



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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LOVE GOD. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES!

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

Regular Mass Schedule

Saturday no live-stream.....	4:30 PM
Misa en español/Mass in Spanish	6:30 PM
Sunday: Masses in English with live-stream.....	8:00 & 10:00 AM
Monday, Wednesday, Friday with live-stream	8:30 AM
Tuesday with live-stream	5:30 PM
Thursday with live-stream	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

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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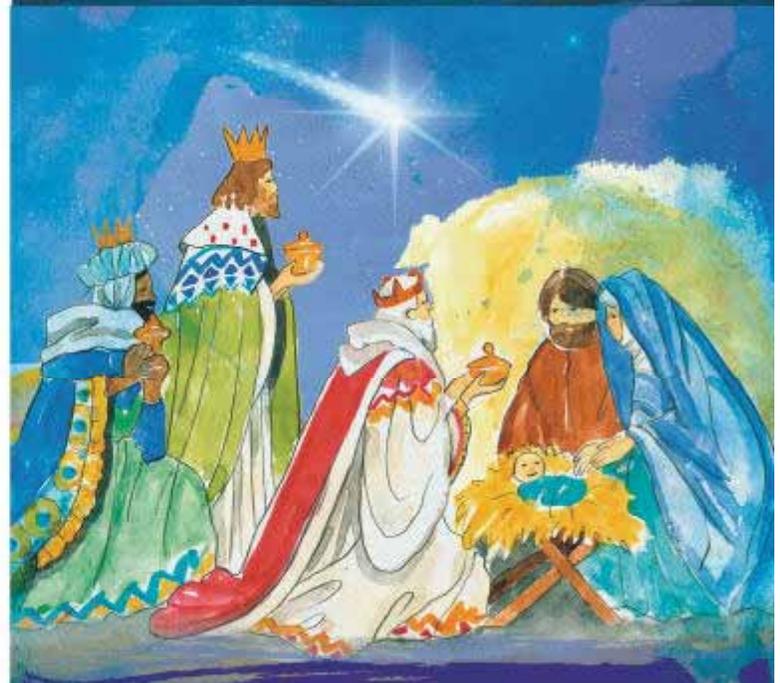
Make Sundays Special!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

- Mt 2:10-11

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LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. - Mt 2, 10-11

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¡Haz del Domingo un Día Especial!

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021**

**Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor
3 de enero de 2021**



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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

Time Away

I am taking some time away from the parish this weekend and spending it with my parents in Kieler. Originally, I was going to be in Nigeria, visiting Fr. Lawrence Operaji's family and hometown. The trip is now postponed until next year, God willing. Thank you to Fr. Jim Kuhn for covering the Masses here at STA! I appreciate the opportunity for rest and time with family. If you need a priest for a sacramental emergency, you can contact the parish office (833-2600) and leave a message with Erik Gyr, our pastoral associate.

Happy New Year!

Finally, we have made it to 2021! This past year was tragic, painful, disturbing, confusing, difficult, and frustrating. I will not miss it. As we look forward to this new year of 2021, we have hope for better days ahead as more of the vaccine is distributed. I hope the we can make great progress in our fight to overcome Covid-19. We are grateful to all the quiet and hidden heroes who are helping us get through this time as safely as possible. We mourn the loss of those who have died. Let us turn to God in prayer and beg for his mercy and healing and peace for our world so in need.

Our theme for this year is to Make Sundays Special! Soon our resource booklet will be coming out to assist our STA households in this endeavor. May we use Sundays to become closer to Jesus Christ, build up and enrich our families, and continue to encourage one another as we journey towards heaven. May each of you and your families have a blessed, healthy, grace-filled, and prosperous New Year!

