas. Si te escucha, habrás salvado a tu hermano."**  
- Mateo 18:15

### Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

#### Vigésimo tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario

Por favor, consulte el artículo de Dcn. Jerome en la página 8 para una reflexión sobre las lecturas de este domingo de la Sagrada Escritura.



#### Feliz Día del Trabajo 7<sup>de</sup>septiembre!

"El trabajo es fundamental para la dignidad de una persona. El trabajo, para usar una imagen, nos 'unge' de dignidad, nos llena de dignidad, nos hace similares a Dios, que ha trabajado y sigue trabajando, que siempre actúa..."

- Papa Francisco, *fiesta de San José el Trabajador y día mundial del trabajo*, 5/1/13

"Dirijo un fuerte llamamiento desde mi corazón para que la dignidad y la seguridad del trabajador siempre estén protegidas." - Papa Francisco, *Regina Caeli*, 4/28/13

Este domingo antes del Día del Trabajo, tenemos la oportunidad de reflexionar sobre lo que la Iglesia nos enseña acerca de la dignidad del trabajo y los derechos de los trabajadores. En la tradición católica, el trabajo es más que una forma de ganarse la vida; es una forma de participación continua en la acción creativa de Dios. Los obispos católicos de los Estados Unidos han sostenido durante mucho tiempo que la manera más efectiva de construir una economía justa es hacer que el trabajo decente con salarios decentes esté disponible para todos aquellos capaces de trabajar. Cuando la economía no genera suficientes empleos, existe la obligación moral de proteger la vida y la dignidad de los trabajadores desempleados y subempleados y sus familias.

Al celebrar el Día del Trabajo este año, nos damos cuenta de que muchas empresas están sufriendo y muchas personas están desempleadas debido a la pandemia de salud. Oramos por una fuerte recuperación para nuestra economía. También estamos invitados de manera especial a reflexionar sobre la persistencia de los bajos salarios y la desigualdad en nuestros lugares de trabajo que existe en nuestros días. En su propia experiencia de trabajo— en un entorno de oficina, sirviendo a los demás, como estudiante o trabajando en el hogar, ¿cómo han experimentado el trabajo como una forma de participación en la acción creativa de Dios? ¿Cómo son los bajos salarios persistentes un obstáculo para la plena participación en esa acción creativa? ¿Qué puede hacer para apoyar los lugares de trabajo construidos sobre la justicia y la dignidad?

#### Temporada de la Creación del 1 de septiembre al 4 de octubre de 2020

La Temporada de la Creación es una adición relativamente

### 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

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Jueves 6:00 PM

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Jueves 7:00 PM

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reciente a las celebraciones litúrgicas católicas. En 2015, el Papa Francisco añadió la Jornada Mundial de Oración por el Cuidado de la Creación al calendario litúrgico católico que se celebrará el 1 de septiembre de cada año. En 2019, el Vaticano pidió a las comunidades católicas y pastores de todo el mundo que se unieran a las comunidades ecuménicas de todo el mundo para celebrar la Temporada de la Creación del 1 de septiembre al 4 de octubre.

El Tiempo de la Creación es un tiempo litúrgico dedicado a la oración, la reflexión y la celebración de Dios como Creador. También celebra y reflexiona con oración sobre los dones de la creación y la misión que Dios nos ha dado de cuidar la creación y responder a sus necesidades y crisis de hoy.

El tema de la Temporada de creación 2020, elegido por su comité directivo internacional, es *Jubileo para la Tierra*. El comité de dirección ecuménico explica el tema de esta manera:

"El cambio climático es el resultado de la intersección de la codicia, la desigualdad y la destrucción de la Tierra de Dios. El tema del Jubileo ha sido elegido para el Tiempo de la Creación de este año, ya que refleja esos tres temas entrelazados. El jubileo es un momento para renunciar al exceso de consumo y a los sistemas económicos basados en el crecimiento económico constante a costa de la Tierra y de los pobres. El jubileo es una época en la que los que más han consumido deben restituir a los que más han sufrido. El jubileo es un tiempo de descanso para la tierra desde la explotación constante, para restaurar los ecosistemas y las personas".

Durante estos días del tiempo de creación, incluiremos oraciones e información sobre nuestro cuidado de la creación mientras celebramos esta temporada y nos comprometemos de nuevo a ser buenos administradores de los recursos de la tierra.