

### 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.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 13, 2022

#### **Holy Mass Schedule**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30AM Tuesday, 5:30PM & Thursday, 7:30AM Saturday, 4:30PM English 6:30PM Spanish Sunday, 8:00AM and 10:00AM All Masses are live streamed.

#### **Confession Schedule**

Saturday, 3:15-4:10<sub>PM</sub> Sunday, 9:00-9:50<sub>AM</sub>

#### Adoration

Monday, 2:00-3:00PM ONLY 1/24-3/7

Tuesday, 4:15-5:15pm Friday, 9:00-10:00am

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday, 9:00ам-5:00рм Friday, 9:00ам-Noon

#### **Church and Chapel Hours**

Monday-Friday, 7:30AM-5:00PM Saturday, 10:00AM-6:00PM Sunday, 7:00-11:00AM

### Misa en español

Sábados a las 6:30рм

#### Confesiones

Sábados

3:15-4:10<sub>PM</sub> y por cita previa

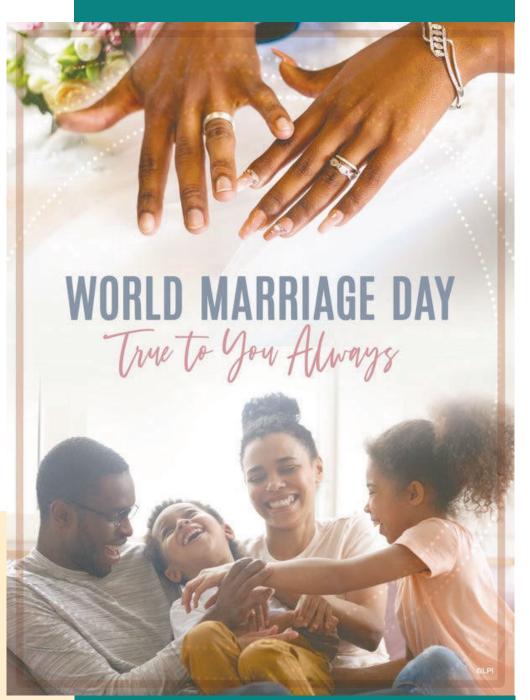
#### Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00-3:00PM 1/24-3/7

Martes 4:15-5:25pm Viernes 9:00-10:00am

6° domingo de tiempo ordinario 13 de febrero de 2022 "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord."

Psalm 1



"Dichoso el hombre que confía en el Señor."

Del Salmo 1

## Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

## Noticias parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

#### by Fr. Bart Timmerman

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day, occurring each year on the second Sunday of February, honors the lifelong commitment of husband and wife. World Marriage Day events provide the visible sign of support couples need to continue to make the daily decision to love one another. Pope St. John Paul

II, in 1993, gave World Marriage Day his Apostolic Blessing. As a parish family we want to offer our prayerful support to all of our married couples. To support you and to help you enrich your marriage, here are some good book recommendations. These would also make good anniversary gifts:

- *✦ Intimate Graces* by Teresa Tomeo.
- **→** *Couple Prayer* by Bob & Kathy Ovies
- → Three Secrets to Holiness in Marriage by Dan & Amber Dematte
- ★ The Five Love Languages by Dr. Gary Chapman
- → Don't Sweat the Small Stuff in Love by Richard Carlson, Ph D. and Kristine Carlson
- → Marriage, Small Steps, Big Rewards by Dr. Ray Guarandi
- *→ Thinking Like Jesus* by Dr. Ray Guarandi

As a parish family we also are here to support couples experiencing troubled marriages. We host two programs, one in English and one in Spanish, on our campus to help struggling marriages.

For English speaking couples, we offer Retrouvaille, see: <a href="www.helpourmarriage.org">www.helpourmarriage.org</a>. This is a Christian Marriage Program, Catholic in origin, that helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship.

## Mass at Resurrection Cemetery 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month (Feb. 18)

All are welcome to attend the Mass at Resurrection Cemetery on the third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. The Mass is offered for all those who are laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery. It is a good and wholesome work to pray for our beloved departed. On Friday, February 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Bart will be the celebrant of the Mass in the Chapel at Resurrection Cemetery.



