



# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES!

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

## 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, 4:15–5:20 PM  
 Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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“Si ustedes no son fieles administradores del dinero, tan lleno de injusticias, ¿quién les confiará los bienes verdaderos?”

LC 16, 11

LIVING WITH  
**INTEGRITY**



“If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?”

LK 16:11

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time  
 September 22, 2019**

**Vigésimo Quinto Domingo  
 del Tiempo Ordinario  
 22 de Septiembre de 2019**



## Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

### Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel reading includes the parable of the Dishonest Steward as well as collected sayings of Jesus related to prudence, trustworthiness, and wealth. The passage concludes, "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Mammon is usually

translated as "wealth," "riches," or even "that in which one trusts." As in all things, Jesus points to the true source of riches and wealth, the only one completely worthy of trust, the eternal God.

### Pledge Weekend!

Today is a crucial weekend for the health of our Parish Family. Today we make a pledge of our Time, Talent, and Treasure. To follow the Bible, our goal is to tithe 10% of our annual income to charity. We don't just give God from our left-overs; we give him our first fruits in thanksgiving for all God has blessed us with. Thank you for your generosity with our parish. We are able to accomplish so much for God through our parish ministries and outreach to our community. Our mission is to be a parish where people can experience Jesus in a way that changes how they live! What a glorious mission and a great responsibility! Whatever you can give is gratefully received.

### Alpha Course

Experiencing Alpha and inviting others to attend with you is a great way to share the gift of Jesus with others. It can be a life-changing experience. Please consider participating and joining the over 420 parishioners who have already experienced the faith-enriching initiative.

### Preaching Series Begins

As we strive to become an evangelizing parish of missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, we will begin a new Three Sunday Preaching Series next week with the theme of DISCIPLESHIP. This will be our third preaching series since the concept was introduced to me at the Divine Renovation Conference I attended in the summer of 2018. In the first series, we focused on Hospitality and Welcome during the four Sundays of Advent 2018, the second series focused on the Holy Spirit Renewing our Parish during five Sundays of Lent 2019.

### Pet Blessing on October 4

To conclude our Season of Creation that we observe each year from Sept. 1-Oct. 4, we will have our annual Pet Blessing on Friday, October 4 on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi at 5:30 PM in the courtyard in front of the Education Wing by our parking lot. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that: "Animals are God's creatures. He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless Him and give Him glory. Thus men owe them kindness. We should recall the gentleness with which saints like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Philip Neri treated animals (# 2416)."

## September Community Meal Program

This Wednesday, September 25, St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners will provide the noon meal at Luke House on the near east side of Madison. If you signed up to provide food for the meal, please deliver it to the parish by 10 AM on September 25.

## Prayer for Life

For all who are forgotten or cast off, especially the unborn, the poor, the sick, and the aged: may they be treated according to the dignity with which God creates them; We pray to the Lord:



## Prayer for Justice

For all whose lives are threatened by starvation due to drought and flooding; May we recognize their pain and the impact our behaviors have on their lives; We pray to the Lord:

## Mass Intention Scheduling for 2020 Starts October 7

Families currently registered at St. Thomas Aquinas will be able to schedule Mass Intentions starting Monday, October 7. Each registered household will be able to reserve up to 3 Masses in 2020, with no more than 1 on a weekend. People who are not registered at St. Thomas Aquinas will be able to reserve 1 Mass starting January 2, 2020, subject to availability of open Masses. If you have questions, please contact Mary Bailey in the parish office.

## Letter to a Suffering Church Book Discussion

Room 102-104, RE Wing

Thursday, September 26, 6:30-8 PM

In this book, Bishop Barron acknowledged the damage caused by the sexual abuse scandal, and the decision that many have made to leave the church, at least in part, because of it. The hope was that this book would help strengthen people's hope despite the hurt, and equip those who read it to be better able to answer the hurts of others. All are welcome to this discussion of the book. Extra books will be available.



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OCTOBER 8th  
Life in Christ

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## Religious Education Starting Soon!

### 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Lorianne would like you to know:

- Our first night is Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 PM. All students with parents from both the 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM options are expected at 6:00 PM. The first night is a Welcome Night for all at 6:00 PM.
- The 5:00 PM option is just for First Graders.
- All 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders will attend at 6:00 PM.

