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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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 19, 2018

*I am the living bread
 that came down from heaven*
 John 6:51

*Yo soy el pan
 vivo que ha bajado del cielo*
 Juan 6:51

Vigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
19 de Agosto de 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Bart

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

In inviting us to feed on His flesh and drink of His blood, Jesus invites us to embrace the life of His Father: the life in which we come to realize our ability to love and understand that love in our lives; the life that



readily offers forgiveness and seeks reconciliation with all; the life that finds liberating joy in humbly serving and giving to others. In the bread He gives us to eat, we become the Body of Christ with and for one another; in His blood He gives us to drink, His life of compassion, justice, and selflessness flows within us, and we become what we have received: a sacrament of unity, peace, and reconciliation.

Dane County Jail Ministry

Dane County Sherriff, Dave Mahoney, has requested that Dcn. Lawrence and I become involved in Jail Ministry. On Tuesday, August 21, we will be attending the Orientation Program. Once we are approved and complete the orientation, we will be able to make pastoral visits to those in the Dane County Jail. Pope Francis has asked us to go into the margins and peripheries of society to share God's mercy. Please keep us and all the chaplains and prisoners in prayer as we begin this new ministry. Also, we continue to pray for our law enforcement officers who so bravely perform their duties each day to protect public safety in our communities.

The Queenship of Mary—Wednesday, Aug. 22

In this feast, on this coming Wednesday, we celebrate Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Pope Pius XII in the Papal Encyclical *Ad Coeli Reginam* proposed the traditional doctrine on the Queenship of Mary and established this feast for the Universal Church.

Pope Pius IX said of Mary's queenship: "Turning her maternal Heart toward us and dealing with the affair of our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord Queen of Heaven and earth, and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of Her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with Her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks."

Prayer to the Queen of Heaven (Written by St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Mother of my God, and my Lady Mary;

as a Beggar, all wounded and sore, presents himself before a Great Queen, so do I present myself before you, who are Queen of Heaven and Earth. From the lofty throne on which you sit, disdain not, I implore you,



to cast your eyes on me, a poor sinner.

God has made you so rich, that you might assist the poor, and has made you Queen of Mercy, in order that you might relieve the miserable.

Behold me then, and pity me;

behold me and abandon me not,

until you see me changed from a sinner, into a saint.

So I hope. So may it be. Amen

Prayer for Life

For the times we are pressured to compromise respect for human life: May the Lord strengthen our courage and resolve; We pray to the Lord:



Por las veces que nos sentimos presionados a poner en peligro el respeto por la vida humana: que el Señor fortalezca nuestro valor y determinación; roguemos al Señor:

Prayer for Justice

That all creatures may be blessed as a sign of God's wondrous love, let us pray to the Lord...

Para que todas las criaturas sean bendecidas como un signo del amor maravilloso de Dios, roguemos al Señor...

Community Meal Program This Week

This **Wednesday, August 22**, St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners will provide the noon meal at Luke House on Madison's near east side. If you signed up to provide food in July, please get it to the parish no later than 10 AM on Wednesday, August 22. Thank you for your compassion to hungry people in Madison.



Music & Liturgy by Greg Buchberger, Director of Music Ministries



We begin our regular schedule of choir rehearsals in the next few weeks. If you still need some prompting to consider joining the choir, here are a few interesting benefits of singing in a choir!

Singing in a choir will do amazing things for you. It will:

- Make you feel good with endorphins and better circulation. Just as we experience the benefits of aerobic exercise, the same hormones are released when someone performs as part of a choir.
- Reduce your stress. The stress-relieving benefits of choir singing have been widely recognized. Reduced stress, endorphins, and the positive emotions felt during group singing contribute to a “high” singers often experience after rehearsals.
- Increase social fulfilment. Studies have found that after just one group singing class, participants feel closer to each other than when participating in other group classes. Oxytocin, the hormone associated with love, trust, and bonding has been associated with collective singing, which may be related to the close bonds of friendship among choirs and singing groups.
- Boost your self-esteem, and keep your memory sharp. Learning something new boosts self-esteem and confidence while stimulating the mind and memory of singers. A further benefit of singing in a choir is the educational side, as participants broaden their understanding, appreciation, and execution of music.
- Help you to grow in your faith, and deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. St. Augustine is often attributed with the phrase, “To sing is to pray twice.” Joining choir allows you to spend time considering and studying the texts that we sing, and to pray in a more profound way.
- Give you a greater perspective and appreciation of the larger Church. The documents of the Church encourage us to embrace the vast diversity in our church, especially through singing music of different styles, languages, and cultures.
- Enhance your connection with others. While we often consider playing sports as being part of a team, the choral experience is all about teamwork and cooperation. All of the members of the choir come together and strive to cooperate in creating a joyful noise to the Lord!

