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 Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

Fiesta del bautismo del Señor
12 de enero de 2020
Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor
The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the day Our Lord Jesus, who did not need Baptism, but still chose to be baptized in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist. The baptism of Jesus is on His part the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God’s suffering Servant. He allows Himself to be numbered among sinners; He is already “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” As we celebrate this day, we should also remember that through our Baptism we are united with Christ—“Baptism is birth into the new life in Christ. In accordance with the Lord’s will, it is necessary for salvation, as is the Church herself, which we enter by Baptism” (CCC 1277). Every time we walk into a Catholic Church or chapel, we make the Sign of the Cross on ourselves with Holy Water, and every time we do this, it should remind us of our very own Baptism. Today at Mass, we will celebrate and remember our own Baptism by Renewing Our Baptismal Promises during the Mass. What a joy to know we belong to Jesus Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism, which gives us new and eternal life!

Ordination of Dcn. Lawrence Oparaji

Last weekend it was my great joy to share with you the news of the ordination date for Dcn. Lawrence. We are all so proud of him and happy for him, and we know that he will make a great priest! Thank you all for your prayers, support, and kindness as we walked with him on his journey. Here are the details of the Ordination and First Masses of Thanksgiving:

Saturday, February 22, at 10:30 AM at Holy Name Heights, in the Bishop O’Donnell Chapel, Rev. Mr. Lawrence Oparaji will be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Presbyterate. Seating is limited in the Chapel, so be aware that it may be difficult to find a seat.

His First Mass of Thanksgiving is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, at 1:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison. All are welcome to attend this special Mass and the Reception that follows in the Social Hall. If you plan to attend the reception, please RSVP to Clarice Hinrichs: Clarice@stamadison.org. We will need an accurate account to prepare enough food.

His Second Mass of Thanksgiving is scheduled for Sunday, March 1 at 9:00 AM at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, 221 Columbus St., Sun Prairie.

One additional request is to pray that Dcn. Lawrence’s father, Kenneth, will be granted a travel visa so that he can attend the Ordination of his oldest son. His mother, Calista, already has been granted a travel visa and has visited Madison twice.

6:30 PM Spanish Mass News

In our efforts to evangelize and reach out to the Hispanic Community in our neighborhood we began a Spanish Mass regularly about 4 years ago. It was my dream when we began to offer this Mass, to have at least 200 people attend the Mass. We averaged about 120 people for a long time, but last Sunday 222 people attended our Epiphany Sunday Mass. This is a positive sign of growth, and I hope this continues at all of our Masses. Credit should be given to Bishop Hying who asked the parishioners of STA to invite their friends and family to attend Mass with them. Let’s continue extending the invitation!

Prayer for Life
For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel and be messengers of God’s love for every human life; We pray to the Lord:

Prayer for Justice
For all Christians, May we witness to the calling of our Baptism by following Jesus’ example and advocating for legislation that protects the poor and suffering; We pray to the Lord:

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. Among them, there just may be a treasure for you! Suggested donations are $1 or $2. Plan to come and take a look!

January 24-26: Recycle the Warmth
Make sure it’s a warm winter by donating a clean, gently used blanket or purchasing a brand new one at any of the seven Dane County St. Vinny’s stores for Recycle the Warmth, the 28th annual blanket drive, January 24 – 26. St. Vincent de Paul annually provides hundreds of needy people in Madison and its surrounding communities with good-quality recycled and new bedding. On the last full weekend of January, donors can bring blankets and other bedding—new or clean and gently used—to the parish.

STA Singles Dinner Out
Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Singles for our monthly dinner at Imperial Garden, 2039 Allen Blvd., Middleton on Tuesday, January 21 at 6 PM. RSVP by Sunday, January 19 to Jill at 608-604-3070 or jillymoose18@yahoo.com.

Young Adult Events in January
For more information and keeping in the loop on other events, check the YA Facebook page, facebook.com/STAMadisonYA.