#### 6° Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario

El Dia Mundial del Matrimonio ocurre este año en el segundo domingo de febrero, este día honra el compromiso de por vida entre esposos. Eventos del día proveen señales visibles de apoyo a las parejas para continuar su decisión diaria de amarse mutuamente. El papa Juan Pablo II en

1993 le dio al día mundial del matrimonio su bendición apostólica. Como comunidad parroquial queremos ofrecer nuestras oraciones y apoyo a todas las parejas casadas. Para apoyarlos y ayudarlos a enriquecer su matrimonio, aquí están listados algunos libros recomendados. Estos libros pueden ser también buenos regalos de aniversario:

- → *Intimate Graces* by Teresa Tomeo.
- → Couple Prayer by Bob & Kathy Ovies
- → Three Secrets to Holiness in Marriage by Dan & Amber Dematte
- ★ The Five Love Languages by Dr. Gary Chapman
- → Don't Sweat the Small Stuff in Love by Richard Carlson, Ph D. and Kristine Carlson
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Como comunidad parroquial también estamos aquí para las parejas que están viviendo problemas matrimoniales. Nosotros ofrecemos dos programas aquí en la iglesia, uno en ingles y uno es español, para ayudar a los matrimonios con problemas.

Para personas que hablan español, ofrecemos Camino y Esperanza, un ministerio católico basado en Chicago, este programa se reune dos veces al mes en Santo Tomas de Aquino. Llame al teléfono numero: 773 847 9303 para mas información.

## Misa en el Cementerio de la Resurrección 3<sup>er</sup> Viernes del Mes (Feb 18)

Están todos invitados a asistir a la Misa en el Cementerio de la Resurrección el tercer viernes de cada mes a las 10am. La Misa es ofrecida por todos aquellos que descansan en paz en el Cementerio de la Resurrección. Es un gesto bueno e íntegro orar por nuestros queridos difuntos. El Viernes, 18 de febrero de 2022 a las 10am Fr. Bart será el celebrante de la Misa en la Capilla del Cementerio de la resurrección.



## **Are You Ready for Lent?**

## Esta listo para la Cuaresma?

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Ash Wednesday is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and we want to be ready to have a meaningful Lent. Our goal for Lent is to improve our spiritual lives through the traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. This year our focus will be on prayer and self-sacrifice (i.e., fasting). We will be offering a Preaching Series on Prayer and Self-Sacrifice and as a parish family we will be taking the 1% challenge, which is to offer 1% of our day (14 minutes and 24 seconds) to prayer. We will be distributing a resource guide on February 26-27 to give us a structure and format as we pray over the Gospel from Mass for each day of Lent. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use the time of Lent to strengthen your spiritual life and relationship with God. The 1% challenge will be a great practice for us to participate in for Lent! We are in this together, so let's pray for each other!

Plan to attend Ash Wednesday Mass March 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. (bilingual)

Miércoles de Ceniza es marzo 2 y queremos prepararnos para tener una buena cuaresma. Nuestra meta para la cuaresma es mejorar nuestra vida espiritual por medio de las prácticas tradicionales de oración, ayuno y limosna. Este año nuestro foco va a ser en oración y sacrificio (ayuno). Ofreceremos unas series de predicación en oración y ayuno. Adicionalmente, como familia parroquial vamos a tomar el reto del 1%, que es ofrecer el 1% de nuestro día en oración (14 minutos y 24 segundos). Durante febrero 26 y 27 nosotros vamos a distribuir recursos para darle estructura y formato a la oración sobre el evangelio de la misa diaria durante la cuaresma. Por favor considere como Dios lo está llamando para usar este tiempo de cuaresma para fortalecer su vida espiritual y su relación con Dios. El reto del 1% será una buena practica para nosotros para participar en la cuaresma! Estamos juntos en esto, así que oremos los unos por los otros.

Planee atender a una de las Misas de Miércoles de Ceniza el día marzo 2. 6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., y 6:30 p.m. (bilingüe)

## **STA Care Team**



#### **Challenges with Winter Weather?**

The **St Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Care Team** is here to support people who wish to stay in their homes, but need some help with errands, shopping or household tasks, etc. We are trained by Catholic Charities Care Team Ministry and Oakwood Lutheran Senior Ministries and have been background checked by the parish.

If you would like more information about this service, call Judy Niederberger at 608-845-7057 or Kathy Swanson at 608-444-9374.

