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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, 4:15–5:20 PM

Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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**Feast of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 29, 2019**

**Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de
Jesús, Marí, y José
29 de Diciembre de 2019**



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Feast of the Holy Family

I think the most beautiful thing about the Gospel today is that the whole family goes on pilgrimage together to pray in the Temple. Fathers, mothers, children together go to the house of the Lord, in order to mark the holy day with prayer. As a Jewish family, it is certain that Mary and Joseph taught Jesus how to pray and throughout the day, they would pray together as a family. Then on the Sabbath, they would go together to the synagogue to listen to readings from the Law and the Prophets, and praise the Lord with the assembly. This continues in our day, in your family. This is so beautiful. As you come to Mass each Sunday with your family keep in mind Psalm 122:1-2: "I rejoiced when I heard them say, let us go to the house of the Lord! Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem." Truly when we come to Mass we come to the porch of heaven, what a wonderful place for your family to be for a little while each Sunday.

The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

Thank You to Fr. Jim Kuhn and Msgr. Dan Ganshert

I am grateful to Fr. Jim and Msgr. Dan for celebrating our Masses this weekend. I am in Dallas, TX, for a basketball tournament with the UW-Platteville Men's Basketball team as an assistant to their chaplain. After returning from Dallas, I will have a stay-cation in Kieler, ring in the New Year with family and friends, watch the Rose Bowl on TV, and return on Friday, January 3 in time for our STA Staff Christmas Party. I look forward to bringing in the New Year with family and friends. I appreciate the opportunity to get away, so thank you to the STA Staff and the priests helping us.

End of Calendar Year Giving

The last regular Sunday offertory collection of the year is this weekend, the Feast of the Holy Family, December 28 and 29. I am confident that as a parish family, we will all do our best to help our parish meet our financial commitments. If you are able, this is the time to complete your pledge you made last year. To take advantage of a tax deduction for all 2019 contributions, the following guidelines are offered:

- All hand-delivered 2019 contributions must be received in the parish office no later than noon on Tuesday, December 31, 2019.
- All mailed 2019 contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2019.

If you have any questions about how you can make your gift to the parish, or any question regarding your pledge balance, please call Patrick O'Loughlin at our parish office between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Thank you so much for all of your great generosity towards our STA Parish!

Prayer for Life

For all families: That, with great faith, they will joyfully respond to all that God asks of them, and be given the strength to always persevere in love; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Justice

That the coming of Our Savior will strengthen the loving bonds of families everywhere and bring them new energy and commitment to serve those in need. We pray to the Lord:

January 1, Mary Mother of God

Please note that this is a holy day of obligation this year. We will celebrate Mass on New Year's Eve, December 31 at 5:30 PM and New Year's Day, January 1 at 9:00 AM in honor of Mary, Mother of God.

Happy New Year!

As 2020 starts, let us use our time and energy to grow closer to Jesus Christ, build up and enrich our families, and encourage one another as we journey towards heaven. May you and your families have a blessed, healthy, grace-filled, and prosperous New Year!

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration so Christ-centered and beautiful last week!

- Thank you to Greg Buchberger, our Music Director.
- Thank you to all of our musicians and singers who provided the beautiful music for our Masses.
- Thank you to Ismael Covarrubias, our Maintenance Director, who made the Church so beautiful and clean. I also appreciate his good work outdoors keeping the sidewalks and entry areas as cleared off as possible.
- Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped decorate the Church for Christmas.
- Thank you to Holly Irving, our Director of Discipleship for her support at all the Masses.
- Thank you to all of our Liturgical Ministers. Especially thank you to our Hospitality Ministers and to all who made our parish so welcoming to our visitors and guests.
- Thanks to all who helped direct and participate in our children's pageant.
- Thank you to our entire STA Staff for all of their good work behind the scenes to make this Christmas special.
- Thank you to all who participated in any way in our Christmas Masses and for your great generosity with our parish at Christmastime. Our STA Parish Staff is very appreciative of your cards, food, and gifts.
- Thank you to all who were so thoughtful to remember me and Dcn. Lawrence, our seminarian, at Christmas with cards, food, and gifts.

Your kindness to me is overwhelming and I appreciate your generosity with our parish. THANK YOU!