- The i.d.9:16 Discipleship Nights will resume on February 6.
- Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 – 8:30 PM All 20s and 30s are invited to a night of bowling at Schwoegler's Bowling Alley. Bring friends and come meet new ones! We have lanes reserved for $10 per person, including shoe rentals.
- Tuesday, January 21 at 7 – 10 PM Saludos, fellow young adults! After a brief holiday hiatus, we will be resuming our monthly Social Dinner series with a stop at the newly opened Camino Real restaurant in Middleton.
Oración por la Vida
Por todos los cristianos: Que podamos vivir nuestro llamado bautismal para proclamar el Evangelio y ser mensajeros del amor de Dios por cada vida humana; roguemos al Señor:

Las lecturas de la semana del 12 de enero
Domingo: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 29, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 /Hch 10, 34-38/ Mt 3, 13-17
Lunes: 1 Sm 1, 1-8/Sal 116, 12-13. 14-17. 18-19 [17]/Mc 1, 14-20
Martes: 1 Sm 1, 9-20/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8 [cfr. 1]/Mc 1, 21-28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 3, 1-10. 19-20/Sal 40, 2 y 5. 7-8. 8-9. 10 [8 y 9]/ Mc 1, 29-39
Jueves: 1 Sm 4, 1-11/Sal 44, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/Mc 1, 40-45
Viernes: 1 Sm 8, 4-7. 10-22/Sal 89, 16-17. 18-19 [2]/Mc 2, 1-12
Sábado: 1 Sm 9, 1-4. 10. 17-19; 10, 1/Sal 21, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7 [2]/Mc 2, 13-17
Domingo siguiente: Is 49, 3. 5-6/Sal 40, 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10/1 Cor 1, 1-3

Para más información en español, por favor vea la página 6.
January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children: Resources from Books to Videos from the Parish Library

Are you a visual learner who is drawn to watching characters portrayed in a video? Do you prefer listening to an audio talk with earbuds on while on a daily walk or treadmill? Or do you love reading a book in your favorite chair at home or at the coffee shop? Here are some multimedia offerings that will move you to pray, advocate, and cherish the unborn children, their mothers, fathers, and families.

A couple of the excellent resources available in the parish library:

- **Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments** (Randy Alcorn)
  The final chapter alone --“Fifty Ways to Help Unborn Babies and Their Mothers”—makes this book worth reading. Common pro choice arguments are thoroughly researched, and the answers presented logically and scientifically. All prolife advocates should consider purchasing this great resource.

- **Persuasive Pro Life: How to Talk about Our Culture's Toughest Issue** (Trent Horn) With a little knowledge and a few proven techniques, you can become a bold and effective apologist for life. “We must be not just warriors for the pro-life cause but ambassadors for it.”

- **Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader’s Eye-Opening Journey across the Life Line**. DVD movie about Abby Johnson, who went from Planned Parenthood clinic director to leading voice for life and women in crisis. Also available free on YouTube.

Some video resources on Formed.org (If you are not on Formed.org yet, see the instructions on page 3)

- **Life After Abortion ...as told by those whose lives have been forever altered**
- **The Dignity of Life with Paul George** Young People, especially teens, will relate to this video
- **Por qué me fui de Planned Parenthood: De la muerte a la vida** by Abby Johnson

### 9 Days for Life Novena: January 21-29

9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Participants can receive the novena by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. Visit 9daysforlife.com to sign up before the Novena starts on Tuesday, January 21.

### 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. 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 contacting Jenny Ludtke.

### Estate Planning

Consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship an individual can make by establishing an estate plan. Everyone should have an estate plan comprising of either a will or a trust. This will allow you to determine how the gifts God has bestowed on you will be distributed when you can no longer serve as your own steward. If you are planning on giving to charity, please consider St. Thomas Aquinas Parish as part of your estate plan. Thank you so much for making St. Thomas Aquinas the beneficiary of your estate! Contact Holly Irving with your gift.

