NOVEMBER 5, 2023 WELCOME TO THE PASTORATE OF **ST. THOMAS AQUINAS & OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**

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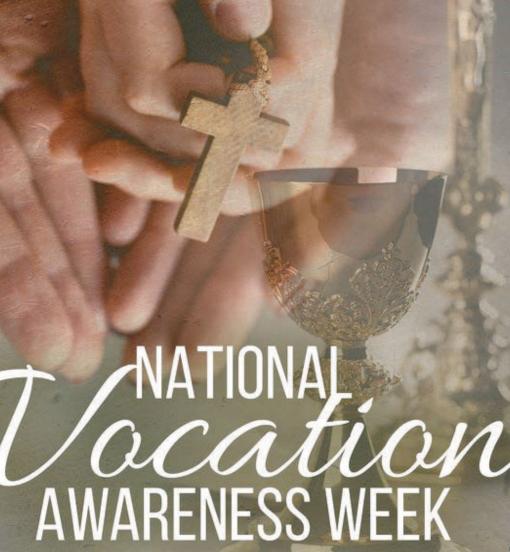


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Señor, consérvame en tu paz. Salmo 130



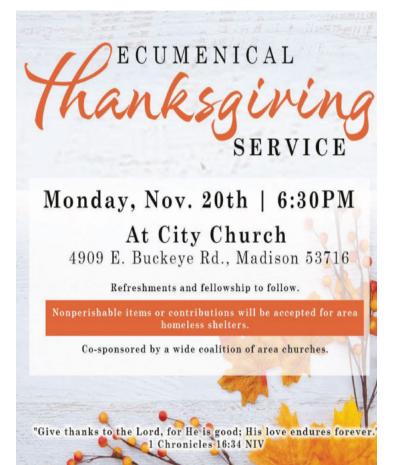
Pastorate #21: St. Thomas Aquinas & Queen of Peace

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS/QUEEN OF PEACE MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass		
4:30 PM—STA	5:00 PM—QP	
Sunday Masses		
8:00 AM-STA	8:00 AM-QP	
10:00 AM—STA	9:30 AM—QP	
1:00 PM—STA (Spanish)	11:15 AM—QP	
Weekday Masses		
Monday		
8:30 AM—STA	8:30 AM—QP	
Tuesday		
5:30 PM—STA	8:30 AM—QP	
Wednesday		
8:30 AM—STA	8:30 AM-QP	
Thursday		
7:30 AM—STA	8:30 AM-QP	
Friday		
8:30 AM—STA	8:30 AM-QP	
10:00 AM—at Attic Angel (2 nd & 4 th) or		
10:00 AM—at Oakwood (1 st & 3 rd)		
Reconciliation		
Saturday		

Saturday 3:15-4:10 PM—STA

3:45-4:30 PM—QP



From Fr. Brian Wilk, Parochial Administrator Dear Friends:

This past Wednesday we celebrated the great Solemnity of All Saints. Like the cloud of holy witnesses in heaven, we are all called to holiness and through God's mercy, we have the ability to achieve it. St. Francis de Sales said it so beautifully. "All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness, no matter in what condition of life we live and no matter what our life work may be." Likewise, St. Therese of Lisieux wrote, "Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."

A share in the divine life is our purpose; it is why we have been created. Being a child of God, being part of the Church's mission and having an eternal future with Christ are the truths that linked the saints. For us, living these truths will link us to them. The saints teach us that holiness, heroic holiness, is possible for anyone with the grace of God. As St. Francis of Assisi said, "Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society."

Have a blessed and saintly week.

Fr. Brian



DIOCESE OF MADISON Divorce Support Ministry

In an effort to support divorced Catholics in the Diocese of Madison, a Women's and a Men's Divorce Support Group are offered. The groups will use the book: *Divorced. Catholic. Now What?* and seek to offer support, guidance, and time in prayer. These are "open groups," which means you can join any time. The groups are offered to any divorced Catholic in the diocese of Madison. Light refreshments will be served. The books will be available for purchase.

