



# 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.

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2023

### 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.

### Reconciliation 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

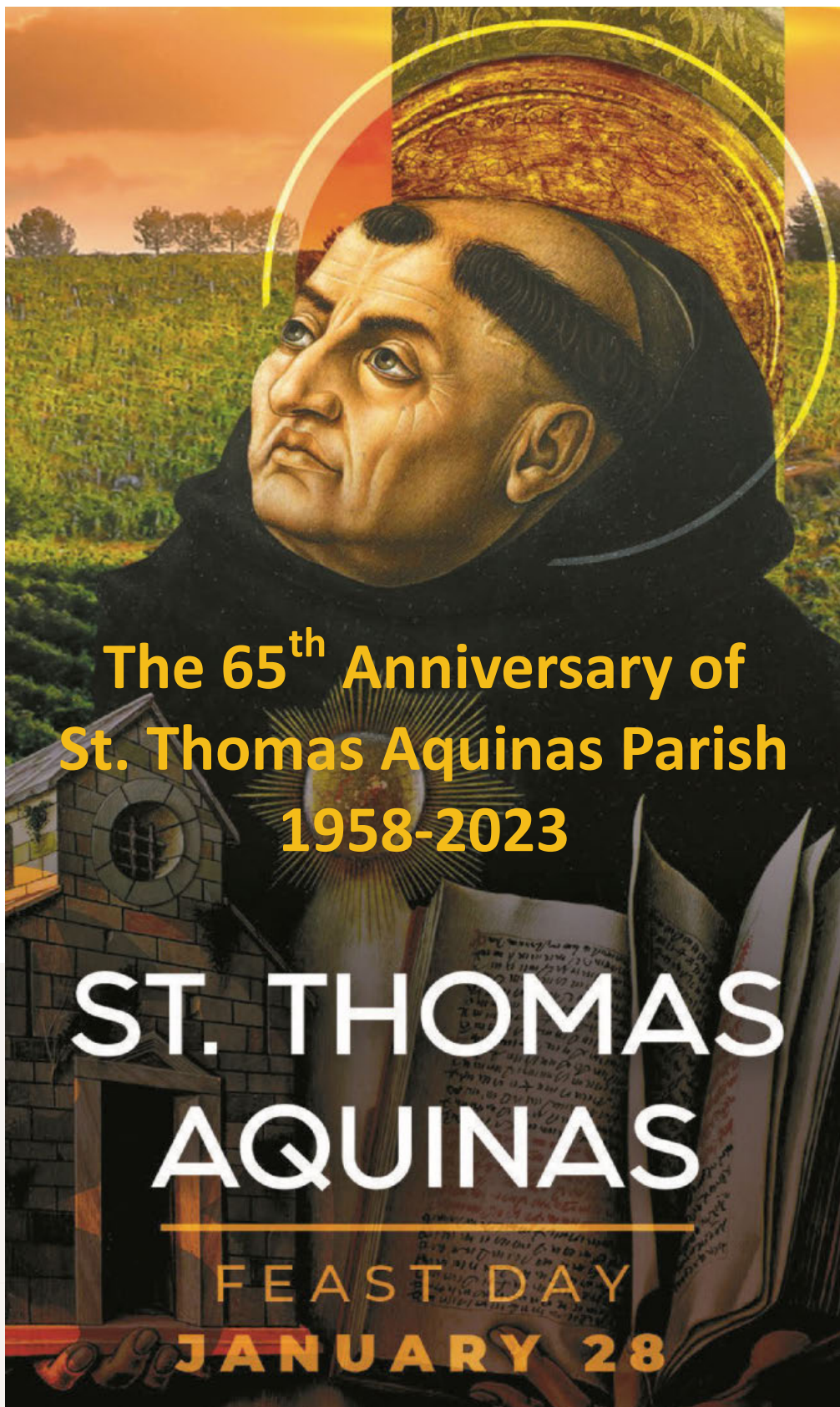
### Confesiones

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

## Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 29 de enero de 2023



The 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
1958-2023

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

FEAST DAY

JANUARY 28

# Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

## Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

### Happy Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas!

As a parish family of St. Thomas Aquinas, we celebrate our patron saint and we give thanks to God for our STA Family! This year is special for many reasons:



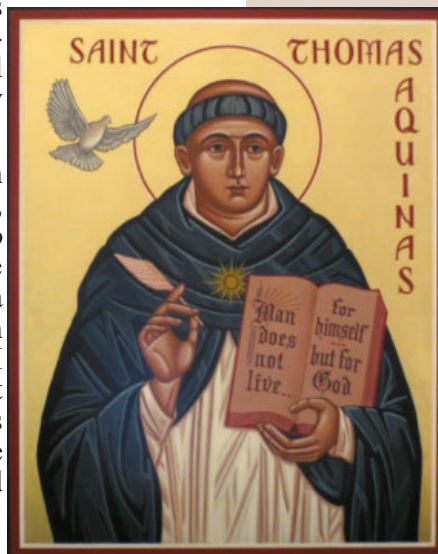
1. It is our first year returning to our long tradition of having the Spaghetti Supper, after a three year hiatus due to the pandemic.
2. It is our 65th Anniversary of the founding of our parish in 1958 by Bishop William O'Connor.
3. We will be having the Grand Opening and Blessing of our new Enrichment Center.

On this special occasion, we look back over the many years we have existed and we see the great blessing our parish family has been to us, our families, our community, our diocese and worldwide Catholic Church. We are blessed that some of our original charter members still live among us and are still members of our parish. Our anniversary is a great opportunity to thank them and pray for them. They have been with us from the very first day of our existence and we owe them our gratitude. We thank God for all of those faithful ones who have gone before us, whose shoulders we stand on today.

We also celebrate the present moment of the people who make up our unique family today. Thanks to all of you for making our parish the vibrant faith community it is today! As pastor, I couldn't imagine being with a more inspiring, faithful, and amazing people. We are especially thankful for those who are helping us with the Spaghetti Supper and all of our volunteers who help to build up parish life!

Today we also look to the future knowing that we are on this journey of faith together and we hope and pray that our journey will take us to the eternal life of heaven one day. Knowing how God has blessed us abundantly in the past, we have great trust that God will continue to bless us into the future. We know lots of changes are coming, but we are ready for the challenges ahead and we deepen our personal relationship with Jesus because we know Jesus will help us through any struggle.

We are so blessed with a giant of a patron saint in our beloved, St. Thomas Aquinas, the "Angelic Doctor." He inspires us to be lifelong learners of our faith, to love for Jesus in the Eucharist, and to live a life of virtue. In this moment, on our 65th Anniversary, I want to tell you all that I love you and thank you for being Christ to me and to one another over these years and times together. Let's continue to be devoted to loving God, loving others, and making disciples!



### ¡Feliz Fiesta de Santo Tomás de Aquino!

Como familia parroquial de Santo Tomás de Aquino, estamos celebrando a nuestro santo patrón y damos gracias a Dios por nuestra Familia STA! Este año es especial por muchas razones:

1. Es nuestro primer año volviendo a nuestra larga tradición de tener la Cena de Espaguetis, después de una pausa de tres años debido a la pandemia.
2. Es nuestro 65 Aniversario de la fundación de nuestra parroquia en 1958 por el Obispo William O'Connor.
3. Tendremos nuestra Gran Apertura y Bendición de nuestro nuevo Centro de Enriquecimiento.

En esta ocasión especial, miramos hacia atrás a los muchos años que hemos existido y vemos la gran bendición que nuestra familia parroquial ha sido para nosotros, nuestras familias, nuestra comunidad, nuestra diócesis y la Iglesia Católica mundial. Tenemos la bendición de que algunos de nuestros miembros fundadores originales aún viven entre nosotros y siguen siendo miembros de nuestra parroquia. Nuestro aniversario es una gran oportunidad para darles las gracias y rezar por ellos. Ellos han estado con nosotros desde el primer día de nuestra existencia y les debemos nuestra gratitud. Damos gracias a Dios por todos aquellos fieles que nos han precedido, sobre cuyos hombros nos apoyamos hoy.

