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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Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

Segundo Domingo del Cuaresma
25 de Febrero de 2018
From the Desk of Fr. Bart
Second Sunday of Lent: Inviting Jesus to Be a Part of Our Lives!

The Transfiguration of Jesus that is experienced by Peter, James, and John, is a watershed moment in Jesus’ relationship with His disciples. In this extraordinary vision, the disciples perceive the divinity that exists within Jesus, a divinity that is affirmed by the voice heard in the cloud. This season of Lent is a good time for us to have a “watershed moment” in our relationship with Jesus. We can encounter Jesus Christ Sacramentally in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is a powerful “watershed moment” for us in our relationship with Jesus. In confession, we can pray to Jesus, tell him we are sorry for our sins, invite Him into our lives, and surrender our lives to Him. He will give us the gift of the Holy Spirit for a new life in His Church! Please remember there are two priests available during our regular weekend Confession times and also Confessions available Tuesday evenings in the Library after 5:30 PM Mass.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2018: Dare to Hope!
Next Sunday, we will be conducting the In-Pew portion of the Annual Catholic Appeal. The theme for this year’s appeal is “Dare to Hope!” I want to thank the households that have been so generous in the past and helped our parish in exceeding our goal. Last year, 427 of our households participated and we raised $128,875! It gives great hope to so many when the Church can reach out in service to those in need in the name of Jesus Christ. Your gift makes it possible to realize our mission! It is very important that all of us make a strong effort to support the ministries of the Diocese that extend beyond the boundaries of our parish. Our goal is to increase the number of households that participate in this year’s appeal and continue to offer strong and generous support. It would be great if all of our 1,487 households could make a gift. Whatever the gift, large or small, makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. Thank you for considering making a pledge payable over five months that allows you to make a larger gift. This year, our goal is $95,965. This is the fourth highest goal among the parishes in the Diocese of Madison. We have an important role to play for our Diocese and I am so grateful that we are able to achieve and surpass our goal each year. Please be sure to read the bulletin insert in this Sunday’s bulletin that describes the ministries and how the money is allocated.

Parish Vision: To become an Evangelizing Parish of Missionary Disciples
I am very excited about our efforts and all the participation we are experiencing as we try to become an evangelizing parish made up of missionary disciples. We currently have three Alpha groups that are in full swing at different times on different days. Hundreds of our STA Parishioners have now experienced Alpha and this has helped us to become stronger disciples of Christ! It is our hope that Alpha becomes a great tool for us to evangelize and share with people who are not yet members, who have fallen away, or who have not become fully engaged members of our parish. It is important for us to have a way to share Jesus Christ with others and Alpha is a very attractive and successful way of doing this.

Prayer for Life
For our culture:
May we listen to God and follow His call to cherish every person’s life;
We pray to the Lord:

Por nuestra cultura:
para que escuchemos a Dios y sigamos su llamado de atesorar la vida de todas las personas;
roguemos al Señor:

V Encuentro: A Pastoral and Evangelization Effort
By Lorianne Aubut, Coordinator of Elementary R.E. and Hispanic Ministry
As our Latino Community continues to work towards the Diocesan V Encuentro on March 11th, let’s continue praying and uplifting in Spirit their efforts to make this a successful and fruitful event and movement in our diocese, our region, and our nation.

Jail Ministry Collection
This year we will have collection barrels available from March 3 - 11 to support the inmates at the Dane County Jail. There is a reduced list this year as the Chaplain has eliminated all clothing from the list, but is still looking for:

- color pencils
- pre-sharpened drawing pencils without erasers
- erasers you put on the tip of pencils
- composition books (NOT spiral bound)
- stamps
- reading glasses (including higher powers)
- sketch pads
- folders without metal
- envelopes

Financial donations are also accepted, please send to Madison Area Jail Ministry 115 W Doty St, Madison, 53703. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Bart’s article is continued on the next page
Reflection from Our Parish Seminarian, Lawrence Oparaji

Today’s Gospel presents the transfiguration, when Christ gives His disciples a glimpse of what eternal glory will be like for all of us who endure till the end. In other words, Christ reveals to the apostles the goal we are all running toward: to see the glorious face of God and share forever in His eternal banquet. This is why we come into the faith, and it is the Christian’s ultimate end. The beginning of Lent is a good time for this reminder, because that is one area the Devil uses to tempt us, coming to us and asking in a friendly and deceitful voice “Why do you do all these good works and live this virtuous life?”

