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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La coronación de mayo
Photo by: Clarice Hinrichs

May Crowning

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018
Sexto Domingo de Pascua
6 de Mayo de 2018
We warmly welcome our Bishop, Bishop Robert Morlino, to St. Thomas Aquinas this weekend as he presides over the regional celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is always energizing to welcome the Bishop to our parish, and we are honored by his presence among us. We have 37 youth who are being Confirmed this weekend at a special 7:00 PM Mass on Saturday, May 5.

A bishop oversees the ministerial and administrative life of a diocese, which is made up of local communities (parishes) of the faithful. The bishop is the superior of all the priests in his diocese, as well as the local spiritual leader for all of the faithful within his care. A bishop is regarded by Catholics as a shepherd, a successor of the apostles, whom Jesus Christ chose to carry on the work of His Church. A bishop is called to exercise a three-fold office within the Catholic Church: to teach, govern, and sanctify. The joint responsibility to teach, govern and sanctify the people of God is the unifying ministry of a bishop. The fullness of priesthood belongs to those who have received the order of bishop.

The bishop, as the local chief shepherd, encourages a spirit of prayer, celebrates the sacred liturgy and all the sacraments for the sanctification of all people, and promotes the work of peace and justice, especially for the poor and disenfranchised.

There are four main symbols that bishops wear in order to denote their status as bishop: (pictured to the bottom right)

1. **Pectoral Cross** (or pendant, worn at all times on chest and keeps the memory of the cross close to his heart)
2. **Zucchetto** (or amaranth red skull cap)
3. **Miter** (a pointed headpiece with flaps, which sits atop the zucchetto)
4. **Ring**

The Bishop also uses the following two important items during liturgical celebrations: (pictured to the right)

5. **Crozier** (or Shepherd’s Staff representing bishop’s role of unifying and tending the flock)
6. **Cathedra** (or Chair representing the bishop’s leadership and teaching authority)

To build a culture that cherishes every human life, we pray to the Lord:

Por nuestros pastores: que su ejemplo nos guíe en la edificación de una cultura que atesore a toda vida humana; rogamos al Señor:

Prayer for Life from USCCB

For our shepherds: May their example guide us in building a culture that cherishes every human life;

We pray to the Lord:

Por nuestros pastores: que su ejemplo nos guíe en la edificación de una cultura que atesore a toda vida humana; rogamos al Señor:

Prayer for Creation from USCCB

That the Spirit of God may deepen our recognition of the nobility of the duty to care for creation through little daily acts, we pray to the Lord.

Qué el Espíritu de Dios profundice nuestra conciencia que es muy noble el asumir el deber de cuidar la creación con pequeñas acciones cotidianas, rogamos al Señor…

May Crowning

Today we celebrate May Crowning after our 10:00 AM Mass. All children at this Mass are invited to come forward at the end of Mass and process with flowers provided by the parish to our Marian garden where we will offer some prayers and a song in honor of Mary. The prayer culminates when a child presents Mary with a crown of flowers and places it on the head of the statue. In the Catholic faith there are different devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. They are important to the believers and the Church encourages them. The Marian prayers and the liturgical feasts dedicated to Mary the Mother of God are ample proofs of the universality of these devotions. Special devotions to Mary in May date back to the time of St. Philip Neri who died in 1595. He
began a custom of decorating the statue of the Blessed Mother with spring flowers in early May. The May crowning ceremony often takes place at a public parish celebration. Mary is celebrated as a queen because she was the perfect follower of Jesus Christ and the absolute ‘crown’ of creation. In churches and homes images of Mary are decorated with flowers in May and children have a unique role in this tradition of the Church.

**Two Important Projects that Need Your Support!**

1. Please be a part of our Parish Photo Directory. Call now for an appointment.
2. Please ensure the success of our Spring Fundraiser next Saturday, May 12, by attending the event, buying a raffle ticket, making a donation, or becoming a sponsor. All proceeds will go towards our efforts in the New Evangelization!