### 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade Dominick would like you to know:

- Our first-class is Sunday, October 6 from 11:15 to 12:30 PM and is for students and parents.
- If you are in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and haven't met with Dominick yet, please set up an appointment so you can get materials and details for Confirmation preparation.
- If you have already been confirmed and want more, please talk to Dominick about our new youth group that is forming

## Alpha begins the first week of October.

### Who have you invited?

**Tuesdays, 6:45-8:30pm starting October 1**

**Wednesdays, 5:30-7:15pm starting October 2**

Sign up on the parish website, contacting Jenny Ludtke, or on the sheets in the Gathering Area

#### *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. There is good food, an interesting talk, and honest conversation.

#### *Who should come to Alpha?*

Alpha is intended for those who may not believe Christian teachings, have questions, or aren't part of any church. However, anyone who wants to get to know Jesus and their faith better is welcome. 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 talk with them in a new way, or give them a place to ask their own questions.



## MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Make Disciples Capital Campaign will benefit everyone in the parish! With our choir doubling in size, we will begin with remodeling the choir area! The choir will continue to sing from the current space, but they will face the congregation. Their voices will project into our church which will enable us to hear better and sing! In-pew pledging will happen in October. Please consider making a sacrificial gift over and above what you normally give to the parish. These pledges can begin in January 2020 and go until December 2024. For more information, please contact Holly.

## Leaving a Lasting Legacy

Planning for death is as natural as planning for life. Having a will is good stewardship of your assets. Take care of your family, and consider your parish family in your preparations, too.

There is no greater satisfaction than knowing that your personal property and accumulated wealth will be shared exactly as you personally desired. Whatever your estate is large or small you should make certain it will be properly distributed to those to whom you wish it to go. If you wish to remember St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, please contact Holly.

### Thank you to all who gave money to St. Thomas Aquinas

#### Parish in memory of Gene Kruska.



Paul and Susan Schlesinger  
Annette and Jeffery Anderson  
Charles and Catherine Garfoot  
Marv and Judy Siebert  
William and Kathleen Philip  
Scott Snyder and Kathleen Vox  
Paul and Bernice Bariola

## Rosary for Life in October

### 30 min before Mass, Starting October 5

The Respect Life team invites you to join in a Rosary for Life before each of our Masses during October. We will meditate on many life issues as we pray each of the mysteries of the Rosary during October.

## 40 Days for Life Vigil Sign Up

St. Thomas Aquinas will again participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign in Madison. From September 25 - November 3, 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 each Wednesday during the Vigil from 5 - 6 PM and from 6 - 7 PM. At least two people will be present during each of these two hours, starting on Wednesday, September 25 - Wednesday, October 30. Signup sheets for our parish commitment are in the Gathering area. For more information on 40 Days for Life or to sign up for hours at other times go to: [40daysforlife.com/Madison](http://40daysforlife.com/Madison).



## Alzheimer's and Dementia Film Series

**Sunday, September 29 at 11:15 AM , Upper Conference Rm**  
St. Thomas Aquinas Care Team is sponsoring a two-part film presentation on dementia. Please join us for *Caring for Someone Who Has Early to Mid-Stage Alzheimer's Disease* next Sunday. The second film will be Sunday, October 15. Catholic Charities Dementia Specialist, Susan Rutter will introduce each film and address your questions. If you can not attend both films, feel free to attend just one. Questions? Contact Judy at 608-338-2242.

## Looking for Books

The library committee is asking you to check your shelves. Many parish library books and CDs have been checked out, but not yet returned. There are no fines, but it would be great to have these resources returned for others to use! There is a basket in the library in which to place them. Thank you very much!



## Thank You From "MOM"

To Everyone at STA,  
Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) appreciates the many ways that all of you support those we provide for.  
Your recent donation combined with others creates a great community of supporters, allowing us to fulfill our mission. MOM brings our community together to create food and housing security through action and advocacy.  
In Gratitude,  
Shirley N.

## Thank You From University of Dubuque

From and on behalf of the University of Dubuque Seminary traveling group, we thank you for all your insight into the grace of God shown by you and your congregation.  
It was an honor for us to meet you and to be a part of the service there. Thank you for all you are. May God's grace be with you always!!!  
IHS  
Tobias C.



