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

The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 20, 2022

*Let us go rejoicing to the house
of the Lord. Psalm 122*

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, 3:15-4:10PM
Sunday, 9:00-9:50AM

Adoration

Monday, 2:00-4:00PM
Tuesday, 4:15-5:15PM
Friday, 9:00-10:00AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday-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 3:15-4:10PM
y por cita previa

Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00-4:00pm
Martes 4:15-5:25pm
Viernes 9:00-10:00AM

**Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor
Jesucristo, Rey del Universo
20 de noviembre de 2022**



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:43

NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO,
REY DEL UNIVERSO

"Yo te aseguro que hoy estarás conmigo en el paraíso".
- Lc 23, 43

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*Vayamos con alegría al encuentro
del Señor. Salmo 121*

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

On this last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast is designed to give special recognition to the dominion Christ our Lord has over all aspects of our lives. This solemnity is as important to celebrate today as it was when it was established by Pope Pius XI on December 11, 1925. At that time the Church responded to the rise of fascism, national socialism, and communism that spawned the likes of Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, and Joseph Stalin. Pope Pius XI saw that people were denying Christ in favor of a lifestyle dominated by secularism, material advantage, and false hope created by tyrants. The Pope wanted to send a message of peace. These words by his predecessor, Pope Benedict XV, point out the Church's response to worldly dictatorships: "There can be no stable peace or lasting treaties, though made after long and difficult negotiations and duly signed, unless there be a return of mutual charity to appease hate and banish enmity." Pope Pius XI wrote, "We firmly hope, however, that the feast of the Kingship of Christ, which in the future will be yearly observed, may hasten the return of society to our loving Savior."

Pope Benedict XVI, on the feast of Christ the King, Nov. 22, 2009, shared this reflection:

"But in what does this 'power' of Jesus Christ the King consist? It is not the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. It is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness. This Kingdom of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom. Christ came 'to bear witness to the truth' (Jn 18: 37), as he declared to Pilate: whoever accepts his witness serves beneath his 'banner.' Every conscience, therefore, must make a choice. Who do I want to follow? God or the Evil One? The truth or falsehood? Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that he alone can give us. This is demonstrated, in every epoch, by the experience of numerous men and women who, in Christ's name, in the name of truth and justice, were able to oppose the enticements of earthly powers with their different masks, to the point that they sealed their fidelity with martyrdom."

Peace still eludes us in our day. Our world needs now more than ever, our witness to Jesus' rule over all things.



Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo

En el último domingo del Año Litúrgico, los católicos celebran la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey. Esta solemnidad está diseñada para dar un reconocimiento especial al dominio que Cristo nuestro Señor tiene sobre todos los aspectos de nuestra vida. Esta Solemnidad es tan importante de celebrar hoy como lo fue cuando fue establecida por el Papa Pío XI el 11 de diciembre de 1925. En aquella época, la Iglesia respondió al ascenso del fascismo, el socialismo nacional y el comunismo, que generaron a personajes como Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler y José Stalin. El Papa Pío XI vio que la gente renegaba de Cristo en favor de un estilo de vida dominado por el secularismo, las ventajas materiales y la falsa esperanza creada por los tiranos. El Papa quería enviar un mensaje de paz. Estas palabras de su predecesor, el Papa Benedicto XV, señalan la respuesta de la Iglesia a las dictaduras mundanas: "No puede haber paz estable ni tratados duraderos, aunque se hayan hecho después de largas y difíciles negociaciones y se hayan firmado debidamente, si no hay un retorno a la caridad mutua para aplacar el odio y desterrar la enemistad". El Papa Pío XI escribió: "Esperamos firmemente, sin embargo, que la Solemnidad de la Realeza de Cristo, que en el futuro se observará anualmente, pueda acelerar el retorno de la sociedad a nuestro Salvador amoroso."