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

This weekend we have the honor of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Thomas Aquinas for members of St. Christopher Parish, Verona, St. Francis Xavier Parish, Cross Plains, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Mt. Horeb, and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Madison. Our singers were joined by some from the other parishes, which shows wonderful support and solidarity with our students. Each of us brings with us our experiences, which make our celebration a true example of the larger church and the diversity of the people of God. This celebration of the Church is a blessing and example to all of us. We are reminded of its importance by the presence of the Bishop, the priests who are shepherds in their respective parishes, the different cultures and experiences which we all bring, and the diversity of language, music, and prayer.

But in addition to all of that, we are honored to witness the youth of our parishes saying “YES!” to God’s call and being open to receive the most beautiful gifts of the Holy Spirit through this Sacrament of Grace that strengthens and enriches them to live as witnesses of Christ in our world! This is a celebration for the whole Church throughout the world. We should all strive to remember our calling and allow the Holy Spirit to take root and work in our lives. This is not a simple Rite of Passage but rather a continuous journey of faith and conversion. May we always strive to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples.

We are now approaching the end of our Easter Season, which continues through Pentecost on Sunday, May 20. Have you made an effort to renew your baptismal vows? Have you celebrated each day and each weekend like it’s still Easter Sunday? Have you experienced the Lord Jesus in the upper room? Have you been sprinkled with the waters of rebirth? There’s no time like the present!

We return to Ordinary Time on Monday, May 21. But Ordinary Time is nothing ordinary! During this period of the year, we journey through the seasons and celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, The Body and Blood of Jesus, The Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary! These are important days in the life of the Church, and they remind us of the profound realities of our daily living. May we all raise our hearts and voices in prayer as we continue our own journey to the Lord of all!

Easter Blessings!
Discipleship with Holly Irving

Ministry of the Week
Our parish thanks our volunteer Marriage Preparation Couples who meet with our engaged couples and mentor them as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. These couples use a survey called FOCCUS: Facilitation Open Couple Communication and Understanding Survey. This survey and communication between the two couples allows for the engaged couple to grow in their understanding of marriage and one another. Thank you for giving of your time and talent!

Charitable Gift 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 second to the parish at the end of your life. By endowing your gift it will keep on giving forever.

60th Anniversary of the Founding of our Parish!
Tickets go on sale for the 60th anniversary picnic on Sunday, May 13! **Tickets are $6 a person/ $25 a couple in advance. $7 a person / $35 a family at the door!** Mark your calendar for June 10! We will begin the celebration with Mass at 10:00 AM followed by lunch with refreshments, games, cake walk and much more!

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, May 7**
  - Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus

- **Monday, May 14**
  - Don Mahoney and Sara Marx
Spirit of TEC Awarded to Fr. Bart!

For the last few years Fr. Bart has been the Spiritual Coordinator of TEC (Together Encountering Christ) in his “spare time.” Each year, the TEC Conference acknowledges individuals for their exemplary commitment to Catholic youth and young adults with a Spirit of TEC Award. This year, the award goes to Fr. Bart, which is no surprise for all the things he does for STA Youth and St. Ambrose Academy.

TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is an inter-generational movement of the Catholic Church designed to help meet the spiritual needs of Catholic Christians. The TEC weekend proclaims the central message of Christianity: The Paschal Mystery – death, resurrection, and mission. On the weekend, participants not only hear about death, resurrection, and mission in Christ, but also experience these mysteries. TEC was founded in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1965. Focusing on the Paschal Mystery, TEC helps 8,000 young people each year deepen their relationship with Christ and discern their vocation within the larger Church.

Ask Fr. Bart!

Question: On Sunday, April 8, 2018, the Second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading from John 20:23 states, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” What are the conditions for “retained” sins? Have you ever encountered such a situation?

Answer:

This question is a very involved question for our very first, “Ask Fr. Bart!” The question of the “Forgiveness of Sins,” is vital to all of us, since we are all sinners, and we all need to know how to receive God’s abundant mercy and gracious pardon.

