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Easter Day Resurrection of the Lord April 17, 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_{PM} Sunday, 9:00-9:50_{AM}

Adoration

Monday, 2:00-4:00pm NO 4/18 Tuesday, 4:15-5:15pm Friday, 9:00-10:00am

Parish Office Hours

Monday, April 18—CLOSED

Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00AM-5:00PM Friday, 9:00AM-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 6:30pm

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15-4:10_{PM}

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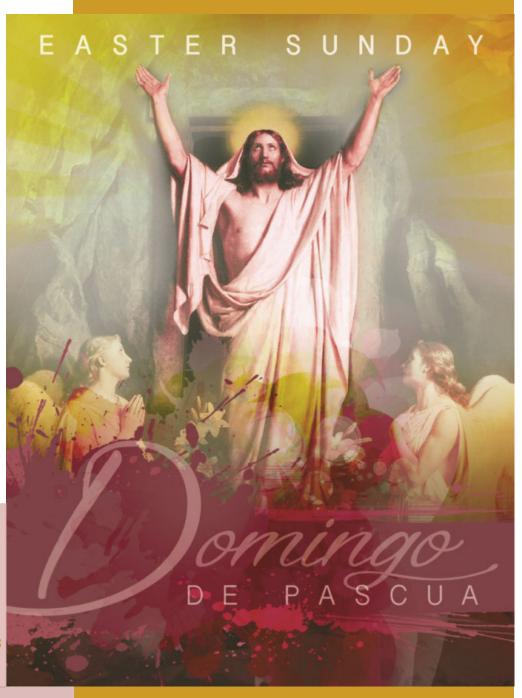
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17 abril de 2022

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Aleluya! Aleluya!

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Easter Sunday-The Resurrection of Jesus!

As we celebrate with our families the triumphant Resurrection of Jesus today and for the next fifty days, we are filled with joy. We emerge from our Lenten journey ready to live the new life Christ offers us. At our Easter Masses, we don't

just remember the events and retrace the steps of Jesus' saving action. At our Masses, we celebrate what is happening among us now as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. The resurrection of Jesus, is not just a past event; it is an event that touches our lives today, as members of His Body we are part of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Let us now live like we truly believe in the Resurrection.

Easter Greetings

I feel so blessed to be with you at STA to celebrate Easter with you! On this day of Easter joy, I would like to extend to all of you and your families a most blessed and happy Easter greeting. I pray that each of us may receive the Easter Miracle into our lives and families. Easter is the greatest event in human history! Easter is our way to heaven; it's the greatest gift anyone could ever give us. The resurrection of Jesus is the reason we pray and work to win souls for Jesus and build up our beloved parish. Jesus is risen and He, not the world, is the light of new life. Let's ask Jesus for an Easter miracle in our families, Jesus is risen, He is Lord. Let us embrace Him!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Thank you to all who have helped to make our Holy Week and Easter liturgical celebrations so beautiful and well attended through your giving of your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you to those who: cleaned the church, decorated the church, served in the liturgical ministries, donated flowers, sang in the choir and provided music for our worship, attended our liturgies, and helped in any way. Your participation made our worship especially meaningful and glorious. A special thank you to all of our very dedicated St.Thomas Aquinas staff members who helped with our liturgical planning and with all the details that go into celebrating this holy Easter day. Thank you to all of our wonderful STA staff members, parishioners, and volunteers for all you do!

Welcome to Our Newly Initiated Members

STA Parish had the honor of welcoming at our Easter Vigil Mass, three members into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and Confirmation). STA Parish welcomes: Dan Ed-

wards, Ruth Schams, and Aaron Stauffacher. Our new members are a great blessing from God. They give us hope, increase our parish membership, and strengthen our efforts to share Jesus Christ with others. They also remind us that we are called to a continual conversion in our own lives. Growing in our faith is a life-long journey. We are grateful to Dcn. Jerome Buhman for his leadership in our RCIA Program and our parishioners who journeyed with our Candidates by being a part of our RCIA Ministry Team.

