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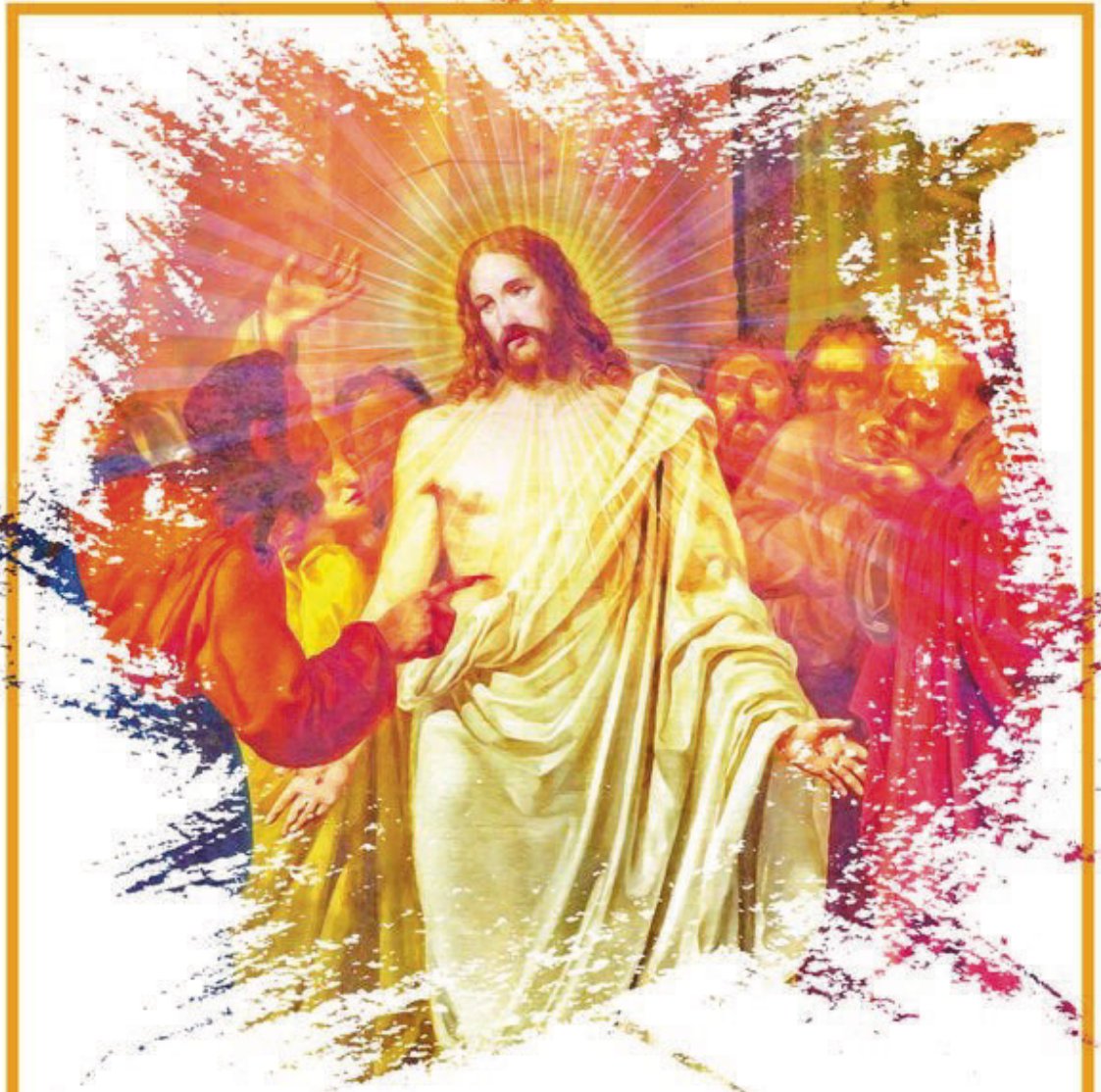
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"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
AND HAVE BELIEVED." —JN 20:29

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

"DICHOSOS LOS QUE CREEN SIN HABER
VISTO". —JN 20, 29

2^º DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. Psalm 118
La misericordia del Señor es eterna. 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 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 (2nd & 4th)

