MARCH 31, 2024 WELCOME TO THE PASTORATE OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS & OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

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This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118 Éste es el día del triunfo del Señor. Aleluya. Salmo 117

Pastorate of 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 10:00 AM—STA 1:00 PM—STA (Spanish)	8:00 AM—QP 9:30 AM—QP 11:15 AM—QP		
Weekday Masses Monday			
8:30 AM—STA Tuesday 5:30 PM—STA	8:30 AM—QP 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) 10:00 AM—at Oakwood (1 st & 3 rd)			
Reconciliation Saturday			

3:15-4:10 PM—STA

Adoration

Mondays: 2:00-4:00 PM—STA NOT on 4/1 Tuesdays: 4:15-5:10 PM—STA Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM—STA



Words from Fr. Brian Wilk Parochial Administrator An Easter Reflection

As we go through life, we all experience little deaths. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, loneliness, sadness and despair. In times like these the world closes in on us, and we seem to have one foot in the grave. But we also experience little resurrections. When we know love, acceptance, and forgiveness, when we open our hearts to others and to life, the world opens up and we emerge from the tomb. Lord, may the splendor of your resurrection scatter the shadows of death, and enable us to walk in radiant hope towards the kingdom where there are no more shattered hopes and broken dreams. On behalf of Fr. Brian, Msgr. Jim, and Fr. Jay, and the staffs of Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. Thomas Aquinas Parishes, may you have a joyful and hope-filled Easter. He is Risen! Alleluia!

Monday, April 1 Mass at 8:30 AM STA OFFICES CLOSED

Easter Reflection by Dcn. Jerome

Alleluia! He is risen! Happy Easter! Like so many things, we can learn a bit about something by looking at its name. Most of the western world uses some form of the Latin word "pascha" (Passover) as the name for this holiday; for example, Pascua (de Resurrección) in Spanish. This certainly has biblical roots, linking Christ's "Passover" to the Passover in the book of Exodus, with its many associated connections, such as the sacrificial lamb, the blood on the doorposts, and the movement from slavery to salvation. It is a most appropriate word for the mystery we celebrate today, connecting the resurrection with previous events in salvation history.

3:45-4:30 PM—QP

So where did the Anglo-Saxons come up with "Easter?" Well, according to etymologists, it comes from a proto-Germanic word "austron," which meant "dawn," also, a very accurate word to describe this holy day, especially if you use the alternate term "sunrise" ('son-rise'). Sun(son)rise also marks the beginning of a new day, with the bright daylight defeating the dark night. There is yet another meaning to the word "Easter" – it is also linked to the name of an old English goddess, "Eostre," who was the goddess of sunrise, spring and fertility and so, the goddess of new life, the goddess of spring rebirth after the death of winter. Christianity took this element of meaning, "new life after death" and connected it with the sacrificial death and glorious resurrection of Jesus on Easter.

So, whether you call it Pascua or Easter, new Passover or Sonrise, we rejoice in the same miracle on this most holy day! Celebrate!

Music & Liturgy Corner

Easter Vigil

The celebration of Easter begins at dusk on Holy Saturday with the celebration of the Easter Vigil. This most holy night celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our journey with Christ through Lent ends with a celebration of new life. Christ triumphs over death and we share in His great triumph. As we bless the Easter fire and Easter candle, we will also celebrate the gift of Baptism, and through it, our own entrance into the Christian family. We celebrate the great Sacraments of Initiation as we welcome the newest members of our church: we celebrate with our Elect, the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion, and we welcome our OCIA candidates into full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

Easter Season

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of the Alleluia. (General Norms, 22)

The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. At Mass on Easter Sunday, a double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response. The sequence, Victimae Paschali, is mandatory on Easter Sunday, and is sung following the second reading, before the singing of the Alleluia! We renew our Baptismal Promises, confirming our commitment to Christ and His Church, and are sprinkled with Holy Water, celebrating our new birth made possible through Christ's victory over sin and death! During the Easter Season, the Sprinkling Rite may take the place of the Penitential Rite at Mass as a continuing reminder of our new birth in Christ.



