



# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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**“And here the first word that I wish to say to you: joy!**

**Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad!**

**Never give way to discouragement!**

**Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but of having encountered a Person:**

**Jesus, in our midst.” —Pope Francis**



**Y esta es la primera palabra que quisiera decirles: alegría. No seáis nunca hombres y mujeres tristes: un cristiano jamás puede serlo. Nunca os dejéis vencer por el desánimo. Nuestra alegría no es algo que nace de tener tantas cosas, sino de haber encontrado a una persona, Jesús; que está entre nosotros - Padre Francisco**

## 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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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 4, 2018**

**Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario  
4 de Febrero de 2018**

## From the Desk of Fr. Bart

### Inviting Jesus Into Our Lives:

#### Our Vision for the Future!

About three years ago, our STA Parish Staff began praying about how to map out a parish vision for our beloved STA Parish. We did extensive reading, studying, and praying about the direction of our parish life into the future. We engaged Parish Leaders in this process, focused our message, and launched out into accomplishing our vision. These early years have been exciting and challenging as we have carefully chosen how we want to get ourselves to the exciting end point of our Parish Vision. There has been a lot of behind the scenes work to position ourselves so that we can accomplish our goals. I am very pleased that finally, we are seeing the results of our planning and efforts.

Soon we will be revealing a special video explaining our vision, why we have chosen this vision, and what we will do to accomplish it. I have been working on video blogs that will premier in the coming months that will help us to inform parishioners and promote our efforts. Please continue to pray for our Parish Family and please consider engaging in this exciting vision for the future!

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

**Goal:** To become an Evangelizing Parish of Missionary Disciples.

**Tools We Are Employing to Realize Our Vision:** Sunday Mass, Daily Prayer, ALPHA, Re-Lit, Small Faith Groups, and Stronger Communication through Social Media.

#### Illness and Participation in the Mass

We have received a number of questions regarding participation in the Mass during the flu season. The Diocese of Madison Office of Worship has offered the following points and I hope they are useful:

1. While Catholics are obligated to attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, a serious reason may cause you to miss. Being sick is a serious reason for being excused from the obligation to attend Mass. If you have the flu or some other serious and/or contagious illness, please stay home. (Another common serious reason is severe weather.)
2. If you feel you have a cold or if you have a compromised immune system, please don't shake hands with others during the sign of peace. You may smile and say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."
3. If Holy Communion is offered under both forms, please do not consume the Precious Blood if you are not feeling well or if you have a compromised immune system.

If you are homebound for an extended period of time and would like to receive Holy Communion in your home, **please contact the parish office 833-2600.**

#### Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

On **Saturday, February 3**, we celebrated the feast of St. Blaise. We will commemorate St. Blaise's Feast day after our weekend Masses this weekend with individual blessing of throats. We are grateful for our concelebrating priests assisting us with this blessing. St. Blaise was a physician who later in life was ordained to the priesthood and

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## Prayer for Life

For the legal protection of the unborn.



## V Encuentro: A Pastoral and Evangelization Effort

By Lorianne Aubut  
Coordinator of Elementary R.E. and  
Hispanic Ministry



For the past 8 months a large group of parish disciples and I, supported by our pastor Fr. Bart, have worked intensely within St. Thomas Aquinas and the Diocese of Madison as part of an incredible national effort called V Encuentro! This effort is focused on strengthening the presence of the Hispanic community in the Catholic Church in the United States and attending to the needs, concerns, and dreams of the Hispanic community at the parish, diocesan, regional, and national levels. This past fall, from September to November, our parish participated in this process by organizing a parish leadership team of 8 members and leading two rounds of 5 sessions focused on prayer and mission. We ended the process with our Parish Encuentro, which took place in November. Nearly 40 Latinos came together to discuss and reflect on the needs of our parish and our diocese.



Now, even more exciting times are approaching as the diocesan core team of approximately

twelve members, including parishioner Edgar Martinez and me, works to plan the Diocesan V Encuentro to be held Sunday, March 11. Over 90 delegates from more than 10 parishes in our diocese, who fully participated in their parish sessions and encuentros, will gather at the Diocesan Encuentro to discern and propose recommendations about how to reach out to the Latino community and grow the evangelization efforts within Hispanic Ministry in our Diocese.

Now is a great opportunity for our parish to gather in prayer for the success of the V Encuentro, especially within our Diocese of Madison. Thank you for your prayers and for being part of this great parish family, where we love God, love Others, and make Disciples!



## Reflection from Our Parish Seminarian, Lawrence Oparaji



Recently I was in the Holy Land and we visited Peter's house, the location of the events described in today's Gospel reading. While I was there I was moved to think about the joy, peace and comfort Peter and his wife must have felt when Jesus raised their Mother/Mother-in-law up. Reading this passage again moved me to think of the compassion and love God has for His people. If I were ever to summarize Jesus's mission and ministry it would be that He is a demonstration of not only the power of God but also a perfect illustration of how much God cares for us, His people, in our miserable condition.

