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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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“Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra.”

Mt 2, 10-11



“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

Mt 2:10-11

Solemnity of The Epiphany of the Lord
January 5, 2020

Solemnidad de la epifanía del Señor
5 de enero de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world, and celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions,

the Gospel shows the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. In today's Gospel, creation itself proclaims the birth of Jesus to the magi, the kings who are strangers in the land of Israel. They follow the star in their search for Jesus, the newborn King. When they find Him, they worship this baby, and offer Him kingly gifts. In our day, we, the Church, continue to this procession, this reaching out towards Jesus Christ. There is an inner aspiration in our human spirit, to want to know God. The celebration of the Epiphany points us to Jesus Christ, who saves us! May we use our energy and time this year to grow closer to Jesus Christ and make a gift of our life to offer Him.

Welcome Dcn. Lawrence Oparaji

This weekend we welcome Dcn. Lawrence back to STA! He has been enjoying ministry at his assignment at Sacred Hearts of Jesus Parish in Sun Prairie since graduating from St. Paul Seminary last May. We are so grateful he is able to be with us as we celebrate Epiphany Sunday. We continue to keep Dcn. Lawrence in our prayers and we all look forward to celebrating with him is ordination to the priesthood soon in this new year of 2020!

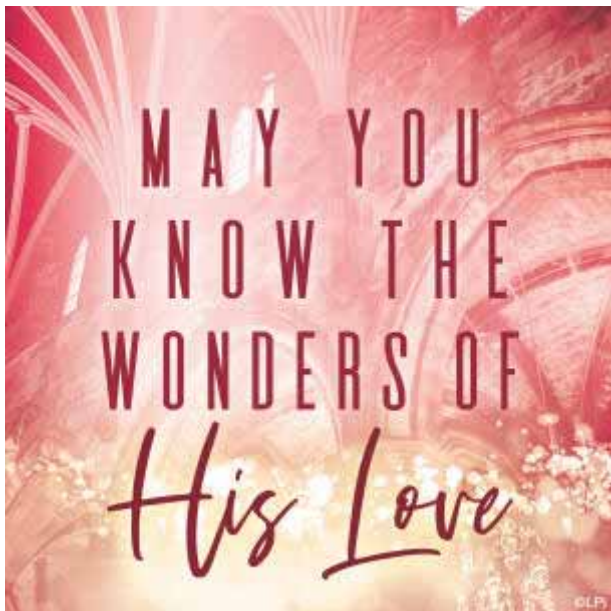
Lessons and Carols Sunday, January 5

Thank you to all of our parishioners who help us in our Music Ministry! Today at 1:00 PM our STA Parish Choir will lead us in Lessons and Carols as we continue to celebrate the Season of Christmas. We are all so appreciative of the time and dedication our choir members put in to make our worship and prayer so beautiful and inspiring. Please come for this wonderful prayer as we reflect on Scripture and praise God in song.

Growing As Disciples in 2020

This New Year brings many opportunities for us to grow as Disciples of Jesus! Please consider:

- Inviting someone to Alpha and attending with them
- Joining a Small Faith Group
- Attending our Kerygma Retreat on March 14
- Attending our Discernment of Charisms Retreat spring 2020.



January 1

Prayer for Life

May friends and families of women with difficult pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child; We pray to the Lord:

Prayer for Peace

May God grant us the courage to champion global peacemaking efforts by first starting with peace in our own hearts; We pray to the Lord:

January 5

Prayer for Life

For public servants:

May God grant them the humility, wisdom, and courage to defend all human life; We pray to the Lord:

Prayer for Justice

May God grant us the strength and compassion to use the gifts he has given us to build a more just society. We pray to the Lord:



Music with Gayle

Join Gayle on Monday, January 13 for prayer and worship with Christmas music. Next opportunity will be February 10!

