

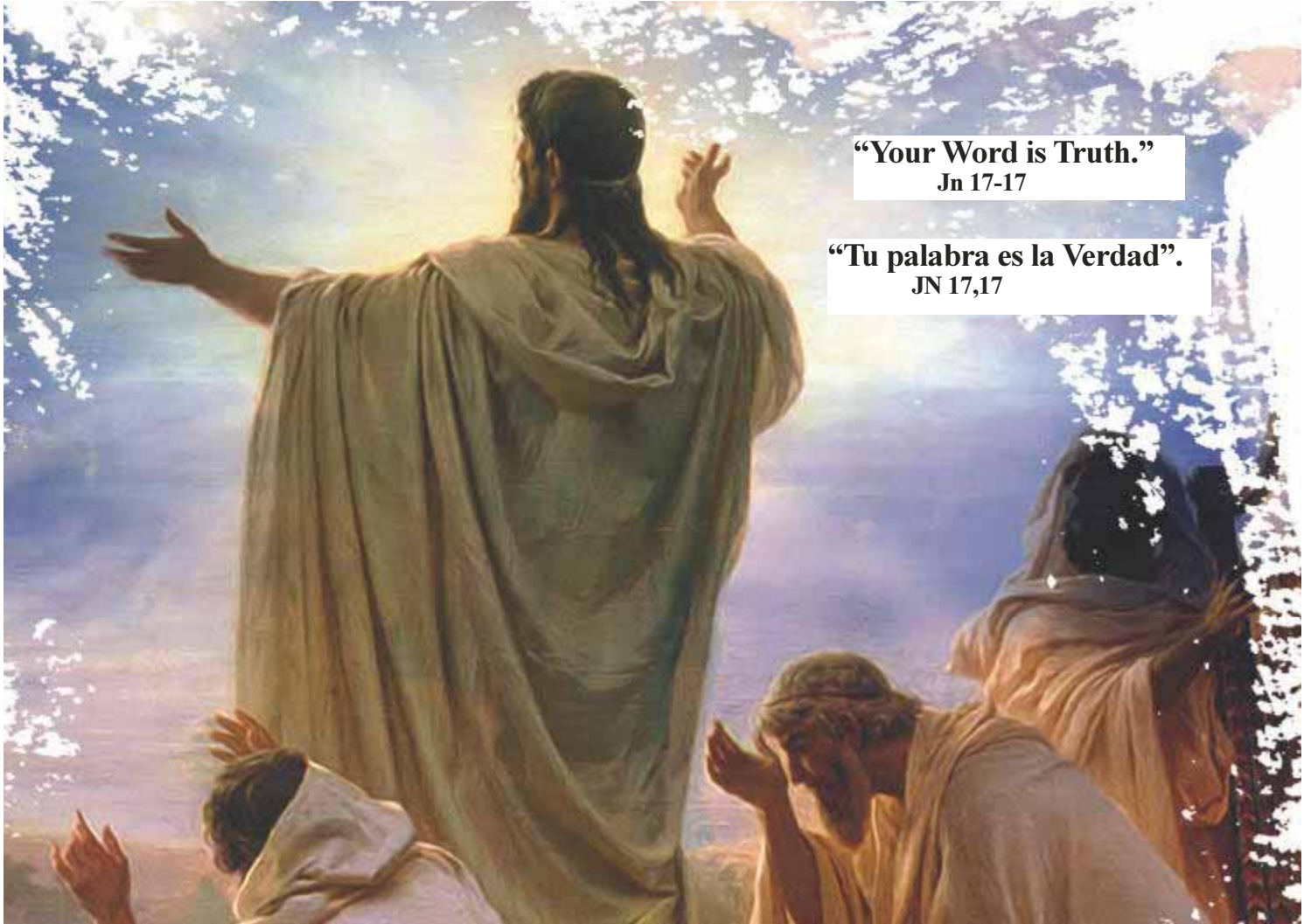


ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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.



“Your Word is Truth.”
Jn 17-17

“Tu palabra es la Verdad”.
JN 17,17

Adoration

Monday, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Tuesday, 4:15 - 5:15 PM
Friday, 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday, 9:00 - 5:00 PM
Thursday, 9:00 - Noon and 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday, 9:00 - Noon

Church and Chapel Hours

Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 5:00 PM
Saturday, 10:00 - 6:00 PM
Sunday, 7:00 - 11:00 AM

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 AM
Tuesday, 5:30 PM
Thursday, 7:30 AM
Saturday, 4:30 PM English
6:30 PM Spanish
Sunday, 8:00 and 10:00 AM
All Masses are livestreamed.

Confession Schedule

Saturday, 3:15 - 4:10 PM
Sunday, 9:00 - 9:50 AM

Misa en español
sábados a las 6:30 PM

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15 - 4:10 PM y

Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Martes 4:15 - 5:25 PM
Viernes 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor
May 16, 2021 16 de mayo de 2021

Fr. Bart Timmerman

Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven: Jesus Gives the Great Commission

Our Vision for our STA Parish family is to be an evangelizing parish of missionary disciples of Jesus Christ where people experience Jesus in a way that changes how they live. In today's Gospel for the Solemnity of the Ascension, Jesus gives the "Great Commission" to the Apostles and all baptized Catholics: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." We are enthusiastic to be part of the New Evangelization called for by four previous Popes.