## Potluck to Celebrate Feast of St. Francis

**October 7, 5:30-7:30**

To conclude the Season of Creation and celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, the Care of Creation Team is hosting a potluck in the Gathering Area starting at 5:30. This is an opportunity to gather with fellow parishioners who are mindful of their calling to care for God's gift of creation. We will gather at tables to discuss various topics with the goal of supporting each other in our commitment to take better care of "Our Common Home". Topics include



- The impact our food choices have on God's creation
- Creating a butterfly/rain garden at St. Thomas or at your home
- Solar panel installation at STA and at home

To support our efforts in transitioning to less carbon-intensive diets, please bring a vegetarian dish along with a recipe to share. So we have an idea of how many to expect, please RSVP to Jenny Ludtke and let us know which topic you are most interested in.

## Take Action during the Season of Creation

On September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis encouraged us to pray for creation and look at how we can take action to care for our common home. Referring to the Season of Creation, the Pope says: "It is...a season to reflect on our lifestyles, and how our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods, can often be thoughtless and harmful....Let us make an effort to change and to adopt more simple and respectful lifestyles!"

One way to begin is to take a look at your carbon footprint. The Environmental Protection Agency has a simple calculator that helps you calculate how much CO2 you expend. The tool calculates your total usage. If you are interested in seeing how you can improve, check out [www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/](http://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/).

This calculator is not all inclusive. If you are interested in seeing your total carbon footprint contact Bill Backes at [bill.backes@gmail.com](mailto:bill.backes@gmail.com) for the comprehensive analysis spreadsheet.

Thank you for your concern for God's creation and your willingness to make lifestyle changes that will protect the planet for future generations.

## Community Meal Program Sign-Up

Sign-up sheets for the next six months of the Community Meal Program at Luke House are in the Gathering Area for the next two weeks. STA provides the noon meal at Luke House on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

We are looking for people to bring salad, French dressing, fruit, bread, milk, or butter. You can also bake 3 doz. cookies or a casserole (recipe provided). If you have questions contact Mary Bailey in the parish office, 833-2600 or [mary@stamadison.org](mailto:mary@stamadison.org).

## There is still time to join a small group!

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** begins in October on two different days/times. Cost is \$25. This is an 8-session course. *Mondays, 7:00 - 8:15 PM, starting October 14* contact Joel at galangjs628@gmail.com

*Tuesdays, 6:30-8 PM, starting October 22* contact Julie at jcushman@sdb.k12.wi.us

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word but give up because it is so complicated. The *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study program helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. In this study, presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan.

The **Wild Goose** just had its first session, but there is still room for a few more people!

*Thursdays, 6:30-8 PM* contact Mary Rowlette at marowlette14@charter.net

The Wild Goose Series explores many different, powerful experiences of the Holy Spirit. At the most fundamental level, the Spirit of God reveals the Love of the Father that changes us. When we experience God's Love we come to understand in a powerful way that we are in fact "lovable." Come and have your eyes and heart opened!

## Young Adult Ministry: i.d.9:16



### Thursday, October 3

All young adults are welcome to our second Disciples' Night, which includes mass, dinner, a livestream talk, and discussion.

This month we continue our series on the Beatitudes with "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake..." as we welcome our speaker, Edmund Miller. Many of us have never experienced persecution, but for decades Edmund has been subject to ridicule, derision, and even imprisonment due to his untiring work to protect the unborn. Based in southeast Michigan, He helped found the Guadalupe Workers, which believes that a person's value does not depend on his age or ability, so Guadalupe Workers defend the person who has least ability to defend himself or prove himself—the unborn child. The Workers carry out this defense at the very doors of the abortion facilities, the very place where all other elements of society have abandoned the child. Come hear how this high school English teacher has said yes to the Gospel and eagerly accepts whatever consequences come his way!