El Papa Benedicto XVI, en la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey, el 22 de noviembre de 2009, compartió esta reflexión:

Pero, ¿en qué consiste el "poder" de Jesucristo Rey? No es el poder de los reyes y de los grandes de este mundo; es el poder divino de dar la vida eterna, de librar del mal, de vencer el dominio de la muerte. Es el poder del Amor, que sabe sacar el bien del mal, ablandar un corazón endurecido, llevar la paz al conflicto más violento, encender la esperanza en la oscuridad más densa. Este Reino de la gracia nunca se impone y siempre respeta nuestra libertad. Cristo vino "para dar testimonio de la verdad" (Jn 18, 37) —como declaró ante Pilato—: quien acoge su testimonio se pone bajo su "bandera", según la imagen que gustaba a san Ignacio de Loyola. Por lo tanto, es necesario —esto sí— que cada conciencia elija: ¿a quién quiero seguir? ¿A Dios o al maligno? ¿La verdad o la mentira? Elegir a Cristo no garantiza el éxito según los criterios del mundo, pero asegura la paz y la alegría que sólo él puede dar. Lo demuestra, en todas las épocas, la experiencia de muchos hombres y mujeres que, en nombre de Cristo, en nombre de la verdad y de la justicia, han sabido oponerse a los halagos de los poderes terrenos con sus diversas máscaras, hasta sellar su fidelidad con el martirio.

La paz todavía se nos escapa en nuestros días. Nuestro mundo necesita, ahora más que nunca, nuestro testimonio del dominio de Jesús sobre todas las cosas.

Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá

Nuestra Señora del Rosario de Chiquinquirá

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Our Lady of Chiquinquirá

Recently a group of Catholics approached me about celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title, "Our Lady of Chiquinquirá (OLC)." OLC is the Patroness of Colombia. This Saturday, we are adding to our celebration of Christ the King and also celebrating OLC at our 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass. OLC is very popular in Colombia and in a nearby Venezuelan territory. Chiquinquirá is the name of the city in Colombia, where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared miraculously on a canvas that was faded and worn out and put into a storage room in a church. Many miracles have been attributed to her intercession and under the title OLC. In the image of OLC, Mary is holding the child Jesus on her lap and she is holding a rosary. This image has encouraged the faithful to pray the rosary as a family. In addition to the miraculous restoration of her image in Chiquinquirá, Colombia, she also miraculously appeared to a woman in Venezuela on a piece of wood that the woman found floating down the river where she was washing her clothes.

When our parish began offering the Spanish Mass and we began our Hispanic Ministry at STA, one of our hopes was that we would be a unified parish with many diverse members. We wanted to avoid forming two separate communities, that basically would use the same church building. Our bilingual Masses during Holy Days and other times during the year help to achieve this unity. It is good for us to realize the richness of faith that exists in our Church and the many devotions and expressions of faith that we practice. Together we have so much to offer one another. Our Hispanic sisters and brothers have shared with us their love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we can see in our familiarity with Our Lady of Guadalupe, and now we are learning about OLC. In our welcome and inclusion in the name of Jesus, I pray that others can be inspired and enriched by our faith.

Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá

Recientemente un grupo de católicos se me acercó para celebrar a la Santísima Virgen María bajo el título de "Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá". Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá es la Patrona de Colombia. Este sábado, vamos a añadir a nuestra celebración de Cristo Rey y también celebraremos a la Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá en nuestra misa de las 6:30 p.m. en español. Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá es muy popular en Colombia y en un territorio venezolano cercano. Chiquinquirá es el nombre de la ciudad en Colombia, donde la Santísima Virgen María se apareció milagrosamente en un lienzo que estaba descolorido y desgastado y que se puso en un almacén de una iglesia. Muchos milagros se han atribuido a su intercesión y bajo el título de Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá. En la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá, María tiene al niño Jesús en su regazo y sostiene un rosario. Esta imagen ha inspirado a los fieles a rezar el rosario en familia. Además de la restauración milagrosa de su imagen en Chiquinquirá (Colombia), también se apareció milagrosamente a una mujer en Venezuela en un trozo de madera que la mujer encontró flotando en el río donde estaba lavando su ropa.

Cuando nuestra parroquia empezó a ofrecer la misa en español y comenzamos nuestro ministerio hispano en STA, una de nuestras aspiraciones era que fuéramos una parroquia unificada con muchos miembros diversos. Queríamos evitar la formación de dos comunidades separadas, que básicamente utilizarían el mismo edificio de la iglesia. Nuestras misas bilingües durante los días festivos y otros momentos del año ayudan a conseguir esta unidad. Es bueno que nos demos cuenta de la riqueza de la fe que existe en nuestra Iglesia y de las muchas devociones y expresiones de fe que practicamos. Juntos tenemos mucho que ofrecernos unos a los otros. Nuestras hermanas y hermanos hispanos han compartido con nosotros su amor por la Santísima Virgen María, que podemos ver en nuestra familiaridad con Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, y ahora estamos aprendiendo sobre Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá. En nuestra acogida e inclusión en el nombre de Jesús, ruego que otros puedan ser inspirados y enriquecidos por nuestra fe.