May the Holy Spirit continue to bless us and guide us as we work together in our mission to love God, love others, and make disciples! Thank you for your prayers and support for our STA Staff. I am always grateful for their service to our parish and the great blessing they are for me to share in ministry with.

Parish Renewal "Go Make Disciples" May 9-11

Please make plans to attend our Parish Renewal on the evenings of May 9, 10, and 11 with Mari Pablo. This is an important event for our parish as we come out of the pandemic and make plans for our future in evangelization and the Go Make Disciples Initiative.

Monday, May 9th, 6:30-8:30pm Remembering our Call Tuesday, May 10th, 6:30-8:30pm Recounting God's Work Wednesday, May 11th, 5:45-8:30pm Renewing our Parish



Mari Pablo grew up in a devout Hispanic Catholic family in Miami, Florida. She holds bachelor degrees in theology and psychology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, as well as a master's degree in theology from the Augustine Institute. Mari has worked in youth ministry for over fifteen

years, both as a youth minister in New Orleans and as a Catholic high school theology teacher. Mari is well known for her dynamic presentations at the annual Steubenville Youth Conferences and other national outlets. Mari is a presenter in several Ascension Presents programs including YOU- Theology of the Body for teens, the 99, Ascension Presents and most recently Connected- Catholic Social Teaching for this generation. Mari has a deep love for food but an even greater love for Christ and is dedicated to helping others encounter Him.

Welcome & Farewell

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

STA Welcomes New Staff Members, Offers Farewell to One

On behalf of our entire parish, I offer our gratitude to Claribelle Vera Heredia who joined our staff during the pandemic last summer to work part-time as support staff to our Hispanic Ministry Office and Religious Education Office, as we say our farewell to her. We thank her for her professionalism, dedication, and good work she has shared with the parish in her service to the Church. We wish her well in her future endeavors and appreciate all she has done for us!

We welcome to our staff two new members. First, we welcome Maira Rivera. She will be our new Administrative Support to the Hispanic Ministry and Religious Education Offices. Maira has been a member of our Livestream Team and a volunteer catechist. We look forward to the many gifts she has to share with our community.

We also welcome Julia Hix, our new Business Manager. Julia joined STA in 2018 and became an active member of our STA Young Adult Ministry. Julia currently is a Manager of Hilldale Mall in Madison and is excited to join our STA Staff on April 27th as begins her career in Parish Ministry.

The position of Business Manager has been open since October 2021 and thankfully our Parish Trustee, Jim Rose, recently retired and has been able to work full time volunteering his services as interim Business Manager. This has saved our parish money and Jim, with the help of members of our Finance Council, has been able to make great improvements to our Business Office. His service allowed us to wait for the right candidate to come along, and we are so grateful to Jim for his generous service. Jim will continue to work with Julia to help onboard her and be a resource for her as she begins her role as Manager. More information will be forthcoming about Julia as we welcome her to our Staff.



Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

Happy Easter everyone! May the joy of the risen Christ fill you on this day!

The time of year that Easter occurs – spring – is a symbol of rebirth and life. In fact, the word Easter itself comes from the name of an ancient goddess of spring (Eoster), a term that has been thoroughly Christianized.

Interestingly, the word "spring" has so many different uses in the English language and many of these forms of the word "spring" can circle around and describe aspects of our feast of Easter today.

First, we have the season of spring. Spring is the season of new life, new growth, new beginnings. In our feast today we celebrate new life in Christ now risen from the dead, defeating death and winning for us the chance for our salvation. But it is also a chance for us to grow deeper in our faith; a chance to dedicate ourselves to fostering the growth of his kingdom on earth. It is a chance for new growth in our life in imitation of Christ.

Second, a spring is a source of life-giving water, and in the Church our spring of life-giving water is the Sacrament of Baptism. From ancient times, the sacrament of baptism has been linked to Easter. At the Easter Vigil, we baptize catechumens and renew our own baptismal vows. Today is a perfect day to reflect upon our own baptismal responsibilities and promises and work toward living those out in our daily lives.

