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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Easter Sunday | Domingo de Pascua
April 1, 2018 | 1 de Abril de 2018
From the Desk of Fr. Bart

Easter Sunday- The Resurrection of Jesus!

As we celebrate with our families the triumphant Resurrection of Jesus today and for the next fifty days, we are filled with joy. We emerge from our Lenten journey ready to live the new life Christ offers us. At our Easter Masses, we don’t just remember the events and retrace the steps of Jesus’ saving action. At our Masses, we celebrate what is happening among us now as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. The resurrection of Jesus, is not just a past event; it touches our lives today, as members of His Body we are part of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Let us now live like we truly believe in the Resurrection.

Easter Greetings:

I feel so blessed to celebrate Easter with you at STA! On this joyful day, I extend to all of you and your families a most blessed and happy Easter greeting. I pray that each of us may receive the Easter Miracle into our lives and families. Easter is the greatest event in human history! Easter is our way to heaven; it’s the greatest gift anyone could ever give us. The resurrection of Jesus is the reason we pray and work to win souls for Jesus and build up our beloved parish. Jesus is risen and He, not the world, is the light of new life. Let’s ask Jesus for an Easter miracle in our families, Jesus is risen, He is Lord. Let us embrace Him!

Welcome to Our Newly Initiated Members:

STA Parish had the honor of welcoming at our Easter Vigil Mass, five special people into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and Confirmation). STA Parish welcomes Mary Carvalho, Thomas Spelsberg, Kirsten Vander scheuren, Miguel Noriega, and Jonathon Taylor. Our new members are a great blessing from God. They give us hope, increase our parish membership, and strengthen our efforts to share Jesus Christ with others. They also remind us that we are called to a continual conversion in our own lives. Growing in our faith is a life-long journey.

We also congratulate Sandra Rios, Robert Sepulveda, Andrea Zavala Vega, Samantha Harper, and Kaity Vorwald who were confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass. We are grateful to Jennifer Ludtke for her leadership in our RCIA Program and our parishioners who journeyed with our Candidates by being a part of our RCIA Ministry Team.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter liturgical celebrations so beautiful and well attended through your giving of your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you to those who: Cleaned the church, decorated the church, served in the liturgical ministries, donated flowers, sang in the choir and provided music for our worship, attended our liturgies, and helped in any way. Your participation made our worship especially meaningful and glorious.

A special thank you to all of our very dedicated STA staff members who helped with our liturgical planning, especially Holly Irving, Lorianne Aubut, Dominick Meyer, Jenny Ludtke, Erik Gyr, and Greg Buchberger; Ismael Covarrubias who takes such good care of our liturgical environment and maintenance at our church; and to our office staff especially Mary Bailey, Clarice Hinrichs, and Terri Kopplin for their great support and help with all the details that go into celebrating this holy Easter day. Thank you to all of our wonderful STA staff members, parishioners, and volunteers for all you do!

Prayer for Life

May the Risen Christ grant us joy as we follow Him, embracing God’s gift of life; We pray to the Lord:

Consider Deepening Your Relationship with the Holy Spirit

The exciting 14-week Wild Goose program will be offered at St. Thomas Aquinas 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 for more information or to sign up jennifer@stamadison.org or 833-2606.

Got Questions?

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? How or why 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 it soon in the bulletin.

We are excited to see what questions you have.
Reflection from Seminarian, Lawrence Oparaji

Today’s celebration is the single most important event in the history of our salvation. Humanity has been totally restored to full communion with God. By means of Christ’s passion, death and resurrection we are now adopted sons and daughters of God.

It has been often said that if Christ did not rise from the dead, Christianity is a fraud, the greatest fraud in history. That is how central Christ’s resurrection is for us. The Resurrection authenticates everything Christ said and did: His claim to divinity and the power to forgive sin; His teachings and miracles; His universal call to holiness; His plan to give grace through a Church that will endure forever; and His promise to lead us into the eternal banquet of heaven. All these would have amounted to nothing if Christ had not risen. He would have ended up as one more good man who did not get far enough—another dreamer who fell by the wayside. As St Paul says: “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins” (1 Cor. 15:17) But He’s alive and so we rest assured that all his promises will be and has been accomplished.

