



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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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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Find us ready, Lord, not standing still.
Find us working and loving and
doing your will.

Find us ready, Lord, faithful in love,
building the kingdom that's here
and above, building the kingdom of
mercy and love.

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Encuétranos listos, Señor, no quietos.
Encuétranos trabajando, amando y cumpliendo
tu voluntad.

Encuétranos listos, Señor, fieles en el amor,
construyendo el reino que está aquí y en lo alto,
construyendo el reino de misericordia y amor.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018

Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
18 de Noviembre de 2018

From the Desk of Fr. Bart

Happy Thanksgiving!

On behalf of myself and our entire STA Parish Staff, I wish all of you and your families a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving! When I count my blessings, I count our STA parish as one of the greatest blessings in my life. Often when asked to name a special family time, people's responses involve meals, especially, Thanksgiving Dinner! This special meal and family togetherness is also a sacred time. May God bless our families this Thanksgiving; may we all grow in love for each other in our family and give thanks to God who is the maker of all human families and our abiding peace. Here is a prayer you can pray at your Thanksgiving Dinner:



Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: Our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

Please see the schedule for our Thanksgiving Liturgies on this page!

History of Thanksgiving Day: (Excerpted from *The Religion Teacher website*)

President Abraham Lincoln officially instituted the Thanksgiving Day holiday in 1863 during the Civil War. He wanted Americans to celebrate the holiday as a sign of unity and thanksgiving to God:

"I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens" (President Abraham Lincoln, Proclamation, October 3, 1863).

There is no American holiday that so closely resembles the symbolism and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist. We celebrate Thanksgiving as a sign of American unity and thanksgiving to God who has given us great gifts.

STA St. Vincent de Paul Conference

We are so grateful for the wonderful parishioners who make up our STA Conference of St. Vincent De Paul. They give of themselves to perform excellent ministry in our community by helping and serving people in need. Please take note of the envelope in the November packet that is marked for SVdP. Please consider what you can do financially for this ministry by making a donation and putting the envelope in our Sunday collection. Additionally, the collection taken up at our 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass is set aside each year to go towards our SVdP Conference. Our STA Conference's only source of income comes from the donations of our own parishioners. Thanks for your continued generosity!

Please check out the St. Vincent De Paul Vimeo.com site for inspiring stories of the great work they are doing. There is an episode highlighting our SVdP Youth Conference from Madison at vimeo.com/284420022.

Prayer for Life

For all of us gathered in prayer:
May God grant us the wisdom and courage
to lovingly protect his gift of life;
We pray to the Lord:



Por todos nosotros reunidos en oración:
para que Dios nos conceda la sabiduría y el valor de
proteger amorosamente su don de vida;
roguemos al Señor:

Prayer for Justice

For all of us gathered in prayer:
May God grant us the discernment and courage to
give voice to the voiceless by advocating for laws
that protect the most vulnerable among us;
We pray to the Lord:

Para todos nosotros reunidos en oración:
Que Dios nos conceda el discernimiento y el coraje
para dar voz a los que no tienen voz, abogando por
leyes que protejan a los más vulnerables entre
nosotros.
Oramos al Señor:

Thanksgiving Day Mass

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



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Reception

I am very pleased that our St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church will also 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 November 21, at 6:30 PM** before Thanksgiving to pray together.

Authentic Catholic Ecumenism does not ask us to compromise our faith and is essential for Christian Unity. 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.

A reception of donated pie and desserts will be shared with all following Mass.

Parish Hours November 22/23

Thursday - Building open for 9:00 AM Mass only
Office closed all day
Friday - Building and office closed all day

Reflection from Deacon Lawrence Oparaji



Today's Gospel reading has an eschatological ring to it. Eschatology is the branch of theology that studies the end time. When we hear such readings, we have a natural tendency to think the church is trying to cloud us with sadness and fear. But is this really the case?

