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Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday: Masses in English 8:00 & 10:00 AM
 Misa en español/Mass in Spanish 6:30 PM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM
Tuesday 5:30 PM
Thursday 7:30 AM

Confession

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

Prayer, Devotion, and Adoration

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Monday after Mass
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Wednesday after Mass
Morning Prayer: Thursday after Mass
Rosario en español: Thursday, 6:00–7:00 PM
Rosary in English: Friday, 8:05 AM
Adoration: Monday, 2:00–4:00 PM
 Tuesday, 4:30–5:25 PM
 Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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*Whoever eats this bread
 will live forever*
 John 6:51

*Si uno come de este pan,
 vivirá para siempre*
 Juan 6:51

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018

Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
12 de Agosto de 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Bart

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven Gives Us Hope!

On Wednesday, August 15, we will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the bulletin for our Mass Schedule. At the end of Mary's earthly life, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heaven, that is, into the glory of eternal life, into full and perfect communion with God.

It has been 68 years since Pope Pius XII, on November 1, 1950, solemnly defined this Dogma. In the Catholic Church, a dogma is a definitive article of faith that has been solemnly promulgated by the college of bishops at an ecumenical council or by the pope when speaking in a statement "ex cathedra," in which the magisterium of the Church presents a particular doctrine as necessary for the belief of all Catholic faithful. When a pope speaks, "ex cathedra," this means that the pope is giving an authoritative teaching. The First Vatican Council (1868-1870) deemed that all statements made by the pope "ex cathedra," are infallible when defining a dogma in the matters of faith and morals. Infallible statements are exempt or immune to error or failure.

As Catholics, we believe that Mary, like Christ her Son, overcame death and is already triumphant in heavenly glory, in the totality of her being, "in body and soul." The Church in her infallible Magisterium says of Mary in a precise and clear manner: the Mother of God is so deeply integrated into Christ's Mystery that at the end of her earthly life she already participates with her whole self in her Son's Resurrection. She lives what we await at the end of time when the "last enemy" death will have been destroyed (cf. 1 Cor 15: 26); she already lives what we proclaim in the Creed: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

At the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), in the Constitution on the Church, the Bishops wrote about Mary, Most Holy. The reflection ends with these words: "The Mother of Jesus in the glory which she possesses in body and soul in heaven is the image and the beginning of the church as it is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, she shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come (no. 68)." In the light of this most beautiful image of our Mother, and as we celebrate her Assumption into Heaven, we are able to be encouraged in HOPE! Our hope to, one day, enter into heavenly glory when our time on earth is completed.

Hope is a gift from God that carries us forward with our eyes fixed on heaven. Do not allow yourself to be robbed of hope. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we have hope in eternal life, even when we are suffering. And Mary is always there for us with her words of hope we read in the Gospels and through her intercessory prayers for us from her place in Heaven, in God's presence.

Thank You for Your Participation in Our 60th Anniversary Edition Parish Pictorial Directory!

I would like to genuinely and earnestly thank each person and household who participated in our pictorial directory. I realize that we are all very busy and have hectic schedules. By taking the extra effort, time, and organization to prepare and come in for your photo, you have helped our parish grow closer together and get to know each other better. When we can call people by their name; that is the sweetest language we can speak. This will also help us to progress further as disciples because we will be able to support each other even better in our Christian living through getting to know one another by name. Each person of STA parish is a very special and beloved child of God and



Prayer for Life

For young people:
May they discover the freedom and peace that comes from following Jesus' call to purity; We pray to the Lord:



Por los jóvenes:
para que descubran la libertad y la paz que proviene de seguir el llamado de Jesús a la pureza; roguemos al Señor:

Dcn. Lawrence Heads Back to Seminary Soon—Let's Give Him a Good Send-Off!

Dcn. Lawrence will return to the seminary at the end of August. To thank him for his service among us this summer and wish him well as he starts his final year of preparation for the priesthood, we are having a reception for him **after all the Masses the week-end of August 18 and 19.**

If you would like to donate a 9x13" cake, brownies, bars, or some cookies **please contact Clarice at 608-833-2600 or Clarice@stamadison.org**

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven: Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday, August 15

Mass at 8:30AM in English
Mass at 12:10PM in English
Mass at 6:30 PM bilingual



Food Sunday Next Weekend

Next weekend is our monthly Food Sunday. This month we are collecting donations for the Food Pantry at Lussier Community Education Center. Your generosity in April was much appreciated as the need was great and inventories were low. Your donations this month will make a big difference to our neighbors struggling to make ends meet during the summer months when families do not participate in school meal programs. See the list of most needed items below. Nutritious donations are doubly appreciated.

