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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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Congratulations
Fr. Lawrence Oparaji
Ordained February 22, 2020



Felicidades
P. Lawrence Oparaji
Ordenado 22 de febrero de 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020

Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
23 de febrero de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "turn the other" cheek. What is your understanding of this phrase and how might you use this advice in a situation you are currently in?

Congratulations Fr. Lawrence Oparaji!

Words cannot describe how happy we are today for our parish son, Fr. Lawrence as he is ordained to the priesthood for our Diocese of Madison! I am so proud of Fr. Lawrence! I have always been impressed by him and his prayerful, joyful, and service-oriented approach to preparing for the priesthood. For sure, Fr. Lawrence is a great gift to our diocese and will be an excellent priest! Let us promise our continued prayers and support to him as he begins his priestly ministry among us. We wish him every grace and blessing as he begins his service and ministry to God's holy people! Having Fr. Lawrence as part of our STA Parish Family has been a great blessing to us as we have seen him answer God's call and grow and prepare so well for the priesthood. We are all so blessed and God is truly so good to us! In Fr. Lawrence, God has answered our prayers for more priests!

Thank you for supporting Fr. Lawrence with your prayers and well wishes. I could not have asked for a more supportive and nurturing community than you have been for him. As I have said before, priests do not drop from the sky, they come from families and communities. You have been an inspiration of generosity and love for Fr. Lawrence during his time with us. Thank you for all you do to support Fr. Lawrence and all you do to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is my hope that this is just the beginning of regular vocations that come from our parish.

This is a historic and happy day for our STA Parish Family. First we thank Almighty God for planting the vocation to the priesthood in Fr. Lawrence's heart and calling him to serve us here in our Diocese of Madison. We thank Bishop Hying, Fr. Lawrence's parents, Kenneth and Calista, his professors and mentors, and all who helped Fr. Lawrence answer the call. And finally, we thank Fr. Lawrence who is now our priest, for saying "yes!" to the Lord's call!

What Are You Doing For Lent this Year?

For Lent this year, I would like to encourage you to make this a season of spiritual growth. Our Lenten Preaching Series will focus on the theme of: Healing. Please pray about the areas of your life where you are in need of healing and bring them to Jesus and ask him to heal you. To help make your Lenten Journey fruitful, please consider some of these suggestions:

- Beginning Lent by attending Ash Wednesday Mass
- Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Attending our Parish Lenten Retreat on Saturday March 14
- Joining a Small Faith Group
- Praying the Stations of the Cross
- Spending 15 minutes per day in prayer
- Attending Daily Mass or Tuesday evening Mass
- Joining in on the Devotions that we offer like Adoration, the Rosary, or Divine Mercy Chaplet

May this Lenten Season be a time of renewal and growth for all of us!

Prayer for Life

During this Lenten season, may all who have participated in abortion receive the courage to return to the Lord, who is gracious and merciful; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Peace

During this Lenten season, may we find peace as we go to "our inner room", give thanks to God for His many gifts and listen for his loving guidance;

We pray to the Lord:



Save the Date!!!

TOTUS TUUS 2020:

Summer Camp for Children

Our parish will once again host TOTUS TUUS! We will have this summer camp for children the week of July 13 – 17.

Registration with details will be available on April 4.

Care for Creation, A Lenten Journey

"The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things."

--Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 233

As we begin our Lenten journey, the Care of Creation Team encourages us all to reflect on how we can nurture our relationship with God by exploring the beauty and joy of His Creation. We are called to be good stewards of God's gift of Earth and in these challenging times it is critical that we all examine our use of the Earth's resources and the impact that use has on the global community.

To that purpose we will be providing weekly reflections on caring for creation during Lent. As you reflect we anticipate you will want to take action. We have posted St. Dennis Parish Care of Creation Team's 2020 Lenten Carbon Fast on our Facebook page. It provides daily ideas on ways you can lower your carbon footprint and have a positive impact on slowing global warming.

We encourage you to check out a couple online resources that will provide the spiritual inspiration to change behaviors to better care for our common home.

Ecological Examen (ecologicalexamen.org) is a 6-part series of reflections on Gratitude, Awareness, Understanding, Conversion and Reconciliation authored by The Ignatian Solidarity Network.

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

(maryknollogc.org) has produced a **Lenten Reflection**

Guide 2020 which is a 7-part series reflecting on the Readings for Ash Wednesday and each Sunday in Lent. This booklet provides examples of how our global family has been impacted by climate change. Both resources include questions for reflection and prayers.

Bishop's Visit to our Elementary Faith Formation Program

Bishop Hying visited our elementary religious education classes on February 12. He talked about the disciples, about his own role as Bishop, and about the Eucharist. Bishop visited some of the classrooms that night and was inspired by the beauty of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the dynamic of our newer format. He also spent some time in our Adaptive Catechesis classroom. Thank you Bishop for your support of our evangelization and catechetical programs!



