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Parish Office Schedule

Monday - Friday by phone: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Church Building Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The church and chapel are the only areas open during these hours.

Mass Schedule

Live-stream on Facebook and homepage stamadison.org, then posted to YouTube

Sunday: 9:00 AM in English; 10:30 AM in Spanish

Monday: Fr. Bart will offer Mass in private

A staff member will post a personal prayer or devotion to Facebook sometime during the day

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:00 AM

Confession

Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturday: 9:00–10:00 AM

Adoration

Tuesdays, Thursday, and Saturday: 9:00–10:00 AM

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

Tercer Domingo de Pascua
26 de abril de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Third Sunday of Easter

After Easter, the disciples come to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. He is present among his followers as he was prior to his death and resurrection, but now, he is present in a new way. Of course, as Catholics, we see this clearly in the Eucharist, when we take bread, bless it, break it, and give it. The bread broken is Christ himself. He is our nourishment both spiritually and physically, metaphorically and actually. When we participate in the Eucharist, we call to mind his passion, death, and resurrection. We consume him who is the Bread of Life. When we want to know Jesus, we experience the Eucharist not merely by gazing at it, but by consuming it—for it is real food. In this way, we not only live but share in and become the paschal mystery.

This is why this time of no public Masses is so difficult. We yearn to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Yes, we can celebrate in and pray our Act of Spiritual Communion, but it is not the same. We look forward to the day when we can return to Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Until then, we unite ourselves spiritually to God and one another.

Happy Earth Day Wednesday, April 22!

This year we mark the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day! According to our United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

“We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.”

Quotes From Our Catholic Tradition

The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole. . . Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Charity in Truth*, nos. 48, 51)

Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. (Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si’ On Care for Our Common Home*)

We had hoped to celebrate the addition of our solar panels on the roof of our Church this Sunday. We will still have a public celebration when we are allowed to gather publicly again. With the leadership and support of our STA Care for Creation Team, we have committed to reduce our carbon footprint by 15%. The solar panels will help us do this and so does our new, more efficient boiler. Adding insulation to the church ceiling and changing to LED lights will also help. All of these improvements together add up to achieve this goal. A special thank you to our generous households who participated in our Priests for Our Future and Make Disciples Capital Campaigns that allow us to afford these improvements! Let us continue to pray for greater care and respect for our Common Home!

First Communion and Confirmation

Governor Evers has extended our Safer At Home mandate to the end of May, so we postponed our First Communion and Confirmation Masses. We hope to celebrate First Communion as soon as possible and Confirmation at the end of September 2020. Please keep our youth preparing for the Sacraments in your prayers. We will keep you posted as to when these Masses will be celebrated. Thanks for being patient during this difficult time. Please keep our engaged couples in your prayers as well, as several couples have been affected and had to reschedule their weddings.

Prayer for Life

For all women considering abortion: May God assure them of His saving power, fill their hearts with peace, and lead them on the path of life; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Justice

May we all recognize Jesus in the stranger - the hungry, the sick, the refugee, the imprisoned - and support legislation that protects the dignity of their lives; We pray to the Lord:

Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual Update

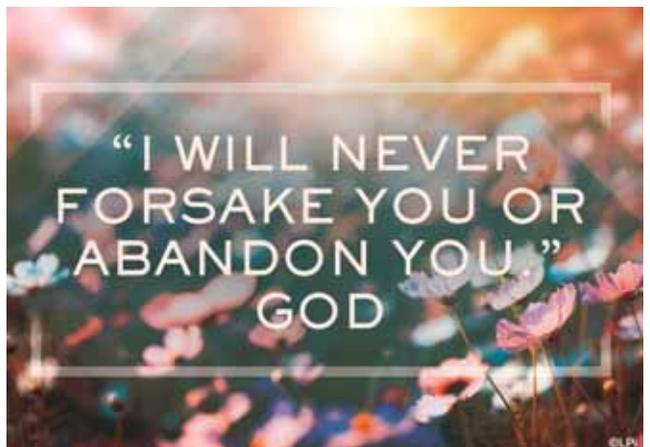
Good news! Baptism Preparation Sessions are still happening and so is the celebration of Baptisms! If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Lorianne Aubut at lorianne@stamadison.org to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.



Regarding the Baptisms: although, the public celebrations of Masses are not being held, Father Bart can still celebrate the ritual of Baptism without a Mass. There are specific guidelines to follow if you choose to baptize your child during these moments of the pandemic. Please contact Lorianne to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!

