



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Justice shall flourish in His time.

Psalm 72

Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 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, 3:15-4:10PM
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

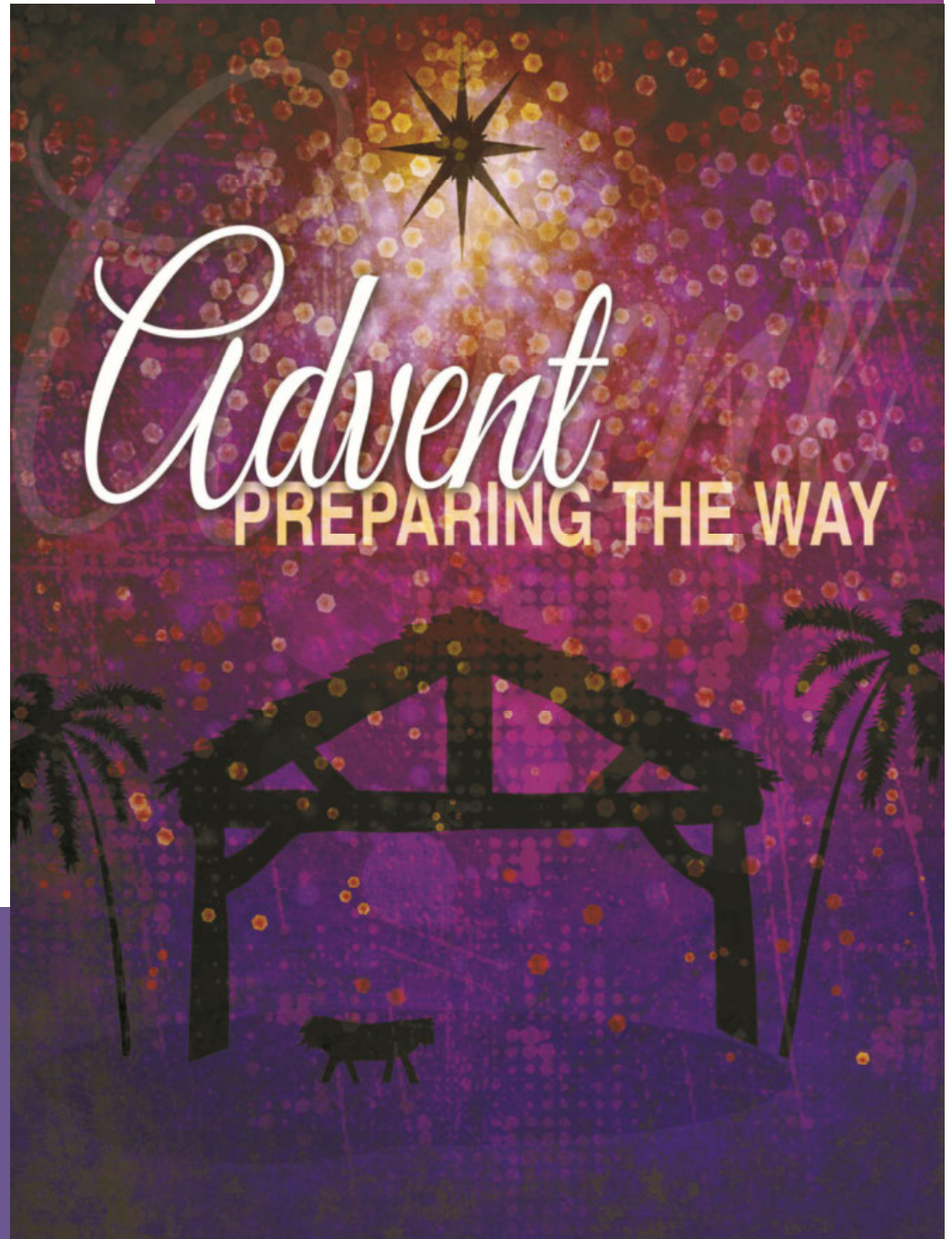
Confesiones

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

Segundo Domingo de Adviento 4 de diciembre de 2022



Que en sus días florezca la justicia.