### What to expect:

- 6:00pm Mass
- 6:30pm Dinner & Drinks
- 7:00pm Speaker/Q&A (via livestream in conjunction with other chapters nationwide.)
- 8:00pm Fellowship

To RSVP for the October 3rd event (so we can plan for food), please go to the event on the YA Facebook page: facebook.com/STAMadisonYA/ or email the leadership team at id916madison@gmail.com

## Resources for Human Needs

**SVdP Conference:** St. Vincent du Paul Conference (food, rental assistance, school supplies, utilities) Phone messages only 608-205-8276

**www.momhelps.org/:** Middleton Outreach Ministry (food, rental assistance, utilities, clothing, rides, home chores)

**www.womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html:** Women's Care Center (counseling, ultrasound, baby items, parenting class)

**www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/:** Catholic Charities (adoption, aging services, developmental disabilities, counseling, alcohol - drug abuse treatment, adult day care)

**www.cmcmadison.org/:** Catholic Multicultural Center (meals, 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 and awareness campaign

**hopeafterabortion.com:** Project Rachel (resources for abortion recovery)

**Madison Al-Anon Hotline:** support for people troubled by someone else's drinking or drug use - 608-255-5181

**www.elizabethhousedane.org:** Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County (residential maternity and parenting program)

**National Suicide Hotline:** 800-273-8255

**National Hotline for Sex Trafficking:** phone 1-888-373-7888 or text "help" to 233733

## Bountiful Breakfast, Knights of Columbus

**Sunday, September 29 8:00 - 11:30 AM**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a bountiful breakfast with the proceeds helping the Queen of Americas Mission in Cambria. Cost is \$5.00 for ages 4-11, and \$10.00 12 and up. For questions or to volunteer call Terri Kysely at 219-3652 or email terri.kysely@stmariagoretti.org.

## Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent Financial - Building on Faith

**September 28 at 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Join Habitat for Humanity of Dane County for interactive, family-focused fun at the recently redeveloped, famous Garver Feed Mill! At Habitat, we don't offer handouts, we offer a hand up to help local families achieve strength, stability and self-reliance to build a better life through shelter. Join us on Saturday, September 28 and find out how you can get involved and try out several Habitat volunteer opportunities all in one place!

## "Celebration of Life"

Our Lady of Hope Clinic and the Women's Care Center are partnering in a "Celebration of Life" with an event to benefit both organizations on Saturday, October 5 at the Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W. Dayton St. The benefit will begin at 5:30 PM. The evening will include bingo, auction, and raffle prizes ranging from fine dining at some of the areas' best restaurants, a meal with Bishop Donald Hying at Delaney's Supper Club, or a week stay in Estes Park. For more information or make a reservation, contact: Julie Jensen at Julie@ourladyofhopeclinic.org or (608) 957-1137

## Music & Liturgy with Greg Buchberger

### New Choir Season! There is still time to join us!

STA Parish Choir: Rehearsals are Thursdays 6:30 – 8:30 PM

STA Choristers: Rehearsals are Wednesdays 5 – 6 PM

STA Spanish Choir: Rehearsals are Sundays 5:15 - 6:15 PM

### STA Capital Campaign!

We have an exciting year ahead of us here at STA! As was announced last weekend, we are currently beginning our Make Disciples Capital Campaign, which (among other projects throughout our facility) will finally address our inadequate sound and video system, the remodeling of the music area in church, the purchase of a new piano, and eventually the enlargement and remodeling of our music rehearsal space upstairs.

Our musicians dedicate many hours throughout the year to helping those gathered for Mass to pray well, to experience Jesus Christ, and to inspire and lead others to consider our call and mission in the world. I am very proud of their hard work, and am looking forward to working with all of them again during this new season! We have some wonderful music planned and it would be a blessing to all of us if our music ministry continues to grow. This is a team sport, and it takes many voices to make a joyful noise to the Lord. If you love to pray through song, to create beautiful music, or just want to be more involved in our parish life, please prayerfully consider joining us this fall! Just like priestly ministry, the members of our music ministry come from our parish, our families, and our homes! Is God calling you to offer your gifts?

