



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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*Habla, Señor;
tu siervo te escucha*
1 Samuel 3:9



*Speak, Lord,
for your servant is listening*
1 Samuel 3:9

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
14 de Enero de 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Bart

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B

Today we reflect on the calling of the first disciples. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter is named and the other disciple is not, but is traditionally understood to be the "beloved disciple," who we believe to be St. John.



These disciples bring Simon Peter to Jesus. In our own lives we learned about Jesus from someone else, whether a parent, grandparent, teacher, or friend. We too tell others about Jesus, thus passing the Christian faith from one generation to the next. Today's Gospel shows that evangelization has been a hallmark of Christian identity from the beginning. This is part of the reasoning behind our Five-Year Plan to become an Evangelizing Parish! As we start our next phase of the plan, we add another tool to help us in evangelizing. Please plan to attend our Relit Retreat on February 2-3. Details are in today's bulletin. Relit is in addition to Alpha. Alpha is a pre-evangelization tool that can help us as we use the skills we learn from Relit to evangelize others. Our mission field for this New Evangelization is not far-away, but in our homes, work places, and neighborhoods. May we be inspired by this Sunday's Gospel and relight the fire of the zeal we have for evangelization that comes from the surety that we are known personally by Jesus.

Our Parish Feast Day and Spaghetti Supper

On January 27 and 28, we will be celebrating our parish's patronal feast day! During Ordinary Time, we are allowed to substitute the readings from our patron's Memorial Mass for the Sunday Readings. Please plan to attend our Spaghetti Supper on January 27 and enjoy spending time with fellow STA Parishioners. We also need volunteers to help us with the meal. Details are in the bulletin.



St. Thomas Aquinas

St. Thomas ranks among the greatest writers and theologians of all time. His most important work, the *Summa Theologiae*, an explanation and summary of the entire body of Catholic teaching, has been standard for centuries, even to our own day. At the Council of Trent it was consulted after the Bible.

To a deeply speculative mind, he joined a remarkable life of prayer, a precious memento of which has been left to us in the Office of Corpus Christi. Reputed as great already in life, he nevertheless remained modest, a perfect model of childlike simplicity and goodness. He was mild in word and kind in deed. He believed everyone was as innocent as he himself was. When someone sinned through weakness, Thomas bemoaned the sin as if it were his own. The goodness of his heart shone in his face, no one could look upon him and remain disconsolate. How he suffered with the poor and the needy was most inspiring. Whatever clothing or other items he could give away, he gladly did. He kept nothing superfluous in his efforts to alleviate the needs of others.

After he died his lifelong companion and confessor testified, "I have always known him to be as innocent as a five-year-old child. Never did a carnal temptation soil his soul, never did he consent to a mortal sin." He cherished a most tender devotion to St. Agnes, constantly carrying relics of this virgin martyr on his person. He died in 1274, at the age of fifty, in the abbey of Fossa Nuova. He is the patron saint of schools and of sacred theology.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

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:

Recycle the Warmth Blanket Drive

Friday, January 26 - Sunday, January 28

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will soon conduct the Madison area's annual *Recycle the Warmth* Blanket Drive, and our parish will be taking part. Committed to helping our neighbors in need, St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) offers aid without regard to the religion, race or ethnic background of those the Society assists.

This annual drive allows St. Vincent de Paul to provide blankets, sheets and other bedding without charge to Dane County people in need throughout the year. Your help is needed to recycle the warmth and make this assistance possible. The blanket drive will run Friday, January 26 - Sunday, January 28.

One way to participate is by donating new or gently used blankets and bedding at any of the three Shopko stores in the Madison area. Shopko will make a good-quality blanket available for the drive at an attractive sale price.

Members of our STA SVdP conference will accept blanket donations before all Masses on that weekend, and also accept donations that will be used to buy blankets and bedding. Your donation of \$10 or more will make a blanket purchase possible.

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need through this year's *Recycle the Warmth* Blanket Drive.

Visit svdpmadison.org/recyclethewarmth for more information.

Food Sunday for the SVdP Pantry

Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food and personal care products to St. Thomas Aquinas the weekend of January 20-21 for our monthly collection. This month, the donations will go to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, the busiest in Dane County. We have collection bins in the Gathering Area.

