



# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Regular Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday</b> .....	4:30 PM
<b>Sunday: Masses in English</b> .....	8:00 & 10:00 AM
Misa en español/Mass in Spanish .....	6:30 PM
<b>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</b> .....	8:30 AM
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	5:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b> .....	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, 4:30–5:25 PM  
                  Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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## *Christ the King:*

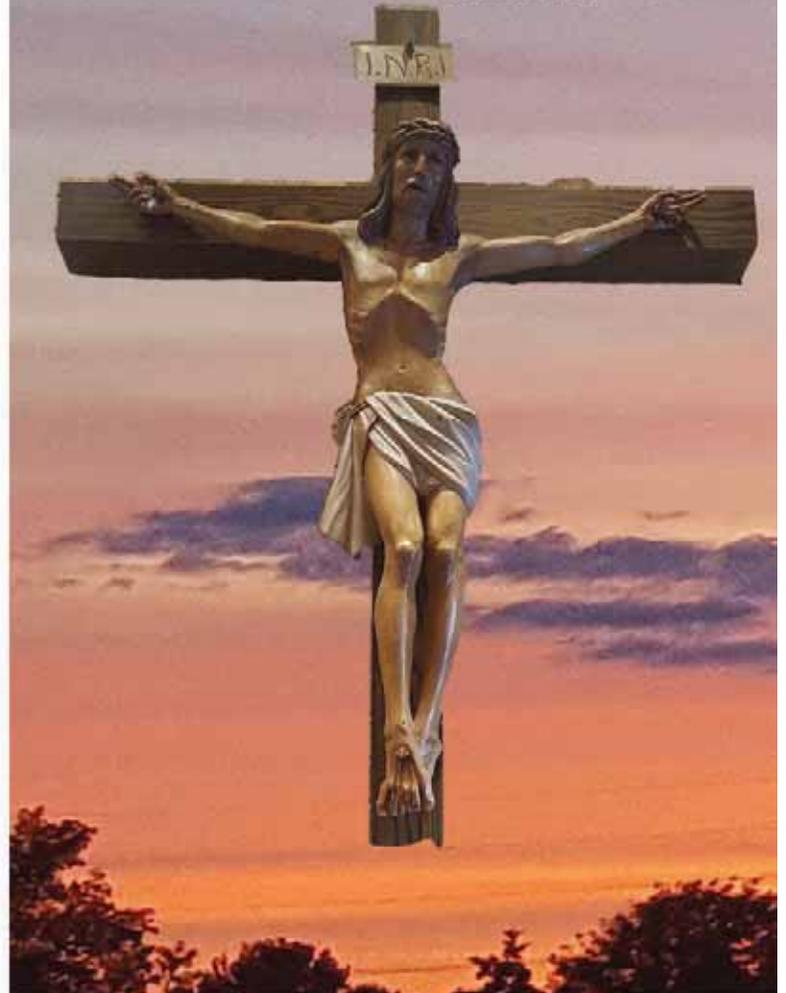
*When the Son of Man comes in his glory,  
and all the angels with him,  
he will sit upon his glorious throne*

*Matthew 25:31*

## *Cristo Rey:*

*Cuando venga el Hijo del hombre,  
rodeado de su gloria,  
acompañado de todos sus ángeles,  
se sentará en su trono de gloria*

*Mateo 25:31*



**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King** | **Solemnidad de Jesucristo Rey del Universo**  
**November 26, 2017** | **26 de Noviembre 2017**

## From the Desk of Fr. Bart

### Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe

In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the Solemnity of Christ the King. Naming this feast day was his way of helping the Church respond to the increasing denial of Christ as king in people's lives due to the rise of secularism throughout Europe. At that time, many Catholics began to doubt Christ's authority and existence, as well as the Church's power to continue Christ's authority. During this time in world history, there was a rise in European countries of non-Christian dictatorships that degraded the dignity of the human person and attempted to assert authority over the Church. Such leaders were Mussolini, Hitler, Stalin, and Franco who took control of Italy, Germany, Russia, and Spain, just to name a few. Pope Pius XI named this feast day when it was needed the most. He hoped that celebrating this feast day would have these three effects:

1. Nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state
2. Leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Jesus Christ
3. The faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of this feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, will, and bodies.

