



# 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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*Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá,  
no eres en manera alguna la menor  
entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá,  
pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será  
el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel.*

Mateo 2: 6

*And You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the  
rulers of Judah; since from you shall  
come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.*

Matthew 2:6

## From the Desk of Fr. Bart

### The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Today's Gospel gives us the classic and familiar story of the visit of the magi who come bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These three gifts have a significant meaning for the life of Jesus and His mission and are a gospel in themselves:



- **Gold:** A gift fitting for a King, a ruler, one with power and authority; gold was a symbol of divinity. This Child comes to transform our perspective of wealth to treasure again the things of God—compassion, forgiveness, and peace are the coin of the realm of the newborn King.
- **Frankincense:** Comes from a small tree. The hardened resin was used as medicine for many ailments; it brought about the healing of wounds and stopped bleeding. This Child comes to restore and heal not just the physical ailments of those He will encounter in His Gospel journey, but to heal us all of our fears and doubts, to bridge the chasms that separate us from one another and from God.
- **Myrrh:** An expensive extract from the resin of the myrrh tree. It, too, was medicinal, but more significantly, it was used in embalming the dead. Only royalty and the very wealthy were embalmed; therefore, this gift was reserved for kings. This Child comes to recreate us in the life of God: His death will be the defeat of death, His cross will be His—and our—glory.

### Lessons and Carols Sunday, January 7 at 1:00 PM

As we conclude the Christmas Season, we hold our special celebration of Lessons and Carols. During this time of prayer and song, we recall the stories of our faith, sing together the songs of Christmas, and reflect on this Holy Season of Christmas. Following the prayer we will have a reception in the Gathering Area. All are welcome!

This celebration reminds me how grateful we all are for those involved in our Music Ministry here at St. Thomas Aquinas. I also appreciate the time of prayer and song to help me enjoy the spirit of Christmas that I can miss due to the hectic pace of the season.

### The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: on Monday, January 8

In our Liturgical Calendar, the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after the Epiphany, which is January 6. In the United States, the Epiphany is transferred to the Sunday after January 6. In some years, like this year, the Sunday after January 6 and the Epiphany fall on the same day, so the feast of the Baptism of the Lord is transferred to the following day, Monday, January 8.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *“All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1223)

At our Baptism we were initiated into God's family and we were marked as one of Christ's own forever. Original sin was wiped away, sanctifying grace entered our soul, and we became members of Christ's Body, His Church. As we celebrate the Baptism of the

## Prayer for Life



For the times we are afraid to welcome life:  
May the Lord fill our hearts with  
confidence in His loving care  
and provide for every need;  
We pray to the Lord:

Por las veces que tememos acoger la vida:  
para que el Señor colme nuestros corazones con  
confianza en su cuidado amoroso  
y satisfaga cada necesidad;  
roguemos al Señor:

## Blessing Prayer For Epiphany

20 + C + M + B + 18

The number of the New Year is split at the beginning and ending.

The initials C + M + B represent the three kings: CASPER, MELCHIOR, AND BALTHASAR.

They may also stand for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for: “May Christ bless this house.”

Take the piece of chalk, gather around the inside of the front door.

Use the chalk to inscribe the numbers and letters on your door frame, while praying:

May God, who provided a safe dwelling for the eternal Word, bless our house and all the people who live here.

Throughout the year, may those who go through our front door enjoy the blessing of Christ.

We pray especially for world Peace in 2018.

We ask these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On behalf of our parish family of St. Thomas Aquinas, may Christ's grace and blessings dwell in your home throughout this New Year of 2018!



## Reflection from Our Parish Seminarian, Lawrence Oparaji



Any first-time visitor to a family hoping to be welcomed by all in the family must necessarily honor and gain the love of one person in particular; such a person is the sure key to the visitor's being accepted by other family members. This person is none other than the mother in the family.

On New Year's Day we celebrated and honored the Blessed Virgin Mary, a woman filled with so much love for all of us, a woman who desires nothing more than to guide us all to her Son, Jesus Christ. It was she who ushered in the fullness of time through her giving birth to the Word that is God in the person of Jesus Christ. God deemed Mary infinitely worthy of conceiving, ushering Him into time and caring for Him; a task she perfectly fulfilled; so why would we not honor her likewise to usher us into the new year and to care for us. Mary wants one thing for all of us, she wants us to come to her so that she can show us the way to her Son and our brother Jesus Christ, just like she did at the wedding in Cana.