2020 Food Contributions

This weekend's bulletin has reminder dots to place on your calendar to remind you of Food Sunday collections. Your contributions will be used to provide food for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and the Lussier Community Education Center food pantry during the year and for Christmas Food Baskets in November and December. The Human Concerns Commission thanks you for your generosity!

January Food Sunday

This month on the 18 and 19 we are collecting donations for the Food Pantry at St Vincent du Paul. This is a wonderful opportunity for your family to help other families in our own neighborhood put food on the table.



January 25-26: Used Book Sale

The library committee has trimmed some of the books from the parish library that may be doubles, or perhaps just don't fit its mission. There just may be a treasure for you! Suggested donations are \$1 or \$2. Plan to come and take a look!

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Young Adult Social: Bowling!

All 20s and 30s are invited to a night of bowling at Schwoegler's Bowling Alley on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30PM. Bring your friends and come make some new ones! Email Tyler at t.holle@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Young Adult Small Groups

Forming intentional friendships where we can explore deeper questions can be difficult after college. We'll be starting young adult men's and women's small groups in mid-January to provide a forum for these relationships with some thought provoking questions while exploring what it means to be disciples of Jesus. Groups will meet every other week for six months. Email id916madison@gmail.com if you're interested in joining!

Novena for Life 2020 - January 21 - 29

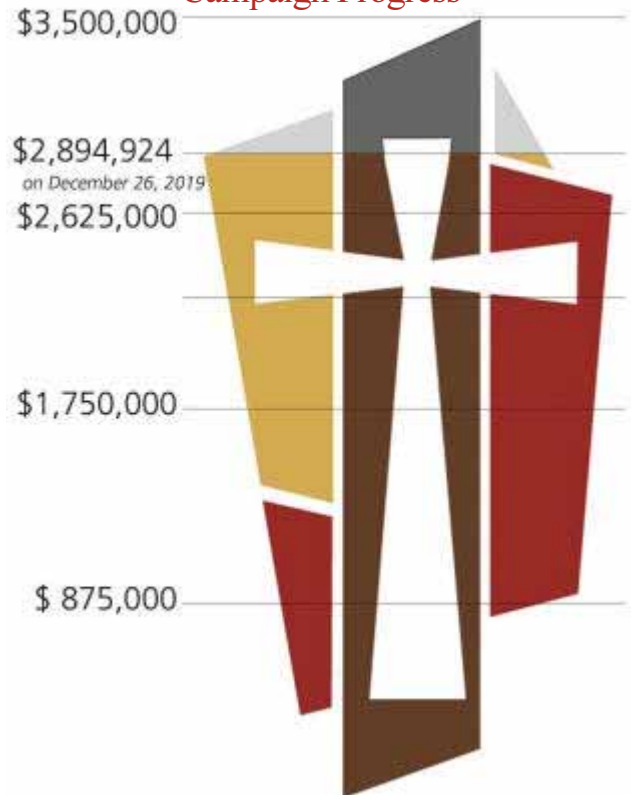
9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Sign up to receive the novena by email, text message, or an app at: pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/.



MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign. As of November 19, a total of 382 households have pledged \$2,894,924. 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



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!

Midweek Recharge

Begin today! Try to find time to be with our Heavenly Father each day! Schedule a time each day, and make it part of your routine whether it be 10 minutes or an hour. Do more than pray, have a conversation with God and give him time to speak to you! Listen! He will respond!

Planning for the Future with Resurrection Cemetery

Do your New Year's resolutions involve being more prepared for the future, or being kind to your family? Making arrangements with Resurrection Cemetery helps with both of these. Make an appointment to discuss your options by calling 608-238-5561.

Fleece Tie Blankets: Thursday, Jan. 9 6:30-8 PM

This activity, sponsored by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference, is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to share the warmth of God's love by creating a cozy blanket for "Recycle the Warmth." St. Vincent de Paul provides good-quality recycled and new bedding to hundreds of needy people in Madison and its surrounding communities every year. Able to donate fleece or want to participate? Contact Kathy Taddy at pktaddy@tds.net or Jenny Ludtke by Monday, January 6!



