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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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*Master, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words
 of eternal life*
 John 6:68



*Señor, ¿a quién iremos?
 Tú tienes palabras
 de vida eterna*
 Juan 6:68

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018

Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
26 de Agosto de 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Bart

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's fifth and final excerpt from the "Bread of Life Discourse" in John's sixth chapter, those who cannot endure Jesus' talk about giving His "flesh to eat" leave feeling disappointed. Such hopelessness can eventually destroy us; the sense that God has abandoned us can cripple us emotionally and spiritually. Peter responds with a simple and profound confession of faith in Jesus: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." This faith is a gift from the Father and leads to a great friendship with Jesus so that Jesus Himself will later call them "friends." We who have also been given that great gift of faith in Jesus are also called to greater friendship with Him!



Thank You to Deacon Lawrence Oparaji!

This weekend will mark the conclusion of Dcn. Lawrence's summer assignment as Deacon at St. Thomas Aquinas. We thank him for his ministry among us. He was able to preside over a wedding, and several funerals and baptisms. He also had the experience of preaching twice a month at our Sunday Masses and twice a week at our weekday Masses. Deacon Lawrence spent time observing marriage preparation sessions, funeral planning sessions, wedding rehearsals, and pastoral care visits to name a few of his experiences. I hope that we have offered him a good opportunity for learning and experiences that will help him as he begins his priestly ministry after his Priesthood Ordination on Friday, June 28, 2019 at St. Maria Goretti Parish.

From my point of view, it has been an enjoyable and uplifting experience for me as pastor to see Dcn. Lawrence grow and do so well in his serving of our parishioners. It gives me great joy and hope for the future of the priesthood in our Diocese of Madison. I am also so grateful for the goodness, prayers, and support that so many of our parishioners have extended to Dcn. Lawrence during his time with us. It was a mutual blessing for Deacon Lawrence and our entire parish family, including myself. Dcn. Lawrence will continue to call St. Thomas Aquinas home during his final year of formation and we will be seeing him when he is home for holidays. It is exciting to wonder where his first assignment will be after he is ordained!

We wish Dcn. Lawrence the very best as he returns to St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, MN today. Until we see him again, we will keep his inspiring themes from his very first homily on Trinity Sunday of *UNITY* and *LOVE* in our hearts and minds. Thank you, Dcn. Lawrence for your diaconal ministry and preaching the Word of God among us!

Fall Weddings

I am beginning a string of weddings as summer turns to fall. This will keep me from presiding at our Saturday 4:30 PM Mass about five times between now and November. I am sorry for my absence, however, weddings are once in a lifetime celebrations and I will be out of town on these Saturdays with family and friends who have asked me to preside at their Sacrament of Marriage. Thank you for your understanding. Next weekend, for example, I will be away presiding at a wedding in Bloomington, IL for some very close friends of mine.

Prayer for Life

May friends and families of women who are unexpectedly pregnant provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child; We pray to the Lord:



Para que los amigos y familiares de las mujeres que quedan embarazadas sin haberlo esperado brinden un apoyo amoroso y que afirme la vida para la madre y el bebé; roguemos al Señor:

Prayer for Justice

That we may use our technological inventiveness to undo the damage we have done to God's creation and to sustain God's gift of nature, let us pray to the Lord.

Para que usemos la tecnología que hemos inventado para terminar los daños que hemos hecho a la creación de Dios y para sostener el regalo de la naturaleza que Dios nos ha dado, roguemos al Señor.



Closed Labor Day

The building will be closed all day. No Mass, office hours, or access to the building.

Thank You from Deacon Lawrence Oparaji

WOW! What a summer it has been, what a great blessing it has been to serve among you all that I love and care about so deeply. I sincerely would not have asked for a better summer in all ramifications. It has been joyful to be ordained and to be able to serve so close to the altar. As always, I have received so much love and support from you all in one way or the other and my heart is filled with feelings of gratitude and thanksgiving to God, and to all of you. Special thanks to Fr. Bart and the entire staff here at St. Thomas Aquinas for all you have done for me this summer. I have learned a lot and I have been able to experience a lot of aspects of parish life/ministry and I thank you all, Fr. Bart, Staff and parishioners for that.



It is just powerful to look back at how fast the years have flown by and how my love for this wonderful parish family has continued to grow. I return back to seminary today and in one year I will be raised to the order of priesthood and sent out into the mission field to bring God's love, mercy and healing. All thanks to God and all of you, you have watched me grow and given me the right environment for growth. I sincerely thank you all.