I know Catholics are sometimes criticized for honoring the Blessed Mother but I give us one thing to think about: If we believe that Jesus Christ is God, born of woman, who was first chosen and honored by God, as the Angel Gabriel proclaimed, why then would we not honor such a noble woman and ask her to intercede for us.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, may God grant us peace and every good in 2018 and May God bless us as the he commanded Moses to bless the sons of Israel: May the Lord bless and keep you: May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

## 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 (with a few extra fun events).

Young Adults are meet on the first and third Monday nights. Our next gathering is Monday, January 15, 7-9 PM. To be added to the email/ mailing list, **please contact Jennifer Ludtke at 833-2606 or [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org)**. You can also stay informed on <https://www.facebook.com/STAMadisonYA>

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

Lord this week, let us remember our own Baptism and live it out fully as disciples of Christ.

### Attend Relit: The Heart of Evangelization Retreat

As we continue to become an Evangelizing Parish, I invite you to attend this exciting opportunity to grow in your faith and receive intense training on ways you can share your faith and love for Jesus with family members and/or others through your conversations and interactions with them. The retreat will be Friday evening, February 2, and all day on Saturday, February 3. For more information and to register, **please contact Jennifer Ludtke [Jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:Jennifer@stamadison.org) or 833-2600**. This is a great next step for those who have attended Alpha.

### Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained



**Wednesday evenings not Thursday evenings, starting January 17, from 6:30-8 PM**

We may be familiar with different aspects of the Catholic Faith ... but how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives? This video series systematically presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian Dr. Edward Sri leads over 25 of the nation's top experts to clearly explain the Catholic Faith in a way that helps us know it, live it, and articulate it to others.

This is another great follow-up to Alpha! Contact Jenny Ludtke, Director of Evangelization, **at [Jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:Jennifer@stamadison.org) or 833-2606 or for more information or to register.**

### Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: An Engaging Journey Through the Bible



This eight-part study (30-minute sessions) provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unending love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others.

You will:

- Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life
- Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments
- See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture ... and much more!

This is a great follow-up to Alpha!

Cost of the study is \$20, and runs on Friday mornings, starting January 12, from 9:15-10:30 AM. **Contact Jenny Ludtke, Director of Evangelization, at 608 833-2606 or [Jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:Jennifer@stamadison.org)** for more information or to register.

## Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

### December 23/24 4th Sunday of Advent

Envelope Offerings.....	\$21,205
Offertory .....	\$931
Children's Offerings .....	\$54
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$22,190</b>
Building Fund.....	\$160
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$85
International Combined Collection.....	\$120
Retired Priests of the Diocese.....	\$400
SVdP.....	\$1,000

### December 24/25 Christmas

Envelope Offerings.....	\$22,226
Offertory .....	\$3,845
Children's Offerings .....	\$294
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$26,365</b>
Building Fund.....	\$142
Retired Priests of the Diocese.....	\$241
SVdP.....	\$100

### December 30/31

Envelope Offerings.....	\$41,050
Offertory .....	\$1,239
Children's Offerings .....	\$63
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$42,352</b>
Building Fund.....	\$1,090
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$780
Retired Priests of the Diocese.....	\$610

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

### Counters Schedule

#### Monday, January 8

**Dick and Mary Ann Ihlenfeld**

#### Tuesday, January 16

**Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus**

## Justice and Peace Committee Meets

**Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 PM**

The Justice and Peace Committee will meet this coming Tuesday at 6:00 PM. Discussion will center on our focused themes for the year, which are designed to educate and inspire action on our rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. There will be reports on our January 14 program on Sex Trafficking as well as an update on January Respect Life activities. We will also be developing plans for programs on Immigration and Creation Care. All are welcome to join us.

## STA Singles Dinner Out

Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Singles for our monthly dinner, this month at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 7017 Mineral Point Rd, Madison on **Tuesday, January 16 at 6 PM. RSVP by Sunday, January 14 to Jill at 604-3070 or jillymoose18@yahoo.com.**

## Discipleship with Holly Irving

### Discipleship Moment

*"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..."*

- Matthew 2:11



Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit.