As we journey in this life, this period of transformation and drawing closer to the Sacred and Precious Heart of Jesus, we can look forward to the same experience the apostles had when they exclaimed “Rabbi, it is good to be here, as we enter one day to our heavenly reward.”

But while we wait for that day—and none of us knows when, how, or where it will come—we have work to do in the present. We have to continuously work and walk with Jesus; we need to listen to Him. Listening to Him transforms our stony hearts into fleshy hearts. This means trusting in Him, especially when things do not go our way; it means learning to take God’s “no” as a good answer; as a “yes” to something bigger and better than what we crave in the present.

May God give us his saving grace to constantly trust in Him, to love Him and love all His creatures, to listen to His voice and inner promptings so that one day, somehow, we too, can exclaim “It is good to be here” and enjoy God’s everlasting company with all His Saints in heaven.

We have been working on another evangelical project that involves social media and video blogs. Coming soon, we will be premiering a ten-minute video during the homily time, describing our vision and inviting people into a personal relationship with Jesus. I am very excited to begin this evangelization effort and we hope that thousands of people will watch the videos. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and/or Twitter to be a part of this effort. Begin to think about people in your family and others who you know, who you would like to share Christ with. Sending them one of our video blogs might be a good way to invite them to our parish.

Feed My Sheep

Dear STA Families,

Our parish is again participating in Feed My Sheep, a food packaging event at the Catholic Multicultural Center on Saturday, March 17. We are now collecting donations to raise money to pay for the ingredients and shipping costs of the meals. One tube of quarters or $10 will feed a family for 40 days! Along with 9 other area churches, last year we packaged over 100,000 meals! Volunteers can sign up to help package the meals online at www.feedmysheepmadison.com/.

Please return filled Ewe Tubes by March 4 to the Feed My Sheep collection box in the Gathering Space. Cash or checks (payable to St. Thomas Aquinas) roll up nicely in the tubes, too!

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

Next weekend, March 3-4, Father Bart, will lead the in-pew process for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Those who have not made a pledge by mail will be asked to do so at this time. Please read the annual appeal tabloid that is in your bulletin today. It provides a detailed explanation of the use of the funds that you are asked to give. In addition to funding the work of the diocese, if the appeal exceeds goal the extra funds will be used through grant programs to help Catholic schools, religious education programs and assist distressed parishes in need.

Each household is asked to make a generous gift. In doing so, please consider making a pledge, payable over five months. Thank you for your support of our parish, Diocese and the work of the Church throughout the world.

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, February 28. If you signed up to provide food, please get it to the parish by 10:00 AM on February 28.
Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Inviting Jesus to Be a Part of Our Lives!

Adoration
Mondays: 2:00–4:00 PM in Chapel
Tuesdays: 4:30-5:25 PM in Chapel
Fridays: 9:00–10:00 AM in Chapel

Prayer and Reflection
Lent Evening of Reflection: Tuesday, Mar. 20, 6:00–7:30 PM

Confession During Lent
Tuesdays, 2/20–3/13, 3/27, 6:00–6:45 PM
During Lent Evening of Reflection
Tuesday, March 20, 6:00–7:30 PM
Saturdays, 2/17–3/24, 3:15–4:15 PM
Sundays, 2/18–3/25, 9:00–9:45 AM

Confession in Spanish
Sunday, March 18: 7:30–8:30 PM

Stations of the Cross (no incense)
Stations in English: Friday, 3/23, 3:00 PM
Tuesdays, 2/20–3/13, 6:00 PM
Stations in Spanish (El Viacrucis)
Thursday, 3/15, 6:30–7:30 PM
Sunday, 3/18, 7:30–8:30 PM

Holy Week Schedule
Passion Sunday, March 25: Masses Saturday at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 8:00 AM and
10:00 AM with procession from Social Hall
Sunday, 6:30 PM (en español/in Spanish)
Monday of Holy Week, March 26: Mass at 8:30 AM
Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27: 5:30 PM Mass at STA
Diocesan Chrism Mass, 7:30 PM at St. Maria Goretti
Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28: Mass at 8:30 AM
Holy Thursday, March 29: No 7:30 AM Mass
Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 PM
(heavy incense, bilingual/bilingüe)
Good Friday, March 30: No 8:30 AM Mass
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion, 1:00 PM
(no incense, in English)
Servicio de Viernes Santo, 3:30 PM (en español/in Spanish)

Easter Masses
Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 31, 8:00 PM
(incense, bilingual/bilingüe) No 4:30 PM Mass
Easter Sunday, April 1, No 6:30 PM Mass
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM in Church (incense)
10:15 AM in Social Hall (no incense),

Discipleship with Holly Irving
Leaving a Lasting Legacy
Just as we plan to ensure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our faith community. Your planned gift to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish will provide financial support for years to come! Thanks in advance for your support! If you need a Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Workbook, please contact Holly at 833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org.