Office and Building Holiday Schedule

Monday, December 30

Parish Office and Building will be open regular hours

Tuesday, December 31

Parish Office to close at 12:00 PM; building will remain open
All year end donation need to be received or postmarked by
12/31/19 to be posted on your 2019 giving per IRS rules.
If we are not in the office please drop your gift off in the
mail slot in the Gathering Area.

Bake Sale Results

Thank you to everyone who baked, sold, and set up for the
bake sale, and especially Grace Phelps, Diane Katalenich,
Rosemary Neu, and JoAnne Peterson who organize this fun
event! This year we made \$2,182! Thank you to everyone!
You have made many people who need fresh, perishable
foods happy!

Christmas Basket Thank You's

The Christmas Basket project was a resounding success this
year!

Metcalf's

A special thanks for the generosity and goodwill of our
neighbors at Metcalfe's, who let us purchase key perishable
items for the Christmas Baskets at very reasonable prices.
Each Christmas needy families in our community benefit by
receiving these important food items.

Parishioners

Your generous donations made this year one of the best yet.
Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who sorted and
packed the donated items and, of course, to those who deliv-
ered the boxes and bags of donations. With your help many
families in our neighborhood were provided with many
needed food items. Thank you to all who make St. Thomas
Aquinas parish a very caring, giving community.

Fleece Tie Blankets: Save the date

Thursday, January 9, 2020 from 6:30-8 pm

There's some great deals right now to
purchase 2 yard lengths of fleece
(choose 2 kinds that go together) or
fleece blanket making kits! Making
fleece tie blankets is an annual
activity, sponsored by our parish St.
Vincent de Paul Conference. It's a
wonderful opportunity for all ages to
share the warmth of God's love by
creating a cozy blanket for the
"Recycle the Warmth" collection in
January. **Able to donate fleece?**

Contact Kathy Taddy at pktaddy@tds.net or Jenny Ludtke. We've
got a spot to store it here at the parish
until the event on January 9.



Prayer Ministry after all Masses, Jan. 4-5

God is a God of love, and out of that love flows the
salvation, restoration and wholeness that he longs to bring to
all creation. God desires the healing of individuals from
physical, emotional, spiritual and relational brokenness. If
you are seeking healing of body, mind, or spirit, we will pray
with you, that you may experience the love of Jesus and the
healing power of the Holy Spirit.

January 15: An Interactive Experience on Factors that Lead to Poverty

All interested adults and families are invited to join the
middle school and high school students after Mass on
January 15. We will be using interactive activities to reflect
on the "unequal playing field" that benefits some while
making it more likely that others will be left behind, leading
to poverty. Interested in learning more? contact Jenny
Ludtke

A Prayer from the Library Committee

Anthony, Anthony, please come around! The Library has
books that need to be found! We would be grateful dear St.
Anthony if you would help our families find any Parish
Library books hiding at home and return them to the parish
soon for others to borrow. Amen!



YOU'RE INVITED! Small Faith Sharing Groups to begin again in February

Last winter, we began our parish-wide
offering of small faith sharing groups,
and many of those who participated
found not only a way to grow in faith, but a place to grow in
friendship. In fact, many of the groups have continued to
meet to deepen this faith and friendship!

St. Thomas Aquinas parish will continue this opportunity for
the renewal of our faith and our parish. The program we are
using, called The Journey, allows us to grow a deeper sense
of personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Through scripture,
various forms of prayer, video and discussions, we engage
with those who met Jesus two thousand years ago and relate
these experiences to life today.

The small group sessions last 90 minutes.
The first get-together is simply a chance to
meet your group, receive materials and share
some great food. Following the first night,
there will be six sessions, and each group
will also explore doing a service activity
together. Finally, in spring, everyone will come together for
a potluck and Mass. Some of the Journey groups will meet in
homes, others at the parish. There will be groups for those
with particular interests, e.g., parents, young adults, or sen-
iors, as well as mixed groups that include people from a vari-
ety of walks of life. You are invited and encouraged to sign-
up to be part of a group. Consider inviting a friend to join
you! You can register by calling the parish at 833-2606 or
emailing Jenny at jennifer@stamadison.org.





An Epiphany Celebration Of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Our parish choirs will share songs of Christ's coming. We will sing together the Carols of Christmas. We will hear again the Proclamation of Christ's Birth, and the stories of the Incarnation, Christmas, and Epiphany.