First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, as Disciples must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

### Discipleship Is

Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the Magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn King. The story of the Magi teaches us three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is present and active in the world, and good disciples strive daily to follow His star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us. (Based on ICSC)

### Ministry of the Week

St. Thomas Aquinas would like to acknowledge the people who wash and iron the altar linens each week. Thank you for giving of your time and talents!

### Spaghetti supper

Have you marked your calendar to enjoy a scrumptious Spaghetti Supper?

If not, save the date Saturday, January 27! Supper will be served after the 4:30 PM Mass.

This Spaghetti Supper is an annual tradition to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St. Thomas Aquinas, which is his feast day.

Many people are needed to make this event a success. A Signup sheet is in the Gathering Area.

**For more information, please contact Holly at [holly@stamadison.org](mailto:holly@stamadison.org) or 833-2600**



## Love God.

## Love Others.

## Make Disciples!

## Music & Liturgy By Greg Buchberger, Director of Music Ministries



### A Festival of Lessons & Carols

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Sunday, January 7, 2018  
1:00 PM with Reception to Follow

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a liturgy celebrating the birth of Jesus. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in seven short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choral music.

The format was based on an Order drawn up by Edward White Benson, later Archbishop of Canterbury, but at that time Bishop of Truro, in Cornwall, for use on Christmas Eve (December 24) 1880. Tradition says that he organized a 10:00 PM service on Christmas Eve in a temporary wooden shed serving as his cathedral and that a key purpose of the service was to keep men out of pubs on Christmas Eve.

The original liturgy has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. Numerous Christian churches have adopted this service, or a variation on it, as part of their Christmas celebrations. In the UK, the service has become the standard format for schools' Christmas carol services. Our own Diocesan Choir celebrates Lessons and Carols during the Season of Advent.

The best-known version is broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve. It features carols sung by the famous Choir of King's College, Cambridge.

Join us on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord for a special celebration of Lessons & Carols, celebrated here at St. Thomas Aquinas at 1:00 PM. Come and join us! All are welcome! Reception to follow!



## Protecting our Children from Sex Trafficking: What Are the Signs?

**Sunday, January 14, 2018, 11:15 AM-12:30 PM**

*"It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods." ---Pope Francis*

All are welcome to join the parents of our middle school Religious Education Program after the 10:00 Mass on January 14 as we learn how to protect our children from being coerced into sex trafficking. The program will begin with the showing of a 20-minute film, "Chosen", which demonstrates how easy it is for sex traffickers to lure teenagers in communities such as ours into the industry. Following the film, we will share reactions and answer questions. Detectives Roger Baker and Jan Miyasaki from the Madison Police Department and Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney will then share more details on the industry, the extent of the problem in Madison, and how we all can act to prevent traffickers from preying on our children.

This is a topic that many of us are unaware of but one that threatens the children in our midst. The more we know, the more we can do to help victims and prevent future coercion. During the month of January, National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we ask all parishioners to pray three Hail Mary's on a daily basis for both the victims and the perpetrators of this practice.