Music & Liturgy Corner

Choristers & Student Singers!

Our STA Choristers lead our sung prayer at the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturdays once a month, in addition to singing with the Parish Choir once a month at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday. This small but mighty group of singers has been doing a wonderful job of leading our assembly in sung prayer. This group is open to students in 4th grade through high school. If your child(ren) might be interested, we would love to have them join us! We sing a variety of music for the assembly in addition to well-composed choral music written specifically for children's voices. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 PM before Religious Education classes.

Cantors & Small Groups

Next Rehearsal – Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 PM

Students entering grade 6 and up are invited to train to become Cantors here at St Thomas Aquinas. This ministry requires faith, maturity, poise, and the ability to sing well. Students are expected to have the desire to grow as a disciple of Christ in service to the Church, to understand the texts they will be singing and proclaiming, to be able to focus and to pray through song, and to be strong singers to help lead our assembly.

In addition to attending a monthly evening rehearsal with STA Cantors & Small Group Members, youth cantors are expected to rehearse with me during the week before they are scheduled, and should plan to arrive at STA 45 minutes before Mass on the day they are scheduled to sing. This requires both a commitment of time and talent, and is a ministry that can truly inspire our assembly. Time required: 3-4 hours/month.

High School Singers!

High school students are welcome to join any of our music groups here at St. Thomas. The Parish choir sings regularly at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday. The Choristers sing once or twice a month (typically on Sunday at 10:00 AM Mass and/or on Saturday at the 4:30 PM Mass). Cantor and Small group members sing weekly, as they are available. Each of these groups has varying degrees of commitment.

If you or your children are interested in any of these areas, please contact our Director of Music Ministries Greg Buchberger.

Community Meal Program This Week

Please have food here by 10 AM on February 26.

Lent Is Here!

Ash Wednesday Masses with Ashes
February 26, 6:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 6:30 PM (*bilingual*)

Stations of the Cross (*no incense*)

Friday, February 28, 3:00 PM
Tuesdays, March 3–31, 6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 PM

Stations in Spanish (El Viacrucis)

Domingo, March 29, 7:30–8:00 PM

Confession During Lent

Sunday, March 29, 11:00 AM–noon
Wednesday, April 1, 7:–00–8:00 PM
Saturdays, March 9–April 13, 3:15–4:15 PM
Sundays, March 10–April 14, 9:00–9:45 AM

Confesiones en español

Sunday/domingo, March 29: 5:30–8:00 PM
Saturdays/sábados, March 9–April 13, 3:15–4:15 PM

Adoration

Mondays: 2:00–4:00 PM in Chapel
Tuesdays: 4:30–5:25 PM in Chapel
Fridays: 9:00–10:00 AM in Chapel

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 5:

Masses Saturday at 4:30 PM
Sunday at 8:00 AM and at 10:00 AM
Sunday, 6:30 PM (*en español/ in Spanish*)

Monday of Holy Week, April 6: Mass at 8:30 AM

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7: No 5:30 PM Mass at STA
Diocesan Chrism Mass, 7:30 PM at St. Maria Goretti

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8: Mass at 8:30 AM

Holy Thursday, April 9: No 7:30 AM Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 PM (*incense, bilingual*)

Good Friday, April 10: No 8:30 AM Mass

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 1:00 PM (*no incense*)

Servicio de Viernes Santo, 3:30 PM (*en español*)

Easter Vigil Mass

Saturday, April 11, 8:00 PM (*incense, bilingual*)

No 4:30 PM Mass

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:00 AM in Church (*incense*)

10:00 AM in Church (*incense*)

10:15 AM in Social Hall (*no incense*)

No 6:30 PM Mass

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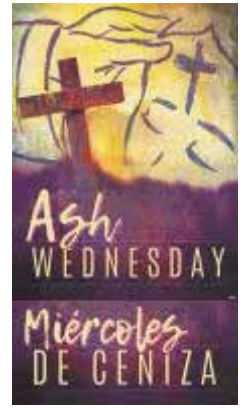
As of February 19:

Campaign Goal \$3,500,000

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The Heart of Our Faith Parish Retreat

Saturday, March 14, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas

How often have we heard the beautiful message of the Gospel...the good news of God's love, Jesus' gift of salvation, the Holy Spirit's power? Perhaps, more importantly, how often do we take time to not only hear this message, but to let it sink in from our head to our heart?

Adults and teens are invited to join us for this special half-day Lenten retreat. Perhaps for some it will be one of the first times giving God the chance to move you from understanding to believing—from head to heart. For some, it may well affirm a message that you know well and have heard many times. Wherever you're at on your journey, this will be an opportunity for each of us to strengthen our faith, and be better prepared to share this good news with others. You can start sharing the good news now by inviting a friend to register with you. All are welcome!

