

#### 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

#### Holy Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30AM Tuesday, 5:30pm & Thursday, 7:30AM Saturday, 4:30PM English 6:30рм 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

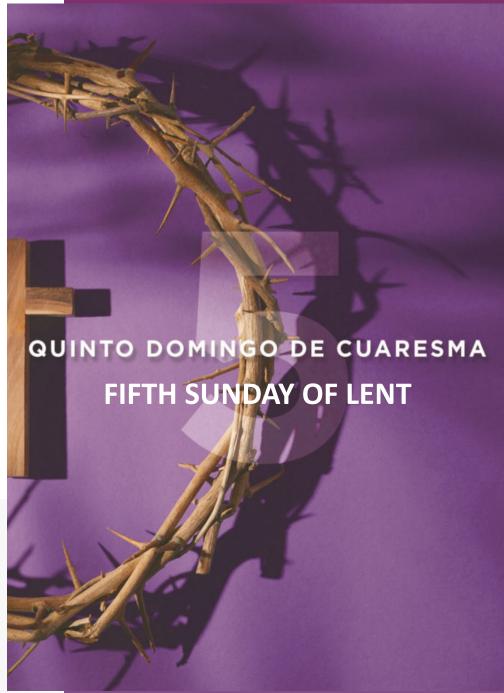
Sábados 3:15-4:10рм y por cita previa

#### Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00-4:00<sub>PM</sub> Martes 4:15-5:25PM 9:00-10:00AM Viernes

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma 26 de marzo de 2023

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Psalm 130



Perdónanos, Señor, y viviremos.

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

by Fr. Bart Timmerman

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

The raising of Jesus' friend, Lazarus, by Jesus Himself in the Gospel surfaces many questions about life and death. Our God is utterly mysterious. God's timing is beyond all human comprehension. There is so much about God and God's ways that we cannot know yet. But we can choose to believe Christ's proclamation: "I am the resurrection and the life...everyone who lives and

resurrection and the life...everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." We can grieve the earthly death of loved ones and be confident that they are now enjoying new life with Christ. We can choose to live each day with trust in Christ's abiding love for all of creation.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Easter

You are invited to encounter Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for a Holy Easter. These are the final scheduled opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
En espanol: Saturday, April 1, 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

#### Stations of the Cross

This Lent, we are focusing on deepening our personal relationship with Jesus and invite all to pray the Stations of the Cross as a way to appreciate Jesus' suffering and the difference it has made to us. There are 3 opportunities for us to pray the stations before the conclusion of Lent: Tuesdays March 28 and April 4, and Friday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m. Friday, a simple soup supper will be served.

#### **Holy Week and Easter**

Please make plans to celebrate Holy Week and Easter together with our STA Parish family. It is a good time of year to invite family and friends to attend the liturgies with us. Please see the schedule in this Sunday's bulletin. By participating in the Easter Triduum Liturgies, we can profoundly experience the meaning of Jesus' saving act for us and make this time of year holy and an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus Christ. I am looking forward to celebrating these liturgies with all of you one final time!

#### Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

La resurrección de Lázaro, amigo de Jesús, por Jesús mismo en el Evangelio, plantea muchas preguntas sobre la vida y la muerte. Nuestro Dios es completamente misterioso. El tiempo de Dios está más allá de toda comprensión humana. Hay tanto sobre Dios y los caminos de Dios que aún no pode-

mos saber. Pero podemos elegir creer en la proclamación de Cristo: "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida... todo el que vive y cree en mí, no morirá jamás". Podemos afligirnos por la muerte terrenal de nuestros seres queridos y estar seguros de que ahora disfrutan de una nueva vida con Cristo. Podemos elegir vivir cada día con confianza en el amor permanente de Cristo por toda la creación.

### Sacramento de la Reconciliación antes de Pascua

Estás invitado a encontrarte con Jesucristo en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación en preparación para una Pascua Santa. Estas son las oportunidades finales programadas para el Sacramento de la Reconciliación:

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. **En español: sábado, 1 de abril, 6:15 p.m.** - 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

#### Estaciones de la Cruz

Esta Cuaresma, nos estamos enfocando en profundizar nuestra relación personal con Jesús e invitamos a todos a rezar las Estaciones de la Cruz como una forma de apreciar el sufrimiento de Jesús y la diferencia que ha hecho para nosotros. Tenemos 3 oportunidades para rezar las Estaciones antes de la conclusión de la Cuaresma: los martes 28 de marzo y 4 de abril, y el viernes 31 de marzo a las 6:00 p.m. El viernes se servirá una cena sencilla de sopa.