Next month's Food Sunday recipient will be the food pantry at the Lussier Community Education Center.

Reflection from Our Parish Seminarian, Lawrence Oparaji



We all have cell phones and my guess is that we receive phone calls all the time. Sometimes we answer these calls based on their level of importance or our needs, other times we reject calls for not being needed or important. As Christians we have a call, a call from above, a call from God Himself and He desires for us to see His call as an important one, one worthy of our response. This call He gives us is first initiated at our baptism when we openly declare to the church our intention to be members of the church, our intentions to be Christians and to accept Christ as our Lord and Savior. This call is strengthened in confirmation when we ask for the Holy Spirit to come and strengthen the graces we received at Baptism. This call is sustained daily when we receive the Eucharist, we invite our personal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to give us all the grace we need to run this race and finish it well, for it is He who said “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

The uniqueness of this call lies in the fact that it is not like one of those “telemarketing calls” were people call us to ask us to buy stuff or try to get us to give money for some cause. In this call, the Christian call and vocation, God is trying to give us something, he is inviting us to experience something greater than anything the world could offer us, he is inviting us to true love and deep relationship with Him, He is trying to give us peace, lasting peace as St. Augustine discovered for himself and proclaimed “our hearts are restless until they rest in thee O Lord!”

May God give us ears that listen to his call, and hearts that long to answer, so that we will come to know and understand God’s will for us which is ultimately salvation of our souls and eternal life spent in union with Him, all the Saints and all our loved ones in Heaven.

January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Monday, January 22, marks the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision that legalized abortion in our country. “Over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.” (From the USCCB.)

Monday January 22 we will pray a **Rosary for Life after the 8:30 AM Mass**. Mass that day will include prayers for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. We are also encouraged to do acts of penance this day for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through abortion.

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.**

Little Rock Scripture Study: Hebrews

Beginning on **January 30, 9:30-11 AM**, join a study group to examine and enter into the priestly ministry of Jesus and consider your role in the Kingdom of God today. This study is 7 sessions; cost is \$15.

Register with Jennifer Ludtke at jennifer@stamadison.org or 833-2606.



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 with a few extra fun events.

Young Adults meet on the first and third Monday nights. Our next gathering is **Monday, January 15, from 7-9 PM**. Each evening stands on its own, so come and join us anytime! To be added to the email/ mailing list, **please contact Jennifer Ludtke at 833-2606 or jennifer@stamadison.org**. You can also stay informed on <https://www.facebook.com/STAMadisonYA>



Praying With Scripture: Lectio Divina

Beginning January 17, 1-2 PM

Have you ever wanted to get more out of the Sunday Gospel? Join a small group of parishioners who are going to put into practice their study of the ‘how to’ of *lectio divina*. The group will be meeting in the parish library on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (and the 5th Wednesday if there is one) to spend time with the coming weekend’s gospel. All are welcome. No previous experience is needed, simply a desire to let God’s word speak to your heart.



Dear STACKs for Love

Thank you again for your generous donation to this year’s CLICK for Babies campaign.

We appreciate your support and help education others on the Period of Purple Crying SBS prevention.

Thank you Nikki Braconier

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Volunteers 442 with 1760 hrs.

January 6/7

Envelope Offerings.....	\$12,131
Offertory	\$1,298
Children's Offerings	\$164
Total.....	\$13,593
Building Fund.....	\$471
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$85

December Envelope & Offertory	\$202,488
December Budgeted Env, & Off.	\$180,924
December Variance, favorable.....	\$21,564

Fiscal YTD Envelope & Offertory	\$673,038
Fiscal YTD Budgeted Env. & Off.	\$638,344
Fiscal YTD Variance, favorable.....	\$34,694

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

Counters Schedule

Tuesday, January 16

Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus

Monday, January 22

Don Mahoney and Sara Marx

Discipleship with Holly Irving

Discipleship Moment

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'

- John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants from you as His disciple.

Discipleship Is

We are called to be followers of Jesus and in today's Gospel we discover those first individuals who sought out Jesus. They wanted to listen to Him, learn from Him and stay with Him.