You're invited to a Jesuit Men's Retreat

February 20-23!

What better way to prepare for Lent and to find our role in being witnesses to God's love than a silent Jesuit retreat in the beautifully renovated Jesuit Retreat House! This is a wonderful way to spend time with God in prayer while surrounded by the beauty, peace and solitude of nature on the shores of Lake Winnebago. Experience the "joy of silence" as we journey on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, share community prayer and daily Mass, and have the opportunity for individual spiritual direction.

The retreat begins Thursday, February 20, with dinner at 7:15 PM and concludes on Sunday, February 23, after lunch. Many men from parishes in the Madison/Middleton area attend this weekend. A full list of retreat dates and more information about the retreat center is found at their web site where you can register for the retreat: jesuitretreathouse.org/ You can also register by calling the Jesuit Retreat House at (920) 231-9060. Carpooling is available, contact Jerry Doll 608 836-8809 or jddoll@wisc.edu



4:00 Mass

Fr. Bart talking with the children attending Mass.

6:30 Mass

Many families brought in the Baby Jesus from their household Nativity Scene for Fr. Bart to bless.



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.

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 seniors, as well as mixed groups that include people from a variety 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.



2020 March for Life Chicago

Join fellow pro-lifers Saturday, January 11 on the ever-growing March for Life in Chicago in Daley Plaza in Chicago, IL. Pro-Life Wisconsin is organizing pick-up locations and one of these locations is the Dutch Mill Park and Ride on the southeast side of Madison. The March itself is from 1 - 3 PM. A crowd of 10,000+ is anticipated. PLW signs will be provided but feel free to create or bring your own.

The cost is \$30 per person or \$85 per family. Babies on laps are free. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should pack a lunch for the ride to Chicago. We will stop on the return trip for dinner. Call 262-796-1111 ext. 14 if you have questions.

Register at prolifewi.org/march-for-life-chicago

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, January 5

Confessions.....	9:00 AM
Epiphany Lessons and Carols, Church	1:00 PM
Three Kings Celebration, Church	6:30 PM

Monday, January 6

Bereavement Series, Library	6:30 PM
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Tuesday, January 7

Marian Prayer Cenacle Group, Library	6:00 PM
Pastoral Council Meeting, Upper Conference Room.....	6:30 PM
SVdP Fellowship Meeting, Bride's Room	6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 8

Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room	9:00 AM
Elementary RE.....	5:00 and 6:00 PM
Choristers Rehearsal, Music Room.....	5:00 PM
STA Cantor Rehearsal, Music Room.....	6:30 PM
RCIA, Lower Conference Room.....	7:00 PM

Thursday, January 9

Diocesan Trono de Sabiduría, Large Social Hall	6:00 PM
Parish Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	6:30 PM
Fleece Blanket Making, Gathering Area.....	6:30 PM
Fun(d) Raising Meeting, Room 102-104	6:30 PM

Saturday, January 11

STACKS, Room 102-104.....	1:00 PM
Confessions.....	3:15 PM

Sunday, January 5

Confessions.....	9:00 AM
Middle and High School RE (World Poverty Simulation)	11:15 AM

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, January 17, Rosary

Brookdale: Friday, January 17, Word and Communion

Sebring: Sunday, January 12, Word and Communion

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

December 24/25

Offertory / Envelopes	\$30,043.74
Building Fund.....	\$165
Christmas Flowers	\$20
Retired Priests of the Diocese.....	\$30
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,000

Counters Schedule

<u>Monday, January 6:</u>	Dick and Mary Ann Ihlenfeld
<u>Monday, January 13:</u>	Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus
<u>Tuesday, January 21:</u>	Don Mahoney and Sara Marx