Salmo 72

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Second Sunday of Advent

We see the great Advent Saint, St. John the Baptist, appear in this Sunday's Gospel. His strong voice tries to rouse us to the demands of discipleship! He says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" As Catholics, one way we repent is by celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. In celebrating this sacrament and making a good confession, our intention is to be forgiven of our sins and live a new life freed from sin. Frequent confession is one of the Holy Habits that we are reflecting on in our Advent Preaching Series. Here are the times for Reconciliation during Advent:

Saturdays 3:15 p.m.- 4:10 p.m. (Bilingual)
Saturdays 6:15 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. (Bilingual)
Sundays 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. (English Only)
Tuesdays 6:00 pm.- 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
Thursday, December 8, 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. (Bilingual)



Segundo Domingo de Adviento

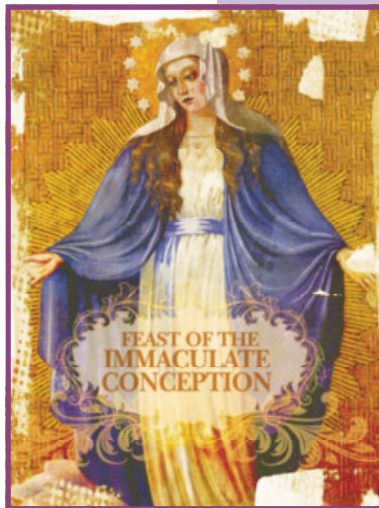
En el Evangelio de este domingo aparece el gran santo de Adviento, San Juan Bautista. Su fuerte voz trata de despertarnos a las exigencias del discipulado! Él dice: "¡Arrepiéntete, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca!". Como católicos, una manera de arrepentirnos es celebrando el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Al celebrar este Sacramento y hacer una buena confesión, nuestra intención es ser perdonados de nuestros pecados y vivir una nueva vida libre de pecado. La confesión frecuente es uno de los hábitos santos sobre los que estamos reflexionando en nuestra Serie de Homilias de Adviento. Estos son los horarios de Reconciliación durante Adviento:

Sábados 3:15 p.m.- 4:10 p.m. (Bilingüe)
Sábados 6:15 p.m.- 7:15 p.m. (Bilingüe)
Domingos 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. (Sólo Inglés)
Martes 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. (Bilingüe)
Jueves, 8 de diciembre, 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. (Bilingüe)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Thursday December 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the Patronal Feast of the United States of America and is always a Holy Day of Obligation. Please plan to attend Mass on Thursday at 6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., or 6:30 p.m. (bilingual). The sacrament of reconciliation will be offered before the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

The Immaculate Conception is the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Ann, free from original sin by the virtue of the merits of her Son, Jesus, who offers His mother this special advantage. The Catholic Church teaches that God acted upon Mary in the first moment of her conception, keeping her "immaculate," without the stain of sin, including original sin. We need to be sure not to confuse Mary's Immaculate Conception with the Virginal Conception of Jesus in Mary's womb. It is also erroneous to think that Mary was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the way Jesus was. We know that Mary was conceived in the normal way and had two biological parents: St. Joachim and St. Ann. From the first instant of Mary's existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings. This is why the Angel Gabriel greeted Mary and said, "Hail, *full of grace*, the Lord is with you."



Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción Jueves, 8 de diciembre

La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción es la Fiesta Patronal de los Estados Unidos de América y es siempre un Día Santo de Precepto. Por favor, planeé asistir a Misa el jueves a las 6:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., o 6:30 p.m. (bilingüe). El Sacramento de Reconciliación se ofrecerá antes de la Misa de las 6:30 p.m.