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| Cereal | Tuna | Canned fruit |
| Hearty soups | Pasta | Meals-in-a-can |
| Olive oil | Toothpaste | Peanut butter |
| Pancake mix/syrup | | |

The Human Concerns Commission wishes to express its sincere THANKS for your generosity. In July, your donations will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Reflection from Deacon Lawrence Oparaji



Today we are challenged to worry less about earthly sustenance and more about the “bread of heaven,” which provides unending sustenance. We are to focus less on our everyday difficulties and more on what the grace of God is doing in our lives.

In the First Reading Elijah, fleeing Queen Jezebel, is worn out by hunger and he complains aloud to the Lord saying: “I have had enough!” In response God sends an angel to provide him food and drink which had a supernatural impact on him. We are told: “Strengthened by that food, he travelled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God” (1 Kings 19:8). It was more than just ordinary food! Likewise in the Gospel, the people follow in the footsteps of their ancestors, who murmured against the Lord in the wilderness, and complain against Jesus for not offering them the sort of food they wanted. Instead he offers them the “living bread” that leads to eternal life.

We are the same at times! In the wilderness of our everyday struggles we ask many questions of the Lord, and we complain. This is why St Paul urges us in the Second Reading to not ‘grieve’ the Holy Spirit by bearing grudges. To soothe all our worries Jesus offers Himself as “the bread that came down from heaven.” Bread was a crucial component of Jewish life in those days as it is for us today. It formed a vital part of each meal.

As we partake of the “bread of life” at Mass today, let us ask our heavenly Father for the grace to let our pursuit of earthly sustenance be guided by a vision of eternity. Amen!

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

July 28/29

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| Envelope Offerings | \$9,593 |
| Offertory | \$1,216 |
| Children’s Offerings | \$87 |
| Total | \$10,896 |
| Building Fund | \$700 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | \$171 |

August 4/5

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Envelope Offerings | \$12,458 |
| Offertory | \$1,767 |
| Children’s Offerings | \$103 |
| Total | \$14,328 |
| Building Fund | \$365 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | \$60 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$5,200 |

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

Counters Schedule

Monday, August 13

Mary Neuhauser and Carol Sawyer

Monday, August 20

Dick and Mary Ann Ihlenfeld

Fr. Bart’s article is continued from the previous page

precious in our eyes. We had a total of 456 households out of our 1,506 total households participate, representing 30% of our parish family. Although our goal was to have all households participate, this good number ensures that our directory will be very effective and adventurous for us!

Thank you also to our wonderful Directory Committee and all the volunteers who worked at the registration booth. We could not have this worthwhile and valuable directory without the hard work and dedication of these wonderful parishioners!

We are looking forward to completing the directory soon, and we are scheduled to distribute them in December 2018.

Discipleship with Holly Irving

Charitable Gift Annuity

Did you know that you can make a charitable gift that also benefits you in a practical way? A Charitable Gift Annuity is a donation you make to our parish, yet you will receive a payment for the rest of your life! Plus, you may receive a charitable tax deduction and reduced capital gains taxes.

Ultimately your gift will support our parish, while supporting you during your lifetime. Please contact me if you are interested in a charitable gift annuity at holly@stamadison.org or 833-2600.



Midweek Recharge!

Each day for the rest of the week, say a prayer for one of the troubled spots in our world! Prayer is very powerful! What difference can you make?



Which piece of the puzzle are you?

Have you discovered which puzzle piece you are? Are you the red piece giving of your time and talent to help with the Parish Life Committee? Are you the blue puzzle piece sharing your talents to lift up our Liturgy in song? Are the missing piece who hasn’t found your calling at STA? There are “Get to Know Your Parish” booklets in the Gathering Area. Please pick one up and find your missing puzzle piece or **contact Holly Irving at 833-2606 or holly@stamadison.org**!

Pope Francis’ Monthly Intention

Universal – The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

2018 - 2019 Religious Education

The STA Religious Education staff looks forward to welcoming your children this year! Our programs this year include:

- Liturgy of the Word for Children (Ages 3-5) on Sundays during 10:00 AM Mass
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (1st Grade ONLY) on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:15 PM or 6:00-7:15 PM
- Elementary (Grades 2-5) on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15 PM (First Grade RE is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.)
- Middle School (Grades 6-8) on Sundays from 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
- High School/Confirmation (Grades 9+) on Sundays from 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM
- ****NEW**** Special Needs Program

All registration materials have been sent out. If you need the materials, they are available in the Gathering Area.