Being afraid or sad defeats the aim Jesus had in mind in today's Gospel. Instead, He wants us to be ready; He wants us to put on the armor of holiness and to gird ourselves with righteousness. Last minute preparations are always risky, stressful, and uncomfortable. As a seminarian, sometimes I procrastinate till the night of the exam before doing my reading and what this usually means is that I run the risk of not finishing the required material for the test or not properly absorbing the material. As Christians, we cannot put off living our call to holiness till the last minute, because we do not even know when this last minute will come. We run a high risk of not being prepared or not being adequately prepared. It is like the parable of the ten virgins, where five of them were wise enough to bring enough oil so as to be able to light their lamps and to welcome the bridegroom. The other five were foolish and did not bring enough oil; ultimately the doors were shut and they were locked out. We do not know the hour when the bridegroom will arrive, but he expects us to be prepared and in the state of grace.

I know living out the Christian virtues can be tough and challenging in our modern world. It may even seem impossible, but Christ is not asking us to do it alone. Just as God knew that we were incapable of saving ourselves and redeeming ourselves, so also in His divine wisdom He knew that on our own we cannot live out the Christian call to holiness and discipleship. This is why He has given us the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, to aid us on our journey of faith. I firmly believe that God does not run away because the situation is challenging, rather He stays even closer to support us and carry us through. So let us be open to Him. Let us invite Him into our struggles, into our doubts and difficulties, because it is in those areas that He desires to meet us!

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Giving information will return next week
Thank you for your generosity and support of STA!

Counters Schedule

Monday, November 19

Jan McGinley and Edward Corcoran

Monday, November 26

Aeki Baik and Barbara Rudin



Parish Journey Groups Leaders Needed

In response to last year's ME25 Member Engagement survey which indicated the need to grow a deeper sense of community within the parish, and building on our powerful experience of ALPHA discussion groups, we will launch parish "Journey Groups" this coming January. These small community groups will meet weekly from the end of January through mid-March. Journey Groups are informal gatherings of parish members and friends who come together to explore their experiences of Jesus Christ using a discussion guide and format developed by Paulist Evangelization Ministries. We are so excited about this opportunity!

We will need many leaders for our Journey Groups and ask you to listen to your heart to see if you may be called to lead a small community of friends. Parish staff members will offer a series of 3 training sessions, beginning later this month and continuing into December, to provide you with everything you need to be a good participant and possible group leader. The training sessions are offered on various days and times to accommodate your schedules. Parish staff will be there with you on your journey with your group if you decide to commit to being a leader at the end of the training sessions. Contact any parish staff member to learn more. We will send you the available training dates.

Discipleship with Holly Irving

IRA Rollover

Charitable IRA Rollovers now offer a permanent giving and tax saving opportunity. If you have made a gift to the parish in the past using your IRA, this tax saving gift tool has been made permanent to help with your year-end gift planning. Please consider naming the parish as the recipient of your IRA rollover.



Christmas Pageant

We will be having the Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. We will have our organizational meeting on Wednesday, November 28 at 5:00 PM. If your child would like to participate, please **contact Holly Irving at holly@stamadison.org or 833-2600.**



2017 Christmas Pageant



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. Beginning Thanksgiving Day through December 14 we will be collecting food. On **Friday, December 14** in the evening we will sort and pack your donations. Delivery of baskets will take place **Saturday, December 15**. We need many delivery volunteers. Sign-up sheets for the sorting/packing and delivery will be placed on a table in the Gathering Area late November.



These items are needed:

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

Christmas Food Basket "Reverse Collection" December 1 and 2

It's time to bring food for the Christmas Food Baskets! Bring your non-perishable food items any time between now and December 14.

On the weekend of December 2, we'll be doing something to help support this event. Instead of just putting something into the collection basket, you'll be taking something out! We are doing a 'reverse collection' in support of the Christmas Basket Food collection. Each person will take a slip of paper out of the basket, and on that slip is a food item that we would like you to bring back. Let's see how big of a pile we can build!