Women's Divorce Support Group 2nd Monday of the month

Men's Divorce Support Group 3rd Monday of the month

Holy Name Heights Community Room 702 S. High Point Road, Madison, 6:30-8pm

If you have questions about the group for yourself, a friend, a family member, or a loved one, contact Amy at *amy.klarkowski@madisondiocese.org*.

Words from Dcn. Jerome

Gospel Reflection—Matthew 22:34-40 by Dcn. Jerome

As this year's session of the Synod on Synodality came to a close, Pope Francis recently spoke to the Synod members about the dangers of clericalism, saying "Clericalism is a thorn, it is a scourge, it is a form of worldliness that defiles and damages the face of the Lord's bride; it enslaves the holy, faithful people of God." But what is clericalism? Bishop Thomas Zinkula offers a simple definition of clericalism: "Clericalism is an exaggeration of the role of the clergy to the detriment of the laity." Father Donald Cozzens describes clericalism as "an attitude found in many clergy who put their status as priests and bishops [ed. note: and deacons!] above their status as baptized disciples of Jesus Christ. In doing so, a sense of privilege and entitlement emerges in their individual and collective psyche. This, in turn, breeds a corps of ecclesiastical elites who think they're unlike the rest of the faithful."

Today's readings are a warning to those of us in the clergy that we are to be servants and have a servant's heart. Clericalism is nothing new, it is on display in today's first reading from Malachi and in our Gospel regarding the scribes and Pharisees widening their phylacteries, lengthening their tassels and seeking places of honor. But clericalism isn't just an issue for clergy; it also affects laity when they abrogate their authority and voice as baptized members of the priesthood of the faithful. As Fr. Michael Papesh puts it, "the laity have the right and duty to express their opinions in the ordering of the Church." Over the next year, the participants from the synod will be returning to their dioceses, orders, and parishes to engage the faithful in fruitful discussion before next October's synodal session – a perfect time to make one's voice heard.

To combat clericalism, clergy and laity need to recognize, embrace and promote our common identity through baptism, and our mission as disciples of Christ. If we can prayerfully recognize our common purpose in spreading the Gospel and recognize our equal partnership in the Church's work, that will go a long way to eradicating clericalization. As Jesus tells us in our Gospel today, we have but one teacher and we are all brothers and sisters.



Baptism Preparation Classes

Interested in having your child baptized? Classes are offered on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Contact Dcn. Jerome for

classes in English at *dcn.jerome@stamadison.org* or 608.833.2606. For classes in Spanish, contact Maira Rivera at *maira@stamadison.org* or 608.833.2606.

Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming

On November 19 at the 10 AM Mass, the St. Thomas Aquinas family will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcoming. . . what in the world are those? These are the rites in the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) in which the catechumens and the candidates for full communion in the Church are accepted and welcomed by the parish family as the they begin the catechetical sessions of the OCIA process. The Order of Christian Initiation tells us that the Rite of Acceptance (for unbaptized adults) is "of utmost importance. . . the candidates declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members." The Rite of Welcoming "welcomes baptized but previously uncatechized adults who are seeking to complete their Christian initiation through the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church."

We welcome all interested parishioners to join us in the Gathering Space at the beginning of Mass to celebrate these rites. Particularly powerful is the Signing of the Senses in which the sponsors sign the forehead, ears, eyes, lips, heart, shoulders, hands, and feet of the candidates. After the rite, the celebrant invites the catechumens and candidates to enter the church to celebrate with the community to which they have just been ritually accepted and welcomed.

I would like to thank the entire community for your warm welcome of these candidates and your ongoing participation in their preparation as they continue their journey of faith.



GIWINGTUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is November 28.

Christmas is right around the corner. That's right! Black Friday is November 24 and ads are already online to view. Then comes Cyber Monday. Are your lists ready for Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales? After you saved so much money on these sales, you can donate the savings on Giving Tuesday! This is your opportunity to give back and help others. The money donated on Giving Tuesday goes to support other nonprofit organizations. If you have any questions, please contact *holly@stamadison.org*.