10:00 AM—at Oakwood (1st & 3rd)

Reconciliation

Saturday

3:15-4:10 PM—STA 3:45-4:30 PM—QP

Adoration

Mondays: 2:00-4:00 PM—STA

Tuesdays: 4:15-5:10 PM—STA

Fridays: 9:00-10:00 AM—STA



Words from Fr. Brian Wilk Parochial Administrator

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading gives us much more to consider besides the question of doubt. Jesus shows his hands and side twice in this Gospel for two purposes: to authenticate that he is indeed the crucified Jesus, and to confirm that he is not an apparition or a ghost.

While Jesus says that those who believe without seeing are blessed, the faith of the Church rests upon that of the Apostles, who themselves believed because of their interactions with the resurrected Christ. In his writing *Desiderio desideravi*, Pope Francis reminds us that the resurrection cannot merely remain an event of the past that we have no personal access to. If we are not given the possibility of a true encounter with Him, then our faith could not exist. Each of us need to have our own encounter with the risen Christ. In the words of Pope Francis, “it is the liturgy that guarantees for us the possibility of such an encounter.”

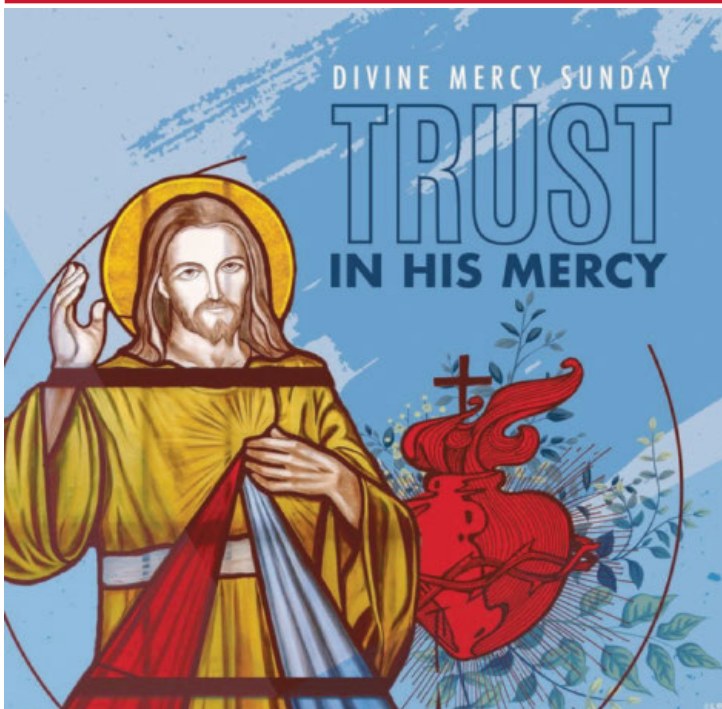
Today is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day for us to consider, in a distinct way, the gift of God’s mercy in our lives and our openness to it. It is also a day to consider how we might become more merciful to those around us. Pray for God’s mercy. Pray for the grace to bring that mercy into the world.

Fr. Brian

Gospel Reflection of John 20:19-31 by Dcn. Jerome Buhman

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. What is mercy? If you look it up, you might find it means compassion or pity. But that’s not quite right. Compassion & pity are emotions, something you feel. Mercy is active; it is something you do – as in an act of mercy. Mercy is an act of love, not just for someone who deserves it, but perhaps most especially for those who do not. The greatest act of mercy in history was what we celebrated last week on the death & resurrection of Jesus. That is mercy. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit breathed out by Jesus that we find the source of divine mercy.

Jesus asks us, no, commands us here today, to share that merciful love with others. But we are only human, and God knows that sometimes we will fail to do so -- perhaps through indifference, pride, prejudice, or fear. These things prevent us from spreading God’s mercy. So, this week, let us ask ourselves, “To whom can I be a conduit of God’s mercy, and what things in my life are preventing me from doing so?”





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Training

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
6-8PM
St. Thomas Aquinas**

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HAPPEN
HERE**



- 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.

