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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Catechetical Sunday
Danos la sabiduría de pasar a la siguiente generación ese amor que tú gratuitamente nos das.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2018
From the Desk of Fr. Bart

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me (Mark 8:34).”

As an evangelizing parish our goal is not to get people involved with events and activities in the parish, but to help all parishioners encounter Jesus and experience conversion through their involvement at the parish and outside the parish. As a parish of missionary disciples, our goal is not to get more people to give more time, talent, and treasure to the parish. Our goal is to help individuals commit their entire life to Jesus and live out that commitment each day of their lives.

Next weekend we will be pledging our time, talent, and treasure in support of our parish family. Please consider this week who Jesus is for you. Consider offering your life to Jesus. How are you being called to give your life to Jesus? What activities will help you to encounter Jesus and experience conversion?

Let us reflect on one of my favorite quotes from our Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI at World Youth Day:

“Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom? . . . No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No! Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long personal experience of life, I say to you, dear young people: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life. Amen.”

Annual Finance Report

Please take time today to read our Annual Finance Report that is included in this Sunday’s bulletin. I am so pleased to be able to offer you this information about the parish finances. Thank you for your generous financial support of our St. Thomas Aquinas Parish! It is a true blessing to me to belong to this amazing parish and I am so grateful for all we are able to accomplish with God’s help and yours for the glory of Jesus Christ. Let us continue to make the sacrifices necessary to continue our mission of bringing the mercy of Jesus like a healing salve to the people of our community and world.

Autumn Ember Days September 19, 21, and 22

Bishop Morlino has asked us to intensify our prayer of reparation for the sins of the sexual abuse scandal. Specifically, he asked for a Mass of Reparation, which we celebrated on Friday, September 14, 2018 and for people to observe prayer, fasting and abstinence on the Autumn Ember Days (September 19, 21, 22). Please read carefully the information on pages 6 and 7 to help in participating in this prayer. Remember, fasting

Fr. Bart’s article is continued on the next page
**Reflection from Deacon Lawrence Oparaji**

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."

My spiritual director at the seminary will always say “Many Christians today are like God’s secretary, they work for Him, they try to follow Him, but they do not know Him, they do not talk to Him.” Many of us are in a relationship with someone we do not talk to or even know well enough to give ourselves totally. It is like being married and everyday asking your spouse “hey what is your name again” or “who are you.” That is how much we know God.

In these times of so much crisis in our dear church, it is urgent that we stop being God’s secretaries and start being His true friends, His adopted sons and daughters. It is highly important that we stop being strangers with a friend who has given up everything for us. We need to make efforts to come to know God. He knows us by name even before we are born, as we read in the prophet Jeremiah “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;” He is that interested in us. He knows us and loves us enough to die for us, but how interested have we been in Him?

Today Jesus is asking each of us to get to know Him. A great start in my humble and limited opinion is Alpha; other opportunities include reading, spiritual direction and making time to spend with our Lord in adoration, almost like a going out on a date with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him talk to us through His Eucharistic presence.

**Bishop Barron: “The Mass”**

On Tuesday mornings, beginning September 18, from 9:30-11:00 AM in the upper conference room, you are invited to seven 90-minute sessions (one Orientation and six video talks and discussions) to walk through the order of the Mass and receive inspiration and insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. There is no cost for this study. RSVP to Jenny Ludtke, Director of Evangelization, at 833-2606 or Jenny@stamadison.org for more information or from food is one way to fast, but there are other things/activities we can fast from during these days.

Thank you for your continued fervent prayer for healing for the victims of sexual abuse and harassment and for wisdom and courage for the Holy Father and all Bishops. May the Holy Spirit bring healing, hope and unity to all parts of Christ’s Body in this difficult time.

**Madison Diocese Assembly of Priests**

Tonight after the Spanish Mass, I will be leaving for the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells for the Diocesan Presbyteral Assembly. The theme this year is “Christian Witnesses to a Post-Christian World.” This year’s assembly will feature Mr. Ryan Anderson, Ph.D. author and senior research fellow, Heritage Foundation; and Mr. Matt Meeks, Chief

**RCIA – Should I become Catholic?**

If you are considering becoming Catholic or are already Catholic but haven’t been confirmed, you are invited to participate in our parish RCIA program. It gives you an opportunity to learn about our Catholic religion, grow closer to God through prayer, and ultimately receive the sacraments and become a member of the Catholic Church. We usually meet on Sunday morning, 11:15 AM-12:30 PM, from fall until just after Easter. To see if the RCIA process is something you would like to be a part of, please contact Jenny Ludtke, Director of Evangelization and Outreach, 833-2606 or Jenny@stamadison.org.