Our retreat begins with lunch in the social hall starting at 11:30am and concludes with Mass at 4:30pm. The suggested donation for the retreat is \$10 per person.



RSVP by March 9 by returning the form below to the parish office, or contacting Jennifer Ludtke, Director of Evangelization and Outreach, at 833-2606 or Jennifer@stamadison.org.

Yes, I would like to attend the Heart of Our Faith Retreat on March 14.

Name(s): _____

Contact information (phone and/or email): _____

Any special dietary needs: _____

A suggested donation of \$10 could be included with this registration form (checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish) or brought to the retreat.

Have you registered yet for a Journey Group?

At St. Thomas Aquinas parish, people experience Jesus in a way that changes how they live. And everyone is encouraged to take the next step in order to continue growing, especially during Lent. Journey groups provide a way to learn and to develop friendships with others who love God. It is in community that we deepen our faith, and we hope you say yes to the opportunity! Journey groups will meet 7 times, starting the week of March 2. Some groups meet here at the parish, others in the homes of the hosts. The Journey materials will help us come to know more about Jesus scripturally, prayerfully, and personally. **Please complete a registration form and return it to the parish, or contact Jennifer Ludtke. Registrations are due Thursday, February 27** (Groups will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so don't delay!) A \$10 donation (collected at the first session) helps with the cost of materials.

JOURNEY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I choose this one! (Please put an "x" in this column.)	JOURNEY GROUP OPPORTUNITIES	
	Day and Time	Hosts and locations
	Monday, 7-8:30pm	Liz and Christopher Ortmann's group will meet at their home (about 13 minutes from STA)
	Tuesday, 1-3pm	Betsy and Pat Jagoe's group will meet at St. Thomas Aquinas.
	Tuesday, 6:30-8pm	Tim O'Rourke's group will meet at St. Thomas Aquinas
	<i>miércoles, 6-7:15</i> <i>(en español)</i>	<i>El grupo de Perlina Freites se reunirá en Santo Tomás de Aquino</i>
	Wednesday, 6:30-8pm	Emily Rech's group will meet at St. Thomas Aquinas
	Wednesday, 6:30-8pm	Deb Del Cielo's group will meet at her home (about 10 min. from STA)
	Thursday, 7-8:30pm	Gary and Susan Hamblin's group will meet at their home (about 21 minutes from STA)

This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, February 22

Confessions.....9:00 AM
 Last Minute Decorations for Dcn. Lawrence's Reception.....11:15 AM
 Fr. Lawrence's First Mass, Reception to follow.....1:00 PM

Monday, February 23

Talleres de Oración y Vida, Upper Conference Room.....6:00 PM
 Prayer Team Meeting, Chapel.....6:00 PM

Tuesday, February 25

Marian Prayer Cenacle Group, Library.....6:00 PM
 Women's Evening of Recollection, Chapel.....6:00 PM
 Discipleship Meeting, Lower Conference Room.....6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26

Community Meal Program: Please have food here by 10 AM
 Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room.....9:00 AM

Thursday, February 27

Spanish Rosary, Church.....6:00 PM
 Parish Choir Rehearsal, Music Room.....6:30 PM
 Spanish Bible Study, Lower Conference Room.....7:00 PM

Friday, February 28

Caroline Roe's Journey Group, Library.....10:00 AM

Saturday, February 29

Confessions.....3:15 PM

Sunday, March 1

Confessions.....9:00 AM
 Talleres de Oración y Vida, Room 102/104.....4:00 PM

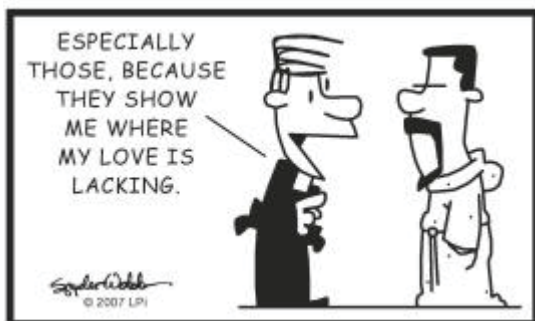
Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, February 28, Mass

Brookdale: Wednesday, February 26, Word and Communion with Ashes

Sebring: Sunday, February 23, Word and Communion

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, February 22

4:30 PM Anthony Castellino ☩

Sunday, February 23: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners
 10:00 AM Fabiola and Vanessa Hernandez
 1:00 PM Fr. Lawrence's Grandparents Francis Ihejirika Oparaji & Mr. and Mrs. Cyriacus Anyagwa ☩ & everyone present
 6:30 PM Alex Martin ☩

Monday, February 24

8:30 AM Hilary Plaza ☩

Tuesday, February 25

5:30 PM Emil and Bernadine Lauber ☩

Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM Kathy Liegel ☩
 12:10 PM Larry Hanson ☩
 6:30 PM Anthony Castellino ☩