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

Sunday, April 28

11:15AM – 2:30PM

Join us for Mass at 10:00am
St. Thomas Aquinas Church

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

AARP Smart Driver Course

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, QP Parish Nurse, at 608-231-4614.

Thank you!



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 maira@stamadison.org or 608.833.2606.



Care for God's Creation

Save the Date
Celebrate Earth Day
Saturday April 20 at 5:30PM



Care for God's
Creation Team

Join us on Saturday, April 20 after the 4:30 Mass to share in our **Tasting Tables Event!** We will be serving eight different vegetarian meals for you to taste. Check out each of the tables, take a sample, talk with the parishioner who made the dish and then enjoy with fellow parishioners! We will have copies of the recipes for you to take and will display them if you prefer to snap a photo!

We thank everyone who explored eating more vegetarian meals during their Lenten journey! We hope this event will encourage us all to continue this habit as we recognize that "Every day is Earth Day".

Why eat more vegetarian meals? "The Environmental Defense Fund reports that if each American replaced chicken with plant-based foods at just one meal per week, the carbon dioxide savings would be the same as taking more than half a million cars off U.S. roads." <https://fortune.com/2017/07/19/climate-change-vegan-vegetarian-diet-humane-society/>

And in *Laudato Si'* [9] Pope Francis "asks us to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which 'entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God's world needs. It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion.'"

Faith & Family



2023-24 Faith Formation—April

High School Youth: Sundays 5-7PM

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 10—Guest Speaker

April 17—Highlights

April 24—TBD

PK/EL Tuesday & Wednesday

4-5:30PM & 6-7:30PM

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

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Answer Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling through Wisconsin this June on its way to the National Eucharistic Congress. Make plans to join the pilgrimage as it enters into the **Diocese of LaCrosse on Friday, June 7**. For \$55 you can ride a deluxe motor-coach with other pilgrims from the Diocese of Madison from Holy Name Heights in Madison to downtown LaCrosse. We plan to join the procession as it travels through downtown LaCrosse to The LaCrosse Center for The Answer Eucharistic Rally. The rally will begin with Mass and feature speakers Chris Stefanick, Immaculée Ilibagiza, Josh Rosa, and Father Justin Kizewski along with music, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions, and more. For registration and more information visit madisondiocese.org/answer



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 8 The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 AM Fr. Cy Weisensel ☩

Tuesday, April 9

5:30 PM Millie Sorensen ☩

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Siegert/King Families ☩

Thursday, April 11 St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

7:30 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, April 12

8:30 AM Eimi Alba

Saturday, April 13 St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

4:30 PM The Unborn, Especially those in our
Country

Sunday, April 14 Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Peter & Connie Sahagian ☩

10:00 AM Melanie Ertz ☩

1:00 PM D. Aldo Pitassi ☩

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9
(7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Weekly Offertory Update

Weekend Offertory	Income*	MDCC & MDCC Endowment
2024 Year Goals	\$1,531,500	\$280,000
2024 Year Totals	\$367,372	\$49,014
Percent of Goal Reached (YTD)	23.99%	17.51%
Week 1 3/3/2024	\$24,474	\$1,395
Week 2 3/10/2024	\$16,506	\$1,034
Week 3 3/17/2024	\$15,934	\$1,309
Week 4 3/24/2024	\$18,871	\$470
ACH March 3/26/2024	\$39,085	\$5,342
Holy Thursday 3/28/2024	\$2,808	\$80
Week 5 Easter 3/31/2024	\$18,297	\$1,002
March 2024 Totals	\$135,974	\$10,632
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

Monday, April 8:

Degenhardt, Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Michalski, Neu

Monday, April 15:

Dulli, Ihlenfeld, Marx, Sawyer, Zingsheim

Prayers

April 7th Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

From the Pope Francis—

For the role of women:

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.
We pray to the Lord.

For those who have participated in an abortion and feel they have committed an unforgivable sin: May they come to know the Lord's limitless mercy, and turn to Him for forgiveness and healing;
We pray to the Lord.

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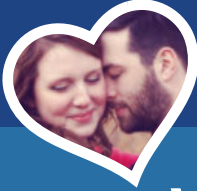
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