Today, we, as Disciples of Christ, search out the hidden presence of Jesus in our lives every day. We know Christ is the "Messiah" who will one day bring about a perfect restoration to a troubled world. We understand we are sacraments of His hidden presence in the world. Our task is to make that reality known through our words and actions. What is one thing we can do to be better Disciples of Christ? (Based on ICSC)

Ministry of the Week

St. Thomas Aquinas would like to acknowledge the people who make, donate, and deliver food, or help serve food for our community meal program at Luke House every fourth Wednesday of the month. So many people benefit from you giving of your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you!

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 or 833-2600**

Charitable Gift Annuities

Have you considered establishing a charitable gift annuity as a way to make a gift to your parish? By establishing a charitable gift annuity, you can help your parish while still receiving a benefit for yourself and/or your spouse for the remainder of your life. Interest rates on CD's and other fixed-income investments have declined over the years. Individuals are in search of ways to maintain cash flow, seek the security of guaranteed payments, save on taxes and most importantly, help the organizations that have meant so much to them throughout the course of their lives. With establishment of a charitable gift annuity you can choose to receive your payments quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Check with your financial planner to help you set this up to leave a gift to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



2017 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

STA Parish Pledge Goal.....	\$94,586
STA Parish Pledge Total:	\$132,357
Percent of Goal Pledged:	140%
Paid to Date:	\$128,875
Percent of Goal Collected:	136%
Percent of households participating.....	28%

Thank you for fulfilling your pledge and supporting our Diocese of Madison.

Priests for Our Future Update

Thank you for supporting the *Priests for Our Future: The Church Is Alive!* Campaign 2014 - 2019.

Please continue to fulfill your pledge to ensure enough funds to educate our future priests. Our results so far are as follows:

Parish Results to Date

Parish Pledge Goal:	\$830,000
Parish Pledge Total:.....	\$1,540,358
Percent of Goal Pledged:.....	186%
Paid to Date:	\$1,201,668
Percent of Goal Collected:.....	145%

Total Over Goal Rebates Paid to Date (2016 - 2017).....\$180,751.92



Music & Liturgy By Greg Buchberger, Director of Music Ministries



Looking Back at Christmas Worship: A Special Work by Our Whole Community

As we return to Ordinary Time, this is a good time for us to give thanks! During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we had a multitude of prayer services, special celebrations, Feast Days, and Solemnities! Each of these times of prayer offered authentic opportunities to encounter Jesus. Often times when I meet folks who are outside of the church world, they are amazed that a church utilizes any full-time staff members. And I always enjoy explaining that our gathering on Sunday (or Saturday night) for prayer, doesn't just happen. In the midst of the conversation, I always make sure to acknowledge the gifts that the community brings and the time they dedicate to making our celebrations so prayerful, joyful, and focused on encountering Jesus Christ.

In this light, I would like to offer special thanks to all of our musicians, especially our singers and choir members. Each choir member dedicates almost 20 hours of volunteer time during the month of December! Some of our singers attended multiple Masses on a weekend to make sure that we were able to pray well through our music and song! I cannot forget to give special thanks to those who serve our prayer during the liturgy... our altar servers, readers, greeters, extra ordinary ministers of Holy communion, ushers, sacristans, and all those who help to create the beautiful environment that we enjoy throughout the various areas of the church! I would like to offer a sincere thank you to our entire parish staff for their wonderful presence and vision in helping us to pray so very well. I continue to be impressed by those who have come forward to serve our parish community for their hard work, dedication, and belief in the future of our parish and the Church! Many thanks for helping us to pray so well!

Our Music Ministries Welcome You!

As we enter into Ordinary Time, now is again the time to consider joining our music ministry! We now have a few weeks of "normal" rehearsals before we begin to jump into our Lent and Easter music! Most of our singers do not read music and do not have perfect pitch! The choir is a team sport! We work together, support one another, and strive to form one beautiful voice that helps our parishioners to pray. Vocal training and a perfect voice are not necessary, but a willingness to share your time and your gifts with others is! Some folks come and go throughout the year depending on their schedules, although regular attendance at rehearsals and Masses is certainly beneficial for all of us. Even if you are not a choral singer, or have not sung in a choir in years, we will help you! Now is the time to come and journey with us into the upcoming seasons of grace!