A Season of Thanks

During Lent, the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), and the Easter Season, many people offer their time, talent, and treasure to support the prayer and

work of our parish community. I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to our Parish Choir, Spanish Choir, Parish Cantors, Accompanists (Will Preston & Katrina Welborn), and the Brian Whitty Brass Ensemble; our Sacristans, Art & Environment Team, Flower Arrangers, and all those who help to create a beautiful and inspiring space for us as we gather for prayer; our Live-Stream Team, Liturgical Ministers, STA Parish Staff Members, and all who work behind the scenes to bring us together; and to our faithful and wonderful priests, Fr. Brian Wilk, Fr. Jay Poster, Msgr. Jim Gunn, and Fr. Brian Dulli. All these folks have given much of their time and talent to help us to pray so well during these celebrations. A word of thanks to all of you, our family members and friends, for joining us today in prayer, and for your support of our beloved St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. Please know that you are always welcome here at St. Thomas Aquinas and we look forward to seeing you here again for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. May we always be a place where people can experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live! Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples. Easter Blessings.

Easter Flowers

In this quarter's giving envelope packets you will find an envelope for Easter Flowers Offering. Donations from these envelopes go toward the beautiful Easter flowers and décor in the church, which we will use to decorate the sanctuary this Easter season. Help make our worship space beautiful for our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus and throughout the Easter season!

The back of the envelope has a place where you can fill in the name of a loved one to honor in remembrance of your gift. Names shared on these envelopes will be memorialized in the bulletin in April. If you would like to make a donation and include an honoree in the bulletin, please turn in your envelope, or cut out the form below, and drop it in the offertory by April 7th. Thank you for your generosity!

Easter Flower	r Offering
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Amount: \$	0
Donation From: Name:	
Address:	
In loving honor/memory of:	

Upcoming Events at STA & around the Diocese



Please RSVP to the APD by emailing APD@madisondiocese.org or calling (608)821-3050

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to Hospitals and Care Facilities Training Workshop

Sunday, April 28 at 11:15am–2:30pm

Join us for Mass at 10:00am

St. Thomas Aquinas Church 602 Everglade Drive Madison, WI 53717

Register by phone 608-833-2600x4864 or email judy@stamadison.org

Fr. Pat Norris, OP, longtime priest chaplain and medical ethicist for St. Mary Hospital, and former pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, will offer an overview of the Diocese of Madison Norms for the Use of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We will then explore the specific considerations of visiting patients in the hospital and hospice residential facilities. This training workshop is designed to equip EMHC with the confidence and skills needed to navigate these unique settings.

The faithful who are ill are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community. In bringing Communion to them the Extraordinary Minister of Communion /EMHC] represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick, the reception of Communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Christian community for its members who are ill. Pastoral Care for the Sick





PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US FOR A 4 PART SERIES: ADDRESSING OUR SUICIDAL LOSSES WITH THE HELP OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH.

AT HOLY NAME HEIGHTS 702 S. HIGH POINT RD. MADISON, WI 53719

OPTIONAL DINNER WILL BE OFFERED FROM 5 TO 6 PM. THE SERIES WILL BEGIN AT 6 PM

RSVP is not required, however is appreciated.

Please RSVP by filling out the form at https://apdmadisondiocese.com/ministry/ mental-illness/ or calling (608) 821-3050

DATES TUESDAYS APRIL 2ND APRIL 16TH APRIL 30TH MAY 14TH

Please note, there will be a separate group offered in the future for those who are interested in pastorally caring for others who are grieving a death by suicide.

