



# 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.

## Third Sunday of Lent March 12, 2023

*If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts. Psalm 95*

### 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

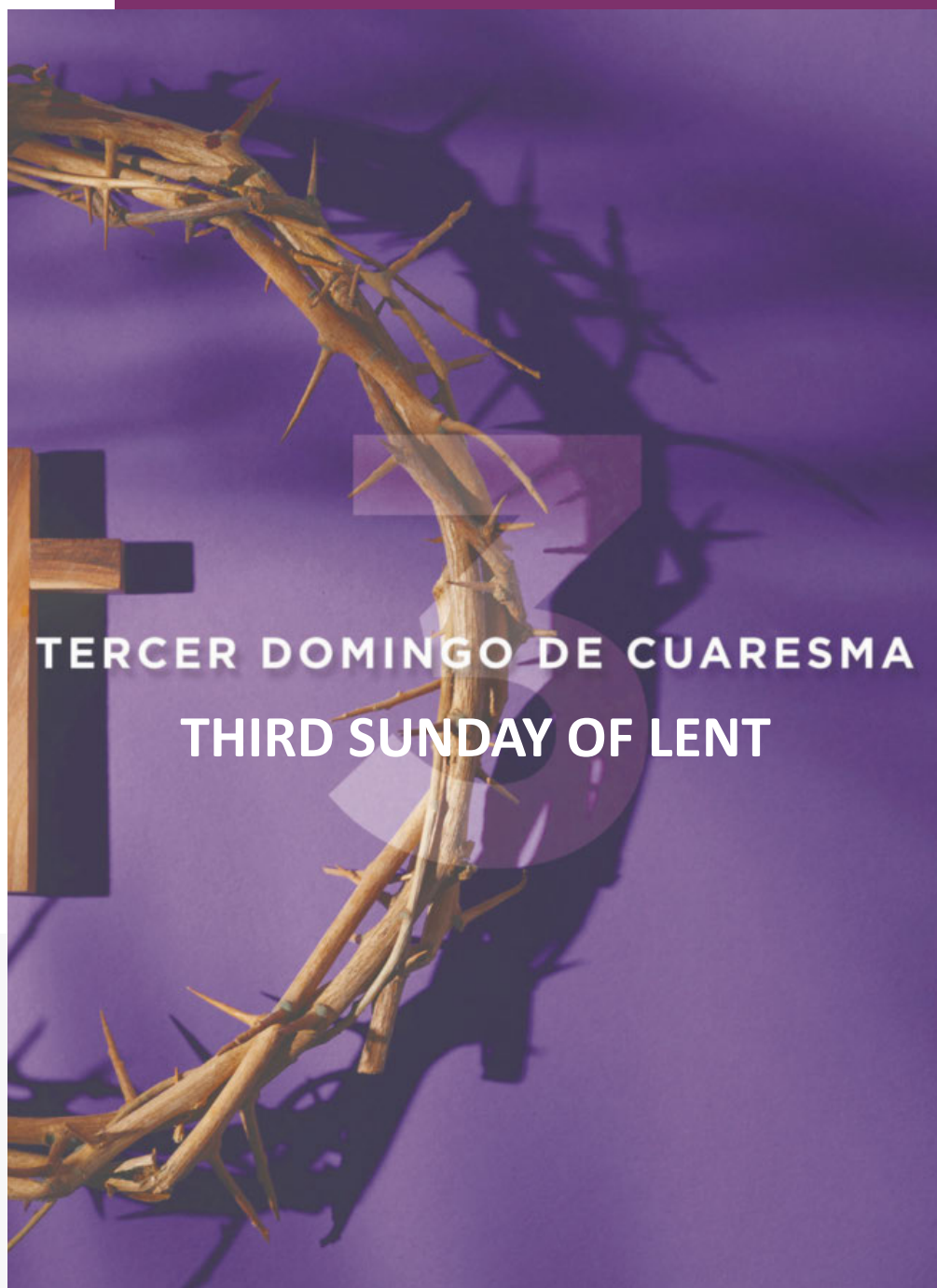
### Confesiones

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

## Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma 12 de marzo de 2023



TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.  
Salmo 94*

# Parish News and Words from Our Pastor

by Fr. Bart Timmerman



## Into the Deep Update

As you'll recall, last October, I shared with you 8 key takeaways from our *Current Reality Report*, which spelled out with great clarity and insight our current reality across the Diocese of Madison. Once again, the 8 key takeaways were:

