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.

First Sunday of Lent February 26, 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, 3:15-4:10рм Sunday, 9:00-9:50ам

Adoration

Monday, 2:00-4:00рм Tuesday, 4:15-5:15рм Friday, 9:00-10:00ам

Parish Office Hours

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

Church and Chapel Hours

Monday-Friday, 7:30ам-5:00рм Saturday, 10:00ам-6:00рм Sunday, 7:00-11:00ам

Misa en español

Sábados a las 6:30рм

Confesiones

Sábados

3:15-4:10рм y por cita previa

Adoración al Santísimo

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

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma 26 de febrero de 2023 Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. Psalm 51

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Misericordia, Señor, hemos pecado. Salmo 50

Parish News and Words from Our Pastor Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

First Sunday of Lent

Every year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear about Jesus going into the desert to fast and pray for forty days and being tempted by the devil. This passage gives us a biblical setting for our own Lenten Journey of Forty Days. Please see the Lenten liturgical schedule in this week's bul-



letin and please pray about how to enrich your spiritual life during this season of repentance and returning to the Lord with all our hearts. Please consider:

- 1. Spending 15 minutes each day in prayer. We are suggesting that we use the Gospel reading from daily Mass to help us in our prayer and reflection.
- 2. Pray the Stations of the Cross. We have two options each week at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. (Fridays also include a simple supper after the Stations).
- 3. Plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us die to our sins and rise with Jesus to new life at Easter! There are three regular days each week for confessions:
 - ◊ Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
 - ◊ Saturdays at 3:15 p.m. & 6:15 p.m. (Spanish)
 - ◊ Sundays at 9 a.m.
 - **Or Plus, additional times and by appointment.**
- 4. Choose a penance for Lent. Fasting is a good exercise to help us remember that things of the earth are passing, but only God is eternal.
- 5. Be generous with your time, talent, and treasure. Helping others is a great way to grow in our love for God and others.

Our goals this year include developing a stronger and more personal relationship with Jesus and these spiritual exercises can help us with this.

OCIA (Formerly RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or RCIA, as it has been more commonly referred to, will have its name changed to Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, or OCIA, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops decided recently. The name change applies both to the process by which one enters the Church and the book that contains the ritual text and prayers for those steps. Besides these separate rituals or blessings for the participants, there are three Sacraments of Initiation that these adults are preparing for: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. (cont'd pg. 3)

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Todos los años, en el primer domingo de Cuaresma, escuchamos hablar de como Jesús fue al desierto a ayunar y orar durante cuarenta días y fue tentado por el diablo. Este pasaje nos da un marco bíblico para nuestro propio Viaje Cuaresmal de Cuarenta Días. Por favor, consulte el Calendario

Litúrgico Cuaresmal en el boletín de esta semana y por favor ore acerca de cómo enriquecer su vida espiritual durante este tiempo de arrepentimiento y volver al Señor con todo nuestro corazón. Por favor considere:

- 1. Dedicar 15 minutos diarios a la oración. Sugerimos que utilicemos el Evangelio de la Misa diaria para ayudarnos en nuestra oración y reflexión.
- 2. Rezar el Vía Crucis. Tenemos dos opciones cada semana a las 6:00 p.m. los martes y los viernes (los viernes también incluye una cena sencilla después del Via Crucis).
- 3. Planee celebrar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Muramos a nuestros pecados y resucitemos con Jesús a una nueva vida en Pascua. Hay tres días regulares cada semana para confesiones:
 - ◊ martes a las 6 p.m.
 - ◊ Sábados a las 3:15 p.m. y 6:15 p.m. (en español)
 - ◊ Domingos a las 9 a.m.
 - **Además, horarios adicionales y con cita previa.**
- 4. Elige una penitencia para la Cuaresma. El ayuno es un buen ejercicio para ayudarnos a recordar que las cosas de la tierra son pasajeras y que sólo Dios es eterno.
- 5. Sé generoso con tu tiempo, talento y tesoro. Ayudar a los demás es una buena manera de crecer en nuestro amor a Dios y a los demás.

Nuestros objetivos para este año incluyen desarrollar una relación más fuerte y personal con Jesús y estos ejercicios espirituales pueden ayudarnos con esto.

