



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

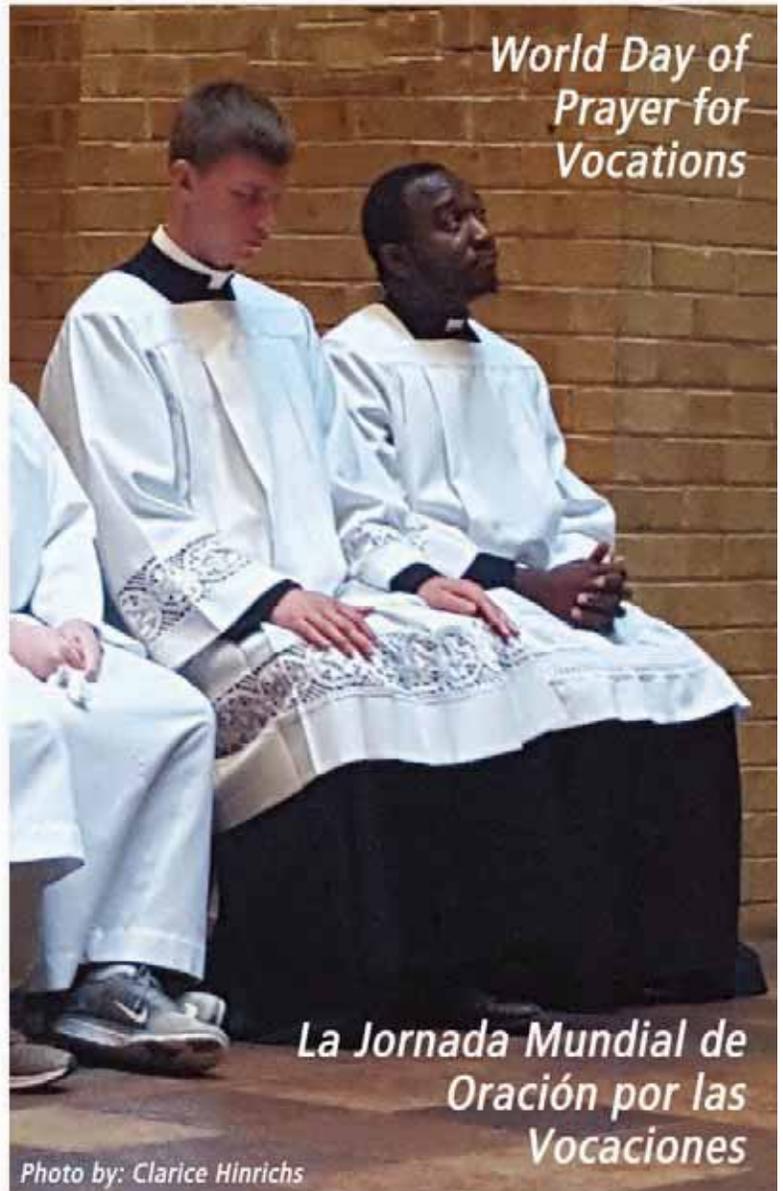
Saturdays, 3:15–4:10 PM
Sundays, 9:00–9:50 AM

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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*World Day of
Prayer for
Vocations*

*La Jornada Mundial de
Oración por las
Vocaciones*

Photo by: Clarice Hinrichs

Fourth Sunday of Easter | **Cuarto Domingo de Pascua**
April 22, 2018 | **22 de Abril de 2018**

From the Desk of Fr. Bart

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday

Last week on Monday, April 16, Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI celebrated his 91st Birthday! When he was elected Pope, he said, “We were looking for a ‘good shepherd,’ and instead we got a German shepherd.” As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for Pope Benedict and give thanks to God for his gift of leadership in our Catholic Church. I would like to share with you, Pope Benedict’s teaching to us about Jesus as the Good Shepherd from the book, *New Companion to Prayer*:



“The powerful image of God as the Shepherd of Israel accompanied the whole religious history of the Chosen People, from the Exodus to the return to the Promised Land, as one can see in Psalm 23. It finds its ultimate expression and fulfillment in the coming of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for his sheep. It is one of the earliest images used to represent Jesus in art, as anyone who has been to the catacombs of Rome will know, but this simple representation and others like it, play a vital part in helping us to pray. The way we think about ourselves in relation to God structures our response to Him. Imaginative images help us grasp unseen realities. Jesus, himself, used analogies of this sort constantly. He speaks of vineyards, wine skins, mustard seeds, yeast, pearls, sheep and shepherds, but there are many other images we can use when praying that will facilitate an attitude of receptivity and trust. The Lord may inspire you with a special way, He wants you to think about your relationship to Him and what He wants from you, so be open to that.”