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration so Christ-centered and beautiful last week! Thank you to Greg Buchberger, our Music Director. Thank you to all of our musicians and singers who provided the beautiful music for our Masses. Thank you to Ismael Covarrubias, our Maintenance Director and his assistant, Ignacio Castellanos, who made the Church so beautiful and clean. I also appreciate their good work outdoors keeping the sidewalks and entry areas as cleared off as possible. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped decorate the Church for Christmas. Thank you to Holly Irving, our Director of Discipleship for her support at all the Masses. Thank you to all of our Liturgical Ministers and our Technology Team who helped with the live streaming. Especially thank you to our Hospitality Ministers and to all who made our parish so welcoming to our visitors and guests. Thank you to Terri Kopplin for her help in taking reservations and scheduling ministers. Thank you to our entire STA Staff for all of their good work behind the scenes to make this Christmas special. Thank you to all who participated in any way in our Christmas

Prayer for Life

January 1: May friends and families of women with difficult pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child; We pray to the Lord:

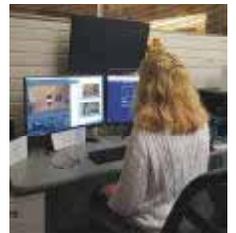


January 3: On this Feast of the Epiphany, may we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior; We pray to the Lord:

Masses and for your great generosity with our parish at Christmastime. Our STA Parish Staff is very appreciative of your cards, food, and gifts. Thank you to all who were so thoughtful to remember me at Christmas with cards, food, and gifts. Your kindness to me is overwhelming and I appreciate your generosity with our parish and with me. THANK YOU!

Livestreaming Help Wanted!

Are you willing to learn how to livestream the Mass for the parish? This is a budding ministry, that means so much to those unable to attend Mass in person. You will be trained, and you can schedule yourself according to your own availability. We'd love to hear from you! Contact Katie Bolander bolanderkatie@gmail.com to learn more.



Changes to Parish Office Hours

Thursday, December 31: office closes at 3:00 PM
Friday, January 1: office closed all day

Effective January 4 office hours will change to the following:

Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00AM - noon and 3:00 - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - noon

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

December 19/20

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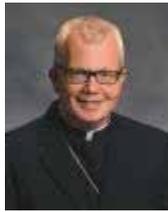
Counters Schedule

Monday, January 4: Mary Michalski or
Cyrilla Wipperfurth

Monday, January 11: Rosemary Neu

Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”

A “In our mortal flesh may we show forth the life of Jesus.” This simple hope expresses succinctly the nature and purpose of evangelization.



Dearest Jesus, today and every day, let my thoughts, words, actions and attitudes point to You. Holy Spirit, give me the words to explain how Jesus is why I say what I say, and do what I do.

From Bishop Hying, in Go Make Disciples Newsletter, June 2020, No.2

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support.

As of December 22:

Campaign Goal.....	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date.....	\$3,051,098
Received to Date	\$1,384,265
Number of Households Participating	461



Gospel Reflection By Dcn. Jerome Buhman

On the feast of Epiphany, the celebration of the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world, the magi brought to the baby Jesus three gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts have often been connected to symbolism –

gold with Christ’s kingship, frankincense with divinity, and myrrh (a burial ointment) with the death Jesus would undergo for our salvation. The feast of Epiphany also occurs at the beginning of the secular year when many people make New Year’s resolutions. A good resolution to consider this year is this: what gifts will I present to Jesus this year? We could even divide the gifts into groups: frankincense, gold and myrrh. Frankincense – in what ways can I improve my spiritual life? Gold – in what ways can I support my community through volunteering or other ways to give? Myrrh – what sacrifices can I make for the furthering of the kingdom? The magi present us with wonderful examples of generosity (besides their gifts, think of the amount of time spent in their travels!); now is a good time to resolve to follow them in their quest to meet the Savior.

Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual

If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Deacon Jerome at dcn.jerome@stamadison.org to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.



Regarding the Baptisms: although public celebrations of Masses are still very small, Father Bart can 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 Dcn. Jerome to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!

Food Sunday Dates for January - June 2021

Please add the following dates to your calendar to help you remember to donate non-perishable food items or money for Food Sundays from January to June. Due to the unpredictability of COVID19 regulations, we are only planning for the first six months of 2021 at this time.