Our God is a kind of God that leaves His heavenly throne to come and dwell in our midst, a kind of God that works wonders, heals the sick, loves the poor and broken, and a kind of God that sacrifices His life for us so that we can be redeemed, so that we can live. He is the kind of God we should want to love and associate with because He first loved us and cared for us. He came to restore us to wholeness and to make us enjoy the fullness of life. He says, "I have come that they may have life to the full." Jesus fulfills the words of the Psalmist which say, God "heals the broken hearted and binds their wounds." Jesus came to comfort and console the broken hearted and to heal their wounds and restore them to life. He healed Peter's mother-in-law by approaching her, grasping her by the hand, and helping her up. He lifts people up from their pains and miseries.

But in order for God to do this and more we need to have faith, we need to freely respond to God's love for us. He has already made us a promise when He said "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." So we know where He stands. The issue is now where do *we* stand? It is a relationship, and that means two people are actively engaged in giving and responding to love, as well as our obedience to God's loving will and saving commandments.

May God strengthen our faith in Him and our desire to love Him and respond to His love for us.

**Love God.  
Love Others.  
Make Disciples!**

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eventually was made Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. When the persecution of Christians began, he took refuge in the hills. He was discovered living in a cave by men who had been sent to hunt him down under an order of the governor. While in prison awaiting trial and torture, Blaise performed a miraculous cure of a young boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. In gratitude, the boy's mother brought Blaise candles and food while he was imprisoned. It is because of the miraculous healing of the little boy that devotions to St. Blaise for healing of throat ailments grew through the centuries and are still performed today.

## 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. Young Adults meet on the first and third Monday nights. Our next gathering is **Monday, February 5, 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](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org)**.

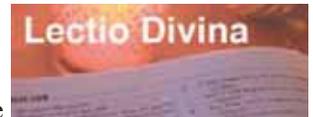
## STA Singles Dinner Out

Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Singles for our monthly dinner, this month at Tanner's Bar & Grill, 1611 Deming Way, Middleton on **Thursday, February 15 at 6 PM**. RSVP by **Tuesday, February 13** to Jill at **1-608-604-3070** or **[jillymoose18@yahoo.com](mailto:jillymoose18@yahoo.com)**.

## Praying With Scripture: *Lectio Divina*

**Next session: February 7, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month (and the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing from Bishop Morlino asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries of the Diocese of Madison. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge payable over 5-months to the appeal.

Your gift will help enable the Diocese to reach its goal and provide grant opportunities for Catholic schools, religious education programs and assisting distressed parishes in need. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese and the work of the Church throughout the world.



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



**Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14!**

During these remaining weeks before Lent begins, it is good to take time to reflect on and prepare for the upcoming season. Liturgically, the season of Lent is a significant change from our celebrations of Ordinary Time. Mother Church gives us some clear directions for our celebrations. During the season of Lent, we do not sing or say the “Glory to God” nor do we sing or say the “Alleluia.” We do not decorate the Altar with flowers, and musical instruments are to be played only to give necessary support to the singing. In a sense, we are fasting from some of the most joyous aspects of the liturgical celebration, in order to bring ourselves to a deeper sense of repentance. We journey together to the desert to deepen our relationship with Jesus, so that we may be strengthened and inspired to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples.

Now is again the time to consider joining our music ministry! We have two weeks before we begin to jump into the season of Lent! 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 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! Middle school and high school students are especially encouraged to join us!

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

Choristers (grades 4-8) rehearse on Wednesday, 5:00 – 6:00 PM.

For more information or to join us, **contact Greg at [greg@stamadison.org](mailto:greg@stamadison.org).**

**Weekly Stewardship of Treasure**

**January 30/21**

Envelope Offerings .....	\$11,250
Offertory .....	\$1,130
Children’s Offerings .....	\$127
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$12,507</b>
Building Fund .....	\$330
Capital Improvement Fund .....	\$160

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

**Counters Schedule**

**Monday, February 5**

**Mary Michalski and Cyrilla Wipperfurth**

**Monday, February 12**

**Jan McGinley and Edward Corcoran**

**Discipleship with Holly Irving**  
**Discipleship Moment**



*“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed... He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’”* Mark 1:35, 36

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of Discipleship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes—healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.”

**Discipleship Is**

In today’s Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals that Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensed an urgency to proclaim the Good News of His Father’s redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus’ footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ’s redemptive healing? (Based on ICSC)

**Ministry of the Week**

St. Thomas Aquinas would like to acknowledge and thank the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who take the Blessed Sacrament to people who are homebound or living in care facilities. Your ministry is greatly appreciated by those at home and their families.

**Charitable Gift Annuity**

Did you know that you can make a charitable gift that also benefits you in a practical way? A Charitable Gift Annuity is a donation you make to our parish, yet you will receive a payment for the rest of your life! Plus, you may receive a charitable tax deduction and reduced capital gains taxes. Ultimately your gift will support our parish, while supporting you during your lifetime.