#### Semana Santa y Pascua

Por favor planifique para celebrar la Semana Santa y la Pascua junto con nuestra familia parroquial de STA. Es un buen tiempo para invitar a familiares y amigos a asistir a las liturgias con nosotros. Consulte el horario en el boletín de este domingo. Al participar en las liturgias del Triduo Pascual, podemos experimentar profundamente el significado del acto salvífico de Jesús para nosotros y hacer de esta época del año una oportunidad para acercarnos más a Jesucristo. ¡Me emociona poder celebrar estas liturgias con todos ustedes por última vez!

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by Fr. Bart Timmerman

## Palm Sunday Procession next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Mass

Please make note that 10 a.m. Mass next Sunday will begin in our newly remodeled Social Hall and from there we will walk in procession into the Church. Catholics traditionally celebrate Palm Sunday with a procession at the beginning of Mass. Members of the congregation are given palm branches before Mass starts. Everyone carries the branches into the church to commemorate

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. This procession marks the beginning of Holy Week for us. Palm Sunday starts out gloriously as we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. However, it turns bitter as we read the Gospel story of His Passion and Death. The Palm Branches are blessed and typically kept in people's homes as symbols of their faith.



## Procesión de Domingo de Ramos el próximo sábado en la Misa de las

6:30 p.m.

Tenga en cuenta que la Misa de las 6:30 p.m. del próximo sábado comenzará en nuestro área de reunión y desde allí caminaremos en procesión hacia la Iglesia. Los católicos tradicionalmente celebran el Domingo de Ramos con una procesión al comienzo de la Misa. A los miembros de la congregación se les dan ramas de palma antes de que comience la Misa. Todos

llevan las ramas a la iglesia para conmemorar la entrada de Jesús en Jerusalén. Esta procesión marca para nosotros el inicio de la Semana Santa. El Domingo de Ramos comienza gloriosamente al recordar la entrada triunfal de Cristo en Jerusalén para celebrar la Pascua. Sin embargo, se vuelve amargo cuando leemos la historia del Evangelio de Su Pasión y Muerte. Las ramas de palma se bendicen y normalmente se guardan en los hogares de las personas como símbolos de su fe.

### **Pastoral Ministry**

### Healing Prayer Ministry April 1-2 after all Masses

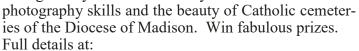
The work of healing through prayer was an integral part of Jesus' ministry. Jesus equipped his followers to carry on this ministry, and it is part of our calling as baptized members of the Body of Christ. If you are seeking healing of body, mind, or spirit, we will pray with you, that you may experience the love of Jesus

and the healing power of the Holy Spirit. There will be an opportunity to receive confidential prayer for healing after all Masses next weekend.



### Catholic Cemeteries Week Photo Contest

This contest runs from March 1 through May 20. Show off your



https://madisondiocese.org/photo-contest.

#### **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.

### **Tributes to Timmerman**

As Fr. Bart has shared, this July he will be moving on to serve a new pastorate and bring joy, laughter and wisdom to his new community in Beloit. The news is bittersweet, but we know he's destined to touch the lives of many! Each week, please enjoy an article from a member of the STA staff- a fun memory, a letter of thanks or an example of one of the many ways Fr. Bart has positively impacted their own lives. Enjoy!

#### Paparazzi Alert!

#### by Clarice Hinrichs, Administrative Assistant

Fr. Lawrence (then a Deacon) said it best. Fr. Bart has his own personal paparazzi when I was hired. My love of taking pictures and working on the bulletin worked so well together. Sadly for Fr. Bart, he never knew when and where I would show up to take the next picture. When my family visited and attended Mass with me, they would say, "poor Fr. Bart, you always have your camera on him."

I first met Fr. Bart at IHM in Monona while my sons were catching up on their sacraments. From the first time I meet Fr. Bart he was always so calm and patient with my son David and all of his questions. We have shared many tears of joy and sadness together and I treasure each and every one. Every time we have homemade pizza for dinner I think of Fr. Bart and all of the laughs we

shared together around the table.