January 16-17	February 20-21
March 20-21	April 17-18
May 15-16	June 12-13

Next week’s bulletin will include a list of Food Sunday dates and the “dots” to add to your calendar.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

Bequests and Wills

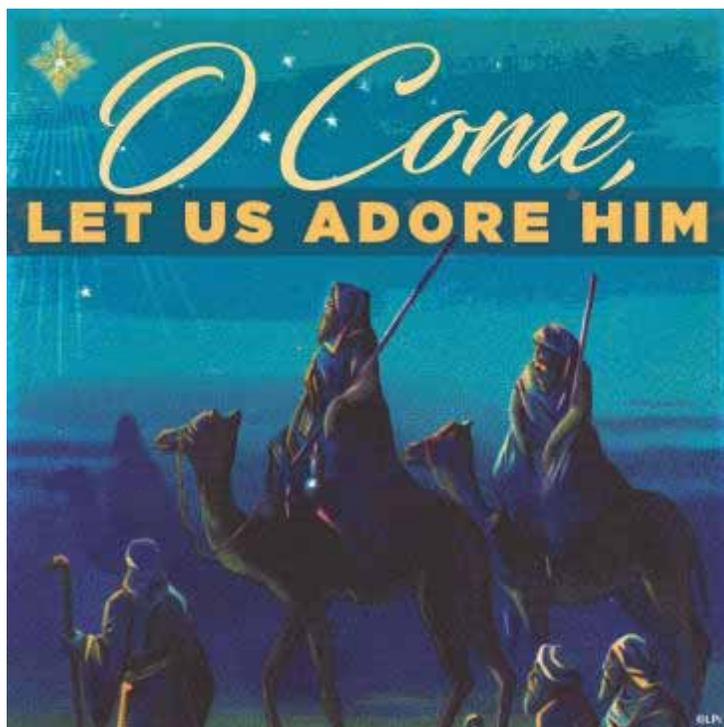
Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled St. Thomas Aquinas Parish to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community in the future by making a bequest in your Will to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

Do Your Children See You Give?

Every parent wants to teach their children to share and give generously. When we live in a society that teaches instant gratification for everyone, this is not an easy task. One way to teach them these qualities is to let them see their parents share and give generously. Children absorb what they see their parents do, and they mimic what they see! Now with electronic giving, children never see their parents giving to the church. This makes it very important to explain how you give to the parish and other charitable organizations when you are talking with your children about money. To better help you children learn to give, children’s envelopes can be found in the Gathering Area and can be placed in baskets in the church! When our children stand face to face with God, we want them to hear God say, “Well done, my good and faithful servant! Come and share your master’s joy.” (Matt 25:21). Thanks for giving your child a good example of sharing and giving!

Christmas Flowers in Honor/Memory of:

- Living and Deceased Members of Buford and Mary Kilby Family
- Bill Bahr
- Tim Bauer
- Henry and Rosemary Pandl
- Alfred and Louise Hornung
- Delbert and David Bollig
- Ben and Hulda Rondorf
- Olaf and Dorothy Olson
- Bill Gunderson
- Henry and Lillian Buyarski
- Mary Matuska
- Shirley DiRienzo
- Vince and Elsie DiRienzo
- Deceased Members of Harley and Marcella Marks Family
- George and Mary Hewitt Family
- Living and Deceased Members of the Dick and Mildred Bedward Family
- Living and Deceased Members of the Ivan Sr. and Rose Norton Family
- Living and Deceased Members of the Enda Webb Family
- Matthews and Mangold Family
- Madeline and Donald Pepper
- Hector Perez-Marchelli
- Claudia Cardozo
- George and Josephine Racin
- Uncle Tiny Peskar
- Aunt Carol Peskar
- Robert Wiseman
- Mary Lou and Ken Kleist Family
- Richard Skubal
- Deloris and Eugene Prieve
- Our Parents by Joan and Mike Morey
- Michael, Kevin, and Michael David



STA's 2020 Christmas Basket Project a Success!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who helped make this year's Christmas Basket project a wonderful success. Even in the midst of this global pandemic, your generous donations made this year very special.

Our parish was able to provide a record 168 food boxes to families in the St. Thomas Aquinas community. Each box was filled to the brim and a large brown grocery bag with a separate container of laundry detergent accompanied each individual box. Due to the coronavirus and associated gathering restrictions, we did not know what to expect for this year knowing it would be tough to collect food and then organize it all for final distribution. We implemented a box check-out option with the goal that at least 50 families would be willing to fill a complete box and return it. We are thrilled to report that over 150 boxes were checked out and returned FULL of food. We also were able to host a drive-thru food drop off on Sunday, December 13 where two dozen participants dropped off food for the project. With the separate food donations, close to 180 brown paper grocery bags were filled to (and sometimes past) the breaking point to accompany the boxes with some of the larger families receiving two bags.