First, we must look at the Catholic Scriptural interpretation of John 20:23. This always involves looking at the context where the verse appears and never just the verse outside of the context. This verse immediately follows the words in John 20:22, where Jesus says, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” These verses make it clear that Jesus gave the Apostles authority to forgive sins. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “The Creed links ‘the forgiveness of sins’ with its profession of faith in the Holy Spirit, for the risen Christ entrusted to the apostles the power to forgive sins when he gave them the Holy Spirit (#984).”

God has the power to forgive all sins and God gives the authority to forgive to the Apostles, but it does not follow that all sins will therefore be forgiven. It depends on the sinner! A priest is not free to forgive what ought to be retained. This leads us to the question, “What are the principles for retaining sins?”

What sins are “retained?” Only those that we present or fail to present to be judged as to what they are, along with our participation in their coming to be. The act of “retention” belongs to the same one who is given the power to forgive. Grounds of retention are many—denying that sins are sins, denying that we knew what we were doing, and denying that the power to forgive or retain exists.

So for example, when I was in Seminary, I attended a class on how to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this class I was told that I could not offer Absolution to a penitent that did not confess anything. There must be a confession of sin before I can offer the Absolution. Furthermore, I am not allowed to offer absolution for a sin that the penitent is not sorry for or does not plan to stop doing. If the penitent does not show a firm purpose of amendment, then, his or her sin is retained.

In the Gospel of Mark 3:29 it states, “but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences.” This verse is often quoted when discussing unpardonable sins. I need to be very clear, God does NOT REFUSE forgiveness. Rather, when one sins against the Holy Spirit of God, he or she casts God out of himself or herself and shuts the heart to God’s light. So that such a person is unable to ask for mercy anymore. The “unpardonable” does not mean God changes from a “Forgiving Father” to an “Unforgiving Judge,” so that God turns His face from someone weeping and begging for mercy. No, God is ALWAYS forgiving. It is up to the sinner to see his or her true sins, repent, and confess them with a sincere and contrite heart. God will forgive! Remember His promise: “Even if your sins be as red as scarlet, I shall make you as white as wool (Isaiah 1:18)!”
Make Your Appointment for a Photo Today!
There is no cost to you unless you decide to order photos, but everyone who has their picture taken will receive an 8 x 10 photo of their choice at no cost.

It’s easy to schedule a photo session and just as easy to reschedule an existing photo session if a conflict arises: call the Lifetouch number below. It takes very little time for a photo session 10-15 minutes. Everyone who has a photo taken will receive a directory.

Make an appointment for your photo session in one of two ways:
1. Call 1-866-756-0281 to schedule directly with Lifetouch.
2. Schedule on-line at: stamadison.org/parish-directory/

Photo Sessions:

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All photos will be taken at St. Thomas Aquinas. When you arrive look for signs pointing to the photography rooms.

We are ready and waiting for you
What is Alpha? Alpha is a series of gatherings that provide a comfortable, hospitable environment to explore the basics of the Christian faith and the big questions of life. Alpha has been going strong for over 30 years!

What Does Alpha Look Like?

- **GOOD FOOD**
  Each Alpha gathering begins with food and refreshments. This is a time of fun and relaxation in a casual atmosphere.

- **ALPHA TALK**
  Following refreshments there is a video of a short talk exploring various aspects of the Christian faith.

- **DISCUSSION**
  Guests break into small groups where everyone is welcome to share thoughts and ask questions in a nonjudgmental and relaxed setting.

Who should come to Alpha? Anyone who wants to get to know Jesus and their faith better, or who has questions about their faith. Has it been awhile since you had to explain the basics of what we believe about Jesus and our faith? Do you have a family member or friend who has stepped away? Alpha can help you explain things to them, or give them a place to ask their own questions. Even if you have been Catholic your whole life, it will deepen your appreciation for the way God loves us. Come, and bring a friend!

