



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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

2º DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA

“Este es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias; escúchenlo”. - Mt 17, 5



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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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, 4:15–5:15 PM
 Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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Second Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2020

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma
8 de marzo de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Second Sunday of Lent

We are invited into the experience of the Transfiguration on this Second Sunday of Lent. On that Mountain, Jesus revealed before mortal eyes the Transcendent Truth of who He is—and who Peter, James, John, and who each one of

us—will become in Him. They were invited to exercise their freedom and embrace the path that He had prepared. So are we, right now! We are invited into life with Christ and so today is a day of Hope! The Transfiguration calls us to think about and focus on the end of the Christian life. “End” in the theological sense means purpose or goal. The Transfiguration helps to explain the very meaning and purpose of life! We will all be transfigured, as the Lord Himself was transfigured, when our redemption is complete in the Resurrection of the Body. Our celebration of Mass today is healing because no matter what trials we face now, it reminds us that we will one day be transfigured in heaven!

The Church responds to the Corona Virus and Other Viruses

Please see page 7 in today’s bulletin. It is the Memo I mentioned last Sunday that I received just before our weekend Masses. It has some helpful tips for us to keep our time together as safe and healthy as possible. Please pray for an end to illness and disease and for all doctors, nurses, and health care workers.

Heart of Our Faith Retreat

Next Saturday, March 14 from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM, we will have our Lenten Retreat here at our Church. Retreats are good opportunities for us to step away from the busy, noisy, distractions in our lives and make time for God. The retreat will focus on the Kerygma, the heart of our faith, and is something Pope Francis wants us as Catholics to reflect on deeply during this Lent. Please sign-up by calling the parish or going to our website: stamadison.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

You are warmly welcome to experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten Season. It is a Sacrament of Healing and Forgiveness. Please see the schedule for additional times for Confession.

Feed My Sheep 2020

Feed My Sheep is an annual food packaging event in partnership with the Rock County Rotary. The Westside Catholic Youth Network Parishes are organizing the ninth annual event. This is a great way to serve as an individual, family, and Parish. New and returning volunteers are needed! It is no coincidence that Feed My Sheep takes place during Lent. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Feed My Sheep can be a Lenten project for individuals or families to grow in prayer and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. When we think globally and act locally, we really can begin to change the world! Anyone 3-103 years old can volunteer to serve at Feed My Sheep. The packaging day is Saturday, March 28. If you would like to sign up please go to feedmysheepmadison.com/



Scrip Sales Next Weekend!

St. Ambrose Academy sells Scrip after all Masses the 2nd weekend of every month. If you are interested in buying gift cards from them to help support their school, please bring cash or your checkbook to Mass this upcoming weekend. Thank you!

Prayer for Life

For those nearing the end of life: May they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God, as they prepare for eternity with Christ; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Justice

For all who pray in secret during this holy season: May they see Jesus as bright as the sun and answer His call to reach out to our neighbors in need; We pray to the Lord:

Care for Creation, A Lenten Journey

In the Transfiguration, God the Father claims Jesus as His Beloved Son and asks Peter, James and John to “listen to him.” During Lent let us listen to Jesus and nurture our own transformation to take better care of creation.

Spend some time in reflection in the Ignatian tradition. Find a quiet space in a natural setting and allow the Spirit to guide you.

Pray

Praised be You, my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day through whom You bring us light....

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, so very useful and humble, precious and pure....

Praised be you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us,....

Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks, and serve Him with great humility!

-St. Francis of Assisi, Canticle of the Creatures

Reflect

What comes to mind when you envision God’s renewal of the earth? How can you participate in that renewal?

How much do you take access to clean water for granted?

What is your reaction when you hear about communities that are without water for weeks or months at a time? What would you do if your water supply was contaminated and you had no way to purify it or purchase bottled water? What can you do to conserve this precious resource and encourage access to clean water for all?

Fast

Consider the ways in which you can conserve the precious resource of water in your daily life. Best practices for conserving water can be found at learn.eartheasy.com and searching the guides for “45 Ways to Conserve Water”.

Act

Learn about the sacred role of water for all life: maryknollogc.org/statements/water-and-community-life

Find information on World Water Day, March 22: maryknollogc.org/article/world-water-day-2020

Avoid bottled water and support public investment in clean tap water globally.

-adapted from *The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns Lenten Reflection Guide 2020 and the Ignation Solidarity Network Ecological Examen*

Lent Is Here!