1. *The total population across the diocese is growing.*
2. *We are losing Catholic people, especially our younger people, and we are aging.*
3. *Fewer and fewer people are attending Mass.*
4. *Significantly fewer people are receiving sacraments.*
5. *Faith Formation enrollment is in a free fall, while Catholic school enrollment is holding relatively steady.*
6. *We have significantly fewer priests than in the past, but – praise God – we project to be relatively stable into the future.*
7. *People who give, donate about 2% of their income, with fewer older people giving more these days.*
8. *At present, we are facing financial challenges impacting both our mission and our employees.*

Given these 8 key takeaways, it is obvious that the status quo isn't sustainable, and we are facing some significant challenges, which requires a significant and bold solution. Into the Deep, in conjunction with Go Make Disciples, is our attempt at this bold solution. This bold solution won't be easy. Transitions and change can be difficult for all of us. We become comfortable with what we know. We easily become attached to the people and the places that we love, or to the "ways we've always done things." We find comfort, peace, and consolation in that which is familiar, whether it be our priests, our favorite Mass times, or a myriad of other things that make up the life of a parish. Nevertheless, we know that change is often necessary in life, and it is certainly necessary for us here in the Diocese of Madison at this particular moment in history.

As St. John Henry Newman once said, "to live is to change and to become perfect is to have changed often." Given the rapidly changing religious landscape of our culture in recent years – with fewer and fewer people bringing their children to be baptized (or even having children), getting married in the Church, attending Mass, volunteering and supporting the Church, etc. – we must respond with conviction and courage. Now is the time for us to realign our resources boldly, proactively, and strategically. This is especially true if we are going to stop the failing practice of simply managing decline, more faithfully fulfill the Lord Jesus' mandate to "go make disciples," and build a healthier and holier reality to leave for future generations – for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. At the center of our bold solution through the Into the Deep strategic initiative is Bishop Hying's approved plan to group our current 102 parishes in the Diocese of Madison into 30 "pastorates" (which in time will become 30 new parishes, with their various configurations of churches and schools). We believe that by moving to this new model for parish life and priestly ministry, and by coming together and collaborating in new ways we will be better positioned to more effectively and fruitfully: **1) follow Jesus; 2) reclaim Sunday; 3) evangelize others; 4) engage youth; 5) equip leaders; and 6) serve neighbors both now and well into the future.**

Having said all of this, I want to let you know that following multiple levels of consultation throughout the diocese, and after prayerfully and prudently considering well over 1,300 comments that were received during the public feedback phase back in December and January, Bishop Hying has assigned our parish to be in Pastorate #21 in the final approved model, which will take effect on July 1, 2023. The other parish in Pastorate #21 in the final approved model is Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Madison. Pastorate #21 will also be responsible for forming and educating the next generation of Christian disciples in Our Lady Queen of Peace school. Regarding priest assignments, Bishop Hying has assigned the following priests to serve the parishes of this new pastorate beginning on Saturday, July 1, 2023: Leading Pastorate #21 as Parochial Administrator will be: Fr. Brian Wilk. Assisting him with pastoral work and serving as Parochial Vicars will be Msgr. Jim Gunn and Fr. Jay Poster. Furthermore, Fr. Miro Szydal will be a priest living in residence and serving as Hospital Chaplain at UW Hospital and Veterans Hospital. And, Fr. Gabi Lopez-Betanzos will be the priest assisting with Hispanic ministry. I have been assigned as Parochial Administrator of Pastorate #12 in Beloit and Clinton, WI.

### There are 2 additional items that I would like to share:

1. First, following the public feedback that was received in January and after various consultations, Bishop Hying plans to petition the Vatican to name St. Bernard in Madison as our diocesan cathedral.

2. Second, all of the information that I've shared with you today plus all of the final pastorates and new priest assignments for the entire diocese will be posted on the Into the Deep website: [www.Intothedeepmadison.org](http://www.Intothedeepmadison.org).

In closing, we find ourselves living in a society which no longer places God at the center of life and instead seeks to live by standards opposed to the Gospel. This moment calls for saints – ordinary men, women, and children just like us – who faithfully love the Lord, who strive to joyfully live the mission of the Church, and who want families and friends to know Jesus Christ. We must be willing to go against the current tide of religious indifference and complacency and act boldly for Christ.