The summer is over but I carry all the memories created with me as I return to school, if you are ever in or around the Twin Cities do not hesitate to "holla." Please keep me in your prayers and be rest assured that I say my rosary for your intentions every day. God bless and thank you for a great, blessed and rewarding summer.

Seminarian, Michael Wanta



Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever!

After what seems like a short time, my summer is drawing to a close. Since I last wrote, I have helped welcome the new class of first-year theologians to the Seminary, including Matthew Pearson from our diocese.

It was a crazy few days as I was in charge of the off-campus events and had to do a lot of behind-the-scenes work. We took a few trips to places like the tomb of St. Paul, the Lateran Basilica, and the catacombs. It was a very busy week, but it was rewarding to realize that everything I was doing was an act of service. I don't think I've ever had less sleep in my life, but by the paradox of true self-gift and sacrifice, it was exceptionally life giving.

Since then I've spent about 20 days up in the Dolomite Mountains in Northern Italy helping out at a summer camp. I can easily say that this was a much crazier experience, not because it was busy but rather because of the radical change of company, culture, and not least of all, language.

The first few days were a true purgatory, as I have never felt more isolated, surrounded by many kind and generous people yet unable to effectively communicate. What was I, a guy from Oregon, WI doing in the middle of a small mountain town summer camp trying to be a witness to the love of Christ to a bunch of Italian kids while only being able to throw together a few sentences in broken Italian? "Yet the Love of Christ compels us" (2 Cor 5:14) and it is not I who makes the seed grow, but the Lord who produces good fruit as He wills.

Yet in the midst of this, I was able to hear Christ's call to intimacy with Him in prayer and service to others. I had to realize: "I am not here to learn Italian, God has called me here to mold me as He wants." In the end I have learned much Italian and I just hope that my English writing skills haven't been invaded with too many Italianisms! This has been a fruitful and grace-filled time which allows me to say with St. Maximillian Kolbe: We are made to glorify God and He is glorified most of all by the salvation of souls. So let us bring many souls to Christ through Mary, the surest path to know the Son of God, born of a woman.

This summer has made me more excited to dedicate myself to my studies and to return to the states in a few short years to serve our diocese, and to do it in English!

As always, know of my prayers for you all.

Discipleship with Holly Irving

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Message for all Medical Professionals

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

Midweek Recharge!

Go out into your yard tonight and gaze up at the stars! Share with God your biggest challenge! Ask God to grant you peace as you deal with this challenge.

Which Piece of the Puzzle Are You?

Where do you fit in? There are many opportunities to give of your time and talent at STA! Pick up a "Get to Know Your Parish" booklet in the Gathering Area so you can be ready to pledge your time and talent in the upcoming weeks. Take one home and check out how you can become a visible puzzle piece or **contact Holly Irving at 833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org!**

"What shall we return to the Lord for all He has given us?"

Psalm 116:12

This is a verse from Psalms that reminds me how selfish I am. God has given me so much that I really need to be more generous. I used to give, but from what was left over or what I could afford. It was not until about 20 years ago that I realized my responsibility to tithe! Tithing is a responsibility of all Christians. It must be taken seriously! Please pray about what you will return to the Lord.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Assumption, August 12

Envelope Offerings	\$1,394
Offertory	\$9
Children's Offerings.....	\$553
Total.....	\$1,956

August 18/19

Envelope Offerings	\$12,725
Offertory	\$1,267
Children's Offerings.....	\$57
Total.....	\$14,049

Building Fund	\$260
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$205

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

Counters Schedule

Monday, August 27

Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus

Tuesday, September 4

Don Mahoney and Sara Marx

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.**

Music & Liturgy by Greg Buchberger, Director of Music Ministries

We begin our fall rehearsal schedule next week! If you are not currently involved in our Music Ministry, now is the time to consider becoming involved!



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

The cantor's function is to support and encourage the congregation in singing.

STA Parish Choir: (Sunday at 10:00 AM September – May)

The STA Choir sings weekly at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. In addition, this group sings for evening Holy Day Masses. This choir is open to students (grade 7 and up) and adults. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM – Our first rehearsal is scheduled for **Thursday, September 6.**

STA Choristers: (Saturday at 4:30 PM 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, this group has the opportunity to sing for other celebrations. This choir sings from September through May each year, and is open to students (grades 4-8) as well as high school students. Rehearsals are most often on Wednesday from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM – Our first rehearsal is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 5 at 5:00 PM.**

STA Spanish Choir: (Sunday at 6:30 PM)

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 6:30 PM Spanish Mass. – Join any time

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

Parish Library News

Are you looking for insight into some lingering uncertainty you may have about our Faith, or for help when talking with a non-Catholic? Our library shelves offer ready assistance on all topics through books such as *Fundamentals Of Catholicism*, *Catholicism For Dummies*, and *Radio Replies*, which is a collection of authoritative answers to a broad range of questions. Consider taking a look!