Pray Psalm 23 and imagine Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

First Holy Communion Masses Next Weekend April 28 and 29!

We have 52 young people, mostly second graders, preparing to celebrate First Holy Communion at St. Thomas Aquinas! Due to the large number of First Communicants, we will be celebrating two First Communion Masses. One will be at our 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday, April 28 and one will be at our 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, April 29. The First Communicants will sit in reserved pews in the front of the Church and their families and guests will be sitting in reserved pews on the main floor. Please schedule your Mass attendance accordingly as we look ahead to celebrate this important day in the life of our youth and our parish family. Please keep all of these young people in your prayers.

World Day of Prayer For Vocations

Every Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations! I want to thank our parish members who have welcomed, encouraged, and supported our parish seminarian, Lawrence Oparaji, in his vocation as he prepares for the priesthood for our Diocese of Madison. I am also grateful to Bishop Morlino for entrusting him to our family and for assigning him to our parish for his summer Deacon Assignment.

On behalf of Lawrence, I want to invite all parishioners to his Diaconate Ordination on Friday, May 25th at 7:30 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Monona, WI. As this is a Diocesan Event, seating is limited, so there might not be seating for everyone. Regardless if you are attending or not, please keep him in your prayers. We will

Fr. Bart's article is continued on the next page

Community Meal Program THIS Wednesday

STA parishioners provide the noon meal at Luke House on the *fourth* Wednesday of the month. This month the fourth Wednesday is **this Wednesday, April 25.**

If you signed up to provide food, please get it to the parish by 10:00 AM on April 25.

Community Meal Program Sign Up for the Next 6 Months

Sign-up sheets for the next six months of the Community Meal Program at Luke House are in the Gathering Area. St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners provide the noon meal at Luke House on Ingersoll Street on the fourth Wednesday of each month. You can sign up to help every month or only some months. We are looking for people to bring mixed green salad, vegetables, French dressing, fruit, bread, milk, or butter. You can also bake 3 dozen cookies or make a casserole (recipe provided). More information is on the sign-up sheets. People who want to work at the meal itself will have to undergo a background check and meet all Safe Environment program requirements.

If you have questions, feel free to **call Mary Bailey in the parish office, 833-2600 or mary@stamadison.org.**

60th Anniversary of the Founding of our Parish!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for **June 10th!** We will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of our parish! We will begin the celebration with Mass at 10:00 AM.

Join us from 11:00 AM - 2 PM for lunch, refreshments, games, cake walk and much more!

To make sure we have enough food, we will be selling tickets in advance! Be on the look-out for the ticket sales!

Prayer for Life

**May Jesus, the Good Shepherd,
Inspire all hearts to care for
the most vulnerable members of society;
We pray to the Lord:**

**Que Jesús, el Buen Pastor,
inspire todos los corazones a cuidar
a los miembros más vulnerables de la sociedad;
roguemos al Señor:**



Reflection from Seminarian, Michael Wanta



This past week I had a midterm in my class on the Trinity. At the beginning of the course, the teacher told us: “every professor will say that their class is the most important, but mine actually is! Because in this class we reflect on the inner life of the Trinity and we are called to participate in this life for eternity.” I came to rediscover this saying as I made my way through the notes and study questions. It provided plenty of material for reflection and I was struck especially by the point that all the works of God find their goal and perfection in the Holy Spirit – that is to say, they come to completion in the love shared between the Trinity.

