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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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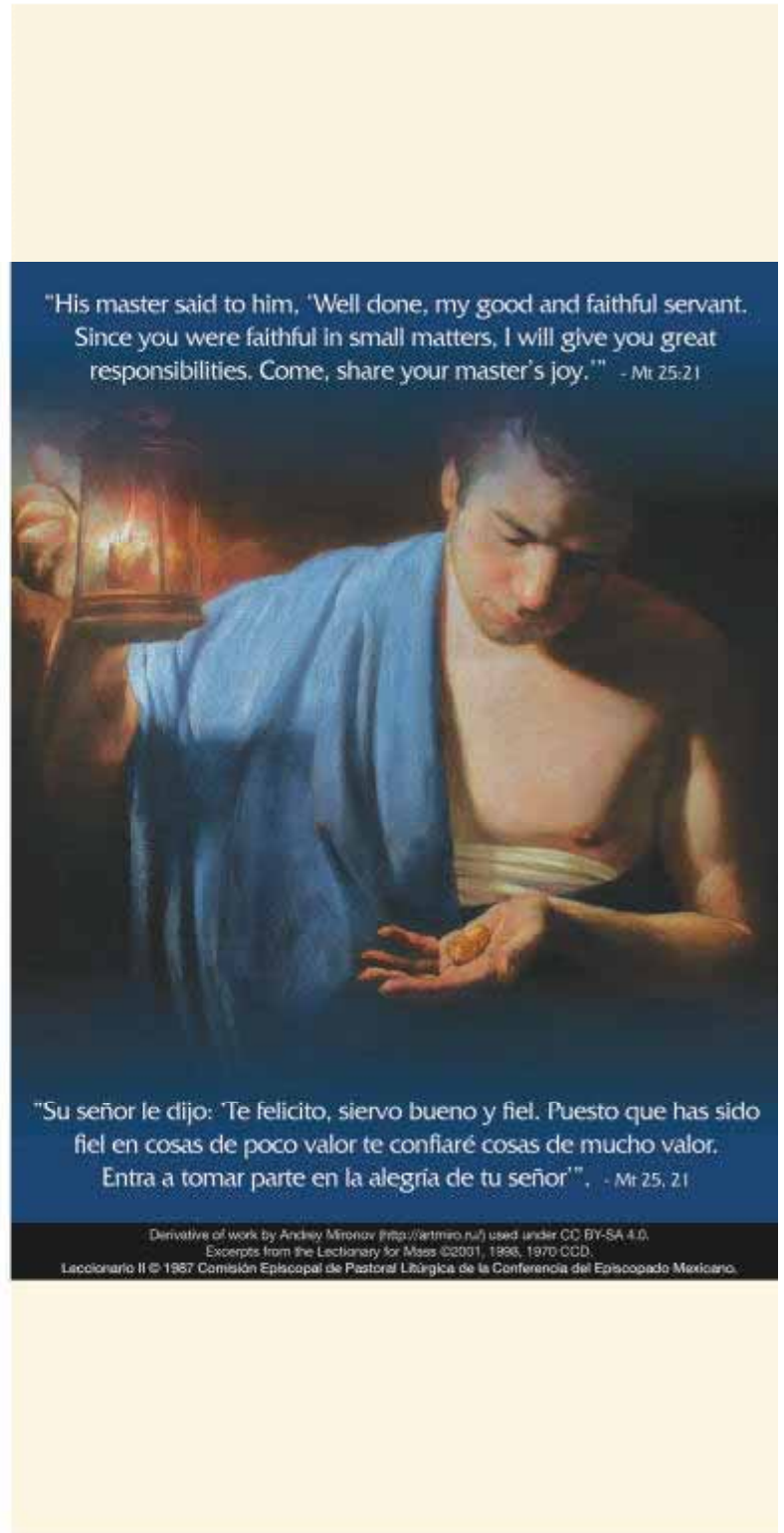
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"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'" - Mt 25:21