También celebramos el momento presente de las personas que hoy forman nuestra familia excepcional. ¡Gracias a todos por hacer de nuestra parroquia la vibrante comunidad de fe que es hoy! Como párroco, no podría imaginarme estar con gente más inspiradora, fiel y asombrosa. ¡Especialmente estamos agradecidos por aquellos que nos están ayudando con la Cena de Espagueti y todos nuestros voluntarios que ayudan a construir la vida parroquial!

Y hoy también miramos al futuro sabiendo que estamos juntos en este viaje de fe y esperamos y rezamos para que nuestro viaje nos lleve a la vida eterna en el cielo algún día. Sabiendo cómo Dios nos ha bendecido abundantemente en el pasado, tenemos una gran confianza que Dios continuará bendiciéndonos en el futuro. Sabemos que muchos cambios se avecinan, pero estamos preparados para los retos que nos esperan y profundizamos en nuestra relación personal con Jesús porque sabemos que Jesús nos ayudará a superar cualquier dificultad.

Estamos tan bendecidos con un gigante de santo patrón en nuestro querido, Santo Tomás de Aquino, el "Doctor Angelical". Él nos inspira a ser aprendices de por vida de nuestra fe, el amor a Jesús en la Eucaristía, y a vivir una vida de virtud. En este momento, en nuestro 65º Aniversario, quiero decirles a todos que los quiero y darles las gracias por ser Cristo para mí y para los unos a los otros a lo largo de estos años y tiempos juntos. ¡Sigamos dedicados a amar a Dios, amar a los demás y hacer discípulos!

# Catholic Schools Week: January 29-February 5

## Semana de las Escuelas Católicas 29 de enero - 5 de febrero

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

### Catholic Schools Week Walking Together in Faith & Love

As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.

Reflecting on the theme, and on the process of synodality, the writers for Catholic Schools Week 2023 identified three features of synodality helpful to exploring "Walking Together in Faith & Love":

#### Communion • Participation • Mission

During this week, schools will make use of scriptural reflection on journey, prayer, student voice, and (spiritual) wellbeing as they celebrate Catholic Schools with special activities, service projects, and special Masses. I will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week with Edgewood High School this year by celebrating their Catholic Schools Week Mass on Tuesday. Please see the brochure in this week's bulletin for more information on Catholic Schools in our area.

### Semana de las Escuelas Católicas Caminando en Fe y Amor Juntos

Como comunidades de fe, las escuelas católicas inculcan a los estudiantes su destino de llegar a ser santos. La excelencia académica es el sello distintivo de la educación católica dirigida intencionalmente al crecimiento de la persona integral: mente, cuerpo y espíritu. Por último, el servicio es fundamental para la educación católica y el núcleo del discipulado católico. El servicio no solo intenta ayudar a formar personas que sean testigos de la enseñanza social católica, sino también participantes activos a través del aprendizaje social.

Reflexionando sobre este tema y sobre el proceso de la sinodalidad, los escritores de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas 2023 identificaron tres características de la sinodalidad útiles para explorar "Caminando juntos en la fe y el amor":

#### Comunión • Participación • Misión

Durante esta semana, las escuelas harán uso de la reflexión bíblica sobre el camino, la oración, la voz de los estudiantes y el bienestar (espiritual) mientras celebran las Escuelas Católicas con actividades especiales, proyectos de servicio y Misas especiales. Este año celebrare la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas con Edgewood High School celebrando su Misa de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas el martes. Por favor vea el folleto en el boletín de esta semana para más información sobre las Escuelas Católicas en nuestra área.



### An invitation for the Women of STA

We have an open chair for you. Come as you are! Join us for Walking with Purpose

Catholic women's ministry where we will journey through Scripture together. This Spring join with women of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish for "Living in the Father's Love - this brief but powerful six-lesson Bible study is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself. Discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationship with God and with those we love.