The feast falls on today, the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, which is the Sunday before Advent. It is fitting that the feast celebrating Christ's kingship is observed right before Advent, when we liturgically wait for the promised Messiah (King).

Have we made progress in these three areas since the founding of this feast day? It seems that individualism and secularism have an even stronger hold on our culture and society today. Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, an Italian Capuchin priest and theologian who has served as the Preacher of the Papal Household since 1980, has said that the Church has become almost completely irrelevant in people's lives today due to the rise of secularism, individualism, and materialism. In speaking of the New Evangelization as a remedy, he stated, "people no longer believe what the Church has to say about Jesus, but people will believe what Jesus has to say about the Church." We must help people to encounter Jesus Christ in a personal way that changes how they live their life. Jesus will lead them to the Church and the truth of the Church's teachings. This is a key part of the philosophy behind our new Five Year Plan. I pray that today's celebration inspires us to invite Jesus to be the "king" of our hearts and lives and we can allow Jesus and His teachings to guide us to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Please see Lawrence's article on page 3 for a reflection on this Sunday's Biblical Readings.

### Thank You!

Thanksgiving is a very special time for our parish family where we show our gratitude to God for all God has done for us, by sharing what we have with others. Thank you for your participation in our Thanksgiving Liturgies last week. As we continue to show our thankfulness to God for our blessings, I want to thank you in advance for your participation in these parish efforts:

1. Financial support of our STA Conference of the St. Vincent De



## Prayer for Life

For all our brothers and sisters fleeing persecution and war in the Middle East and around the world: May they find safe haven and protection; We pray to the Lord:



Por todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas que huyen de la persecución y la guerra en Medio Oriente y en todo el mundo: que encuentren un refugio seguro y protección; roguemos al Señor:



Have you seen our latest posts?

- Nov. 11 - Young Adult book study
- Nov. 11 ~ Veteran memories
- Nov. 13 ~ Pope Francis on Twitter
- Nov. 13 ~ World Day of Kindness
- Nov. 14 ~ V. Encuentro en español

Come check us out at Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Church Madison! [facebook.com/Stamadison/](https://www.facebook.com/Stamadison/)

## 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Wrap-Up

Please read the Annual Catholic Appeal wrap-up flyer included in today's bulletin. This material shows participation and performance information as well as how the funds collected will be used to meet our spiritual and material needs. Thank you to all who participated in this important part of parish and diocesan life!

## Please Return Your Community Meal Program Survey

When we mailed out the first month of the Community Meal Program schedule, we also included a survey for everyone who is currently in our records. If you have not already completed the survey, please return it to the parish by email [parish@stamadison.org](mailto:parish@stamadison.org), phone 833-2600, or by dropping it off with Mary/Clarice in the office. Thank you for helping us!

## Reflection from Our Parish Seminarian, Lawrence Oparaji



Christ is truly a king; our celebration today is focused on Jesus Christ the Shepherd-King. He is the Universal King; if you like, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When we compare him with kings of this world the idea of a shepherd-king becomes clear: Famous kings of the world rode on special horses, but here was a king who chose to ride on a common donkey, which he borrowed. Famous kings boasted about their army battalions but Jesus on his part chose a small 'army' (the Twelve Apostles) who had no weapons of war, but simply the power of the Holy Spirit. The kings of the world wore crowns of gold, but Jesus accepted the crown of thorns. Powerful kings sat on powerful thrones but for Jesus, his throne was the cross from where his work was accomplished.

Because He is the shepherd king He demands of His children, service to one another, because He has given us an example of what serving means. He left his heavenly comfort to come into our world of sin and darkness in order to give us life and to give us light. As Christians, as imitators of Christ, we are also challenged to learn from Him, for He is meek and humble. Learning from Him means that we should dispense love and seek out others as He continues to do for us. In fact, we are called to represent and reproduce Him in our world and in the lives of all those we encounter. As the Shepherd-King seeks us out and heals us, so are we called upon to seek out one another and effect healing on one another. There is no doubt that the world is sick and in need of healing. The healing of the body by providing for the physical need of those who are experiencing poverty. Healing the minds of those who are going through mental suppression and oppression. Healing the spirit of those who lack divine touch and presence in their lives. We are agents of Christ's love and mercy (two hallmarks of His kingship). Let us ask God for the grace to spread his kingship everywhere and by so doing win souls for His kingdom.

