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*We remember the faithful departed of our parish
Recordamos a los fieles difuntos de nuestra parroquia*

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
November 4, 2018 | 4 de Noviembre 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Bart

National Vocations Awareness Week- November 4-10

As Catholics we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! God calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life. Some remain as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one.



Today begins National Vocations Awareness Week. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or consecrated life.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express to you all again how edifying it is and how grateful I am for your support of our parish seminarian, Deacon Lawrence. I truly appreciate the way in which you have welcomed Dcn. Lawrence into our parish and how so many of you have welcomed him into your homes and families. As a priest, forming close relationships and friendships with others is so essential to one’s health and well-being. One of my biggest concerns about Dcn. Lawrence is that he is so young and so far from home; it was important to me that he feel at home here and strongly supported. I wanted our parish to be life-giving and encouraging to him as he progressed through the seminary years, which in my memory could at times be academically grueling and made me feel “cut off” from friends and family. Your continued prayers and support are appreciated as Dcn. Lawrence completes his final semesters before ordination to the priesthood. Thank you for your goodness to him!

I hope that everyone has **Friday, June 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM** marked down for his Priesthood Ordination and **Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 4:30 PM** marked down for his First Mass of Thanksgiving. More details will be coming! This will truly be a joyful and historic day for our STA family and for Dcn. Lawrence and his family. We sure need good and holy priests and God has answered our prayers by sending us Dcn. Lawrence!

October Count Results:

Please see the chart and graphs on page 6 that give you a picture of how we are doing with our Sunday Mass attendance. In a nutshell, when I look at the numbers and graphs over the last eight years dating back to 2010, our Mass attendance has remained very steady. There is a slight trending downward at our Masses in English since 2010. Compared to last year, our October average monthly attendance has dropped 53 people. Even with our additional Mass in Spanish, our overall Mass attendance is now trending downward. Our 2016 and 2017 totals for Mass attendance were slightly higher than our 2018 totals, especially at our 10:00 AM Mass, which decreased by an average of 45 people from 2017. I included our September 2018 attendance totals to be sure that we were not seeing an anomaly in our October count. These numbers seem very consistent so I believe that we have an accurate depiction of our Mass attendance.

It is my hope that with our efforts in the New Evangelization, we can reverse the downward trend at our Masses in English, by attracting more of our family and friends to attend Mass, and at the same time continue to build up our ministry to our Hispanic brothers and sisters living in our neighborhood. Thank you for your faithful presence at our Sunday Masses and for all you do for our

Prayer for Life

For those nearing the end of life:
May they place their faith in Christ
and be strengthened in hope
for eternal life with Him;
We pray to the Lord:



Por los que se acercan al final de su vida:
para que pongan su fe en Cristo
y sean fortalecidos en la esperanza
de la vida eterna con Él;
roguemos al Señor:

Our Call to Vote

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.” This statement comes from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the document, *The Challenges of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. As we approach Election Day, Nov. 6, we encourage all to exercise their right and moral obligation to vote. To help you form your conscience when deciding which candidate to vote for, see the Bishops’ document on line at usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship. There is a wealth of information available to you as you prepare to vote. You can check MyVote.wi.gov to see your registration status, find your polling place, examine a sample ballot, find a listing of your current elected officials, request an absentee ballot or check your request’s status.

Catholic Herald Subscriptions

Many parishioners may not be aware that we are required by the Diocese to send a *Catholic Herald* subscription to each family, unless you choose to opt out.



As a consequence, we pay over \$21,000 annually for those subscriptions, which is a significant line item in our budget.

Currently, contributions for those subscriptions amount to less than \$3,000 annually. Please help us close this \$18,000 gap in our budget by using the *Catholic Herald* Envelope in your envelope packet next February with your \$20 subscription payment. Thank you for your help and support in managing our budget.