OICA (Anteriormente RICA)

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, o RICA, como se le conoce más comúnmente, cambiará su nombre por el de Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos, u OICA, según ha decidido recientemente la Conferencia Católica de Obispo de Estados Unidos. El cambio de nombre se aplica tanto al proceso por el que se entra en la Iglesia como al libro que contiene el rito y las oraciones para esos pasos. Además de estos rituales o bendiciones separadas para los participantes, hay tres Sacramentos de Iniciación para los que se preparan estos adultos: Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación.

OCIA (Formerly RCIA) OICA (Anteriormente RICA)

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

This year the Holy Spirit has been at work calling people into full communion with the Catholic Church here at St. Thomas Aquinas. We have adults preparing for the Sacraments from many different cultures and backgrounds. We have 4 catechumens and 3 candidates. Catechumens are those who are not baptized and are preparing for Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Candidates are those who have been baptized either in another denomination or in the Catholic Church and who want to come into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Baptism is a once in a lifetime Sacrament and so we never "re-baptize" people.

Besides these 7 adults, we also have 7 children who are older than 7 years old (the age of reason), who are being prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation as well.

One of these children, a daughter of one of our candidates will be baptized along with the 4 adults at the Easter Vigil Mass. Additionally, a newborn baby, the child of one of our Candidates, will also be baptized at the Easter Vigil, making 6 baptisms total, 7 First Communions, and 7 Confirmations.

There are currently 2 adults who are being prepared for the Sacraments who attend our Spanish language OCIA, but may not be completely ready in time for the Easter Vigil, then will continue their preparation and celebrate the Sacraments when they are fully prepared.

Please pray for all of these adults and children who have a great desire to become Catholic and come into full communion with our Church. They are signs of hope for us that the Holy Spirit is at work, our efforts for evangelization are bearing fruit, our Church is growing and numbers of disciples of Jesus are increasing! They also inspire us to continue a lifelong conversion and growing in our faith. We in turn can be an inspiration to them of the joy of the Gospel and living out our Catholic faith.

During Lent, we will be praying special blessings over our catechumens and candidates and dismissing them during the Mass as they continue to prepare, learn, and grow in their faith for the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil. We appreciate the godparents, sponsors, parents, volunteers, and staff who are helping lead the OCIA and accompany our catechumens and candidates in their journey of faith! Este año el Espíritu Santo ha estado obrando llamando a personas a la plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica aquí en Santo Tomás de Aquino. Tenemos adultos que se preparan para los Sacramentos de diferentes culturas y orígenes. Tenemos 4 Catecúmenos y 3 Candidatos. Los Catecúmenos son aquellos que no están bautizados y se están preparando para el Bautismo, la Eucaristía y la Confirmación. Los Candidatos son aquellos que han sido bautizados ya sea en otra denominación o en la Iglesia Católica y que quieren entrar en plena comunión con la Iglesia Católica a través de los Sacramentos de la Eucaristía y la Confirmación. El Bautismo es un Sacramento que se recibe una vez en la vida, por lo que nunca "rebautizamos" a las personas.

Además de estos 7 adultos, también tenemos 7 niños mayores de 7 años (la edad de juicio), que también están siendo preparados para los Sacramentos de Iniciación.

Uno de los niños, es hija de uno de nuestros Candidatos y será bautizada junto con los 4 adultos en la Vigilia Pascual. Además, un bebé recién nacido, hijo de uno de nuestros Candidatos, también será bautizado en la Vigilia Pascual, haciendo un total de 6 Bautismos, 7 Primeras Comuniones y 7 Confirmaciones.

Actualmente hay 2 adultos que están siendo preparados para los Sacramentos que asisten a nuestra OICA en español, pero puede que no estén completamente listos para la Vigilia Pascual y continuarán su preparación y celebrarán los Sacramentos cuando estén completamente preparados.

Por favor, oren por todos estos adultos y niños que tienen un gran deseo de convertirse en Católicos y entrar en plena comunión con nuestra Iglesia. Son para nosotros signos de esperanza de que el Espíritu Santo está actuando, de que nuestros esfuerzos de evangelización están dando fruto, de que nuestra Iglesia está creciendo y de que el número de discípulos de Jesús va en aumento! También nos inspiran a continuar una conversión permanente y a crecer en nuestra fe. Nosotros, a la vez, podemos ser inspiración para ellos de la alegría del Evangelio y la vivencia de nuestra fe católica.