We will pray for all people throughout the world.

A simple reception will follow our prayer.

This event is open to the public. All are Welcome!

Reception to Follow. All Are Welcome!

Update From St. Ambrose Academy

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Church,
Father Bart recently invited me to update you on St. Ambrose Academy's search for a new home.

First, on behalf of the Board, faculty, staff, and all our students and their families, a most heartfelt thank you for allowing us to be part of your faith community all these years. You welcomed us at a critical time in our growth and have for years provided a safe and cheerful place to learn and worship. Our families will never forget what you have done for us.

We hope you take pride in the fruits of your generosity. Together we have equipped young people to serve the human family and the Church by taking up the mission we all share: spreading the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the Earth.

At our recent benefit dinner, our Campaign Chair Sarah Dunn, Vice President of CG Schmidt, announced three possible building sites for our new school: St. Andrew, Verona; Christ the King, McFarland; and a development near McGaw Park in Fitchburg. The St. Ambrose Board is carefully evaluating each site, trusting the Holy Spirit to aid in discerning the best place for the future growth of the Academy.

Please keep our building in your prayers, and know of our prayers for your project of repurposing your religious education wing into an Enrichment Center that offers greater opportunities for people of all ages to encounter Christ. We look forward with joy to seeing the new fruits that will come from the working of the Holy Spirit through your parish family.

With gratitude,

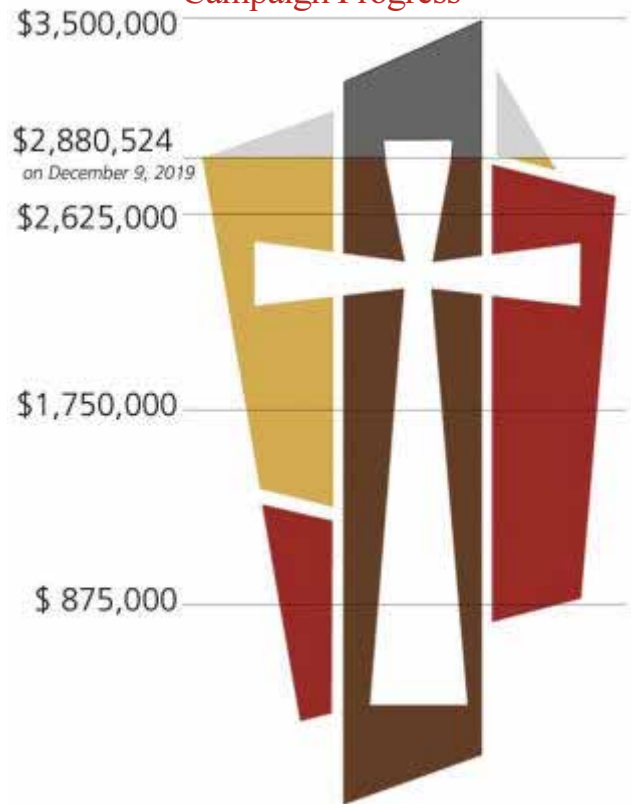
Joan Carey, Executive Director

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign. As of November 19, a total of 371 households have pledged \$2,880,524. If you did not get a chance to fill out a pledge card, you can find them in the Gathering Area by the mail slot.

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign Progress



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This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Wednesday, January 1

Parish Office and Building Closed

Thursday, January 2

Spanish Rosary, Church 6:00 PM

Parish Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 6:30 PM

Spanish Bible Study, Lower Conference Room 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 4

Confessions 3:15 PM

Sunday, January 5

Confessions 9:00 AM

Epiphany Lessons and Carols, Church 1:00 PM

Three Kings Celebration, Church 6:30 PM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, January 3, Rosary

Brookdale: Friday, January 3, Word and Communion

Sebring: No Service This Week

Christmas Flowers in Loving Honor and/or Memory of:

David S Peterson
Ann and Charles Belekevich
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Bill Gunderson
Amelia Trumbower
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David A Peterson
Shirley DiRienzo
Ben and Hulda Rondorf
Olaf and Dorothy Olson
Richard Skubal
William L Bahr
Joe and Joyce Schwaiger

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, December 28

4:30 PM David Peterson ☩

Sunday, December 29: The Holy Family

8:00 AM Franco and Karenrose Llamas Wedding Anniversary

10:00 AM Marian Engerman ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, December 30