Enrich Your Faith on Formed.org

The parish has gifted everyone with a subscription to Formed.org. Consider watching a movie "with" a group of friends, and chatting about it afterwards on the phone! Not yet on Formed.org? It's this easy: Log on to the site, choose "I belong to a parish", type in St. Thomas Aquinas, and register free with only your email address. You will then be signed in automatically any-time you want to watch, listen or read, all as a generous gift from our parish!





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Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners,

Thank you for your financial support for the Priests For Our Future Campaign (PFOF)! We are so grateful to the 314 households who participated in the campaign. Your generous support has not only had an enormous impact on seminarian education and future priests, but it has also impacted our parish family in a powerful way. Here is a summary of how the Campaign is coming to its end:

STA goal	STA Pledged	STA Collected	Percentage of Goal Collected
\$830,000.00	\$1,423,789	\$1,404,751	169%

To date, our parish has received \$412,746.79 as part of our over goal sharing! As promised, the over goal sharing funds are being placed in our maintenance account for Capital Improvements in our parish home. Here is a summary of all the projects we were able to accomplish with your generous response to the campaign:

New boiler	\$110,000.00
Painting Church Roof	\$ 23,853.00
Priest Residence: New Siding and New Roof	\$ 38,556.67
Curb Inlet Repair of Sewer	\$ 9,658.32
Church and Chapel Lighting	\$190,000.00
Chairs in Chapel	\$ 40,000.00

These expenses totaled \$412,068. This has been a tremendous help to our parish! We will receive one more payment this summer. Of course, this depends on whether all our PFOF pledges are fulfilled. If you haven't already fulfilled your pledge, please know that your support is greatly appreciated.

I have had some people ask me why the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) still has an amount listed for "Seminarian Education." This year, the ACA fund still shows \$100,000 going towards seminarian education. It was explained to me that this money from the ACA Budget is used to support the administration of the Vocations Office at the Diocese and pays for expenses outside of tuition, like recruitment, retreats, and events for the seminarians. The PFOF Campaign funds are for tuition expenses only.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations. I also invite you to participate in the Traveling Chalice and Crucifix Program as another way to pray for vocations. I want to thank you again on behalf of our STA Parish because we all benefit from your generosity!

Prayers,

Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

A Prayer for Workers

God our Creator,

Your Word worked wonders to create the heavens and the earth and all they contain.

Jesus Christ our Savior and Brother, You labored alongside your foster father Joseph, living the life of an ordinary worker.

Holy Spirit, we are baptized into your life.

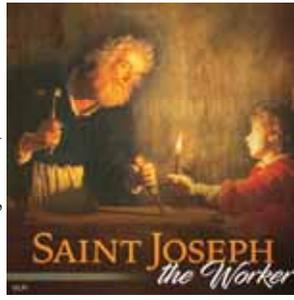
You live and move and have your being in us as we go about our daily tasks.

On this Employee Appreciation Day, may all who work recognize their intrinsic value.

Show them that their worth depends not on any task, responsibility, or skill.

Remind them that their dignity lies in You, oh Lord.

In all of our labors, may we remember that we imitate You. Amen.



Ordination of Mr. Michael Wanta to the Transitional Diaconate!



St. Thomas Aquinas is very proud to announce the ordination of Mr. Michael Wanta, who was assigned here the Summer of 2017 and a graduate of St. Ambrose Academy. Links can be found on the STA Facebook and YouTube channel as well as the links listed below.

Here is a link to the Ordination of Michael and Br. Kumud Nayak, CJD: [facebook.com/madisondiocese/videos/2974881512572502/](https://www.facebook.com/madisondiocese/videos/2974881512572502/)

Here is a link to Michael's First Preaching Mass serving as the Deacon: [facebook.com/StBernardMadison/videos/859523871187271/](https://www.facebook.com/StBernardMadison/videos/859523871187271/)

Michael also preached at St John Vianney Parish in Janesville on Divine Mercy Sunday April 19 at 8:15 AM: [youtube.com/channel/UC1OURUVaAbax_A-oHbsrqzw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1OURUVaAbax_A-oHbsrqzw)

Deacon Michael is currently assigned to St. John Vianney for the rest of the school year and this summer. You can contact him at the address below:

Michael Wanta
1245 Clark St.
Janesville, WI 53545

Participate in the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

This past week we celebrated the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. And in the near future, from May 16 to 24, we will be celebrating the 5th anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. If you have not read *Laudato Si'*, it is a landmark document that is very readable and encourages study and reflection on creation care, climate change, global interdependence and much more. The document is downloadable on the Vatican website and the book is available through major on-line book sellers.