### Ministers of Hospitality and Greeters Are Needed

One of the most basic gestures a parish can offer is to welcome visitors and parishioners. We have a great group of ministers of hospitality and several greeters, but still need more greeters at all Masses and Ministers of Hospitality at the 4:30 PM and 10:00 AM Mass each weekend. If you love meeting people and could help by being a Minister of Hospitality or a Greeter, please contact Holly Irving.

### Gifts from the Heart and Food Basket Thank Yous

Please find below a few thank you notes for gifts and food!

1. God Bless you for making this holiday possible for my family. Merry Christmas.
2. Muchas gracias por las donaciones y muchachas felicidades en esta Navidad y un justo año nuevo 2020 de Jose.
3. Hello, we really want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for making our Christmas a heart warming and thankful holiday. May God Bless you.
4. Muchas gracias por la ayuda que dios los bendiga siempre y les de mucho. Gracias.
5. Thank you for the box of food, it is such a great help. God Bless you always.
This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, January 12
Confessions ................................................. 9:00 AM
World Poverty Simulation, Social Hall ................ 11:15 AM

Monday, January 13
Praise and Worship Music with Gayle ................... 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 14
Spirited Faith Seekers, Bride’s Room .................... 9:30 AM
Marian Prayer Groups, Library ......................... 6:00 PM
Women’s Group, Lower Conference Room ............ 6:00 PM
Finance Council Meeting, Fireside Room .............. 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 15
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
First Communion Parents Meeting ....................... 6:00 PM
Evangelization Commission, Lower Conference Room .... 6:30 PM
RCIA, Lower Conference Room ....................... 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 16
Diocesan Trono de Sabiduría, Large Social Hall .... 6:00 PM
Parish Choir Rehearsal, Music Room .................. 6:30 PM

Saturday, January 18
Food Sunday
STACKS, Room 102-104 ................................ 1:00 PM
Confessions ................................................. 3:15 PM
Rosary for Life, Church .................................. 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 19
Food Sunday
Rosary for Life, Church .................................. 7:30 AM
Confessions ................................................. 9:00 AM
Rosary for Life, Church .................................. 10:00 AM
Middle and High School RE .......................... 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

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Counters Schedule
- Tuesday, January 21: Phyllis Reindl and Dick Ihlenfeld
- Monday, January 27: Phyllis Reindl and Dick Ihlenfeld

Mass Intentions for This Week

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

Monday, January 13: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:30 AM  George Larscheid in honor of his 100th birthday

Tuesday, January 14
5:30 PM  Madeline and Donald Pepper

Wednesday, January 15
8:30 AM  Living and Deceased Members of the Miklius Family

Thursday, January 16
7:30 AM  Wayne Bennett

Friday, January 17: St. Anthony, Abbot
8:30 AM  Jerry Quinn

Saturday, January 18
4:30 PM  Danny Meixelsperger

Sunday, January 19: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM  Al Prieve
10:00 AM  Jim Nikolay
6:30 PM  St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of January 12
Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8bcdf [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10-1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2-4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/
Jn 1:29-34

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Hoy celebramos el día del bautizo de Nuestro Señor Jesús por San Juan Bautista, aunque no necesitará bautizo. El bautizo de Jesús es parte de la aceptación e inauguración de su misión como el Sirviente sufrido de Dios. Él permite ser contado como uno de los pecadores; aunque ya sea “el Cordero de Dios, que quita los pecados del mundo.” Mientras celebramos este día, debemos también recordar que mediante el Bautismo somos unidos con Cristo — “El Bautismo es el nacimiento a la nueva vida en Cristo. Y en acorde con la voluntad del Señor, es necesario para la salvación, como es la Iglesia misma, la cual entramos con el bautismo” (CCC 1277). Cada vez que entramos a una Iglesia Católica o a una Capilla, hacemos la Señal de la Cruz con Agua Bendita, y cada vez que hacemos esto, debemos recordarnos de nuestro propio bautismo. Hoy en la Misa celebraremos y recordaremos nuestro propio bautizo al Renovar Nuestras Promesas Bautismales. Que alegría saber que pertenecemos a Jesucristo gracias al Sacramento del Bautismo, el cual nos da vida nueva y eterna.