Today we have the Gospel passage of the good shepherd who has “other sheep that do not belong to this fold.” These also he will seek out so that “there will be one flock, one shepherd.” The Son of God, eternal with the Father and Spirit, came into the world and took on our human nature. He became a son of man so that we too might become sons and daughters of God by our conformity to him, crucified and risen from the dead. He came to shepherd us away from the dangers of sin and to lead us to the fresh pastures of the Father’s house.

The cripple that we heard about today in Acts was healed in the name of this Jesus, crucified and risen. The Apostles held fast to this claim although they could have been punished by the Jewish authorities for teaching in the name of Jesus. They knew the danger they were in, but they knew also that eternal life was on the line as they proclaimed: “there is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved” (Acts 4:12). The Father loved us into being and sustains us even now, but greater than this gift of natural life, Jesus came to give us eternal life, divine life, to make us children of the Father.

Let us then walk in the light of Christ, to begin to live his life by following his commandments and example. In him is our hope for eternal life which is nothing other than being made full by allowing God to love us and to love him in return. Eternal life, life in God, begins now.

Prayer for Immigrants

For an end to the violence and poverty that displaces so many people from their homes and homelands, we pray to the Lord.

Para poner fin a la violencia y la pobreza que desplaza mucha gente de sus hogares y patrias, roguemos al Señor.

have a light reception after each Weekend Mass May 26 and 27 so that you can greet and congratulate him.

Many parishioners have asked me about a gift for Lawrence. Because of your thoughtfulness, I have put together a list of items that Lawrence will need as he begins his priesthood in the summer of 2019. Please see the insert in today’s bulletin to see how you can contribute towards these items by making a gift for one or both of his Ordinations. Thank you for your goodness to Lawrence, we are excited for him and know that he will make a great priest for our Diocese!

Happy Earth Day Sunday, April 22!

According to our United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: “We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.”

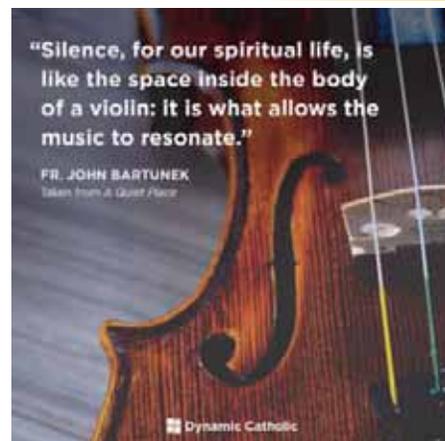
Quotes From Our Catholic Tradition:

- The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole. . . Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Charity in Truth* [*Caritas in Veritate*]. . . , nos. 48, 51)
- Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience... We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. (Pope Francis, [*Encyclical letter Laudato Si’ on Care for our Common Home*])

Let us continue to pray for greater care and respect for our Common Home!

Parish Mission and Vision

Last weekend we were excited to debut our video describing our vision for our future together. Thank you for your enthusiastic reception of this mission! Together we can truly love God, love others, and make disciples! Please see page 6 - 7 of today’s bulletin that has concrete ways that you can be involved in our mission and make our parish a place where people can experience Jesus in a way that changes how they live.



Priests for Our Future

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:.....	\$1,544,037
Percent of Goal Pledged:.....	186%
Paid to Date:	\$1,228,064
Percent of Goal Collected:.....	148%



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

STA Parish Pledge Goal:.....	\$95,965
STA Parish Pledge Total:	\$122,672
Percent of Goal Pledged:	128%
Paid to Date:	\$75,247
Percent of Goal Collected:.....	78%

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

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

April 14/15

Envelope Offerings	\$9,020
Offertory.....	\$1,217
Children's Offerings.....	\$130
Total.....	\$10,367
Building Fund.....	\$620
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$386

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

Counters Schedule

Monday, April 23

Mary Neuhauser and Carol Sawyer

Monday, April 30

Dick and Mary Ann Ihlenfeld

Discipleship with Holly Irving

Ministry of the Week

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish would like to thank the Pastoral Council for their dedication to our parish! The Parish Pastoral Council is an elected and appointed consultative body which serves as advisor to the Pastor and as the representative and consultative voice of the St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners in order to assist in fostering pastoral activity. The Council is called to envision the future of the parish, to recommend areas of development, and to promote the involvement of all parishioners in parish activities. Thank you for giving of your time and talents.