La Inmaculada Concepción es la concepción de la Virgen María en el vientre de su madre, Santa Ana, libre del pecado original por la virtud de los méritos de su Hijo, Jesús, que ofrece a su madre esta ventaja especial. La Iglesia Católica enseña que Dios actuó sobre María en el primer momento de su concepción, manteniéndola "inmaculada", sin la mancha del pecado, incluyendo el pecado original. Debemos asegurarnos de no confundir la Inmaculada Concepción de María con la Concepción Virginal de Jesús en el vientre de María. También es erróneo pensar que María fue concebida por el Espíritu Santo como lo fue Jesús. Sabemos que María fue concebida de forma normal y tuvo dos padres biológicos: San Joaquín y Santa Ana. Desde el primer instante de la existencia de María, ella estaba en estado de gracia santificante y libre de la naturaleza corrupta que trae el pecado original. Por eso el ángel Gabriel saludó a María y le dijo: "¡Alégrate!, *llena de gracia*, el Señor está contigo".

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Gracias por Su Generosidad!

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

Thank You for Your Generosity!

Thank you for your generosity on #Giving Tuesday and your strong participation in our Christmas Outreach Ministries. Your generosity enables us to be a great support to so many in need. More information will be forthcoming regarding how your gift will be used to support our Outreach Ministries.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Collection

\$3,914 was collected at our Thanksgiving Day Mass and will go to our SVdP Conference. Thank you!

Bless Our Priests Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests-Next Weekend!

Please take advantage of this opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our diocese by helping provide for their retirement needs. Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us! Thank you.

Gracias por Su Generosidad!

Gracias por su generosidad en el #GivingTuesday y su gran participación en nuestros Ministerios Navideño de Divulgación. Su generosidad nos permite ser un gran apoyo para tantos necesitados. Pronto habrá más información sobre cómo se utilizará su donación para apoyar nuestros Ministerios de Divulgación.

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



Matthew 3:1-12

I'm coming to grips with the fact that I am getting older, and as part of that I realize my vision is not as good as when I was younger. Perhaps someday soon I will even have to get bifocals. But that's not necessarily a bad thing; bifocals can make our vision clearer, and they would be perfect for today's readings!

When we use our spiritual bifocals to look at today's readings, we see two different images. Looking through the lower lens, we do indeed see the excitement and the joy of the coming birth of the Messiah. Isaiah and John the Baptist both point toward the arrival of the Savior, a Savior who will soon be born and come among us on Christmas. But we can't look ONLY through the lower half of our glasses. This time of year, it is easy for us to focus just on the coming of Christmas; but that is only part of this season's meaning.

We need to also look through the top part of our glasses, to see things that are farther away. Using the top part of the glasses, we can read that both Isaiah and John are looking beyond Christmas to the final coming of Christ when he comes again at the end of Time. And both John and Isaiah tell us: we had better be prepared for both comings.

And a clearer vision allows me to better examine my life, to see those things I need to do to prepare for Christ's coming. The Advent season provides me with the resources to do so: beautiful scriptures for my prayer life, opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and multiple avenues for charitable activities.

So while doing your Christmas shopping, make time for a spiritual purchase – a special pair of Advent bifocals – you can get two views for the price of one!

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Celebration December 12 at 6:30 PM

The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe presents the Catholic Faith in a way that was immediately understood and accepted by the native Mexican Indians. It is impossible to describe fully the rich symbolism contained on the Tilma of Juan Diego because every detail of color and of form carries a theological message.

Our Lady's **hair**, parted in the middle and hanging loosely, indicates she is a virgin maiden.

Scientific analysis has shown **reflections** of people in the Virgin's **eyes**, just as any human eye would reflect. There are 13 total figures (Including Juan Diego and Bishop Zumárraga) that form two scenes in both eyes.

One can **see a cross** in the center of the medallion that she carries on the upper part of her dress. This manifests her consecration to her Son Jesus, whose cross reminds us of both His total sacrifice for love and the moment when he gives us Mary as our Mother.

The symbol of the Cross was seen on the sails of the Spaniards' ships.