"Su señor le dijo: 'Te felicito, siervo bueno y fiel. Puesto que has sido fiel en cosas de poco valor te confiaré cosas de mucho valor. Entra a tomar parte en la alegría de tu señor'". - Mt 25: 21

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Trigesimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
November 15, 2020 | 15 de Noviembre de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Thanksgiving Liturgies

Please join us to offer thanks to God for our many blessings:

- Mass Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, Mass at 9:00 AM. The collection at this Mass will benefit our St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

Due to lower Mass attendance due to the pandemic, this year we are participating in "Giving Tuesday." Please see page 4 for an explanation of how to participate. All proceeds received on "Giving Tuesday" will benefit our STA Conference of St. Vincent de Paul and our Christmas Food Baskets Project. Thank you for your generosity!

- Our annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service with our neighbors at Advent Lutheran Church, ELCA, and Community of Hope, U.C.C. has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Instead we will be emailing to all parishioners a recorded message by the three pastors. Please watch for this message in an upcoming parish email. Authentic ecumenism is a vital mission of the Catholic Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states "Christ bestowed unity on His Church from the beginning. This unity, we believe, subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose, and we hope that it will continue to increase until the end of time. Christ always gives His Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her.... The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit" (n. 820). In the book, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, Pope John Paul II also speaks of the urgent need for Christian unity: "By the year 2000 we need to be more united, more willing to advance along the path toward the unity for which Christ prayed on the eve of His Passion. This unity is enormously precious. In a certain sense, the future of the world is at stake. The future of the Kingdom of God in the world is at stake." Please join us in praying for Christian unity.

Each year we have taken up a collection to benefit the Lussier Food Pantry. Please be generous as you are able by sending a check to the parish with Lussier Food Pantry in the memo line.

Make Disciples Capital Campaign Update

We have begun the Planning and Design stage of Phase II of our Campaign, which will be the remodeling of the Kitchen and the Social Hall. Construction of Phase II is scheduled to begin in June 2021. We continue to work with Vogel Brothers and ADC Architects.

Thank You to All Who Donated to Our Priests for Our Future Campaign!

My sincerest gratitude goes to the generous parishioners who helped us in the Priests for Our Future Campaign. What an overwhelming, generous response we made to support seminarian education! We raised 169% of our goal and received \$416,051 as our over-goal sharing. All the over-goal sharing money was placed in our Capital Improvement Fund and used to make long lasting improvements to our campus and worship space. The Capital Improvement Fund has been used over the past 5 years to pay for everything from a new boiler, to the extensive sanctuary remodeling (pews, flooring, lights). We will offer Mass on November 8 at 10:00 AM for the households who participated as a thank you to them.

Fr. Bart's article is continued on the next page

Prayer for Life

For married couples considering adoption: May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition his holy will; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Peace

For all families: May God guide them through these stressful times, giving them the patience to listen to each other, resolve differences and find peace; We pray to the Lord:

Virtual Discussion of "Just Mercy"

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 PM

Join us on Thursday, November 19 at 7PM for a discussion of the film, "Just Mercy." In an ongoing effort to raise awareness of systemic racism, the Justice and Peace Committee looks forward to a thoughtful conversation about the issues raised in this award-winning film. Participants are encouraged to view the film on their own and come prepared to join in the hour-long conversation.

The film is a powerful and thought-provoking true story following young lawyer Bryan Stevenson and his history-making battle for justice. After graduating from Harvard, Bryan went to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned to death. The film deftly tells the emotionally-charged stories of a couple of the men he defended. It brings to light the racial inequities in our criminal justice system.

Whether you have read the book or seen the film, we encourage you to join us. The film is available on many platforms. Go to justmercyfilm.com for a multitude of viewing options. To register for the Zoom conversation and receive the link to the program, contact Jenny Ludtke at jennifer@stamadison.org or 833-2606.