#### Spring Study Schedule:

(Thursdays at 6:00pm in the Social Hall)

- Session 1: March 9<sup>th</sup>
- Session 2: March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Session 3: March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Break for Easter: March 30<sup>th</sup> & April 6<sup>th</sup>
- Session 4: April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Session 5: April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Session 6: April 27<sup>th</sup>



SCAN TO REGISTER!

Registration forms are available in the gathering space or email [walkingwithpurpose.stamadison@gmail.com](mailto:walkingwithpurpose.stamadison@gmail.com) for a digital form or scan the QR code above. Please register by February 24<sup>th</sup> to be included in our book order.

### A RECITAL BY ZACHARY PREUCIL, CELLO

### KATHERINE PETERSEN, PIANO



#### BEETHOVEN

Seven Variations on "Bei Männern, welche Liebe fühlen"

#### HINDEMITH

Sonata for Solo Cello



#### BRUCH

Kol Nidrei

#### COLLINS

Suite for Violoncello and Piano (1933)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.  
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH - CHAPEL  
602 EVERGLADE DRIVE, MADISON, WI  
ADMISSION: Free Will Donation, Collected at the Door

# Enrichment Center Grand Opening & Building Fund Update

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

## Grand Opening of our STA Enrichment Center Saturday, January 28

Please join us for the Blessing and Grand Opening of our New Enrichment Center:

6:00 p.m. Blessing of the Youth Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

6:15 p.m. Blessing of the Catechetical Rooms (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

7:00 p.m. Blessing of the Offices, Community Room, and Other Meeting Rooms (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

The Enrichment Center is a place where people of all ages, in any stage of discipleship, can experience Jesus Christ in a life changing way. Having a youth room, adult meeting spaces, children's classrooms, and a child care room, will enhance our ability to serve all of our parishioners and will be a place our parishioners can invite others to join us for enrichment activities that help us develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Our Enrichment Center will help us:

**Get kids involved in Church:** The youth room is a space they can call their own and where they can make good friendships and feel like they are part of our community. As they grow older, they will be more likely to stay involved in church if they have positive memories of their time in youth ministry.

**Creating a sense of community:** The enrichment center allows for people of all ages and families to come and be a part of Bible studies, speaker series, small faith groups, Alpha, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and so much more. As we participate in these activities together, this builds a sense of community for our families and allows us to grow in faith together.

**Help parents:** Our child care room will help parents participate in parish activities that support our faith and help us to grow in our faith. We have a safe place where children can play and be cared for while the parents attend a meeting or faith enrichment activity.

**Make Disciples:** There are many ways we can make disciples, the Enrichment Center gives us the space where we can offer these opportunities to people of all ages in any stage of discipleship.

**Thank you to all who have made our Enrichment Center a reality  
by your participation in our Make Disciples Capital Campaign (MDCC)!**

All Donors • MDCC Feasibility Committee • MDCC Committee

**Our Vendors:** Vogel Brothers, Lifeline Audio Visual, Nonn's Flooring, Krantz Electric, and Design Traditions

**Grants from:** Diocese of Madison Apostolate for People with Disabilities and Cress Funeral Home  
STA staff members, especially Brian Franzen, who managed the project!

## Building Fund Update

We are pleased to share that as of January 1, we have made our final payments to pay off our two *Building Fund* loans:

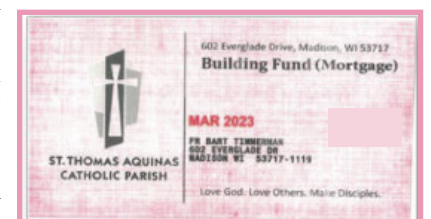
- 1) Loan #19230 was for our real estate mortgage granted in March 2003 for \$685,000.  
This was used for the original expansion project of the Religious Education wing.
- 2) Loan #39870 was for a commercial loan granted in March 2017 for \$75,000.  
This was used for the replacement of our building HVAC unit.