Parish Choir rehearsals (grade 7 – adults) are on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Chorister rehearsals (grade 4-8) are on Wednesday from 5:00 – 6:00 PM.

For questions or to join contact Greg at greg@stamadison.org. 5



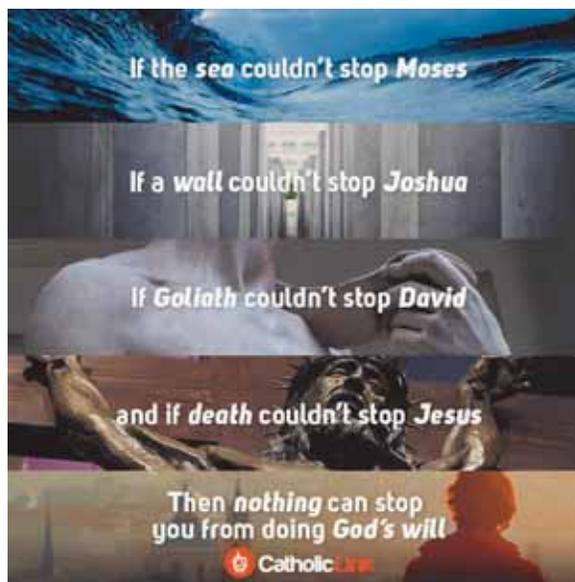
Protecting our Children from Sex Trafficking: What Are the Signs?

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.





Introducing the:

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Endowment Fund

The St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Endowment Fund was established to support the parish in carrying out our faith mission by providing supplemental funding for our programs and services. In recognition of the gifts received from God, it is our desire to support the ministry of Christ and his Church by establishing the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Endowment Fund.

How you can contribute:

- Remember the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Endowment in your will
- Contribute the Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA to the fund
- Set up a reoccurring gift to the endowment on the CDMF website (diocesemadisonfoundation.org)
- Make a single time donation
Checks can be made out to *St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Congregation Endowment*
c/o The Catholic Diocese of Madison Foundation, Inc.
- Transfer appreciated securities to support the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Endowment
- Direct memorial gifts at your or a loved ones funeral to the endowment
- Designate the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Endowment as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy or retirement plan



The endowment fund is held with The Catholic Diocese of Madison Foundation. For more information regarding our new endowment fund please contact Holly Irving at holly@stamadison.org or visit diocesemadisonfoundation.org



A Festival of Lessons & Carols

The Lessons (Scripture Readings):

On Epiphany Sunday afternoon, we had a wonderful opportunity to re-tell the stories of the coming of Jesus: the proclamation to Mary and her yes, the prophets proclaiming the coming of a King, the witness that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, the story of the angels and the baby in the manger in Bethlehem, and the coming of Jesus Christ into our lives. The readers of our parish helped us to share these stories and beautifully proclaim Christ Jesus as our Savior!



The Carols (Hymns, Songs, and Choral Music):

Between our beautifully proclaimed scripture readings, our Parish Christmas Choir shared again all of those songs they raised on Christmas Eve, as our celebrations of Christmas were just beginning. We sang together the beloved hymns of Christmas, accented by the beautiful sounds of a brass trio. We reflected on the beauty of the season and the words and music handed down to us through the ages.

And throughout our service of Lessons and Carols, we lifted up in prayer the needs of the world: for peace and goodwill over all the earth; the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and all who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all who do not know the loving kindness of the Lord. We remembered all of those who have gone before us, whose hope was in the Word made flesh; and asked that we, like them, may be counted among that communion of saints, having been given the grace to live in unity and fellowship with all people, by being Jesus Christ in our world through all that we say and do. What a wonderful way to conclude our Christmas Season!