The first rehearsal for Choristers (grades 4-8) is Wednesday, September 5 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM.

The first rehearsal for the Parish Choir (grades 7 – adult) is Thursday, September 6 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

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

Discipleship with Holly Irving

IRA Rollover

Are you 70 ½ years old or older and considering a gift to the parish? If you have an IRA this could provide you with a beneficial way to make a gift of up to \$100,000 this year. Special conditions apply so please contact your tax advisor or plan administrator and then let the me know at Holly Irving holly@stamadison.org or 833-2600.



Message for all Medical Professionals

Everyone has their gifts and talents and being a medical professional is not mine!

If you are a medical professional or EMT and are willing to assist anyone with a medical issue please stop by and introduce yourself to me on your way into church and give me a guestimate of where you might be sitting in case of an emergency! Any questions, **please contact Holly at 833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org.**

Midweek Recharge!

Life is so busy. Make “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10) your focus for the rest of the week.

Which Piece of the Puzzle Are You?

On the surface, ministry is done by the priest and the parish staff, but we can’t do it all! What are your gifts? How can you share them with the parish?

Which puzzle piece are you? Are you the pink puzzle piece sharing your talents on the Care Team? Are you the green puzzle pieces who share their talents helping with office mailings? Haven’t found a way to share your gifts and talents at STA? Pick up a “Get to Know Your Parish” booklet in the Gathering Area. Take one home and check out how you can become a visible puzzle piece or **contact Holly Irving at holly@stamadison.org or call 833-2606!**



Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

August 11/12

Envelope Offerings	\$14,264
Offertory	\$1,398
Children’s Offerings	\$71
Total.....	\$15,733
Building Fund	\$416
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$344

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

Counters Schedule

Monday, August 20

Dick and Mary Ann Ihlenfeld

Monday, August 27

Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus

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 are available in the Gathering Area. Registrations may be submitted several ways: US mail, email to terri@stamadison.org, 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 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 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!**



Rosary Assistance Needed

The Lord Jesus said, "Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." There's joy in sharing prayer with others and a blessing to some who are elderly and infirmed who otherwise do not have such support with their prayer life. Our Blessed Mother has given us the greatest prayer of all – the Rosary!

We have an urgent need for parishioner assistance to lead a simple Rosary prayer with residents at the Oakwood Village Resurrection Chapel. Usually about 10 residents attend the service in the Chapel at 10 AM on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of the month. It takes less than an hour of your time. This can be done on an alternating basis or as a fill-in when needed. Materials and training are available and regular parish Safe Environment policies are required. For more information and to learn more about this wonderful opportunity **please contact Darlene at 203-5913.**



Young Adult 3rd Annual Picnic Point Cookout

Come join the Young Adults for our 3rd annual cookout at Picnic Point on August 22 starting at 7 PM. We are located at fire pit #4. You are encouraged to bring a dish to pass! Please contact **Bridget Hartog at bmhartog661@gmail.com** with any questions, and with your RSVP!

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 21 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. Thank you!



"Chasing Coral" Film Showing

Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 PM

Our Care of Creation Team will host a showing of the film in the Social Hall. This visually compelling film tells the story of scientists racing to document the destruction of coral reefs around the world as climate change takes its toll.

A brief discussion will follow. Handouts with recommendations for further study of Catholic Social Teaching on creation care and actions you can take will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. Bring your friends!

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.

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.**

Edgewood High School (EHS) is still enrolling for the 2018-19 school year!

EHS offers unparalleled academics, accessible athletics opportunities and the chance to express yourself through the arts. Starting on your first day, Edgewood provides a customized program for all new freshmen, easing the transition to high school. Plus, Edgewood teaches what truly matters—compassion for others and the importance of community and serving others. This is truly the heart of the Edgewood experience. **Learn more at edgewoodhs.org/admissions or call our Admissions Office at 608-257-1023, x134.**

“International Night” at The Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC)

Saturday September 8 4:30-7:30 PM

CMC invites you to “International Night”, a fundraiser and community event at our West location, 5256 Verona Rd, Fitchburg. This family-friendly event will feature a diverse entertainment lineup, including stories of refugees and immigrants living in Madison, Mexican Pop by Shelene, Russian singing by Anna Gubenkova, and a special area for child-focused activities; as well as delicious cuisine from a variety of countries.