**Young Adults: New things are about to begin, starting September 17**

Join the young adults as we explore JustFaith: Living Compassionately - Caring for the Poor, a program which will challenge us to revisit with new eyes the relationship between our faith and our responsibility to take care of the poor among us. In our world of consumerism and excess, we invite you to grow and deepen in awareness of the reality of poverty in the U.S. and globally. Join our active young adult community as we commit to dialogue, active listening, and spiritual practices to grow in our awareness of and response to society’s needs. The first session will be September 17, 7-9 PM. Each is set up to work as a ‘stand alone evening’ so join us whenever you can!

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: An Engaging Journey Through the Bible**

This eight-part study (30-minute sessions) provides an easy way to understand the Bible. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father’s unfailing love for you—a love that you are now called to share with others. You will:

- Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your life
- Discover the connections between the Old and New Testaments
- See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture … and much more!

This is a great follow-up to Alpha! It costs $20 and runs on Tuesdays,
Social Justice Funding Requests Being Accepted

Our STA parish budget includes funds for outreach to assist charities involved with social justice. Parish members who are advocates for an organization may request funding. The Outreach Funding Review Board is currently accepting requests for this year’s review. If you would like to have your organization included please contact Kathy Taddy at 608-831-1120 or pktaddy@tds.net. She can give you more information about the review process and provide the request forms.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

September 1 and 2
Envelope Offerings ............................................... $11,924
Offertory ................................................................ $1,483
Children’s Offerings ................................................. $172
Total ..................................................................... $13,579
Building Fund ............................................................ $300
Capital Improvement Fund ....................................... $105
Flood Fund ..............................................................$1,220

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

Counters Schedule
Monday, September 17
Mary Michalski and Cyrilla Wipperfurth

Monday, September 24
Jan McGinley and Edward Corcoran

Discipleship with Holly Irving

Thank you!
A few times throughout the year, it is important, to celebrate and give thanks to those who have remembered our parish with a planned gift. Thanks you to everyone for your generosity and sacrifice!

Midweek Recharge!
How do you pray? Is prayer saying our memorized prayers or is it entering into a personal relationship with God? For the rest of this week, thank God for all He has given you. Tell Him what worries you. Speak to Him and then listen!

Discipleship!
It’s that time of the year! This week, you will be receiving a mailing about returning to the Lord all He has given to you! Please read the materials and prayerfully ask how you will pledge next weekend? God has given you many gifts. Can you give some of your time? What are the talents, God has given you? Can you use some of your talents to bring others closer to God? How can you financially help the parish in the mission of Jesus?

Children’s Envelopes
Children’s Envelopes to put their offerings into the basket in front of church are given out during Religious Education Class. If your child did not get envelopes, they can be found in the Gathering Area in a basket.

September: New Beginnings!
Everything kicks off in September! Kids are back in school, playing sports, learning to play instruments, learning to drive! Parents are spending their time taxiing their children around. Adults are renewing their interest in the gym, taking in a movie, enjoying time with friends, etc.

Now is the time to think about our decisions for how we will make a disciple’s response during the coming year through our commitment to the life of our parish. Here are a few tips for maximizing a grace-filled year:

- Make Mass your top weekend priority!
- Consider how best to use your talents in the service of the parish. Pray over what parish ministry is calling your name.
- Introduce yourself to Fr. Bart or one of the staff!
- Serve the poor through activities in your parish.
- Consider taking an adult faith formation class! Have you attended Alpha?
- Let your children know that faith formation is a priority to you and be sure to thank the people involved in this ministry.
- Review your financial giving. Were you a faithful giver during the summer? Pray about how to give from the “first fruits” instead of what is left over.

- attributed to International Catholic Stewardship Council.
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?

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

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

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!