Thursday, February 27

7:30 AM John Schwab ☩

Friday, February 28

8:30 AM Michael Keyes ☩
 10:00 AM Leo Groth ☩ at Oakwood

Saturday, February 29

4:30 PM Audrey DeNoyer ☩

Sunday, March 1: 1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Christopher Kubat and Deceased Members of the Voss and Kubat Families
 10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners
 6:30 PM Josué Ochoa Rugeles ☩

Readings for the Week of February 23

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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Monday, March 9: Bernice Bariola and Dan Gronemus

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En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos dice que "pongamos la otra mejilla". ¿Cuál es su comprensión de esta frase y cómo podría usar este consejo en una situación en la que se encuentra actualmente?



Felicitaciones P. Lawrence Operajil!

Las palabras no pueden describir cuán felices estamos hoy por nuestro hijo parroquial, el Padre Lawrence como ha sido ordenado sacerdote para nuestra Diócesis de Madison! Estoy muy orgulloso del p. Lawrence! Siempre me ha impresionado él y su enfoque de oración, alegría y servicio para prepararse al sacerdocio. Prometámosle nuestras continuas oraciones y apoyo a él mientras comienza su ministerio sacerdotal entre nosotros. ¡Le deseamos toda gracia y bendición al comenzar su servicio y ministerio al pueblo santo de Dios! Tener al p. Lawrence como parte de nuestra Familia de la Parroquia de STA ha sido una gran bendición para nosotros. En el p. ¡Lawrence, Dios ha respondido nuestras oraciones por más sacerdotes!

Gracias por apoyar al p. Lawrence con tus oraciones, apoyo y buenos deseos. No podría haber pedido una comunidad más solidaria y de apoyo como ha usted sido para él. Como he dicho antes, los sacerdotes no caen del cielo, provienen de familias y comunidades. Has sido una inspiración de generosidad y amor para el Padre. Lawrence durante su tiempo con nosotros. Gracias por todo lo que hace para apoyar al Padre. Lawrence y todo lo que hace para promover las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida religiosa. Espero que esto sea solo el comienzo de vocaciones regulares que provienen de nuestra parroquia.

Primero agradecemos a Dios Todopoderoso por plantar la vocación al sacerdocio en el corazón del p. Lawrence y llamándolo para que nos sirva aquí en nuestra Diócesis de Madison. Agradecemos al obispo Hying, a los padres de p. Lawrence, Kenneth y Calista, sus profesores y mentores, y todos los que ayudaron al padre Lawrence a contestar el llamado. Y finalmente, agradecemos al p. Lawrence, que ahora es nuestro sacerdote, por decir "¡sí!" a la llamada del Señor!

¿Qué vas a hacer para la Cuaresma este año?

Para la Cuaresma de este año, me gustaría animarlos a que hagan de esta una temporada de crecimiento espiritual. Ore por las áreas de su vida donde necesita curación y tráigalas a Jesús y pídale que lo sane. Para ayudar a que su viaje cuaresmal sea fructífero, considere algunas de estas sugerencias:

- Comenzando la Cuaresma asistiendo a la Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza
- Celebrando el Sacramento de la Reconciliación
- Unirse a un pequeño grupo de fe
- Rezando las estaciones de la cruz
- Pasar 15 minutos por día en oración.
- Asistir a la misa diaria o la misa del martes por la noche
- Unirse a las devociones que ofrecemos como Adoración, Rosario o Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

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Misa en español

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

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Jueves 6:00 PM

Estudio Bíblico en español

Jueves 7:00 PM

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Minuto Catequético: Tomado del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (CIC)



II. Transmitir la fe: La catequesis

Muy pronto se llamó catequesis al conjunto de los esfuerzos realizados en la Iglesia para hacer discípulos, para ayudar a los hombres a creer que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios a fin de que, creyendo ésto, tengan la vida en su nombre, y para educarlos e instruirlos en esta vida y construir así el Cuerpo de Cristo (cf. Juan Pablo II, *Catechesi tradendae* [CT] 1).

"La catequesis es una educación en la fe de los niños, de los jóvenes y adultos, que comprende especialmente una enseñanza de la

doctrina cristiana, dada generalmente de modo orgánico y sistemático con miras a iniciarlos en la plenitud de la vida cristiana" (CT 18).

Sin confundirse con ellos, la catequesis se articula dentro de un cierto número de elementos de la misión pastoral de la Iglesia, que tienen un aspecto catequético, que preparan para la catequesis o que derivan de ella, como son: primer anuncio del Evangelio o predicación misionera para suscitar la fe; búsqueda de razones para creer; experiencia de vida cristiana: celebración de los sacramentos; integración en la comunidad eclesial; testimonio apostólico y misionero (cf. CT 18).

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