Catholic Multicultural Center Meal Program: Volunteers Needed



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

Young Adult Connections

Join the young adults on Monday, November 19 from 7-9 PM as we take a look at poverty right here in our neighborhood, a reality that many around us experience but often goes unseen. Lisa Hemauer, from Joining Forces for Families, will be joining us. She will share some of the challenges, struggles and misconceptions, as well as supports and successes, that she sees because of her work in our neighborhood, and with our parish St. Vincent de Paul parish conference. All are welcome!

"Gifts From the Heart"

Christmas Gifts for STA Neighbors in Need Gathering Area

November 17 - December 2

Once again St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners will have the opportunity to help make Christmas brighter for our neighbors. **Starting Saturday, November 17, please take an ornament from the display wall that says "Gifts from the Heart", located 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 Monday, December 2.
- Gift cards may be handed in at the office during office hours or placed in the marked box by the main receptionist window at other times.

We also encourage you to bring unwrapped gifts of toys and clothing for children and teens, which will be taken to St. Vincent de Paul and shared with the needy throughout the city. Donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, and ribbons are also appreciated. **Bringing gifts in by the due date is important to help distribution. 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 8 and 9 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.





We Pray for Our Loved Ones

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- 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
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- A1C Nicholas Jones**, grandson of Mary and Gordon Samuelsen
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- 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 19

- Bereavement Ministry Series, Upper Conference Room6:30 PM
- Young Adults, Gathering Area.....7:00 PM
- Men's Integrity Group, Library7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 20

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

Wednesday, November 21

- Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room.....9:00 AM
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service and Reception6:30 PM
- No Religious Education

Thursday, November 22

- Thanksgiving Mass.....9:00 AM
- Parish closed

Saturday, November 24

- Gifts from the Heart Collection until Dec. 2
- Christmas Food Basket Collection until Dec. 14
- Confessions3:15 PM

Sunday, November 25

- Gifts from the Heart Collection until Dec. 2
- Christmas Food Basket Collection until Dec. 14
- Confessions9:00 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

- Oakwood**: No Service This Week
- Brookdale**: No Service This Week
- Sebring**: Sunday, November 25 Word and Communion

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Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, November 17

4:30 PM Leon Binger ☩

**Sunday, November 18: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day of the Poor**

8:00 AM Richard Botham ☩

10:00 AM Rita J. Trunzo ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, November 19

8:30 AM George Ingwell and the Alighieri Family ☩

Tuesday, November 20

5:30 PM Charles Quirt, Sr. ☩

**Wednesday, November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary; Our Lady of Peace (El Salvador)**

8:30 AM Matthew and Thomas Pepoy ☩

**Thursday, November 22: St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr;
Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 AM 45th Wedding Anniversary for Jim and Angie Lundgren

**Friday, November 23: St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro,
Priest & Martyr**

No Mass, Parish closed all day

Saturday, November 24

4:30 PM Jay Standiford ☩

**Sunday, November 25: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe**

8:00 AM Al Thompson ☩

10:00 AM Lois Wentz ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of November 18

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rv 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rv 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rv 5:10]/
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/
Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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

Students in grade 4 and up are invited to join our STA Choristers for our Christmas Eve Children's Mass. If you or your children would like to be involved with leading our sung prayer during this Mass, please contact Greg for more information and to confirm your spot! This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their talents during this most wonderful time of the year! High school students are also welcome to join us! Don't delay!

Rehearsals are in the Music Room:

Saturday, Dec. 1 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 8 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 15 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 22 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Mass is: Monday, Dec. 24 3:00 PM

Warm-ups in Music Room for 4:00 PM MASS

Ideally, students would be in attendance for all four rehearsals, but we are happy to work around your schedule as needed. Parent helpers are also needed. Please contact me if you are interested! I'm looking forward to hearing your beautiful voices at our first rehearsal on Saturday, December.