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Prayer for the
Reparation of Sin
and the Ember Days

In a letter written by Bishop Morlino to the people of the Diocese regarding the ongoing sexual abuse scandal in the Church, he called all within the Diocese to intensify their prayer and fasting for purification from this heinous sin. Masses of reparation are being held throughout the Diocese on September 14, the Feast of the Holy Cross. He also invited people to observe the Autumn Ember Days (September 19, 21, 22) “as days of fasting and abstinence in reparation for the sins and outrages committed by members of the clergy and episcopacy.” There is more on that below.

What is reparation?

Reparation occurs when one makes amends for a wrong done, especially through sin. One can see that the word “repair” is closely linked to “reparation.” When Jesus died on the Cross, he “offered his life out of love for the Father to make reparation for our sinful disobedience” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, p. 897). His saving life, death and resurrection repaired humanity’s relationship with God, lost by the Sin of Adam and Eve. When we offend God, we make amends by going to confession and doing penance. We also can ask God fervently for mercy on others who may offend God.

The Church is the Body of Christ. When one part of the body suffers, all suffer. Thousands of people have suffered because of the reprehensible sexual sins committed by Catholic clergy (and others) on our children and vulnerable adults. These boys and girls, men and women, have suffered tremendously. The sins against them cry out to God for mercy. While God heard their cries, the leaders of the Church usually did not. In fact, these atrocities were facilitated by the failure of bishops and the institutional Church to make amends in justice.

The first part of the solution is to ask God for forgiveness and to pray that his justice lights the way for the Church from henceforth. As fellow members of Christ’s Body, we ask God to forgive the weakness and sin of those who acted against or covered up their actions even as we pray for healing and consolation for those hurt through these sins.

There are numerous traditional prayers of reparation starting with the seven “Penitential Psalms” from the Bible: Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143. If you enter “prayers of reparation” into your computer’s search engine, you will find many additional prayers.

What are Ember Days?

The Ember Days are days set aside by the Church for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The days are related to human activities, particularly the seasons of the year. Pope Leo I (c. 400-461) said that these days are connected to the seasons so that “we may learn from the constantly recurring annual cycle that we are in constant need for purification” (Sermon 94, 3). In essence, they provide the opportunity to us to reflect on God’s graciousness and to remember our constant need of conversion.

The origin of the Ember Days is not particularly clear. There may be some connection to God’s command to set aside days throughout the seasons to fast and then have cheerful feasts (see Zechariah 8:19). We know that some form of the ember days was celebrated in the Church of Rome from a very early time, and by the fifth century they were firmly rooted in the Church’s life.

The Ember Days came to be celebrated rather vigorously in the Church. In the reform of the liturgical calendar following the Second Vatican Coun-
When are the Ember Days?

The traditional celebrations of Ember Days loosely correspond to the seasons of the year. They occur on the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following certain liturgical feasts. These are noted below:

**Ember Days & Upcoming Dates**

*After the Feast of the Holy Cross (September 14)*
- Sept. 19, 21, 22, 2018

*After the Feast of St. Lucy (December 13)*
- Dec. 19, 21, 22, 2018

*After the First Sunday of Lent*
- March 13, 15, 16, 2019

*After Pentecost*
- June 12, 14, 15, 2019

What is called for in terms of prayer, fasting, and abstinence?

Ember Days are somewhat like days of Lent. We intensify our prayer, particularly asking God for the forgiveness of our sins, especially sins permitted against children and the ensuing cover-ups. Fasting and abstinence rules are similar to those we have on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—one full meal with two smaller meals. Meat may be eaten at the main meal on these days if they are not Fridays. This is entirely voluntary and is not a requirement of the Church or Diocese. It is an option for us all to offer our entire being to God in reparation of sin.

Psalm 51:3-19

A Prayer of Penance & Reparation

*This is the prayer of King David after he committed adultery with Bathsheba and killed her husband, Uriah (see 2 Samuel 11-12)*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offenses truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed may thrill.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

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Thank You so much to the 135 parish members and friends who joined us last Sunday for a conference in Spanish with Martin Zavala about defending our Catholic Faith and responding to

Our conference leader, lay missionary and author Martin Zavala, with Fr. Bart and Lorianne Aubut, parish coordinator of Hispanic Ministry.