The Virgin's identity as a woman of heaven and earth is affirmed by her **garments' colors and decorations**: her reddish tunic is the color symbolic of earth, while the star-speckled green-blue mantle symbolizes the heavens. The mantle's color indicates her royalty, since only the Aztec emperors could wear cloaks of that color. The Virgin, Queen of heaven and earth, points us toward the truth that God is love, and mankind is the recipient of His love.

The **8-petaled flowers** symbolize the day of new creation. The 'blossom' is in the form of a hill, and the stem is presented as a river. The "hill-water" represented the concept of civilization. The 'hill' represents the highest point of encounter between God and man. **Viewed upside down**, the flower/stem takes the form of a heart - source of life, which belongs to and has its origin in God.

Our Lady's appearance is mestiza, both **Aztec and Spanish**, showing the two cultures coming together at this point in history.

The stars on her mantle signify **she comes from heaven** - the Queen of Heaven. The **constellations** are in the **exact position as appeared** before dawn on the morning of December 12, 1531.

Her **hands are joined in prayer** and, therefore, she is not God but clearly there is one greater than she, and she points her finger to the cross on her brooch.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe depicts a **dark ribbon above her womb**, indicating that she is a woman anticipating the birth of God's only Son. The Spanish expression is encinta, "adorned with ribbon."

In the **center of her tunic, overlying her womb**, is a four petal jasmine flower which is the sign of the Divine and the center of the cosmic order to the Aztec. The Virgin's Baby, Jesus, is Divine and the true center of the universe.

The **4-petaled flowers** with leaves on her tunic symbolize to the Aztecs that the fifth-age, the Age of Peace, has begun.

The Virgin of Guadalupe is shown **among the clouds**, representing her divine origin.

Our Lady **stands in front of the sun**. The sun symbolized the greatest Aztec god - Huitzilopochtli. She announces the God who is greater than their sun god.



Our Lady stands on the moon. The crescent moon symbolized the Aztec god Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent moon god. She has clearly crushed and defeated him. **The Virgin's shoe**, which appears over the moon, has no color, but is simply the raw tilma. This is inexplicable.

An angel with eagle's wings supports the Mother of God. The eagle was the "bird of the sun." Here the angel is the messenger of the Virgin. The angel wears both a tunic of the same color and a brooch like hers. The angel holds her mantle in one hand and the robe with the other, signifying the Son she bears is from both heaven and earth.

Photo credit: Fr. Timothy Oudehoven, Priest of the Diocese of La Crosse



SHRINE OF OUR LADY
OF GUADALUPE

Advent Activities

Christmas Baskets

Our annual tradition at St Thomas Aquinas is to fill and deliver Christmas Baskets to our neighbors at Wexford Ridge and Tree Lane Apartments. During the Christmas season, you can make a difference by sharing food with our neighbors in need.

What needs to be done:

Reverse Food Collection: During Mass this weekend, you picked an item to bring for the Christmas Food Basket. Please bring that item to church with you next weekend!

Sort food/pack baskets: Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area for volunteers to sign up to help sort and pack the baskets. **We will start at 6 pm on Friday, December 16.** Please include your phone number or email when signing up. This is a great family activity and children of all ages are welcome.

Deliver baskets: Baskets will be delivered beginning at 9:00 AM on **Saturday, December 17.** Sign up sheets are in the gathering area for those who wish to volunteer to deliver 3-5 baskets. We need lots of delivery volunteers! Invite a friend to ride along and help!

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience giving at Christmas and for our parish to build community among its members and our neighbors. There are many jobs for all ages—children through seniors!



Gifts From the Heart due BY 4PM DECEMBER 5

Thank you for taking a tag and for your generosity toward our neighbors in need at Christmas! Remember that it is a quick turnaround...gifts and **gift cards are due BEFORE 4PM on December 5.** Unwrapped gifts go near the fireplace in the gathering area, gift cards can be dropped in the slot by the main office.