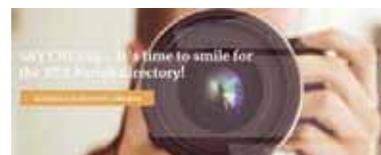


Charitable Gifts Annuities

Guaranteed for life! That is what you get by making a gift in exchange for a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). You are guaranteed a certain income for the rest of your life no matter how long you live or what interest rates are. Your gift gives twice-first to you in income and possible tax deductions and then to the parish at the end of your life. By endowing your gift it will keep on giving forever.

Pictorial Directory

Sign-up to get your photo taken for our 60th Jubilee pictorial directory! You can receive assistance scheduling your photo session by



- calling (866) 756-0281,
- signing up using the link on the homepage of our website, or
- going to stamadison.org/parish-photo-directory/. Please help us reach 100% participation in the directory so we all may get to know our parish family!

Sign up to help Host - We are looking for volunteers to be at church to greet and check in parishioners arriving for their photo session. See the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area for times we still need help.

Photograph Dates

May 1 - 5, and 15 - 19

June 19 - 23

July 10 - 14 and 24 - 28

Photograph Times

Tuesdays 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursdays 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Fridays 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturdays 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**The earth is the Lord's and all it holds, the world and those who dwell in it. Ps 24:1
Look, the heavens, even the highest heavens, belong to the Lord, your God,
as well as the earth and everything on it. Dt 10:14**

Today Is Earth Day!

On this Earth Day we continue to celebrate the joy of the Easter season and finally see the beauty of spring emerge. Let us be grateful for God's gift of creation, reflect on how we can be better stewards, and make a commitment to take the next step in our journey to conserve and protect the earth for future generations.

To prepare to make that commitment, we recommend using "Reconciling God, Creation and Humanity", which can be found on the Jesuits' Ignation Solidarity Network website at ecologicalexamen.org/. The *Ecological Examen* "asks you to reflect on your personal relationship with crea-

tion...[and] is a tool for prayer, reflection and action...to deepen our call to care for creation and the most vulnerable."

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us of our responsibility for the earth: "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." [paragraph 217]

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops provides the following prayer as a pledge of commitment to support God's creation.



To Protect and Heal God's Creation

We have come to renew our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

We have come to help protect God's creation.

We have come as followers of Jesus to commit ourselves anew to one another and to heal injustice and poverty.

We have come to stand together against all threats to life.

We have come to discover some new beauty every day in God's creation: the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars, the many forms of life in the forest.

We have come to listen to the "music of the universe"- water flowing over rocks, the wind, trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof.

We will remember always that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and we will try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created. --USCCB usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm Reflect

Study Care of Creation

Read *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home: [w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals.index.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/index.html)

Focus On Energy - focusonenergy.com

Madison-area resources for homeowners and business owners to foster energy efficiency and savings

Catholic Climate Covenant - catholicclimatecovenant.org

Nation-wide organization helping Catholics to care for Creation and the poor

Global Catholic Climate Movement -

catholicclimatemovement.global

Global organization responding to Pope Francis's call to action on care for Creation

Act

Determine your family's carbon footprint. - 3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator

Donate clothes instead of throwing them away.

Recycle as many disposable items as you can.

Repair items that can be repaired instead of buying new ones.

Use cloth bags at the grocery store.

Take as short of a shower as you can.

Use home heating and air conditioning as sparingly as possible.

Order a free pack of energy-saving products from Focus on Energy . - energyfederation.org/focusonenergy

Reflect

Then the Lord answered Job out of the storm and said...

"I will question you, and you tell me the answers!

Where were you when I founded the earth?

- Job 38:1, 3-4

Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings. Now, think. What delight God gives to humankind with all these things...All nature is at the disposal of humankind. We are to work with it. For without we cannot survive. - *St. Hildegard of Bingen*

Why is it important that we know the answer in how we lead our lives as part of creation?



St. Thomas Aquinas 5-Year Vision Plan

After watching the video, many people were curious to know more about what the 5 year plan will look like. Over the next five years, we will move through the three stages to become missionary disciples, and an evangelizing parish.