Five years ago, our parish began working to become an evangelizing parish; now Bishop Hying has chosen this vision for our Diocese and named it "Go Make Disciples." He called every parish to work according to a timeline that began last year on Pentecost Sunday. Amy Yanser from the Diocesan Staff was assigned as our liaison. The first phase, which we had already started five years ago, was to develop leadership and an evangelization plan. Now we have Jenny Ludtke as our Director of Evangelization, an Evangelization Committee, Prayer Team, and evangelical programs like Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Alpha, Re-Lit, Heart of Our Faith Retreat. Our Marriage Preparation Program has been changed to more evangelical. Our STA Staff has been participating in the Catholic Evangelization Studies Course in the Diocese of Green Bay and reading and forming themselves for the new evangelization. Thanks to a grant, we recently began work with The Evangelical Catholic to train people to become Disciple Makers. We did most initiatives in English and Spanish, so all could experience them.

Later this year Phase II of the diocesan "Go Make Disciples" initiative begins, in which the leaders we have formed will be empowered to evangelize our entire parish and beyond. Please continue to pray that our efforts bear great fruit for our families and our Church. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in being part of our "Go Make Disciples" initiative, please contact Jenny Ludtke.

The Meaning of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven

The Ascension of Jesus can be defined as the transfer of his risen, glorious body to heaven, that is, to the world of the divine. Some Old Testament texts describe God as "descending" from heaven to accomplish something on earth; he then "ascends" or returns to the world of the divine. Jesus himself speaks of descending to this earth and ascending again to the Father once his work of redemption has been accomplished (cf. Jn 3:13, Eph 4:10). This mystery has two aspects: 1) the heavenly glorification of Christ which coincided with his Resurrection, and 2) his final departure from his Apostles after a period of apparitions. The feast of the Ascension commemorates this second aspect. The Ascension means that Jesus, triumphant over death, has begun a new life with God. He has gone to heaven to prepare a place for the elect. On the Last Day, he will return to lead them there so that they might take up their abode with him (Jn 14:2 ff.). For this reason, the Ascension is a source of great hope and consolation for Christians.



Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

Solemnidad de la Ascensión de Jesús al Cielo: Jesús da la Gran Comisión

Nuestra visión para nuestra familia parroquial de Saint Thomas Aquinas es ser una parroquia evangelizadora de discípulos misioneros de Jesucristo donde las personas experimenten a Jesús de una manera que cambie su forma de vivir. En el Evangelio de hoy para la solemnidad de la Ascensión, Jesús da la "Gran Comisión" a los Apóstoles y a todos los católicos bautizados: "Id por todo el mundo y proclamad el Evangelio a toda criatura". Estamos entusiasmados de ser parte de la Nueva Evangelización solicitada por cuatro Papas anteriores.

Hace cinco años, nuestra parroquia comenzó a trabajar para convertirse en una parroquia evangelizadora; ahora el obispo Hying ha elegido esta visión para nuestra Diócesis y la ha llamado "Vayan y hagan discípulos". Llamó a todas las parroquias a trabajar de acuerdo con una cronología que comenzó el año pasado el domingo de Pentecostés. Amy Yanser del Personal Diocesano fue asignada como nuestro enlace. La primera fase, que ya habíamos comenzado hace cinco años, fue desarrollar liderazgo y un plan de evangelización. Ahora tenemos a Jenny Ludtke como nuestra Directora de Evangelización, un Comité de Evangelización, un Equipo de Oración y programas evangélicos como Catequesis del Buen Pastor, Alpha, Re-Lit, el retiro *Heart of Our Faith*. Nuestro programa de preparación matrimonial se ha cambiado a más evangélico. Nuestro personal de Saint Thomas Aquinas ha estado participando en el Curso de estudios de evangelización católica en la diócesis de Green Bay y ha estado leyendo y formándose para la nueva evangelización. Gracias a una subvención, recientemente comenzamos a trabajar con *The Evangelical Catholic* para capacitar a las personas para que se conviertan en Discípulos. Hicimos la mayoría de las iniciativas en inglés y español, para que todos pudieran experimentarlas.

A finales de este año, comienza la segunda fase de la iniciativa diocesana "Vayan y hagan discípulos", en la que los líderes que hemos formado tendrán el poder de evangelizar toda nuestra parroquia y más allá. Continúe orando para que nuestros esfuerzos den grandes frutos para nuestras familias y nuestra Iglesia. Próximamente les compartiremos más información. Si está interesado en ser parte de nuestra iniciativa "Vayan y hagan discípulos", comuníquese con Jenny Ludtke.

El significado de la ascensión de Jesús al cielo

La Ascensión de Jesús se puede definir como la transferencia de su cuerpo glorioso y resucitado al cielo, es decir, al mundo de lo divino. Algunos textos del Antiguo Testamento describen a Dios como "descendiendo" del cielo para lograr algo en la tierra; luego "asciende" o regresa al mundo de lo divino. Jesús mismo habla de descender a esta tierra y volver a ascender al Padre una vez cumplida su obra redentora (cf. Jn 3, 13; Ef 4, 10). Este misterio tiene dos aspectos: 1) la glorificación celestial de Cristo que coincidió con su Resurrección, y 2) su despedida definitiva de sus Apóstoles después de un período de apariciones. La fiesta de la Ascensión conmemora este segundo aspecto. La Ascensión significa que Jesús, triunfante sobre la muerte, ha comenzado una nueva vida con Dios. Ha ido al cielo para preparar un lugar para los elegidos. El último día volverá para llevarlos allí para que se instalen con él (Jn 14, 2 ss.). Por eso, la Ascensión es fuente de gran esperanza y consuelo para los cristianos.