Ordenación al sacerdocio del Diácono Lawrence Oparaji
El fin de semana pasado fue un gran placer para mí compartir la noticia con todos ustedes de la ordenación sacerdotal del Diácono Lawrence. Estamos muy contentos por él y sabemos que será un gran sacerdote. Gracias a todos por sus oraciones y apoyo que le han brindado en esta jornada. Aquí los detalles de su Ordenación Sacerdotal y de su Primera Misa de Acción de Gracias:

Sábado, 22 de febrero a las 10:30 am en Holy Name Heights, en la Capilla del Bishop O’Donnell, el Rev. Sr. Lawrence Oparaji será ordenado a la Orden Sagrada del Presbiterato. Los asientos son limitados en la Capilla, así que seré difícil encontrar una silla.

Su primera Misa de Acción de Gracias será el domingo, 23 de febrero a la 1:00 pm en Santo Tomás de Aquino. Todos están invitados a asistir a esta Misa especial y la recepción en el Salón de Convivio de la parroquia. Si usted planifica asistir a la recepción por favor, RESPONDA al enviar un correo a Clarice Hinrichs Clarice@stamadison.org. Necesitaremos saber el número de personas para preparar suficiente comida.

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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Para Bautismos, Primera Comunión, Confirmación, Matrimonios y Quinceañeras contacte a Lorianne Aubut. Para la unción de los enfermos contacte a Mary Bailey.

Su segunda Misa de Acción de Gracias será el domingo, 1ro de marzo a las 9:00 am en Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary en 221 Columbus St., Sun Prairie.

Una oración adicional que le pedimos es para que el padre del Diácono Lawrence, Kenneth, pueda recibir la visa para viajar para que así pueda estar en la ordenación de su hijo mayor. Su madre Calista ya recibió la visa para viajar y ha estado aquí en Madison dos veces.

Misa de las 6:30 PM en español
Por mucho tiempo hemos querido evangelizar y apoyar a nuestra comunidad hispana, y por eso comenzamos la Misa Dominical regularmente hace 4 años. Era mi sueño llegar a 200 personas al menos en la Misa en español. Usualmente era de 120 personas más o menos, pero este pasado domingo 222 personas asistieron a la Misa de la Epifanía. Esto demuestra un gran crecimiento y tenemos esperanza de que continúe. Mucho crédito al Obispo Hying quien le pidió a los feligreses de STA que invitaran a sus amigos y familiares a la Misa con ellos. ¡Sigamos invitando!

Para más información en español, por favor vea la página 3.
A Message from Deacon Lawrence

Dear Parish Family,

As you all know, for the past year I have been assigned to Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary to learn from Msgr. Duane Moellenberndt, Fr. Grant Theis, their parish staff, and the members of that parish. During this assignment I have been greatly encouraged and supported by the encouragement you at St. Thomas Aquinas have continued to offer me.

Recently Bishop Donald Hying officially announced that he is ordaining me on February 22, 2020! I am filled with joy and gratitude at this news! It will be a blessing to begin Priestly ministry in such a great diocese and with the support of two such loving parishes.

These are the important details:

**Ordination:**
Holy Name Seminary, Bishop O’Donnell Chapel
702 S High Point Rd.
Madison, WI, 53719

10:30 AM on Saturday, February 22
Please know that you are welcome but there will be limited seating at the Ordination Mass.

**First Mass of Thanksgiving:**
St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
602 Everglade Drive
Madison, WI, 53717.

1 PM on Sunday, February 23
Please know that you are welcome to attend the Mass, but please RSVP to clarice@stamadison.org by February 10 for the reception that follows.

**Thanksgiving Mass at**
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary:
221 Columbus St, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

9 AM on Sunday, March 1

Please keep me in your prayers

*Deacon Lawrence Kaycee Oparaji*