## Advent Study for Young Adults: The Infancy Narratives of Jesus

This study focuses on the opening chapters of Matthew and Luke, the only gospels which describe the wondrous events surrounding the birth of the Messiah and the significant connections these two Gospels make between the Old Testament and the birth of the Savior. Deepen your longing for the Messiah's coming again and ask God to be Emmanuel, 'God with us.' This study has 4 sessions, beginning **Wednesday, November 29, 7-8:30 PM**. The Study Set cost is \$15. For questions or to sign up, **contact Laura at [laura.m.angle@gmail.com](mailto:laura.m.angle@gmail.com)**.

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Paul Society (SVdP). The Offertory Collection at our Thanksgiving Masses was given to the SVdP Society. In addition, families can use the SVdP envelopes in their monthly packets and place them in our Sunday collection to help support our parish conference.

2. Christmas Food Basket Project. We will now begin our collection of food for the Christmas Food Baskets for families in need in our neighborhood. Canned food items will be collected for the next few Sundays before Christmas, details are in today's bulletin.
3. Gifts from the Heart. Each year to help families in need provide Christmas gifts for their children, we have requests for people to take from the display, purchase the gift, and return it to STA. Details are in today's bulletin.

## "Gifts From the Heart"

### Christmas Gifts for STA Neighbors in Need Through December 3

Once again St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners will have the opportunity to help make Christmas brighter for our neighbors. **Now through Sunday, December 3, please take an ornament from the display wall that says "Giving from the Heart", next to the main receptionist window in the Gathering Area.** These ornaments contain gift requests from our neighbors in need. We invite you to take an ornament, buy the requested item and place it

- Unwrapped, with ornament attached on the outside
- In the alcove to the left of the fireplace in the Gathering Area
- **By Sunday, December 3**
- Gift cards may be handed in at the office or placed in the marked box by the main receptionist window.

We also encourage you to bring unwrapped gifts of toys and clothing for children and teens, which will be taken to St. Vincent de Paul and shared with the needy throughout the city. Donations of wrapping paper and ribbons to hand out are also appreciated. **Bringing gifts in by the due date is important to help distribution. Thank you for your promptness and, especially, for your generosity!**



**Parishioners selecting gift tags from the display in the Gathering Area. All gifts are due by Sunday, Dec. 3, and will be distributed the very next day to the groups who get them to recipients.**



## The Holiday Bake Sale is Coming!

Our annual Christmas Bake Sale will be held **December 9 & 10** before and after all weekend Masses.

Are visions of sugar plums dancing in your head? Sugar Cookies, Chocolate Fudge, Peanut Butter Blossoms, Peppermint Bark, Lebkuchen, Cranberry Bread, Puppy Chow oh my!

Share your favorite holiday treat with your fellow Parishioners and help fill the Christmas Baskets with perishable items.

Please stop by the sign-up table in the Gathering Area before or after Mass for information.

Proceeds from the sale will help to fill the Christmas Food Baskets. Sign-up sheets and more information are in the Gathering Area.

Please contact **Holly** at [holy@stamadison.org](mailto:holy@stamadison.org) or **833-2600** with questions.



## Discipleship with Holly Irving

### Discipleship Moment

“Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me” – Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it’s convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, Discipleship is the opposite of that. It means giving of one’s time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it’s not convenient; when it’s not on our schedule, but on the other person’s schedule.

### Discipleship Is Being an Instrument of Christ’s Active, Loving Presence!

In today’s Gospel, St. Matthew offers a compelling vision of the end-time, when the people of all nations are brought before the Lord to give an account of their lives and actions. Interestingly, the sheep, the righteous ones, are rewarded for having acted with love and compassion without having recognized the face of Christ in others. Disciples recognize those in need of their care as gifts from God. They know that they are instruments of Christ’s active, loving presence in the world. How will we treat others this week: our family members, neighbors, customers, strangers? What accounting will we make to the Lord for their care? (Based on ICSC)

### Ministry of the Week

This week, St. Thomas Aquinas would like to recognize and thank all who have given food, helped to sort, and delivered the food to those in need both and Christmas time and throughout the year! THANK YOU!