Stations of the Cross *(no incense)*

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: 4:15–5:15 PM in Chapel

Fridays: 9:00–10:00 AM in Chapel

Holy Week Schedule

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

Regular weekend Mass schedule

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7: No 5:30 PM Mass at STA

Diocesan Chrism Mass, 7:30 PM at St. Maria Goretti

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

Lenten Reflections on FORMED

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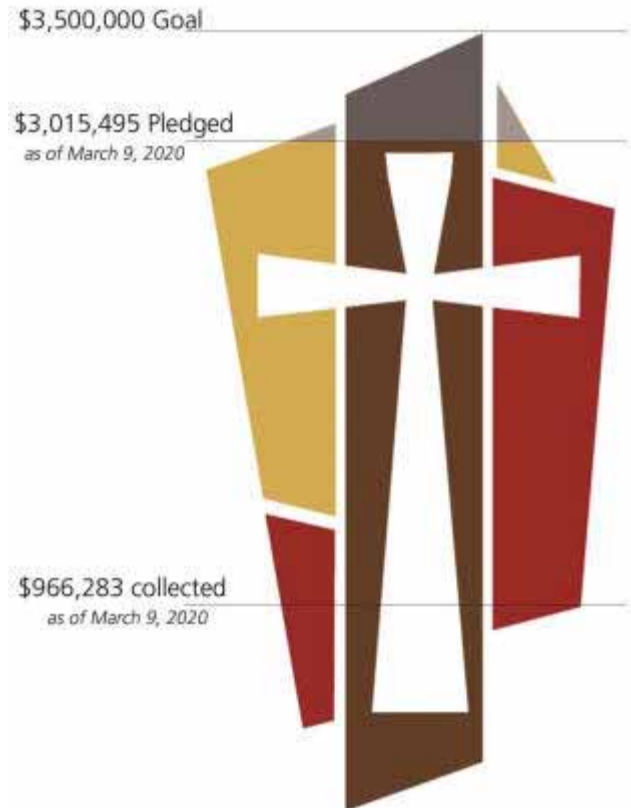
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MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign.

As of March 9:

Campaign Goal.....	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date.....	\$3,015,495
Received to Date	\$966,283
Number of Households Participating	455



Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Video and Discussion

March 22 after all Sunday Masses

As we prepare to vote in the Primary Election on April 7, we are called to form our consciences and vote for candidates that best represent the principles espoused by Catholic Social Teachings. In last week's bulletin the Justice and Peace Committee shared Part I of the USCCB's *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. On March 22 after the 8:00, 10:00 and 6:30 Masses we will show a short video on the topic and then lead a discussion. We will also provide information on the logistics of voting. This is an important election as we will be voting for the candidates who will run for US President this fall and finalize who will join the WI Supreme Court for the next 10 years. Join us as we discern how to be faithful citizens and promote the common good.



Lent at St. Thomas Aquinas

Each weekend during our Lenten Season, we will begin our celebration by singing:

Return to God with all your heart.

Surrender and be free.

With humble hearts we cry to you:

have mercy on us Lord;

Forgive our sin, we pray, we pray.

We then come to God in the Penitential Rite and pray together the *Kyrie Eleison* (Lord, have mercy) in Greek.

Lord Jesus, you make us a new people.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy).

Lord Jesus, you speak your Father's word and we are free.

Christe Eleison (Christ Have Mercy).

Lord Jesus, you raise your hand and we are healed.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy).

In addition, we will be singing the Mass of Charity and Love by Steven Warner. This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is based upon the chant "Where Charity and Love Prevail" by Paul Benoit, OSB. The music can be found on the purple handouts in the pews, along with some of the other responses that we will be using.

Occasionally people asked why we do so much singing during Mass. Mother Church continually reinforces the ideal of more singing and more sung prayer, especially through the lens of progressive solemnity. The more sacred or important a celebration is, the more of the parts of the Mass we should sing. But WHY!? The Church teaches that our prayer is more vibrant and highly exalted to God when the texts that we pray are sung. It helps us to lift our minds AND our hearts to the heavenly realm, to raise our intensity of prayer, and to join the angels and saints in heartfelt prayer and praise. Remember, singing is praying twice!

As we begin this Lent, let us dedicate ourselves to growing closer to God, to Jesus his Son, and to sharing our joy and love for God with others. A blessed Lent!