8:30 AM Nancy Macmorran ☩

Tuesday, December 31: Saint Sylvester I, Pope

5:30 PM Hilary Plaza ☩

Wednesday, January 1: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace

8:30 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners ☩

Thursday, January 2: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

7:30 AM Shirley Laska ☩

Friday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 AM Healing of Julie

Saturday, January 4

4:30 PM Sue Urban ☩

Sunday, January 5: The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Jeanine Swanson and Laurette Chandler ☩

10:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Slahunek and Ivan Family ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of December 29

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Poverty Exploration

On Sunday, Jan. 12 11:15-12:30 PM, all adults are invited to join our middle school and high school students for a thought-provoking, hands-on experience of poverty. Walk away with a new perspective, and some tools for making a difference. To learn more or to RSVP, contact Dominick at Dominick@stamadison.org.

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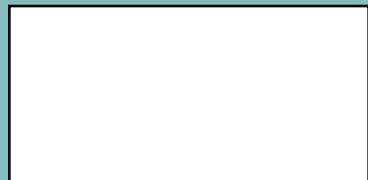
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Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

Fiesta de la sagrada familia

Creo que lo más hermoso del Evangelio de hoy es que toda la familia va en peregrinaje para orar en el Templo. Padres, madres, niños juntos van a la casa del Señor para marcar el día santo con oración. Como familia judía, es seguro que María y José le enseñaron a Jesús cómo orar y que durante todo el día rezarían juntos como familia y luego, el sábado, irían juntos a la sinagoga para escuchar las lecturas de la Ley y los Profetas, y alaben al Señor con la asamblea. Esto continúa en nuestros días, en tu familia. Esto es tan hermoso. Cuando vengas a misa todos los domingos con tu familia, ten en cuenta el Salmo 122: 1-2: “¡Qué alegría cuando me dijeron: Vamos a la casa del Señor! Ya están pisando nuestros pies tus umbrales, Jerusalén.”. Verdaderamente, cuando venimos a misa, llegamos al pórtico del cielo, qué lugar tan maravilloso para que su familia esté un rato cada domingo.



La oración de la sagrada familia

JESÚS, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de María, bendice a nuestra familia. Inspira amablemente en nosotros la unidad, la paz y el amor mutuo que encontraste en tu propia familia en el pequeño pueblo de Nazaret.

MARÍA, Madre de Jesús y Nuestra Madre, alimenta a nuestra familia con tu fe y tu amor. Manténnos cerca de tu Hijo, Jesús, en todas nuestras penas y alegrías.

JOSE, padre adoptivo de Jesús, tutor y cónyuge de María, mantén a nuestra familia a salvo de daños. Ayúdanos en todo momento de desánimo o ansiedad.

SANTA FAMILIA DE NAZARET, haz que nuestra familia esté contigo. Ayúdanos a ser instrumentos de paz. Concede que el amor, fortalecido por la gracia, sea más poderoso que todas las debilidades y pruebas por las que a veces pasan nuestras familias. Que siempre tengamos a Dios en el centro de nuestros corazones y hogares hasta que todos seamos una familia, felices y en paz en nuestro verdadero hogar contigo. Amén.

1 de enero, María Madre de Dios

Ten en cuenta que este día santo es un día santo de obligación este año. Celebraremos misa en la víspera de Año Nuevo, el 31 de diciembre a las 5:30 p.m. y el día de Año Nuevo, el 1 de enero a las 9:00 a.m. en honor a María, Madre de Dios.

¡Feliz año nuevo!

Al comenzar 2020, usemos nuestro tiempo y energía para acercarnos a Jesucristo, construir y enriquecer a nuestras

Misa en español

Domingos 6:30 PM

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15 - 4:10 PM y por cita con el párroco

Adoración al Santísimo

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

Martes 4:15 - 5:25 PM en la capilla

Viernes 9:00 - 10:00 AM en la capilla

Rosarios en español

Jueves 6:00 PM

Estudio Bíblico en español

Jueves 7:00 PM

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familias y continuar alentándonos unos a otros mientras viajamos hacia el cielo. ¡Que cada uno de ustedes y sus familias tengan un Año Nuevo bendecido, saludable, lleno de gracia y próspero!

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