### Bequests and Wills

Will your estate be eaten up by taxes? It doesn’t have to happen. Planned giving programs can help you avoid gifting the state when you didn’t intend to, as you preserve Your Catholic Heritage. For bequests, the legal name of the parish is St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Congregation. Please contact **Holly** at **833-2600** or [holy@stamadison.org](mailto:holy@stamadison.org) if you have questions.

**'TIS (almost)  
THE  
SEASON**

**BEST  
Advent  
EVER**

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope

TO SIGN UP, VISIT [BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope](http://BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope)

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## Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

**November 18/19**

**The Financial report will return December 2/3**

**Thank you for your generosity and support of our mission at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish!**

### Counters Schedule

**Monday, November 27**

**Don Mahoney and Sara Marx**

**Monday, December 4**

**Phyllis Reindl and Dick Ihlenfeld**

## Christmas Food Baskets for Our Neighbors!

Our annual tradition at St. Thomas Aquinas is to fill and deliver Christmas Baskets to our neighbors at Wexford Ridge Apartments. **This year's collection begins now and will continue through December 15.** Sorting and packing will be Friday, December 15, and delivery will be Saturday, December 16. If you know of a family that can use a basket, please give the parish their name, address and phone number.

Sign-up sheets for the sorting/packing and delivery will be placed on a table in the Gathering Area as we get closer to the big event. As always, we need many volunteers to sort the donations, pack the baskets, and deliver the food to the families waiting for them.

### What needs to be done:

**Donate** - Please bring your non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to church between now and December 15. Items to donate include: canned goods, boxes of cereal and pasta, as well as laundry detergent, tooth paste and shampoo.

### These items are especially needed:

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



**Sort food/pack baskets** - Sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Area for families who want to help sort and pack the baskets on Friday, December 15 between 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM. This is a great family activity and children of all ages are welcome.



**Deliver baskets** - Baskets will be delivered beginning at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 16. Sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Area for those who wish to volunteer to deliver 3 or 4 baskets. We really need delivery volunteers.



This is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience giving at Christmas and for our parish to build community among its members and our neighbors. There are many jobs for all ages—children through seniors!



**If you know of someone in the parish in need of a Christmas Basket, please call the office at 833-2600.**

### Toddler Time

Toddler Time, a group for mothers with little ones (babes-in-arms through 4 years old), is held every Wednesday morning in the nursery, from 9-10 AM. This group provides a great opportunity for networking and sharing of favorite 'best practices and resources.' It gives us a chance to talk with other grown-ups about parenting with faith, and our little ones a chance to make a positive parish connection and play with others while mom is right there. No RSVPs are needed; come when you can and as you are!

# Annual Report from St. Thomas Aquinas Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up. – Pope Francis*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul attempts to work from the ground up, meeting the marginalized in our community in their homes, attempting to heal the wounds that poverty has inflicted. This is a report on the activities of the St. Thomas Aquinas SVdP conference in the fiscal year ending September 30.

Our members made 88 home visits in the past year, providing families with a voucher for free furniture from our thrift stores or helping prevent a utility shutoff or eviction, or just listening to their stories and providing support and encouragement. We also met with 18 homeless individuals either in city libraries, restaurants, or here at our church.

We learn of the needs of the poor in several ways. Some families contact our Service Center on Fish Hatchery Road to ask for help. Some contact parish staff here at St. Thomas Aquinas. We get referrals from social workers, the United Way, or from other SVdP conferences. We also have a dedicated phone line where families can contact us directly. Last year we responded to 463 such calls. We find that all it takes is an illness or a car problem that results in several days of missed employment for a family to be on the verge of eviction.

In the past year our conference spent a total of \$23,664 in assisting the poor. We got this money from several sources. We received a \$7500 grant from the parish Outreach Funding Board. The parish also gave us the proceeds from the Mass collections on Thanksgiving weekend. Several parishioners have made personal contributions. And each month our own members make donations for the work we do. In addition, we were able to distribute \$5,308.56 in assistance provided by grants from the Madison SVdP District Council.