With Go Make Disciples as our renewed mission and Into the Deep as our strategic plan to assist, we hope to more effectively live and proclaim the Gospel to all people. I humbly ask for your prayers, support, patience, and commitment as we move forward. These ensuing months and years will demand much of us. It will not be easy, but when has authentically living the Gospel and following Jesus ever been easy? In embracing our call to go make disciples and in following the Risen Lord into the deep, we will be laying a sure and certain foundation of faith for the future so that our children and grandchildren might come to know, love, and serve Jesus, and get to heaven. Today then, as we ponder the wonder and the promise of the Transfiguration, we place our hopes, dreams, and hearts anew into the hands of the Lord, and we boldly look to the future believing that the best is yet to come – above all, the light, love, and joy of heavenly glory.



# Noticias Parroquiales y Mensaje de Nuestro Párroco

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

## Actualización de Into the Deep

Como recordará, en octubre pasado compartí con ustedes 8 “puntos clave” de nuestro “Informe de la realidad actual”, que explica con gran claridad y conocimiento nuestra realidad actual en la Diócesis de Madison. Una vez más, los 8 puntos claves fueron:

1. *La población total de la Diócesis está creciendo.*
2. *Estamos perdiendo gente católica, especialmente nuestra gente más joven; y estamos envejeciendo.*
3. *Cada vez menos personas asisten a Misa.*
4. *Significativamente menos personas están recibiendo los sacramentos.*
5. *La matrícula de la Catequesis está disminuyendo, mientras que la matrícula en Escuelas Católicas se mantiene relativamente estable.*
6. *Tenemos significativamente menos sacerdotes que en el pasado, pero, alabado sea Dios, proyectamos ser relativamente estables en el futuro.*
7. *Las personas que donan dan alrededor del 2% de sus ingresos; con menos personas mayores dando más en estos días.*
8. *En la actualidad, enfrentamos retos financieros que afectan tanto nuestra misión como a nuestros empleados.*

Teniendo en cuenta estos 8 puntos claves, es obvio que lo que conocemos como normal no es sostenible y nos enfrentamos a algunos retos importantes, que requieren una solución significativa y audaz. Into the Deep, junto con Vayan y Hagan Discípulos, es nuestro intento de esta solución audaz. Esta solución audaz no será fácil. Las transiciones y los cambios pueden ser difíciles para todos nosotros. Nos sentimos cómodos con lo que sabemos. Fácilmente nos apegamos a las personas y los lugares que amamos, o a las “maneras en que siempre hemos hecho las cosas”. Encontramos alivio, paz y consuelo en lo que es familiar, ya sean nuestros sacerdotes, nuestros tiempos de Misa favoritos o un sin número de otras cosas que conforman la vida de una parroquia. Sin embargo, sabemos que el cambio a menudo es necesario en la vida, y ciertamente es necesario para nosotros aquí en la Diócesis de Madison en este momento particular de la historia. Como dijo una vez San John Henry Newman, “vivir es cambiar y volverse perfecto es haber cambiado a menudo”. Dado el panorama religioso de nuestra cultura que cambia rápidamente en los últimos años, con cada vez menos personas que traen a sus hijos para bautizarlos (o incluso tener hijos), casarse en la Iglesia, asistir a Misa, ofrecerse como voluntarios y apoyar a la Iglesia, etc. debemos responder con convicción y valentía. Ahora es el momento de realinear nuestros recursos de manera audaz, proactiva y estratégica. Esto es especialmente cierto si vamos a parar esta práctica fallida de simplemente manejar el descenso, cumpliendo más fielmente el mandato del Señor Jesús de “vaya y hagan discípulos” y construir una realidad más sana y santa para dejar a las generaciones futuras: para nuestros hijos, nietos y bisnietos. En el centro de nuestra solución audaz a través de la iniciativa estratégica Into the Deep se encuentra el plan aprobado por el Obispo Hying para agrupar nuestras 102 parroquias actuales en la Diócesis de Madison en 30 “pastorados” (que con el tiempo se convertirán en 30 (treinta) nuevas parroquias, con sus diversas configuraciones de iglesias y escuelas). Creemos que, al pasar a este nuevo modelo de vida parroquial y ministerio sacerdotal, y al unirnos y colaborar de nuevas maneras, estaremos en mejor posición para más eficaz y fructíferamente: **1) seguir a Jesús; 2) recuperar el domingo;**

**3) evangelizar a los demás; 4) involucrar a los jóvenes; 5) equipar a los líderes; y 6) servir a nuestros vecinos tanto ahora como en el futuro.**