With the rows of boxes and mountain of food donations to organize, six families took turns working shifts on Thursday and Friday afternoons to sort and pack the remaining food. On Saturday, December 19, a record number of parishioners signed up to help deliver the food baskets in the surrounding neighborhood. In 30 minutes after the baskets started going out the door for delivery, the social hall was close to empty.

Thank you to everyone for all of your wonderful food donations and a special thank you for the volunteers who helped organize, pack, and deliver food boxes. A very special thank you to our parish staff who helped make this year possible with much work behind the scenes, especially with all of the donations coming in.

The amount of donations and everyone's extra effort to ensure many families in our neighborhood received boxes in the face of the pandemic was astonishing. Thank you to all who make St. Thomas Aquinas parish a very caring, giving community.

Thank you Metcalfe's

A special thanks goes to the generosity and goodwill of our neighbors at Metcalfe's Market. Their team worked to source the perishable items, apples, cookies, and bread, so we were able to purchase the food at very reasonable prices. We are lucky to have such a great partner in our neighborhood to ensure families in need in our community receive the baskets during the Christmas season.

Empty boxes ready to be checked out and filled



Returned boxes full and overflowing



Some of the bags of donated food that helped us fill 168 boxes



Bagged donations sorted and ready to be sorted into boxes



Completed boxes lined up outside to help make the transfer to the delivery drivers safer.



Volunteers fill their cars and get ready to deliver boxes.



Construction Update – Phase 2 Planning

Last year, we kicked off the Make Disciples Capital Campaign 2019! We, as a staff and parish community, are so very appreciative of and honored by all our parishioners and friends who have supported this significant endeavor in the history of our parish. We know that you have all sacrificed and given to support the MDCC because you believe in the work of moving forward and ensuring a bright future for our Church and our parish community. And even in these difficult days of the Coronavirus Pandemic, you have continued your support not only of the MDCC but also of our parish community at large. As we begin this new year, let us give thanks for the gifts we have received, and for the wonderful work and blessings that we all receive and enjoy as members and friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.

A quick overview of the great work already accomplished in Phase 1!

During this first phase, we were able to completely renovate the music area in the church, including updating our organ installation, purchasing a beautiful new piano which is a legacy gift that will be here for generations to come, creating discrete and convenient storage for all our music books and equipment, and building accessible seating in the music area for 40 singers plus instrumentalists. We also completed a full replacement and upgrade of our sound system, which is now a complete audio and video system, with projection screen. In addition, because of the timing of the pandemic, we were able to upgrade our audio and video system to include full live-streaming capabilities, complete with a studio of sorts which can run the projector and screen in the church, as well as all the Livestreaming that happens in the church. The sacristy received a complete remodel, with the addition of a bathroom, and all new cabinetry and beautiful statuary. The Chapel received new flooring and updates, but most importantly, a quiet, beautiful, and accessible place for the Sacrament of Confession. In addition, the main floor of the Church wing, including the gathering space, meeting rooms, library, and offices all received new carpeting. All these major updates are truly a gift for all those who are part of our parish community, and especially those who pray with us in person and online.

Phase 2 planning has already begun!

During the past 3 months, Fr. Bart, staff members, and committee members have been meeting bi-weekly with our Architect and Construction Company to begin preparations for Phase 2 of our Make Disciples Capital Campaign projects. I am happy to say, that we are on schedule to begin Phase 2 this coming summer! Phase 2 work will include the renovation of the parish kitchen and the social hall. We are currently finalizing our budget numbers based upon some big-picture design choices and updates, as our original planning, budgets, and rough estimates took place almost 3 years ago! Once we have finalized the budget for Phase 2, then we will begin the work of making all of the final design choices, so that contracts can be signed and supplies can be ordered so that we are ready to begin work this coming summer!

Make Disciples Capital Campaign, Discipleship, and Evangelization!

As we have journeyed together through this great endeavor, we have heard many questions about how this campaign is truly about Making Disciples or Evangelization. Taken directly from our MDCC Brochure: “Our vision for St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is to help people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes the way they live. As our parish continues this mission, our facility will not accommodate our growing needs. Therefore, we are committed to repairing, upgrading, and enhancing our facility so that we can effectively serve the mission of forming disciples who are fully engaged and alive in their faith.”