Fr. Bart’s article is continued on the next page

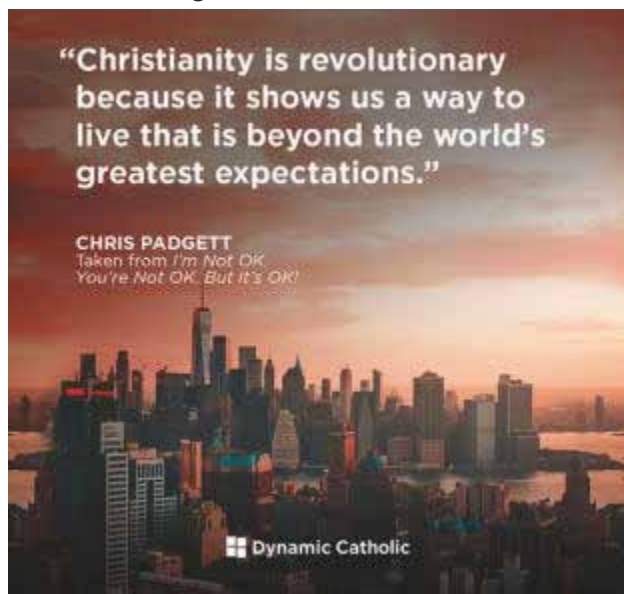
Reflection from Deacon Lawrence Oparaji



The word *love* is one of the most used words today. We use it when we mean it and even when we do not—sad, hurtful, but true. But, what does it even mean? Anytime I think of love, first, I think of Jesus on the Cross, then I think of Titanic (sorry if you have not seen this movie). I think of Jack and Rose. I think of a young man, who out of love that we could not describe, gave up his life so that a young woman, who he had just met, could live. If we are asked to describe in one word what Jack did for Rose, the most fitting word would be sacrifice! The word sacrifice itself has a lot to do with love. To love, one must let go of something that is precious and that entails making a sacrifice. So, to define love we must always keep our eyes on sacrifice. There can never be love without sacrifice, which is why it is difficult for a selfish person to love properly and effectively, because his/her self-interest will always block the way of reaching out to others

To love is not optional, as most of us think. It is a commandment which carries a lot of consequences. In John (13:34) our Lord Jesus Christ said: “I give you a new commandment, Love one another as I have loved you.” It also identifies who we are: “If you love one another everyone will know that you are my disciple” (John 13:35). Love is not based on conditions or conveniences. For some people their love is seasonal: the season of abundance; when things are going fine. The litmus test for love is critical times like the one Rose and Jack experienced at the Titanic tragedy and the love Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had for God to the extent of marching into the burning furnace, like the love Christ has for us that led Him to the cross.

Today our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the assignment to examine how we love. Do we love just by words, just by flowers, paintings, writings, messages and other material gifts or do we practice and actualize love by our selflessness? Love is really love when it is selfless and sacrificial! Love is love when we lay down our lives for the good of the other.



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

St. Thomas Aquinas family. Your attendance and active participation make a difference to our parish!

Thank You

I want to sincerely thank our entire STA family for your goodness to Fr. John Norder, who was a dedicated member of our parish for the past eight years. He celebrated our Monday, 8:30 AM daily Mass, heard Confessions every Sunday between our morning Masses, and concelebrated our 10:00 AM Mass each Sunday. He also helped us with many other Masses and Reconciliation services. We will certainly miss him! As Bishop Morlino said at his funeral, “he loved sharing Christ with others.” We thank Fr. John for sharing the gift of the priesthood with us!

I was so touched by the outpouring of support of all who attended his wake and funeral this last week. You filled the church for the funeral Mass, which was a beautiful way to send him off to eternal life!

Especially I thank our STA Staff for their tireless work and great efforts they put forth to prepare for, host, and clean up after the event. I also thank all of our dedicated volunteers of our Funeral Lunch Committee. It was a large group to feed, and you did it so well! Thank you to the STA Choir. I received many compliments on the luncheon and music at the Mass.

It is a great joy to be among you as pastor of STA and I am so blessed to be a part of our very special and loving community. Fr. John told me that STA was keeping him alive. He loved being a part of our parish! You made his retirement such good and happy years because of your love, care, and support. Thank you again for your goodness and for all you do for our beloved STA family!

Final Out of Town Wedding of 2018

In August I mentioned that I had three out of town weddings coming up this fall. This Saturday is my final one that will keep me away from the 4:30 PM Mass. I will be celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage with my second cousin who is the youngest of five siblings. He is taking over the family farm and is marrying a woman who is a Physician's Assistant. The wedding is in Potosi, WI. Thank you to Fr. Jim Kuhn for helping us with our Saturday Mass this weekend.

Sunday, November 11 Pumpkin Treat Sunday/ Donut Sunday!

Do you have a great pumpkin treat that you would like to share with the parish?