Mass Intentions for This Week

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

Monday, January 6: St. André Bessette, Religious

8:30 AM Hilary Plaza ☩

Tuesday, January 7: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

5:30 PM August and Charlyn Lemberger ☩

Wednesday, January 8

8:30 AM Jean Fogerty ☩

Thursday, January 9

7:30 AM Special Intention

Friday, January 10

8:30 AM Owen Bradley ☩

Saturday, January 11

4:30 PM Ann Belekevich ☩

Sunday, January 12: The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Richard Pulvermacher ☩

10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

6:30 PM Johannes Pieter Jacob Devries ☩

Readings for the Week of January 5

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

December 22/23

Offertory / Envelopes	\$31,182
Building Fund.....	\$227
Capital Improvement Fund	\$150
Christmas Flowers	\$225
Memorial Fund.....	\$195
Retired Priests of the Diocese.....	\$275
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,000

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Padre Bart Timmerman, Párroco

La Epifanía del Señor

La Epifanía del Señor es la manifestación de Jesús como el Mesías de Israel, el Hijo de Dios, el Salvador del mundo y celebra la adoración de Jesús por los Reyes Magos del Este. En los magos, vemos representadas las religiones vecinas que eran paganas, y el Evangelio nos demuestra los primeros frutos en las naciones, al recibir la buena nueva de salvación en la Encarnación. En el Evangelio de hoy, la creación proclama el nacimiento de Jesús a los magos, los reyes extranjeros en la tierra de Israel. Ellos siguen a la estrella para así encontrar a Jesús, el Rey recién nacido. Cuando lo encuentran, ellos adoran al bebé, y le ofrecen regalos. En nuestro día, nosotros, la Iglesia, continuamos esta procesión hacia Jesucristo. Existe una aspiración interior en nuestro espíritu humano, que quiere conocer a Dios. La celebración de la Epifanía nos señala a Jesucristo, quién es nuestro salvador! Que usemos nuestra energía y tiempo este año para crecer más cercanamente a Jesucristo y hagamos de nuestra vida un regalo para ofrecérselo a Él. ¡Que tenga un gran Día de Reyes!



Celebraciones de Navidad

¡Gracias a todos en la comunidad por apoyarnos en la celebración de Nstra. Señora de Guadalupe, las posadas, las fiestas navideñas y la fiesta del Día de Reyes! Su apoyo financiero y su participación en estos eventos apoyan el crecimiento de la comunidad hispana en Santo Tomás de Aquino, y de esta manera llevamos a Jesús a más personas en nuestras comunidades.

Creciendo como Discípulos este 2020

En este nuevo año tomemos las oportunidades de crecer como Discípulo de Cristo. Considere:

- Invitar a alguien a Alpha y asistir con ellos
- Pertener a un Grupo Pequeño ó participar del Rosario y estudio bíblico los jueves a las 6 PM y a las 7 PM.
- Asistir a los Talleres de Oración y Vida, comenzando este febrero 2 (todos los domingos de 4-6 PM.
- Asistir a nuestro Retiro parroquial el 14 de marzo

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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Oración por la Vida

1 o de enero

Para que los amigos y familiares de las mujeres con embarazos difíciles brinden apoyo amoroso y que afirme la vida para madre e hijo; roguemos al Señor:

5 de enero

Por los funcionarios públicos: Para que Dios les conceda la humildad, sabiduría y valor para defender toda vida humana; roguemos al Señor:

Las lecturas de la semana del 5 de enero

Domingo: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 72, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/
Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22 - 4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12 [8]/
Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 72, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8 [cfr. 11]/
Mc 6, 34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 72, 1-2. 10. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/
Mc 6, 45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4/Sal 72, 1-2. 14 y 15. 17 [cfr. 11]/
Lc 4, 14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20 [12]/
Lc 5, 12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6 y 9 [cfr. 4]/
Jn 3, 22-30

Domingo siguiente: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 29, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10/
Hch 10, 34-38/Mt 3, 13-17