A key thing to remember: God is the one who initiates this process of growing and maturing in faith. But as a parish, the question is how are we going to be intentional about helping our parishioners (and eventually others outside the parish) to grow in responding to that love? What tools will we use?



First step: Love God

We need to recognize God's love for us personally, and respond with our hearts, not just our heads and outward busy-ness.

The primary 'programmatic' tool: Alpha.

Alpha is intended to be the entry point – the first step of evangelization and coming to a personal experience of Jesus and his love, in a way that makes us want to change the way we live. We want all parishioners to experience Alpha, so that they can invite others to experience it as well. We cannot share what we do not know.

Other important ways of experiencing the love of God:

- Beautiful Mass, music, and sacramental celebrations
- Advent and Lent nights of reflection
- A parish retreat day in the spring, 2018
- Praying for our parish

Second step: Love others

As we personally experience Jesus in a way that changes how we live our lives, we naturally want to build community with others who have also experienced this. We want to learn together and encourage each other in the Catholic faith, so that we continue to grow in love of God and others. As we begin implementing these programmatic tools, we continue to implement Alpha as well, inviting more parishioners to participate.

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The primary ‘programmatically’ tools:

Relit – This program gives people the training and knowledge they need to be more intentional about sharing their love of Jesus wherever they are, within their parish, their families, their workplaces, etc. The intent is to make this an annual offering.

Small faith sharing groups – June, 2018, marks the 60th anniversary of the parish. Our dream is to form “60 in the 60th” – 60 small faith sharing groups where people can build a sense of community with others who love Jesus.

Other important ways of supporting the love of others:

Beautiful Mass, music, and sacramental celebrations

Advent and Lent nights of reflection

Through Relit training, those who take the lead in our many parish outreach and service activities will begin to help those who participate in those activities see them as an outgrowth of faith, love of God and love of others.

Encouraging those in small faith sharing groups to become inviting, not just welcoming, and to discover ways of taking their faith outside of the small group.

Praying for our parish

Third Step: Make Disciples:

Disciples go out. The parish should not remain inward focused. As members of STA fall more deeply in love with Jesus, learn more about the beauty of our Catholic faith, and are strengthened by the support of other believers, they will gain the courage to invite others to experience this life-changing relationship that God initiates. As we begin implementing this programmatic tool, we continue to implement Alpha, Relit, and small faith sharing group. We are aware that if our efforts are helping our parishioners to become disciples and evangelizers, we will be a light on a hill. Those who visit us will sense something different... “They will know we are Christians by our love.” The Holy Spirit may begin calling forth people who are ‘on the margins’ – who have sacramental, spiritual, and pastoral needs – to our parish community. How can we be ready to respond?

The primary ‘programmatically’ tool: Discernment of Charisms

Everyone is given gifts by God to help build up the Body of Christ, called charisms. One tool to do this is “Called and Gifted”. This strengthening of individual giftedness will lead to a multiplication of ministries. We will be looking for many people to be equipped and grounded in the love of God in order to meet the needs of those who ‘come and see’. This is not just Fr. Bart’s job, or the job of the staff.

Other important ways of making disciples

Beautiful Mass, music, and sacramental celebrations

Advent and Lent nights of reflection

Equip parishioners to witness to their faith outside the parish – perhaps training sessions on how to share your witness story

Alpha becomes ‘outward focused’ – we invite people beyond our parishioners to attend

Capital campaign – if we continue to listen to the Spirit, it is quite likely that the parish facility will become even more heavily used, in need of updating and expansion in order to meet the needs of all those who are coming here to pray, to learn, to serve, and to be pastorally cared for.

Praying for our parish

St. Thomas Aquinas 5-Year Vision Plan

Young Adult Connections April events



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). The best way to stay informed is to be on the YA email list. To be added to the list, please **contact Jennifer Ludtke at jennifer@stamadison.org or 833-2606**. You can also stay informed about parish, diocesan and other YA events at **[facebook.com/STAMadisonYA](https://www.facebook.com/STAMadisonYA)**

There are some wonderful opportunities for STA Young Adults coming up in the next few weeks. We hope to see you there!