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Liturgies

This year, we will continue our tradition of celebrating **Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 24**. In addition to this, for the very first time, there will be a city-wide **Ecumenical Prayer Service at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish on Monday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.** This is the only prayer that we participate in that is ecumenical during the year so I feel that it is important for us to be a part of it. I hope that we can have good attendance at both liturgies. There is so much to be thankful for!

- The Collection at our Thanksgiving Mass will be for our St. Vincent De Paul Conference. (You can also use the yellow St. Vincent de Paul envelopes in your envelope packet.) Read more about SVdP below.
- The Collection at the Ecumenical Prayer Service will be for local food pantries.



Thanksgiving Day Offertory Collection Goes to STA SVdP Conference

Our STA conference of St Vincent de Paul has had a very busy year assisting our neighbors in need. We have helped a total of 159 households and 437 people! Our financial assistance to those in need has included \$14,969 in housing assistance, \$4,223 in utility payments, \$5,026 in clothing, furniture and moving needs, \$4,621 for transportation, \$1,213 for food plus many referrals and deliveries of food from our district food pantry.

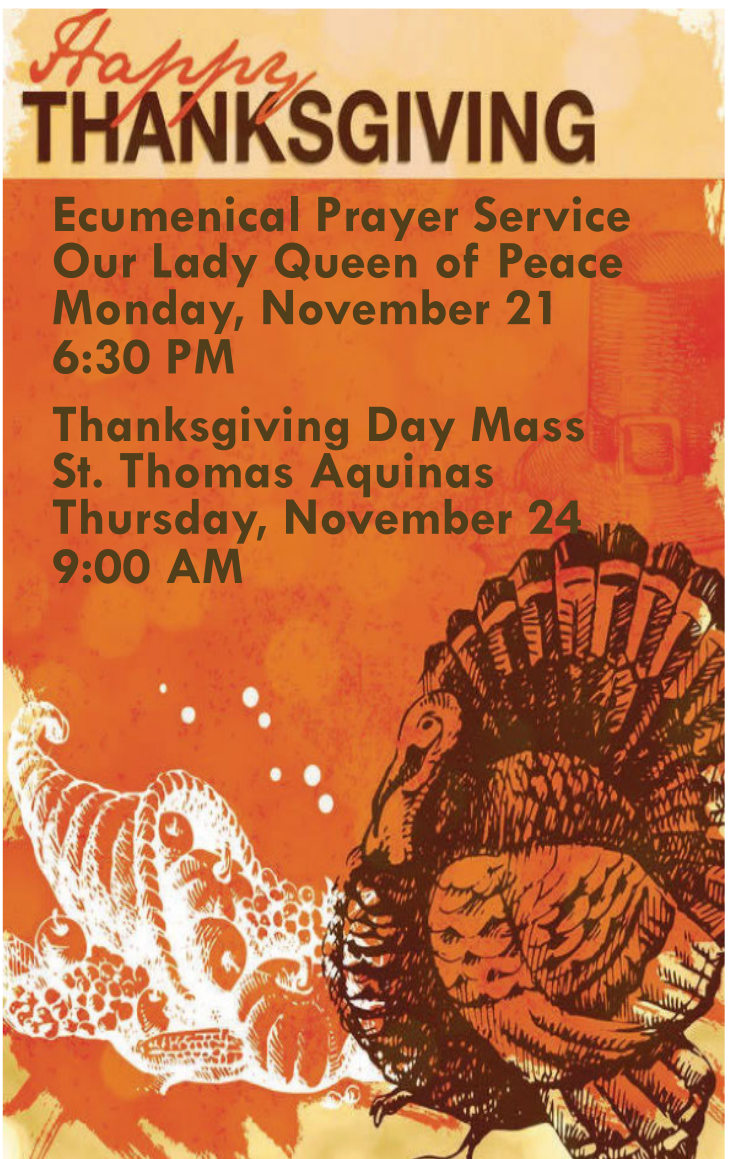
All of our financial support comes from STA through outreach funding and other donations. The Thanksgiving day collection is designated for our conference. This year we have helped 3 families who were homeless move into apartments. We've helped families from Kazakhstan, Venezuela and Nigeria who are new to Madison with furniture, rent, eyeglasses. We've paid rent to prevent evictions and utility bills preventing shut offs for people who have missed work due to illness, Covid, or caring for family members, or those who have had their work hours reduced unexpectedly.