But how does upgrading our building and equipment really help us to evangelize? This seems a fair question to ask, as much of the work we are undertaking is directly related to our buildings and facilities. First, it is important to note that our first phase focused on the prayer and worship spaces of the church. There is no doubt that throughout the ages, churches have and continue to inspire and draw people in by their inherent beauty, liturgical functionality, and prayerfulness. Bishop Barron’s Catholicism Series demonstrates this quite poignantly. If you have not experienced this beautiful series, it is definitely worth the time to explore and experience.

In many ways, the work of discipleship and evangelization begins with each one of us. We must be formed and grow into a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ, which happens when we experience Christ in profound ways. Often this happens during the celebration of the Sacraments of the Church, or during the Celebration of the Eucharist where Jesus becomes truly present among us, or during an intense moment of prayer, or during the music of the liturgy, or even by being prayed for as we have seen so clearly in our new Prayer Ministry! Once we have experienced the love and joy and healing of Jesus for ourselves, how can we not want to invite others to join in that relationship? This is the Good News! This is why we endeavor to create spaces and opportunities for people to experience Jesus Christ in new and profound ways.

As we continue to grow in our understanding, our outreach, and our sharing of Jesus with others, having inviting, welcoming, and engaging spaces will help us to be effective in our mission. We recognize that the path to evangelization is complex, and that inside the church walls are not the only place that people may have a true and authentic experience of Jesus. Phase 2, focusing on our kitchen and social hall areas, not only helps us to build community within our walls, but also to prepare others for the true work of evangelization outside of these walls. We come to be formed, to grow as disciples, and then to go out and share that Good News with the world around us! This is the mission of Jesus and his church!

Before and After Pictures of Phase 1 Changes

Church



Chapel



Gathering Area



Haz del Domingo un Día Especial

Los domingos son días para nutrir nuestra relación con Dios, la familia y los amigos. El punto culminante de nuestra semana como católicos es la celebración de la Misa dominical Reclamando el domingo y su significado para nosotros nos ayudará a ser más como Cristo, ¡algo que el mundo realmente necesita! Este año en Santo Tomás de Aquino haremos un esfuerzo para hacer que los domingos sean especiales. Aquí hay un adelanto de algunas ideas. En un futuro no muy lejano habrá un regalo especial para cada hogar para inspirar y animar a todas nuestras familias.

Haz que los domingos sean especiales

Amando a Dios

Asiste a Misa en persona o por transmisión en vivo. Llegue a la iglesia, o a su asiento favorito, al menos 5 minutos antes para estar en oración con Dios.

Haz que los domingos sean especiales

Amando a los Demás

Si ha estado en una discusión, sea valiente y discúlpe-se primero.

Haz que los domingos sean especiales

Haciendo Discípulos

Vea el video de Witness Wednesday o Miércoles de Testimonio (compartido por nuestro Facebook).

¿Sabías?

La parroquia tiene una suscripción para formed.org para ver películas, inspiración y aprendizaje. Este es un regalo gratuito para todos. ¡Mientras hace que los domingos sean especiales, tómese el tiempo para ver FORMED!

Make Sundays Special

Sundays are a day for us to spend time nurturing our relationship with God, family, and friends. The high point of our week as Catholics is the celebration of the Sunday Mass Reclaiming Sunday and its meaning for us will help us become more Christ-like, something that the world truly needs! This year at St. Thomas Aquinas we will be making an extra effort to Make Sundays Special. Here is a sneak preview of some ideas. In the not-too-distant future there will be a special gift for every household to inspire and encourage families of every shape and size.

Make Sundays Special by Loving God

Attend Mass or pray along via livestream. Arrive at least 5 minutes early to focus on God.

Make Sundays Special by Loving Others

If you have been in an argument, be brave and apologize first.

Make Sundays Special by Making Disciples

Check out the Witness Wednesday Video (shared through the STA email newsletter and on Facebook).

Did you know?

The parish has a subscription to formed.org for movies, inspiration and learning. This is a free gift to everyone. As you Make Sundays Special, take time to check it out!