## **Prayers**

### **Prayer for Life**

For all married couples:

May their openness to new life bear witness to the generous love of God;

We pray to the Lord.

### Prayer for Justice

For all who are hungry, that they may be satisfied through a change of heart on the part of the rich; *We pray to the Lord.* 

### **Making Sundays Special!**

If you are married with children, share with your children the joys and struggles of marriage and how God gives you the grace you need.

## **Oraciones**

#### Oración por la Vida

Por todas las parejas casadas, que su apertura a la nueva vida sea testimonio del generoso amor de Dios; *Roguemos al Señor*.

#### Oración por la Justicia

Por todos los que tienen hambre: Que sus necesidades sean satisfechas por medio de cambios en los corazones de los ricos; *Roguemos al Señor*.

#### ¡Haz del Domingo un Día Especial!

Si está casado y tiene hijos, comparta con sus hijos las alegrias y luchas del matrimonio y cómo Dios le da la gracia que necesita en todo momemto.

## Mass Intentions/Intenciones

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

## We Have Many "Openings" for Mass to be Offered for Your Intentions

When we offer a Mass for a deceased loved one, we are asking God to apply the graces of the Mass to that person's soul, so that their time of purification (purgatory) can be brought quickly to completion and they can enter into the fullness of heaven. This is a truly loving and faith-filled thing to do.

The Catechism points this out: "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (CCC 1032). But our faith is imperfect, our love is imperfect, so it is possible that although our prayers and offering do indeed benefit the person who has passed away, they may not be sufficient to bring that person's purification period to an end. And so, we continue to exercise both our faith and our love by having more Masses offered.

This is a beautiful expression of the communion of all believers in Christ – a communion that transcends time and space. If the person you offer the Mass for is already in heaven (if their stage of purification has been completed), then God will surely not let the offering go to waste – God will honor your love and faith and allow it to benefit another member of the Body of Christ. These offerings are not arithmetic; they are animated by faith and love, and as long as our faith and love (and hope) are alive and well, our offerings are a legitimate and fruitful expression and exercise of them, something that gives glory to God and that benefits the whole Church.

To have a Mass offered for your loved one, please contact Terri in the front office: (608) 833-2600

terri@stamadison.org or terrikysely@stamadison.org

# Tenemos espacios disponibles para ofrecer Misas por tus intenciones

Cuando ofrecemos una Misa por nuestros queridos difuntos, le estamos pidiendo a Dios que derrame todas las gracias de la Misa en el alma de esa persona, para que su tiempo de purificación en el purgatorio sea completado y pueda entrar en la plenitud del cielo. Es definitivamente una acción amorosa y llena de fe ofrecer una Misa por nuestros queridos difuntos.

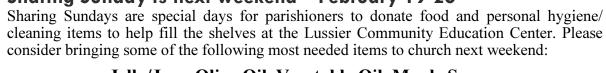
El Catecismo menciona: "Desde los primeros tiempos, la Iglesia ha honrado la memoria de los difuntos y ha ofrecido sufragios en su favor, en particular el sacrificio eucarístico, para que, una vez purificados, puedan llegar a la visión beatífica de Dios." Pero nuestra fe es imperfecta, nuestro amor es imperfecto y es posible que aunque nuestras oraciones y ofrecimientos verdaderamente benefician a nuestros difuntos, pueden no ser suficientes para que el tiempo de purificación de la persona llegue a su fin. Y es por esto que continuamos el ejercicio en nuestra fe y en nuestro amor de tener Misas ofrecidas por nuestros difuntos.

Es una expresión hermosa de la comunión de todos los creyentes en Cristo – una comunión que trasciende tiempo y espacio. Si la persona por la cual la Misa es ofrecida está ya en el cielo (si su tiempo de purificación ha sido completado) Dios se asegurará que los ofrecimientos y las gracias de esa Misa no sean desperdiciados – Dios honrará tu amor y fe, y permitirá que otro miembro del Cuerpo de Cristo se beneficie. Estos ofrecimientos no son aritméticos, son causados por fe y amor, y siempre y cuando nuestra fe, nuestro amor y nuestra esperanza estén vivos, nuestros ofrecimientos son legítimos y una expresión y ejercicio fructífero de ellos, es algo que da gloria a Dios y beneficia a toda la Iglesia.

