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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At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, ... every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:10-11

Al nombre de Jesús, todos doblen la rodilla ... y todos reconozcan públicamente que Jesucristo es el Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre.

Filipenses 2: 10-11

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 25, 2018

Domingo de Ramos “De la Pasión del Señor”
25 de Marzo de 2018
From the Desk of Fr. Bart

Holy Week: Celebrating the Heart of All We Believe!

As we celebrate the mystery of our salvation during this Holy Week, I would like to provide you with a guide mentioning some of the highlights of our liturgies and how we can best worship God, remain faithful to our liturgical guidelines, and include all in our community.

The Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, and ends on Easter Sunday. Please make time to join in these important liturgies. The Easter Vigil is the premier time to welcome new members into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We are blessed to be welcoming 5 new members into full communion with us at this Easter Vigil and confirming 5 more! The presence, time, and energy of every person in the community are needed for what we do at our parish in these three days. Our forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving lead us to the Triduum beyond its history, into its mystery.

Funerals During the Triduum

Funeral Masses may not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday. Several options are available if a funeral is needed: delay the services until after Easter Sunday, have a funeral liturgy outside the context of Mass, or proceed with the internment, and celebrate a memorial Mass after Easter. In this way, both the needs of the mourners and the larger church can be taken into account during this sacred time of year.

Foot Washing Ritual at Holy Thursday Mass

A 2016 Vatican decree specifies that the Holy Thursday ritual of foot washing can include, “all members of the people of God,” including women. The decree came directly from Pope Francis and states that pastors can choose “a small group of the faithful to represent the variety and the unity of each part of the people of God. Such small groups can be made up of men and women, and it is appropriate that they consist of people young and old, healthy and sick, clerics, consecrated men and women, and laity.” Vatican Spokesman Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told journalists that although traditionally 12 men were selected to represent the 12 apostles, the meaning of the rite signifies Jesus’ unconditional love. With the new decree, he said, the Pope wished that “this dimension of the gesture of Christ’s love for all be the focus rather than just a portrayal of the Last Supper.” Therefore, we will pick up this spirit from our Holy Father and include a Foot Washing Ritual including twelve representatives of our parish family to signify Jesus’ unconditional love for all and inspiration for us to love and serve others as Jesus has loved us.

Presentation of the Oils:

To comply with the directives from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, we will receive the oils consecrated and blessed at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday night of Holy Week just before the Holy Thursday Mass. The oils will be carried in procession by members of the assembly representing those who will be blessed with the oils throughout the year: the sick and infirmed, and those to be baptized and confirmed.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament After Holy Thursday Mass

After our Holy Thursday Mass the Blessed Sacrament is placed in a closed tabernacle on an altar of repose in our Prayer Chapel, where the faithful are encouraged to take part in Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for prayer as we head into the most solemn of days, Good Friday, and parallels the disciples keeping watch with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane after the Last Supper and before his arrest.

Prayer for Life

May Christ give us the grace of loving self-sacrifice, as we cherish every person’s life; We pray to the Lord:

Que Cristo nos dé la gracia de amar el sacrificio personal, mientras atesoramos la vida de todas las personas; roguemos al Señor:

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Inviting Jesus to Be a Part of Our Lives!

Confession During Lent

Tuesday, 3/27, 6:00–6:45 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 26: Mass at 8:30 AM

Tuesday Chrism Mass, March 27:
5:30 PM Mass at STA
Diocesan Mass, 7:30 PM at St. Maria Goretti

Wednesday, 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)
Servicio de Viernes Santo, 3:30 PM

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),

Got Questions?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? How or why do we do things during Mass? We have a solution, “Ask Fr. Bart!” this new bulletin section will feature your questions with answers from Fr. Bart. Leave your question in the New Member Registration box and Fr. Bart will answer your question soon in the bulletin.

We are excited to see what questions you have.

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, March 28.

If you signed up to provide food, please get it to the parish by 10:00 AM on March 28.