**In addition to the many parishioners who have been contributing on a monthly basis, we had a few families make very large contributions in December that helped us pay off our loans significantly earlier than scheduled – God is good! Thank you all for your generous support!**

We are very excited to go into this new year with these aging loans paid off.  
This also saved us from having to pay increasing interest rates each month on the loans.

In addition to sharing this good news, we are also letting you know that we can't cancel the pink "Building Fund" envelopes in our offertory packets until June. For donations made in January through June using the pink Building Fund envelopes, these gifts will go into our "Capital Improvement Fund" to be used for capital improvement projects (roof replacement, re-paving, HVAC upgrades, etc.).

In addition to our Capital Improvement Fund, you could also support our facility by designating your donations to go towards our *Make Disciples Capital Campaign* fund. During the final phase of construction, we borrowed \$575,000 from Capitol Bank on our construction line of credit. This credit line was a planned financing measure to pay for our construction bills while donors fulfilled their MDCC pledges over the next 2-3 years. The quicker we repay this loan, the less interest we will have to pay on it. There are yellow MDCC fund envelopes that are already included with the offertory envelope packets that we mail to parishioners each month.



If you have questions, please contact Julia Hix, Parish Business Manager: 608-821-4867 or [julia@stamadison.org](mailto:julia@stamadison.org)

On behalf of myself and our entire staff, thank you to all of our donors and your continued support of  
St. Thomas Aquinas!

# Justice & Peace and Outreach



## Special Feature! A Screening of "The Letter" Saturday, February 4 at 5:45—7:45PM at STA

"This beautiful film – a heartbreaking yet hopeful story – is a clarion cry to people everywhere: Wake up! Get serious! Act together! Act now!"

--Cardinal Michael Czerny, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

In this compelling documentary we see and hear heartfelt stories of the impact climate change is having on the lives of the poor, the indigenous, youth, and wildlife. Five frontline leaders from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawaii are invited to Rome to dialogue with Pope Francis about *Laudato Si'*,

his seminal encyclical on climate change. The film shows the leaders in conversation with the Pope and provides footage from their homelands demonstrating the challenges they face. As the leaders share their struggles combating the climate crisis, they become family and find strength in working together to save our common home.

The film was produced by Oscar-winning producers "Off the Fence" (My Octopus Teacher) and the Catholic nonprofit *Laudato Si'* Movement in collaboration with the Vatican.

The event is free and starts at 5:45pm with an introduction and prayer. The screening starts at 6:00p.m.

All are welcome. The St. Thomas Aquinas Care for Creation Team will provide light snacks.

Discussion will follow the showing.

While not essential, an RSVP to Trudi Jenny, [trudijenny@yahoo.com](mailto:trudijenny@yahoo.com), will help in planning for the event.

## DON'T FORGET! January 27-29



Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
*Recycle the Warmth  
Blanket Drive*

Please bring in your  
new or gently used  
blankets or bedding to the drop-off  
area in the gathering area.



## SVdP Needs Spanish Speakers

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking for individuals who wish to deepen their faith by serving those in need. We are forming a new group of Spanish-speaking Catholics who would provide the Corporal Works of Mercy to the growing Hispanic population in Madison. **We invite you to join us for our first meeting. It will be held on Monday, January 30 at 6:00pm at Holy Redeemer Church, 120 W. Johnson Street.**

For more information, please email or call Leticia at [letirp2950@gmail.com](mailto:letirp2950@gmail.com) at 608-556-9561.



The Prayer Ministry will be  
available after all Masses  
February 4-5.

## Agrace Hospice Opportunities & Support Get Expert Customized Grief Support

Agrace now offers thoughtful, customized text messages from a service called Help Texts. It's free and you can sign up even if you are also receiving grief support individually or in a group. To sign up or learn more, visit [HelpTexts.com/Agrace](http://HelpTexts.com/Agrace).