Leaving a Lasting Legacy

For your parish

Bequests to the parish, gifts of life insurance, stocks, bonds, and certificates of deposit can help perpetuate your faith commitment. Please remember the ongoing and long-range needs here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. For specific areas which could benefit from your gift, please contact Holly Irving

In memory of a loved one

We also want to perpetuate the memory of our loved ones who have passed on! One way to keep their memory alive and support your parish at the same time is to name St. Thomas Aquinas Parish as a recipient of a memorial gift! Please check the legacy wall and the memorial book in the Gathering Area!



Rose McCormick

6/6/25 - 10/26/19

Thank you to the McCormick family for the memorial gift in honor of their mother Rose McCormick.

Ministers of Hospitality and Greeters Are Needed

One of the most basic gestures a parish can do it to be a welcoming parish. We have a great group of ministers of hospitality and several greeters. Our parish is in need of more Ministers of Hospitality at the 4:30 PM and 10:00 AM Mass each weekend. Greeters are needed at every Mass. If you could help by being a Minister of Hospitality or a Greeter, please contact Holly Irving.

FUN raiser!

Question: What's an Awesome Way to Spend an Evening?

Answer: Trivia Night at Saint Thomas Church.

Come join us on May 16 for our 7th Annual Spring Fling Trivia Night. Enjoy a Mexican feast, trivia, wine pull and drinks.

Participants are able to sign up a whole team or be assigned to a team. Team members do not need to be members of STA. Not a Trivia expert? Not to worry. Come for good food, fun trivia questions and meet a few new people. Who knows...maybe you'll know the winning answer!

Location: Saint Thomas

Date: May 16

Time: 5:30 PM

Cost: \$15. A person

Sign-ups coming soon!

STA Singles Dinner Out

Join the St. Thomas Aquinas Singles for their monthly dinner at Nonno's Ristorante Italiano, 704 S Whitney Way, Madison on Thursday, March 26 at 6 PM. RSVP by Tuesday, March 24 to Jill at 1-608-604-3070 or jillymoose18@yahoo.com.

Food Sunday Collection Next Weekend!

This month on the 14 and 15 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.

Below is a list of items that are most needed. Please note that toilet paper is handed out one roll per family (large or small) and is always in need.

Most Needed Food List

Flour	Sugar
Cooking Oil	Cereal
Canned vegetables (low sodium)	Jelly/jam/honey
Rice (brown)	Soup (low sodium)
Spaghetti (whole wheat)	Spaghetti sauce
Meal-in-a-can	Pancake mix
Syrup (light)	Ketchup
Canned salmon, tuna or chicken	
Beans (kidney, pinto, garbanzo or black)	
Canned fruit (in natural juices or light syrup)	



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.

Exploring Lectio Divina in a Small Group

Starting March 16, and meeting approximately every other week, this small group meets in the home of the hosts (about 5 minutes from STA) and will use a book called *Praying Scripture for a Change*. This short and practical book will help participants to see how God continues to speak to us through the richness of scripture. To sign up, or for more information, contact Joel at galangjs628@gmail.com or Jenny Ludtke.



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.



Coronavirus y la liturgia

Oficina de la Diócesis de Madison, 28 de febrero de 2020

La Oficina de la Diócesis ha recibido algunas llamadas expresando preocupación por la transmisión del Coronavirus en la misa.

Es posible que desee recordar a los feligreses que no hay necesidad de entrar en pánico. Las primeras indicaciones muestran que se transmite en gran parte la forma en que se transmite la influenza.

A continuación se detallan los requisitos obligatorios, puestos en efecto de inmediato, dentro de la Diócesis de Madison:

1. Los feligreses deben abstenerse de tocar a otros durante la Misa (por ejemplo, el Signo de la Paz y el Padre Nuestro). El signo de la paz puede ser: 1) omitido, o 2) retenido si hay instrucciones sobre el uso de gestos sin contacto.
2. Como es la política actual, la Preciosa Sangre no debe distribuirse, con la debida excepción para comulgantes celíacos, que por razones médicas reciben de un cáliz independiente.