Next Sunday we will be making a change to Donut Sunday! We would like to have people sign up to bring a pumpkin treat to share with everyone.

Please **contact Clarice at Clarice@stamadison.org or 833-2600** to sign up to bring a treat(s) to share.



Discipleship with Holly Irving

Bequests and Wills

We have drawn spiritual and academic life from our parish and Catholic schools. What return will we make of these gifts? Shall we give to God sufficient return for our gifts? Please consider a life culminating gift through your will to our parish.



Midweek Charge

Everything we have is a gift from God. That is a foundational principle in the spirituality of Christian Disciples, but this reality is not easy to embrace. Many of us, at a subconscious level, believe that everything we have is a result of our own efforts.

The following story points out how persistent this false belief can be. The setting for the story is the Irish countryside; the focus is an abandoned farmhouse.

A stranger buys the dilapidated farmhouse and immediately begins to make improvements. The stone walls are rebuilt, the house gets a new coat of whitewash, the fields are plowed and planted and the thatched roof is repaired. The people in the nearby village watch all this work with curiosity and wonder. One thing they know for certain is that whoever the new owner is he never goes to church.



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A group of the villagers goes to the parish priest and convinces him to discover who the new owner is and to invite him to church. Soon thereafter the parish priest goes out to the newly restored farmhouse and knocks on the door. The door is opened, the priest is greeted and he soon finds himself seated at the kitchen table enjoying a cup of tea and homemade scones.

After the obligatory small talk, the priest zeroes in on the purpose of his visit. He says to the new owner, "I love what you and God have done with this place." The new owner pauses, takes a sip of tea and says, "Father, do you remember what the place looked like when God had it all to Himself?"

The story is both humorous and tragic. Humorous because it invites us to laugh at ourselves. Tragic because it lays bare the fact that we are inclined to take too much credit for our successes and too little blame for our failures. The new owner's heart is not filled with gratitude because his heart is too full of pride in his own accomplishments.

Needless to say, he is not alone in this attitude. If we are to embrace fully the spirituality of discipleship, we must embrace the belief that "everything we have is a gift from God." We must develop what disciples call "the attitude of gratitude."

Prayerfully consider what will help you realize more fully that everything we have is a gift from God.

Attributed to International Catholic Stewardship Council

Priests for Our Future

Thank you for supporting the *Priests for Our Future: The Church Is Alive!* Campaign 2014-2019. Please continue to fulfill your pledge to ensure enough funds to educate our future priests. Our results are as follows:



Parish Results to Date (10/25/18)

Parish Pledge Goal.....	\$830,000
Parish Pledge Total.....	\$1,544,077
Percent of Goal Pledged.....	186%
Paid to Date.....	\$1,274,313
Percent of Goal Collected.....	154%
Total Over-Goal Sharing (last payment September 2018).....	\$297,394



2018 Annual Catholic Appeal as of 9/18

STA Parish Pledge Goal.....	\$95,965
STA Parish Pledge Total.....	\$127,481
Percent of Goal Pledged.....	133%
Paid to Date.....	\$120,716
Percent of Goal Collected.....	126%

Thank you for fulfilling your pledge and supporting our Diocese of Madison.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

October 27 and 28

Offertory.....	\$13,780
Building Fund / Capital Improvement.....	\$240
Respect Life.....	\$210
International Combined Collection.....	\$1,935

Thank you for your generosity and support of STA!

Counters Schedule

Monday, November 5

Phyllis Reindl and Dick Ihlenfeld

Monday, November 12

Aeki Baik and Barbara Rudin

Combined Envelope and Offertory for July - October

Month	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
July	\$95,106	\$97,885	\$2,779
August	\$86,149	\$87,886	\$1,736
September	\$103,865	\$95,147	(\$8,717)
October	\$96,981	\$88,918	(\$8,062)
YTD	\$382,101	\$369,716	(\$12,264)

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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Music & Liturgy by Greg Buchberger, Director of Music Ministries



Join the Christmas Choirs!!!

We are seeking students and adults to help us celebrate our Christmas Masses with some extra festivity! If you like to sing but cannot commit to the choir for the entire year, this opportunity is for you! Please consider joining us!

Choir for Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass (9:00 PM) and Epiphany Lessons & Carols

Students in grade 7 and up and adults are all encouraged to join us for Midnight Mass and Epiphany Lessons & Carols. This choir will lead music for 45 minutes before Midnight Mass, starting at 8:15 PM on Christmas Eve. We will also present a program of Lessons and Carols on Sun., Jan. 6 at 1:00 PM for all in our parish, neighborhood, and community to attend.