## Agrace Adult Day Center Offers Daytime Care

Do you care for or know an older adult who cannot—or chooses not to—stay alone all day? The new Agrace Adult Day Center in Madison gives seniors the reassurance and comfort of having others with them throughout the day. It's especially helpful for people who have dementia or trouble with their memory. It's a welcome break for family caregivers, too. Learn more at 608-327-7303 or [Agrace.org/AdultDayCenter](http://Agrace.org/AdultDayCenter).

## Volunteers Needed for Agrace Adult Day Center

Volunteers are needed to provide companionship to clients at the Agrace Adult Day Center.

## Agrace will host orientation for new volunteers:

**Thursday, Feb. 9, from 1—3 PM**

at its Madison campus.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call 608-327-7163 or visit [Agrace.org/Volunteer](http://Agrace.org/Volunteer) and fill out an application.



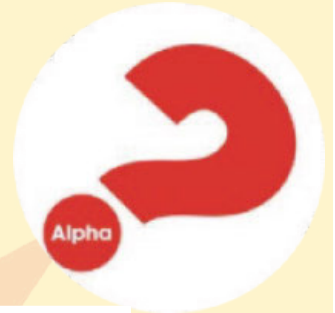
# This February, join us for Alpha!



## What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of 10 gatherings that provide a comfortable environment to explore the basics of the Christian faith and the big questions of life. Alpha has been going strong, all over the world, for over 30 years! At St. Thomas Aquinas, we've seen the difference Alpha can make in people's lives – giving them a chance to ask questions they've

always wondered about, and to grow in an understanding of what the Christian faith is all about. Many times, Alpha brings people closer to Jesus, but it is always a refreshingly safe place to just ask the questions!

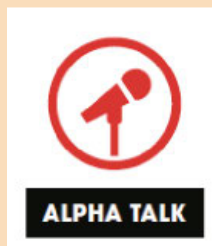


## What does Alpha look like?



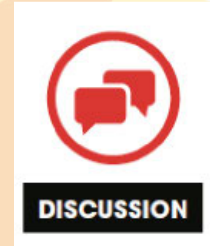
**GOOD FOOD**

Each Alpha gathering begins with dinner. This is a time of fun and relaxation in a casual atmosphere.



**ALPHA TALK**

Following refreshments there is a video of a short talk exploring aspects of the Christian faith.



**DISCUSSION**

Guests break into small groups where all are welcome to share thoughts and ask questions in a nonjudgmental setting.

## Who should come to Alpha?

**Anyone who wants to get to know Jesus and their faith better, or who has questions about faith.**  
**The main audience for Alpha is those who aren't sure that they really buy what Christianity teaches.**

Has it been a while since you had to explain the basics of what we believe about Jesus and our faith?

Do you have a family member or friend who has stepped away?

Alpha can help you explain things to them, or give them a place to ask their own questions.

For those who are Catholic already, it can deepen your appreciation for the way God loves us.

Come, and bring a friend!

## When Does Alpha Begin?

**Monday, February 13  
6-7:45p.m.**

There are 10 sessions,  
done by the end of April.

**CONTACT JENNY TO RSVP**

***Jennifer@stamadison.org* or  
833-2606 with questions!**



# Invite someone to Alpha—Here's how!

## Go ahead and invite someone to Alpha! Sometimes you get a **yes...**



Contact Jenny at 833-2606 or [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org) to register!

## Go ahead and invite someone to Alpha, even if you might get a **no.**



To learn more about Alpha, visit [www.alphausa.org](http://www.alphausa.org).

To hear what others have to say about participating, and why you should consider it, too, go to our parish YouTube channel. There is a whole playlist from STA parishioners.

<https://www.youtube.com/@StThomasAquinasChurchMadison/playlists>



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## Grief & Healing



### Spiritual Retreat for Grieving Parents

*This is a Catholic Ministry serving the spiritual needs of parents whose children, of any age, have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.*

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrendous. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously.

Just as He comforted His disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus comforts us, and we comfort one another, in this special ministry.