The group joined in the talks enthusiastically, with laughter, applause, and prayer.

Between Mr. Zavala’s two talks, our guests enjoyed dinner together.

The evening ended with our 6:30 Mass in Spanish.
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

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday, September 17
Men's Integrity Group, Library .................................................... 6:00 PM
Young Adults, Gathering Area .................................................... 6:00 PM
Confirmation Meeting, RE Wing .............................................. 8:00 PM

Tuesday, September 18
The Marian Prayer Cenacle Group .............................................. 6:00 PM
Men's Evening of Recollection .................................................... 6:00 PM
SvdP Conference Meeting, Upper Conference Room ............... 6:30 PM
Discipleship Meeting, Lower Conference Room ................. 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 19
Toddler Time............................................................................ 9:00 AM
1st Grade RE, RE Wing .............................................................. 5:00 PM
Elementary RE, RE Wing ...................................................... 6:00 PM

Thursday, September 20
Spanish Rosary ......................................................................... 6:00 PM

Friday, September 22
PK - K RE, RE Wing ................................................................. 9:15 AM

Saturday, September 22
Confessions ............................................................................... 3:15 PM

Sunday, September 23
Confessions ............................................................................... 9:00 AM
Alpha After Mass, Upper Conference Room ....................... 11:00 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week
Oakwood: Friday, September 21, Rosary
Brookdale: Friday, September 21, Word and Communion
Sebring: Sunday, September 23, Word and Communion

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Lt. Colonel Michael Everton, brother of Jennifer Doering
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SSGT Mike Levesque, brother of Chad Levesque
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Steven Thomas, brother of Linda Galang
SSGT Jack Vilim, nephew of Mary Crave
SSGT Ian Bush, nephew of Patrick and Kathy Taddy
SSGT Jason Voss, nephew of Gary and Nancy Kubat

Please let Mary or Clarice (833-2600) know if there has been a change to the status of your family member.
Readings for the Week of September 16

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/
   Mk 8:27-35

Monday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/
   Mk 8:27-35

Tuesday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/
   Lk 7:1-10

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   Lk 7:1-10

Saturday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/
   Lk 7:1-10

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/ as 3:16-4:3/
   Mk 9:30-37

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Prayer for Catechists

God of our fathers and mothers, today we mark Catechetical Sunday, the day we recommit ourselves to teaching and forming disciples to continue your work in this world.

In the beginning, you created man to please you and offer you companionship.

We turned away from you without knowing the great love you had for us.

Help us to recapture that understanding of your love for us and for creation.

Give us wisdom to hand on to the next generation that love you freely give us.

We ask all that is good to come upon our catechetical leaders and the people whom they lead to the faith.

We ask all this in the name of the primary teacher of the faith, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

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40 Days for Life Vigil

St. Thomas Aquinas will again participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign in Madison. From September 26 through November 4, we will join other Christians in 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Many will also stand and peacefully pray outside the Planned Parenthood clinic at 3706 Orin Rd. in Madison during the 40-day vigil. Could you pray with Jesus for mothers and their unborn child one hour during these 40 days? St. Thomas Aquinas will pray at Planned Parenthood on Thursdays during the Vigil from 5 to 6 PM and from 6 to 7 PM. Two people will be present during each of these two hours, starting on Thursday Sept. 27 until Thursday Nov. 1. *Signup sheets* for our parish commitment will be in the Gathering area starting this weekend. For more information on 40 Days for Life, contact Gwen Finnegan 393-8545 or 40daysforlife.com/Madison

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The Office of Worship to Host Series on Vatican II’s Constitution on Sacred Liturgy

All sessions are led by renowned liturgical scholar Abbot Marcel Rooney, OSB. His informative and enjoyable presentations make these sessions appropriate for anyone who participates in the Church’s liturgies. The workshop is especially geared toward parishioners who simply want to know how to celebrate the liturgy more fully so that their lives may bear abundant fruit!

The sessions will be on Saturdays, September 29, November 17, January 19, February 16 and March 16, all from 9:30-11:30 AM at Holy Name Heights 702 S High Point Rd in Madison. You may come to one or to all five! The sessions are free, a voluntary offering will be accepted at each session. To learn more or to register, go to www.madisondiocese.org/Rooney

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