Working with Fr. Bart has been a lot of fun and several adventures. It has been fun and educational to be with Fr. Bart as he celebrates his "family" and their accomplishments. Welcoming the new Bishop, visiting some of our "friends and family" in senior living facilities, or learning new ways to Make Disciples has always been more fun and interesting with Fr. Bart as our leader. Thank you for all of the laughs and lessons in life.

Beloit is very lucky to have him as their new priest.







### Help us create a memory book for Fr. Bart – include your own message!

Visit the link below or scan the QR Code with your cell phone camera to add a message that will be included in a memory book of photos and letters from St. Thomas Aquinas members.

Add your memory, thank you note, or message of appreciation to our memory book that we will gift to Fr. Bart to take with him to his new home in Beloit when he moves this July.

In order to include as many messages as possible, please keep your note brief. One message per family please.

Submit your message by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

LINK TO LEAVE MESSAGE:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stabook





### **Gospel Reflection**

by Dcn. Jerome Buhman



#### John 11:1-45

In recent years, there has been an upsurge in popular culture regarding the danger of zombies. If you Google "Zombie Apocalypse," you get about 38,200,000 hits.

Through this lens, then, if you look at today's readings you might be thinking: zombies! In the reading from Ezekiel we have people rising from their graves. In the Gospel we have the story of Lazarus returning from the dead. It might be tempting to think these might be zombie stories, but that would be wrong. And the reason has to do with the definition of zombie.

A zombie is a corpse that has been re-animated – we put zombies in a category labeled "undead" – it isn't really dead and it isn't really alive. What we are talking about in the readings today is not reanimation; it is resurrection – that is, restoring a person to true, full life. There is a difference between mere reanimation and real resurrection.

You might be telling yourself: I really knew these were resurrection stories and not zombie stories anyway; what's your point?

Well, I do think there is a zombie danger: the danger of becoming mired in spiritual zombieism. Spiritual zombieism is marked by complacency in our spiritual lives. Spiritual zombeism is when our spirituality becomes a routine, when it becomes just something more to be checked off on our to-do list. Spiritual zombieism is that spirituality that becomes overly concerned with actions for their own sake, driven by some exterior compulsion.

If, for example, we give something up for Lent just because "that's something we do at Lent," that can be a sign of spiritual zombieism. Giving something up is a good first step because it calls to mind that this is Lent and it is a sign of what is happening spiritually, but by itself it is not fully alive. The point of a Lenten sacrifice is not denial but conversion. Conversion literally means "to turn," and the object of Lenten sacrifice is to turn our lives more fully toward Christ. Giving something up is a step – it's a sign that I am willing to more fully align my life with Christ, but unless I follow through with actual inner conversion, it is only a half-step – I am reanimated, but not yet fully resurrected. But conversion will take us from spiritual zombieism to Easter resurrection. It is a means to transform, not just our Lent, but our lives.

Such conversions, however, can be difficult. After all, we are human and it is easy to get distracted or sidetracked, which is why we have various Lenten activities to kickstart our inner conversion. One that I would draw special attention to is Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. If you are looking something to lift your spiritual life from animated to resurrected, just give the Easter Vigil a try.

In conclusion, if the zombie apocalypse is coming, from all accounts what the zombies want are our brains, something that is worth dying for. In the real apocalypse, what Jesus wants is salvation for our souls; and that, my friends, is worth rising for.

### **Eucharistic Miracles Display a Powerful Experience!**

We are pleased to report that over 350 people visited the Eucharistic Miracles display!

In addition, over 75 children attended with their families during a special evening for faith formation students.

The students learned about Eucharistic miracles and then proceeded through the display, with passports in hand, to collect stickers from miracles in different countries. It was a wonderful learning opportunity for the students as well as all those who attended over the course of the five-day exhibit.



For those who could not make it or weren't able to get through the entire display, the Eucharistic miracle display panels can be found online at

http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl\_mir.htm.

Once there, you can scroll down to find the miracles listed by country. Thanks to all who helped to bring this amazing exhibit to STA!





