



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday: Masses in English	8:00 & 10:00 AM
Misa en español/Mass in Spanish	6:30 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	8:30 AM
Tuesday	5:30 PM
Thursday	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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Be watchful! Be alert!
Mark 13:33

Velen y estén preparados
Marcos 13:33

First Sunday of Advent | Primer Domingo de Adviento
December 3, 2017 | 3 de Diciembre de 2017

From the Desk of Fr. Bart

First Sunday of Advent

Last week we concluded the Liturgical Year and reflected on the final judgement and our desire to choose allegiance to Christ, King of the Universe! With the season of Advent, the wheel of time turns again. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "When the Church celebrates Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming (# 524). Now it's all about beginnings and fresh starts. This season is pregnant with possibilities, expectant with hope. If you like, you can be born again with Christ! The world is getting another chance to make things right. Each of us is issued the same opportunity to be made new. Please see Lawrence's article for a reflection on this Sunday's readings from Sacred Scriptures.



Liturgical Year "B" Begins

The readings we reflect on each Sunday in our Lectionary, are on a three year cycle (Year A, Year B, and Year C). Each cycle, uses one Gospel extensively throughout the year. Our new Liturgical Year begins today. It is Year "B," the year of the Gospel of Mark. Most of our Sunday Gospels this year will be proclaimed according to Mark. Written in the late 60's, Mark's Gospel is the earliest written Gospel, nearly forty years after the Resurrection and Ascension. Suffering had thrown Mark's community into a spiritual crisis. His primary themes are: The Kingdom of God, The identity of Jesus, and the Call to Discipleship. For Mark, everything, even Jesus' glorious return, stands in the shadow of his Crucifixion. As we reflect each Sunday on the Gospel reading during this Liturgical Year B, we will benefit from the contributions Mark's Gospel makes to our faith.

Preparing for a Holy Christmas

Besides our regular Mass and Reconciliation schedule we have additional liturgies I would like to bring to your attention:

- **Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation**
Friday, December 8: Masses at 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 6:30 PM.
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Tuesday, December 12: Bilingual Mass at 6:30 PM with Aztec Dance and Drumming, followed by a Fiesta in the Social Hall.
- **Advent Night of Reflection with Individual Reconciliation**
Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 PM.

Good-bye to the Korean Catholic Community

Last Saturday evening was the final Mass that the Korean Catholic Community will celebrate in our chapel. They have moved back to the newly rebuilt St. Paul's Catholic Church at the University of Wisconsin, Madison Campus. We wish them well and we were happy to host their weekly Mass here for the past two years while St. Paul's was being rebuilt. Thank you especially to our STA Staff members Holly Irving and Terri Kopplin for facilitating their building usage.

Bless Our Priests Collection Next Weekend December 11/12

Next Sunday there will be an envelope in our bulletins for our special collection to support the retired priests of our Diocese of Madison. We are very blessed to benefit from the ministry of a number of retired priests who help us by celebrating Mass and hearing Confessions for us. Thank you for your generosity supporting our Priest Retirement Fund.

Prayer for Life

For Catholics:
May God keep us steadfast in protecting
the sacred gift of human life;
We pray to the Lord:



Por los creyentes católicos:
que Dios nos dé perseverancia para proteger
el don sagrado de la vida humana;
roguemos al Señor:

Confession Times During Advent

Saturdays, 3:15–4:10 PM

Sundays, 9:00–9:50 AM & 5:30–6:15 PM

Tuesday, December 19, 6:00–7:30 PM

during our Advent Evening of Reflection

Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 PM; 12:10 PM

6:30 PM, bilingual/bilingüe

Christmas Mass Times

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 23-24

Saturday, 4:30 PM;

Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24

Children's Mass & pageant: 4:00 PM, no incense

Vigil Mass: 6:30 PM bilingual, no incense

Mass during the Night: 9:00 PM

Prelude and carols at 8:15 PM

Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Young Adult Connections

Open to marrieds and singles in their 20s and 30s, the Young Adult group at St. Thomas Aquinas gathers for conversation and fellowship twice a month during the year (with a few exceptions for fun events).

Young Adults meet on the first and third Monday nights. Our next gathering is **Monday, December 4, 7-9 PM**. To be added to the email/ mailing list, **please contact Jennifer Ludtke at 833-2606 or jennifer@stamadison.org**.

Reflection from Our Parish Seminarian, Lawrence Oparaji



Today marks our entrance into the season of Advent. The word Advent comes from the Latin word “adventus” which means “coming or coming into.”

In our context it refers to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into our world. This “coming” can be seen and understood in two ways: first his coming as a new born child (at Christmas) not in the historic Bethlehem but into our hearts—the Bethlehem we prepare for hi—and secondly, his Second Coming for the final judgement at the end of the world.