With other Emmaus parent companions and spiritual leaders, find spiritual nourishment in a warm and caring place – to think, share, feel and pray. Find compassion, rest and peace – at least for a time.

Give the time to focus on your spiritual journey and to ask questions:

Where is God in my life?  
Where is my child now?  
How can my faith help me?  
Where do I go from here....?

Participation in retreat sessions is optional; share as much or as little as comfortable. Nothing is required.



**One-Day Spiritual Retreat**  
March 4, 2023 9:30 am – 7:00 pm  
at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Cost: Free Will Offering (Optional)

**For more information, call:**

Erik Gyr at 608-833-2600 or  
Diane Monaghan at 800-919-9332

Space is limited; when a maximum number is reached, registration will close. For registration information, see [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) or call (800) 919-9332.

### Parish Care Team

Are you, a friend, or a family member caring for a loved one? Is it challenging to stay positive when the day-to-day demands are increasing? Sometimes it is difficult to ask for help, but there can be great healing and benefit to allowing yourself to be cared for as well as your loved one. Our Care Team offers many services to help you. We can meet with you to identify ways that we can assist you and your loved one. All of our team members are parish members who are interviewed, screened, background checked and trained.

To inquire about receiving services or become a member of our team, please contact Kathy Swanson at 608-444-9374 or Judy Niederberger at 608-845-7057.

It's a new year with new beginnings.

## Discipleship & Development

by Holly Irving



### 2023 Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal Begins—Please Make a Generous Pledge

This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries of the Diocese of Madison. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge payable over six months to

the appeal. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide for many ministries, education and services throughout the diocese. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.

### Ministers of Hospitality Needed

At all Masses, we have several crews of Ministers of Hospitality who greet people, help them find seats, collect money, and straighten up the church after Mass. Several of the teams serve 6 months out of a year because we don't have enough teams. If you like people and can help with greeting people, find seats, etc., please contact Holly at [holly@stamadison.org](mailto:holly@stamadison.org) or 833-2600.

### New Year's Resolution

What was your New Year's Resolution? Are you keeping it? Let's make your New Year's Resolution to experience Jesus Christ in a way that will change the way you live your life! A way to do this is by spending time with Jesus. You can do that at home, in the car, or at church. We have Adoration on Mondays from 2–4PM, Tuesdays from 4:15–5:15PM, and Fridays from 9–10AM. Come to Adoration to develop that relationship with Jesus Christ!

### Love Offering Envelopes

In the Gathering Area by the statue of Mary, there is a basket with envelopes. These envelopes are for the children to put into the basket when Fr. Bart invites all the happy young people to bring up their love offerings for Jesus and place them in the basket on the front step of the sanctuary. This envelope gives the children an opportunity to share how they are a disciple of Jesus by helping around the house, being nice to their sibling, etc. Even a 2-year-old can help mom and dad pick up toys, etc. They may also put money in the envelope, preferably a tithing from an allowance. Mainly, it is a way for children to be introduced to the concept of discipleship. Please feel free to take a packet of envelopes or pick up an envelope every week when you come to Mass.



## Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



### Matthew 5:1-12

Today's Gospel is the very familiar Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew. But just for this reflection, I am renaming them the "Be Attitudes." A definition of attitude is "a settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior." A "Be Attitude" then would be one that is part of our very "Be-ing," that is, one that is ingrained in our nature. Therefore, the beatitudes the Gospel speaks about today relate not just to actions, but to being. Notice that Jesus doesn't say "Blessed are those who perform acts of mercy," he says "Blessed are the merciful." Not that I am saying that doing merciful acts is not blessed, but rather that the wellspring of those acts should come from being merciful, not from, say, guilt or the desire to look good in front of others. What Jesus is driving for here is more than just a change in actions, he is looking for actual conversion, turning to the Lord with our whole being. As Lent approaches, it is a good time for us to reflect upon the Be Attitudes, not just as what we do but who we are.