La carta del Padre Bart empezó en la página 10

buya más la vacuna. Espero que podamos hacer un gran progreso en nuestra lucha para superar la pandemia de salud del coronavirus. Estamos agradecidos con todos los héroes silenciosos y ocultos que nos están ayudando a pasar este tiempo de la manera más segura posible. Lamentamos la pérdida de los que han muerto. Dirijámonos a Dios en oración y roguemos por su misericordia, sanación y paz para nuestro mundo tan necesitado.

¡Nuestro tema para este año es Haz del Domingo un Día Especial! Pronto saldrá nuestro folleto de recursos para ayudar a nuestros hogares de STA en este esfuerzo. Usemos los domingos para acercarnos más a Jesucristo, edificar y enriquecer a nuestras familias y seguir animándonos unos a otros en nuestro caminar hacia el cielo. ¡Que cada uno de ustedes y sus familias tengan un Año Nuevo bendecido, saludable, lleno de gracia y prosperidad!

Gracias

¡Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a que nuestra celebración navideña fuera tan centrada en Cristo y hermosa la semana pasada! Gracias a Greg Buchberger, nuestro director musical. Gracias a todos nuestros músicos y cantantes que brindaron la hermosa música para nuestras Misas. Gracias a Ismael Covarrubias, nuestro Director de Mantenimiento y su asistente, Ignacio Castellanos, quienes hicieron la Iglesia tan hermosa y limpia. También aprecio su buen trabajo afuera al mantener las aceras y las áreas de entrada lo más despejadas posible. Gracias a todos nuestros voluntarios que ayudaron a decorar la Iglesia para Navidad. Gracias a Holly Irving, nuestra Directora de Discipulado por su apoyo en todas las Misas. Gracias a todos nuestros ministros litúrgicos y nuestro equipo de tecnología que ayudaron con la transmisión en vivo. Especialmente gracias a nuestros Ministros de Hospitalidad y a todos los que hicieron que nuestra parroquia fuera tan acogedora para nuestros visitantes e invitados. Gracias a Terri Koplín por su ayuda para tomar reservas y programar ministros. Gracias a todo nuestro personal de STA por todo su buen trabajo detrás de escena para hacer que esta Navidad sea especial. Gracias a todos los que participaron de alguna manera en nuestras Misas navideñas y por su gran generosidad con nuestra parroquia en la época navideña. Nuestro personal de la parroquia de STA está muy agradecido por sus tarjetas, comida y regalos. Gracias a todos los que estuvieron tan atentos al recordarme en Navidad con tarjetas, comida y regalos. Su amabilidad para conmigo es abrumadora y agradezco su generosidad con nuestra parroquia y conmigo. ¡GRACIAS!

Readings for the Week of January 3

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/
Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, January 2

4:30 PM Aileen Pinto ☩

6:30 PM Fr. Donald Murray ☩

Sunday, January 3: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Healing of David Charlton

Monday, January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30 AM Dave Squire