Fr. Bart’s article is continued on the next page
Today we celebrate Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of the Holy Week and celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem the royal city.

This Sunday’s celebration is full of symbols as Mark presents the Passion narrative. Some of the most important symbols are the palms, the donkey, and the crowd of people. The Palms represent the royalty of Christ and his peaceful reign; the donkey is a symbol of the humility of Christ the king. Though he is king, he chose to ride on the lowliest and weakest of animals, the donkey. This is contrary to what we see today in some parts of our world, where our rulers and leaders live in the best conditions while their people languish in poverty and hunger. By this act, Christ not only demonstrates His humility, but also demonstrates His solidarity with the poor and the weak. It is therefore not surprising that people came out to honor Him and show solidarity with Him as He enters Jerusalem today.

Our procession today is for two reasons. The first is to honor Christ the king as He enters the royal city to assume His throne. This is why we sing: “Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is He from the fall of Adam and Eve. So, as we sing hosanna today, we ask God for the grace to remain faithful to Him until the end, to carry whatever crosses we have and follow Him. Let us be thankful for a joyful conclusion to Lent that has hopefully brought us closer to Christ and let us pray that whatever fruits we have harvested from these forty days will last and bring us face to face with God someday where we can sing “hosanna, hosanna, hosanna” with Him forever.

**Good Friday Veneration of the Holy Cross**

In the past our parish used multiple crucifixes for the veneration of the Cross, due to the large number of people in attendance. The Good Friday service already lasts 90 minutes, and I believe making it longer would be a detriment to the number of people who would attend. There are some who can attend a service no matter how long it is, but schedules, work, and young children make it difficult for others when services are too long. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, using multiple crosses is not permitted: “The rubrics remind us that ‘only one Cross’ should be used for adoration.” When there are large numbers of people the rubrics suggest the priest elevate the cross and invite the faithful to adore the cross from their pews. To me, this does not seem like a good option. In order to follow the rubrics, allow ALL to come forward, and keep our service to an appropriate length, our Staff and I have come up with a solution, which we have used the past two years. We will form four lines similar to our regular Communion lines and have four people venerate the cross at the same time, with each line touching a wound of Christ. This should keep the lines moving, allow all to venerate, and use only one cross. If there are individuals who would like to kiss the cross or take more time venerating the cross, these individuals may do so after the service. This year we have postponed decorating for the Easter Vigil until Saturday to allow for quiet, private prayer in our Church on Good Friday afternoon.

**Bilingual Masses**

Our Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil Masses will include readings and prayers in Spanish in keeping with the tradition of our Catholic Church being an Immigrant Church. We welcome people of all races and ethnic backgrounds into our parish family, responding to the needs of immigrants in our community by offering Masses, devotions, and catechetical programs in Spanish. This is an area of growth in our parish. Our October Count shows a slight increase in Mass attendance due to these new members, otherwise, attendance would be declining slightly. Our Spanish-speaking parishioners have great Sacramental needs and we are helping families celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation), as well as the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. This is a great way for our parish to evangelize and be relevant in people’s lives. Using Spanish in our Masses helps us to be a true Missionary Church, as Pope Francis calls us to be, going out into the streets and inviting all to come into our Church and be united to Jesus Christ. You will notice the great diversity in our members celebrating First Holy Communion in April. This is a true reflection of the actual population within our parish boundaries. Thank you for your positive support of this ministry in our parish. It would be tragic for our neighbors to feel unwelcome or rejected by the Church and our Bilingual Masses are the best way to truly welcome the stranger, which is an Act of Mercy!