(+) sponsored by the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities - Diocese of Madison



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive:April 6-7

For over fifty years, our Knights of Columbus councils have been steadfast in their dedication to supporting individuals in our community with intellectual disabilities. Through our ongoing fundraising efforts and generous donations, we have made a

Tootsie Roll Drive For Intellectually Disabled People

profound impact on the lives of countless children and adults facing unique challenges.

Next weekend, we will continue our mission of support and advocacy at St. Thomas Aquinas. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and make a difference.

If any students need additional service hours, we would love for you to join our efforts. Volunteering with us not only contributes to a worthy cause but also provides valuable experience. Please sign up below. Thank you for your continued support.

www.signupgenius.com/go/5080445AAA922A4FB6-48122255-tootsie#/

If you have any further questions feel to reach out to Grand Knight John Fox at *jmfox2000@gmail.com*.

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STA LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

April 6 - 21

Ways you can help

Select a BOOK-SHAPED TAG from the gathering space bulletin board & order the listed book

OR

Order from STA Amazon Wishlist with the following link: <u>https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IPYRDKRJARVYO</u>

OR

APRIL 20/21: Visit the Gathering Space table following all Masses for in-person ordering

OR

Donate your gently used Children's/Teen books

Requesting Catholic or Christian titles; value themes (i.e., kindness, love); and Spanish language or bilingual books



Monetary donations are always appreciated

STA Library donation policies are posted in the the library

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KELLY.SHARIFF@GMAIL.COM



HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY MINISTERIO DE ORACIÓN SANADORA

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The same miracle-working power that flowed from the life of Christ is available to you right now. We invite you to come tap into it.

Jesucristo es el mismo ayer, hoy y para siempre. El mismo poder milagroso que fluyó de la vida de Cristo está disponible ahora mismo. Lo invitamos a que venga a aprovecharlo.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF HEALING? ¿Necesita curación?

Come to the Chapel after Mass SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH & SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH Venga a la capia Después de la misa de la 1:00 p.m. DOMINGO 7 DE ABRIL



Pastoral Care



Saint Thomas Aquinas Care Team

Our parish care team seeks to aid those who are homebound or living alone to preserve a rich independent life style. We

offer friendly visits as well as phone contacts, assistance with household tasks and emotional support. We also offer respite relief and support to family caregivers so they may rest and relax while their loved ones have a friendly visitor from our parish.

Our team members are volunteers from our parish who have been interviewed, screened, background checked and trained by Catholic Charities. In addition our care team members meet every other month for some spiritual renewal, sharing and education. We are here for you. To learn more about how our team could support you or how to be a member of our parish care team please call our parish office at (608) 833-2600

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 or Erik Gyr at 608.833.2600 or *Erik@stamadison.org*

AARP Smart Driver Course

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Our Lady Queen of Peace will be hosting the AARP Smart Driver Course on Thursday, April 11 from 9am-1pm in the lower level of the parish center. Learn safe driving strategies and hit the road with confidence this Spring!

Please call 608-231-4600 to register for this course. The cost of this class is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Crystal Nemeth, parish nurse, at 608-231-4614. Thank you!



STA Pastoral Council

St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Council Election

We need your help in beginning the process to elect three new members to our Pastoral Council. Being a council member provides an opportunity to help set the course for our parish family.

The role of Parish Council member is to advise and confer with Fr. Brian concerning ideas and activities involving the parish. We are looking for nominees willing to share ideas and creativity as they work with Fr. Brian, other council members, and commissions. Typically, the council meets nine times a year, September to June, for about an hour and a half.

If the role of Pastoral Council member fits you or someone you know, please complete the nomination form and return it in the office mail slot in the Gathering Area. The election will be held on April 27-28 during all masses. Thank you for your help!

Pastoral Council Nomination Form

Nominee _____

Nominee's Phone Number

Why would you or your nominee be a good Pastoral Council member?