Make Sundays Special!

Take Time to Chat:

What does Jesus command us to do in today's gospel?

How can we "go and proclaim the Gospel to every creature"?

Liturgy Link

What are the last words that are said by the priest or deacon at the end of Mass? In what way do these words remind you of today's gospel?

Family Prayer

Prayer Over Family Members

Jesus, our Lord, we worship you. You are our brother and our Savior. We look forward to the glory of Heaven, but until that time, you have commissioned us to proclaim the Gospel.

Bless us, Lord, and help us be a blessing to others.

[Pray the following prayer individually over each family member. Invite everyone else to place their hand on the person's shoulder.]

Bless [name of family member] and give [name] the grace and wisdom he/she needs for this day and strength for carrying out your will. Help [name] proclaim the Good News of Jesus in word and deed today and always.

Help us to always seek you, Lord. We look to you for guidance, strength, and all that we need. Amen.

Bishop Hying on "Go Make Disciples"

"By virtue of Baptism, all of us in the Church are sent on a mission—to live the Gospel and to give witness to the love and power of Jesus Christ by our words, actions, and values. Many times we may think that is the job of priests, sisters, bishops, and deacons, but the Lord calls everyone to go forth and make disciples. How do we accomplish such a daunting task?"

From Bishop Hying, in Go Make Disciples Newsletter, April 2021, No. 11

¡Haz del Domingo un Día Especial!

Dedique tiempo para platicar:

¿Qué nos manda Jesús que hagamos en el Evangelio de hoy?

¿Cómo podemos "ir y anunciar el Evangelio a toda criatura"?

Conexión con la liturgia

¿Cuáles son las últimas palabras que dice el sacerdote o el diácono al final de la Misa? ¿De qué manera te recuerdan estas palabras el Evangelio de hoy?

Oración familiar

Oración por los miembros de la familia

Jesús, nuestro Señor, te adoramos. Eres nuestro hermano y nuestro Salvador. Esperamos la gloria del cielo, pero hasta ese momento, nos has comisionado a proclamar el Evangelio.

Bendícenos, Señor, y ayúdanos a ser una bendición para los demás.

Haga la siguiente oración individualmente por cada miembro de la familia. Invitación a todos los demás a colocar su mano sobre el hombro de la persona.

Bendice a (*nombre del familiar*) y dale a (*nombre*) la gracia y la sabiduría que necesita para este día y la fuerza para llevar a cabo tu voluntad. Ayuda a (*nombre*) a proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesús de palabra y obra, hoy y siempre.

Ayúdanos a buscarte siempre, Señor. Te buscamos para orientación, fortaleza y todo lo que necesitamos. Amén.

Obispo Hying, revista "Go Make Disciples"

"En virtud del Bautismo, todos los miembros de la Iglesia somos enviados a una misión--vivir el Evangelio y dar testimonio del amor y el poder de Jesucristo con nuestras palabras, acciones y valores. Muchas veces podemos pensar que es trabajo de sacerdotes, hermanas, obispos y diáconos, pero el Señor llama a todos a salir y hacer discípulos. ¿Cómo lo logramos una tarea tan abrumadora?"

Obispo Hying, revista Go Make Disciples, abril 2021, No. 11

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Prayer for Life

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

Prayer for Justice

For all Christians: That they may find the Risen Christ by their side as they advocate for just policies that protect the vulnerable; We pray to the Lord:

Gospel Reflection By Dcn. Jerome Buhman

This week we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, when the resurrected Jesus returns to his Father in heaven having completed his redemptive work. But that does not mean that Jesus is not with us; indeed, he has told us he is with us always. And just because Jesus has ascended into heaven, it does not mean that our work is done! As we celebrate the Ascension, it good to keep in mind that it is not just about Jesus going up into heaven, but also about us going out into the world. The angels in the reading from The Acts of the Apostles could well be speaking to us when they say “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Looking at our world today, it is easy to see that it is no time to be standing around. We have only hear Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel to see the evangelization imperative of the feast of Ascension: “Go out into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” So, with Jesus’ words in our minds, the Spirit in our hearts and his command in our ears, let us all find some way to go into the world and spread the good news!

Thank You From Fr. Charles Oyo

Our 2020 Mission Sunday was held on April 24-25 and we collected \$11,700. Thank you all for your generous support. On May 5, Fr. Bart reached out to Fr. Charles Oyo and below is his response to the collection.

“Wonderful Fr. Bart I am very glad to hear this news. I can’t thank you enough! Praise be to God for this gift to us from your community. You are a blessing to us. Thank you so much Fr. Bart.”

National Combined Collection

This weekend the National Combined Collection is being conducted across the diocese. Enclosed in last week-ends bulletin was a brochure explaining all of the individual collections and an envelope to make your gift. Envelopes and brochures will be available in the Gathering Area is you need one. Please consider how you can make a difference in the lives of so many across this country.



Oración por la Vida

Por todos los cristianos: para que nuestro ejemplo dé testimonio al preciado don de la vida humana en este mundo y la invitación a la vida eterna en la que viene;

Oración por la Justicia

Por todos los cristianos: Que puedan encontrar al Cristo Resucitado a su lado mientras abogan por políticas justas que protejan a los vulnerables.