Here are two opportunities to participate in honoring the anniversary.

1. Blessed Sacrament's Care of Creation Team is offering a 4-week virtual study group on the encyclical. The study group will be held via Zoom from 7:00-8:15PM on Wednesdays from April 29 – May 20. If you would like to learn more and/or sign up, contact the study group coordinator, Peter Steiner, at psteiner523@gmail.com.
2. Catholic Climate Covenant has announced a program "Hope for Creation" to mark the anniversary of the encyclical. They are inviting all of us "to submit prayers, meditations, stories, essays, statements, reflections, art, poems, songs, photos, videos, etc. that lift up your love and hope for God's creation!" In these stay-at-home days this is an opportunity for families to participate in a creative activity that demonstrates care for God's creation. The submissions will be listed on their webpage and could be used (with permission) in a social media campaign noting Catholic climate action. For more details go to the Catholic Climate Covenant website and find Hope for Creation under their Programs tab.

Heart of Our Faith Retreat

The Heart of Our Faith Retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 14 is now a five-part video series that can be watched on Youtube! [youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJHw7VCwUhPJuvOAhFuDeNipqxhJ0mVR1](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJHw7VCwUhPJuvOAhFuDeNipqxhJ0mVR1)

Gifts of Giving

"Giving is not just about making a donation, it is about making a difference." (credit to Kathy Calvin, CEO & President of the United Nations Foundation) You financial support not only helps to pay the bills, but supports the staff to help couples prepare for marriage, meets with families who are mourning the loss of a loved one, offer creative faith formation opportunities for children, teens, and adults, provide outreach funding for nonprofit organizations, live stream Mass, and many other initiatives. Look at the difference you are making! Thanks for your support!

Bequests and Wills

Please consider making a gift to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in your will as a way of expressing your gratitude to God for all the blessings you have received from Him. The good we do lives on after us-if we have the foresight to make a will! An up-to-date will is the best way to provide for those we love and to continue our support of the good works at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

"Pray with perseverance, trust and a serene and calm mind." Padre Pio.

Mother's 2020 Day Crib Fill

Cancelled: In Person Mother's Day 2020 Crib Fill.

Because the "Safer at Home" order has been extended until the end of May, we will not be able to fill the Pack 'n Plays in our Gathering area this year.

Instead, we'll fill our 'virtual donation box' with financial gifts that will be distributed equally among

- 1) Our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference,
- 2) Pregnancy Helpline,
- 3) Elizabeth House
- 4) The Women's Care Center

Our support is especially important in these challenging times. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas, noting in the memo line "Crib Fill" and either bring them or mail them to the parish office.

Of course you could also support one or more of these organizations directly.. As an example, Pregnancy Helpline has donated over 20,000 diapers to organizations like RISE, ARC, Shelter from the Storm Ministries, and St. Vincent de Paul (which is where they are telling all families to go to for assistance). St. Vincent de Paul is giving diapers away to 20-30 families a day.

TOTUS TUUS 2020 Update

Registration for our Summer Camp for Children: Totus Tuus has been postponed. We will not open registration until we hear from our diocese if they will continue their plan for Totus Tuus this summer. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, April 25

8:00 AM Dick Genske ☩

Sunday, April 26: 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 AM María Felix Juárez, Juana Juárez, Mario Montes, Marcela Hernandez, Concepción Hernandez, Felipe Ponce, y Amanda Hellen ☩

Monday, April 27

Private Mass: Marv Prue ☩

A staff member will post a personal prayer or devotion to Facebook sometime during the day

Tuesday, April 28: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

8:00 AM Toni Kellor ☩

Wednesday, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM George Reilly ☩

Thursday, April 30: St. Pius V, Pope

8:00 AM Amelia Trumbower ☩

Friday, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM Marie Peterson ☩

Saturday, May 2

8:00 AM 50th Anniversary of Gary and Susan Hamblin ☩

Sunday, May 3: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

9:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:30 AM Matilde Corona Verruecos and Carlos Rojas ☩

Readings for the Week of April 26

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/ Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/ Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26 - 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