Durante la Cuaresma, estaremos rezando bendiciones especiales sobre nuestros catecúmenos y candidatos y despidiéndolos durante la Misa mientras continúan preparándose, aprendiendo y creciendo en su fe para los Sacramentos de Iniciación en nuestra Vigilia Pascual. ¡Apreciamos a los padrinos, padres, voluntarios y personal que están ayudando a dirigir la OICA y acompañar a nuestros Catecúmenos y Candidatos en su camino de fe!

Lenten Opportunities

Ash Wednesday Masses w/Ashes

Miércoles de Ceniza Misas con cenizas February 22: 6:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 6:30 PM (bilingual/bilingüe) No 8:30 AM Mass

Stations of the Cross (no incense)

Friday, February 24 6:00 PM* Tuesday, February 28 6:00 PM **Friday, March 3** 6:00 PM **Tuesday, March 7** 6:00 PM **Friday, March 10** 6:00 PM* Tuesday, March 14 6:00 PM **Friday, March 17** 6:00 PM* Tuesday, March 21 6:00 PM **Friday, March 24** 6:00 PM **Friday, March 31** 6:00 PM* Tuesday, April 4 6:00 PM

* Simple Supper served after Stations in the Social Hall on Fridays



All Masses are Livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

Reconciliation During Lent

Saturdays: 3:15-4:10 PM Sundays: 9:00-9:50 AM Tuesdays: February 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 6-7 PM Friday, March 31 9-10 AM **Confesiones en Español** Sabados: 6:15-7:00 PM



2023 Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday April 1: 4:30 рм and 6:30 рм en Español April 2: 8:00 ам and 10:00 ам

> Monday of Holy Week April 3: 8:30 AM

Tuesday of Holy Week April 4: 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM Last Confessions: 6:00–7:00 PM

Wednesday of Holy Week April 5: 8:30 AM

Holy Thursday

April 6: No 7:30 AM Mass Diocesan Chrism Mass: St Maria Goretti 10:00 AM Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM

Good Friday April 7: 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM en Español

Easter Vigil

April 8: 8:00 PM (incense, bilingual/bilingüe) No Saturday 4:30 PM or 6:30 PM Mass

Easter Sunday

April 9: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM (incense) (Overflow seating in the Social Hall) w/live-stream and Communion

Stations of the Cross: A Lenten Walk with Jesus

The Stations of the Cross is a visual representation of Jesus' suffering from the time when Pontius Pilate condemned him to death until the moment when he was put in the grave. The stations of the cross are above all a prayer we pray when we remember Jesus' suffering. The St. Thomas Aquinas stations of the cross are located on the inner side walls of the main church. Booklets help us follow along with the reflections and prayers.

From now until Easter, there will be many opportunities to pray together with the Stations of the Cross.

On **Tuesdays during Lent at 6:00PM** (following the 5:30PM Mass) there will be a simple, traditional experience of the Stations of the Cross.

On **Fridays during Lent from 6-7:30pm**, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:00PM, complete with music, followed by a simple supper of soup and bread. Each week, as we eat, we'll hear someone speak briefly about their experience of faith, and how Jesus has been part of their journey. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join us as we experience the great love of Jesus.





Eucharistic Miracles Display Coming to St. Thomas Aquinas

Save some time March 15th - 19th to come and see how Jesus' Real Presence has been made manifest throughout history through verified miracles that confirm what we as Catholics believe: that Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity are truly present in the Eucharist. This self-guided tour will be set up in the parish Social Hall. Watch the bulletin and parish website for more details.

National Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit Coming to STA

The Eucharistic Revival Team is bringing the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit to St. Thomas Aquinas! Save some time March 15th - 19th to come and see how



Jesus' Real Presence has been made manifest throughout history through very real and verified miracles. There are over 100 Eucharistic Miracles that have been approved for devotion by the Church.

What will you expect to see?

You will see a series of panels displayed in a prayerful atmosphere, which contain the 100+ stories of the Eucharistic miracles. The panels contain historical descriptions (in Spanish and English), photographs, and illustrations. The exhibit itself was created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, the patron of the first year of the National Eucharistic Revival. Carlo, who died at age 15, exhibited an extraordinary love and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament from early childhood. He called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven."