**TWO OPTIONS:**

**Alpha in the Summer, 2018**

**Tuesday evening ‘cocktail hour’**
7 pm – snacks, wine, beer, welcome
7:20-7:50 video
7:50-8:30 discussion

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**Thursday morning after 7:30am Mass**
8-8:20am breakfast, welcome
8:20-8:50am video
8:50-9:30am discussion

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Sign up today!
Contact Jenny Ludtke at 833-2600 or jennifer@stmadison.org
First Communion
Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29

Saturday, April 28

Sunday, April 29
We Pray for Our Loved Ones
SERVING WITH THE ARMED FORCES

CW4 Steve Arzt, 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
SGT Jason Voss, nephew of Gary and Nancy Kubat

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 (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)

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, May 6
Mothers Day Crib Fill starts
May Crowning after the 10:00 AM Mass in the courtyard
SVdP Meeting, Library ................................................. 9:00 AM

Monday, May 7
Young Adult Meeting, Gathering Area .................................. 7:00 PM
Men’s Integrity Group, Library ........................................... 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 9
Toddlers Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room ....... 9:00 AM
Choir Rehearsal, Social Hall ............................................. 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 10
Spanish Rosary .................................................................... 6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal, Social Hall ............................................. 6:30 PM

Friday, May 11
Wild Goose, Library ......................................................... 9:00 AM

Saturday, May 12
Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll sale after all Masses
Confessions .................................................................... 9:00 AM
Spring Fling, Social Hall ................................................... 4:30 PM

Sunday, May 13
Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll sale after all Masses
Confessions .................................................................... 9:00 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: No liturgies this week
Brookdale: No liturgies this week
Sebring: No liturgies this week

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week
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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

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

- 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!

Madison Diocesan Choir Concert

For All the Saints
The Madison Diocesan Choir will present its annual spring concert on Friday, May 18, at 7 PM at Holy Name Heights (formerly the Bishop O’Connor Center). This year’s program, For All the Saints, features music and readings based on writings, poetry and hymns composed by the great saints of our Church such as Saint Augustine, Saint Patrick, and many others. The choir will sing music from Gregorian chant to polyphonic compositions of our own day. Congregational hymns will be sung, accompanied by the newly-refurbished Schmelzer Organ and the St. Raphael Brass Quintet and Timpani. The concert is free. A freewill offering will be taken to support the ministry of the Diocesan Choir. Holy Name Heights is wheelchair accessible. For more information go to diocesanchoir.org or call 608-821-3081

Justice and Peace Committee Meets

Monday, Mary 14, at 6:15 PM
The Justice and Peace Committee will meet on Monday, May 14 at 6:15 PM in the Lower Conference Room. Discussion will center on our focused themes for the year which are designed to educate and inspire action on our rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. There will be updates on existing initiatives and discussion on topics we plan to focus on starting in September. All are welcome to join us.

Confessing to a priest is a way of putting my life into the hands and heart of someone else, someone who in that moment acts in the name of Jesus. It’s a way to be real and authentic: we face the facts by looking at another person and not in the mirror.

Pope Francis The Name of God Is Mercy, page 22

Follow Fr. Bart on Twitter at @Frbart01
Follow St. Thomas Aquinas on Facebook

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, May 5
4:30 PM Elizabeth Madigan

Sunday, May 6: 6th Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM Joseph Lawton
10:00 AM Connor Neely
6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, May 7
8:30 AM Lina Maria Vergara

Tuesday, May 8
5:30 PM Laura Acker

Wednesday, May 9
8:30 AM Piotr Sak and Jan Szylow

Thursday, May 10: The Ascension of the Lord
7:30 AM Judith Hames

Friday, May 11
8:30 AM Tom Raemisch
10:00 AM Kathleen Fish Oakwood

Saturday, May 12: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
4:30 PM David Peterson

Sunday, May 13: 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day; Mother’s Day
8:00 AM Rosemary Johnson
10:00 AM Carolyn Lee Anderson Oakwood
6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of May 6

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (cf. 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b (cf. 4a)/Jn 15:26--16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-e, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15


Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 26c-26/
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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Fr. Donald Murray Bio from STA Parish Directory, 2000

Fr. Donald Murray was born on the south side of Chicago, Little Flower Parish, on May 10, 1932. His family moved to Madison in 1944, and he attended Edgewood Grade School and High School. He graduated in 1950 and began his studies for the priesthood at St. Mary College in Winona, Minnesota, as a Dominican student and entered the novitiate in August of 1952. Following the novitiate, he continued with three years of philosophy at the Dominican House of Studies in River Forest, Illinois. In 1956, he switched to the Diocese of Madison and entered into four years of theology at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained a priest on May 27, 1961.