Tuesday, January 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop

5:30 PM Owen Bradley ☩

Wednesday, January 6: St. André Bessette, Religious

8:30 AM Karen Jelinek and Janice Mell ☩

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

7:30 AM Helene and John Coppola ☩

6:30 PM Eugene "Gene" Leffler ☩

Friday, January 8

8:30 AM Luz Gonzalez de Robledo

Saturday, January 9

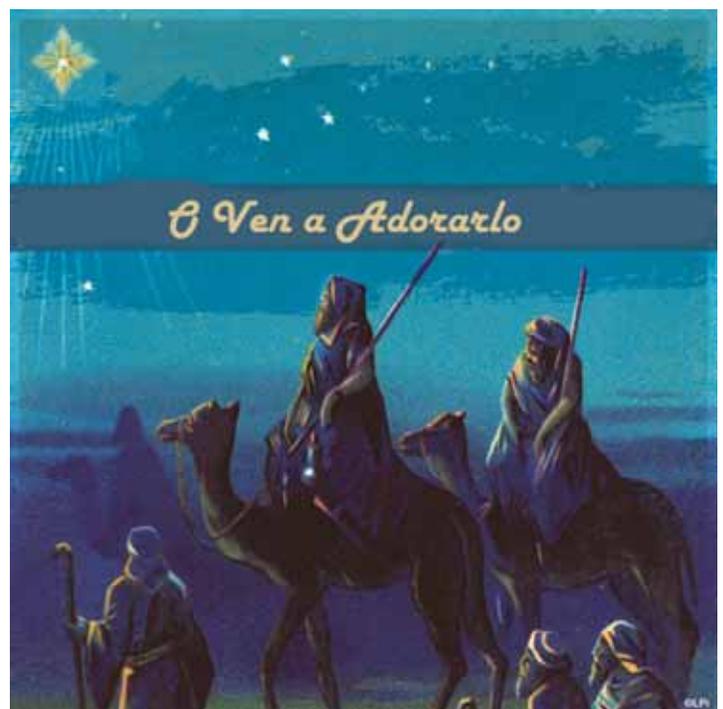
4:30 PM Margaret O'Dwyer

6:30 PM Paul Kelley ☩

Sunday, January 10: The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Joan and William Hrobsky and Juli Mark ☩



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La Epifanía del Señor

La Epifanía es la manifestación de Jesús como Mesías de Israel, Hijo de Dios y Salvador del mundo y celebra la adoración de Jesús por los sabios (magos) de Oriente. En los magos, representantes de las religiones paganas vecinas, el Evangelio muestra las primicias de las naciones, que acogen la buena noticia de la salvación a través de la Encarnación. En el Evangelio de hoy, la creación misma proclama el nacimiento de Jesús a los magos, los reyes extranjeros en la tierra de Israel. Ellos siguen a la estrella en su búsqueda de Jesús, el Rey recién nacido. Cuando lo encuentran, adoran a este bebé y le ofrecen regalos reales. En nuestros días, nosotros, la Iglesia, continuamos con esta procesión, este acercarnos a Jesucristo. Hay una aspiración interior en nuestro espíritu humano, querer conocer a Dios. ¡La celebración de la Epifanía nos señala a Jesucristo, que nos salva! Usemos nuestra energía y tiempo este año para acercarnos más a Jesucristo y hacer un regalo de nuestra vida para ofrecerle.

Tiempo de Descanso

Me tomaré un tiempo fuera de la parroquia este fin de semana y lo pasaré con mis padres en Kieler. Originalmente, iba a estar en Nigeria, visitando a la familia y la ciudad natal del Padre Lawrence Operaji. El viaje ahora está pospuesto hasta el próximo año, si Dios quiere. Gracias al Padre Jim Kuhn por cubrir las Misas aquí en STA. Agradezco la oportunidad de descansar y pasar tiempo con la familia. Si necesita un sacerdote para una emergencia sacramental, puede comunicarse con la oficina parroquial (833-2600) y dejar un mensaje con Erik Gyr, nuestro asociado pastoral.

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

¡Por fin llegamos al 2021! El año pasado fue trágico, doloroso, perturbador, confuso, difícil y frustrante. No lo extrañaré. Mientras esperamos este nuevo año de 2021, tenemos la esperanza de mejores días en el futuro a medida que se distri-



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Reflexión del Evangelio

Diácono Jerome Buhman

En la fiesta de la Epifanía, la celebración de la manifestación de Jesucristo al mundo, los magos llevaron al niño Jesús tres regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Estos dones a menudo se han relacionado con el simbolismo: oro con la realeza de Cristo, incienso con la divinidad y mirra (una unción funeraria) con la muerte que Jesús sufriría por nuestra salvación. La fiesta de la Epifanía también ocurre al comienzo del año secular cuando muchas personas hacen resoluciones de Año Nuevo. Una buena resolución para considerar este año es esta: ¿qué regalos le presentaré a Jesús este año? Incluso podríamos dividir los regalos en grupos: incienso, oro y mirra. Incienso: ¿de qué manera puedo mejorar mi vida espiritual? Oro: ¿de qué manera puedo apoyar a mi comunidad a través del voluntariado u otras formas de donar? Mirra: ¿qué sacrificios puedo hacer por el avance del reino? Los magos nos presentan maravillosos ejemplos de generosidad (además de sus dones, ¡piense en la cantidad de tiempo que dedican a sus viajes hacia el pesebre para encontrar a Jesús!); ahora es un buen momento para tomar la determinación de seguirlos en su búsqueda por encontrarse con el Salvador.



Las lecturas de la semana del 3 de enero

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