Let us continue to pray for an end to racial disparities. "Across the nation, racism casts a long shadow. We believe that all life is sacred and worthy of our deepest reverence. Give us the courage to stand up for racial justice and reconciliation. As individuals, as a ministry, and as a nation, help us to see when we have missed the mark and empower us to do better." --excerpted from a prayer from St. Dominic's Anti-racism Team (St. DART), St. Dominic's/Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support.

As of October 28:

Campaign Goal.....	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date.....	\$3,051,098
Received to Date	\$1,322,581
Number of Households Participating	461

Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”



The Church is our Mother, our family, our home—the sacred place where we become the missionary disciples, the saints that God calls us to be. Like any good mother, the Church births, feeds, heals, forgives, directs, and loves us unto eternal life.

What analogy for the Church speaks most powerfully to you? Which one challenges you? What can you do to grow in your appreciation for the Church and the many roles it plays in our lives?

From Bishop Hying, in Go Make Disciples Newsletter, August 2020, No.4

Gospel Reflection

By Dcn. Jerome Buhman



This week’s parable is the second one in a row from Matthew about waiting. Last week, the ten virgins were waiting for the bridegroom; today we have the three servants waiting for their master’s return. What is central to one interpretation of this Gospel is the actions of the servants in this time of waiting. He has given each a large amount of money, and the master trusts that each will utilize the money well. The first two servants work with the money – they use what they have been given to create more. The third servant is paralyzed by fear. He believes that if he returns exactly what he has been given, that is all that should be expected. He is so fearful of doing something wrong that he doesn’t actively use what he was given as his master intended him to do. While Fr. Bredan Byrne cautions against directly equating the master in the parable with God, he does point out that this “parable challenges a particular type of religiosity that, flowing from a fearful image of God, is concerned simply with not doing anything wrong in order that God will not find anything to punish. Such an attitude neglects to ask what God really wants of believers in the present time, which is an enterprising, even risk-taking, practice of the ‘weightier matters of the law’ – ‘justice, mercy and faith.’ [Mt. 23:23]

In our time of waiting for the return of the Lord, what are we doing with what has been given to us? Are we using what God has given to us to promote his kingdom?

Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual

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 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!

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

This past year brought many challenges, especially with the pandemic affecting the health of many and all of our lives. Even so, there have been silver linings amidst the sufferings. Seeing our parishioners’ generous response to our situation is certainly a great sign of hope in these difficult times. It is a testament to your strong faith and dedication to our Church that we could continue our mission in the world and in our community through this crisis. We continue to pray for better days ahead. By working together and doing our fair share to contribute to the financial well-being of our parish, we can overcome the challenges we face, achieve our financial goals, and continue our mission to build up the Kingdom of God here in Madison. Thank you for all you do to support our St. Thomas Aquinas Parish family where we “Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples!”

Gifts from the Heart

November 7 - November 22

Once again St Thomas Aquinas parishioners will have the opportunity to help make Christmas brighter for our neighbors in need. However, due to the pandemic, our program will look a little different this year. There will be two ways to offer your support:

- Take an ornament from the Gifts from the Heart display wall. These ornaments contain gift requests;
- Purchase a \$30 gift card from one of the following stores: Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon or Burlington.



Please return unwrapped gifts with the ornament attached on the outside to the alcove to the left of the fireplace in the Gathering Space by **November 23**. Gift cards may be returned to the main office document slot next to the Gifts From the Heart gift tag pick up area.

If you intend to purchase a gift card, please visit tinyurl.com/svdpgiftsfromtheheart to let us know your intentions. Please bring purchased gift cards to the main office mail slot in the Gathering Space by **November 23**, or send them by email to stasvdp@gmail.com.

There will be fewer gift ornaments this year as more emphasis will be placed on the distribution of gift cards.

Gifts and gift cards will be sorted and sent out on November 23, so bringing them in by the due date is essential. All gifts will go to someone, but late gifts may not make it to the people who requested them. Thank you for your promptness and, especially, for your generosity!



Christmas Food Basket Time Is Right Around The Corner!