Reflexión del Evangelio

Diácono Jerome Buhman

Esta semana celebramos la fiesta de la Ascensión, cuando Jesús resucitado regresa a su Padre celestial habiendo completado su obra redentora. Pero eso no significa que Jesús no esté con nosotros; de hecho, nos ha dicho que siempre está con nosotros. ¡Y solo porque Jesús ha ascendido al cielo, no significa que nuestro trabajo haya terminado! Al celebrar la Ascensión, es bueno tener en cuenta que no se trata solo de que Jesús suba al cielo, sino también de que nosotros salgamos al mundo. Los ángeles en la lectura de Los Hechos de los Apóstoles bien podrían estar hablándonos cuando dicen “¿Por qué estás parado ahí mirando al cielo?” Al mirar nuestro mundo de hoy, es fácil ver que no es el momento de quedarse parados. Solo hemos escuchado las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy para ver el imperativo evangelizador de la fiesta de la Ascensión: “Sal por todo el mundo y proclama el Evangelio a toda criatura. Entonces, con las palabras de Jesús en nuestra mente, el Espíritu en nuestro corazón y su mandato en nuestros oídos, ¡encontremos todos la manera de ir al mundo y difundir las buenas nuevas!

CPR Training

We will be offering blended CPR training at St. Thomas Aquinas. By blended, I mean that you will receive training videos a week before the testing and then come to STA to be tested by our certified CPR instructor, Judy Harms. Testing will be held the week of June 21 – 25. The cost for this is \$40. The parish will cover the cost of any Minister of Hospitality getting certified. If you would like to learn or get recertified in CPR, please contact Holly Irving at 608-833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org.

Memorial Day Mass with Bishop Hying

Monday, May 31 at 10:00 am

Resurrection Cemetery in Madison.

All are invited. In preparation for Memorial Day, your cemetery crew has been working hard to make the grounds beautiful. Resurrection Cemetery is grateful to the Marine Corps League 351 and Boy Scouts from Troops 15 and 102, who have placed a flag at each veteran’s grave. Originally known as Decoration Day, it is a perfect time for decorating the graves of loved ones. It is also a good time to pray the *Order for Visiting a Cemetery*. You can find this one-page prayer, suitable for individuals and groups, at madisondiocese.org/cemeteries.

Celebrating Fr. Jim Kuhn on His 50th Priesthood Anniversary

Our St. Thomas Aquinas parish family wants to congratulate one of our retired diocesan priests, Rev. James G. Kuhn, as he celebrates 50 years of priesthood service to the Catholic Church. Fr. Jim was ordained on May 15th of 1971 and since then has lived a life devoted to the priesthood. He currently celebrates our Monday Holy Mass at STA and hears endless confessions for our parishioners. He also serves and supports other parishes by celebrating Mass and hearing confessions. Father Jim has a gentle heart and his soft spoken way of being is a channel for Christ peace and love.

Dear Father Jim, we are so blessed to have you in our community and pray that our Lord Jesus continues to bless us with your presence and bless you for all your service and ministry in the Catholic Church!



Celebrando al Padre Jim Kuhn en su 50 Aniversario del Sacerdocio

Nuestra familia parroquial de Santo Tomás de Aquino quiere felicitar a uno de nuestros sacerdotes diocesanos jubilados, el Reverendo James G. Kuhn, mientras celebra 50 años de servicio sacerdotal a la Iglesia Católica. El Padre Jim fue ordenado sacerdote el 15 de mayo de 1971 y desde entonces ha vivido una vida dedicada al sacerdocio. Actualmente celebra nuestra Santa Misa de los lunes en STA y escucha un sinfín de confesiones para nuestros feligreses. También sirve y apoya a otras parroquias celebrando Misas y escuchando confesiones. El Padre Jim tiene un corazón amable y su forma de ser de voz suave es un canal para la paz y el amor de Cristo.

Querido Padre Jim, somos muy bendecidos de tenerlo en nuestra comunidad y oramos para que nuestro Señor Jesús continúe bendiciéndonos con su presencia y lo bendiga a usted por todo su servicio y ministerio en la Iglesia Católica.

In Thanksgiving

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have requested that St. Thomas Aquinas Parish be the recipients of their Memorial Gifts. We especially want to thank the family of Marlene Mahoney.



Kathy Dorn
Denny and Sara Marx
Jeffrey and Mary Rohlinger
Mark and Karen Smith
Norman and Amy Cole
Carol Connaughton-Conant & James Conant
Neil and Eileen Vassau
Nancy and Stan Johnson
Randy Theis
Stan Hook
Pat Krantz
Tom and Carol River
Michael Medland
Jo Ann Six
James and Diane Kraemer
Marjorie Kangas
Robert Salisbury

James and Patricia Schaff
Karen Frost
James and Sharon Burton
Joan Laeser
Rosemary Neu
LaVern & Joann Theis
Chris Hook
Pat King
Dave and Jill Dohnal
Robert & Grace Soden
Lynn Hovey
Paul and Celia Knutson
Tom and Kari

Livestream Dream Team!

Looking for a way to serve others AND learn valuable tech skills? Join the Livestream Dream Team and learn how to livestream the Mass for the parish! This is a budding ministry that means so much to those unable to attend Mass and other events in person. You will be trained, and you can schedule yourself according to your own availability. We'd love to hear from you! Contact Katie Bolander at bolanderkatie@gmail.com to learn more.



Thanks to all who donated for the Mother's Day Crib Fill

Thank you for your generous donations of supplies to support mothers! Thank you as well for your financial donations. Funds will be shared equally and sent in early June to Care Net Pregnancy Center, Elizabeth House, Women's Care Center, and Pregnancy Helpline.