Epiphany Celebration

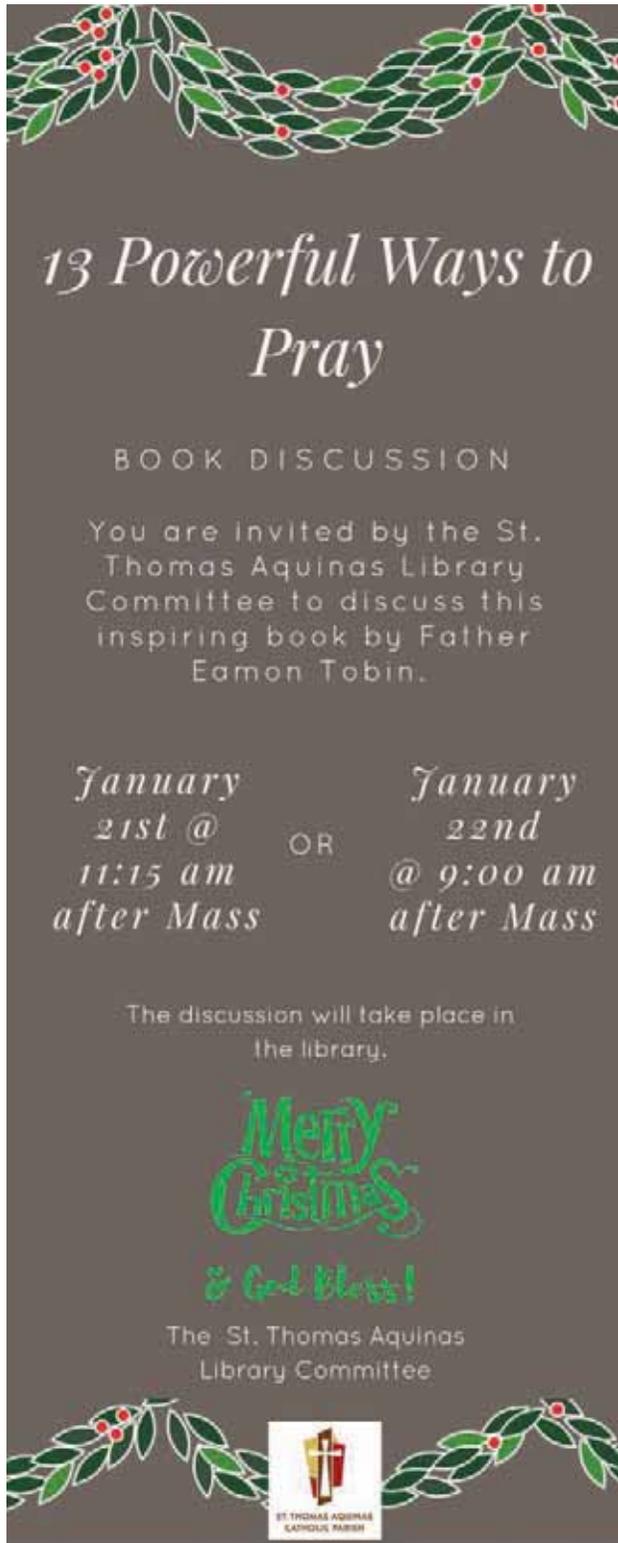
On Sunday night as we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord, we received a wonderful visit of the Three Wise Men at our parish. They came bringing gifts to baby Jesus and honored and adored him as King! At the end of Mass, the Magi stayed with us to celebrate the end of Christmas. They had candy for the kids and we had some delicious King's cake for everyone. This Latino tradition, mainly celebrated big in Puerto Rico, brought a spirit of joy and community to our Sunday Spanish Mass. We hope you can join us next year on the Sunday of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Día de Reyes

Este pasado domingo mientras celebrábamos la Epifanía del Señor, recibimos la maravillosa visita de Los Tres Reyes Magos en nuestra parroquia. Ellos llegaron con regalos para el niño Jesús y se postraron ante Él para adorarle como Rey! Al terminar la Misa, los Reyes Magos se quedaron con nosotros para celebrar el fin de la Navidad. Ellos trajeron dulces para los niños y toda la comunidad compartió con Roscas de Reyes. Esta tradición latina, mayormente celebrada en grande en Puerto Rico, trajo un espíritu de alegría y comunidad a nuestra Misa en español. Esperamos que nos puedan acompañar el próximo año con la celebración de Reyes Magos.