### Madison Catholic Woman's Club

All women of the Madison Diocese are invited to the **February 7** luncheon at St Thomas Aquinas (note the change of venue from St Bernards).

**11:15AM Rosary • NOON Luncheon • 12:30PM Program**

The program includes the annual baby shower and speaker **Sr. Maureen McDonnell, O.P.** sharing a powerful presentation on the reality of **Human Trafficking** in our communities. Learn what we can do to impact efforts to put an end to this practice and support a culture of life.

Please bring an unwrapped infant-sized shower gift and attach a note with the dollar value or cash/check donations made out to the MCWC. They will be divided between Women's Care Center and Babies and Beyond (Pregnancy Helpline of WI) for their support of needy parents and families with newborn and young children. **Paid reservations must be received by Tuesday Jan 31** by mail to Theresa Urzagaste, 4410 Rolla Lane, Madison, WI 53711 or online at [madisoncatholicwomensclub.org](http://madisoncatholicwomensclub.org) or (608) 616-5251

## Young Adults, Faith Formation, & Family



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

### High School

1/29-Movie Night-Presentation by Care for Creation Team

### Middle School

1/25-Gospel Series-The Power of God in Mark's Gospel

2/1-Gospel Series-Luke

2/8-Gospel Series-John

### Preschool & Elementary

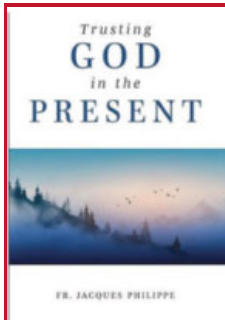
Classes in January-February:

January 24&25, 31

February 1, 7&8

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**Young Adults-Book Study on Trusting God in the Present Chapter 3 on January 26.**

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

4:30 PM (Bilingual) Sharon Davis ☩

6:30 PM **NO MASS**

**Sunday, January 29 Celebrate Catholic Schools Week**

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Fr. Cy Weisensel ☩

**Monday, January 30**

8:30 AM Theresa Hullin ☩

**Tuesday, January 31 St. John Bosco, Priest**

5:30 PM Robert and Lois Bush ☩

**Wednesday, February 1**

8:30 AM Leona "Pete" Ginter ☩

**Thursday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life**

7:30 AM Pope Benedict XVI ☩

**Friday, February 3 St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr**

8:30 AM Anthony Plaza ☩

**Saturday, February 4**

4:30 PM Mia Kim ☩

6:30 PM Maria Gimenez ☩, José Sosa ☩,  
y Wilfredo Sosa ☩

**Sunday, February 5**

8:00 AM Timothy Kinney ☩

10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

**Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

## Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
<b>2023 Year Goals</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>	<b>\$405,000</b>
<b>2023 Year Totals</b>	<b>\$104,719</b>	<b>\$52,140</b>
<b>Week 1</b> 1/1/2023	<b>\$6,820</b>	<b>\$1,150</b>
<b>Week 2</b> 1/8/2023	<b>\$14,119</b>	<b>\$15,475</b>
<b>Week 3</b> 1/15/2023	<b>\$16,636</b>	<b>\$21,665</b>
<b>Week 4</b> 1/22/2023	<b>\$26,028</b>	<b>\$7,335</b>
<b>January ACH</b> 1/24/2023	<b>\$41,116</b>	<b>\$6,515</b>
<b>Week 5</b> 1/29/2023		
<b>January 2023 Totals</b>	<b>\$104,719</b>	<b>\$52,140</b>
<b>January 2023 Goals</b>	<b>\$129,000</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>

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

### Counter Schedule

**Monday, January 30:**

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

**Monday, February 6:**

Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld



**Pray the Rosary  
before Mass on  
Mondays & Fridays  
At 8:00 AM**

## Prayers

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

For those suffering after abortion:

May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace;

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May their prayers and actions for peace inspire world leaders to put down their sword;

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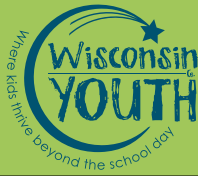
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