- The YA monthly dinner out will be **Monday, April 30** at the Dumpling Haus. Contact Tyler to RSVP **t.holle@sbcglobal.net**
- Come to the regular first and third Monday night gathering. Join us on **Monday, May 7, 7-9 PM** in the Gathering Area. Each evening stands on its own, so come anytime!

April is Immigration Awareness Month

As we pray for immigrants in our parish, our diocese and our nation, let us reflect on what the US Conference of Catholic Bishops have written:

“.....the first principle of Catholic social teaching regarding immigrants is that people have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families. This is based on biblical and ancient Christian teaching that the goods of the earth belong to all people. While the right to private property is defended in Catholic social teaching, individuals do not have the right to use private property without regard for the common good. Every person has an equal right to receive from the earth what is necessary for life—food, clothing, shelter. Moreover, every person has the right to education, medical care, religion, and the expression of one's culture. In many places people live in fear, danger, or dehumanizing poverty. Clearly, it is not God's will that some of his children live in luxury while others have nothing. In Luke's Gospel, the rich man was condemned for living well while the poor man starved at his doorstep (Lk 16:19-31). The native does not have superior rights over the immigrant. Before God all are equal; the earth was given by God to all. When a person cannot achieve a meaningful life in his or her own land, that person has the right to move.”

*While you are proclaiming peace
with your lips,
be careful to have it even more fully
in your heart.*

St. Francis of Assisi

Mother's Day Crib Fill

Celebrate Mother's Day with a donation of new and unwrapped gifts for babies, young children and their mothers. Let's fill the Pack'N Plays in our Gathering Area many times during the Mother's Day Crib Fill the weekends of **May 5-6 and May 12-13**. The St. Thomas Aquinas Respect Life group and our St. Vincent de Paul Conference and the St. Ambrose Guardians for Life Student Group invite you to support this annual event. What a wonderful way to show love and concern for mothers and their children on the day mothers are celebrated and cherished! Your special gifts will be distributed to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference, Pregnancy Helpline, Elizabeth House and the Women's Care Center, all located in Madison. Let us join together with our parish family and celebrate all mothers by participating in this wonderful opportunity to demonstrate our support and love through stewardship for mothers and their young ones. Next week's bulletin will list suggested items to contribute. If making a monetary donation, please make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas.

Crib Fill Shoppers Guide

- Disposable diapers (newborn - size 5)
- Baby wipes & diaper rash cream
- Nursing Pillows
- One Piece Sleep and Play Outfits
- Bodysuits up to 18 mos
- Neutral colored socks up to 18 mos
- Clothing up to 18 mos.
- PCB-free baby bottles
- Baby toiletries (soap, shampoo, lotions, etc.)
- Hooded baby bath towels & wash cloths
- Bibs & burp cloths
- Crib sheets & mattress pads
- Small toys (rattles & baby books)

Please remember: only new, unwrapped gifts can be accepted
Financial donations are also greatly appreciated.
Checks should be made out to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.
No food items, please.

Spring Fling Trivia and Fiesta

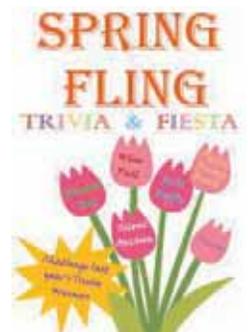
Just two weeks left until our FUN(d) raiser! The winning Trivia teams are waiting for the challenge! The fun begins **after the 4:30 Mass on May 12**. There will be a delicious Mexican meal with a 50/50 raffle, trivia and more! Have you formed your Trivia Team? Many people have told me they are not good at Trivia! That's why you form a team! There is strength in numbers! Money raised will go to promote Evangelization!

Contact Holly at 833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org for more information!