# "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent" Livestreaming as Evangelization

#### by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

"There's my church!" she would cry when her son would drive into the parking lot at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Madison. She was actually not a member of the parish, nor was she even from Madison, but she had been coming periodically to Mass when she was able and so recognized the building. I say periodically, because she moved to town to enter hospice, and was not always able to attend Mass in person. But she and her visiting family still attended Mass with the St. Thomas Aquinas parish family through the parish's innovative livestreaming capabilities, which indeed helps us enlarge the space of our tent as part of our evangelization effort not just for our parish church, but for our wider Catholic Church.

#### **Rooted in Challenge**

The staff at the St. Thomas Aquinas parish was preparing for renovation of the church when the pandemic struck in 2020. Recognizing the need to be proactive in a challenging atmosphere, St. Thomas directed additional funds to livestreaming capabilities on Facebook and YouTube. Instead of one single camera fixed statically on the altar, St. Thomas employs multiple, movable cameras that can focus on the ambo, the choir, or other locations in which action is taking place. In addition, St. Thomas created a "control center" where trained volunteers operate the cameras, cutting between views and creating a more dynamic and immersive atmosphere for those viewing the livestream, making participants feel more as if they are one of the worshipping community.

#### **Expanded Boundaries**

This adaptability greatly expands the possibilities for implementation. Liturgically, St. Thomas has been able to livestream baptisms, funerals, weddings and other functions, such as Stations of the Cross. In addition, the parish has installed a large retractable screen in the sanctuary, on which such things as the prayers for the stations can be displayed for those viewing remotely. In conjunction with this, the Facebook feature has a comment section through which to send and receive messages from the control room volunteer and other remote viewers, creating a more interactive experience – not just for the remote viewer, but the live-streamer as well. As one of our volunteer live-streamers noted, "I grew up Methodist, and in the Methodist church they have acolytes who enter with the pastor with a candle lighter. They light the candles and then act as altar assistants. After the service, they relight their lighters before extinguishing the candles and then recess with the pastor, taking the flame, symbolizing taking the Light of Christ into the world. I feel honored and privileged to take the Light of Christ into the world with streaming. There are people who comment on Facebook during the Mass, and even though I am alone in the room, I always feel like they are sitting with me during the service."

#### **Building Community, Reaching Out**

Keeping our remote viewers as integrated in our community as we can is one of our goals at St. Thomas. In light of

this, we create a monthly pictorial montage of events of that month: weddings, funerals, baptisms and special events. Playing before each Mass of the second Sunday of the month on the large screen and livestreamed to our remote family members, this outreach connects us as a worshipping community. In addition, others who may not be members can be introduced to our family. In several local care centers, residents gather at a convenient time to watch our recorded livestreamed Mass, enabling them to worship as part of a parish community.

#### **Screen Evangelization**

Hitherto, I have spoken mostly of reaching our remote parishioners, but the scope of our efforts is much broader. As I mentioned, besides regular Masses we have livestreamed weddings, funerals, baptisms and other events all around the globe to family members and friends of those involved, many who are Catholic but some of whom may be lapsed Catholics, members of other faiths, or completely unchurched. This provides an avenue for reaching out, even in an indirect way, to evangelize. Last autumn at our celebration of Our Lady of Chiquinquira, children prepared a special song to Mary. Many of these children are refugees from Venezuela who fled the country with their parents, leaving behind grandparents and other relatives. At that Mass, the grandparents in Venezuela and Mexico were able to see their grandchildren at Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

These livestreams have a tremendous impact. One livestreamed funeral had over 1000 views, generating notes and letter of thanks from viewers who were grateful to be included though unable to attend in person. This, in turn, enables us to reach out and accompany them during a difficult time.

Aside from such liturgical functions, we have also installed livestreaming capability in our social hall, to provide a means of streaming non-liturgical events, such as special presentations and catechetical programs.

#### **Not A Substitute**

As exciting and boundless as livestreaming seems, it is definitely not a substitute for actually being present in community for worship or other activities, most especially Holy Mass and the reception of the Eucharist. However, for those who cannot attend, for whatever sound reason, livestreaming provides a lifeline to the lifegiving Church community. An older parishioner who lives nearby and walks to Church and sometimes struggles with winter weather and snowy sidewalks says, "I love Fr. Bart and enjoy being able to celebrate Mass with him without worrying about the weather and leaving my house."