This is a ministry where we personally encounter Christ in those we serve. We pray with and pray for those we meet. The tenets of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are spirituality, friendship and service. We strive to witness to Christ, develop true friendships, and personally connect with those in need. It is wonderful to be able to provide both physical and spiritual support. Thank you for your support!

Liturgias del Dia de Acción de Gracias

Este año, continuaremos nuestra tradición de celebrar la Misa del Dia de Acción de Gracias a las 9am el jueves, 24 de noviembre. Además, por primera vez, habrá un Servicio de Oración Ecuménico para toda la ciudad en la Parroquia Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz el lunes, 21 de noviembre a las 6:30pm. Esta es la única oración Ecuménica que participaremos durante este año, y creo que es importante que formemos parte de ella. Espero que podamos tener una buena asistencia en ambas liturgias. ¡Hay mucho que agradecer!

- La Colecta de nuestra Misa de Acción de Gracias será para nuestra Conferencia de San Vicente de Paúl (también puede usar los sobres amarillos de San Vicente de Paúl en su paquete de sobres).
- La colecta en el Servicio de Oración Ecuménico será para los bancos de alimentos locales.



Advent Activities

Christmas Food Basket Time Is Right Around The Corner!

During the Christmas season, you can make a difference by sharing food with our neighbors in need. This year's Christmas Food Baskets will be important as many of our neighbors are struggling due to the effects of inflation. **Food donations to fill the 125 baskets will be collected starting the weekend of November 26-27 and will continue through December 16th.**

1. If you are coming to the STA campus, you can bring your food donations and put them in the brown bins as usual.
2. There will be a Reverse Collection the weekend of **December 3-4th**. Instead of just putting something into the collection basket, you'll be taking something out! Each person will take a slip of paper out of the basket, and on that slip is a food item that we would like you to bring back.
3. **Financial donations** are also most welcome. Checks should be made payable to *St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church*, with the notation "Christmas Food Baskets."
4. We will be **sorting and packing donations** on Friday, December 16, starting at 6 pm and working until we are done. This is a great multi-generational activity!
5. The delivery of the baskets will take place **Saturday, December 17, starting at 9 am**. As in years past, we need many volunteers to deliver the baskets.

Volunteer Sign-ups for all these opportunities will be available soon! Plans are subject to change based on Dane County Public Health.

Thank you for your generous donation of these non-perishable food items:

canned fruits & vegetables • canned juice
cereal • peanut butter • soup • macaroni & cheese
pasta/rice • canned meals/spaghetti/ravioli
laundry detergent • toothpaste • shampoo

Gifts From the Heart Christmas Gifts for STA Neighbors in Need Nov. 19 - Dec. 4

St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners will have the opportunity to help make Christmas brighter for our neighbors in need. Our SVDP conference organizes this gift giving.



You can participate by taking an ornament or card from our Gifts from the Heart display wall near the STA office. These will contain gift requests from our neighbors in need. These may be gift cards or other gifts.

Please return gifts unwrapped with the ornament or card attached on the outside to the alcove at the left of the fireplace in the gathering area.

Gift cards should be returned with the envelope or card attached and handed in at the office or slid through the mail slot.

Donations of gift bags, wrapping paper and ribbons to hand out are also appreciated! All gifts should be returned by **Sunday Dec. 4**. They will be sorted and sent out on Monday, Dec. 5. Thank you for returning the gifts on time and for your generosity!

Gathering to Write This Advent

Join us this Advent for **Gathering to Write**, a spiritual program for adults during which we will read and reflect on one short passage from the Gospel of Luke each week *through writing*. We will have writing prompts for each session. *There is no homework!* Writing as spiritual practice is different than other types of writing. Making lists, drawing, talking about our ideas in even the simplest of words – all of this can count as writing which means *anyone* can do it. Finding just the right words to describe our thoughts, emotions, and experiences can be an act of holy gratitude and a way of opening ourselves to God's ongoing work within us. Consider joining us this Advent on Tuesday nights (November 29th, December 6th, 13th, & 20th) from 6:30-7:30 PM.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Jackie Schramm at jackie.schramm@icloud.com.