### New Mass Setting:

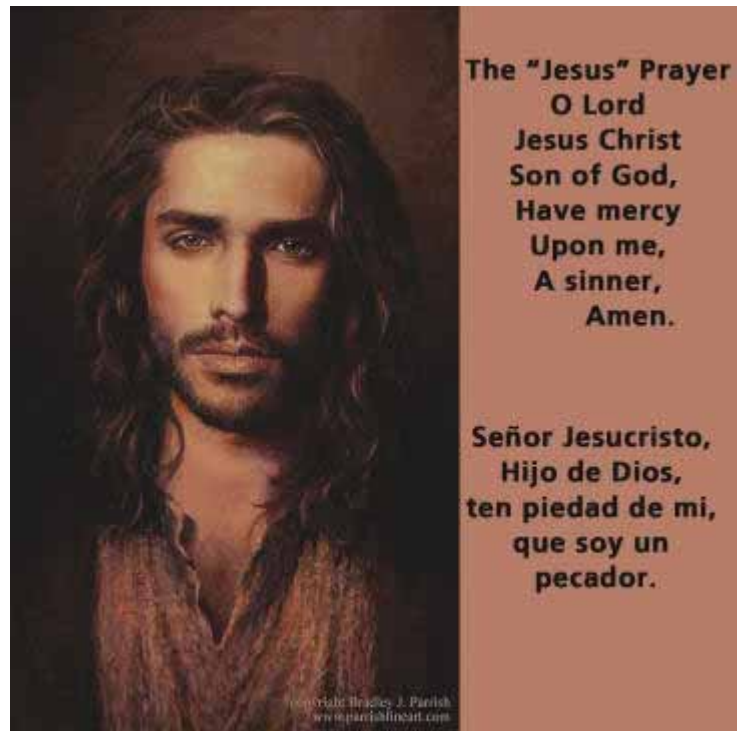
This fall, ALL of our musicians and parishioners will begin learning a new setting of the Mass Propers from the Mass for Our Lady, written by Steven C. Warner and Karen Schneider Kirner. This setting is in our hymnals and offers more challenging parts for our choir members, while engaging our assembly in beautiful melodies. In the coming weeks we will be introducing parts of the Mass for Our Lady to all of you before Mass begins. Thank you in advance for your patience and your love of singing to the Lord with one united voice. You can find the Mass for Our Lady in our “One in Faith” Hymnal, numbers 54-63. You can also listen to this setting by searching for “Mass for Our Lady” on YouTube.com.



### Join our Choristers!

Anyone 5th grade and up is welcome to join.

This photo is from December 2017 and luckily the choir has grown since then, but we are still in need of more voices. Do you know someone who would like to join the Choristers? Stop in for practice on Wednesdays 5 – 6 PM and give it try!



### Oración por la Vida

Por los olvidados o abandonados, especialmente las personas por nacer, los pobres, los enfermos y los ancianos: para que se los trate conforme a la dignidad con la que Dios los crea; roguemos al Señor:

### Oración de Paz

Para todos cuyas vidas están amenazadas por el hambre debido a la sequía y las inundaciones; Que podamos reconocer su dolor y el impacto que nuestros comportamientos tienen en sus vidas; Oramos al Señor:

### Las lecturas de la semana del 15 de septiembre

**Domingo:** Am 8, 4-7/Sal 113, 1-2. 4-6. 7-8 [cfr. 1. 7]/1 Tim 2, 1-8/  
Lc 16, 1-13 o 16, 10-13

**Lunes:** Esd 1, 1-6/Sal 126, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 [3]/Lc 8, 16-18

**Martes:** Esd 6, 7-8. 12b. 14-20/Sal 122, 1-2. 3-4. 4-5 [1]/  
Lc 8, 19-21

**Miércoles:** Esd 9, 5-9/Tb 13, 2. 3-4. 4. 7-8 [1]/Lc 9, 1-6

**Jueves:** Ag 1, 1-8/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 y 9 [cfr. 4]/Lc 9, 7-9

**Viernes:** Ag 2, 1-9/Sal 43, 1. 2. 3. 4 [5]/Lc 9, 18-22

**Sábado:** Zac 2, 5-9. 14-15/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13 [cfr. 10]/Lc 9, 43-45

**Domingo siguiente:** Am 6, 1. 4-7/Sal 146, 7. 8-9. 9-10 [1]/1 Tim 6, 11-16/  
Lc 16, 19-31

### ALPHA en español

Todo adulto está invitado a nuestras sesiones de ALPHA en español para este Otoño. Comenzaremos el miércoles, 2 de octubre con una cena para la familia a las 5:30 PM. Sesiones corren de 6:00 – 7:15 cada miércoles de octubre a diciembre. Para registrarse comuníquese con Lorianne Aubut.