Contact Greg at: greg@stamadison.org or call 833-2600.

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, 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 one more woman 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.



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**We are a Catholic parish where people
experience Jesus Christ in a way
that changes how they live.**

St. Thomas Aquinas conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual Update November 2018

Last July two members of our St. Thomas Aquinas conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society met with a homeless family in a city park. Mom worked for Badger Bus. Dad was on disability. Mom missed work because of a complicated pregnancy, which led to less income, which in turn led to an eviction. They had been homeless for 5 months. Most evenings they stayed at the Salvation Army shelter, but sometimes the shelter was full and Mom, Dad and the 5 kids, including their 3 month old baby would squeeze into the family car to spend the night. We paid Porchlight \$292 so that the family could move into a subsidized apartment. Two months later, we again met with the family to arrange for them to receive furniture that had been donated to our stores.

Helping this family was one of the highlights of the past year for our conference. This is a summary of all the activities of our members in the fiscal year ending September 30.

Our members made 93 home visits in the past year, providing help to prevent a utility shutoff or eviction or providing furniture, diapers or just a friendly ear. We also met with 17 other homeless families or individuals.

Requests come from various sources, including our SVdP Service Center, referrals from parish staff, the Lussier Center or neighborhood caseworkers. We also receive calls directly from families in need. Last year we were contacted by 177 different individuals by phone.

Last year our conference spent a total of \$31,676 assisting the poor. We got this money from several sources. We received a \$7500 grant from the parish Outreach Funding Board. The parish also gave us the proceeds from the Thanksgiving Day Mass collection. Several parishioners made personal contributions. And our own members contribute money at each monthly meeting. In addition, we were able to distribute \$7,881 in assistance provided by grants from the Madison SVdP District Council.

Here are some of the ways that we used the money entrusted to our conference:

- We paid security deposits so that 12 homeless families could move into housing.
- We made rent payments so that 29 families could avoid eviction.
- We helped 30 families with utility payments to prevent potential shutoff.

Other highlights of the past year:

- We made visits to 16 previously homeless families who had moved into the new subsidized apartments at 7933 Tree Lane to help them get furniture.
- A member of our conference addressed the National Meeting of our Society held in San Diego in September.
- We delivered 2,842 pounds of food and non-perishable items to our SVdP Food Pantry from our 3rd Sunday parish food collections.
- We made up 300 gift tags and distributed gifts donated by parishioners during Advent
- Together with 17 other conferences, we provided Christmas gifts to 454 children at our Little Drummer event in December.
- Together with 17 other conferences, we accepted over 6,000 blanket donations at area Shopko stores and before Masses as part of our January Recycle the Warmth collection.
- We co-hosted the annual Mother's Day Baby Shower.
- We provided a chili supper to parishioners enrolled in Alpha in April

Our current membership includes:

- 14 members who serve as home visitors
- 10 members who volunteer at Vinny's Lockers, storing the belongings of 161 homeless individuals
- 13 members who pick up food donations from local grocery stores and deliver them to our SVdP Food Pantry
- 2 members who planted, weeded, and harvested 11,400 pounds of vegetables for our Food Pantry at the Lacy Food Pantry Garden in Fitchburg
- 7 members (who are also Knights of Columbus) who collected 19,936 pounds of donated produce from Farmer's Markets and delivered it to our Food Pantry
- 8 members who volunteer as hosts, stockers and receptionists at our Food Pantry
- 2 members who volunteer at our SVdP pharmacy for the uninsured
- 3 members who volunteer at the County Jail tutoring inmates or joining them at Mass
- 2 members who volunteer at the Lussier Community Education Center

Since its founding in 2003 our conference has been able to provide 912 families with financial assistance totaling \$192,812. We are extremely grateful to Fr. Bart, the parish staff, and our entire parish family for their continued support of our charitable work. We are also very thankful for the generosity of the many parishioners for their donations to our ministry.

Mike Meehan
Conference President

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