Prepare for Advent by joining with women of the parish for a peaceful evening of reflection, praise, music and fellowship as we focus on the deeper meaning of this beautiful season. All women are welcome (no children, please). Space is limited. Registration is necessary to attend or volunteer.

Registration begins November 7th.

<https://bit.ly/3fCr5Ks>

For more information contact Terri Kysely at terrikysely@gmail.com or 608-219-3652

Music & Liturgy

Join the Christmas Choirs!!!

We are seeking students and adults to help us celebrate our Christmas Masses with some extra festivity! If you like to sing but cannot commit to the choir for the entire year, this opportunity is for you! Please consider joining us! Contact Greg for more information or to sign up!

Choir for 9PM Christmas Eve Mass and Epiphany Lessons & Carols

Students in grade 7 and up, and adults are all welcome and encouraged to join us for our celebration of Midnight Mass and Epiphany Lessons & Carols. This choir will lead music for 45 minutes before Mass during the Night begins, starting at 8:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve. We will also present a program of **Epiphany Lessons & Carols on Sunday, January 8 at 1:00 p.m.** for all in our parish, neighborhood, and community to attend.

Anyone interested in singing for Christmas Eve – Mass during the Night (9:00 p.m.) should attend at least three of the rehearsals in December (Thurs., Dec. 1, Tues., Dec. 6, Thurs., Dec. 15, 22) from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in addition to the remaining rehearsals in November (Thurs., Nov. 17, Tues., Nov. 22) from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

All those who commit to sing for Christmas Eve – Mass during the Night are also asked/expected to attend/sing for **Lessons & Carols on Sunday, January 8 at 1:00 p.m.** Please mark your calendars now so that you are able to be in attendance!

Children & Family Choir for 4PM Christmas Eve Mass

All students in grades 4 and up are invited to sing for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Parents are welcome to sing with their children as well! Rehearsals are on Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. here at St. Thomas Aquinas! Mark your calendars now! Students are asked/expected to attend all 3 rehearsals!

For more information, contact Greg at greg@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600 x869.



**Saturday,
December
24th
4PM Mass**

Christmas Pageant

Children ages 2 & up are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant at the 4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass.

If your child is interested, please contact Holly Irving at: holly@stamadison.org or 608.833.2600 x861

Art & Environment Wish List

Throughout the Seasons of the Church Year, we have a dedicated team of people who help us to enliven our celebration of the Mass, through their decorating and care for the Sanctuary and the Altar. This group of folks works with a very small budget amount each year, which primarily takes care of the flowers for the Seasons of Christmas and Easter. As we have striven to be good stewards of the resources we have been blest with, we are now at the point where some of our cloth and other furnishings need to be refreshed or replaced. We can only do this through your generosity! This list includes a few examples of what we are looking for and their associated costs. If you would be willing to assist us financially with this endeavor, please contact Greg Buchberger (greg@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600 x869). Thank you to all our parishioners and friends for your generosity to our parish family.

Set of New Altar Cloths/Fabric for Decorating

Ranges from \$1,200 - \$2,500 PER SEASON, depending upon the style and size of the altar cloths which are used. Seasons of Christmas and Easter, where we use full cloths that drape to the floor cost considerably more. We are looking forward to new altar cloths for the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. We would ideally like to purchase a couple of new sets each year, so that we can spread out the cost and be responsible stewards of your gifts.

New Censor/Thurible/Incense Stand

\$1,200. Our current stand has been around for many years and is very worn. It also does not match any of our altar appointments or candle sticks. This new stand would integrate well into our décor as needed.

New Advent Wreath/Stand

\$2,500 - \$3,000. We have been making do using our Altar Candle Sticks and carefully attaching a wreath to them. Making the investment in an actual advent wreath stand for the church will allow us to spend less time in setup, be more creative in our decorating of the wreath, and allow us more time to focus on other parts of the church in our Advent décor.



Sanctuary Lamp Stand

\$3,000. A floor-standing Sanctuary Lamp stand would allow us some options for placement of the Sanctuary Lamp. Last year, we used a temporary setup for this during Lent, which was a bit precarious. Having a floor stand allows us a safe way to keep the Sanctuary Lamp visible throughout the Seasons of the Year.



Torch Stands

\$1,400. We currently have several processional candles/pew torches, which we rarely use because they are difficult to store and to setup for use. Having storage stands for them, would allow us to utilize them much more easily, and use them for special liturgical celebrations and Masses throughout the year.

