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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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**“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
Every valley shall be filled and every
mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made
straight, and the rough ways
made smooth, and all flesh shall
see the salvation of God.”**

Luke 3:4-6



**“Preparen el camino del Señor,
hagan rectos sus senderos.
Todo valle será rellenado,
toda montaña y colina, rebajada,
lo tortuoso se hará derecho,
los caminos ásperos serán allanados
y todos los hombres verán
la salvación de Dios.”**

Lucas 3:4-6

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018**

**Segundo Domingo de Adviento
9 de Diciembre de 2018**

From the Desk of Fr. Bart

Second Sunday of Advent: Getting Ready for Company!

This Advent, as a parish family, we are getting ready for company! Each week, we are exploring the theme of Welcome and Hospitality. By being a welcoming and hospitable parish we can evangelize! We can share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others! We want to be very intentional about being more welcoming and more hospitable.

Last week, on the First Sunday of Advent, we reflected on the theme:

Being Prepared—Stand Upright.



From the direction of Jesus in Luke 21:28, even in the midst of so many trials and fearful events in our world, we are asked by Jesus to stand up and be ready to share the Good News of Salvation with others. Here at St. Thomas Aquinas, we want to welcome and reach out to those who will be joining us for Christmas Mass. We hope to be able to engage them, even if it is for just a moment, into the life

of our parish family. This is everyone's responsibility as disciples of Jesus.



This week we reflect on the theme: Straighten the Way.

We want to be like John the Baptist and help to make straight the way of the Lord. We want to especially reach out to others and accompany them and help them to clear a path for Christ to be born in their hearts this year. This calls us to be a parish that is more than welcoming, but also

inviting. When was the last time you invited someone to attend Mass with us at STA? There is a difference between a private faith and a personal faith. Our faith is personal, but it cannot be kept private if we are living out our Baptismal calling by sharing our love for Jesus with others. Inviting others involves taking risks. Accompanying others is hard work. But this is how we can help to make straight the way for the Lord for others.



The Third Sunday of Advent theme is: Rejoice and Walk Together.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent theme is: Embrace and Offer Hospitality.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

One of the key principles of Evangelization is the fact that we cannot give what we do not have. If we want to attract others and invite them into a life changing relationship with Jesus, we will need to be the best and strongest follower of Jesus we can be. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation can help us in so many ways to strengthen our relationship with Jesus and to be in the state of grace. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus into our world, into our hearts, and at the end of time, we are invited to celebrate this Sacrament of healing and grace. Please see the bulletin for Confession times. Once we have received the mercy and grace of Jesus, we can share this with others.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

All are welcome to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 PM. This is a wonderful celebration blending together the diverse cultural backgrounds of Catholics who come together to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. After Mass, we will enjoy a fiesta with churros and hot chocolate.

On Friday, December 14, I have been invited to celebrate Mass on the radio in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Catholic Multi-Cultural Center (CMC). The Mass will be live on *La Movida* 1480 AM at 12:00 noon. The Mass kicks off the Radiothon Fundraiser for the CMC.



Prayer for Life

For expectant mothers: That the Lord will provide for all of their needs and prepare them to welcome their children with joy; We pray to the Lord:

Por las madres embarazadas:

Para que el Señor les provea sus necesidades y las prepare para recibir a sus hijos con alegría; Roguemos al Señor:



Prayer for Justice

For expectant mothers:

That we give voice to their needs when they are experiencing unjust treatment in their workplace; We pray to the Lord:

Por las madres embarazadas:

Para que le demos voz a sus necesidades cuando vivan momentos injustos en sus trabajos; Roguemos al Señor:

Confessions During Advent

Saturdays: 3:15–4:10 PM

Sundays: 9:00–9:50 AM

Tuesday, December 18, 6:00 –7:30 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 PM

festive bilingual Mass with Aztec dance and drumming, followed by refreshments in the Social Hall

Christmas Masses

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Eve, Mon., Dec. 24

Children's Mass with pageant 4:00 PM, no incense

Vigil Mass 6:30 PM, bilingual/bilingüe, no incense

Mass during the Night 9:00 PM,

Prelude and carols at 8:15 PM

Christmas Day, Tue., Dec. 25

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Holy Family, Dec. 29 and 30

Regular weekend Mass schedule

Mary Mother of God, Jan. 1

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, December 31, 5:30 PM

Tuesday, January 1, 9:00 AM

Epiphany of the Lord, Jan. 5 and 6

Regular weekend Mass schedule

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, January 6, 1:00 PM

Reflection from

Deacon Lawrence Oparaji



An elderly person tells the story of his spiritual journey. He remembered he was a revolutionary as young person and his prayer was, “Lord, give me the energy to change the world.” When he attained middle age and half of his life was gone and he had not changed anybody, the content of his prayer changed to: “Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me. Just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.” Now that he has become elderly and his days are numbered, he realized how foolish he had been. His one prayer now is: “Lord give me the grace to change myself.” He concluded, “If I had prayed for this right from the start I should not have wasted my life.” This person’s experience is very instructive—we all have a tendency to change others and convert others, but make very little effort or offer insufficient prayers for our own conversion.