## Here are some of the ways in which we used the money entrusted to our conference:

- We paid security deposits so that 6 homeless families could move into apartments
- We made rent payments so that 30 families could avoid being evicted.
- We helped 23 families with utility payments to prevent potential shutoff

## Other highlights of the past year:

- Ralph Middlecamp, a member of our conference, was elected to a 6 year term as National President of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- Fr. Bart was appointed Spiritual Advisor of the Madison SVdP District Council.

- Kathleen Dare, a member of our conference, received a Certificate of Appreciation from our District Council .
- We delivered 3097 pounds of food and non-perishable items to our SVdP Food Pantry from our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday parish food collections.
- We made up 290 gift tags and distributed gifts donated by parishioners during Advent
- We co-hosted the annual Mother's Day Baby Shower.
- Together with 17 other conferences,
  - we provided Christmas gifts to 555 children at our Little Drummer event in December.
  - Together with 17 other conferences, we accepted blanket donations at area Shopko stores and before Masses as part of our Recycle the Warmth collection last January

## Our current membership includes:

- 16 members who serve as home visitors
- 6 members who volunteer at Vinny's Lockers, storing the belongings of 142 homeless individuals
- 9 members who pick up food donations from local grocery stores and deliver them to our SVdP Food Pantry
- 2 members who planted, weeded, and harvested 11,400 pounds of vegetables for our Food Pantry at the Lacy Food Pantry Garden in Fitchburg
- 8 members who volunteer as hosts, stockers and receptionists at our Food Pantry
- 5 members who, with the Knights of Columbus, collected 15,613 pounds of donated produce from various Farmer's Markets for our Food Pantry
- 2 members who volunteer at our SVdP pharmacy for the uninsured
- 3 members who volunteer at the County Jail tutoring inmates or joining them at Mass

We want to thank Fr. Bart, the parish staff, and our entire parish family for their continued support of our charitable work. We are also very grateful for the generosity of the many parishioners for their donations to our ministry.

If you would like to join our conference and help tend to the wounds of our neighbors in need, **send an email to [stasvdp@gmail.com](mailto:stasvdp@gmail.com) or leave a message on our help line, 608-205-8276** and a member will get in touch with you.

Mike Meehan  
Conference President

# Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

## Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego

When the Blessed Mother first appeared in the Western Hemisphere, she did not visit a governor or priest but a poor man from the lowest class of free Aztecs. Juan Diego was a widower who lived with his uncle, nine miles from the church in Tlatelolco-Tenochtitlán. One December day he was walking barefoot to the church to attend Mass when the Virgin appeared to him. She was a messenger from God and commanded that a church be built on Tepeyac hill where she appeared to him. Juan Diego delivered this message to the Bishop, but the Bishop did not believe him and asked for a sign. Juan Diego gave this reply to the Blessed Virgin, and she showed him some roses, which normally do not grow in winter. Juan Diego took them to the Bishop in his *tilma* (a cloak of coarse fabric). When he opened the *tilma* in front of the Bishop to show him the flowers, the image of the Virgin appeared on it. Today this very *tilma* with the portrait of our Lady of Guadalupe occupies a place of honor in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. By appearing to this humble man, the Blessed Mother showed that the Gospel of Christ was not just for the wealthy or for Europeans, but for all the people of the world. Saint Juan Diego's Feast Day is on Friday, December 9.



## Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y San Juan Diego

Cuando la Bendita Madre apareció por la primera vez en el hemisferio occidental, no visitó a un gobernador ni a un sacerdote sino a un hombre pobre de la clase más baja de los aztecas libres. Juan Diego era un viudo que vivía con su tío a una distancia de 14 kilómetros de la iglesia en Tlatelolco-Tenochtitlán. En un día de diciembre estaba caminando descalzo a la iglesia para asistir a la misa cuando la Virgen se le apareció. Ella era mensajera de Dios y mandó que hiciera una iglesia en el cerro de Tepeyac donde se le apareció. Juan Diego dio este mensaje al Obispo pero no lo creía y pidió un señal. Juan Diego dio el recado a la Bendita Virgen y ella le mostró rosas que no crecen en el invierno y las llevó al obispo en su tilma. Cuando abrió su tilma ante el obispo para mostrarle las flores, la imagen de la Virgen se apareció en ella. Hoy día esta misma tilma con el retrato de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ocupa un sitio de honor en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México. Por aparecer a este hombre humilde, la Bendita Madre mostró que el Evangelio de Cristo no es solamente para los ricos o los europeos sino para toda la gente del mundo. La Fiesta de San Juan Diego el viernes,

9 de diciembre.