Here is just one example:

In the 8th century, a priest in Lanciano, Italy was experiencing doubts about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the middle of saying Mass, he said the words of consecration (This is my body - This is my blood) and saw the bread and wine transform into real human flesh and blood. The blood coagulated into five globules, later believed to be representative of the five wounds of Christ. Word of the miracle quickly spread, the local archbishop launched an investigation, and the Church approved the miracle.

The flesh is still preserved to this day. Professor of anatomy Odoardo Linoli conducted a scientific analysis of the flesh in 1971 and concluded that the flesh was cardiac tissue, the blood appeared to be fresh blood (as opposed to blood that was 1200 years old), and there was no trace of preservatives.

You can visit the miraculous flesh and blood in the Church of San Francesco in Lanciano, Italy.

(Source: https://www.churchpop.com/2015/06/28/5extraordinary-eucharistic-miracles-with-pictures/)



Come on Retreat... Jesus is waiting for you!

Lenten Retreat at St. Maria Goretti Parish Women - March 10-11 Men - March 17-18 Friday 6:30PM - 8:00PM, Saturday 8AM-12PM No fee. To learn more and to register: Visit: *stmariagoretti.org/parish-life/lenten-retreat/*

Online Lenten Retreats

www.oblates.org/lenten-retreat https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/tag/an-ignatianprayer-adventure/

Don't know how you want to make this Lent special? Check out: *https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/*

Have You Heard?

GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW—AND HE IS CALLING YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!

eucharisticrevival.org





Knights of Columbus—March 4/5

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Lakes council #4527 will be at St. Thomas Aquinas next weekend to share the impact they are making in our community. They are looking for new members who are willing to share their talents within the community. If this sounds like something you are interested in please stop by the table after all Masses next weekend, to see how you can team up to make a difference.

Human Trafficking in Madison





NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROBLEM IN MADISON?

Trafficking is a concern throughout the state and has been identified in every Wisconsin County. Communities near the interstate corridor between Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago are particularly at risk, yet being 'off the beaten path' is no safeguard in the technological age. All parents (especially of older elementary through high school students) and concerned adults are encouraged to attend to learn what signs to look for and what safety measures to take to make sure children are as safe as possible from predators.

Former Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney will open our eyes as well as give us tools to keep our children safe.

> Join us on Wednesday, March 1st 6:15-7:15pm

> at St. Thomas Aquinas (in the prayer chapel)

RSVP to Jennifer Ludtke at jennifer@stamadison.org or 833-2606 by Monday, 2/27

Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



Mt 4:1-11

Only a few days into Lent, and already we are confronted with temptation. The word temptation comes from a Latin root meaning "handle, touch, try, test." This root gives the word temptation a very physical feel. Having studied medieval history, I think of an army probing and testing a castle's walls for any weakness they might be able to exploit. In our first reading, the serpent probes Adam and Eve's desires, ascertaining the best avenue of attack to get them to eat of the fruit

of the tree of good and evil. In the same way, the devil in our Gospel tries to find the chink in Jesus' armor: is it hunger, protection or power? How would we fare if we hadn't eaten for days and were offered food? Or how scared would we be if made to stand at the parapet of the temple when one false move could mean death. How tempted would we be when offered fame, wealth and power for ourselves and our families?

Temptation will always assault us at our most vulnerable areas. What areas in our lives are most open to temptation? What can we do to shore up our defenses against these assaults? Lent is a time to reflect upon this, and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish offers many ways to bolster our defenses through prayer and meditation resources, small group meetings, the sacrament of reconciliation, Stations of the Cross and more. Let's take advantage of these opportunities to buttress our defenses against temptation.

Justice & Peace and Outreach

Thank you ! Thank you ! Thank you! From Lussier Community Education Ctr.

A very heartfelt thank you to all of the parishioners who contributed items for Sharing Sunday last weekend! Donations were very generous (1100 pounds) and much needed at the **Lussier Community Education Center.** The response to their list of most needed items (rice, cooking oil, sugar, flour, sauces and toilet paper) was so thoughtful and plenteous (consider yourselves hugged)! Also, a huge shout out to the hard working valuateers who transported weighed

volunteers who transported, weighed and sorted the food—what a great crew!

LUSSIER COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER







The Chosen Continues!

The STA small study group, Skein of Geese, will continue showing "The

Chosen" Season 2 on Fridays after morning Mass at 9:15am. Even if you missed Season 1, please come to watch! Members of the Skein of Geese will direct you to the room. Refreshments will be served.