Iason's Degree Recital for UW

6:00 PM on Sunday, May 16

Live and Online

Iason Giagtzoglou is a pianist and pedagogue. He studied at California State University Long Beach and at the State Conservatory of Thessaloniki. Currently, he is pursuing his doctorate in Piano Performance and Pedagogy at University of Wisconsin-Madison, studying with the internationally acclaimed pianist Christopher Taylor.

He has performed solo and chamber music recitals nationally and internationally. Currently, Iason teaches piano at Madison Country Day School, and offers private piano instruction in the greater Madison Area.

Iason will be performing works by Bach, Brahms, and Chopin. This recital will be presented in partial fulfillment of the program Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance and Pedagogy at University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Make Sundays Special – Spring Edition!

Pentecost (May 23): A Powerful Time to Experience the Holy Spirit



Why is the Dove a symbol of the Holy Spirit?

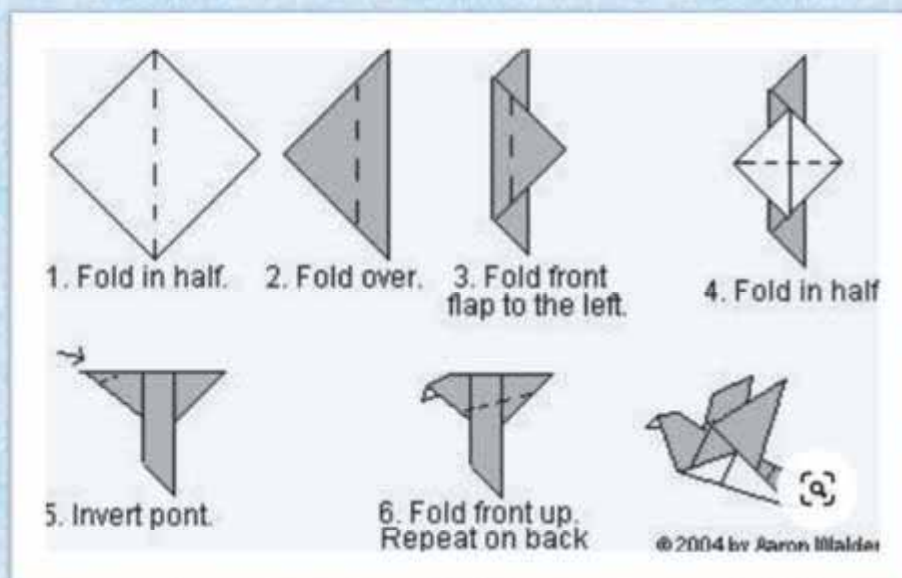
The dove, with its pure white feathers, calls to mind the purity of God, and its swift flight in the air reminds us of the many movements of the Holy Spirit in our soul. It is a beautiful image, one that has lasted throughout the centuries. In each of the four gospel accounts, it is written that the Spirit of God “descended upon Jesus as a dove.” The dove has been used as a symbol for the Holy Spirit as well as a symbol for peace, purity, and new beginnings.

A Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

As you Make Sunday Special for Pentecost, make a simple origami dove using the instructions below (origami paper is attached to today’s bulletin). Include it on your home altar, along with red fabric. Consider making a second dove to give away. Be prepared to say why!



Two Other Opportunities to Make Sundays Special this Spring

Father’s Day (June 20)

- + In this Year of St. Joseph, pray for St. Joseph’s special blessing on all fathers.
- + Call or visit your dad. Tell him you love him.
- + If your dad has died, visit his grave.
- + Look at family photos, remember the many blessings, and put a favorite photo on your home altar.

Graduations

- + Celebrate the victory of completion by eating a special meal together.
- + Put a sign on the front lawn saying “God Bless You” as well as congratulations.
- + Pray a special blessing, expressing your love and pride in their accomplishments.

Edición de primavera de Haz del Domingo un Día Especial

Pentecostés, 23 de mayo: Una fecha grandiosa para experimentar el Espíritu Santo Una novena de oración al Espíritu Santo

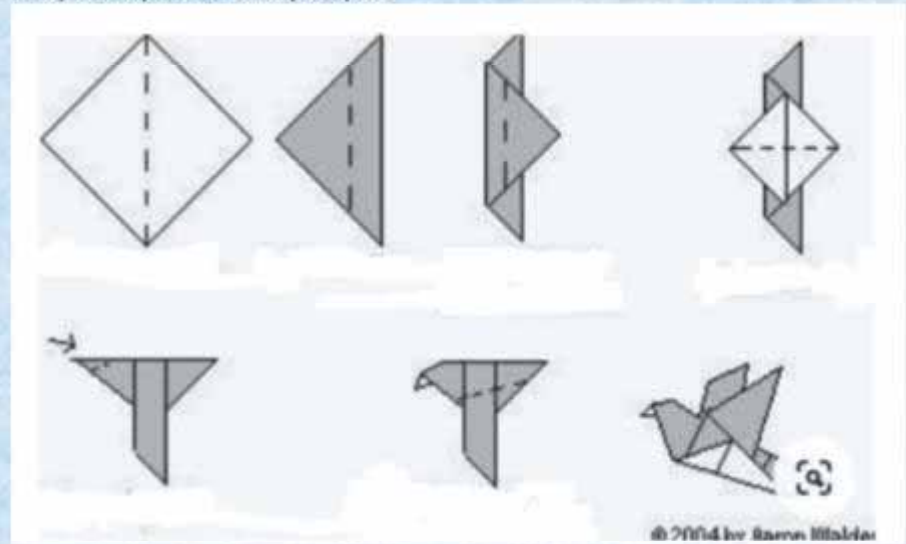


¿Por qué la Paloma es un símbolo del Espíritu Santo?