CHRIST  
OUR **HOPE**  
IN EVERY SEASON OF *Life*

*“Hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm.”*

HEBREWS 6:18-19

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## RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION

### Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is not false optimism or empty positivity. Christian hope is something much more profound and goes to the very depths of our identity as followers of Christ.

Hope is the virtue “by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit” (CCC, 1817).

Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, “God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end” (*Spe salvi* 31).

Christians know “they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness” (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us that “the one who has hope lives differently” (SS 2). Christ’s promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.



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September 6, 2019

Rev. Bart Timmerman  
Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish.  
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Madison, WI 53717

Dear Rev. Bart Timmerman,

Beginning my ministry here in the Diocese of Madison, I feel remarkably blessed and grateful to serve with such zealous brother priests and such loving parishioners in our communities. As I learn more about the many and varied ministries of the Diocese, I am greatly encouraged by the generous level of support you and your parishioners have given to the Annual Catholic Appeal. I congratulate and thank you for exceeding your goal; this success is an achievement to celebrate and a sure sign of your love for the Lord and the Church!

Thank you for all you do to proclaim the Gospel and build up the Body of Christ; the good work of our Diocese would not go forward without your sure and zealous support. Know of my appreciation for your hard work and steady commitment. As we begin the planning process for the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal, I look forward to your continued leadership and your parish's ongoing success.

If I can ever help you and your people in any way, please let me know!

Gratefully in Christ,

Bishop Donald J. Hying

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## This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

### Monday, September 23

Outreach Funding Board, Library.....6:30 PM

### Tuesday, September 24

Make Disciples Cap. Campaign Gp. Meeting, Fireside Room.....10:00 AM

Make Disciples Cap. Campaign Gp. Meeting, Fireside Room.....3:00 PM

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

Women's Evening of Recollection, Chapel, Confessional .....6:00 PM

Discipleship Meeting, Lower Conference Room.....6:30 PM

Make Disciples Cap. Campaign Gp. Meeting, Fireside Room.....7:30 PM

### Wednesday, September 25

**Community Meal Program: Food needed at parish by 10 AM**

Toddler Time, Upper Conference Room and Nursery.....9:00 AM

Choristers Rehearsal, Music Room.....5:00 PM

Elementary RE - First Day .....6:00 PM

Adaptive Catechesis, Bride's Room.....6:00 PM

### Thursday, September 26

Make Disciples Cap. Campaign Gp. Meeting, Upper Conf. Rm. ...10:00 AM

Spanish Rosary, Church .....6:00 PM

The Wild Goose, Bride's Room.....6:30 PM

Parish Choir Rehearsal, Music Room.....6:30 PM

Discussion: Letter to a Suffering Church, Room 102-104.....6:30 PM

Spanish Bible Study, Lower Conference Room .....7:00 PM

Make Disciples Cap. Campaign Gp. Meeting, Library .....7:30 PM

### Friday, September 27

Skein of Geese, Bride's Room .....9:00 AM

### Saturday, September 28

Make Disciples Cap. Campaign Gp. Meeting, Upper Conf. Rm. ...11:00 AM

Confessions .....3:15 PM

### Sunday, September 29

Confessions .....9:00 AM

Alzheimer's Disease Film, Upper Conference Room .....11:15 AM

## Care Facility Liturgies This Week

**Oakwood:** Friday, September 27, Mass

**Brookdale:** No service this week

**Sebring:** No service this week

## Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

**September 14/15**

Offertory / Envelopes .....\$15,804

Building Fund / Capital Improvements Fund.....\$370

Endowment Fund .....\$6,255

### Counters Schedule

Monday, September 23: Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus

Monday, September 30: Don Mahoney and Sara Marx

## Mass Intentions for This Week

### Saturday, September 21

4:30 PM Family of John and Kay McDonald ☩

### Sunday, September 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM James and Marilyn Schaefer ☩

10:00 AM Jerry Conwell ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

### Monday, September 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 AM Rico and Jill Goedjen

### Tuesday, September 24

5:30 PM Diane Bartnick Family Living and Deceased

### Wednesday, September 25

8:30 AM Ray Galvin ☩

### Thursday, September 26: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

7:30 AM Joseph and Connie Gallo ☩

### Friday, September 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30 AM Norbert Kaltenberg ☩

10:00 AM Fr. Donald J. Murray ☩

### Saturday, September 28

4:30 PM Kevin Hartberg ☩

### Sunday, September 29: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Bishop Donald Hying

10:00 AM Diane Bartnick Family living and Deceased ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