A continuación hay algunas sugerencias para pastores y administradores parroquiales para una posible implementación dentro de la Diócesis de Madison, según su discreción prudente:

1. El sentido común dicta gran parte del protocolo para tratar el coronavirus, la gripe y otras enfermedades respiratorias: lavarse las manos con frecuencia, cubrirse la tos, etc.
2. Incluya al menos una intercesión en todas las misas diarias y dominicales pidiéndole a Dios que sane a quienes tienen coronavirus, para proteger a sus cuidadores, y / o para el desarrollo de curas o vacunas para el coronavirus.
3. Las personas que comulgan pueden desear recibir la Sagrada Comunión en la mano y en lugar de en la boca.
4. Las fuentes de agua bendita en las puertas de la iglesia pueden vaciarse. La razón de esto debe darse a conocer a los congregación. (No los llene con arena u otro material).
5. Si un feligrés experimenta síntomas similares a los de la gripe, debe quedarse en casa. El Código de Derecho Canónico (1248.2) permite que una persona falte a misa en un domingo o día santo de obligación por una razón grave. Tener una enfermedad contagiosa es una razón grave. La ley exige que, si es posible, quienes falten a misa por este motivo pasen un tiempo adecuado en oración en casa solos o con la familia. Faltar a misa por esta razón no es pecado.
6. A medida que se propaga el coronavirus, los feligreses con el sistema inmunitario comprometido (los ancianos, los bebés, las personas con una enfermedad subyacente, receptores de trasplantes, etc.) pueden considerar si deben o no asistir a misa por las mismas razones citadas en el número 5 de este documento.
7. Todos los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión deben lavarse las manos con agua y jabón o desinfectante para manos inmediatamente antes de distribuir la Sagrada Comunión. Los Ministros Ordinarios pueden desear hacer lo mismo. (Por favor no coloque desinfectante para manos cerca del tabernáculo. Es mejor si el lavado de manos es discreto.) Si una persona está enferma visualmente (ojos rojos, secreción nasal, etc.) no deberían distribuir la Sagrada Comunión ese día.
8. Dependiendo de la duración de la preocupación por el coronavirus, las personas deben recibir instrucciones de no besar o tocar la Cruz mientras se venera el Viernes Santo. En cambio, pueden genuflexionar o inclinarse ante la Cruz como un acto de veneración.
9. La parroquia debe desinfectar regularmente "puntos de contacto", como manijas de puertas, botones de elevadores, confesionarios y respaldos de bancos donde las personas pueden colocar sus manos.
10. La parroquia puede desear tener desinfectante de manos en las entradas de la iglesia, en el confesionario, en la sacristía, etc.
11. Para la protección del celebrante, el diácono y otros ministros y por extensión los fieles, tales ministros pueden decidir que al saludar a los asistentes después de la misa, se abstengan de dar la mano o tocar a los demás. La razón de esto debe darse a conocer de antemano a la congregación.



Coronavirus and the Liturgy

Diocese of Madison Office of Worship, February 28, 2020

The Office of Worship has received some calls expressing concern about the transmission of the Coronavirus at Mass. You may wish to remind parishioners that there is no need to panic. Early indications show that it is transmitted in much the way that influenza is transmitted.

Below are mandatory requirements, effective immediately, within the Diocese of Madison:

- 1. Parishioners should refrain from touching others during the Mass (e.g., the Sign of Peace and the Our Father). The Sign of Peace may be: 1) omitted, or 2) retained if there is instruction in the use of non-contact gestures.**
- 2. As is the current policy, the Precious Blood should not be distributed, with due exception for celiac communicants, who for medical reasons receive from an independent chalice.**

Below are some suggestions to pastors and parochial administrators for possible implementation within the Diocese of Madison, based on their prudent discretion:

1. Common sense dictates much of the protocol for dealing with the coronavirus, the flu, and other respiratory diseases—frequently washing hands, covering coughs, etc...
2. Include at least one intercession at all daily and Sunday Masses asking God to heal those who have the coronavirus, to protect their caregivers, and/or for the development of cures or vaccines for the coronavirus.
3. Communicants may wish to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than in the mouth.
4. Holy water fonts at the doors of the church may be emptied. The reason for this should be made known to the congregation. (Please do not fill them with sand or another material.)
5. If a parishioner is experiencing flu-like symptoms, (s)he should stay at home. *The Code of Canon Law* (1248.2) allows a person to miss Mass on a Sunday or holy day of obligation for a *grave reason*. Having a communicable disease is a grave reason. The law asks that, if possible, those who miss Mass for this reason spend a suitable time in prayer at home on their own or with the family. Missing Mass *for this reason* is not a sin.
6. As the coronavirus spreads, parishioners who have compromised immune system (the elderly, babies, those with an underlying illness, transplant recipients, etc...) may consider whether or not they should attend Mass for the same reasons cited in number 5 of this document.
7. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer immediately prior to distributing Holy Communion. Ordinary Ministers may wish to do the same. (n.b., please do not place hand sanitizer near the tabernacle. It's best if the handwashing is discreet.) If a person is visually sick (red eyes, runny nose, etc.) they should not distribute Holy Communion on that day.
8. Depending on the length of the coronavirus concern, people should be instructed not to kiss or touch the Cross while venerating it on Good Friday. Instead, they may genuflect or bow before the Cross as an act of veneration.
9. The parish should regularly sanitize "touchpoints," such as door handles, elevator buttons, confessionals, and backs of pews where people may place their hands.
10. The parish may wish to have hand sanitizer at the entrances to the church, in the confessional, in the sacristy, etc...
11. For the protection of the celebrant, deacon, and other ministers, and by extension the faithful, such ministers may decide that while greeting attendees after Mass, they refrain from shaking hands or touching others. The reason for this should be made known in advance to the congregation.

A Message to St. Thomas Aquinas from St. Ambrose Academy

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners,

I am grateful to Father Bart Timmerman for inviting me to write directly to you, his parishioners, regarding St. Ambrose Academy's search for a new home.

You, the people of St. Thomas Aquinas, built this building by the sweat of your brows. You likely did not foresee that for 15 years the religious education wing of your building would give the young people of St. Ambrose Academy a place to grow and thrive in the Faith. You welcomed our students in at a critical time in our growth. You give them a safe and cheerful place to learn and worship. You kindly made room for them at daily Mass, and after Mass you give them friendly nods of encouragement as they head off to the classroom.

Our families will never forget what you have done for us, and we hope you take pride in the work we have done to send young people out into the world to give back what you gave them, serving the human family and the Church as nurses, doctors, seminarians, religious, chemists, computer scientists, soldiers, welders, professors, police officers, artists, in sacramental marriages... Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, you chief among them, our students are equipped to take up the mission we all share: spreading the Good News of Jesus to the ends of the Earth.

We are excited by your plans to repurpose your religious education wing into an Enrichment Center that offers greater opportunities for people of all ages to encounter Christ. We are very grateful for the three years Father Bart and your parish council gave us to find a new home.

Currently we are exploring three possibilities for the future of our school:

1. VERONA (St. Christopher Parish acreage between the church / parking lot and the cemetery): currently our top priority. At the request of the City of Verona, we carried out a traffic impact study. We are now working with the City to assess possible costs associated with storm water, water retention, and whatever City requirements arise from the traffic study. After unanimous approval of the Parish and Finance Councils and Trustees to move forward with investigating the possibility of a partnership, Father Sasse and the St. Christopher Parish community set up a new parish committee to interface with our Site Committee re-

garding the potential building site and how it is developed and accessed. We have hired an engineering firm to carry out the initial site analysis.

2. FITCHBURG (development near McGaw Park): currently our second priority. We recently received new information from the developers and their infrastructure studies that put the land we were hoping for into a higher price bracket than anticipated. We will continue to meet with the developers over the next months as their infrastructure plans unfold, but that work will likely not be completed until summer, our optimal time to begin breaking ground on our new building.

3. McFARLAND – Christ the King Parish acreage north of the church: the parish community carried out a series of studies, including a land appraisal, that resulted in their setting a land price that is likely outside our budget.

We plan to vacate the St. Thomas Aquinas religious education wing on schedule by the end of June, 2021. Feel free to reach out to St. Ambrose Academy Site Committee Co-Chairs Diane Marsland (marsland@chorus.net) and Grant Emmel (grant.emmel@ambroseacademy.org) if you have further questions.

We are planning a school-wide pilgrimage in April to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin, to entrust our school and especially our need for a new home to the intercession of the Blessed Mother. The Shrine, the first approved Marian apparition site in the United States, stands where the Queen of Heaven appeared to a young Belgian immigrant, Adele Brise, and commissioned her to go into the wilderness, gather the children, and teach them what they should know about salvation. We share that call (though our wilderness is very different than the one in which Adele labored in the mid-1800's!). I have long considered Our Lady of Good Help to be a special protector of our St. Ambrose Academy mission. Please pray for the success of our pilgrimage.