**We will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 PM with a Mass and an offering of flowers and Aztec dance followed by a fiesta in the Social Hall with tamales, pastries, and beverages.**

**Honramos a la Virgen de Guadalupe el martes 12 de diciembre a las 6:30 PM con una misa y una ofrenda de flores y danza azteca seguida de una fiesta con tamales, pastelitos y bebidas en el salón social.**



**Fr. Bart celebrates Mass and worshipers present flowers to Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

**Padre Bart celebra la Misa y los fieles presentan flores a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.**



## Music & Liturgy

By Greg Buchberger, Director of Music Ministries

### Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 PM

Students in grade 4 and up are invited to join our STA Choristers for our Christmas Eve Children's Mass. If you or your children would like to be involved with leading our sung prayer during this Mass, please contact Greg for more information and to confirm your spot! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their talents during this most wonderful time of the year! High school students are also welcome to join us! Don't delay!

Rehearsals are:

- Saturday, Dec. 2, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Rehearsal in Music Room
- Saturday, Dec. 9, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Rehearsal in Music Room
- Saturday, Dec. 16, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Rehearsal in Church
- Saturday, Dec. 23 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Rehearsal in Church
- **Mass is: Sunday, Dec. 24 3:00 PM**  
**Warm-ups in Music Room**

Ideally, students would be in attendance for all four rehearsals, but we are happy to work around your schedule as needed. Parent helpers are also needed. Please contact me if you are interested! I'm looking forward to hearing your beautiful voices at our first rehearsal on Saturday, December 2.

Contact Greg at: [greg@stamadison.org](mailto:greg@stamadison.org) or call 608-833-2600 x869.



## Member Engagement Survey Results Available

The parish recently completed the Gallup ME25 member engagement survey. The results of the survey are available and you can see them in last weekend's bulletin and on our home page, [www.stamadison.org](http://www.stamadison.org).

## Christmas Mass Times

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Dec. 23-24

Saturday, 4:30 PM; Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24

Children's Mass with pageant, 4:00 PM

*no incense*

Vigil Mass, 6:30 PM (bilingual/bilingüe)

*no incense*

Mass during the Night, 9:00 pm

Prelude and carols at 8:15 PM

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25

Masses at 8:00 and 10:00 AM



## Confession Times During Advent

Saturdays, 3:15–4:10 PM

Sundays, 9:00–9:50 AM

5:30–6:15 PM

Tuesday, November 19, 6:00–7:30 PM

During our Advent Evening of Reflection a time for prayer, reflection, and music, with individual opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



## We Pray for Our Loved Ones

SERVING WITH THE ARMED FORCES

- CW4 Steve Artz**, brother of Sue Ziegler and Judy Rossa
- SSG Michael Bosold**, nephew of Sharon Michel
- Owen Carle**, grandson of Glynn and Shirley Rossa
- SFC Enrique Andres Cervantes**, cousin of Maria McHugh
- Anthony Church**, grandson of Clara Church
- Major Tim Doll**, nephew of Jerry and Mary Ann Doll
- A1C Colin Donovan**, cousin of Pat Korger
- A1C Charles (Gus) Dorais**, grandson of Mary Kay Dorais
- Lt. Colonel Michael Everton**, brother of Jennifer Doering
- Captain Alex Harms**, son of Bruce and Judy Harms
- Airman First Class Brianna Herreid**, granddaughter of Ken and Joyce Niesen
- A1C Nicholas Jones**, grandson of Mary and Gordon Samuelsen
- SSGT Mark Jurakovich**, brother of Gina Levesque
- LT Bradley Kirschbaum**, grandson of Tom and Sally Ellis
- SSGT Mike Levesque**, brother of Chad Levesque
- Major Stuart Mark Slattery**, grandson of Thomas & Loretta Slattery
- Steven Thomas**, brother of Linda Galang
- SGT Jack Vilim**, nephew of Mary Crave
- A1C Blake E. Westbrook**, grandson of Diane Genske
- CPL Alyssa Rivera**, cousin of Fr. Bart Timmerman
- SPC Shalice Hood**, friend of Alyssa Rivera