**Deepening Your Relationship with the Holy Spirit**

The exciting 14-week Wild Goose program will be offered at STA on Friday mornings after morning mass from 9:15 to 10:45 AM starting April 6. The program invites all levels of believers into a more profound, life-giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. The "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. The series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God’s presence and power, this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom. The Wild Goose sessions are 'stand alone' and will cover many topics related to the Holy Spirit and our Catholic faith, but an RSVP to sign up would be appreciated. Contact Jennifer Ludtke for more information or to sign up at jennifer@stamadison.org or 833-2606.
**Good Friday Collection!**

In our Palm Sunday Gospel this week, we will hear how Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry His cross. You have the opportunity this Friday to help others carry their cross by giving generously to the Good Friday collection to support Christians in the Holy Land.

Pope Francis has asked all Catholic parishes to take up a collection to support the Christians in the Holy Land. They are descendants of the first people who believed in Jesus Christ. They are facing many trials and tribulations. Your generous donation will be an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Your support will aid the clergy and religious by providing a Catholic Education, feeding the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines, and operate refugee centers. Last year our diocese collected $225,855. That money along with the money collect by other diocese, around the world went to:

- Support 29 parishes, 4 homes for orphans, 3 academic institutions
- Keeping schools open for over 10,000 pre-k - grade 12 students
- Support 120 men preparing to be priests and brothers
- Recovering 80 homes for Christian families
- Providing senior care facilities in Bethlehem & Nazareth
- Creating 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians.
- Preserving 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

Please consider making a generous donation to help our brothers and sisters who are caught up in war, violence and instability in this region! May God reward you for your generosity. [For more information, please visit](www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

**Got Talents and Looking For a Project?**

St. Thomas Aquinas has many opportunities for your talents and we are looking for new helpers!

We have groups that meet weekly, monthly, and on occasion that could use new helpers. Some of the examples we have are:

- **Alpha Meals** - You could make something and bring it in and/or help with clean up.
- **Funeral Food and Servers** - Only have time to make a salad or dessert, that is great. Have an occasional need to get out of the house and help for a few hours? Set-up, prep, serving, and clean up are also available. This group is normally a three to four day lead time.
- **STACKS** - Do you like to knit or crochet? We have a group of ladies that make hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, lap blankets, and prayer shawls all year round at home. We have yarn available to use if you are interested in helping. If you are looking to learn how to make something this group meets the second and third Saturday of every month and is willing to help others learn.

Still have talents not listed? We still have groups not listed and would love to share more information with you. Please contact [Clarice Hinrichs at Clarice@stamadison.org](mailto:Clarice@stamadison.org) for more details.

**Weekly Stewardship of Treasure**

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

**Counters Schedule**

- **Monday, March 26**
  - Phyllis Reindl and Dick Ihlenfeld
- **Tuesday, April 2**
  - Dick and Mary Ann Ihlenfeld

**Pictorial Directory Help Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help check people in at the photo sessions. Photo dates and times are: May 1 – 5 and 15 – 19, June 19 – 23, and July 10 – 14 and 24 – 28. This is a great way to get acquainted with the members of your parish family. Sign-ups can be found in the Gathering Area.

**Pictorial Directory Photo Session Sign-up**

Volunteers will be in the Gathering Area after Mass to assist with questions and help families sign-up for photo sessions.

**Discipleship with Holly Irving**

**Ministry of the Week**

Our parish family would like to thank the Justice and Peace Committee and Respect Life Committee. These committees help to educate us on our Catholic Teachings regarding social justice issues! Thank you for caring about our everyone and giving us information about many issues!

**In Celebration and Thanksgiving!**

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of our parishioners who have left bequests to the parish! These gifts help us to evangelize and build a solid foundation for future generations! If you wish to remember St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in your will, please contact Holly at holly@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600.
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, cousin 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 Koger
A1C Charles (Gus) Dorais, grandson of Mary Kay Dorais
Lt. Colonel Michael Everton, brother of Jennifer Doering
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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

We Pray for Our Loved Ones

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, March 27
Women’s Evening of Recollection, Chapel ........................................ 6:00 PM
Lenten Confessions ........................................................................ 6:00 PM
Mass at STA ............................................................................... 5:30 PM
Diocesan Chrism Mass at St. Maria Goretti ................................. 7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 28
Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room ............ 9:00 AM
Community Meal Program ..................................................... 10:00 AM