Upcoming Retreats

TEC Retreat - St. Dennis Madison

TEC starts at noon on Wednesday, December 28 and ends at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, December 30. TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Our Shepherd Bishop Donald Hying has also centered his 'Go Make Disciples' initiative on that same theme. TEC is especially designed to help us grow in our love for Christ and our Holy Catholic Church. It is an amazing experience for the young at heart who are 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. This is also a "shout out" to those of you who have already experienced a TEC retreat and would like to help out.

Fr. Randy Timmerman will be the Spiritual Director.

Marnie Harrington is the lay Director and can be reached at

mharrington555@yahoo.com or 608.577.7489.

Online or paper applications and more information about TEC can be found at

www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC

or by contacting Marie Lins at the OEC at 608.821.3135.

The Emmaus Ministry Retreat for Grieving Parents

Saturday, March 4, 2023

9:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

There will be a free-will offering (optional).

Give yourself the gift of time to focus on your spiritual journey, to focus on questions, such as:

Where is God in my pain...?

Where is my child now...?

How can my faith help me...?

Where do I go from here...?

All retreat sessions are optional.

Share as much or as little as you like.

Nothing is required.

For more information,

call Erik Gyr at 608.833.2600

or Diane Monaghan, Paul's Mother, at 800.919.9332

or go to emfgp.org.

Space is limited so register today to ensure your space!

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 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 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

The Madison Catholic Woman's Club Christmas Luncheon

The Madison Catholic Woman's Club invites all women of our Diocese to:

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 13

Nakoma Country Club

4145 Country Club Road, Madison

Seating begins at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon served at noon followed by entertainment from Edgewood High School Choral students. Paid reservation of \$25.00 must be received by Tuesday, December 6th either online at madisoncatholicwomensclub.org or by mail to Theresa Urzagaste, 4420 Rolla Lane, Madison 53711 with your name, address and phone number. We will still be accepting donations for St. Vincent de Paul's Little Drummer Project and will also feature their pop-up Holiday Gift Shop for shopping. Bring a friend and join us in celebrating the season!

Higher Education Faculty Fellowship Evenings of Reflection

December 15 at 6:30PM

Holy Name Heights, 702 S. High Point Rd

At the Crossroads of Science and Theology:

**Discussion of Galilean- and Darwinian-like
Controversies of the 21st Century**

Diocese of Madison-area college and university faculty and academic staff (including postdoctoral fellows and teaching assistants) are invited to pray and discuss topics relevant to our vocation as teachers, scholars, and researchers in the modern university. For a copy of the optional readings for each gathering or to learn more about events for Catholic faculty and staff, email Professor Cecelia Klingele at cklingele@wisc.edu.

Care for Creation

Reflect, Renew and Act

"An integral ecology includes taking time to recover a serene harmony with creation, reflecting on our lifestyle and our ideals, and contemplating the Creator who lives among us and surrounds us, whose presence "must not be contrived but found, uncovered.""

--Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* [LS 225]



During this busy season, taking a short break to really see and reflect on the beauty of creation and give thanks to our Creator, can provide peace and enrich our Advent journey.



INTO THE DEEP

Into the Deep Feedback

This weekend, **December 3-4**, for those unable to go online to provide feedback, there will be paper copies of Into the Deep feedback forms in the Gathering Area. Staff will be present, along with maps of the proposed pastorates and FAQ handouts, to assist you. **All feedback is due by December 11.**

www.intothedeepmadison.org/provide-feedback-on-overall-process

Check out the website:

www.intothedeepmadison.org

The Model:

www.intothedeepmadison.org/model

Sign Up to Stay Connected & Informed:

www.intothedeepmadison.org/stay-connected



"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)

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

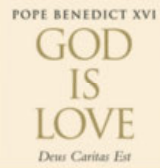
MDCC Enrichment Wing Final Updates

Windows, Door, and Natural Light-Oh My!