Habiendo dicho todo esto, quiero hacerle saber que después de varios niveles de consulta en toda la diócesis, y después de considerar con oración y prudencia más de 1,300 comentarios que se recibieron durante la fase de comentarios públicos en diciembre y enero, el Obispo Hying ha asignado a nuestra parroquia para estar en el Pastorado # 21 en el modelo final aprobado, que entrará en efecto el 1ro de julio de 2023. Las otra parroquia en el Pastorado # 21 en el modelo final aprobado es: Nuestra Señora Reina de Paz. El Pastorado # 21 también será responsable de formar y educar a la próxima generación de discípulos cristianos en la escuela católica: Nuestra Señora Reina de Paz. Con respecto a los puestos de los sacerdotes, el Obispo Hying ha asignado a los siguientes sacerdotes para servir en las parroquias de este nuevo pastorado a partir del sábado, 1ro de julio de 2023: 4 El líder del Pastorado # 21 como Administrador Parroquial será: Padre Brian Wilk. Para ayudarlo con el trabajo pastoral y servir como Vicarios Parroquiales serán: Padre Jay Poster y Padre Msgr. Jim Gunn. Además, Padre Miro Szynal era un sacerdote viviendo en residencia y sirviendo como Capellán en el Hospital de UW. Y, Padre Gabi Lopez-Betanzos será el sacerdote ayudando con Ministerio Hispano.

**Antes de concluir, hay 2 notas adicionales que me gustaría compartir:**

1. Primero, siguiendo los comentarios del público que se recibieron en enero y después de varias consultas, el Obispo Hying planea solicitar al Vaticano que nombre a St. Bernard en Madison como nuestra catedral diocesana.
2. En segundo lugar, toda la información que he compartido con ustedes hoy más todos los pastorados finales y los nuevos puestos de los sacerdotes para toda la diócesis se publicarán en la página de internet de Into the Deep: [www.Intothedeepmadison.org](http://www.Intothedeepmadison.org).

Para terminar, nos encontramos viviendo en una sociedad que ya no pone a Dios en el centro de la vida pero que busca vivir según las normas opuestas al Evangelio. Este momento llama a santos, hombres, mujeres y niños comunes como nosotros, que aman fielmente al Señor, a que se esfuercen por vivir con alegría la misión de la Iglesia y quieran que nuestras familias y amigos conozcan a Jesucristo. Debemos estar dispuestos a ir en contra de la corriente actual de la indiferencia y complacencia religiosa y actuar con valentía por Cristo. Con Vayan y Hagan Discípulos como nuestra misión renovada e Into the Deep como nuestro plan estratégico que apoya la misión, esperamos vivir y proclamar el Evangelio a todas las personas de manera más efectiva. Humildemente les pido sus oraciones, apoyo, paciencia y compromiso a medida que avanzamos. Estos próximos meses y años exigirán mucho de nosotros. No será fácil, pero ¿cuándo ha sido fácil vivir auténticamente el Evangelio y seguir a Jesús? Al aceptar nuestro llamado a ir y hacer discípulos y al seguir al Señor Resucitado mar adentro, estaremos colocando una base segura y cierta de fe para el futuro, para que nuestros hijos y nietos puedan llegar a conocer, amar y servir a Jesús, y llegar al cielo. Hoy, entonces, mientras reflexionamos sobre la maravilla y la promesa de la Transfiguración, ponemos nuestras esperanzas, sueños y corazones nuevamente en las manos del Señor, y miramos con valentía hacia el futuro creyendo que lo mejor está por venir, sobre todo la luz, el amor y el gozo de la gloria celestial.

# 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\*

**Tuesday, March 28** 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 PM and 6:30 PM en Español

**April 2:** 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

### 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

*Come and see how Jesus' Real Presence has been revealed throughout history.*

## Eucharistic Miracles Display St. Thomas Aquinas Social Hall

The Eucharistic Miracles exhibit is coming to St. Thomas Aquinas! Over 100 Eucharistic Miracles have been approved for devotion by the Church. In some, the Eucharist transforms into physical flesh and blood. In others, the host emits a bright light or an image appears on it. There are other types of Eucharistic miracles as well. We might think these miracles only took place a very long time ago...and in fact, the oldest known verifiable Eucharistic miracle took place in 750AD. But the miracles have continued ever since, and their frequency has increased since 1992.

This self-guided tour of Eucharistic miracles is a beautiful way to experience the amazing power of Jesus. Come once or multiple times, spend 15 minutes or an hour, experience it alone or with family or friends. Jesus can't wait to get closer to you!