Para ofrecer una Misa por tus queridos difuntos, favor de contactar a Terri en la Oficina Parroquial: 608-833-2600

terri@stamadison.org o terrikysely@stamadison.org

### Sharing Sunday is next weekend—February 19-20



#### Jelly/Jam, Olive Oil, Vegetable Oil, Maple Syrup, Baby Wipes, Pull-ups size 4T-5T, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels

As you MAKE SUNDAYS SPECIAL, consider reaching out to help support our neighbors. You can show your love for God and others by purchasing these needed items and/or by volunteering to help sort and deliver the donated items! Contact Denny & Sara at saradennymarx@gmail.com to learn more or to volunteer.



## Discipleship & Development

by Holly Irving

#### Catholic Herald

Did you know an individual subscription to the Catholic Herald is \$33? If you get it through St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, you can get it for \$25! You should find an envelope for the \$25 fee in your monthly envelopes! If you do not get envelopes, you can write a check for \$25 with

Catholic Herald written in the memo and put a check in the basket at offertory time. Thanks in advance for dropping your subscription money into the basket next month!

#### **Grand Opening!**

Mark February 26 or 27 on your calendar! We will have a Grand Opening of our new Social Hall and Kitchen after each Mass. All are welcome to take a tour of the new Social Hall and Kitchen.

#### Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal 2022 "We Shall Open the Way for the Gospel"

The theme for the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Madison is "We Shall Open the Way for the Gospel." We ask that God guide us, and give us the ability to put our *faith* in Him to allow us the capacity to love and care for those in our parishes, our diocese and the Church throughout the world. We ask that His grace make us even more generous in supporting those needs.

Each pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports diocesan ministries, education and services and assures a strong future for the Diocese of Madison and the people that it serves.

This year each of us is asked to consider making a pledge, payable over six months. Your gift will help enable our parish and the diocese to reach its goal and support the ministries with the appeal.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

#### Save the Date!

On March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, we will host a Medicare seminar. Rebecca Skouson, a licensed Medicare Advisor, will share an overview of what to know about Medicare as well as when to sign up. This interactive seminar will be helpful to navigate the challenges and options of Medicare. Anyone approaching enrollment eligibility (64 or older) or people who are already on Medicare, but may want to get a better understanding of the plans or improve their current coverage, check out our website or Flocknote to register.

#### Catholic Herald

¿Sabía que una suscripción individual al *Catholic Herald* vale \$33? ¡Si usted se inscribe por medio de Santo Tomas Aquino es solo \$25! Usted va a encontrar un sobre por la cantidad de \$25 en los sobres mensuales. Si usted no recibe los sobres, usted puede escribir un cheque por \$25 con

Catholic Herald escrito en el memo y ponga el cheque en la canasta en el momento de las ofrendas. Gracias de antemano por colocar el dinero de su suscripción en la canasta de ofrendas el próximo mes.

#### Gran Inauguración!

¡Marque en sus calendarios los días 26 y 27 de febrero! Después de cada misa vamos a tener una gran inauguración de nuestra sala social y cocina. Todos están invitados a tomar un tour y conocer la sala social y la cocina.

#### Diócesis de Madison Petición Anual Católica 2022 "Debemos Abrir el Camino al Evangelio"

El tema para la petición anual católica 2022 de la diócesis de Madison es "Debemos Abrir el Camino al Evangelio." Pedimos que Dios nos guie y nos de la habilidad de poner nuestra fe en el para permitirnos la capacidad de amar y cuidar a todos aquellos en nuestras parroquias, nuestra diócesis y la iglesia en todo el mundo. Pedimos que por su gracia seamos mas generosos en el apoyo de esas necesidades.

Cada contribución a la apelación anual católica apoya los ministerios de la diócesis, educación y servicios y asegura un futuro fuerte para la diócesis de Madison y para la gente que la diócesis sirve.

Este año, cada uno de nosotros debemos considerar hacer una ofrenda que se pueda pagar a seis meses. Su donación ayudara a nuestra parroquia y a la diócesis a alcanzar sus metas y apoyar los ministerios que esta petición ayuda.

Si usted recibió la petición en el correo por favor complétela y regrésela en el correo. Gracias por su consideración y respuesta generosa.