Also, a spring can be a coil that quickly returns to its original shape after being pressed or pulled. This can aptly describe our lives as followers of Christ – we are often pressed or pulled by the secular world but are called by our baptism to be resilient and return to our mission as faithful witnesses to his Word.

Spring can also be used as a verb to release or free something, as in "to spring from prison." Easter does the same thing as it springs us from the prison of sin and releases us from the tyranny of death without hope.

And finally, "to spring" is to jump forward. While the first Easter was a historical event of a particular time and place, its impact is universal, timeless, and ongoing. It is a springboard for us to use to leap more fully into the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Let the joy of this feast be a motivation for us all to learn more deeply about our faith, apply ourselves more diligently in our works of charity and use it as a starting point from which we are to spring more fully into a life of Christ-filled living.

Discipleship & Development

by Holly Irving

Active Shooter Training-May 17

May can be a very busy month. Please mark your calendar to attend an Active Shooter Training on May 17 from 6–8 PM. If you are interested in attending, please contact Holly at *holly@stamadison.org* or 833-2600.

Ministers of Hospitality and Greeters Needed

Are you a people person? If so, our parish family needs Ministers of Hospitality and Greeters. Greeters stand at the doors to the Church and welcome everyone! Ministers of Hospitality greet people, help people find a seat, take up the collection, put out bulletins, and have other duties. If you are interested, please contact Holly at holly@stamadison.org.

Rosebud Program



Prayer is part of our Catholic faith and everyone is in need of prayers throughout their lives. The Rosebud Program is a way for parents and grandparents to request prayers and support for anyone who is pregnant, celebrating birth or adoption, grieving miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, infant or child death or waiting to become pregnant or adopt.

Here is how it works: In the Gathering Area by the statue of Mary, there are a variety of colored roses and cards that address the needs listed above. Each rose represents a special need. The person wanting prayers writes their name on the card matching their prayer request and the appropriate colored rose and then puts it into the vase. The prayers are put onto the prayer chain.

I have just removed the roses to give others the opportunity to put in their requests. Your prayer request is being prayed for by the people on the prayer chain. If you want to put another rose into the vase for more prayers, please feel free to do so. For more information, you can contact Holly at 833-2600 or holly@stamadison.org.

Prayers

A prayer for peace in Ukraine

by Sr Pegge Boehm, PBVM of Pax Christi South Dakota

Christ of Peace,

The first words you spoke to your disciples after your resurrection were "Peace be with you."

With us and with all of creation, groaning for peace, we implore your mercy and forgiveness as we listen to earth lamenting and people crying, made poor by humanity's acts of aggression.

As your disciples of peace and nonviolence, May our first words be at this time of war in the Ukraine: "Peace be with you."

Peace be with you, people of Ukraine, whose suffering is our suffering, whose cries unite with our cries for peace.

Peace be with you, leaders of countries, whose use of force and aggression be transformed into justice that is restorative.

Peace be with you, protestors in the streets of Russia.

whose courage puts you at risk of your lives, inspire us to stand up for nonviolence.

Peace be with each one of us, that as we cry with our Ukrainian kin, we may be moved to proclaim, "No more war, War never again."

Come, Christ of Peace, be with us!

Pray the Rosary for Ukraine, Unborn

Join us on **Mondays at 8:00 AM** to pray the Rosary for the unborn and the Supreme Court Justices. Join us on **Fridays at 8:00 AM** to pray the Rosary for the people in Ukraine and peace in the world.

Prayer for Life

May the glory of the Resurrection inspire lasting hope in all who work to protect human life; *We pray to the Lord.*

Prayer for Justice

May the joy of the Resurrection and spring's bounty inspire us to take new steps to care for creation and protect the God-given gifts that sustain all life; *We pray to the Lord.*

Making Sundays Special!

For younger children or grandchildren, buy a special religious coloring book and colors that only come out on Sunday for family coloring time.