La paloma, con sus plumas de un color blanco puro, recuerda la pureza de Dios y su veloz vuelo en el aire nos recuerda los muchos movimientos del Espíritu Santo en nuestra alma. Es una imagen hermosa, que ha perdurado a lo largo de los siglos. En cada uno de los cuatro relatos de los evangelios, está escrito que el Espíritu de Dios "descendió sobre Jesús como una paloma". La paloma se ha utilizado como símbolo del Espíritu Santo y también como símbolo de paz, pureza y nuevos comienzos.

Ven Espíritu Santo, llena los corazones de tus fieles y enciende en ellos el fuego de tu amor. Envía tu Espíritu y serán creados, y renovarás la faz de la tierra. Oh Dios, que por la luz del Espíritu Santo instruiste los corazones de los fieles, haz que por el mismo Espíritu Santo seamos verdaderamente sabios y nos regocijemos siempre en su consolación, por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Al hacer que el Domingo sea un Día Especial para Pentecostés, haz una paloma de origami simple siguiendo las instrucciones a continuación. El papel de origami se adjunta al boletín de hoy. Inclúyelo en el altar de tu casa, junto con tela roja. Considera hacer una segunda paloma para regalar. ¡Prepárate para decir el por qué!



Otras dos oportunidades para hacer que los Domingos sean Días Especiales esta primavera

Día de los Padres, 20 de junio de 2021

- + En este Año de San José, ore por la bendición especial de San José para todos los padres.
- + Llama o visita a tu papá. Dile que lo amas.
- + Si tu papá ha muerto, visita su tumba.
- + Mira fotos familiares, recuerde las muchas bendiciones y ponga una foto favorita en el altar de su casa.

Graduaciones

- + Celebre la victoria de la finalización comiendo juntos una comida especial.
- + Ponga un letrero en el jardín delantero que diga "Dios los bendiga" así como felicidades.
- + Haga una bendición especial, expresando su amor y orgullo por sus logros.

Construction Update

We are excited that we are on schedule to begin Phase 2 of the Make Disciples Capital Campaign on June 1! It is hard to believe that just a year ago, we began construction in the church, chapel, and sacristy! Our work this summer is focused on the kitchen and social hall. We included updated renderings of the work in last week's bulletin, and you can also see larger images on the poster boards in the Gathering Space!

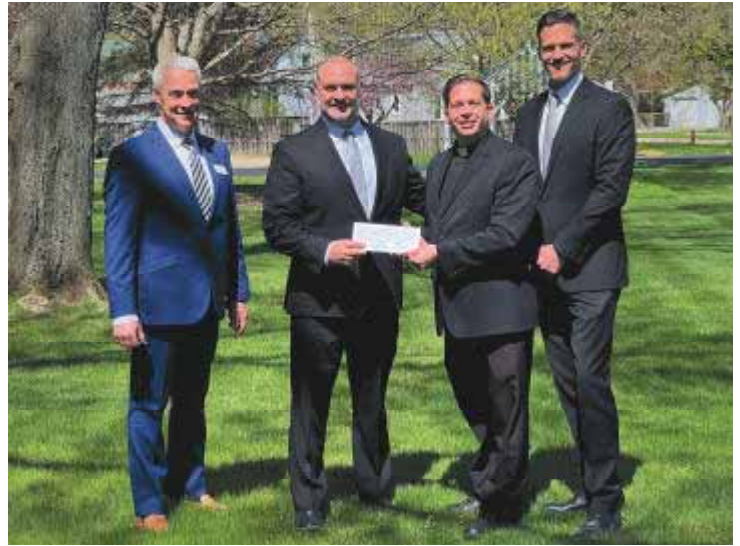
Just a few highlights! Once the work is completed, we will have 3 separate spaces in the social hall which can be used for meetings and events! This means that we are adding an additional closable wall/partition to match the current one. When the partitions are closed, each space will have a beverage center, including storage for glasses and coffee cups, a sink, a coffee/beverage dispenser, as well as receptacles for garbage and recycling built-in! Each space will have its own Audio/Video Controls, featuring an 82" flatscreen monitor, DVD Player, Media Player, HDMI inputs for Computer or other device, wireless microphone and XLR mic inputs, and integrated ceiling speakers.

We are also installing a streaming camera, so that events in the social hall can be live-streamed for those not able to join us in person. And when the social hall walls are open, the new Audio/Video system allows us to route the sound and video to any of the spaces in any combination. This will even integrate with the new AV System which we just installed last year, so any individual room or all of the Social Hall rooms could be used for overflow. The center section of the room will feature a beautiful brick fireplace with a large mantle and hearth, matching the brick used in other areas of the building. We are especially excited that our renovated spaces will be warm and welcoming, as we continue to reach out to others and build on the warmth and legacy of those who have gone before us at St. Thomas Aquinas.

As we look forward to construction beginning, there are safety issues and reminders that we would like everyone to be aware of. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we begin this next phase of work!