Anyone interested in singing for Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass (9:00) is asked to attend 3 of the Rehearsals in December (Thurs., Dec. 6, 13, 20) from 6:30 – 9:00 PM... in addition to at least 2 of the Rehearsals in November (Thurs., Nov. 8, 15, Tues., Nov. 20, Thurs., Nov. 29) from 7:30 – 8:30 PM

All those who commit to sing for Christmas Eve – Midnight Mass are also asked to attend and sing for Lessons & Carols on Sunday, January 6 at 1:00 PM. Please mark your calendars now so that you are able to be in attendance!

Children's Choir for Christmas Eve – 4:00 PM Mass

Students in grade 4 and up are invited to join the STA Choristers for our Christmas Eve Children's Mass. Rehearsals are on Saturdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM here at St. Thomas Aquinas! Mark your calendars now! More information to come!

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

Intergenerational Play Group

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 led by Oakwood staff. The next visits will be **Monday, November 5 and December 3 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.

Calling all Prayer Warriors

Our beloved pastor, Fr. Bart, like all priests, is in need of our continued prayers. The Seven Sisters Apostolate at STA is looking for three women who would be willing to offer an hour of prayer each week for Fr. Bart and his intentions. This is a beautiful ministry! For more information visit: sevensistersapostolate.org. Contact **Alison Robak at robak717@gmail.com** if you're interested.



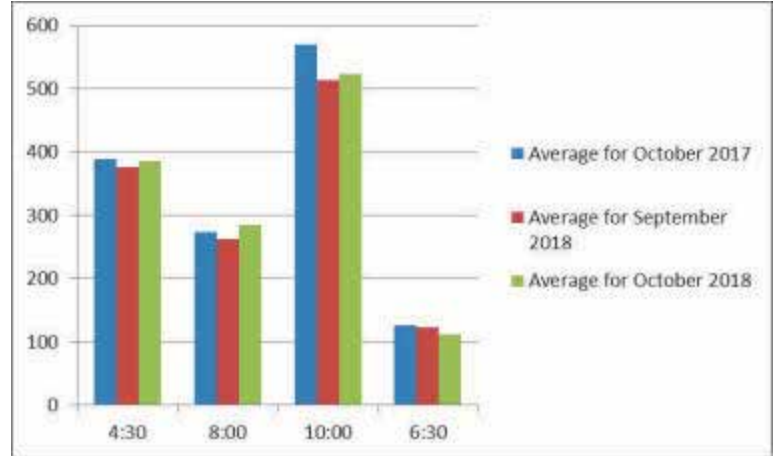
October Count Results and Analysis

Please see Fr. Bart's article on page 2.

2018 October Count					
Date	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	6:30 PM	Total
Oct 6 & 7	314	311	508	96	1229
Oct 13 & 14	318	303	582	97	1300
Oct 20 & 21	391	258	563	110	1322
Oct 27 & 28	515	268	443	144	1370
Average for Oct	385	285	524	112	1305

Weekly Mass Attendance During October 2018

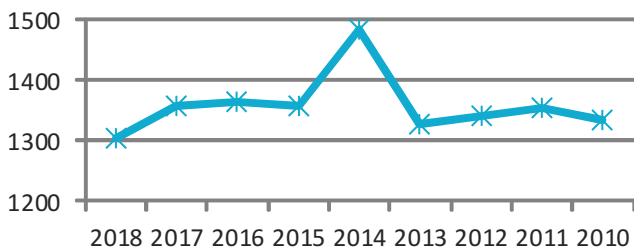
Average Weekly Attendance by Mass During October 2018 Compared to September 2018 and October 2017