As an evangelizing Church, we must make use of all the tools available to us to bring the Good News to both members of our parishes and to the wider community. Embracing technology such as livestreaming as an evangelizing opportunity is essential as the Church moves into the future.

### **Justice & Peace and Outreach**

#### **Lenten Fast for Creation Care-Week 6**

This Lent, consider a sacrifice focused on Care for God's Creation. Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? The gas we burn in our cars contributes to global warming, pollutes the air, and endangers our health and that of our neighbors.

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that speeding, rapid acceleration and braking can lower gas mileage by 15-30% at highway speeds and 10-40% in stopand-go traffic.



#### **GASOLINE FAST**

Try some simple ways to reduce gasoline waste by driving more efficiently. Slow down. Avoid rapid acceleration and braking.

Avoid lengthy idling. Plan/combine errands to minimize mileage. Be sure your tires are properly inflated. Use ground-based public transit or bike when possible.

#### A Prayer for Creation

*Creator of the universe,* 

we pray in gratitude and praise.

You were there at the beginning

of all things,

shaping our world and

preparing it for us.

You have provided

the mountains and the trees,

the waters and the earth.

Help us to be caretakers of your gifts, protecting the land from abuse,

and ready to share with all in need.

Show us how to use our science

and technology in creative,

not destructive ways.

Deepen our awareness of our

connectedness with all your creation,

*So that future generations* 

will also enjoy every blessing.

Amen.

-- Michael Gormly SSC

#### **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.



#### Vote—April 4!

We are called to be faithful citizens and exercise our right and responsibility to vote. The April 4

Wisconsin Supreme Court election will impact many issues in our state, including whether Wisconsin's pro-life law that is currently protecting unborn children remains in place. Please pray about this election, educate yourself, and make time to vote on Tuesday, April 4.

To find your polling place, please visit https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Find-My-Polling-Place

#### 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 7am - 9pm. To sign up or for more information contact Dr. John Bohn director@vigilforlife.org.

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

PRAY

### **Small Groups**

#### **New Small Group Members Welcome:** Join Us on Our Journey!



We began our "Journey" in the Spring 2019. After completing faith-enriched series of instruction called Journey, our group went through Alpha, read Pope Francis' encyclicals— Fratelli Tutti and Laudato Sì.

watched and discussed two seasons of The Chosen and read a variety of books. We would love to welcome new members who seek different ways of supporting one's faith. We meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. in Middleton. We have capabilities to meet via zoom. If you are interested in joining our group or would like more information, please contact Carol Wright at 608-697-7891 or fam4kidz@gmail.com.



#### The Chosen Continues!

The STA small study group, Skein of Geese, continues to show "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.

### **Discipleship & Development**

by Holly Irving & Julia Hix

#### **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Helping Christians in the Holy Land

It is critical that we continue to support the Christians who are living in the land of Jesus' birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection. These faithful Christians are surrounded by a majority Jewish and Islamic population. With your support, we can help to ensure that Christians living in the Holy Land now and future generations of Christians will have a place to live and thrive. Please help the Christians in the Holy Land with your contribution to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection.



#### Resources for Human Needs

SVdP Conference: St. Vincent du Paul Conference

(food, rental assistance, school supplies, utilities) Phone messages only 608-205-8276

momhelps.org: Middleton Outreach Ministry

(food, rental assistance, utilities, clothing, rides, home chores)

womenscarecenter.org/Madison.html: Women's Care Center

(counseling, ultrasound, baby items, parenting class)

catholiccharitiesofmadison.org: Catholic Charities

(adoption, aging services, developmental disabilities, counseling,

alcohol - drug abuse treatment, adult day care)

cmcmadison.org: Catholic Multicultural Center

(meals, health services, education, job development, immigration legal

help)

abuseintervention.org: Domestic Abuse Intervention Service

(crisis response, emergency shelter, support groups)

silentnomoreawareness.org: Abortion recovery help and

awareness campaign

hopeafterabortion.com: Project Rachel

(resources for abortion recovery)

Madison Al-Anon Hotline: for people troubled by someone else's drinking or drug use - 608-258-0314—confidential and anonymous

elizabethhousedane.org: Care Net Pregnancy Center of Dane County

(residential maternity and parenting program)

National Suicide Hotline: 800-273-8255

National Hotline for Sex Trafficking: phone 1-888-373-7888

or text "help" to 233733

### **Lenten Opportunities**

#### Stations of the Cross

(no incense)

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: March 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 (Adoration after Mass until 10:00 PM)

#### **Good Friday**

April 7: No 8:30 AM Mass 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/livestream and Communion)

### Young Adults, Faith Formation, & Family

#### **Young Adults**

March 30 at 7pm
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 others!