#### Reservar la fecha!

El 8 de marzo a las 6:30 pm seremos los anfitriones de un Seminario de Medicare. Rebecca Skouson, una consejera autorizada de Medicare compartirá importante información como también cuando registrarse. Este seminario interactivo ayudara a navegar las opciones y retos de Medicare. Cualquier persona que se este acercando a los requisitos de elegibilidad (64 años o mas de edad) o personas que ya tienen Medicare, pero quieren entender mejor los planes y mejorar la cobertura visiten nuestra página web o Flocknote para registrarse.

## Gospel Reflection/Reflexión del Evangelio

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

#### Lk 6:17, 20-26

Today in the Gospel of Luke, we hear the Sermon on the Plain; sort of a parallel of Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. One difference between the two is kind of obvious from the titles: in Matthew, Jesus teaches from the mountain, in Luke he teaches on "a stretch of level

ground." There are perhaps many reasons for this difference, and you can check out good commentaries for an in-depth discussion, but one of the most intriguing is this: Luke puts the Son of God in a level place, mingling with his people. God has become one of us. The beatitudes are also different from those in Matthew – more earthly, so to speak. Whereas in Matthew Jesus says "Blessed are the poor in spirit," in Luke he says "Blessed are the poor." In Matthew, Jesus blesses those who hunger for righteousness; in Luke it is just those that hunger. Again, there are many reasons for the differences, but one to focus on today is perhaps the most obvious: Jesus is addressing the social issues facing the common people of the time - the poor, the hungry, the hopeless. We face these same issues today. Pope Francis urges us to reach out to those on the margins, to see Christ in the poor, the hungry and the suffering. Luke points out that Christ is down here with us, on our stretch of level ground, in each and every person.

One more point: In Luke, Jesus addresses his words to his disciples, and hence to us, his followers. It is no accident that in the verses following this, Jesus instructs his apostles how to treat others, to do good to all, to love their enemies and to be merciful. Social injustice exists; as followers of Christ we must counter with love and mercy.

#### Lc 6:17, 20-26

Hoy en el Evangelio de San Lucas, escuchamos el Sermón de la Llanura; un relato paralelo al Sermón de la Montana en el evangelio de San Mateo. Una diferencia entre los dos es bastante obvia por los títulos: en el evangelio de San Mateo, Jesús ensena desde la montana, y en el evangelio de San Lucas, Jesús ensena desde un terreno plano. Probablemen-

te hay varias razones para estas diferencias, y puedes hacer una búsqueda de buenos comentarios para una discusión mas profunda, pero una de las diferencias mas intrigantes es: San Lucas pone a el Hijo de Dios en un lugar plano, mezclado con la gente. Dios se convirtió en una de nosotros. Las bienaventuranzas también son diferentes de las de San Mateo – mas terrenales, por así decirlo. Mientras en el evangelio de San Mateo Jesús dice "Dichosos los pobre de espíritu", en el evangelio de San Lucas, Jesús dice "Dichosos ustedes los pobres". En el evangelio de San Mateo, Jesús dice "Dichosos los que tienen hambre de justicia"; en el evangelio de San Lucas, Jesús solamente dice "Dichosos los que ahora tienen hambre". De nuevo, hay muchas razones para estas diferencias, pero si nos enfocáramos en solo una hoy, seria la mas obvia: Jesús aborda los problemas sociales que enfrenta la gente común de esos tiempo – los pobres, los que tienen hambre, los que no tienen esperanza. Nosotros enfrentamos los mismo problemas hoy día. El Papa Francisco nos exhorta a tender nuestra mano a los que están en los extremos, que veamos a Cristo en el pobre, en el que tienen hambre y en el que sufre. San Lucas señala que Cristo esta aquí con nosotros, en nuestro plano terrenal, en cada una de las personas.

Un punto mas: En el evangelio de San Lucas, Jesús dirige sus palabras a sus discípulos, y por lo tanto a nosotros, sus seguidores. No es un coincidencia que en el siguiente verso, Jesús instruye a sus apóstoles como tratar a los otros, hacer el bien, amar a sus enemigos y a ser compasivo. La injusticia social existe; como seguidores de Cristo nosotros debemos contrarrestar las injusticias con amor y caridad.

# The 1% Challenge: Coming to our Parish Family for Lent!

Lent is a great time to renew our efforts to grow in holiness. This Lent, let's spend more time with Jesus! Spending time with the bible is a great way to spend more time with Jesus. In reading the Bible, we read about Him, and so come to know and love Him more. The 1% Challenge (which will be handed out to everyone the weekend of 2/26-27) will give you the gospel reading for every day of Lent and a guide so you can use



every day of Lent and a guide so you can use the saint-recommended way of reading Scripture, *Lectio Divina* (divine reading). Fifteen minutes a day with the word of God can change our lives!