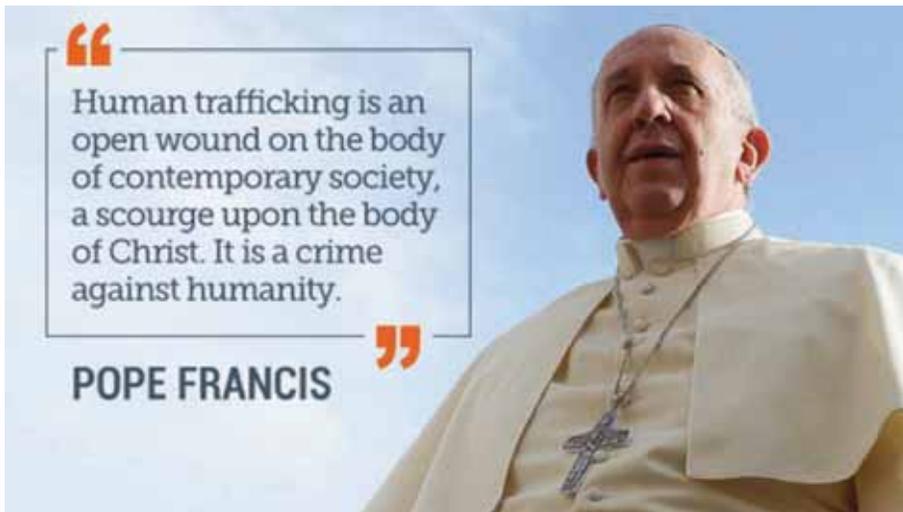
## Music at Our Christmas Masses



Adult Choir at Mass in the Night



Children's Choir at the 4 PM Children's Mass



## January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

*The United States Senate designated January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in 2007.*

*The Justice and Peace Committee is sponsoring several opportunities to shed light on this crime against human dignity.*

### PRAY

Each day throughout the month **pray three Hail Mary's** for the victims and perpetrators of sex trafficking.

### LEARN

- **Sunday, January 14, 2018, 11:15am-12:30pm** – attend the St. Thomas Aquinas program, **“Protecting our Children from Sex Trafficking: What Are the Signs?”** in the Social Hall. Local law enforcement personnel will be present to answer questions; all parishioners are encouraged to attend.
- Discover **Catholic Social Teachings** on Human Trafficking on the USCCB website. <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/>
- **Hear Colleen Stratton**, a sex trafficking survivor, share her story during her keynote address at the Wisconsin Catholic Conference's 2017 Catholics at the Capitol event. [http://www.wisconsinatholic.org/catholics\\_at\\_the\\_capitol.cfm](http://www.wisconsinatholic.org/catholics_at_the_capitol.cfm)
- Become more aware of the **magnitude of the problem in Wisconsin** at <http://5-stones.org/about/>.
- Go online, search for and read the article, **“There are people for sale here”** in the Dec 6, 2017 issue of the Capitol Times.

*“If just one person realizes from this day that they or someone they know is being trafficked, we will have made a difference.”*

*- Bishop Eusebio Elizondo,  
M.Sp.S.*

### REFLECT

Spend some quiet time considering actions you would take should someone in your family become a victim of sex trafficking. Ask for the Spirit's guidance in discerning what you can do to mitigate the problem. Consider what Jesus would do to protect victims and heal perpetrators.

### ACT

- **Learn to recognize victims** of sex trafficking at the mall, sporting events, truck stops and hotels.
- Call 911 and National Human Trafficking Resource Center (1-888-373-7888) to **report incidents**.
- **Share the facts** about Sex Trafficking with friends and family. <http://www.exchangeinitiative.com/the-issue>
- Consider becoming an **Ambassador of Hope** with Shared Hope International.
  - <https://sharedhope.org/what-we-do/prevent/awareness/>
  - **Support organizations** that are working to prevent the practice and protect the victims, such as Project RESPECT (a project of ARC Community Services in partnership with the City of Madison and Dane County).
  - **Advocate for legislation** that will curb sex trafficking and punish perpetrators.



National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline 1-888-373-7888

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# Sex Trafficking in Wisconsin & the U.S.



Sex trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud or coercion.

**80%**

of human trafficking in Wisconsin is sex trafficking

**8-14 years old**

Average age a child is coerced into the sex trade

**250,000 youth**

In the U.S. at risk of sexual exploitation



Sex trafficking is a \$150 billion+ per year industry

**21 million**

Victims worldwide: of ANY age, gender, race, religion and socioeconomic background



The enormous profit for traffickers derives from the "repeated sale" of the victim's body



Sex trafficking occurs in both urban & rural areas. The main route through Wisconsin is:



### Top Industries

1. Pimp-controlled prostitution
2. Commercial-front brothels
3. Escort services
4. Pornography
5. Stripping

### Where Victims are Recruited:

- The Internet
- Social Media
- School
- The Mall
- The Street / Park

**MILWAUKEE >>> FOX CITIES/GREEN BAY >>> WAUSAU >>> MINNEAPOLIS**

Through a website advertisement, an undercover agent went to a home where **two children, aged 16 and 17**, were recovered. The girls indicated they were sisters and were being pimped out by their mother. The girls also informed authorities that their mother was allegedly renting out the girls' brother's room to a man who was a registered sex offender. *FBI Report: Operation Cross Country 2016, Milwaukee Division.*