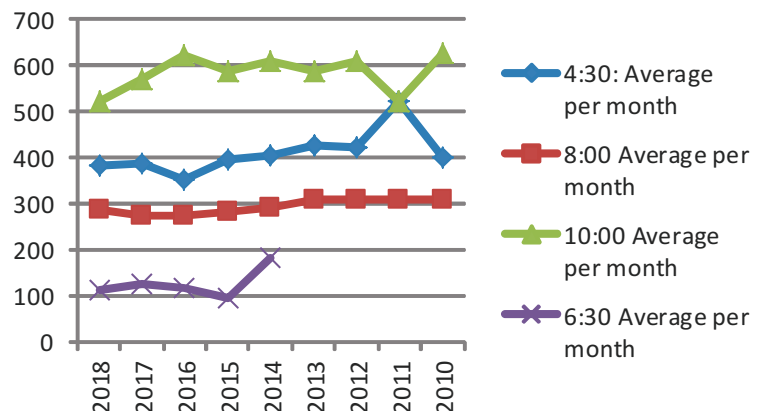
Average Weekend Mass Attendance in October (2010-2018)

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
4:30: Average per month	385	389	351	394	403	428	424	521	399
8:00 Average per month	285	274	274	284	291	310	308	309	309
10:00 Average per month	524	569	621	586	610	590	609	524	626
6:30 Average per month	112	126	118	93	180				
Total average weekly attendance at all Oct. Weekend Masses	1305	1358	1364	1357	1484	1328	1341	1354	1334

Average Total Weekly Attendance at all October Weekend Masses



Average October Weekend Attendance



Ask Fr. Bart: What is a Votive Mass?

A Votive Mass is offered in honor of some mystery of the faith, or the Blessed Virgin, or of a saint or all the saints, but not in the liturgical calendar for that day. Votive Masses, with some exceptions, may be offered on any weekday Mass during Ordinary Time that is not a special feast day (ordinary ferial day) in the year, outside of Lent and Advent, and on other days that do not require the Mass of the day to be said. In general, Votive Masses may be taken from among those listed as Votive in the Roman Missal or from any other Mass of the year. Votive Masses are a category of a type of Mass that refers to the prayers that are used by the priest during Mass.

A good way to explain this is to put Votive Masses in the context of other types of Masses that we offer. For example most of us are familiar with the special prayers that we use at Mass when we have a Saint's Feast Day. These Masses are referred to as Masses from the Proper of the Saints. When there is not a Saint's feast day, then we use the prayers from the Mass of the Day. However, there are other prayer options for us to use for daily Mass during Ordinary Time when there is not a Saint's feast day. This is when we can use a Votive Mass. I would like to list for you the different types of Mass prayers that we can use in different circumstances:

Proper of the Saints (Prayers for specific Saint's feast days)

Votive Masses (Celebrate a mystery of faith)

There are 19 Votive Masses in the Roman Missal:

- The Most Holy Trinity
- The Mercy of God
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest
- The Mystery of the Holy Cross
- The Most Holy Eucharist
- The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- The Holy Spirit
- The Blessed Virgin Mary
- The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Our Lady, Queen of Apostles
- The Holy Angels
- Saint John the Baptist
- Saint Joseph
- All the Holy Apostles
- Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
- Saint Peter, Apostle
- Saint Paul, Apostle
- One Holy Apostle
- All Saints
- Masses for the Dead

Ritual Masses (Masses where special Sacraments are celebrated, etc.)

There are ten Ritual Masses:

- For the Conferral of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation
- For the Conferral of the Anointing of the Sick
- For the Administering of Viaticum (final Communion)
- For the Conferral of Holy Orders
- For the Celebration of Marriage
- For the Blessing of an Abbot or an Abbess
- For the Consecration of Virgins
- For Religious Profession
- For the Institution of Lectors and Acolytes
- For the Dedication of a Church and an Altar

Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions

There are 49 options listed for these prayers that are grouped into three categories:

- For the Holy Church
 - (example: for the Pope, Bishop, election of a Pope, or Laity,)
- For Civil Needs
 - (example: for those in public office, in time of war, after the harvest)
- For Various Intentions
 - (example: for those in prison, for the sick, for relatives and friends, for giving thanks to God)

As you can see there are many different types of prayers for different types of Masses. Votive Masses are one type of Mass prayers. Recently during Ordinary Time, I used the prayers from two Votive Masses. At our daily Mass when the St. Ambrose students attended the first Mass of the school year on September 5th, I used the prayers from the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit to ask for the Holy Spirit to guide us in the new school year. On the First Fridays of each month during Ordinary Time I use the prayers from the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit. After our Church was struck by lightning and during the flooding this past summer, I used the prayers for Various Needs and Occasions for protection from storms.