Christ’s death and resurrection not only repaired damaged relationships between humanity and God, it also created a new way for us to approach the Father through the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, that sacrament which He left us as a memorial of His passion. Christ’s death and passion also gave us a new and fresh understanding of eschatology- the afterlife. By virtue of Christ’s rising from the dead, death has been conquered; death is no longer the end of life but the beginning of eternal life, death, for us Christians, is now to be understood as birth, a birth that ushers us into the eternal banquet prepared for us. This brings so much joy, so much hope and peace!

As we go about celebrating the Risen Lord today, let us rejoice and be glad in the knowledge of the fruits that Christ’s passion, death and resurrection has wrought for us. Let us also ask for the grace to live the kind of lives that will make us worthy to reap these fruits when the Father calls us home someday.

Christ is risen, He is truly risen, alleluia, alleluia!

Could I really help run a food pantry?

Yes! You could! Our neighbors at the Lussier Community Education Center (LCEC) have a small food pantry, and a small team (4-6 people) from St. Thomas Aquinas are host the second Wednesday each month from 7-8 PM. This is a great opportunity because of the limited time commitment needed, and the evening time frame doesn’t conflict with the workday. STA and LCEC have had a long history, and as good neighbors (only a few blocks away from each other) this is a great way to build our relationship and have a strong, positive presence in support of their many good works right in our own back yard. Interested, curious? Contact Jenny at jennifer@stamadison.org or 833-2606 or Grace Phelps at graniiap@chartermi.net. Grace is the parishioner who coordinates each month,

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 about parish, diocesan and other YA events at facebook.com/STAMadisonYA

Young Adults are heading out to dinner at North & South Seafood and Smokehouse 6604 W Mineral Point Rd on Monday, March 26 at 7PM.

If you’d like to come along for some great food and fellowship, RSVP to t.holle@sbcglobal.net

The group also meets on the first and third Monday nights. However, because of Easter our next gathering is Monday, April 16, 7-9 PM in the Gathering Area. Each evening stands on its own, so come and join us anytime!

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.
Discipleship with Holly Irving
Ministry of the Week
The parish of St. Thomas Aquinas thanks the Building and Grounds Committee for all they do reviewing the parish facilities and physical plant, making recommendations for major improvements, and managing long range planning for maintenance. Thank you!

Leaving a Lasting Legacy
You have the ability to support the parish and its mission far beyond your lifetime. Bequests to the parish, gifts of life insurance, stocks, bonds, and certificates of deposit perpetuate your faith commitment and allow you to share the gift of faith with generations yet to come. Please remember the ongoing and long-range needs at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish when doing estate planning. For specific areas which could benefit from your gift, please contact Holly at 833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org.

Spring Fling Trivia and Fiesta
After hearing about all the fun people had last year, you will want to form a Trivia Team and come to our FUN(d) raiser this year!! Spring Fling Trivia and Fiesta offers a delicious Mexican meal with homemade pico de gallo and tres leches cake! There will be a wine pull with beautiful wine bottle holders, great restaurant gift cards, or scratch-off lottery tickets attached! We have a beautiful handmade table that will be up for silent auction bids! Don’t forget the 50/50 raffle! A new game will be played, but you will have to come to the Spring Fling Trivia and Fiesta to find out about it! Tickets will go on sale next weekend, April 7 and 8. Contact Holly at holly@stamadison.org for more information!

Admission tickets in advance are
$15 a person and
$25 a couple
Or at the door.
$20 a person and
$30 a couple

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:

- **Lussier Community Education Center Food Pantry** - Our parishioners help stock the food pantry and every other month they do the food Sunday collection.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** - Our parishioners help stock the food pantry and every other month they do the food Sunday collection. In addition to these activities we also help with lunches at Port St. Vincent, collecting school supplies for homeless and low income children, helping families seek household items and financial assistance.
- **Community Meal Program (CMP) and Catholic Multicultural Center Meal Program (CMC)** - Both programs work with a monthly meal. CMC provides all of the food, they are just looking for volunteers. CMP is looking for specific food donations and helpers.
- **Pastoral Care** - Love to visit fellow parishioners? Then we have a job for you! Our Pastoral Care team works with Oakwood Village, Sebring, and Brookdale West nursing homes by leading a Word and Communion service or saying the Rosary. This team also works with homebound parishioners to bring them Communion and spend a little time talking with them.
- **Parish Life** - The group works with staff to plan all of the social events at the Parish. The only year-long activity that needs volunteers is Donut Sunday. All other events require a very short period of work before, during, and immediately after the event.
- **Office Helper** - Like working in an office, but not every day? We are looking for people to help in the daytime with mailings, inserting and stapling items into the bulletin, and other miscellaneous jobs from time to time.

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 for more details.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure
March 24/25
Will be posted next weekend
Thank you for your generosity and support of our mission at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish!

Counters Schedule
Monday, April 2
Mary Michalski and Cyrilla Wipperfurth
Monday, April 9
Jan McGinley and Edward Corcoran
Our Parish Family Lenten Activities

**Feed My Sheep 2018 was a huge hit!**

We raised just over $2,500, which will feed almost 2,500 people for a full year. At our packaging day many STA families showed up to serve and we even had 2 high school student who helped the whole day. We ended up packaging 210,000 meals which will be sent to Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota food pantries and 80,000 meals will go to Nicaragua. Thank you to all who served, and donated to this project. Check out these great pictures from the day.

**Evening of Reflection**

This past Lent our theme was “Inviting Jesus into our lives.” Unfortunately, we know we have a tendency to build walls, to block Jesus’s love and mercy from entering our hearts. On March 20, we took time to reflect on the difference it can make to take down those walls and invite Jesus in. Several parish members shared the concrete difference they see in their lives because they have invited Jesus to be part of their work, their family, their relaxation time. Here’s one excerpt:

Since establishing a relationship with Jesus, I’ve come to experience God in a state that is so intertwined with my life that I cannot separate him from me. I see him in the sunrise as I start my work day, hear his voice asking me to work alongside my coworker, taste his refreshment in my drink of water, know his love as I forgive as he has forgiven me and feel his joy as I finish a project.

It is true that we don’t need to be afraid to live our faith, and to invite Jesus into our lives, but sometimes an example is just what we need to get us started. We closed our prayer time with these rousing words from Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ! ... If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. . . . Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ—and you will find true life.

As we move into the Easter season, may we always keep our hearts open to the Risen Lord, so that we can experience him in a way that changes the way we live!

**Young Adults Psalms and Palms**

On March 19 the Young Adults enjoyed and evening of palm braiding with Erik Gyr.

The Young Adults then helped guests and parishioners braid their palms on Palm Sunday after Mass.
EASTER EGG HUNT
& FAMILY POTLUCK!

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

All STA families with young children or grandchildren are invited to come to our Easter Egg Hunt and Family Potluck after the 10:00 AM Mass.

11:15 a.m. Egg Hunt (instructions in the Social Hall)

11:30 a.m. POTLUCK OPENS

STA will provide ham and turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, & refreshments.

Families can sign up in the gathering area to bring a dish to share, or email Terri Kopplin (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
will be hosting

**TOTUS TUUS 2018**

**Who:** Children going into 1st–5th grade

**When:** July 9 – 13, 2018
9:00 – 2:30 p.m. every day

**Where:** St. Thomas Aquinas Church

**Registration Fee:** $30 per child
$75 for family of 3 or more

* Please drop off and pick up your child(ren) in the Social Hall by our Education wing doors each day.
* Lunch time will be at noon each day: **Please pack a lunch for your child(ren) for Monday – Thursday!** Lunch will be provided, by the parish, for the children only on Friday, July 13. If you would like to **volunteer** to help with the Friday luncheon, please let Lorianne know.
* Have your children dress appropriate for the week: Summer Casual. On Friday afternoon, they will have fun/outside events, so please have them dress up more sporty and with clothes that can get wet and that can dry up before they leave. You can send a towel with your child(ren) in case they get wet.
* We will offer **Confessions** for 3rd-5th graders and their families!
* We will offer **Mass** for all the Totus Tuus children, their families, and parishioners!