All are welcome; Admission is a free-will donation of any amount to the CMC. **For questions please contact the CMC for more information: (608) 441-1180.**

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday, August 20

Men's Integrity Group, Library..... 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 21

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

Alpha Potluck, Social Hall..... 6:00 PM

Men's Evening of Recollection, Chapel 6:00 PM

Buildings and Grounds Meeting, Fireside Room 6:30 PM

SVdP Conference Meeting, Lower Conference Room..... 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 22

Community Meal Program participants, have your food here by 10 AM

Toddler Time..... 9:00 AM

Thursday, August 23

Spanish Rosary..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, August 25

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

Heather Taylor and Eric Mergen Wedding..... 1:30 PM

Confessions..... 3:15 PM

Sunday, August 26

Confessions..... 9:00 AM

Alpha - Spanish, Social Hall 7:30 PM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, August 24, Mass

Brookdale: No Service this week

Sebring: Sunday, August 26, Word and Communion

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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 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

Monday, August 20: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Tom Schomisch ☩

Tuesday, August 21: St. Pius X, Pope

5:30 PM Kevin Sorge ☩

Wednesday, August 22: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Chuck Belekevich ☩

Thursday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

7:30 AM Robert and Beverly Hudson ☩

Friday, August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30 AM Harry Pinder ☩

10:00 AM Eugene Runde ☩ at Oakwood

Saturday, August 25: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

4:30 PM Mary Dirienzo ☩

Sunday, August 26: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Betty and Ed Witek ☩

10:00 AM Virginia Stiemsma ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of August 19

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

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/
Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-
23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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Catholic Evangelization Studies (CES) Course

This summer our STA Staff members attended sessions on Evangelization offered through the Diocese of Green Bay. The following are reflections by some of our staff members who attended the sessions.

Thank you to our parishioners who make it possible for our staff to receive ongoing training and formation.

Phase I (Formation in Prayer) -- Discover Jesus

From Lorianne Aubut, Coordinator of Elementary Religious Education and Hispanic Ministry: Knowing that Jesus loves us is the greatest gift we can receive as people of God! But not everyone knows or has experienced this gift of love. This is why we, who are in a journey of unwrapping that gift, have the call to share the gift of love with others. We are the face of Christ to those who have not yet encountered Him. By attending the CES, I was able to experience Jesus in a personal way once again, and I was able to open myself even more to His love and the call He has given to me – the call to love those around me and journey with them until they also feel the love of Christ and are able to share it with others.

From Dominick Meyer, Middle and High School Religious Ed/ Youth Ministry: Our time away at the CES was wonderful. We learned a lot about what has brought the Church to this moment in time and that personal relationship is (and has been) the primary method of evangelization (sharing Jesus). It is a wonderful and exciting challenge for ALL of us (not just the select few) to focus on building new and deepening old friendships so that the glory of God may one day be revealed through our time and love to those friends.

From Clarice Hinrichs, Communications and Hospitality: Wow, what a very moving experience! So much information on the history of teaching Jesus to others and what was done in the past compared to what is being done now to improve the situation. Learning to share Jesus in my life with others and listening for Him in others was very moving.

Phase II (Formation in Discipleship) -- Follow Jesus

From Jenny Ludtke, Evangelization and Parish Outreach: As we finished our last sessions of Alpha for the summer, I was thinking with gratitude about the evangelization training that we have received over the past few years. While I wasn't an Alpha table leader, I keep things running smoothly and basically MC'd. I haven't had a lot of time for one-on-one conversation with people, other than at the Day Away. But for whatever reason, three different people came up to me after the final session ended, and shared with me the painful burdens that they are carrying – being unable to get beyond the death of a sibling; worry about a young adult child who is struggling with depression; strained and broken relationships with grown children. Thanks to the practice we have had, I was able to – without self-consciousness – pray at that very moment with each of these beautiful, hurting people. It is humbling to walk with people through both joy and sadness, knowing that being a part of their journey is what God asks of us. Through simply being present, I pray that these people were able to recognize the presence of God and how much God loves them and wants to heal their hurts.

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