Family & Faith Formation Wednesdays Wednesdays Description **Tuesdays Sundays** Sabados Middle School **Elementary High School** (APRIL) **Elementary** Catequesis April **April Abril** April April Classes held 5, 19 6.20 6, 20, 27 2, 9 3, 24

Earth Day



Our Care for Creation Team wishes you a Happy Easter! Today we celebrate the New Life revealed to us in Jesus's Resurrection. And on Friday, we celebrate Earth Day. We hope in some special way you

find time to explore and reverence the beauty of God's Creation and give thanks for all the new life surrounding us.

Our team will be providing more announcements leading up to the celebration of the anniversary of *Laudato Si'* in May. Watch for them in the coming weeks.

Prayer

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of the earth and sky and sea, for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers, for the songs of bird and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and forever. Amen.

--The Book of Common Prayer (1549)

Rosary March on May 1st

Join Father Rick Heilman and regional Catholics.

May 1st

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pine Bluff. Mass will be at 10:45 followed by the march.

People who wish to stay in the church to pray may do so. Benediction will follow a May crowning by our first communicants and a lunch will be served.

Monday, April 18th
8:30 AM Mass
Offices CLOSED
NO Adoration

Pastoral Council Election

Nomination Announcement St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Council Election

This weekend and next we need your help in beginning the process to elect one new member to our Pastoral Council. Being a Council member provides an opportunity to help set the course for our parish family.

The role of Parish Council member is to advise and confer with Father Bart concerning ideas and activities involving the parish. We are looking for nominees willing to share ideas and creativity as they work with Father Bart, other Council members, and Commissions.

Typically, the Council meets nine times a year, September to June, for about an hour and a half.

If the role of Pastoral Council member fits you or someone you know, please complete the nomination form and return it to the Pastoral Council drop box in the Gathering Area by April 30th. The election will be held on May 14-15 during all masses. Thank you for your help!

Pastorai	Council	Nomination	Form
Nominee:			

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Nominee's Phone Number:

Why would you or your nominee be a good Pastoral Council member?

Name of person submitting nomination:

Telephone number of person submitting nomination:

Please complete the nomination form and return it to the Pastoral Council drop box in the Gathering Area by April 30th.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 16 Easter Vigil

8:00 PM 60th Anniv. of Richard & Kikue Bushy

Sunday, April 17 Easter Sunday

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Helen & William Mianowski +

Monday, April 18

8:30 AM Fred Zingsheim +

Tuesday, April 19

5:30 PM Emil, Bernadine, & Jerry Lauber and Duane Bartnick

Wednesday, April 20

8:30 AM Bernadette Badal \$\phi\$

Thursday, April 21 St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM David and Marie Denison +

Friday, April 22

8:30 AM Robert Schwarz +

Saturday, April 23 St. George, Martyr;

St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

4:30 PM Felicia Ackom +

Sunday, April 24 Divine Mercy Sunday;

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM All souls in purgatory



Giving Sunday April 23-24

Sharing Sundays are special days for parishioners to donate food and personal hygiene/cleaning items to help fill the shelves at the Lussier Community Education Center. Please consider bringing some of the following **most needed** items to church next weekend:

Sugar, Flour, 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 and Sara to learn more or to volunteer: saradennymarx@gmail.com.

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 TOTALS	\$389,889	\$151,598
4/3/2022	\$23,412	\$4,709
4/10/2022		
4/17/2022		
4/24/2022		
April Total	\$23,412	\$4,709
April GOAL	\$107,400	\$16,519

^{*}Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus Loose Offertory (cash) COUNTERS SCHEDULE

Monday, April 18:

Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer, Zingsheim **Monday, April 25:**

Baik, Degenhardt, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2022

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1

Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13,

17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Gold Mass

In cooperation with The Society of Catholic Scientists, a "Gold Mass" will be held for those in the STEM fields (Scientists, Technologists, Engineers, and Mathematicians) or who are educators in these fields.

The Gold Mass will be celebrated on

Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 5:30 pm Cathedral Parish of St. Raphael

(Holy Redeemer Church) 128 W. Johnson Street, Madison

Mass will be followed by a dinner (RSVP) and lecture, tentatively to be delivered by Dr. Cory Hayes of St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, LA.

For more info, go to *http://scsmadisonwisconsin.org* or call Richard Bonomo at 608-258-8613.

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