Conversion is by God’s grace. He prepares the path for conversion and prompts us in various ways to return to Him. Sometimes we pretend we are not seeing the path He is preparing for our return. At other times we see the way, and stubbornly refuse to take it. Like the young rich man who was challenged by Jesus to give up his wealth, then went away sad (Mark 10:17-22). Yet, other times we become so distracted in our waywardness that we are even unable to recognize the road that God prepares.

Advent is a season in which we reflect on our ways. It is a time for *metanoia* (inward change/change of mind). It is a season for change of direction, which some prefer to call a “U-turn.” Conversion implies beginning a new life in the Spirit.

Conversion is a journey and not a destination. Steve Goodier says, “To say, I’ve been converted and that’s that, is to say you have decided to quit growing. If life is about anything, it is about growing. The day I quit changing and learning is the day I die.”

Conversion is not something stagnant, but an on-going process that needs to be sustained. We may have some spectacular conversion experience at some point in our lives, but we know also that a new life becomes dead when the Word of God, active prayer life, and works of charity do not nourish it. In this season of Advent, God begins the good work of bringing us back to the right track, and if we remain on course, we shall arrive at the beautiful destination He wills for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego

When the Blessed Mother first appeared in the Western Hemisphere, she did not visit a governor or priest, but a poor man from the lowest class of free Aztecs.

Juan Diego was a widower who lived with his uncle, nine miles from the church in Tlatelolco-Tenochtitlán. One December day he was walking barefoot to the church to attend Mass when the Virgin appeared to him. She was a messenger from God and commanded that a church be built on Tepeyac hill where she appeared to him. Juan Diego delivered this message to the Bishop, but the Bishop did not believe him and asked for a sign. Juan Diego gave this reply to the Blessed Virgin, and she showed him some roses, which normally do not grow in winter. Juan Diego took them to the Bishop in his *tilma* (a cloak of coarse fabric). When he opened the *tilma* in front of the Bishop to show him the flowers, the image of the Virgin appeared on it. Today this very *tilma* with the portrait of our Lady of Guadalupe occupies a place of honor in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

By appearing to this humble man, the Blessed Mother showed that the Gospel of Christ was not just for the wealthy or for Europeans, but for all the people of the world. Saint Juan Diego’s Feast Day is on Friday, December 9.

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 PM

The evening begins with Mass and an offering of dance and drumming by members of the parish, followed by refreshments in the Social Hall.

Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe first became part of parish life when a family here experienced a miraculous cure they attributed to Our Lady’s intercession. They donated a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a medal to the parish. The original statue was accidentally broken, but it was replaced with our current statue, and the medal still hangs from it.



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Christmas Basket Time Is Right Around The Corner!

We are still looking for helpers for **Friday, December 14** in the evening to sort and pack your donations. Packing starts at 6:30 PM.

Delivery of baskets will take place **Saturday, December 15**. Sign-up sheets for the sorting/packing and delivery are on a table in the Gathering Area and on Facebook!



Online Advent Resources

These resources are available online at stamadison.org/advent-resources/.

- <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/index.cfm> This is a virtual calendar that can help you fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.
- <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>. Daily reflections called Rediscover Mercy from Matthew Kelly and other leading Catholic speakers. You'll receive daily inspirational emails with short videos, encouragement, and coaching for Advent.
- <http://www.ewtn.com/advent/>. Daily readings, reflections and an Advent action. There are also links and videos to history lessons and messages of hope.
- <https://adventreflections.com/> from Bishop Robert Barron. More than 275,000 people have signed up to receive his e-mail. They are deep yet thoughtful and give you an "action item" each day.
- <https://catholicapptitude.org/2017/11/27/top-catholic-advent-apps-for-2017/> No Santa or snowmen here. These apps are about the serious business of preparing for the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- https://www.osv.com/portals/4/pdf/30Things_AdventPoster.pdf a printable calendar featuring 30 ways to a stress-free Advent
- <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/activities/advent-activities-for-all>. Advent activities for children, with ideas for family time from Loyola Press.
- <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html>. Daily reflections. Each page includes a reference to each reading, as well as a link to the text of the readings.
- <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/advent> Ignatian contemplation and reflective prayer encourage us in the season of Advent.

Discipleship with Holly Irving

IRA Rollover

Wondering what to do with your annual IRA distribution? If you and your spouse are in your 70s, this may be a great way for you to make a gift to the parish. You can avoid taxes on a transfer of up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to the parish, satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year, and reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions. Talk with your financial advisor for more information!



Midweek Charge

This week make time to just be quiet and listen to where God is calling you! Check out www.usccb.org/

Prayer Chain

Prayer is powerful. There are many parishioners who pray daily for the needs of others. If you, a loved one, or a friend are in need of prayers please contact **Holly at 833-2606 or holly@stamadison.org**

If you would like to pray for the people in need, please **contact Holly at 833-2606 or holly@stamadison.org**.