Catholic Herald Newspaper
Thank you for your donation towards the cost of the Catholic Herald. It really helps us! If you have not contributed toward your subscription, you can still do so. Just write a check payable to St. Thomas Aquinas for $15, write “Catholic Herald” in the memo line, and put it into the collection basket.

Ministry of the Week
The parish of St. Thomas Aquinas thanks and acknowledges the people who have helped our sister parish in Waspam, Nicaragua! Thank you for your prayers and generous financial support!
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

Tuesday, February 27
Lenten Confessions ........................................................... 6:00 - 6:45 PM
Stations of the Cross .......................................................... 6:00 PM
Women’s Evening of Recollection, Chapel .......................... 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 28
Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room .......... 9:00 AM
Community Meal Program food due at parish by 10 AM

Thursday, March 1
Spanish Rosary .................................................................... 6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal, Social Hall ................................................. 6:30 PM
Lord Teach Me to Pray, Lower Conference Room .......... 7:00 PM

Friday, March 2
Bible Study, Library ............................................................ 9:00 AM
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Bride’s Room ............ 9:00 AM

Saturday, March 3
Jail Ministry Collection all weekend
Baptism Prep Class, Upper Conference Room ............... 10:30 AM
Lenten Confessions (2 Priests) ........................................... 3:15 PM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week
Oakwood: Friday, March 2, Rosary
Brookdale: Friday, March 2, Word and Communion
Sebring: Sunday, February 25, Word and Communion

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www.womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html: Women’s Care Center (counseling, ultrasounds)
www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/: Catholic Charities (adoptions, 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)
**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). 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 833-2606 or jennifer@stamadison.org. You can also stay informed on facebook.com/STAMadisonYA

- The group is heading out to dinner at Cafe Hollander (in Hilldale Mall) on Monday February 26 at 7 PM. If you’d like to come along for some great food and fellowship, RSVP to t.holle@sbcglobal.net

**Toddler Time**

Toddler Time, a group for mothers with little ones (babes-in-arms through 4 years old) is held every Wednesday morning in the nursery, from 9-10 AM.

This Wednesday morning group provides a great opportunity for networking and sharing of favorite ‘best practices and resources,’ It gives us a chance to talk with other grown-ups about parenting with faith, plus gives our little ones a chance to make a positive parish connection and play with other little ones with the safety of mom being right there. No RSVPs are needed; come when you can and as you are!

**Camp GLOW**

**For grieving children and families**

Camp GLOW is for grieving children ages 6 - 14 and the grown-ups who love them. Since children often experience grief differently than adults Camp GLOW is designed to specifically address their grief. Staffed by SSM Health at Home’s Spiritual and Grief counselors and specifically trained volunteers, the camp gives kids the opportunity to share their grief in a safe space.

Because loss affects families, Camp GLOW offers a concurrent session for adults who are not only trying to help their children deal with grief, but are also grieving themselves. Camp is offered at no cost. Camps will be held in Waunakee, **May 19** at St. John the Baptist School, **June 9** at Edgerton Community Elementary School, **July 7** in Baraboo at Ochsner Park, and **July 14**, at Richland Center at Krouskop Park. To learn more or to register for Camp GLOW call 877-356-4514 or email info@hhuvns.org or ssmhealthathomeWI.com

**Mass Intentions for This Week**

**Saturday, February 24**
4:30 PM James Shampo

**Sunday, February 25: 2nd Sunday of Lent**
8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners
10:00 AM Tom Keber
6:30 PM Margarito Dóvila

**Monday, February 26**
8:30 AM Michael Keyes

**Tuesday, February 27**
5:30 PM John Schwab

**Wednesday, February 28**
8:30 AM Special Intention for healing

**Thursday, March 1**
7:30 AM Christopher Kubat and deceased members of the Voss and Kubat families

**Friday, March 2**
8:30 AM Patricia Schwoegler and the deceased members of the Schwoegler family

**Saturday, March 3**
4:30 PM Judi Quirt

**Sunday, March 4: 3rd Sunday of Lent (1st Scrutiny)**
8:00 AM Michael Thompson
10:00 AM Beverly and Robert Hudson
6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

**Readings for the Week of February 25**

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

**Scrutiny:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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