Admission tickets in advance are \$15 a person or \$25 a couple

Or at the door:

8 \$20 a person or \$30 a couple





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
- SGT Ian Bush, nephew of Patrick and Kathy Taddy

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, April 24

- Women's Evening of Recollection, Chapel.....6:00 PM
- Human Concerns Meeting, Upper Conference Room6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 25

Community Meal Program, Have food here by 10AM

- Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room9:00 AM
- Choristers, Music Room5:00 PM
- Alpha Make-Up Session5:30 PM
- First Communion Practice6:00 PM

Thursday, April 26

- Spanish Rosary6:00 PM
- Choir Rehearsal, Social Hall6:30 PM

Friday, April 27

- Wild Goose, Library9:00 AM

Saturday, April 28

- Rogelio Becerra Ramirez—Tosha Songolo Wedding2:00 PM
- Confessions3:15 PM
- First Communion Mass.....4:30 PM

Sunday, April 29

- Confessions9:00 AM
- First Communion Mass.....10:00 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, April 27, Mass'

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“Everything in creation—be it a star or a flower—is a sign that, if followed, leads to God.”

CHRISTOPHER WEST
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Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters, that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Pope Francis Quote on Creation

This is what we do: destroy creation, destroy lives, destroy cultures, destroy values, destroy hope. How greatly we need the Lord's strength to seal us with his love and his power to stop this mad race of destruction! Destroying what He has given us, the most beautiful things that He has done for us, so that we may carry them forward, nurture them to bear fruit. (11/1/14)

On my knees I beg you to turn away from the paths of violence and to return to the ways of peace....

Violence only delays the days of justice.

Violence destroys the work of justice....

Do not follow any leaders who train you in the ways of inflicting death.

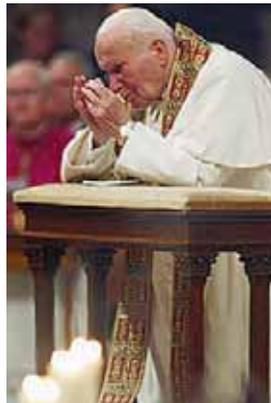
Love life, respect life, in yourself and others.

Give yourself to the service of life, not the work of death....

Violence is the enemy of justice.

Only peace can lead the way to true justice.

Pope John Paul II



Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, April 21

4:30 PM Gil Schlimgen ☩

Sunday, April 22: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Earth Day

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Ray Galvin ☩

6:30 PM Abelardo Rojas ☩

Monday, April 23: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 AM Jacek Cianciara ☩

Tuesday, April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest / Martyr

5:30 PM Don and Madeline Pepper ☩

Wednesday, April 25: St. Mark, Evangelist

8:30 AM Judith Hames ☩

Thursday, April 26

7:30 AM Victor Spidell ☩

Friday, April 27: Arbor Day

8:30 AM George Reilly ☩

10:00 AM John Urban ☩ at Oakwood

Saturday, April 28: St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

4:30 PM Theis and Pertzborn Families ☩

Sunday, April 29: 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Regina and William Frederick

10:00 AM Philip Ayoub ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners ☩

Readings for the Week of April 22

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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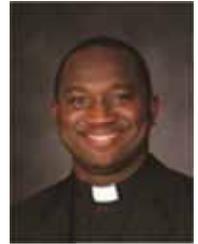
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Diaconate Ordination of Rev. Mr. Lawrence Kelechi Oparaji

STA will be celebrating the Diaconate Ordination Mass for Rev. Mr. Lawrence Kelechi Oparaji on Friday, May 25, 2018. We give praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for this joyful event! Many people have inquired about what kind of gift to get for Lawrence for this special occasion. We have asked Lawrence to provide us with an "Ordination Gift Registry". He was reluctant to do this, but we insisted. We want to make this a very special occasion for him. Lawrence will also be having a Priesthood Ordination next June, 2019. Most of these items are for his ministry as a Priest. Due to the cost of these items, people can see the items that he will need and contribute something towards that item. Please see the many options below regarding how you can make your gift or gifts towards his Diaconate and Priesthood Ordinations. If you would like to make a gift(s) towards these items, please fill out the form on the backside of this sheet and return it in the Sunday collection or to Holly Irving. We will be keeping a list of the people who have contributed towards each gift and inform Lawrence of your gift. Of course, you can always make a gift of your own, without using this registry. We simply are trying to organize and help Lawrence as much as possible as he starts out in the Ordained Ministry. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



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