**Access the Registration/Permission Form at our STA website (Stamadison.org/totus-tuus-2018) or email Lorianne (lorianne@stamadison.org) for the form!**

**Make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Church.**
60 Anniversary of the Founding of our Parish!

Please save the date, **June 10** to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of our parish! We will begin the celebration with Mass at 10:00 AM followed by lunch. 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 ticket in advance! Be on the look out for the ticket sales!

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**Pictorial Directory**

To celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of our parish, we are putting together a pictorial directory. The directory will hold treasures from our history, plus photographs of members of our parish family!

**What to do Right Now**

- Make an appointment to have your and/or your family’s picture taken
- Sign-up after Mass in the Gathering Area
- Use the link on our website [stamadison.org/parish-photo-directory/](http://stamadison.org/parish-photo-directory/)
- Call **1-866-756-0281** to schedule directly with Lifetouch.
- Sign up to help Host - We are looking for 1 or 2 people to be at church to greet parishioners that are having their photo taken and give directions to where the room is located. See the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area for times we still need help.

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**Our Church in the Early Years**

- The Original Altar
- Under Construction

**Our Church Today**
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 Andrés 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

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.ccmadison.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)

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday, April 2
Men's Integrity Group, Library ................................................... 7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 3
Pastoral Council Meeting, Lower Conference Room .............. 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 4
Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room .......... 9:00 AM
Thursday, April 5
Spanish Rosary ................................................................. 6:00 PM
Friday, April 6
Wild Goose, Library ......................................................... 9:00 AM
Saturday, April 7
Baptism Prep Class ........................................................... 10:30 AM
Sunday, April 8
Easter Egg Hunt and Family Potluck, Large Social Hall ....... 11:00 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week
Oakwood: Friday, April 6, Rosary
Brookdale: Friday, April 6, Word and Communion
Sebring: Sunday, April 8, Word and Communion

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Sister Simone Campbell Speaking at Edgewood College
Saturday, April 7, 7-9 PM
Sister Simone Campbell, best known for initiating the powerful “Nuns on the Bus” tours, will speak on Saturday, April 7, 7-9 PM, at Anderson Auditorium, Edgewood College, 1000 Edgewood College Dr, Madison. Her topic will be: “Hunger and Hope in the Federal Budget … An Insider's View.” Free parking is available on campus and the event is free and open to the public.

Easter Flowers In Loving honor/memory of:
David Peterson
Philip G Kessel
Kathleen M Cuddy
Evelyn Clark
Mary C Cuddy
Madelin Deery
Bernard and Hulda Rondorf and family members
Olaf and Dorthy Olson
Masako and Dean Codd
Mary and Clem Boneyk
Dave Lucas
Shirley DiRienzo
Jim Dolister
Mothers and Fathers everywhere
Don and Madeline Pepper
Henry and Lillian Buyarski
Kathryn Radigan
Hank Pierce
Nicholas Gabby
Kathryn Bissen
Shirley and Bill Rudolph
Lucetta and Gerhard Wiese
Eugene Frilling and deceased family members
Lester and Helen Weymire
Eunice and William Moore
Florence Snyder and Paul Fair
Father Heitz
Father Smith
Alfred and Louise Hornung
Delbert and David Rollig
Thole and Kleist Families
Richard Skubal
Mary, Dan, and Doug Dirienzo
Our Parents
James McGee
Mark Mundell
Michael and Andrew Leichtenberg
Ruth and Ralph - parents

Mass Intentions for This Week
Saturday, March 31
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

No Mass at 6:30 PM today

Monday, April 2
8:30 AM Helen and William Mianowski

Tuesday, April 3
5:30 PM Paul Loduha

Wednesday, April 4
8:30 AM Mildred Adler

Thursday, April 5
7:30 AM Joe Klun

Friday, April 6
8:30 AM Marian Engerman

Saturday, April 7
4:30 PM Andrea Garcia

Sunday, April 8: 2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy
8:00 AM John Roch
10:00 AM Living & deceased members of Kehl and Janus Families
6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of April 1

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15


Tuesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

Wednesday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48


Friday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15


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