During the Christmas season, you can make a difference by sharing food with our neighbors in need. This year's Christmas Food Baskets are even more important than past year's as many of our neighbors are struggling due to the pandemic. **Food donations to fill 125 baskets will be collected starting the weekend of November 28 and will continue through December 17.**



We understand that this year is like no other, but we would still like to include as many parishioners as possible while taking extra precautions to keep volunteers safe.

If you are coming to the STA campus, you can bring your food donations and put them in the brown bins as usual.

We understand that some members of our parish family want to donate food but are unable to come to the church due to health or other restrictions. Therefore, we will be holding a Donation Drive Through Event on Sunday, December 13 from 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Just drive up to the main entrance of the church and volunteers will be present to empty your trunk of groceries!

In the Gathering Area we will have empty boxes that you can "check out," fill, and return. Each box will have an attached list of groceries with which to fill it. Filled boxes should be brought back to church by December 17.

Financial donations are also most welcome. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, with the notation "Christmas Food Baskets" in the memo line.

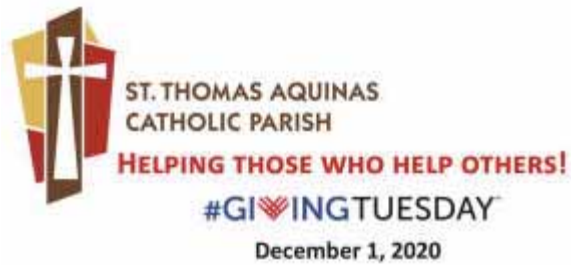
In order to allow us to practice social distancing, we intend to sort and pack donations in three smaller shifts of volunteers, starting on the evening of Thursday, December 17 and continuing with two shifts (afternoon and evening) on Friday, December 18.

The delivery of the baskets will take place Saturday, December 19. As in years past, we need many delivery volunteers. Baskets will be set outside the doors of recipients' homes.

Volunteer Sign-ups will be available soon!

Thank you for your generous donation of these non-perishable food items:

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| canned fruits | laundry detergent |
| canned vegetables | toothpaste |
| cereal | shampoo |
| peanut butter | canned juice |
| soup | macaroni and cheese |
| pasta/rice | canned meals/spaghetti/ravioli |



Giving Tuesday Lets Us Help Those Who Help Others

The pandemic has forced us to change how we meet the increased needs in the community. We cannot hold a bake sale to raise money to purchase gift cards for the Christmas Baskets, and calls to our parish St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference have increased. They currently average about 2 home visits a week and provide much needed assistance, including free furniture or clothing vouchers, food from the SVdP Pantry, assistance with rent or utility payments, and other vital aid.

This is why we are excited that St. Thomas Aquinas is going to participate in **Giving Tuesday this year on December 1!** Our goal is to raise funds to help purchase gift cards for food baskets and allow the SVdP Conference to continue caring for others! Gifts will be matched 1 for 1 up to \$21,500!

Watch Facebook and our website stamadison.org in the coming weeks for stories from our volunteers. Please "Like" and "Share" our page. With each like and share, you spread the news about Giving Tuesday!

There are two ways to make Giving Tuesday donations:

1. By check payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. In the memo line write "Giving Tuesday."
2. On our website **on Tuesday December 1:** Go to stamadison.org. and click on the Donate tab to the far right side of the page.

On the next page, click the Donate button.

On the next page enter the amount of your donation. Do NOT check the box to make a monthly donation. Then click **Write a note** and write "Giving Tuesday."

Select how you want to donate: PayPal or Debit or Credit card . This takes you to a page where you can log into your PayPal account or enter your credit/debit card information. Follow the directions there to complete your donation.