This Lent, our whole parish family is making the effort to do the 1% Challenge. Let's make our time an offering to God by giving Him 1% of every day. We can be strengthened in our resolve because we know that we are in this together and can pray for each other!

## **Black History Month**

In their Pastoral Letter Against Racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts", the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops prays "that the reader will join us in striving for the end of racism in all its forms...For there is no place for racism in the heart of any person: it is a perversion of the Lord's will for men and women, all of whom were made in God's image and likeness."

One way to combat the sin of racism is to learn more about our country's history. The Justice and Peace Committee will share a few book reviews during this month, but would like to start with a short history of how Black History Month originated.



History of Black History Month. Carter G. Woodson, a founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History Organization, first came up with the idea of the celebration that became Black History Month. Woodson, born in 1875 to recently freed Virginia slaves, went on to earn a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University. He worried that black children were not being taught about their ancestors' achievements in American schools in the early 1900s. Woodson fervently believed that Black people should be proud of their heritage and all Americans should understand the largely overlooked achievements of black Americans. He supported the creation of Negro History Week to encourage black Americans to become more interested in their own history and heritage and it was established in 1926.

Woodson chose February for Negro History Week because it had the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Lincoln was born on Feb. 12, and Douglass, a former slave who did not know his exact birthday, celebrated his on Feb. 14. The week celebrated the contributions of black Americans. Lincoln and Douglass have been praised within the black community for their accomplishments. In 1862, Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which engineered the end of slavery. Douglass was a national leader of the abolitionist movement. Eventually the week was expanded to a month, and in 1976 President Gerald Ford designated February as Black History Month. Every president since has done the same.

Source: https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month

Watch for one of our book reviews next week. If you would like to give us your thoughts on a book you read and how it opened your eyes to the sin of racism, please contact Trudi Jenny, <a href="mailto:trudijenny@yahoo.com">trudijenny@yahoo.com</a>.

## National Catholic Youth Choir-Apply Now!

## BE A PART OF THE RISING VOICES. APPLY & AUDITION FOR NCYC 2022! Here's How

- 1. Start your application process at https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/5VI9HI8E3M
- 2. You'll need one recommendation from an adult who is not related to you: <a href="https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/YE8GGFFWS6">https://www.csbsju.edu/forms/YE8GGFFWS6</a>
- 3. Record 2 vocal auditions that can be emailed to NCYC at ncyc@csbsju.edu.
  - Audition #1: An unaccompanied major scale up and down on any vowel sound (for example, looh or laah, or do, re, mi).
  - Audition #2: One stanza of a hymn of your choice or sing one verse (and refrain if applicable) from one of the following: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"; "O Come, All Ye Faithful"; or "America, the Beautiful". These hymns can be found in any standard hymnal. Please record this unaccompanied.
- 4. Camp cost is \$525. This includes food, boarding and travel costs for eight days of camp and tour. Scholarships are available. Please click below to learn more about the scholarships.

#### Who May Apply

You must be a student currently in grades 8 - 12.

Find all the information you need in the application. If you have any questions, feel free to email <a href="mailto:ncyc@csbsju.edu">ncyc@csbsju.edu</a> or call 320.363.3154.

## **Lenten Small Groups**



#### Small Group for Mothers of Adult Children: St. Monica Club (Mercedes Martin)

Are you a parent of an older teen or young adult who has left the church? Are you worried and stressed about this situation? In this group we will read The St. Monica Club by Maggie Green and discuss and pray for any prodigals you might have in your family by following the example of St. Monica. The book shows us that there are no easy solutions for this situation and provides ways to bring peace and hope to your family while you wait and pray for your children to come back to the church. Please reach out to Mercedes at <a href="mayer-mypasha6419@protonmail.com">mypasha6419@protonmail.com</a>

This group will meet at St. Thomas Aquinas, starting Monday, February 28th at 6pm. Cost of book: \$15

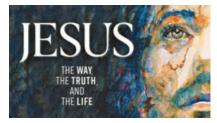
#### Spending Time with the Gospel of Luke

This year at Mass, we are reading from the Gospel of Luke. This small group, which meets in homes, **every other Monday, from 7-8:30pm**, is taking the opportunity to dive a little deeper. Prior to each meeting the group will read a section of the Gospel of Luke, reflecting on the following questions:

- What speaks to you in these passages?
- What character in the passage do you find you relate to?
- What would you do in a similar situation to the passage?