It was a joy to be back last weekend and see all the preparations being made for Christmas: the lights, the trees and all the joy in the air. We are called to make all these great preparations for Christ who is coming into our world at Christmas but as we go about preparing and decorating our physical Bethlehem, our houses, equal attention should be paid to our spiritual Bethlehem; as we wait and prepare physically let us also do the same spiritually. In fact, that is what this period of Advent is for: the Church gives us this 4-week period before Christmas so that we can meditate on the coming of Christ into our world to heal us, to teach us how to love, to give us the joy and peace we so long for and, at the end of our time here on earth, to welcome us into the eternal banquet he has prepared for us.

The more spiritually prepared you are, the more joyful and meaningful our Christmas will be. Here are some suggestions, we can use/apply in order to prepare:

- Intensify or revive your prayer life; attend Mass regularly; read the scriptures.
- Reflect and see if there are people you need to forgive and wrongdoings you need to confess.
- For Christmas gifts think beyond your family: identify people who are troubled, lonely or bereaved and share the peace of Christ with them; the gift of yourself and your time is the most precious gift you can give. Our parish offers great opportunities for this: food baskets, bake sales and Gifts from the Heart.

May God bless all our efforts to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alpha Retreat

This weekend, twelve parishioners were on an overnight retreat as part of the Alpha course. It was a time of prayer and opening up to the amazing gifts that the Spirit is longing to pour into their hearts. Please lift them up in prayer. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful!

New Liturgical Mandate From Bishop Morlino

I want to share with you a recent communication I received from Bishop Morlino that will have an effect on our Sunday Masses. In a message to priests Bishop Morlino has written:

“Given the troubles of our age, I believe we are certainly called, not only to redouble our efforts in spreading Christ’s plan for the redemption of creation, but also our struggle against the evil one and his works. For these reasons, and after consulting with and receiving the support of the Presbyteral Council, I have determined that as a diocesan Church we will begin to insert one or more “Prayers for the Triumph of Good and the Overcoming of Evil,” and a call for the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel at the end of the General Intercessions.

I believe that it is urgent that we undertake this practice and would have liked to ask that it begin on the First Sunday of Advent (with brief and appropriate catechesis, as always). However, I recognize that it may be judged pastorally advantageous to have the St. Michael Prayer available to the faithful in print and that this may prove challenging in such a short time. As such, the absolute deadline for the undertaking of this additional petition and prayer to St. Michael will be the Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 31, 2017.”

To comply with Bishop’s request, we will have the St. Michael Prayer added to the back cover of our new missalettes and after a few weeks to allow me to catechize and explain this addition to the Mass, we will begin making this addition on the Feast of the Holy Family.

Christmas Food Basket Collection

Now through December 15 we are collecting food and personal care items for local families in need. Sorting and packing will be Friday, December 15, and delivery will be Saturday, December 16. Sign-up sheets for the sorting/packing and delivery are on a table in the Gathering Area. We need many volunteers to make sure our neighbors do not go hungry this Christmas.

What you can do:

Donate - Please bring non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to church by December 15.

These items are especially needed:

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| 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 are in the Gathering Area for people 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 are in the Gathering Area for those who wish to volunteer to deliver 3 or 4 baskets. We really need delivery volunteers.

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

Holiday Bake Sale Next Weekend!

December 9 and 10, after Mass

Share your favorite holiday treat with your fellow parishioners and help fill the Christmas Baskets with fresh food. For information, please stop by the sign-up table in the Gathering Area.

Sale proceeds will help fill the Christmas Food Baskets. Sign-up sheets and more information are in the Gathering Area.

Please contact **Holly at**
holy@stamadison.org or
833-2600 with questions.



Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

November 25/26

Envelope Offerings.....	\$13,146
Offertory	\$1,170
Children's Offerings	\$194
Total.....	\$14,510
Building Fund.....	\$200
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$75
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$1,940

November 23: Thanksgiving Day

Envelope Offerings.....	\$1,890
Children's Offerings	\$3
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$1,459

November 18/19

Envelope Offerings.....	\$13,099
Offertory	\$1,334
Children's Offerings	\$84
Total.....	\$14,517
Building Fund.....	\$220
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$125
Hurricane Collection	\$675
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$205
International Combined Collection	\$5

Nov. Envelope & Offertory	\$99,579
Fiscal Year to Date Env. & Offertory	\$470,550
Nov. Budgeted Env & Offertory	\$100,936
Fiscal YTD Budgeted Env & Off	\$457,420
Nov. Variance, unfavorable	(\$1,357)
Fiscal YTD Variance, favorable	\$13,130

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

Counters Schedule

Monday, December 4

Phyllis Reindl and Dick Ihlenfeld

Monday, December 11

Mary Michalski and Cyrilla Wipperfurth

Discipleship with Holly Irving

Discipleship Moment

“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted, in particular, time. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.