November and December at STA

Gifts From the Heart

Christmas Gifts for STA Neighbors in Need

November 17 - December 2

Once again St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners will have the opportunity to help make



Christmas brighter for our neighbors. **Next Sunday through December 3, please take an ornament from the Giving from the Heart display wall, next to the main receptionist window in the Gathering Area.** These ornaments contain gift requests

from our neighbors in need. We invite you to take an ornament, buy the requested item and place it

- Unwrapped, with ornament attached on the outside
- In the alcove to the left of the fireplace in the Gathering Area
- **By Sunday, December 3**
- Gift cards may be handed in at the office or placed in the marked box by the main receptionist window.

Donations of wrapping paper and ribbons to hand out are also appreciated.

Gifts will be sorted and sent out on December 4, so bringing them in by the due date is essential. All gifts will go to someone, but late gifts may not make it to the people who requested them. Thank you for your promptness and, especially, for your generosity!

The Holiday Bake Sale is Coming!

Our annual Christmas Bake Sale will be held December 9 and 10 before and after all weekend Masses.

We need you to bake your favorite cookie, bar, candy or other holiday treat.

Proceeds from the sale will help to fill the Christmas Food Baskets.

We will have sign-up sheets and more information, as well as friendly people to answer all your questions in the Gathering Area before and after each weekend Mass starting November 18 and running until the bake sale.

Your generosity will make this fun event a success and bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors.

Please contact Holly at holly@stamadison.org or 833-2600 if you have questions.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 22 at 9:00 AM at St. Thomas Aquinas.

I am very pleased that our St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church will be joining our brothers and sisters from Advent Lutheran Church, E.L.C.A. and Community of Hope, U.C.C. this year on Wednesday before Thanksgiving to pray together.

Authentic Catholic Ecumenism does not ask us to compromise our faith and is essential for Christian Unity. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Christ bestowed unity on His Church from the beginning. This unity, we believe, subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose, and we hope that it will continue to increase until the end of time.

Christ always gives His Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ wills for her.... The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit" (n. 820).

An excellent way to engage in authentic ecumenism is praying together and opening up dialogue with other Christians and people of good will to bring our culture to God, while at the same time acknowledging our obvious differences.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Reception

Wednesday, November 21, at 6:30 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas.

STA will be providing a light reception of treats, coffee, and water after the service. If you are able to help serve or provide a treat please **contact Clarice at Clarice@stamadison.org or 833-2600.**

Christmas Basket Time Is Right Around The Corner!

During the Christmas season, you can make a difference by giving back to our neighbors in need.

This year's collections begins on Thanksgiving Day and will continue through December 14. That night we will sort and pack your donations.

Delivery of baskets will take place **Saturday, December 15.**

As in years past, we need many delivery volunteers. Sign-up sheets for the sorting/packing and delivery will be placed on a table in the Gathering Area as we get closer to the big event.

These items are needed:

canned fruits	laundry detergent	canned vegetables
toothpaste	canned meals	cereal
shampoo	peanut butter	canned juice
soup	macaroni and cheese	pasta/rice
spaghetti/ravioli		





We Pray for Our Loved Ones

SERVING WITH THE ARMED FORCES

- CW4 Steve Artz**, brother of Sue Ziegler and Judy Rossa
- SSG Michael Bosold**, nephew of Sharon Michel
- SFC Enrique Andres Cervantes**, cousin of Maria McHugh
- A1C Margarita Clayton**, Sister of Tina Hutchison
- Major Tim Doll**, nephew of Jerry and Mary Ann Doll
- A1C Colin Donovan**, cousin of Pat Korger
- Lt. Colonel Michael Everton**, brother of Jennifer Doering
- Captain Alex Harms**, son of Bruce and Judy Harms
- Airman First Class Brianna Herreid**, granddaughter of Ken and Joyce Niesen
- SPC Shalice Hood**, friend of Alyssa Rivera
- A1C Nicholas Jones**, grandson of Mary and Gordon Samuelsen
- SSGT Mark Jurakovich**, brother of Gina Levesque
- LT Bradley Kirschbaum**, grandson of Tom and Sally Ellis
- SSGT Mike Levesque**, brother of Chad Levesque
- CPL Alyssa Rivera**, cousin of Fr. Bart Timmerman
- Major Stuart Mark Slattery**, grandson of Thomas and Loretta Slattery
- Steven Thomas**, brother of Linda Galang
- SGT Jack Vilim**, nephew of Mary Crave
- SGT Ian Bush**, nephew of Patrick and Kathy Taddy
- SGT 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.