## This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

### Tuesday, November 28

Women's Evening of Recollection..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, November 29

Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room ..... 9:00 AM

Christmas Pageant Practice, Church..... 5:00 PM

### Saturday, December 2

Breakfast with St. Nick, Social Hall ..... 9:30 AM

Baptism Prep, Upper Conference Room ..... 10:30 AM

### Sunday, December 3

**Gifts from the Heart gifts Due**

**Christmas Basket Collections continue**

### Care Facility Liturgies This Week

**Oakwood:** Friday, December 1, Rosary

**Brookdale:** Friday, December 1, Word and Communion

**Sebring:** Sunday, November 26, Word and Communion

**Love God.**

**Love Others.**

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[www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/](http://www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/): Catholic Charities (adoption, aging services, developmental disabilities, counseling, substance abuse treatment, etc.)

[www.cmcmadison.org/](http://www.cmcmadison.org/): Catholic Multicultural Center (food, health services, education, job development, immigration legal help)

[abuseintervention.org/](http://abuseintervention.org/): Domestic Abuse Intervention Service (crisis response, emergency shelter, support groups)

[www.silentnomoreawareness.org](http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/): Abortion recovery help

[hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com): Project Rachel (Abortion recovery help)

**Madison Al-Anon Hotline:** support for families and friends troubled by someone else's drinking or drug use—608-255-5181

[www.elizabethhousedane.org](http://www.elizabethhousedane.org): Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County (free residential maternity and parenting program)



## Fr. Bart Visits Lawrence at Seminary

Earlier in November Fr. Bart had the opportunity to travel with friends to St. Paul, MN and they were able to spend some time with our Seminarians at St. Paul Seminary. Pictured above from left to right are Steve and Kathy Marshall, Dcn. Grant Thies, Lawrence Oparaji, Mark Foley, Luis Reyes, and Fr. Bart. This photo was taken after daily Mass in the Seminary Chapel.

## MadWest Winter Farmers' Market

### At Lussier Community Education Center

The Willy Street Coop is sponsoring the indoor market on Saturdays, November 11 - February 24 from 8 AM - 12 PM (closed Nov 25, Dec 23, & 30). The market has fresh, nutritious, organic, and natural foods, while also giving local growers, producers, and community members a chance to connect with their community.

## TEC Retreat at St. Dennis, Madison

**December 28 at noon - 30 at 2:30 PM**

TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is an intergenerational movement of the Catholic Church especially designed to help meet the spiritual needs of Catholic Christians.

Although it is an amazing experience for anyone 16 years of age or over, it can be especially rewarding for those who are preparing for or have been recently Confirmed and those presently or recently in the RCIA program.

If you have already experienced a TEC retreat and would like to help with this one. Fr. Randy Timmerman will be the Spiritual Director.

Applications and more information about TEC can be found at [www.kairostec.org](http://www.kairostec.org). or by calling Shannon Davies, the director, at 608.279.9319. Applications are available on the bulletin board by the library.

## Mass Intentions for This Week

### Saturday, November 25

4:30 PM Dick Genske ☩

### Sunday, November 26: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 AM Neu Family ☩

10:00 AM Bill and Marilyn Zwettler ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

### Monday, November 27

8:30 AM Nancy Otten and Family ☩

### Tuesday, November 28

5:30 PM Charles Belekevich ☩

### Wednesday, November 29

8:30 AM Alice Dorn ☩

### Thursday, November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00 AM Andrea Rose Garcia ☩

### Friday, December 1

8:30 AM Kathleen Fish ☩

### Saturday, December 2

4:30 PM Alice Dorn ☩

### Sunday, December 3: 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Alice Dorn ☩

10:00 AM Pat Ahrens ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

## Readings for the Week of November 25

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

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/  
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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## Sign Painting Workshop at Queen of Peace

**December 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

If you have never attended such an event, they are great fun! We will have a facilitator with several helpers to get the participants set up with paint and materials. They will give instruction, and then the fun begins! Participants will create a decorative board, or Christmas ornament, with a stencil they pre-select during registration.

10 Registration link can be found at [qopc.org/News](http://qopc.org/News)

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