Registrations may be submitted several ways: US mail, email to terri@stamadison.org (You can even use your smart phone to take a picture of BOTH sides of the form and send it in.), designated box in the Gathering Area, drop off at the Religious Education office, or during our **RE Registration Celebration on Sunday, August 26 after 10:00 AM Mass and get a free ice cream!**

If you have questions, please contact the RE Office at 608-833-2606. We look forward to seeing your students soon!

Alpha Day Away

The prayer, fellowship, and power of the Holy Spirit, made the Alpha Day Away on August 4 an amazing experience! What a joy and a blessing to be together in



God's presence. Consider joining the next session of Alpha – information will be coming soon, or **contact Jennifer Ludtke at 833-2600 or Jennifer@stamadison.org**

Alpha Potluck

Have you attended Alpha here at STA? Then you and your family are invited to join us for a potluck dinner on **Tuesday, August 21, right after 5:30 Mass!** We'll eat, meet, pray, and hear some amazing stories of how God has been working in people's lives. **RSVP to Jenny at 833-2600 or Jennifer@stamadison.org!**



Toddler Time

(During the summer: Wednesdays only)

Toddler Time, a group for mothers with little ones (babes-in-arms through 4 years old) meet every Wednesday in the nursery, from 9-10 AM. This group provides a great opportunity for networking and sharing favorite 'best practices and resources.' It gives us a chance to talk with other grown-ups about parenting with faith and our little ones a chance to make a positive parish connection and play with other little ones with mom right there. No RSVPs needed; come when you can and as you are!



Intergenerational Play Group

Have you noticed how much joy a baby or young child brings, just by being present? STA is teaming up with Oakwood Village Nursing Home to bring the joy of children to the elderly.



Help brighten the lives of the elderly in our community by joining an intergenerational play group, happening once a month at Oakwood Village. Kids from newborn to age 5 with their parents (moms or dads) will join a group of residents for a time for song and dance lead by Oakwood staff.

The next visit will be **Monday, August 13 at 10:30AM**. Space is limited, so if you are interested in sharing your cutie-pie, email **Alison at robak717@gmail.com** with questions or to sign up. This is a beautiful way to build living the beatitudes into your family's life!

Catholic Multicultural Center Meal Program: Volunteers Needed

St. Thomas Aquinas helps with the food preparation and hosting the meal at the Catholic Multicultural Center the first Thursday of every month. Cooks are needed from 1-3:30 PM and servers from 3:30-5:45. If you have some hours to share, and would like to volunteer on this rewarding experience, **please sign up in the gathering area or contact parish coordinator Fabio at femar71@yahoo.com to learn more.**

Young Adult Connections

In addition to all the good stuff happening around the Diocese for young adults, consider joining us at STA!

- **August 15, 7:30-9 PM** After the 6:30pm Mass for the Feast of the Assumption, we will have our regular young adult night
- **August 22** Come join the 3rd annual cookout at Picnic Point starting at 7 PM. We are located at fire pit #4. You are welcome to bring a dish to pass. **Please contact Bridget Hartog at bmhartog661@gmail.com with any questions.**

STA Singles Dinner Out

Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Singles for our monthly dinner at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano, 1611 Aspen Commons, Middleton on **Thursday, August 23 at 6 PM**. RSVP by Tuesday, August 21st to **Jill at 1-608-604-3070 or jillymoose18@yahoo.com.**

Parish Library

Did you know that we have a parish library, with an amazing selection of non-fiction books, DVDs and CDs (as well as children's books), to help you learn more about your faith? Come and take a look! SOME of our parishioners already have checked it out... in fact about 100 books, DVDs and CDs are checked out (some for quite a long time)! If you have something from the library that you have finished reading, we'd love to have you bring it back for others to enjoy.

Looking to Baptize your child?!

The Baptism of your child is a wonderful occasion and a major step for you as parents, for you have accepted the joy and challenge of raising your child Catholic. Taking this responsibility seriously, St. Thomas Aquinas parish asks that parents prepare and educate themselves.



First, parent(s) wishing to have their child baptized at STA normally need to be registered members of the parish. If you are not a member, please complete and return the parish registration form (available in the Gathering Area, or on our parish website) before registering for baptism.

Second, parent(s) must complete a baptism preparation class before the baptism of their first child. It is not necessary to repeat the class for subsequent children. The parish normally offers this class at 10:30 AM on the first Saturday of each month, unless stated differently in the bulletin. Our upcoming Baptism Prep session are scheduled for **Saturday, September 8 at 10:30 AM**. To register for a class, **Please contact Lorianne at 833-2600 or Lorianne@stamadison.org**. **Godparents are not required to attend this session.