"It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods."  
--Pope Francis

**10 to 15**

Average number of times a victim is sold in 1 day

**7 years**

Life expectancy after entry

**Request Help / Report Tips**

National Human Trafficking Hotline

**1-888-3737-888**

or text "Help" to 233733 (BeFree)

Sources: Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services, Polaris, 5-Stones, Wisconsin Human Trafficking Protocol and Resource Manual, USCCB, Shared Hope International, WI Dept. of Justice, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Green Bay Press Gazette. © 2015 Wisconsin Catholics Sisters. Reproduced with permission.

## Relit: The Heart of Evangelization

Friday, February 2 (evening) and Saturday, February 3 (all day)

# relit

If a friend or family member asked you about your faith, would you know how to respond? Have you ever felt unequipped or unprepared to share your faith with others? If you answered yes to either of these questions, you are invited to attend our upcoming parish training program, **relit: The Heart of Evangelization**. Relit helps you take a step back to look at your life as well as your parish involvement with a new lens, a renewed perspective. You will learn how to take the good work you are already doing and discover how these ministries can be more effective. By exploring such things as some people's obstacles to the faith and learning how others see God in their lives, you will gain the skills to help them grown in their faith. This intense training is part of our parish 5-year plan, and we would love to see you there. **For more information, or to register, contact Jennifer Ludtke at [Jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:Jennifer@stamadison.org) or 833-2600**

## Seminarian Christmas Party with Bishop Morlino



**On Thursday, December 28, the Seminarians and their parents gathered with Bishop Morlino to celebrate Christmas. Since the parents of Seminarians Lawrence Oparaji, Luis Reyes, and Mark Foley were unable to attend, they chose STA parishioners as their special guests: Rajiv and Stella Castellino, Theresa and John Boncyk, and Fr. Bart Timmerman.**

## Alpha Is about to Begin!

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Alpha begins in early February – with three times to choose from!

Do you feel like you need a boost to enliven your spiritual life? Do you have a family member or friend who has stepped away?

Alpha can help you explain things to them, or give them a place to ask their own questions, while giving you an experience of community that will warm your heart and soul. Even if you have been Catholic your whole life, it will deepen your appreciation for the way God loves us. Come, and bring a friend!

We're offering three sessions starting in February:

Sunday after 10 am Mass (starting February 11),

Wednesday evening 5:45-7:30 pm (starting February 7),

Tuesdays from 11:30-1 pm (starting February 13).

**Please RSVP or send questions to Jenny at 833-2606. or [Jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:Jennifer@stamadison.org).**



**GOOD FOOD**

Each Alpha gathering begins with a meal. This is a time of fun and relaxation in a casual atmosphere ... perfect for making friends.



**ALPHA TALK**

Following the meal there is a video of a short talk exploring various aspects of the Christian faith.



**DISCUSSION**

Guests break into small groups where everyone is welcome to share thoughts and ask questions in a nonjudgmental and relaxed setting.

## Prayer for Epiphany

Dear Jesus, though a newborn, the wise men knew your greatness.

On a hint from the heavens, they traveled far from their places of comfort so that they could honor you.



From their belief in your divinity, they gave amazing gifts, offerings that symbolized your life, power, and even your death.

And because of a dream in the night, they altered their well-laid plans to return home in order to protect you.

May we be so willing to honor, sacrifice, and obey, all for love of you, as we meditate on the meaning of this day.

Amen.



## 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
- Airman First Class Brianna Herreid, granddaughter of Ken and Joyce Niesen
- 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

## This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

### Sunday, January 7

- Lessons and Carols, Church..... 1:00 PM
- Epiphany Celebration with 3 Wise Men after Spanish Mass ..... 7:30 PM

### Monday, January 8

- Young Adults, Lower Conference Room ..... 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, January 9

- Justice and Peace Mtg, Lower Conference Room..... 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, January 10