His assignments have included:
- St. Jude, Beloit,
- Beloit Catholic High School,
- St. Raphael Cathedral, Madison,
- St. Thomas, Beloit,
- St. Maria Goretti, Madison,
- St. Olaf, DeForest,
- Our Lady of Assumption, Beloit
- St. Barnabas, Mazomanie,
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison (1985—2001)

He held several Diocesan positions including:
- Presbyteral Council
- Priests’ Spiritual Life Committee
- Arbitration and Conciliation
- Priest Personnel Board
- Chairman Chaplain of Madison Serra Club
- Diocesan Consulter

He was preceded in death by his father, William T Murray, mother, Frances Murray, sister, June Heilman, and brother Bill Murray.

Fr. Don loved to read, listen to good classical or elevator music and one-on-one conversations. He loved sports at any time and was a die-hard Cub fan - thus he has already had his purgatory!
Memories of Parishioners from STA with Fr. Murray

- “Father Murray was a friend and mentor. He was particularly important for our children in providing the guidance only a great priest and pastor can provide at a time in their lives that formed them forever. He was a builder, and today’s extraordinary facility would not exist but for his leadership. I will miss him.” By James Troupis

- “My personal memory of Fr. Murray was that he was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. As a boy he grew up on the north side of Chicago near Wrigley Field. I believe his father provided some kind of food service to the Cubs. After his surgery and during his recovery I took him on a day trip to Chicago to see a Cubs game. Parking around Wrigley Field is very difficult but, thankfully, I had a brother-in-law who was the Chaplain for the Chicago Fire Department and we got a parking space at the fire station behind the field. The firefighters enjoyed doing this for Fr. Murray and even invited us for a meal.

- I don’t recall who won the game but I do remember how Fr. Murray enjoyed being back on the north side of Chicago and watching his favorite team.” By Bob Nellis

- “One Sunday morning at what was then the silent Mass (7 AM) during Father’s homily, a very young member of the congregation expressed an extremely loud and agitated disapproval of the proceedings. Fr. Murray sensing certain discomfort among many of the congregants briefly interrupted his sermon and with a smile while gesturing toward the young child simply said “ah, the voice of the future.” Immediately, smiles appeared on many faces and a certain calmness became apparent in the general congregation. Unfortunately, the newfound tranquility was not embraced by the young child, however the Mass continued, as though unimpeded, to its conclusion.” By John & Karen Heim

- “I remember when Fr. Murray had his aortic abdominal aneurism, which was very serious. We were told people seldom recover from that. We prayed for his recovery and I do believe that we prayed him back to health. It was affirmation of the value of prayers.” By Joan Schaefer

- “I'll always remember a homily, when Fr. Murray talked about how he saw the suffering Christ in the loneliness and isolation that teenagers often experience. I could see that he understood their pain, as Christ does. A very beautiful memory is when our daughter received her 1st Holy Communion from Fr. Murray (with Sr. GeorgeAnn's excellent instruction). It was extra special because it was the First Divine Mercy Sunday! Another special memory was when our youngest daughter was born, Fr. Murray was in his wheelchair and he was beaming with happiness to hold her, she was just a couple of weeks old. I also recall how he liked to recount the story of his vocation, and his pious devotion to St. Terese of Lisieux, who he believed was responsible for his becoming a priest. Thank you Fr. Murray for your great love for Christ in His Church and for your example of a holy priesthood.” By Sarah Quinones

- “Fr. Murray liked to help people from low-income housing. He wanted to do it and he did it!” By Deacon Jack Fernan

- “Some of my most treasured memories of Fr. Murray took place at the Don and Marilyn Anderson Hospice Care Center in Fitchburg. For many years after he retired, Father would say Mass on Christmas and Easter for family members of the dying and any hospice patients who were able to attend. Instead of having to go out to Mass on these special days when churches are much more crowded than usual and life for many of those present is still very active, Fr. Murray made it possible for families to stay at hospice to pray for and with their loved ones in a quiet, peaceful setting befitting those close to eternity. His compassionate heart and gentle words of encouragement were a great blessing and comfort to many.” By Lori Lonergan