## Readings for the Week of September 22

**Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/  
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/  
Lk 16:19-31

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## 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal as of July

STA Parish Pledge Total .....\$135,522

Paid to Date .....\$126,921

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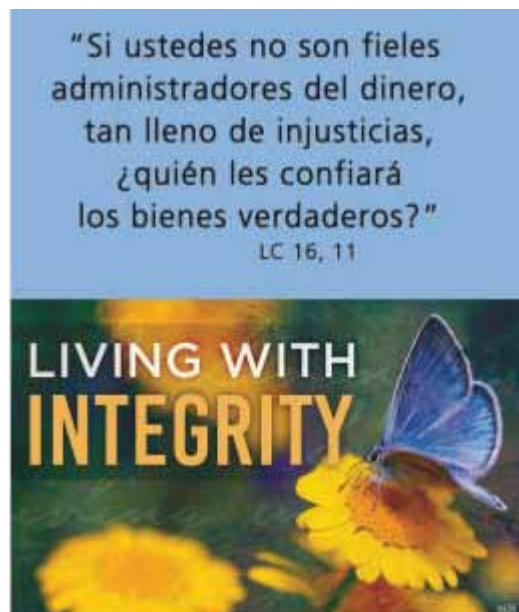
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La lectura del Evangelio de hoy incluye la parábola del mayordomo deshonesto, así como los dichos recopilados relacionados a Jesús con la prudencia, confiabilidad y riqueza. El pasaje concluye: "No puedes servir a ambos; a Dios y a las riquezas". Como en todas las cosas, Jesús señala la verdadera fuente de riqueza y abundancia, la única completamente digna de confianza, el Dios eterno.

#### ¡Fin de Semana de Compromisos!

Hoy es un fin de semana crucial para la salud de nuestra familia parroquial. Hoy nos comprometemos con nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro. Para seguir la Biblia, nuestro objetivo es diezmar el 10% de nuestros ingresos anuales a la caridad. No solo le damos a Dios de lo que nos sobra. Le damos nuestros primeros frutos en acción de gracias por todo lo que Dios nos ha bendecido. Gracias por su generosidad con nuestra parroquia. Somos capaces de lograr mucho para Dios a través de nuestros ministerios parroquiales. ¡Nuestra misión es ser una parroquia donde las personas puedan experimentar a Jesús de una manera que cambie su forma de vida! ¡Qué gloriosa misión y una gran responsabilidad! Cualquier cosa que puedas dar es gratamente recibida.

#### Curso Alfa

Experimentar Alpha e invitar a otros a que asistan contigo es una excelente manera de compartir el don de Jesús con los demás. Puede ser una experiencia que te cambie la vida. Por favor considera participar y unirte a los más de 420 feligreses que ya han experimentado la iniciativa de enriquecimiento de la fe.

#### Comienza la Serie de Predicación

A medida que nos esforzamos por convertirnos en una



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Lunes 2:00 - 4:00 PM en la capilla

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#### Bendición de mascotas el 4 de octubre

Para concluir nuestra Temporada de Creación que observamos cada año del 1 de septiembre al 4 de octubre, tendremos nuestra Bendición anual de mascotas el viernes 4 de octubre en el Día de San Francisco de Asís a las 5:30 p.m. en el patio frente al ala de educación junto a nuestro estacionamiento. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña que: "Los animales son criaturas de Dios. Los rodea con su cuidado providencial. Por su mera existencia lo bendicen y le dan gloria. Así, los hombres les deben bondad. Debemos recordar la gentileza con la que los santos como San Francisco de Asís y San Felipe Neri trataron a los animales (#2416)".

Para más información en español,  
por favor vea la página 6.