Around the Diocese



PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS
Parish Missions with Bishop Hying

Parish Mission
Come join Bishop Hying for a three-night event where he will guide us to be transformed by the love God offers us through friendship with Jesus Christ, especially through His Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

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7PM Talk

3 DAYS
November
27th, 28th
& 29th

Bishop Donald J. Hying
Diocese of Madison

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"When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength."
St. Teresa of Kolkata (Mother Teresa)

Care for Creation

Reflect, Renew and Act

"Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat [global] warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it."

--Pope Francis, Laudato Si' [LS 23]



Manufacturing textiles requires tremendous amounts of energy and materials. Purchasing second-hand clothing goes a long way in saving our planet. Equally useful is the use and re-use of one's current wardrobe. Consider mending clothes; donating or giving away unused clothing; or recycling clothing too damaged for repair. Here in Dane County, both St. Vincent de Paul and Goodwill will accept and recycle any worn-out or damaged clothing labeled as such. Or consider using old clothes for cleaning. Any of these actions will make a difference!

Eucharistic Revival Exciting Exhibit Immaculate Heart of Mary Monona

Blessed Carlo Acutis'
Eucharistic Miracles of the World
December 8 – 10, 9am-7pm
December 11, 8am – 3pm.

Carlo Acutis was a boy from Milan, Italy, who had a great love for the Lord, the Eucharist, computers and the internet, hiking and other activities that young people do. Because of his love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, he gathered information of all of the recorded Eucharistic Miracles from around the globe, and cataloged these into a website. He finished his work in 2005. A year later, Carlo died at the age of 15 from leukemia. He was beatified in 2020. Since that time, a traveling exhibit of panels has been developed, using the information he cataloged. A Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will accompany the exhibit – be sure to come visit this exciting display!

Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas Season at STA

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

At Queen of Peace

401 S Owen Drive, Madison
Monday, November 21, 6:30 PM

Thanksgiving Mass at STA

Thursday, November 24
9:00 AM (No 7:30 AM Mass)

No Mass Friday, November 25

Immaculate Conception Mass

Misa Inmaculada Concepcion

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 8, 6:30 AM,
12:10 PM and 6:30 PM bilingual/bilingüe

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Monday, December 12
6:30 PM bilingual/bilingüe

***All Masses are Livestreamed on YouTube
and Facebook***

Confessions During Advent

Saturdays: 3:15-4:10 PM

Sundays: 9:00-9:50 AM

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, and 20

6:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, December 8, 5:30-6:15 PM

Confesiones en Español

Sabados: 6:15-7:00 PM



Christmas Mass Schedule

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Christmas Eve

Family Mass - Children's Pageant

Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM, no incense

Vigil Mass

6:30 PM, bilingual/bilingüe

no incense

Mass during the Night

Prelude and Carols begin at 8:15 PM

9:00 PM Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Holy Family

Friday, December 30, 8:30 AM

Mary Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31, 4:30 PM and

6:30 PM Español

Sunday, January 1, 8:00 AM and 10:00AM

SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering at St. Mary's Hospital—Madison is rewarding and pride is taken in providing volunteers with a meaningful experience. Volunteers offer services that have a high impact on the patient experience. This is a great place to make new friends and reconnect with past friends. Volunteers are needed:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Pastoral Care Department are needed. Volunteers provide a healing presence to patients as they distribute Holy Communion to Catholic patients. This meaningful service aligns with the Mission and Core Values. Flexible scheduling and training are available.

Surgical Waiting Area volunteers are needed to welcome patients and visitors to the beautiful, relaxing waiting area. While waiting for their loved one in surgery, volunteers provide compassion and serve as a concierge to visitors. Volunteers are needed to serve a three-hour shift Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

At Your Service is a great service for volunteers who enjoy walking. Volunteers support patients, visitors and staff. They deliver flowers, mail, patient belongings and help escort patients and visitors to their destination. Volunteers also assist the hospital staff in maintaining a smooth flow throughout the patient discharge process and focus on the patient as the priority.

Please consider joining St. Mary's family as a volunteer.
Apply on-line at: www.ssmhealth.com/volunteer or call 608-258-6640.

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



Luke 23:35-43

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. At first glance, it is an odd sort of kingship we see illustrated in today's Gospel. Jesus, the King, is being crucified; his throne is a wooden cross.