**Catholic Herald**

Did you know that 791 parish households receive the Catholic Herald? Of those households, 172 contribute toward their subscription. The rest of the subscription cost comes out of our annual parish budget. The Catholic Herald costs the parish \$22 per household and \$33 if you purchase it individually, but you can get it through St. Thomas Aquinas Parish for just \$15! You will find an envelope for the \$15 fee in your monthly envelopes! If you do not get envelopes, you can write a check to St. Thomas Aquinas for \$15 with “Catholic Herald” written in the memo and put it in the offertory basket. Thanks in advance for helping defray the cost to the parish of our Diocesan newspaper.



## 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

### Monday, February 5

- Young Adults, Gathering Area..... 7:00 PM
- Men's Integrity Group, Library ..... 7:00 PM

### Tuesday, February 6

- Pastoral Council Meeting, Lower Conference Room..... 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, February 7

- Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room ..... 9:00 AM
- Lectio Divina, Library ..... 1:00 PM
- Alpha, Gathering Area..... 5:30 PM
- Symbolon, Upper Conference Room ..... 6:30 PM

### Saturday, February 10

- STACKS, RE Wing Room 102 - 104..... 1:00 PM
- Amanda Buchburger and Cody Jones Wedding..... 2:00 PM

### Sunday, February 11

- Pancake Breakfast, Social Hall..... 8:30 AM

## Care Facility Liturgies This Week

**Oakwood:** Friday, February 9, Mass

**Brookdale:** Friday, February 16, Word and Communion

**Sebring:** Sunday, February 11, Word and Communion



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

## Middle School and High School Ministry with Dominick Meyer



### Pancake Breakfast!

**Sunday, February 11,  
8:30 AM-12:00 noon**

Come one, Come ALL to our pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Middle School and High School Program. Our middle and high school students will make an all-you-can-eat breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausages, fruit, and drinks.

There is no cost to the breakfast, but any free will donations will help our youth come to know, love and serve Christ through our program and other events.

### Love Begins Here (LBH)

LBH is a local summer mission trip where we do service for people in need in our diocese. This is a life-changing experience! Dominick Meyer has done LBH every summer for the past 8 years and has four main takeaways:

1. The work and prayer we do are needed and enjoyed.
2. The community that is made is true caring for the person next to you.
3. The amount of fun had is an unexpected and joyful.
4. Missionaries who come, come back next year.

We have **10 high school spots open for June 17-22 in Sun Prairie** and **6 middle school spots for July 15-18 in Monona**.

If those dates don't work you can sign up as a lost sheep for other weeks (2 students are already doing). The spots are held until Feb 12, so please don't miss your window and get stuck on a long waiting list.



### Feed My Sheep

Feed My Sheep is a two-part Lenten project that our parish works on with the other Westside Catholic Parishes. ALL ages are encouraged to participate in both stages.

The first part is to fundraise to buy food ingredients that will then be packaged and sent to those in need. Starting on the weekend of February 17/18 you can pick up a Ewe Tube in the gathering space. It holds \$10 in quarters, and that will feed 40 people for a day! Checks and cash fit in the tubes too. Please return filled or unfilled tubes to the Feed My sheep box **by March 11**.

The second part is to package all the ingredients. Our packaging day will be March 17 at the Catholic Multicultural Center. You can sign up to volunteer for the packing day on February 14. Almost all of the 500 volunteer spots fill up in the first week, so don't delay! **Go to [feedmysheepmadison.com](http://feedmysheepmadison.com) to sign up!**

## Mass Intentions for This Week

### Saturday, February 3

4:30 PM Mary O'Meara ☩

### Sunday, February 4: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

#### World Day for Consecrated Life

8:00 AM Roy McCormick ☩

10:00 AM Sven Horsten

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

### Monday, February 5: St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 AM Don, Elizabeth, and Tom Doll ☩

### Tuesday, February 6: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

5:30 PM Eileen Tigges ☩

### Wednesday, February 7

8:30 AM Marian Genin ☩

### Thursday, February 8: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine

#### Bakhita, Virgin

7:30 AM Allan Taylor ☩

### Friday, February 9

8:30 AM LaVerne Malcheski ☩

10:00 AM Margaret Leffler ☩ *at Oakwood*

### Saturday, February 10

4:30 PM Dan Stoudt ☩

### Sunday, February 11: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ron Smith ☩

10:00 AM Dick Genske ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

## Readings for the Week of February 4

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/  
Mk 1:29-39

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/  
Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/  
Mk 1:40-45

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## Edgewood College Talk on Dorothy Day

Kate Hennessy will speak about Dorothy Day's accomplishments on **Thursday, February 8, at 10 AM IN ANDERSON AUDITORIUM**. Kate is the author of *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother*. There is no admission charge for this event.

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