### Eucharistic Miracles Display Hours

**Wednesday, March 15th 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (open to religious ed students and families)**

**Thursday, March 16th 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (open to all)**

**Friday, March 17th 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (open to all)**

**Saturday, March 18th 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM (open to all)**

**Sunday, March 19th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (open to all)**



For more information, contact Jennifer Ludtke at 833-2606 or [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org)

*Ven a ver cómo la Presencia Real de Jesús se ha revelado a través de la historia.*

## Exposición de Milagros Eucarísticos Salón Social en Santo Tomás de Aquino

¡La exposición de Milagros Eucarísticos estará llegando muy pronto a Santo Tomás de Aquino! La Iglesia ha aprobado para devoción más de 100 Milagros Eucarísticos. En algunos, la Eucaristía se transforma en carne y sangre física. En otros, la Hostia emite una luz brillante o aparece una imagen en ella. Hay además otros milagros eucarísticos. Podríamos pensar que estos milagros sólo ocurrieron hace mucho tiempo... y de hecho, el milagro eucarístico verificable más antiguo que se conoce tuvo lugar en el año 750 d.C. Pero desde entonces los milagros han continuado y su frecuencia ha aumentado desde 1992.

Estevivir recorrido autoguiado de los milagros eucarísticos es una hermosa manera de experimentar el asombroso poder de Jesús. Ven una o varias veces, pasa 15 minutos o una hora, viviéndolo solo, con familiares o amigos. ¡Jesús está deseoso de acercarse a ti!

### Horas de la Exposición de los Milagros Eucarísticos

**miércoles, 15 de marzo 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (abierto para estudiantes de formación y sus familias)**

**jueves, 16 de marzo 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (abierto a todos)**

**Viernes, 17 de marzo 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (abierto a todos)**

**sábado, 18 de marzo 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM (abierto a todos)**

**domingo, 19 de marzo 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (abierto a todos)**



Para más información, comuníquese con Jennifer Ludtke al 833-2606 or [jennifer@stamadison.org](mailto:jennifer@stamadison.org).



## Lenten Retreats

**Come on Retreat...**

**Jesus is waiting for you!**

**Lenten Retreat at St. Maria Goretti Parish**

**Men: March 17-18**

**Friday 6:30-8PM, Saturday 8AM-12PM**

No fee.

To learn more and to register:

Visit: [stmariagoretti.org/parish-life/lenzen-retreat/](http://stmariagoretti.org/parish-life/lenzen-retreat/)

**Overnight Weekend Retreats:**

**Taking Time for Peace in the Quiet**

**Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI**

**Men: March 31 - April 2**

**Women: March 17-19 OR March 24-26**

**Arrival: Friday evening at 6:15 PM (no evening meal on Friday)**

**Retreat begins Friday at 7:15 PM**

**Departure: Sunday at 1:00 PM, after lunch**

Fee \$250.00 includes private room with private bath, linens, meals (Sat and Sun).

The retreat includes time for prayer, celebration of the sacraments, presentations, some discussions, and most importantly, QUIET. Retreatants are reminded that their time is exclusively theirs, and they are free to enter the schedule to the point they are comfortable.

To learn more and to register:

Visit [www.redemptoristretreat.org](http://www.redemptoristretreat.org); call 262-567-6900; email [rrc@redemptoristretreat.org](mailto:rrc@redemptoristretreat.org)

**Online Lenten Retreats**

[www.oblates.org/lenzen-retreat](http://www.oblates.org/lenzen-retreat)

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/tag/an-ignatian-prayer-adventure/>

Don't know how you want to make this Lent special?

Check out: <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>

## Madison Catholic Woman's Club

### Annual Priest & Religious Recognition

Madison Catholic Woman's Club invites all women of the Diocese to attend our **Tuesday, March 21** Annual Priest and Religious Recognition Luncheon. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 2021 Rowley Ave., Madison: 10:40 Rosary, 11:00 Mass, 12:00 Luncheon followed by remarks from Bishop Hying.

Cost is \$25 per person. Please invite your parish priest, religious or other staff as your guests. **All reservations are due by March 14** and can be made on line at [madisoncatholicwomensclub.org](http://madisoncatholicwomensclub.org) or by mail (Theresa Urzagaste, 4410 Rolla Ln. Madison 53711). Please include the name of your parish and any guests' names and their parish names with your payment.