His attendants are but two: traditionally known as "the bad thief" and "the good thief." We can see elements of ourselves in both thieves: the first when we refuse to take responsibility for our own often sinful actions, the second when we recognize our failings, take responsibility, and throw ourselves at the mercy of the king. Mercy -- the most sublime attribute of a good king. Even undergoing the excruciating pain of crucifixion, Jesus personifies mercy. The good thief was confident in this mercy and Jesus' promise of resurrection, as we should be.

It was (and still is, in some places) a tradition that when a king dies, it is proclaimed: "The king is dead; long live the king!" This symbolizes the passing of the kingship from the deceased king to his heir. With Jesus, it is different. His kingship is eternal, and his death and resurrection a means for us to enter into his kingdom. The king has died but has risen -- forever lives the King!

Giving Tuesday

by Holly Irving

#GIVINGTUESDAY Is 9 Days Away!

This is your opportunity to help our neighbors in need. In the past, we have given to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference who help our neighbors in need, the Catholic Multi-cultural Center, Nigerian Parish & Orphanage, Lussier Community Education Center, Waspam Nicaragua Sister Parish, Catholic Charities Adult Day Care, Women's Care Center, Care Net Pregnancy Center, Rachel's Vineyard, Elizabeth House, and Beds for Refugees. We need your help in continuing to support the efforts of these nonprofit organizations.

On November 29th, please go to www.stamadison.org, click on *Donate*, and enter the amount you wish to donate. Don't forget to mention #GivingTuesday.

You can also write a check made out to "St. Thomas Aquinas" & in the memo section note "Giving Tuesday" and drop it in the mail or bring it to the parish.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Young Adults, Faith Formation, & Family



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High School

11/20-Robert's Prayer Stations

11/27-No meeting-Thanksgiving Break

Middle School

11/23-No meeting-Thanksgiving Break

11/30-Advent

Preschool & Elementary

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NO Classes on 22&23

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NO Young Adult Meeting Thanksgiving Week

Grounds Volunteers for Winter

We are looking for individuals who can assist us with snow shoveling around sidewalks on the weekends this winter. While we have a regular service to provide clean-up to our parking lots and sidewalks after a snowfall, we occasionally need individuals who can arrive to help prior to the snow removal company.

If you are interested in helping us this winter,

please call or email Brian Franzen

brian@stamadison.org or 608-833-2600.



**Luke House Community
Meal Program
Bring in Food Items by
November 23rd at 9AM**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 19 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
 4:30 PM George Ingwell & Deceased members of the Alighieri Family ☩
 6:30 PM Adalberto de Oliveira ☩
Sunday, November 20 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners
 10:00 AM Jim Blair ☩
Monday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30 AM Joseph Thanh
Tuesday, November 22 St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
 5:30 PM Bill McCarthy ☩
Wednesday, November 23 St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr;
 8:30 AM Bernadette Badal ☩
Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day
 9:00 AM Jim and Angie Lundgren Anniversary
Friday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
NO MASS or ADORATION
Saturday, November 26
 4:30 PM Aaron Jacobs ☩
 6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners
Sunday, November 27 First Day of Advent
 8:00 AM James Speth
 10:00 AM Richard J. "Dick" Brachman II ☩

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 GOAL thru November	\$1,153,000	\$386,347
2022 TOTALS	\$1,187,718	\$386,036
All Saints Day & All Souls Day	\$9,247	-
11/6/2022	\$15,937	\$1,435
11/13/2022		
11/20/2022		
11/27/2022		
November Totals	\$25,184	\$1,435
November GOAL	\$106,500	\$26,000

*Envelopes, stock gifts, PayPal Credit/Debit and ACH online, ACH monthly withdrawals, plus loose offertory (cash), adjustments to totals may occur.

Counter Schedule

Monday, November 21:

Dulli, Marx, Ihlenfeld, Sawyer, Zingsheim

Monday, November 28:

Baik, Degenhardt, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

Thursday, November 24
9AM Mass, OFFICES CLOSED

Friday, November 25
NO Mass, NO Adoration
OFFICES CLOSED

Prayers

November 20th

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

As we anticipate Thanksgiving,
 May we commit to living lives filled with gratitude
 for all of God's blessings so that we may more freely
 share His abundant love with all;
We pray to the Lord.

For married couples considering adoption:
 May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment,
 grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will;
We pray to the Lord.

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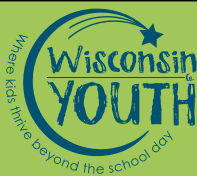
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