- Toddler Time ..... 9:00 AM

### Thursday, January 11

- Fun(d) Raising Meeting, Lower Conference Room ..... 6:30 PM

### Saturday, January 13

- STACKS, RE Wing Room 102 - 104..... 1:00 PM

### Sunday, January 14

- Human Trafficking Presentations, Social Hall..... 11:15 AM

## Care Facility Liturgies This Week

**Oakwood:** Friday, January 12, Mass

**Brookdale:** Friday, January 12, Rosary and Communion

**Sebring:** Sunday, January 14, Word and Communion



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## Resources for Human Needs

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- [www.womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html](http://www.womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html): Women's Care Center (counseling, ultrasounds)
- [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)

## The Human Face of Trafficking: What Can We Do?

**Saturday, January 13, 2018, 9 AM-2 PM**

Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa St Madison Kimberly Ritter, the director for development for Exchange Initiative, a social action organization that “empowers people and organizations with resources, knowledge and networks to help fight sex trafficking” is the keynote speaker at this event sponsored by the Madison Area Sinsinawa Dominicans Against Human Trafficking. As the Senior Account Manager for Nix Conference & Meeting Management, Kimberly learned about sex trafficking from a client in 2011. Appalled by what she discovered, she began raising awareness of the issue with all the hotels Nix does business with and in 2013 she created Exchange Initiative.

Sex trafficking is a form of human trafficking that forces children and adults, against their will, to engage in commercial sex acts. A little known fact is that sex trafficking is prevalent in Wisconsin, a threat to our children and an issue that all of us can help to curb.

To see the schedule for the day and to register go to <https://www.sinsinawa.org/news-events/antitrafficking-reg-form01-18.pdf>. There is a \$15 registration fee to cover the cost of lunch. The deadline for registration is January 5.

## Men's Retreat February 15 – 18, 2018

What better way to start Lent than to attend a Jesuit Retreat on Lake Winnebago (just south of Oshkosh) right after Lent begins. This weekend retreat starts Thursday evening at 7:15 and concludes with lunch on Sunday. The facilities are handicap accessible and each room includes a private bathroom, full-size bed, easy chair, desk, and more. You will find it very comfortable to pray, attend short conferences and celebrate with others through daily Mass and the sacraments.

There is plenty of free time to rest, pray, recreate, read and meditate and the food is fantastic. SAVE THESE DATES-- February 15-18, 2018. Please let us know if you would like to car pool. For more details, visit the website [www.jesuitretreathouse.org](http://www.jesuitretreathouse.org) or contact Jerry Doll at [jddoll@wisc.edu](mailto:jddoll@wisc.edu) or 608 836-8809.

## March for Life in Chicago

Each year people of all faiths gather across America to pray and march to seek a reversal of the Supreme Court decision of Roe v Wade that legalized abortion in our country in 1973. The **2018 Chicago March for life is on Sunday, January 14**. Pro-Life Wisconsin has chartered buses for those in the Madison area to participate in the Chicago march. Buses will leave the Dutch Mill Park and Ride at 9:30 am and return at 8:00 p.m. **Click on this link to register and for more information!** <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/pro-life-wisconsin-8628850076>. Questions? Call or email Therese Aloia (262) 796-1111 ext. 14 or [Therese.A@ProLifeWI.org](mailto:Therese.A@ProLifeWI.org). And complete information on the Chicago March of Life is found at: <http://www.marchforlife-chicago.org/>.

## Mass Intentions for This Week

**Saturday, January, 6**

4:30 PM Dr. Tim Galvez ☩

**Sunday, January, 7: The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM Marks family: Carl Sr., Margaret, Carl Jr., Gloria, and David ☩

10:00 AM Ann Belekevich ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

**Monday, January, 8: The Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 AM William O'Sullivan ☩

**Tuesday, January, 9**

5:30 PM Deceased members of the Tuccinardi Family ☩

**Wednesday, January, 10**

8:30 AM Joseph Anthony Crnkovich and Family ☩

**Thursday, January, 11**

7:30 AM Paul Kelley ☩

**Friday, January, 12**

8:30 AM Gil Schlimgen ☩

10:00 AM Kathleen Burke ☩

**Saturday, January, 13**

4:30 PM Eileen Tigges

**Sunday, January, 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Michael Thompson ☩

10:00 AM Members of the Tugano family ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

## Readings for the Week of January 7

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-4

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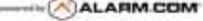
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