Discipleship Is Surrendering to God

Now we begin the busy time of the year. Everyone is busy shopping for the right gifts, baking, and attending parties. This is really the time of the year where we need to step back and be present to God. As Disciples of Christ, we need surrender to Him and let Him mold our lives as the Apostles did. Take time this Advent to take time to pray and listen for what God is calling you to do! (Based on ICSC)

Ministry of the Week

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish thanks everyone who participated in Gifts from the Heart and donated items for families in need. You blessed so many people with Christmas gifts. Thank you for your love and generosity!

Our Lady of Guadalupe To Be Honored

Tuesday, December 12

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, at a bilingual Mass on **Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30 PM**. The evening begins with Mass and an offering of dance and drumming by members of the parish, followed by a fiesta with delicious refreshments.

Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe first became part of parish life when a family here experienced a miraculous cure they attributed to Our Lady's intercession. They donated a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a medal to the parish. The original statue was broken during a construction project, but it was replaced with the statue now at the front of the church, and the medal still hangs from it.





**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
- A1C Margarita Clayton**, Sister of Tina Hutchison
- 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
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- SPC Shalice Hood**, friend of Alyssa Rivera
- 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
- CPL Alyssa Rivera**, cousin of Fr. Bart Timmerman
- 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

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This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas
Sunday, December 3

Gifts from the Heart gifts sue, sorting starts Monday
Christmas Basket Collections

Monday, December 4

Young Adults, RE Wing 7:00 PM
Men's Integrity Group, Library 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 5

Pastoral Council Meeting, Lower Conference Room 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 6

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

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)..... 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM
Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)..... 6:30 PM Bilingual

Saturday, December 9

STACKs, RE Wing Room 102-104 1:00 PM
Holiday Cookie Sale after all Masses
Christmas Basket Collection continues

Sunday, December 10

Holiday Cookie Sale after all Masses
Christmas Basket Collection continues

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

- Oakwood:** Friday, December 8, Mass
- Brookdale:** Friday, December 8, Rosary and Communion
- Sebring:** Sunday, December 10, Word and Communion

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Love Others.

Make Disciples!

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- www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/:** Catholic Charities (adoption, aging services, developmental disabilities, counseling, substance abuse treatment, etc.)
- www.cmcmadison.org/:** Catholic Multicultural Center (food, health services, education, job development, immigration legal help)
- abuseintervention.org/:** Domestic Abuse Intervention Service (crisis response, emergency shelter, support groups)
- www.silentnomoreawareness.org:** Abortion recovery help
- 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:** Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County (free residential maternity and parenting program)

St. Ambrose Academy 11th Annual Benefit Dinner Gala

Saturday, December 9 at the Alliant Energy Center
Exhibition Hall.

All STA parishioners are cordially invited to attend the Gala with esteemed guest, Bishop Robert C. Morlino. Now celebrating our 15th year, St. Ambrose Academy provides students in grades 6-12 a classical education rooted in the Catholic faith. This year's Benefit Dinner Gala will feature our alumni, who are each pursuing Greatness in exciting and varied ways!

5:00 PM Cocktail Reception

6:15 PM Dinner and Program

8:00 PM Dessert and Coffee

\$75 per plate with group discounts of \$250 for 4 or \$500 for a table of 8.

Register online at ambroseacademy.org/register or by phone (608)827-5863

An evening with Madison Police Chief Michael Koval

Wednesday, December 6, 7 – 8 PM,
at Edgewood High School, 2219 Monroe St., Madison

Chief Koval will be speaking on “Faith, Family & Service,” followed by Question & Answer session. Topics will include:

- Reflections on my vocation as Madison Police Chief
- Human trafficking in Madison
- Opioid addiction – what parents and students need to know
- Update on gangs
- The importance of strong families

This event is sponsored by Edgewood High School's *Catholic Crusaders – Students for Christ* and the *Edgewood Parent Community*. The event will be held in the Sr. Kathleen O'Connell Auditorium, is free and the public is invited.

**This winter your local choir
urgently
needs your help.
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With **1 tenor**, Shirley can go back to singing alto.

With **2 tenors**, one will be in tune (possibly).

With **3 tenors**, our conductor will have a new favorite bad joke.

Thank you

Mass Intentions for This Week

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

Monday, December 4: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Dick Genske ☩

Tuesday, December 5

5:30 PM Oliver Meyer

Wednesday, December 6: St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:30 AM William O'Sullivan ☩

Thursday, December 7: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM George Reilly ☩

Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM Deceased members of Dempsey & Callaway Families ☩

10:00 AM Msgr. Delbert Schmelzer ☩ *at Oakwood*

12:10 PM Paul Loduha ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Saturday, December 9

4:30 PM JoAnne Schumann ☩

Sunday, December 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM William Bahr ☩

10:00 AM Mary Moen ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of December 3

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/
Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/
Mk 1:1-8

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