- “Even when we visited Fr Murray in Middleton Manor, he had that Irish twinkle in his eye and his unique smile. He was such a brave and courageous man, who worked so hard to return to the parish after his life threatening aneurysm. As a priest, he was always very reverent and devout. We are so glad to know him!” By Denny & Sara Marx
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
MOTHER’S DAY CRIB FILL
MAY 5/6 – MAY 12/13
GATHERING AREA

Celebrate all mothers with this wonderful opportunity to show our support and love.

Celebrate Mother’s Day by bringing a donation for the annual St. Thomas Aquinas Baby Shower Crib Fill

Help to fill the baby cribs in the gathering space with new, unwrapped baby shower gifts.

These gifts will be shared with our parish St. Vincent de Paul conference, Pregnancy Helpline, Elizabeth House, and the Women’s Care Center of Madison. These organizations all work to help and support pregnant women and new mothers.

Financial donations are welcome, and will be divided between the organizations.

Checks should be made out to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

This effort is cosponsored by our parish St. Vincent de Paul conference, Justice and Peace/Respect Life Committee, and the St. Ambrose Guardians for Life.

Crib Fill Shoppers Guide

- Disposable Diapers (Newborn - size 5)
- Baby Wipes & Diaper Rash Cream
- Nursing Pillows
- One Piece Sleep and Play Outfits
- Bodysuits and 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.

Sample sizes of shampoo, soap, lotion, & perfume are great as small gifts for new moms.

No food items, please.
Who are our recipients?

- **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is one of the oldest charitable organizations in the world, founded in 1833 in France. This international organization is made up of lay Catholic men and women who are committed to live and grow in their Christian faith through prayer and personal involvement in charitable works. Their mission is to help the needy in countless ways, primarily through one-on-one contact of volunteers with children, families and the homeless. They primarily accomplish this mission through parish-based groups called Conferences. Our members, called Vincentians, continually strive to promote the dignity of the people they serve while helping alleviate their suffering and distress and working to help correct conditions that cause these problems. Here in Madison, WI our District Council operates Port St. Vincent de Paul, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton House, a Food Pantry, a Charitable Pharmacy and six Thrift Stores. [http://www.svdpmadison.org/index.html](http://www.svdpmadison.org/index.html)

- **Pregnancy Helpline of Madison** is a non-profit organization that has been supporting Madison-area families for over 30 years. Their mission is to provide life-affirming, compassionate care; giving accurate information, material support, and community referrals to women and their families before, during, and after pregnancy. They provide a 24-hour Helpline, a Sharing Center for material goods, a diaper bank, a Baby Care Package program, and a Safe Sleep program. All programs are free of charge to women, men, and families. [http://www.pregnancyhelpline.net/](http://www.pregnancyhelpline.net/)

- **Elizabeth House** is a nine month Christian residential program for pregnant women in crisis pregnancies. Since December, 2005 they have been able to provide help to over 110 mothers and their babies. They have expanded programming to include a Parenting and Education Specialist to focus on teaching the women to be the best and first teachers in their children’s lives. Their Nurturing a New Life program focuses on five program objectives: increase life management skills; identify and use support networks & community services; increase spiritual growth and emotional well-being; increase and maintain healthy relationship skills, and increase knowledge of effective parenting. [http://www.carenetdane.org/friends/elizabethhouse.html](http://www.carenetdane.org/friends/elizabethhouse.html)

- **Women’s Care Center**, located across the street from Planned Parenthood on the east side of Madison, provides free, confidential counseling, and support and education to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Free services include pregnancy testing, pregnancy verification (counselors provide “proof of pregnancy,” needed to receive medical care and other social services), ultrasounds, and other resources to obtain prenatal care and help with a wide range of services, resources and ongoing support. [http://www.womenscarecenter.org/](http://www.womenscarecenter.org/)