## Pastoral Ministry

### Know of a Hospitalized STA Member?

If you or another STA member is in the hospital, please contact St. Thomas Aquinas and let us know. The priest can offer an anointing and/or someone from the pastoral staff can make a hospital visit.

**Contact the main office at 608.833.2600**

### 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.

### Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

Join us at Resurrection Cemetery Chapel in Madison for Mass on Fridays as we pray for our beloved dead.

**March 17 at 10AM with Fr. Stephen Brunner**

**April 21 at 10:30 AM with Fr. Chad Droessler**

**May 19 at 10AM with Fr. Bart Timmerman**

**May 29 at 10AM with Bishop Donald Hying**

For the details on our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday and other upcoming Masses at the cemetery, visit

[www.madisondiocese.org/cemeteries](http://www.madisondiocese.org/cemeteries).



### The Chosen Continues!

The STA small study group, Skein of Geese, will continue showing "The Chosen" **Season 3 on Fridays after morning Mass at 9:15am.**

Even if you missed Seasons 1 & 2, please come to watch! Members of the Skein of Geese will direct you to the room. Refreshments will be served.

## Gospel Reflection

by Dcn. Jerome Bhuman



### Going Out of the Comfort Zone

Alright, I am going to be upfront about this – today I am cheating. I am going to talk about a line that is not even in today's Gospel! It is a line that comes immediately before the first line of today's story of the Samaritan woman at the well. It is a short sentence, only six words long: "He [Jesus] had to pass through Samaria." That makes it sound like the only road Jesus could take from Galilee to Jerusalem went through Samaria, a place reverent Jews avoided. But that is not the case; Jews usually traveled a route on the other side of the Jordan river that bypassed Samaria completely. So it was not a geographical necessity that made Jesus pass through Samaria – it was a theological necessity. It was important for Jesus' disciples (that includes us!) to listen to the message of evangelization that Jesus was preaching by "going out of the comfort zone" to reach people with whom he would normally not even associate. Sometimes we, too, are called to go out of our way, go someplace uncomfortable, to spread the Good News. This Lent, let us pray for the strength to be evangelists in difficult situations for the spreading of the Gospel.

## Discipleship & Development

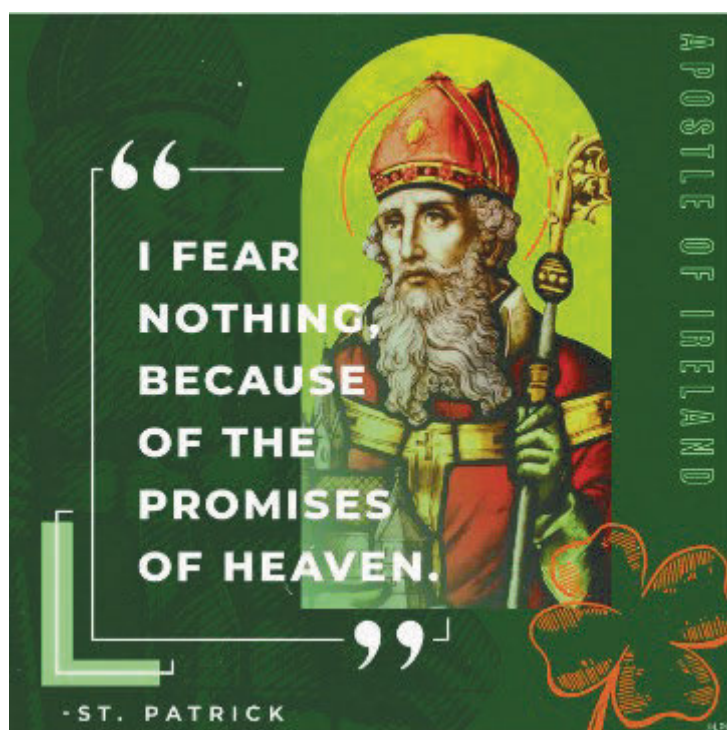
by Holly Irving & Julia Hix

### Pontifical Good Friday Collection

#### *Helping Christians in the Holy Land*

When you donate to the Good Friday Collection, you help to ensure that Christianity will remain in the Holy Land for years to come. Last year's collection provided support to 29 parishes and 4 homes for orphans.

The funds collected also helped keep 16 schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students. Will you help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land with your contribution to this year's Good Friday collection?