These finishing touches truly make a huge difference in the community and childcare rooms, making them warm and welcoming, as well as wonderfully functional. Both rooms are currently being used by faith formation on a regular basis, and the community room comfortably holds medium-sized parishioner groups or outside guests with its own access from outside, a kitchenette, and a bathroom.



Young Adults, Faith Formation, & Family



Young Adults

Young Adult Ministry will wrap up the year by reading *God is Love*. This week, we ask that you read paragraphs 11-18. You can find the work on the Vatican website:

https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20051225_deus-caritas-est.html

Anyone who wants to get involved with Young Adult Ministry, please reach out to our Youth and Young Adult Minister Robert Rosa-Cruz at robert@stamadison.org



Middle & High School Youth Sessions are for ALL students, not just the confirmed. Come in and join us any time.

High School

12/4-The Meaning of Advent
12/11-Advent Night (reconciliation)
12/18- HS Youth Christmas Party

Middle School

12/7-Power of Friendship
12/14-Las Posadas Night

Preschool & Elementary

Classes in December: 6&7, 13&14

Faith Formation Office

608-833-2606

formation@stamadison.org

Follow us on Instagram: [@sta_youth_ministry](https://www.instagram.com/sta_youth_ministry)

STA YOUNG ADULTS

Ugly Sweater/ White Elephant Christmas Party

COME IN YOUR UGLIEST, FLUFFIEST, ITCHIEST CHRISTMAS SWEATER AND BRING A GIFT FOR WHITE ELEPHANT!

STARTS AT 7P
DECEMBER 16
AT STA YOUTH ROOM

RSVP with Robert at robert@stamadison.org.

Come & See
2022-2023
women ages 20-30

DEC 16-18
MAR 17-19
APR 28-30

Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus
952-738-1690 · Handmaidvocation@gmail.com

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

CELEBRATION HERE AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS. FIESTA TO FOLLOW!

WHEN: MONDAY, DEC. 12, 2022

TIME: 6:30P- BILINGUAL MASS

SPREAD THE WORD!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

4:30 PM Ruth Trudel ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

**Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent;
St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

8:00 AM Camilla Leininger ☩

10:00 AM Jack Sprague ☩

Monday, December 5

8:30 AM Bill Bahr ☩

Tuesday, December 6 St. Nichola, Bishop

5:30 PM Deceased Priests of the Diocese ☩

**Wednesday, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

8:30 AM Brian Hiestand ☩

**Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 AM Gib Kleckner ☩

12:10 PM Belva and Gordon Thompson

6:30 PM Michael Lamberty ☩

Friday, December 9 St. Juan Diego C

8:30 AM Lina Maria Vergara ☩

10:00 AM Fr. Cy Weisensel ☩

Saturday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto

4:30 PM JoAnne Schumann ☩

6:30 PM Daniela Robledo

**Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent;
St. Damascus I, Pope**

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Ronald E. Larson ☩

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2022 GOAL thru November	\$1,153,000	\$386,347
2022 TOTALS	\$1,288,509	\$401,796
All Saints Day & All Souls Day	\$9,247	-
11/6/2022	\$15,937	\$1,435
11/13/2022	\$15,359	\$1,220
11/20/2022	\$63,112	\$11,975
11/27/2022	\$13,074	\$2,565
November Totals	\$116,728	\$17,195
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, December 5:

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Monday, December 12:

Degenhardt, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu



Sharing Sunday
All Items go to the
Christmas Food
Baskets

Bring in Food Items Dec. 10-11

Prayers

December 4th

The Second Sunday of Advent

May God help us prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us;
We pray to the Lord.

May the time we spend in daily prayer during Advent bring us closer to Jesus and encourage us to act on his teachings so that "Justice shall flourish [and our broken world may know the] fullness of peace forever;"
We pray to the Lord.

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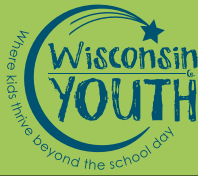


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