The prayer chain is very long by the end of December, so in January I take everyone off the prayer chain. If you know someone who needs to remain on the prayer chain, please contact **Holly at 833-2606 or holly@stamadison.org**.

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

Notice of Giving Corrections:

November 25 bulletin said November 17/18 collections, should have been labeled November 10/11

December 2 bulletin said November 24/25 collections, should have been labeled November 17/18

November 22, Thanksgiving Day

Building Fund / Capital Improvement.....	\$75
St Vincent de Paul	\$2,870

November 24/25

Offertory	\$12,422
Building Fund / Capital Improvement.....	\$305
St Vincent de Paul	\$1,946
Christmas Food Baskets.....	\$300

December 1/2

Offertory	\$15,298
Building Fund / Capital Improvement.....	\$545
St Vincent de Paul	\$700
Christmas Food Baskets.....	\$275

Thank you for your generosity and support of STA!

Counters Schedule

Monday, December 10

Dick and Mary Ann Ihlenfeld

Monday, December 17

Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus



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
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- 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.

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday, December 10

- Justice and Peace Meeting, Upper Conference Room.....6:15 PM
- Men's Integrity Group, Library7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 11

- The Marian Prayer Cenacle Group, Library.....6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 12

- Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room.....9:00 AM
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Celebration6:30 PM

Thursday, December 13

- Spanish Rosary6:00 PM
- Christmas Choir Rehearsal, Church.....6:30 PM

Friday, December 14

- Christmas Basket Sorting/Packaging, Social Hall.....6:30 PM

Saturday, December 15

- Christmas Basket Delivery, Social Hall9:00 AM
- Choristers/Children's Christmas Choir, Music Room10:30 AM
- STACKS, RE Wing Room 102-104.....1:00 PM
- Confessions3:15 PM

Sunday, December 16

- Confessions9:00 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

- Oakwood:** Friday, December 14, Mass
- Brookdale:** No Service this week
- Sebring:** No Service this week

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
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Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)

9:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

4:30 PM Uhalt - Janus Family ☩

Sunday, December 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM William L Bahr ☩

10:00 AM Lourdes Medina de Larrocilla ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, December 10

8:30 AM Charles Belekevich ☩

Tuesday, December 11: St. Damasus I, Pope

5:30 PM JoAnne Schumann ☩

Wednesday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 AM María Chavez and Maximino Yañez ☩

6:30 PM Petie Rudy ☩

Thursday, December 13: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 AM Mary Corcoran ☩

Friday, December 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Midge Cunningham ☩

10:00 AM Paul Krogman ☩

Saturday, December 15

4:30 PM Gilbert Schlimgen ☩

Sunday, December 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Jerry Conwell ☩

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Sosnowski and Fejdych Families ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of December 9

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18

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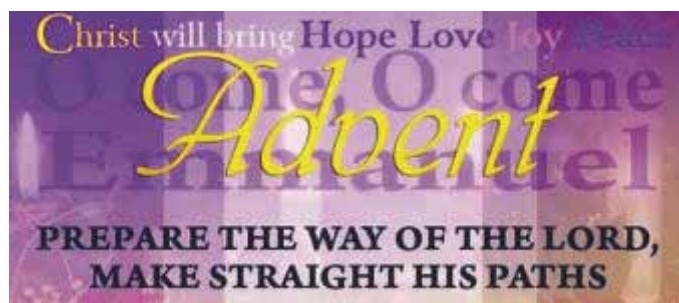
Latino-led Fundraiser to Benefit Catholic Multicultural Center

Friday, December 14, 12:00 to

7:00 PM you are invited to the Catholic Multicultural Center (1862 Beld St, Madison) for the Radiothon fundraiser celebration with La Movida Spanish radio! Or tune in to *La Movida* Spanish Radio 1480AM / 94.5FM from 12:00 to 6:00 PM to listen live. Enjoy dance performances, music, delicious food, small prizes, and more! Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be celebrated in Spanish at 12:00 PM to kick off the event. Your participation in the Radiothon will support the CMC's social service programs. Donations of any amount are welcome and can be done at the website cmcmadison.org, or phone 608-661-3512. **Fr. Bart and Lorianne are both taking part in this event.**

YA Basketball Open Gym, Mondays starting Dec.10

The YAs at Blessed Sacrament Parish (BSP) are putting together a basketball open gym for the young adults of the diocese again this year!!! It will be held at BSP on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. It will start December 10 and playing through March 11, 2019. This is an open gym format so, unlike volleyball and summer sports league, there are no set teams, so you can show up whenever you're free and interested in playing throughout the season. General format for the nights will be 4 v 4 scrimmage followed by random games (eg HORSE , Knockout...), 3 v 3 half court scrimmage, or open shooting. For more information email aemiller1115@gmail.com



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