Name of person submitting nomination

Telephone number of person submitting nomination

Justice & Peace and Outreach



Deepen Your Love for God's Creation

During this Easter Season, consider joining us for the acclaimed JustFaith series, "Sacred Land: Food and Farming," and deepen your love for God and His Creation.

A graduate of the program says: "Participating in the JustFaith Sacred Land program will color the way I live and steward God's creation for the rest of my life."

We will learn how food and farming practices affect the climate crisis, marginalized communities, and our own health and spiritual wellbeing. We will discover practical ways to implement sustainable food and farming practices in the communities and institutions of which we are a part.

We will read and discuss Robin Wall Kimmerer's (Potawatomi) Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants; Pope Francis' Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home, and use Elizabeth Roberts' and Elias Amidon's Earth Prayers as a resource.

What better way to celebrate the Easter Season! We will offer this 8-session series at St. Thomas Aquinas Church weekly on Monday nights from 6-8 pm, starting on April 8. St. Thomas will cover the registration fee. Participants are responsible for purchasing or borrowing the books. If you are interested in joining us, contact Trudi Jenny, *trudijenny@yahoo.com*. Deadline for registration is April 3.

Care for God's Creation Rejoice!



We rejoice in Christ's Resurrection and pray that although we may not have accomplished all that we prom-

ised during our Lenten journey we

Care for God's Creation Team

drew closer to Jesus. May our experience of Easter joy be enhanced by the beauty of spring and all of God's creation.

"As persons of faith, this time of year is stunning. If we allow ourselves even a moment of contemplation, we can be humbled and overwhelmed by the beautiful mystery of the reawakening of creation. Our hearts lift with joy as the harbingers of sun and warmth work their springtime magic in us once again, leading us to thank and praise the Holy Mystery – whose love and power should never cease to amaze us, and never be taken for granted." --Catholic Health Association

We encourage you to talk a walk, marvel at God's presence among His gifts of creation, and renew your commitment to taking better care of these gifts.



Letters from STA's St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference receives all types of requests for assistance

from our neighbors. Many of the poor, including those working, spend a large portion of their income on rent leaving little money left for other essentials. Here is the story of one of our neighbors in need.

Last month our parish SVDP conference received a request from an $\frac{8}{83}$ year old man who lives alone in an apartment on Regent Street. He asked if we could pay for shoes that he needed. His sole income is from Social Security, and over 70% of it goes towards his monthly rent. He has been wearing the same pair of shoes for 12 years, and they were in very bad shape. Because of arthritis, his shoe size is unusual, and our thrift stores had nothing that would fit him. After accompanying him to several shoe stores, we found one that had shoes that fit. The next day, he texted us "You can't imagine how good it feels to be wearing shoes that don't need to be repaired!" The financial support that our parish family provides to us allows us to help our elderly neighbors with needs such as this. Thank you! ~Mike Meehan

Preparedness for Active Assailant & Violence within the Community

The Dane County Sheriff's Office & St. Thomas Aquinas Parish invite you to attend this Preparedness training presented by Dane County Deputy Josalyn Longley and Retired Deputy Cindy Holmes.

The training is for adults and is FREE!

Tuesday April 9th 6:00-8:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas



- The average Active Assailant event lasts 4-8 minutes.
- Over 70% of Active Assailant incidents are over in 5 minutes or less.
- National average for law enforcement response is 3–6 minutes.

Plan and Prepare!

Contact Holly Irving to reserve your spot! 608-833-2600 or *holly@stamadison.org*.

QP & STA Support the Jesuit Mission in Mexico

Bats'il Maya Coffee and Crafts Available at STA

the Second Sundays of the Month

In January of 1996, the Social Action Committee of Our Lady Queen of Peace developed a "sister parish" relationship with the Jesuit Mission in Bachajon, Chapas, Mexico. The goals of this relationship are:

- 1) To enrich the faith lives of the QP parishioners through close contact with our brothers and sisters of another culture and economic reality and a strong faith.
- 2) To support the clergy of the Jesuit mission in their work for the development of the spiritual and physical well-being in the members of their parishioners.