Lenten Fast for Creation Care-Week Two

This Lent, consider a sacrifice focused on Care for God's Creation. Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? Plastic waste is clogging landfills and waterways, disrupting ecosystems and poisoning food chains.

The average American uses 156 water bottles per year*. Only a small portion of the plastic bottles are recycled. Plastic takes centuries to degrade and breaks down into smaller pieces that harm wildlife when mistaken by animals as food. During Lent, let's sacrifice convenience in favor of protecting God's wonderful gift of Creation.

Use fewer disposables. Pick recyclable alternatives to plastic (i.e.—metal pop cans). Avoid fast food plastic containers and straws. Carry reusable bottles, cups, utensils, and "to-go" containers. Use re-usable cloth shopping bags instead of plastic bags.



Give thanks to God for His gift of creation and be mindful of His gifts when you are tempted to use plastic bags instead of a reusable cloth bag or foam "to-go" containers rather than your own reusable "to-go" container.

*https://www.earthday.org/fact-sheet-single-useplastics/

Care for Creation Team Meeting Sunday, March 5 8:40-9:45 AM Upper Conference Room All are welcome to join us!

40 Days for Life

Help promote an end to abortion by participating in 40 Days for Life. The Madison campaign runs February 19 through April 2. Join us in peaceful prayer, fasting, and compassionate witness at Planned Parenthood, 3706 Orin Road, Madison. Vigilers will be present seven days a week from 7 am - 9 pm.

To sign up for an hour or for more information contact Dr. John Bohn at *director@vigilforlife.org*.

If you can't be physically present, please offer your prayers and sacrifices on behalf of the unborn and their families.



Grief & Healing



Healing from Abortion— One Weekend at a Time

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offer Hope and Healing for women and men who have struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion.

Upcoming retreats in 2023: March 24-26 and November 10-12

Whether recent or long ago, call or email Mary at 608-821-3177 *rachel@madisondiocese.org* Visit: *www.madisondiocese.org/rachel*

Further information on healing after abortion is found on this Madison diocesan link: www.madisondiocese.org/healing-after-abortion.

Referrals to a priest and/or therapist are also available. Confidentiality is assured.

ST. CLARE & EUCHARIST ONLINE EVENING OF REFLECTION



CATHOLIC WOMEN 20-35

Explore St. Clare's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

A two hour online retreat on March 1st for women 20-35 searching for spiritual direction.

CALL OR TEXT Sr. Julie Ann at 920-323-9632 or visit Fscc-Calledtobe.org

FRANCISCAN SISTERS

God Calls You. We Invite You. Dios te llama. Te invitamos.



Discipleship & Development

by Holly Irving & Julia Hix

Seeking Maintenance Director

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Parish is seeking a fulltime Maintenance Director. The ideal candidate keeps the building, equipment, mechanical systems, and grounds in clean and excellent working condition. This includes performance of routine maintenance activities and deep cleaning duties. This position offers a competitive salary and benefits commensurate with experience. Comfort with use of computer technology is required. This position may require evening and weekend hours around events or parish-wide functions. Candidates should have strong leadership, organizational and communication skills. Applicants who speak both Spanish and English are preferred.

Interested applicants: Please submit your resume to *business@stamadison.org* by March 6th, 2023 or contact the Business Office with questions or to request the full job description.

Catholic Herald Subscriptions

When a family joins St. Thomas Aquinas, they automatically receive a subscription to the Madison *Catholic Herald*. Out of almost 1700 families, only 125 families have contributed toward their subscription this year. We ask each family to prayerfully consider using the Catholic Herald envelope to chip in \$25 to help with the cost of their subscription.

Church Budget: February Envelope Packets Delayed Due to Paper Shortage

For donors enrolled in envelope giving, some February weekend envelope packets will not be sent by Church Budget Monthly Mail Company due to production issues and supply shortages. Envelopes for February 18-19 & 25-26 will NOT be mailed. Regular deliveries should resume beginning the weekend of March 4-5.

We will have blank envelopes available before mass in a basket in the gathering space, or you may use your own plain envelope for those weekends. Be sure to include your name and designated fund (Offertory, Capital Campaign, etc.) allocation on your envelope for easy identification for our bookkeepers.