Please keep our building in your prayers, and know that your project is in ours. We look forward with joy to seeing the new fruits that will come from the working of the Holy Spirit through your parish family.

God bless you, now and always.

Joan Carey, Executive Director

Opportunities at Edgewood High School

It's not too late to explore your opportunities at Edgewood High School. Our school provides academic excellence, a caring and supportive faculty and a community that supports faith and values. Contact us to set up a shadow day or tour. We are also happy to sit down with your family to answer any questions, including those about tuition and financial aid.

You can still apply for the 2020-2021 School Year online! Online application is free. Applying will keep you in the loop for other upcoming scholarship and financial assistance information. Visit edgewoodhs.org/ to learn more about EHS.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

Check out our website:
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This Week at St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, March 8

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

Monday, March 9

Praise and Worship Music with Gayle Westphal.....6:00 PM

Tuesday, March 10

Journey Group, Bride's Room.....1:00 PM
Marian Prayer Cenacle Group, Library.....6:00 PM
Women's Group, Upper Conference Room.....6:15 PM
Journey Group, Bride's Room.....6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 11

Toddler Time, Nursery and Upper Conference Room..... 9:00 AM
Spanish Journey Group, Small Social Hall6:00 PM
Evangelization Commission, Lower Conference Room.....6:30 PM
Journey Group, Lower Conference Room6:30 PM

Thursday, March 12

Diocesan Trono de Sabiduría, Room 102/104.....6:00 PM
Parish Choir Rehearsal, Music Room.....6:30 PM

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

Food Sunday Collection
Heart of Our Faith Retreat, Social Hall 8:30 AM
STACKS, Room 102-104.....1:00 PM
Confessions3:15 PM

Sunday, March 15

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

Care Facility Liturgies This Week

Oakwood: Friday, March 13, Mass

Brookdale: Wednesday, March 20, Word and Communion

Sebring: Sunday, March 22, Word and Communion



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Several parishioners cheered on Michael McGiverin and the West Madison Special Olympics team as they beat Monona Grove's Basketball team

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, March 7

4:30 PM Joaquin Rivera ☩

Sunday, March 8: 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:00 AM Al, Mike, and Kim Thompson ☩

10:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Kehl Family

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Monday, March 9: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

8:30 AM Special Intention

Tuesday, March 10

5:30 PM Jenny Jepson ☩

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 AM Dave and Paulette Erzen ☩

Thursday, March 12

7:30 AM Tom Gombar ☩

Friday, March 13

8:30 AM Shirley Laska ☩

10:00 AM Fr. Donald Murray ☩ at Oakwood

Saturday, March 14

4:30 PM Living and Deceased members of the Theis & Pertzborn families

Sunday, March 15: 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Phil Olson ☩

10:00 AM Kathy Liegel ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Readings for the Week of March 8

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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La Iglesia responde al virus Corona y otros virus.

Consulte página 6 en el boletín de hoy. Es la nota que mencioné el domingo pasado que recibí justo antes de nuestras misas de fin de semana. Tiene algunos consejos útiles para que podamos mantener nuestro tiempo juntos lo más seguro y saludable posible. Ore por el fin de la enfermedad y por todos los médicos, enfermeras y trabajadores de la salud.

Sacramento de la reconciliación

Le invitamos a experimentar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante esta temporada de Cuaresma. Es un sacramento de curación y perdón. Por favor, consulte el horario para horarios adicionales para la Confesión.

El Viacrusis

En español: domingo, 29 de marzo, 7:30–8:00 PM
En inglés: los martes, 3-31 de marzo a las 6:00 PM
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Misa en español

Domingos 6:30 PM

Confesiones

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

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II. Transmitir la fe: La catequesis "La catequesis está unida íntimamente a toda la vida de la Iglesia. No sólo la extensión geográfica y el aumento numérico de la Iglesia, sino también y, más aún, su crecimiento interior, su correspondencia con el designio de Dios dependen esencialmente de ella" (CT 13).

Los períodos de renovación de la Iglesia son también tiempos en

los que a la catequesis le corresponde un mayor empeño. Así, en la gran época de los Padres de la Iglesia, vemos a santos obispos consagrar una parte importante de su ministerio a la catequesis. Es la época de san Cirilo de Jerusalén y de san Juan Crisóstomo, de san Ambrosio y de san Agustín, y de muchos otros Padres cuyas obras catequéticas siguen siendo modelos. (CIC 7-8)

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