One of the ways through which Queen of Peace provides enrichment is through the selling of the coffee that the people in the mission grow and prepare for sale. There is also a group of artisans who produce beautiful, colorful needlework crafts that are offered for sale on the same weekends as when coffee is sold.

Bats'il Maya Coffee and craft items will soon be available for sale at St. Thomas Aquinas on the second Sunday of the month after Masses. It will also be available for sale at Our Lady Queen of Peace's hospitality weekends, the third Sunday of the month. Please stay tuned for more information on this exciting ministry!!



Above: 1) The final certified organic product available in beans or ground coffee; 2) Drying the coffee beans before they are shelled and roasted; 3) Fr. Bill Nolan blessing rosaries made by his parishioners and brought to Chiapas by a group of visitors from Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Faith & Family



2023-24 Faith Formation—April

High School Youth: Sundays 5-7PM March 31 NO CLASS—EASTER

April 7—We are Easter People April 14—Adult Talk April 21—Highlights April 28—End of Year Celebration

MS Youth: Wednesdays 6-7:30PM

April 3—Service Project April 10—Guest Speaker April 17—Highlights April 24—TBD

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

April 2&3, 9&10, 16&17, 23&24

Faith Formation Office 608-833-2606

Robert Rosa-Cruz x4860 Maira Rivera x4868 Terri Kopplin x4862

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Young Adult Ministry

For information, contact Robert Rosa-Cruz at: *robert@stamadison.org*.



FOR GRADES 9-12

Attend an upcoming information meeting to learn how to apply!

RSVP at ChestertonQofM.com

Informational Sessions: April 2 at 6:00pm • May 8 at 7:00pm June 3 at 7:30pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday				
7:30 PM Joan Buscemi Φ				
Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday				
8:00 AM Andy Coombs [†]				
10:00 AM Jim Kozlovsky \$				
10:15 AM St. Thomas Aquinas & Our Lady				
Queen of Peace Parishioners				
1:00 PM Patricia Gauley *				
Monday, April 1				
8:30 AM Patrick John O'Conner 🕈				
Tuesday, April 2				
5:30 PM Lorna Wilson 🕈				
Wednesday, April 3				
8:30 AM Cornell Meinholz†				
Thursday, April 4				
7:30 AM Angelina Maldonado y Francisca				
Villalba				
Friday, April 5				
8:30 AM Pat Jagoe�				
10:00 AM (Oakwood) Del Kaiser�				
Saturday, April 6				
4:30 PM Appleton & Rakow Families				
Sunday, April 7 Second Sunday of Easter				
(Divine Mercy)				
8:00 AM Janice McGinley ₱				
10:00 AM Thomas Powell♥				
1:00 PM St. Thomas Aquinas & Our Lady				

Queen of Peace Parishioners

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11/ Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-27a/ Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-21/ Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2024 Year Goals	\$1,531,500	\$280,000
2024 Year Totals	\$346,267	\$47,932
Percent of Goal Reached (YTD)	22.61%	17.12%
Week 1 3/3/2024	\$24,474	\$1,395
Week 2 3/10/2024	\$16,506	\$1 ,03 4
Week 3 3/17/2024	\$15,934	\$1 ,309
Week 4 3/24/2024	\$18,871	\$4 70
ACH March 3/26/2024	\$39,085	\$5,342
Week 5/ Easter 3/31/2024		
March 2024 Totals	\$114,869	\$9,550
March 2024 Goals	\$135,000	\$38,000

*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

TUESDAY, April 2: Allen, Baxter, Dulli, Ihlenfeld

Monday, April 8: Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Prayers

March 31st Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

May the glory of the Resurrection inspire lasting hope in all who work to protect human life; *We pray to the Lord.*

May the joy and hope found in Jesus' Resurrection inspire all to share His message with those in such need of His love; *We pray to the Lord.*



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