"Chasing Coral" Film Showing at STA

Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 PM

Our Care of Creation Team will host a showing of this film in the Social Hall. This visually compelling movie 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 is 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.

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, September 10 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!



Last week, the Nigerian Association of Priests and Seminarians spent some time with us here at St. Thomas Aquinas. May God continue to bless these men and their vocations, as they serve throughout the United States.



"God keeps his promises and will do what he says. It is not a matter of if, but only a matter of when."

DR. ALLEN HUNT
Taken from Confessions of a
Mega Church Pastor

Dynamic Catholic

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, August 28

The Marian Prayer Cenacle Group..... 6:00 PM
Women's Evening of Recollection, Chapel..... 6:00 PM
Discipleship Meeting, Lower Conference Room 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 29

Toddler Time..... 9:00 AM

Thursday, August 30

Spanish Rosary..... 6:00 PM

Saturday, September 1

Confessions..... 3:15 PM

Sunday, September 2

Confessions..... 9:00 AM
SVdP Meeting, Library..... 9:00 AM
No Spanish Alpha because of Labor Day

Monday, September 3

No Mass
Building and Office will be closed all day and evening

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

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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 25

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

Monday, August 27: St. Monica

8:30 AM Jim and Elaine Tracy ☩

Tuesday, August 28: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

5:30 PM Maximino Yañez ☩

Wednesday, August 29: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 AM Dick Genske ☩

Thursday, August 30

7:30 AM LaVerne Malcheski ☩

Friday, August 31

8:30 AM Marvin Frisch ☩

Saturday, September 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

4:30 PM Vic and Mary Elsinger ☩

Sunday, September 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Chuck Belekevich ☩

10:00 AM Velma Lins ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of August 26

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/
Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Bereavement Ministry Series

The Pastoral Care Office at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish will offer a Bereavement Ministry Series on six Monday evenings beginning September 10 through October 15 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in the Parish Center. This evening series provides a place to learn about grief within the context of our Catholic faith, and to share our personal experience in a safe, confidential, supportive, listening environment. Marie Varriale Bereavement Team member and Sheila Utter, Parish Nurse will co-facilitate these sessions. Whether your loss is recent or a long time ago, if you are feeling the need for spiritual support on your journey, we invite you to rediscover the hope of our Catholic faith. We will use the book *Grieving with the Help of Your Catholic Faith* as a guide and it will be available at the first session. Preregistration for the series is required so enough books can be ordered for all.

Brochures are available in the information centers in church. To register, please complete the form in the brochure, call the Pastoral Care Office at 231-4617, or email: Teresa.spevacek@qopc.org before Wednesday, September 5. Come; discover Christ's healing for your sorrowful heart. You are not alone.

Martin Zavala: Católico Vive y Defiende Tu Fe

Santo Tomás de Aquino

Domingo, 9 de septiembre

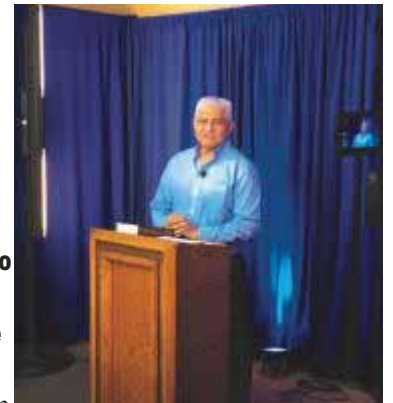
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Martin Zavala es misionero laico, autor de 18 libros, participante en programas de Radio y Televisión y director de varios sitios web. También ha sido profesor de la materia de Apologética, y fundador del Instituto Diocesano de Teología de Cd. Juárez y de Misioneros de la Palabra de Dios.



Live Catholic and Defend Your Faith With Martin Zavala at St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, September 9, 2:30 PM; Mass follows at 6:30 PM

Tickets include supper and are \$10 per adult.

To buy tickets call Lorianne at 608-833-2600

Books will be available for purchase.

Martin Zavala is a lay missionary, author of 18 books, radio and television speaker, and director of several websites. He has also been a professor of apologetics and the founder of the Diocesan Institute of Theology of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and the Missionaries of the Word of God.

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