There is room for 2-3 additional members to this established group. If you would be interested in joining, contact Linda and Joel at <a href="mailto:galang@tds.net">galang@tds.net</a>





#### Jesus: The Way, The Truth, The Life ONLINE STUDY

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on him as you come to know and love him in an ever

-deeper and more intimate way. Sign up and learn how to get started by contacting Jan at <a href="mailto:jtuccinardi@gmail.com">jtuccinardi@gmail.com</a>. This study will meet on Mondays, beginning March 7, from 7-8pm, via Zoom. Cost: \$30 – includes book, workbook, online access to videos.

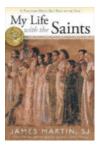


#### **Praying with the Sunday Gospels**

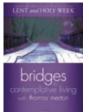
The bible readings that we hear during Lent are amazingly rich. Even spending a short time with them will open your eyes to the unique way God speaks, not only to 'all of us' but to you personally! Building on the format and verses from the 1% challenge that the whole parish will be doing during Lent, together we will learn from the Spirit and from each other, growing in our relationship with Jesus. Join Jenny on **Wednesdays, March 9-April 6, 6:30-7:30pm!** Email jennifer@stamadison.org to sign up.

#### Contemplative Dialogue: My Life with the Saints

The focus of contemplative dialogue is on listening rather than formulating a response to what another is saying. Simply hearing another's point of view and reflecting on it can inform and enlighten our own perspective in a way that debating or analyzing it cannot. The pace of conversation is slower in contemplative dialogue than in most other conversations. We are challenged to listen more carefully and approach different points of view by looking at the deeper values and issues underlying them. This group will be using the book My Life with the Saints (by Fr. James Martin), and meets approximately every other Thursday, at STA, from 9:30-11am. There is room for 2-3 additional members to this established group.



#### Lent and Holy Week: Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton



Lent and Holy Week opens the writings of Thomas Merton in easily digestible pieces and pairs them with the words of other great spiritual thinkers. This study offers an accessible introduction to contemplative dialogue and is built around eight Lenten themes:

- Week of Ash Wednesday: Where Do We Turn for Forgiveness?
- First Week of Lent: Living More Deeply in Christ
- Second Week of Lent: A Season for Compunction and Tears
- Third Week of Lent: In All Things, Always Seeking God
- Fourth Week of Lent: Choosing with Christ to Love the World
- Fifth Week of Lent: In the Service of Peace through Humility and Prayer

This group will meet on Mondays, starting February 28, from 9-10:30am at St. Thomas Aquinas. Cost is \$7. Contact Caroline at <a href="mailto:roefamilywi@gmail.com">roefamilywi@gmail.com</a>

#### Family & Faith Formation/Familia y Catequesis Wednesdays Wednesdays **Description Tuesdays** Sabados Sundays Middle School **Elementary** Catequesis **High School** (FEBRUARY) **Elementary February Febrero February February February** Classes held 1, 8, 15, 22 2, 9, 16, 23 2, 9, 16, 23 5, 12, 19, 26 6, 13, 20, 27

# First Communion Parent Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, 4-5 PM Wednesday, February 16 4:45-5:45 PM 6:00-7:00 PM



Primera Comunión Junta de Padres Sábado 19 de febrero a las 5:00 PM

#### Young Adults TNT: Tuesdays and Thursdays

In an effort to build faith, fellowship, and friendship, STA Young Adults will be presenting TNT (Tuesdays and Thursdays). Every Tuesday and Thursday there will be a night for young adults. On Tuesdays, members of STA Young Adults gather for a night of games and fellowship. On Thursdays, members of STA Young Adults gather for spirituality. For more information, please feel free to contact our Director of Young Adult Ministry, Robert Rosa-Cruz at robert@stamadison.org

Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>-February 22<sup>nd</sup> Game Nights at Holy Name Heights Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>-February 17<sup>th</sup> Bible Study (for 5 weeks): *The Letter of St. James* 