Justice & Peace and Evangelization

Reflect and Act

Pope Francis applauds all efforts to care for creation in Laudate Deum, his Apostolic Exhortation released on Care for God's October 4th, when he says:



Creation Team

"Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture...Let us realize, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep *within society.* " (paragraph 71)

The Care for God's Creation Team thanks you for all you do to create a new culture that protects God's gift of creation. Consider joining us on Sunday, November 5, at 8:30 am in the St. Thomas Aquinas Upper Conference Room to help us plan for next year's activities. All are welcome. If you plan to attend and are not a current member, email Trudi Jenny at trudijenny@yahoo.com for the agenda. The meeting ends at 9:45 AM so all can attend the 10:00 AM Mass.

To read Laudate Deum, search Vatican.va in English, select Apostolic Exhortations, and click on Laudate Deum.

"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest. because the Lord is Sweetness Itself." - Pope St. Pius X



7 Sisters Ministry

Do you pray for our priests? Would you like to join a dedicated group of women who regularly pray for our priests?

The 7 Sisters Ministry is dedicated to regular, daily prayer for our priests. Come and learn more about the how and why of this beautiful ministry on Nov 19, 6:00 PM, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish library. For more information, please reach out to Linda Galang at lg9906968@gmail.com

Time to Order Your Resurrection Cemetery Wreath

Purchase your wreath online at *madisondiocese.org/wreath* before **November 10**. We'll place them on a stand, graveside. We make every effort to place them all before Thanksgiving, and we'll take them down in the spring.





Eucharistic Revival Invite

6 Do you have a devotion to the Eucharist? Would you like to encourage that devotion in others? Do you long for others to experience Jesus as deeply

through the Eucharist as you do?

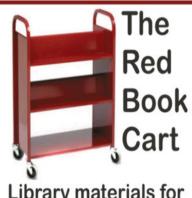
Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith: his Real Presence in the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery. (Source: https://www.eucharisticrevival.org)

We at St. Thomas Aquinas have responded to the invitation to incorporate the Eucharistic Revival into our parish life and, in the spirit of Into the Deep, are looking to grow our team by partnering with Our Lady Queen of Peace. Will you consider joining us? You are invited to learn more about the Eucharistic Revival by joining us for an informational session on Monday, November 6th, from 6:30-8:00 PM in the QP Gathering Area. Please come to learn more and see if the Holy Spirit is calling you to help bring an appreciation of the Eucharist to others in new ways. Refreshments will be provided.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Ludtke at 608-833-2606 or jennifer@stamadison.org.

The Red Book Cart

Readers of the parish, rejoice! The library red book cart has returned! Look for the red cart to appear periodically (librarian joke!) in the Gathering Space with materials relevant to the liturgical season or celebration. Please come and check out the material figuratively and literally! And don't forget to visit the Parish Library for additional material.



A project of St. Thomas Aquinas Library

The library is located just off the gathering area. Any member of Pastorate 21 can check out books or materials for a period of thirty days.

OPEN Hours:

Monday to Thursday, 9 am to 5 pm Friday, 9 am to 12 noon Saturday, 11 am to 6 pm Sunday, 7 am to 2:30 pm

Library materials for the season to help you grow your faith.

Scam Alerts—Reminder!

As we approach the holiday season, please remember that Fr. Brian Wilk (or any clergy) will not call, text, or email you with gift card or money transfer solicitation requests. Please feel free to call the parish office if you want to double check on a request you may receive.

What Does an Email/Text Scam Look Like?

The bogus emails/texts often include the pastor's name or a staff member's name and a legitimate-looking email address. But a closer look should raise some red flags. For example, the email address isn't the one normally used by the pastor or the parish, and the service provider is different, too (ex. @gmail.com). The text message may come from an international phone number. The message may begin with a simple "Hi," but doesn't include a recipients' name. There also may be spelling errors, including the pastor's name.

How Does the Scam Work?

The imposter asks you to buy a popular gift card frequently, iTunes, Google Play, or Amazon — and then asks for the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let the scammer immediately get the money you loaded onto the card. And once that's done, the scammer and your money are gone, usually without a trace.

What Should I Do if I receive a message like this?

- Do not open the email
- Do not respond to the email.
- Do not click any links or open any message attachments.
- Block the contact if you are able.
- Just HIT DELETE.