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This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday, August 13

Justice and Peace Meeting, Lower Conference Rm 6:15 PM

Tuesday, August 14

The Marian Prayer Cenacle Group..... 6:00 PM

Women's Group, Lower Conference Rm 6:15 PM

Wednesday, August 15

Assumption Mass..... 8:30 AM

Toddler Time..... 9:00 AM

Assumption Mass..... 12:10 PM

Assumption Mass, bilingual..... 6:30 PM

Young Adults, Gathering Area 7:30 PM

Thursday, August 16

Spanish Rosary..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 18

STACKS, RE Wing Room 102-104..... 1:00 PM

Confessions 3:15 PM

Sunday, August 12

Confessions 9:00 AM

Alpha - Spanish, Social Hall 7:30 PM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, August 17, Rosary

Brookdale: Friday, August 17, Word and Communion

Sebring: Sunday, August 12, Word and Communion

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)

National Suicide Hotline: 800-273-8255

National Hotline Number for Sex Trafficking phone 888-373-7888 text "help" to 233733

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, August 11

4:30 PM Elaine Murphy ☩

Sunday, August 12: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Fr. Donald Murray ☩

10:00 AM The Bugni Family

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, August 13: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:30 AM Dan Dirienzo ☩

Tuesday, August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

5:30 PM Adams Family ☩

Wednesday, August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Elaine Murphy ☩

12:10 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

6:30 PM Paul Loduha ☩

Thursday, August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary

7:30 AM Mary Corcoran ☩

Friday, August 17

8:30 AM Dale Schmitt ☩

Saturday, August 18

4:30 PM Scott Kirch, Kathryn Kirch, and Judy Evans ☩

Sunday, August 19: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Schwab ☩

10:00 AM Marilyn Schaefer ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of August 12

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30--5:2/
Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/
1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21--19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/
Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]/Eph 5:15-20/
Jn 6:51-58

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Music & Liturgy by Greg Buchberger, Director of Music Ministries



In just over a month, we will begin our fall rehearsal schedule at St. Thomas Aquinas. There are many opportunities for students and adults to become involved. If you are a musician, choir member, or cantor here at STA, THANK YOU! If not, NOW is the time to consider becoming involved! Here are a few ways to do it:

Cantor/Small Ensemble: Saturday at 4:30 PM/Sunday at 8:00 AM (Summer Months – Sunday at 10:00 AM)

The cantor's function is to support and encourage the congregation in singing. They are our song leaders, animators, and psalmists. – Join any time. Contact me for more information.

STA Parish Choir: (Sunday at 10:00 a.m. – September – May)

The STA Choir sings weekly at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass and at evening Holy Day Masses, Midnight Mass, Triduum, Confirmation, and other Liturgical Celebrations during the Church Year. This choir is open to students (grade 7 and up) and adults. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM – Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 6. Please contact me ahead of time if you are interested in joining us or would like more information, so that I can have things prepared for our first rehearsal.

STA Choristers: (Saturday at 4:30 PM and/or Sunday at 10:00 AM, Once or Twice a Month – September – May)

The STA Choristers sing monthly at the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass and/or the Sunday 10:00 AM Mass, in addition other celebrations, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve Masses. This choir sings from September through May each year, and is open to students in grades 4—high school. Rehearsals are usually on Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 5 at 5:00 PM. Please share the word and let's get some more of our students involved!

STA Spanish Choir: (Sunday at 6:30 p.m.)

The STA Spanish Choir sings weekly at the 6:30 PM Sunday Mass. This choir joins the STA Parish Choir for bilingual celebrations throughout the Liturgical Year. This choir sings year round and is open to students (grade 7 and up) and adults. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 5:00 PM before the Spanish Mass. Join any time. Contact me for more information or come and join us on Sunday at 5:00 PM in the Music Room!

Instrumentalists & Accompanists: (All Masses)

Instrumentalists and accompanists (piano and/or organ) are encouraged to join our music ministry, depending upon experience. Audition required.

For more information, contact Greg at 608-833-2600 x869 or greg@stamadison.org.

Other opportunities will be available as our program continues to grow. Our team of musicians can only grow through the increased participation and involvement of those in our parish community. Now is the time to reach out to those you know who might be willing to be involved and ask them to join us! Let's dedicate ourselves to excellence in our prayer and in our song by offering our best to God!

Blessings to all of you! Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to help serve God's holy people through the ministry of music here at St. Thomas Aquinas! Feel free to contact me with any questions you have!

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