### St. Patrick's Day Dispensation

In his Rescript Granting a Dispensation from the Law of Abstinence on the Memorial of Saint Patrick, Bishop Hying grants dispensation saying,

*"...The faithful who reside in the Diocese of Madison, as well as anyone actually present in the Diocese of Madison, from the observance of the law of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023;*

*and I urge them to perform some salutary work of penance or charity that day so that they might unite themselves more perfectly with the suffering and death of our Lord.*

*Given this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, 2023."*

## WELCOME TO BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS ACADEMY



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# Justice & Peace and Outreach

## How the Word is Passed Book Study

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Racial Justice Committee invites you to join a book discussion group to explore racial justice topics through the lens of our Catholic faith. This spring we will be discussing the book *How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America* by Clint Smith.

Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Clint Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—those that are honest about the past and those that are not—that offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has been central in shaping our nation’s collective history, and our own. Pick one of three participation options!

- ♦ Monday mornings April 17 & May 15 from 9:30 - 11:00 am via in-person sessions at Our Lady Queen of Peace.
- ♦ Tuesday afternoons April 18 & May 16 from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm via Zoom.
- ♦ Thursday evenings, April 20 & May 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, via Zoom or in-person. Format to be decided after the group registers.
- ♦ Books will be available for loan if you do not already have this book.

**Please register by March 22, 2023 by contacting Ruth Meyer: [meyerfamil@gmail.com](mailto:meyerfamil@gmail.com), 608-843-4363 and sharing this information:**

1. Your name, your e-mail and your phone number
2. Which discussion group you would like to join  
Monday morning (9:30-11 am),  
Tuesday afternoon (4:00-5:30 pm)  
Thursday evening (6:30-8:00 pm)
3. Do you need a book? (yes or no)

## Lenten Fast for Creation Care-Week 4

This Lent, consider a sacrifice focused on Care for God’s Creation. Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? Water is a precious life-giving resource requiring enormous energy for distribution and treatment.

How you use water can have a significant environmental impact over time. Low-flow shower heads and toilets, water efficient washers and dishwashers reduce water waste and cost, as does letting water run unnecessarily.



### WATER WASTE FAST

Take fewer and shorter (3 min) showers. Turn off water while brushing teeth and shaving. Consider replacing old toilets and appliances with more water-efficient models. Check Focus on Energy, [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com), for incentives. Pray that fresh, clean water be available to all as you practice this fast.

### Lenten Prayer

*Creator God, keep us mindful each day of our impact on Earth and all of creation.  
Nurturing Spirit, enliven our commitment to simpler ways of living that respect and restore the beauty and integrity of the Earth.  
Fill us with zeal for the small steps that can reinforce our response to the crisis of Earth from climate change and global warming.  
This Lent, may we fast from the toxic materialism of consumer culture and feast on a simpler, uncluttered life that cherishes, supports, and honors all of creation.*

--Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St Paul, MN

## Keeping Children Safe Online—March 1st Review

Dave Mahoney – a parishioner here at St. Thomas Aquinas—spent nearly his entire career with the Dane County Sheriff’s Department, spending time as a detective before being elected as sheriff. He served as sheriff for 14 years, calling it “the best job in the world.” After retirement, Dave took on new roles where he could continue to serve the community and advocate for change. One of those roles is being a member of a speaker’s bureau here in the diocese of Madison, raising awareness, educating, and advocating for an end to human sex trafficking. We are so grateful for his work, and for his willingness to share this important information with all of us. We are all called to take a stand against this terrible reality, that happens not in some far away place to other people, but right here in our midst. With the conviction of faith, and armed with accurate information, let us pray and work together for an end to this dreadful sin.





# Young Adults, Faith Formation, & Family



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 17:**

## **Faith Formation Families Host Supper**

**California Medley** (broccoli, cauliflower, onion, carrot in heavy cream & cheese sauce)

**Tomato Florentine** (shell pasta, onions, spinach, zucchini)

With country Italian bread & saltines



## **Sharing Sunday Bring in items March 18 & 19**

### **Sharing Sunday - Personal Care Items Collection Drive: March 18-19**

In addition to food, our neighbors who visit the food pantry are often in need of personal care items for their health and hygiene. Many of these items are in short supply on the pantry shelves. Our Sharing Sunday focus for the month of March will be on Personal Care Items.

Later this month, as a part of their Lenten practice of learning to be intentional about Service, our STA MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY students will be partnering with the STA St Vincent de Paul Conference to assemble these items into Personal Care Kits for the Lussier Community Education Center pantry. Please help provide our parish youth the opportunity to make their efforts matter knowing that they have helped to fill the pantry shelves with an abundance of products that provide dignity and confidence to our neighbors.