- 1) Construction is scheduled to begin June 1 and tentatively wrap up sometime after September 15.
- 2) **The kitchen, social hall, first floor hallway, and main RE/Enrichment Wing doors/entryway will be completely off-limits to all parishioners.**
- 3) During part of construction, the library and restrooms across from the library will also be off-limits.
- 4) Everyone visiting the parish building during construction should use the Main Church Doors, enter the Gathering Area, and check in at the Parish Office.
- 5) Because the Social Hall will be off-limits, we will use the Gathering Area for overflow seating for weekend Masses.

We are grateful to all our parishioners, friends, and benefactors who have graciously supported the work and mission of St. Thomas Aquinas, as we strive to build a parish where people can come and experience Jesus in a way that changes how they live. Your tremendous generosity and support are making great things possible! Please note that if you haven't yet made a pledge, or if you are new to St. Thomas Aquinas, you are welcome to join in! Please contact Holly Irving at holly@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600 for more information!



Thank You to Cress Funeral and Cremation Service

During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish has been at the forefront of Madison parishes in providing parishioners and the wider community with spiritual and educational resources. Utilizing interactive livestreaming, St. Thomas Aquinas is able to maintain a worship family by connecting members for Mass, funerals, weddings and other events.

We gratefully acknowledge Cress Funeral and Cremation Service for their generous gift of \$16,000 to support our technology infrastructure. The Cress gift supports our parish funeral ministry in many ways. Nearly all funerals are now live-streamed so distant family members may join our funeral prayer. Just last week we prayed a funeral Mass with loved ones in Rome, Tanzania, Toronto, and Denver! Family memories are shared on video which is displayed on our large dropdown screen. When we resume our wonderful funeral luncheons, these memories will also be displayed on the new monitors in our social halls.

We are so thankful to the staff and administration at Cress Funeral and Cremation Service for their partnership in supporting our families in their time of need. Their support also enhances our overall effort to reach out online and improves our "inhouse" media experience as well.



Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Friends,

It is with great honor, love, and gratitude to all of you that I share the great news that beginning July 1 of this year I will be working full-time in the Diocese of Madison as the new Coordinator of Hispanic Ministries and Coordinator of Marriage and Family Ministries. As many of you already know, for four years I worked hard in the national and local process of the *V Encuentro* with various Hispanic leaders from our diocese. One of the fruits has been to create an office of Hispanic Ministry in the diocese of which I will be in charge while entrusting myself to Christ's divine plan and service. I am very grateful to Father Bart and the staff for welcoming me and believing in me for seven years as I took on the role of Coordinator of Elementary Faith Formation, Coordinator of Baptism Preparation, and Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry. My farewell from this parish and the community will be difficult, but I'm excited for what God has planned for me and the Hispanic community of our diocese. Thank you all very much for your love and for being a unique and special part of my life. I am always at your service!

Blessings,
Lorianne Aubut



Queridos amigos y amigas de la Comunidad Hispana de Santo Tomás de Aquino,

Es con gran honor, amor, y agradecimiento a todos ustedes que comparto la gran noticia de que comenzando el 1ro de julio de este año estaré trabajando a tiempo completo en la Diócesis de Madison como la nueva Coordinadora del Ministerio Hispano y Coordinadora del Ministerio de Matrimonio y Familia. Como ya muchos de ustedes saben, por cuatro años trabajé arduamente en el proceso nacional y local del *V Encuentro* con varios líderes hispanos de nuestra diócesis. Uno de los frutos ha sido crear la oficina del Ministerio Hispano en la diócesis de la cual estaré encargada mientras me encomiendo al plan divino y servicio de Cristo. Estoy muy agradecida con el Padre Bart y el equipo de trabajo de Santo Tomás por acogerme y creer en mí por siete años mientras ejercía mi posición como la Coordinadora de Catequesis de Niños, Preparación Pre-Bautismal, y Coordinadora del Ministerio Hispano. Mi despedida de esta parroquia y la comunidad será difícil, pero estoy muy emocionada por el plan que tiene Dios conmigo y con la comunidad hispana de nuestra diócesis. Muchas gracias a todos por su amor y por ser una parte única y especial en mi vida. ¡Estoy a su servicio siempre!

Bendiciones,
Lorianne Aubut

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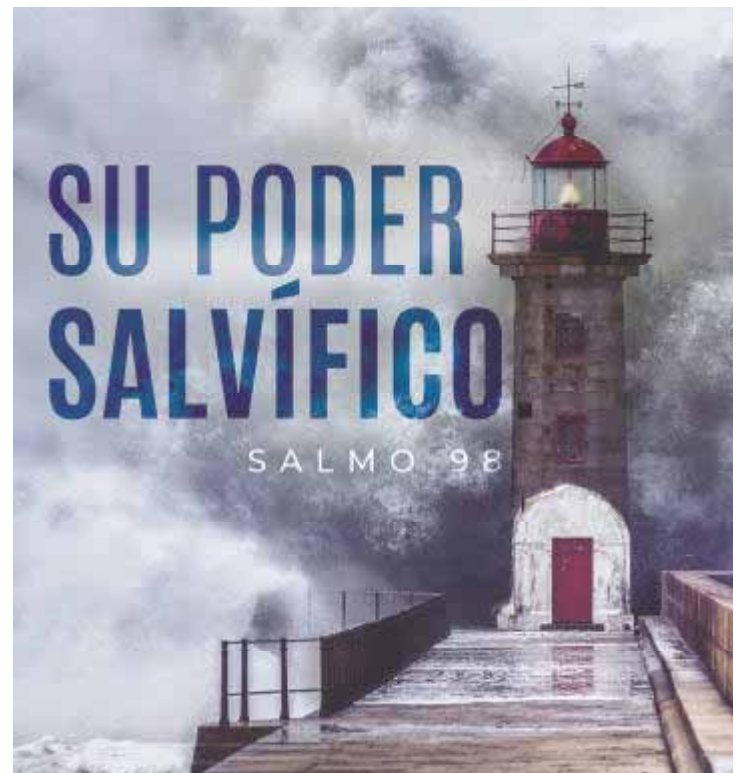
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Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, May 15