If you or someone you know paid a scammer with a gift card, report it as soon as possible. Call the store/company and tell them the gift card was used in a scam. Then, tell the <u>Federal Trade Commission</u> about it. Your reports may help law enforcement agencies launch investigations that could stop imposters and other fraudsters in their tracks.

Tips on Recognizing a Scam

Here are a few tips on how to protect yourself from these types of scams:

- Never give out or confirm personal information over the phone, via email or on a website until you've checked out who is asking you for it.
- Do not trust a name, phone number, or email address just because it seems to be familiar. Con artists use official-sounding titles and may fake a caller ID or email address to gain your trust.
- If the email phone call, or text message seems fishy, it probably is. Contact the parish office to verify their request.
- Never click on any attachment from a suspicious sounding email or emails from people you are not familiar with.
- Our parish official projects, fundraisers, and appeals are accompanied by mailed letters, bulletin articles, posters, announcements, etc. Random e-mails and texts asking for money in ANY form is usually a scam.

As always, please feel free to call the parish office if you want to verify a message: 608.833.2600

Faith & Family



2023-24 Faith Formation—November

High School Youth: Sundays 5-7PM

Nov. 5 God in Media Nov. 12 Circle of Grace Nov. 19 Stewardship

PK/EL Tuesday & Wednesday 4-5:30PM & 6-7:30PM

November 7&8, 14&15, 28&29

MS Youth: Wednesdays 6-7:30PM

Nov. 8 What is the Eucharist? Nov. 15 Circle of Grace Nov. 22 NO CLASS Nov. 29 Why stare at the white host?

Faith Formation Office

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

Young Adults

If you are interested in more information on Young Adults, contact Robert Rosa-Cruz at *robert@stamadison.org*.



Trunk or Treat on October 25



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 4 St. Charles Borromeo
Bishop
4:30 PM Melanie Ertz♥
Sunday, November 5 Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week

8:00 AM Richard Skubal 10:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas & Our Lady Queen of Peace Parishioners

1:00 PM Irene Martinez and Marcos Albat

Monday, November 6 8:30 AM Roberto Vergara *

Tuesday, November 7 5:30 PM Rosemary Johnson *

Wednesday, November 8 8:30 AM Dorothy and Howard Rather \$

Thursday, November 9 7:30 AM Virginia Ruzicka †

Friday, November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Jan McGinley♥

Saturday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

4:30 PM Marge & Leo Conrad \$

Sunday, November 12 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Phillip Kessel 10:00 AM Clarence and Beulah Reimer 1:00 PM Alicia Pazynski

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Mal 1:14-2:2,8-10/Ps 131:1-3/ 1Thes 2:7-9,13/Mt 23:1-12 Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36/ Lk 14:12-14 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1-3/Lk 14:15-24 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1-2,4-5,9/ Lk 14:25-33 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2,88-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9/ 1 Cor 3:9-11,16-17/Jn 2:13-22 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/Ps 145:2-5,10-11/ Lk 16:9-15 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mt 25:1-13

Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2023 Year Goals	\$1,421,000	\$405,000
2023 Year Totals	\$1,156,931	\$337,011
Week 1 10/1/2023	\$20,557	\$1,004
Week 2 10/8/2023	\$20,310	\$550
Week 3 10/15/2023	\$14,262	\$7,078
Week 4 10/22/2023	\$11,564	\$2,105
October ACH 10/24/2023	\$39,531	\$5,582
Week 5 10/29/2023	\$24,066	\$1,694
October 2023 Totals	\$130,290	\$18,013
October 2023 Goals	\$113,500	\$60,000

STA Respect Life Month Diocesan Collection: \$2,201

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

Counter Schedule

November 6: Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld November 13: Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Prayers

November 5th Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

For The Pope, we pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit; *We pray to the Lord*.

For the sick, suffering, and those near death: May they receive adequate care which embraces their physical, psychological, and spiritual needs as they journey toward eternal life; *We pray to the Lord*.

For all suffering the ravages of war throughout the world that they may be spared further horrors and find food and safe shelter; *We pray to the Lord*.



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