Reflexión del Evangelio

Diácono Jerome Buhman



La parábola de esta semana es la segunda consecutiva de Mateo sobre la espera. La semana pasada, las diez vírgenes estaban esperando al novio; hoy tenemos a los tres sirvientes esperando el regreso de su amo. Una interpretación de este Evangelio son las acciones de los siervos en este tiempo de espera. Le ha dado a cada uno una gran cantidad de dinero, y el amo confía en que cada uno utilizará bien el dinero. Los dos primeros sirvientes trabajan con el dinero: usan lo que se les ha dado para crear más. El tercer sirviente está paralizado por el miedo. Él cree que, si devuelve exactamente lo que se le ha dado, eso es todo lo que se debe esperar. Tiene tanto miedo de hacer algo mal que no usa activamente lo que se le dio como su maestro pretendía que hiciera. Esta próxima cita del Padre Brendan Byrne advierte en contra de equiparar directamente al maestro en la parábola con Dios, y señala que esta “parábola desafía un tipo particular de religiosidad que, que surge de una imagen terrible de Dios, se preocupa simplemente por no hacer nada malo para que Dios no encontrará nada para castigar. Tal actitud deja de preguntar qué es lo que Dios realmente quiere de los creyentes en el tiempo presente, que es una práctica emprendedora, incluso arriesgada, de las “cuestiones más importantes de la ley”: “justicia, misericordia y fe” [Mt. 23:23]

En nuestro tiempo de espera por el regreso del Señor, ¿qué estamos haciendo con lo que se nos ha dado? ¿Estamos usando lo que Dios nos ha dado para promover su reino?

Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de noviembre

Domingo: Prov 31, 10-13. 19-20. 30-31/Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5/1 Tes 5, 1-6/ Mt 25, 14-30 o 25, 14-15. 19-21

Lunes: Ap 1, 1-4; 2, 1-5/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Lc 18, 35-43

Martes: Ap 3, 1-6. 14-22/Sal 15, 2-3. 3-4. 5/Lc 19, 1-10

Miércoles: Ap 4, 1-11/Sal 150, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 19, 11-28

Jueves: Ap 5, 1-10/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9/Lc 19, 41-44

Viernes: Ap 10, 8-11/Sal 119, 14. 24. 72. 103. 111. 131/Lc 19, 45-48

Sábado: Ap 11, 4-12/Sal 144, 1. 2. 9-10/Lc 20, 27-40

Domingo siguiente: Ez 34, 11-12. 15-17/Sal 23, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6/ 1 Cor 15, 20-26. 28/Mt 25, 31-46 ©LPi



Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, November 14

4:30 PM Christopher Andrews ☩

Sunday, November 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM John Kreul ☩

6:30 PM Alex Martin ☩

Monday, November 16: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:30 AM Dan Dirienzo ☩

Tuesday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

5:30 PM Rosemary Johnson ☩

Wednesday, November 18: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:30 AM Rob Andringa ☩

Thursday, November 19

7:30 AM Carolyn Foster ☩

Friday, November 20

8:30 AM Christopher Andrews ☩

Saturday, November 21

4:30 PM Mateo Rufino ☩

Sunday, November 22: Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 AM Special Intention

10:00 AM George Ingell and Living and Deceased Members of the Alighieri and Ingwell Families ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of November 15

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

November 7/8

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Counters Schedule

Monday, November 16 : Rosemary Neu

Monday, November 23 : Aeki Bail or Barbara Rudin

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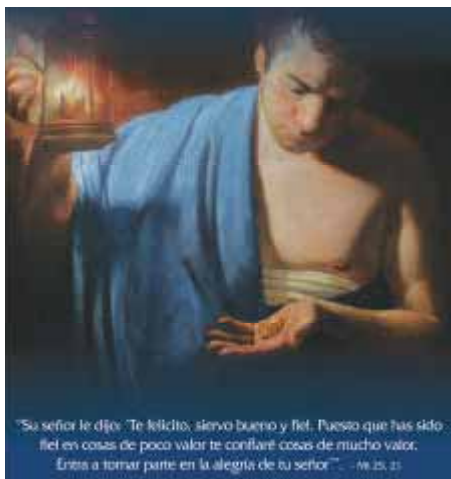
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cian a Jesucristo de una manera que cambia la manera en la
que viven.



Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco
Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
 Por favor vea la reflexión del Evangelio del Diá-
 cono Jerome en la página 5.