4:30 PM Judi Quirt ☩
6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, May 16: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Rosemary Johnson ☩
10:00 AM Gene Kruska ☩

Monday, May 17

8:30 AM Chris Kubat and Deceased Members of Voss and Kubat Families ☩

Tuesday, May 18: St. John I, Pope and Martyr

5:30 PM Paul and Margaret Kelley ☩

Wednesday, 19

8:30 AM Lila Meyer ☩
7:00 PM Anthony Castellino ☩

Thursday, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

7:30 AM Vic and Mary Elsinger ☩

Friday, May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 AM Bob and Gini Kraft ☩

Saturday, May 22

4:30 PM Martin Ballweg ☩
6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, May 23: Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Ruth Little ☩
10:00 AM Duane Bartnick and Jerry Lauber ☩

Readings for the Week of May 16

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Weekly Offertory Update

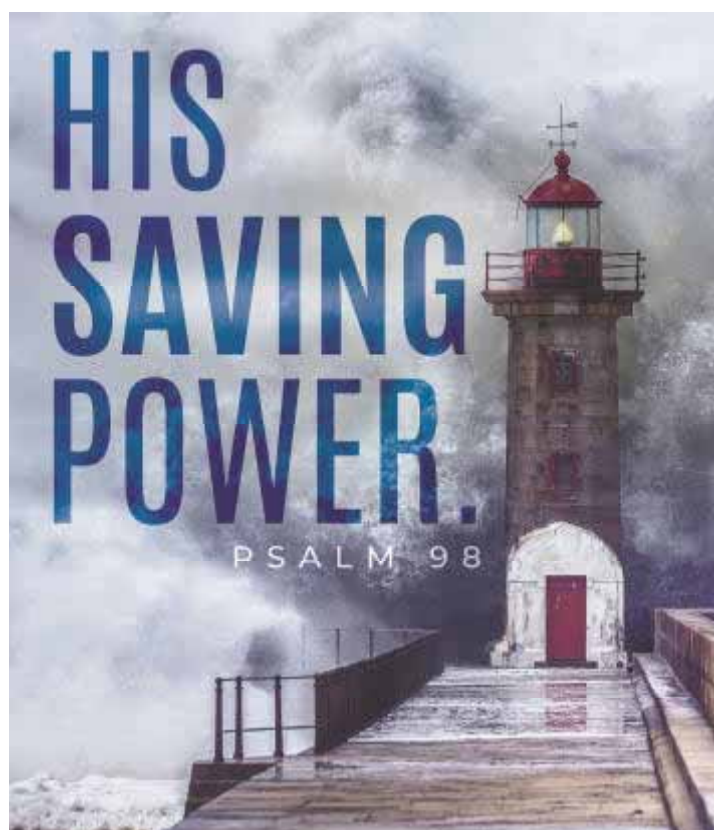
Week Ending	Income*	Monthly Budget Projection	Make Disciples Capital Campaign (MDCC)	MDCC Endowment
Jan Total	\$107,426	\$89,283	\$127,315	\$10,412
Feb Total	\$84,118	\$83,433	\$18,739	\$9,025
March Total	\$112,758	\$100,693	\$36,537	\$421
April Total	\$105,478	\$106,313	\$39,433	\$839
May 3	\$13,738		\$984	\$30
May 10	\$13,035		\$6,605	\$465
May 17				
May 26				
May Total	\$26,774	\$101,623	\$7,589	\$495

*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus Loose Offertory (cash)

Counters Schedule

Monday, May 17: Carol Sawyer

Monday, May 24: Dick or Mary Ann Ihlenfeld



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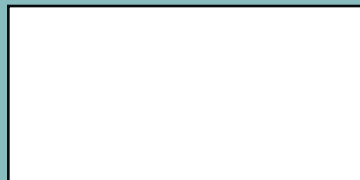
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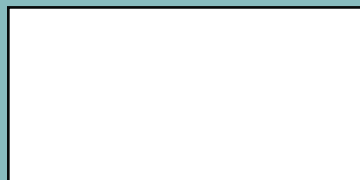
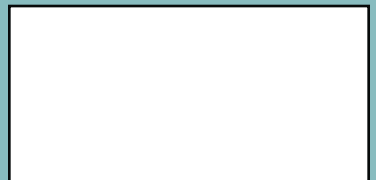
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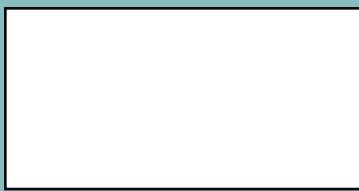
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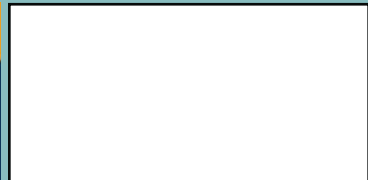
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