Thursday, March 29
No 7:30 AM Mass
Mass of the Lord’s Supper, (bilingual/bilingüe) ...................... 7:00 PM

Friday, March 30
No 8:30 AM Mass
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion ................................................. 1:00 PM
Servicio de Viernes Santo ................................................. 3:30 PM

Saturday, March 31
No 4:30 Mass on Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil Mass ................................................................. 8:00 PM

Sunday, April 1
Easter Sunday, Church ...................................................... 8 and 10 AM
Easter Sunday, Social Hall .................................................. 10:15 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week
Oakwood: Friday, March 30, Stations of the Cross
Brookdale: No Services this week
Sebring: Sunday, March 25, 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)

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Easter Brunch
April 21, 2018, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
The Madison Concourse Hotel
608-294-3251
www.themadisonconcourshotel.com
Readings for the Week of March 25

**Sunday, March 25:** Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
- 8:00 AM William Slattery, Sr and William Slattery, Jr
- 10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners
- 6:30 PM Humberto and Rogelio Macías

**Monday, March 26:**
- 8:30 AM Shirley DiRienzo

**Tuesday, March 27**
- 5:30 PM Ellyn and Jay Rudersdorf

**Wednesday, March 28**
- 8:30 AM Richard Skubal

**Thursday, March 29:** Holy Thursday
- 7:00 PM James and Marilyn Schaefer

**Friday, March 30:** Good Friday
- 1:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion
- 3:30 PM Spanish Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion

**Saturday, March 31:** Holy Saturday
- 8:00 PM Marilyn Schaefer

**Sunday, April 1:** Easter Sunday
- 8:00 AM Ryan Counard
- 10:00 AM Joseph and Lucille Devine
- 10:15 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

**Mass Intentions for This Week**

- Saturday, March 24
  - 4:30 PM Catherine and Albert Kalchbrenner

- Sunday, March 25:
  - Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
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**Easter Egg Hunt and Family Potluck**

**Sunday, April 8 after 10 AM Mass.**
All STA families with young children or grandchildren are invited to come to our Easter Egg Hunt and Family Potluck

- 11:15 AM Egg Hunt (instructions in the Social Hall)
- 11:30 AM Potluck Opens

STA will provide ham and turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, and refreshments.
Families can sign up in the gathering area to bring a dish to share, or email Terri at terri@stamadison.org with your dish. Dishes should be dropped off in the social hall/kitchen before Mass on April 8. Also, please email Terri with your family count (people attending)!
Blessed Lent!

**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Madison**

**TOTUS TUUS 2018**

**Who:** Children going into 1st – 5th grade
**When:** July 9 – 13
  - From 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
**Where:** St. Thomas Aquinas
**Registration Fee:** $30 per child
  - $75 for 3 children or more

Registration will be open on Monday, April 2.

**Praying With Scripture:**

**Lectio Divina**

**Next session:** April 4, 1-2 PM
Have you ever wanted to get more out of the Sunday Gospel? Join a small group of parishioners who use lectio divina to deepen their appreciation of how God speaks through the Gospel. The group meets in the parish library. All are welcome. No previous experience is needed, simply a desire to let God’s word speak to your heart.

**Jail Ministry Collection Thank You**
On behalf of the Jail Ministry, I want to thank all who donated so thoughtfully to the collection. Chaplain Christa Fisher was very grateful, as I am sure the recipients will be. As a tutor in the jail, I know how important all the items donated are. The items on the "needs" list this year will be put to good use by all the inmates. Chaplain Christa spoke between the 8 and 10 AM Masses Sunday, March 11 and those who attended enjoyed hearing about many of the ins and outs of daily prison life. Again, a warm thanks for your interest and support.
Sincerely,
Barbara Fanelli Miller