Liturgias de Acción de Gracias

Únase a nosotros para dar gracias a Dios por nuestras muchas bendiciones:

- Misa de Acción de Gracias, jueves 26 de noviembre a las 9:00 AM. La colecta en esta Misa beneficiará a nuestra Conferencia de STA de St. Vincent de Paul.

Debido a la disminución del número de personas en la Misa debido a la pandemia de salud, este año participamos en el “martes de donaciones.” Consulte la página 4 para obtener una explicación en inglés de cómo participar. Todas las ganancias recibidas el “Martes de donaciones” (*Giving Tuesday*) beneficiarán a nuestra Conferencia STA de St. Vincent de Paul y a nuestro Proyecto de Canastas de Alimentos de Navidad. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

- Nuestro Servicio Ecuménico de Oración de Acción de Gracias anual con nuestros vecinos en la Iglesia Luterana de Adviento, ELCA y Community of Hope, U.C.C. ha sido cancelado debido a la pandemia de salud. En cambio, estaremos enviando por correo electrónico a todos los feligreses un mensaje grabado por los tres pastores. Esté atento a este mensaje en un próximo correo electrónico parroquial. El ecumenismo auténtico es una misión vital de la Iglesia Católica. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica declara que “Cristo otorgó unidad a Su Iglesia desde el principio. Esta unidad, creemos, subsiste en la Iglesia Católica como algo que nunca puede perder, y esperamos que continúe aumentando hasta el fin de los tiempos. Cristo siempre da a su Iglesia el don de la unidad, pero la Iglesia siempre debe orar y trabajar para mantener, reforzar y perfeccionar la unidad que Cristo quiere para ella ... El deseo de recuperar la unidad de todos los cristianos es un don de Cristo y una llamada del Espíritu Santo” (n. 820). En el libro *Cruzando el Umbral de la Esperanza*, el Papa Juan Pablo II también habla de la necesidad urgente de la uni-

Misa en español

Domingos 6:30 PM
 STARING ON NOVEMBER 28 - SPANISH MASSES CHANGED
 TO SATURDAYS AT 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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dad de los cristianos: “Para el año 2000 debemos estar más unidos, más dispuestos a avanzar por el camino hacia la unidad por la que Cristo oró la víspera de su Pasión. Esta unidad es enormemente preciosa. En cierto sentido, está en juego el futuro del mundo. El futuro del Reino de Dios en el mundo está en juego.” Únase a nosotros en oración por la unidad de los cristianos.

Cada año hemos realizado una colecta en beneficio de Lussier Food Pantry. Por favor sea tan generoso como pueda enviando un cheque escrito a St. Thomas Aquinas Church con *Lussier Food Pantry* en la línea de memo.

Actualización de la Campaña Capital Haz Discípulos

Hemos iniciado la etapa de Planificación y Diseño de la Fase II de nuestra Campaña, que será la remodelación de la Cocina y el Salón de Convivio. Está previsto que la construcción de la Fase II comience en junio de 2021. Seguimos trabajando con Vogel Brothers y ADC Architects.

ATENCIÓN... ¡NUEVO Horario de MISA en español en STA!

Comenzando esta época de Adviento, específicamente el **28 de noviembre**, la Misa en español será cambiada a los **sábados a las 6:30 PM**. El último domingo en el cual celebraremos el la Misa en español a las 6:30 PM será el domingo, 22 de noviembre. Ya a partir del 28 de noviembre nuestras Misas en español serán oficialmente los **sábados a las 6:30 PM**. Les pedimos que marquen sus calendarios, hagan los arreglos necesarios con sus horarios para que nos puedan acompañar en la Misa en español en este NUEVO horario de **sábados a las 6:30 PM**. Estaremos anunciando el cambio por los medios sociales (en nuestra página de Facebook), por correo electrónico, el boletín, y otros medios. Les pedimos que por favor compartan este cambio de horario con todas sus amistades, conocidos, y familiares para que de esta manera ellos puedan conocer el nuevo horario también y asistir a la Misa en español el día correcto.