## 2022 NFP Course Schedule for ALL Engaged & Married Couples

Check out madisondiocese.org/nfp-methods or contact nfp@madisondiocese.org

### **Billings Ovulation Education Course**

To complete the course and learn how to use NFP, attend one of the following Introductory Sessions along with a series of private follow ups with your instructor. Madison Diocese **ONLINE** courses:

February 14: 6:30 pm
March 8: 8:30 pm
April 10: 6 pm
April 23: 9 am
May 14: 10 am

June 2: 8 pm
July 11: 6:30 pm
August 20: 10 am
October 1: 10 am
November 12: 1 pm

### **Creighton Model Education Course**

To complete the course and learn how to use NFP, attend one of the following Introductory Sessions along with a series of private follow ups with your instructor.

Middleton—St. Peter's Church, Ashton Jan. 3: 6:30 pm Mar. 7: 6:30 pm May 2: 6:30 pm Sun Prairie: Instructor's Home & Online See website: www.FaustinaCare.com for dates/ times.

### Nun Run: February 18-20

Takes place in St. Paul, Minnesota with many opportunities for prayer, Adoration and visiting with the religious sisters and helping with some daily chores, Mass, and meals. Transportation will be provided from the Diocese of Madison to St. Paul, MN.

Anyone interested in attending can register at:
vocations@madisondiocese.org.
For more information, contact
Theresa Kinkhammer at:
Theresa.klinkhammer@ambroseacademy.org

# Pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse



Sunday, March 27
7:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Motorcoach Bus
from Holy Name Heights
(Madison)
Cost \$20 per person

Transportation is Handicap Accessible Registration: https://madisondiocese.org/peregrinaje

## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 12

4:30 PM For the Ray Thole Family \$\Phi\$

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aguinas Parishioners

Sunday, February 13

8:00 AM Deceased members of the Harley and Marcella Marks Family

10:00 AM Charles Mackin +

Monday, February 14 Meml of Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

8:30 AM Emmy & Larry Becker

Tuesday, February 15

5:30 PM Lila Meyer♥

Wednesday, February 16

8:30 AM Maria Antonita Van Pratt

Thursday, February 17

7:30 AM Darrell Kilby

Friday, February 18

8:30 AM Aaron Kramer +

Saturday, February 19

4:30 PM James & Marilyn Schaefer♥

6:30 PM Alex Martin♥

Sunday, February 20

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM John, Marie, & Dennis Splinter♥

#### Donate Plasma for a STA Parishioner

A STA Parish member has a health issue, which requires that they receive directed plasma donations every 3 weeks. We are hoping to help by finding at least two individuals who would be willing to donate directed plasma units at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin when St. Mary's schedules their Blood Drives.

The St. Mary's Hospital Blood Drives are held on Fridays on approximately a 3-month cycle and donating directed plasma units takes about 45 minutes. Donations will be scheduled and confirmed with the donors prior to the donation date.

Donors need to be males in good health and have Blood Type A (Positive or Negative).

If you are interested in becoming a directed plasma donor for this individual, please contact Terri Kysely at terrikysely@stamadison.org 608-833-2600.

## **Weekly Offertory Update**

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 TOTALS	\$111,732	\$55,584
2/6/2022	\$24,682	\$11,111
2/13/2022		
2/20/2022		
2/27/2022		
February Total	\$24,682	\$11,111

<sup>\*</sup>Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus Loose Offertory (cash) COUNTERS SCHEDULE

#### Monday, February 14:

Bariola, Degenhardt, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Monday, February 21:

Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer, Zingsheim

#### **Business Manager Needed**

St. Thomas Aquinas, Madison, WI, a parish of 1,500 households, is looking for a full-time Business Manager. The position's responsibilities include accounting, finance, human resources, staff management, and other projects and duties. If you have strong business skills and enjoy working in a faith-filled environment, we would love to hear from you!

#### Please send a cover letter and resume to:

Fr. Bart Timmerman at *parish@stamadison.org* or 602 Everglade Drive, Madison, WI 53717.
Or. call the Parish Office at 608-833-2600

### Readings for the Week of February 13

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8, Ps1:1-4,6; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20;

Lk 6:17,20-26

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-28,71-72,75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33 Friday: Jas 2:14-24,26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-5,7-8; Mk 9:2-13

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; Ps 103:1-4,8,10,

12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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