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, November 5**
 - Men's Integrity Group, Library 7:00 PM
 - Young Adults, Gathering Area 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, November 6**
 - The Marian Prayer Cenacle Group, Library 6:00 PM
 - Pastoral Council Meeting, Lower Conference Room 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 7**
 - Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room 9:00 AM
 - Choristers Rehearsal, Upstairs Music Room 5:00 PM
 - Elementary RE 6:00 PM
- Thursday, November 8**
 - Spanish Rosary 6:00 PM
 - Justice and Peace discussion 6:00 PM
 - Parish Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM
- Friday, November 9**
 - Middle School Party Bus, Large Social Hall 5:00 PM
- Saturday, November 10**
 - STACKS Knitting and Crochet, Room 102-104 1:00 PM
 - Confessions 3:15 PM
- Sunday, November 11**
 - Confessions 9:00 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

- Oakwood**: Friday, November 9, Mass
- Brookdale**: No Service this week
- Sebring**: Sunday, November 11, Word and Communion

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Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, November 3

4:30 PM Bee Freitick ☩

Sunday, November 4: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week

8:00 AM Richard Skubal ☩

10:00 AM Kevin McGinley ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, November 5

8:30 AM Otto, LaVerne, and Vicki Paradise ☩

Tuesday, November 6

5:30 PM Rosemary Johnson ☩

Wednesday, November 7

8:30 AM Mollie Van Wagner ☩

Thursday, November 8

7:30 AM Fr. John Norder ☩

Friday, November 9: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30 AM Dale Schmitt ☩

10:00 AM Meagher - Springer Family ☩ at Oakwood

Saturday, November 10

4:30 PM John Kreul ☩

Sunday, November 11: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Kenneth Welton ☩

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Victor Roelke Family ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of November 4

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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Looking for an energy expert

Looking for an opportunity to share your talents at St. Thomas Aquinas? Concerned about the health of the planet your children will inherit? The Care of Creation Team is looking for someone with expertise in the energy field as we explore the possibility of installing a solar panel array at our parish. We would benefit from your knowledge and expertise as we explore options to lower the parish's carbon footprint and energy bills. If you are interested in helping out and/or learning about the Care of Creation Team, please contact Josh Brzeszkiewicz at joshbrez@gmail.com or 293-3996.

Thank you for Praying for Life.

Thanks to everyone who prayed for a greater respect for all life during Respect Life month and special thanks to those who joined in praying during the 40 Day Vigil for Life. Many joined in silent prayer and witness during our "official" hours at Planned Parenthood on Thursday afternoons and several participated at other times. A special thanks to Fr. Bart for leading us in prayer on Sept. 27. Many participated in the Respect Life Rosaries prayed prior to our weekend liturgies during four weeks in Respect Life month and the Respect Life table provided useful materials on many topics for our parishioners. If you would like to be part of our Respect Life activities, contact Jennifer Ludtke at jennifer@stamadison.org.

The 40 Days for Life Vigil ends Sunday,

Nov. 4 but prayer and witnessing continues year-round (**365 for Life**) at Planned Parenthood on Orin Dr. at selected day-time hours Monday through Friday. If you can join in this mission, please sign up at vigilforlife.org. If you want more information on the 365 for Life program, go to: <http://vigilforlife.org/about/365-for-life-initiative/>

At the Hour of Our Death:

Information about Catholic Funerals

Pat Gorman, director of the Diocesan Office of Worship is leading a workshop about Catholic Funerals on **Thursday, November 15 from 1-3 PM** at Holy Name Heights (702 S. High Point Road in Madison).

November is the month in which we offer fervent prayers for the dead and consider our own mortality. This informational session is for those who wish to learn more about Catholic funerals and related rituals and who may even wish to consider a plan for their own funeral.

Each participant will receive a copy of *Now and at the Hour of Our Death* which offers guidance in planning your funeral. This seminar is free of charge. A donation of \$3 to offset the cost of the participant booklets will be appreciated if you are able.

The workshop will not address other end-of-life issues, living wills or estate planning.

Please register by November 8 by calling the Office of Worship (608.821.3080) or emailing worship@straphael.org. You also may register online at madisondiocese.org/funeral.

Registration helps us bring the proper amount of resources.

Holy Name Heights is wheelchair accessible. If you have any special needs, please let us know when you register.

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