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



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 31: Hosted by Care for Creation Team Supper Menu—Something Light & Tasty

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training for Level 1 (ages 3-6)

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessoribased religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi seventy years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread worldwide and is currently being used at our own church, St. Thomas Aquinas. This course will ground the participant in the theory and praxis of CGS while also concretely preparing him/her to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3-6 year old children.



#### More catechists are needed at STA!

**Level 1, Part A Dates:** April 14-16 & 28-30, 2023 9:00 am—4:30 pm

St. Patrick Church 305 Lincoln St. Janesville, WI

**Tuition is \$185** 

For more information and to register online:

www.madisondiocese.org/ catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd



Middle & High School Youth Sessions are for ALL students, not just the confirmed.

Come in and join us any time.

#### **High School**

March 26-Special Night (TBD)

April 2 & 9-NO CLASS

Middle School
March 29-Reconciliation
April 5-NO CLASS

Preschool & Elementary
March 28&29
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## The Our Lady of Assumption School Beloit Spring Fling



The Spring Fling will be held on Saturday evening, **April 22**<sup>nd</sup> in the beautiful La Casa Grande Banquet Room. Doors open at 5:00PM. This special event will include hors d'oeu-

vres, catered dinner, cash bar with signature drinks, and wine pull. The Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Band will provide the featured entertainment. There will be a live auction, with an online silent auction, featuring a dinner at the Butterfly Club with Fr. Mike and Bishop Donald J. Hying and (6) others.

Raffle tickets are being sold for (4) 1 day Walt Disney World Park Hopper passes in Orlando, FL (\$880 value). Tickets are (1) for \$10 or (12) for \$100 with only 150 tickets available.

Tickets for the event are \$45/person, \$80/couple, and are available in the Our Lady of Assumption School Office. If you have questions, please call the Office at 608-365-4014.

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

4:30 PM Joe Lawton♥

6:30 PM Humberto and Rogelio Macias +

Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aguinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Vanessa and Fabiola Hernandez

Monday, March 27

8:30 AM Paul Bariola Family Living & Deceased

Tuesday, March 28

5:30 PM Richard Skubal +

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 AM Javier Zendejas

Thursday, March 30

7:30 AM Anthony Plaza +

Friday, March 31

8:30 AM Marie Kriz Family Living & Deceased

Saturday, April 1

4:30 PM Melanie Ertz +

6:30 PM **OPEN** 

Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Bernice Broihahn \$

10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

#### **Prayers**

# March 25<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Annunciation of the

Inspired by the example of the Blessed Mother, may we, like Mary, have the courage to say "yes" to life from conception to natural death;

We pray to the Lord.

May we say "yes" to God's will and speak out for justice for those who are oppressed and voiceless; *We pray to the Lord*.

### March 26th Fifth Sunday of Lent

May all mothers facing difficult pregnancies be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children; *We pray to the Lord*.

May all who are weeping over the death of friend or family be comforted by their faith that their loved one is at peace with the Risen Christ; *We pray to the Lord*.

### Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,400,000	\$405,000
2023 Year TOTALS	\$303,547	\$104,013
Week 1 3/5/2023	\$18,123	\$3,129
Week 2 3/12/2023	\$12,197	\$505
Week 3 3/19/2023	\$18,923	\$1,965
Week 4 3/26/2023		
March ACH 3/28/2023		
March 2023 Totals	\$49,242	\$5,599
March 2023 Goals	\$132,000	\$15,000

Diocesan Offertory Collection: Disaster Relief - Earthquake in Turkey & Syria Total from STA Donors: \$5,635

\*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 27:

Baik, Degenhardt, Dulli, Hurtgen, Ihlenfeld, Peterson

Monday, April 3: Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

### Weekly Readings

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62/Ps 23:1-6/

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3,16-21/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Dn 3:52-56/

Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9,17-24/

Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66

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