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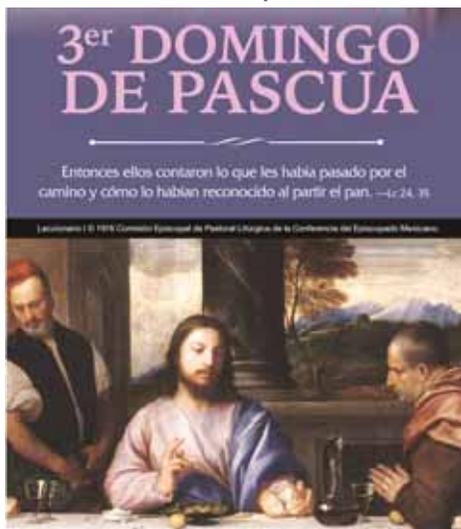
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Tercer Domingo de Pascua

Después de Pascua, los discípulos reconocieron a Jesús al partir el pan. Él está presente entre sus seguidores antes de su muerte y resurrección, pero ahora, se hace presente de una nueva manera. Claramente como Católicos vemos esto en la Eucaristía, cuando partimos y bendecimos y damos el pan. El pan partido es Cristo mismo. Él es nuestro alimento físico y espiritual. Cuando participamos en la Eucaristía, participamos en la pasión, muerte y resurrección. Lo consumimos a El, quién es el Pan de Vida. Cuando queremos conocer a Jesús, vivimos la Eucaristía no simplemente mirándola pero también consumiéndola – ya que es un alimento real. De esta manera, no sólo vivimos pero también compartimos y somos parte del misterio pascual.

Ahora es un momento difícil cuando no podemos celebrar Misas públicas, ya que no podemos recibir a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Sí, podemos celebrar y orar el Acto de Comunión Espiritual, pero no es lo mismo. Todos esperamos con ansias el momento cuando podamos regresar a la Misa y recibir a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Pero hasta que ese momento llegue, estemos unidos espiritualmente a Dios y a los demás.

Primera Comunión y Confirmación

El Gobernador Evers ha extendido el mandato de Más Seguros en Casa hasta finales de mayo. Por esta razón estaremos posponiendo nuestras Misas de la Primera Comunión y la de la Confirmación. En estos momentos es nuestro deseo el poder celebrar la Primera Comunión lo más pronto posible este verano y la Confirmación a finales de Septiembre del 2020. Continuaremos orando por todos los estudiantes en preparación sacramental en las próximas semanas y meses. Los mantendremos informados cuando tengamos fechas de estas dos Misas. Gracias por su paciencia durante este tiempo difícil mientras trabajamos en un nuevo plan. Por favor mantengamos a nuestras parejas comprometidas al matrimonio en sus oraciones ya que todas fueron afectadas y tuvieron que cambiar las fechas de sus bodas.



Misas

Debido a la pandemia del coronavirus, todas las celebraciones públicas de la Misa se han suspendido. De martes a sábado a las 8:00 AM las Misas en inglés serán grabadas en vivo en Facebook.com/Stamadison. El domingo la Misa en inglés a las 9:00 y la Misa en español a las 10:30 serán grabadas en vivo. También las subiremos a nuestro canal de YouTube

(youtube.com/c/StThomasAquinasChurchMadison/) para que las puedan acceder luego.

Confesiones

Martes, jueves, sábado 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Adoración al Santísimo

Martes, jueves, sábado 9:00 - 10:00 AM

El Rosario y el Estudio bíblico

se han suspendido hasta el fin de la pandemia.

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Sacramentos y otros

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

Aviso del Campamento Totus Tuus

El Registro para el Campamento de Verano de niños: Totus Tuus has sido pospuesto. No abriremos el registro hasta que escuchemos de parte de la diócesis si el plan de continuar el campamento con el equipo de Totus Tuus ocurrirá para este verano. Lamentamos cualquier inconveniencia.



Aviso sobre la Catequesis del 2019-2020 y la Primera Comunión

Como ya saben las sesiones de catequesis ya no serán dadas en Santo Tomás de Aquino para este año escolar debido a la situación actual del COVID-19. Lorianne continuará informando a las familias por correo electrónico con nuevos avisos y recursos para continuar la catequesis y preparación sacramental en el hogar. Por favor lean los correos electrónicos y usen los recursos. Tomen al menos una hora en la semana para hacer catequesis en el hogar y otra hora adicional para prepararse para el Sacramento de la Primera Comunión. Ambos, el retiro y la práctica de Primera Comunión han sido canceladas. Lorianne hará todo lo posible para proveer información para que practiquen en casa y para crear un retiro desde el hogar. La Misa de la Primera Comunión sigue en pie para el 3 de mayo a las 10:00 AM. Pero si las cosas continúan como ahora, buscaremos otra fecha diferente para la Primera Comunión; esto será para cuando la Misas se puedan celebrar públicamente nuevamente.