We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ
in a way that changes how they live.

Somos una parroquia Católica donde las personas presencian a Jesucristo
de una manera que cambia como viven.



13 Powerful Ways to Pray

BOOK DISCUSSION

You are invited by the St. Thomas Aquinas Library Committee to discuss this inspiring book by Father Eamon Tobin.

January 21st @ 11:15 am after Mass OR January 22nd @ 9:00 am after Mass

The discussion will take place in the library.

Merry Christmas & God Bless!

The St. Thomas Aquinas Library Committee



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.



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.

Relit: The Heart of Evangelization

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



Isn't witness enough? Don't actions speak louder than words?

If you have ever questioned how to share the Catholic faith, you are invited to attend our upcoming parish training program relit: The Heart of Evangelization where you will gain practical skills to share the Faith. 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 grow 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 or 833-2600



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 14

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

Monday, January 15

Men's Integrity Group..... 6:30 PM

Young Adults, RE Wing, Double Class Room 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 16

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

SVdP Conference Meeting, Upper Conference Room..... 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 17

Toddler Time 9:00 AM

Lectio Divina, Library 1:00 PM

Symbolon video series starts, Upper Conference Room 6:30 PM

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday, January 21

13 Powerful Ways to Pray Book Study, Library 11:15 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, January 19, Rosary

Brookdale: Friday, January 19, Rosary and Communion

Sebring: Sunday, January 14, Word and Communion



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Resources for Human Needs

www.momhelps.org/: Middleton Outreach Ministry (food, housing, utilities, clothing)

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

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)

March for Life: We Date to Hope

Monday, January 22 at St. Patrick's Church

A March for Life will be held in Madison on Monday, Jan 22. start with a Rosary for Life at 11:45 AM, and Mass at 12:10 PM at St. Patrick's, 404 E Main St, Madison.

Following the Mass we will march around the Capitol, go inside for prayer, and visit legislators with the message that all life is precious from conception to natural death.

9 Days for Life

Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26

The USCCB is promoting the "9 Days for Life," a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. The novena for 2018 is from Thursday, January 18 through Friday, January 26. This is a multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day and provides reflections, bonus information and suggested actions. Sign up to receive the novena by visiting www.9daysforlife.com and for information on how else you can get involved!



Knights of Columbus Breakfast Supporting St. Ambrose Academy

Sunday, January 28 from 8 - 11 AM

The Knights of Columbus Breakfast Benefitting St. Ambrose Academy's upcoming production of *Mary Poppins*, featuring Fr. Bart as Admiral Boom! Will be held Sunday, January 28 from 8:00 - 11:00 AM, at the Catholic Multicultural Center West 5256 Verona Rd., Fitchburg (previously the K of C bldg.). \$9/person or \$19/family

Dear STA Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your gift of food to the food pantry at Lussier Community Education Center (LCEC)! People live bigger lives thanks to your giving, and we are so grateful for your generosity during this special season.

Claire and LCEC Staff

Mass Intentions for This Week

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

Monday, January, 15

9:00 AM Helen and William Mianowski ☩

Tuesday, January, 16

5:30 PM Don and Madeline Pepper ☩

Wednesday, January, 17: St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30 AM Rita Warden ☩

Thursday, January, 18

7:30 AM Alice Dorn ☩

Friday, January, 19

8:30 AM Patricia, Vanessa, and Fabiola Hernandez

Saturday, January, 20

4:30 PM Mark Schaefer ☩

Sunday, January, 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Peter and Connie Sahagian ☩

10:00 AM Alice Dorn ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of January 14

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 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/

Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/

Mk 1:14-20

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Dear Holly and STACKS Members,

Thank you very much for the exceptionally beautiful prayer shawls that you made and were donated for the 2017 Rachel's Vineyard Fall Retreat. The retreatants were deeply touched by these very beautiful hand-made shawls.

The retreat was a huge success. In fact, Mary Mead, facilitator told me that the retreat was "phenomenal" and actually "miraculous" for its healing ministry. Your shawls were a major part of that healing and gratitude.

Thank you very much and God Bless you bountifully for your generosity and your STACKS ministry.

Sincerely,

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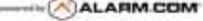
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