Please contact the Business Office with any questions: 608-833-2600 ext.867 or *business@stmadison.org* Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time!

Young Adults, Faith Formation, & Family



Good Shepherd Parish Annual Pork Hock n' Kraut Dinner at St. James Church 1128 St. James Ct.

Sunday, February 26, 2023 11:30 AM - 4:00 PM Hocks, sausage, weiners, potatoes, cream corn, bread





Adults \$15, children \$6

A simple supper will be hosted by various church ministries every Friday of Lent.

Please join us in the Social Hall after Stations of the Cross.

There is no cost; donations gladly accepted.

Friday, March 3: Bilingual/Spanish Ministry Host Supper

Twice Stuffed Baked Potato (potato, onion, cheddar, parmesan, chives & pepper) With dinner roll & saltines

Mexican Street Corn (roasted corn, onions, sour cream, roasted garlic, parmesan, cotija cheese, 3 chiles blend puree) with crispy corn tortilla strips

Learn to Livestream

Looking for a way to serve others AND learn valuable tech skills? Join the Livestream Team and learn how to livestream the Mass. This is a ministry that means so much to those unable to attend Mass in person. You will be trained, and you can schedule yourself according to your own availability. We'd love to hear from

you – high school and college students all the way through retirees are encouraged to give it a try!

Contact Jenny Ludtke to learn more at 608-833-2606 or *jennifer@stamadison.org*.

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- Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist
- Catholic Commentary on *The Chosen*
- ECHO Series with Bishop Donald Hying
- John XXIII: The Pope of Peace movie
- Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage
- The Saints and Heroes Collection for families
- Formed Ahora in Spanish



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

High School Feb. 26-Prayer Series Begins

Middle School March 1-Topic TBD

Preschool & Elementary Next Class February 28 & March 1

Faith Formation Office 608-833-2606 or *formation@stamadison.org Follow us on Instagram: @sta_youth_ministry*



Young Adults

March 2 at 7p, Young Adults meet in the Youth Room at STA. We will continue talking about the Lenten Sunday readings.

We'll have food and fellowship. Come join us, spread the word, and invite!

NOTE: Young adults are those who are single or married ages 18-35.

TEC Retreat at St. Cecilia Wisconsin Dells Friday, March 17 at noon—Sunday, March 19 at 3:30. TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Bishop Donald Hying 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 your 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. Eric Sternberg will be the Spiritual Director. Steve Davies, the lay Director, can be reached at 608.220.2088 For online or paper applications and more information, visit www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC or contact Marie Lins at the OEC at 608.821.3135.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25 4:30 PM Anthony Castellino♥ 6:30 PM Alex Martin⁺ Sunday, February 26 First Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners 10:00 AM Mary Lou Chesmore Monday, February 27 St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church 8:30 AM John Schwab **Tuesday, February 28** 5:30 PM Terry Roberts + Wednesday, March 1 8:30 AM Anthony Plaza + Thursday, March 2 7:30 AM Bernie Wentworth \$ Friday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin 8:30 AM Theresa Hullin + Saturday, March 4 St. Casimir 4:30 PM Irene & Rollie Luedtke♥ 6:30 PM OPEN Sunday, March 5 Second Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM Timothy Kinney + 10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners



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

Prayers

February 26th First Sunday of Lent

May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord; *We pray to the Lord*.

May we commit to resisting temptation, confess our sins, and draw closer to Jesus during Lent; *We pray to the Lord*.

Weekly Offertory Update

Week Ending	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,400,000	\$405,000
2023 Year Totals	\$194,413	\$71,214
Week 1 2/5/2023	\$23,707	\$5,740
Week 2 2/12/2023	\$27,916	\$3,440
Week 3 2/19/2023	\$16,796	\$7,815
Week 4 2/26/2023		
February ACH 2/28/2023		
February 2023 Totals	\$68,419	\$16,995
February 2023 Goals	\$117,000	\$18,000

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

Counter Schedule

Monday, February 27: Baik, Dulli, Degenhardt, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

> Monday, March 6: Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Weekday Readings

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9,3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17/ Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11 Monday: Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Ps 1:8-10,15/ Mt 25:31-46 **Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7,16-19/ Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4,12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32 Thursday: Est C:12,14-16,23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-4,5-8/ Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8/ Mt 5:43-48 **Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5,18-22/ 2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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