The following items have been identified by the pantry staff as some of the most needed items, but all donations are always welcome. Thank you so much for your generosity!

*Toilet paper • toothpaste • shampoo/conditioner  
soap/body wash • deodorant • combs (wide tooth)  
laundry soap/detergent (smaller sizes for care pkg.)  
first aide supplies (bandages, antibiotic cream, etc.)*

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

### **High School**

March 12-Praise & Worship (Fear of the Lord)

March 19-Prayer & Friends (the Saints)

March 26-Special Night (TBD)

### **Middle School**

March 15-Family Event: Miracles of the  
Eucharist Exhibit in the Social Hall

March 22-Stations of the Cross

March 29-Reconciliation

### **Preschool & Elementary**

March 14&15, 21&22, 28&29

March 15 from 6-7:30 PM is a FAMILY EVENT!

Join us for the Miracles of the Eucharist Exhibit  
in the Social Hall

### **Faith Formation Office**

608-833-2606 or [formation@stamadison.org](mailto:formation@stamadison.org)

## **Young Adults**

**March 16 at 7p, we will meet in the Youth Room  
at STA and will continue talking about  
the Lenten Sunday readings.**

**There will be food and fellowship.  
Come join us, spread the word, and invite!**

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

## **Is your marriage tearing you apart?**

You are invited to find help through Retrouvaille, (ret-tro-vi) where husbands and wives are helped to re-discover each other. In Retrouvaille, couples discover they are not alone. There is hope and grace.

Madison's upcoming Retrouvaille program begins September 15-17, 2023 at the Green Lake Conference Center. Follow up sessions will be at St. Thomas Aquinas. Check our website at [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) for more information and additional dates.

Your confidentiality is always respected.

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 11**

4:30 PM Kevin Hartberg✙

6:30 PM Angela Maria Perentena✙

**Sunday, March 12 Third Sunday of Lent/Daylight**

**Saving Time begins**

8:00 AM Msgr. Mike Burke✙

10:00 AM Tom Gombar✙

**Monday, March 13**

8:30 AM Andrew Coombs✙

**Tuesday, March 14**

5:30 PM Monica Moore✙

**Wednesday, March 15**

8:30 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

**Thursday, March 16**

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Jim & Angie

**Friday, March 17 St. Patrick, Bishop**

8:30 AM Melanie Ertz✙

**Saturday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop  
& Doctor of the Church**

4:30 PM Thomas & Ruby Byrne✙

6:30 PM Maria Teresa Peralta✙

**Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Family of Antonio Bonanno

10:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the  
Ingwell and Alghieri Families



**March 19**

**9:30AM-1PM**

If you are interested in helping,  
please sign up online at

[stthomasaquinas16.flocknote.com/signup/89842](http://stthomasaquinas16.flocknote.com/signup/89842)  
or contact Stella at [stella.castellino1026@gmail.com](mailto:stella.castellino1026@gmail.com)

## Weekday Readings

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Rom 5:1-2,5-8/  
Jn 4:5-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3;43,3,4/  
Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25,34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1,5-9/Ps 147:12-13,15-16, 19-20/  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2,6-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11,14,17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4,18-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/  
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

## Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,400,000	\$405,000
2023 Year TOTALS	\$272,427	\$101,543
Week 1 3/5/2023	\$18,123	\$3,129
Week 2 3/12/2023		
Week 3 3/19/2023		
Week 4 3/26/2023		
March ACH 3/28/2023		
March 2023 Totals	\$18,123	\$3,129
March 2023 Goals	\$132,000	\$15,000

\*Reminder: With the payoff of our Building Fund Loans in January, the "Capital Improvement Fund" will be used for future capital improvement projects (roof replacement, re-paving the parking lot, HVAC upgrades, etc.) to proactively plan for projects in hopes to not require future loans.

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

### Counter Schedule

**Monday, March 13:**

Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

**Monday, March 20:**

Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer

## Prayers

### March 12th Third Sunday of Lent

For those nearing the end of life:

May they be given the grace to persevere in faith  
and place their trust in God as they prepare in hope  
for eternity with Christ;

*We pray to the Lord.*

May we open our hearts

to those we consider different than ourselves  
as Christ reached out to the Samaritan woman;

*We pray to the Lord.*



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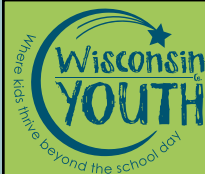


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