

*Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph ~ December 30, 2018*

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# St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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*321 N Van Eps Ave ~ Madison, SD 57042*



## *Kayser Line:*

This past week we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each day after Christmas we celebrate some significant feast days and they are as follows. The first one that we celebrate right after Christmas on December 26<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Stephen. St. Stephen is considered the very first Martyr in the Catholic Church. St. Stephen was a deacon in the Church who loved the Lord and serving the Church. Stephen died as Jesus did: falsely accused, brought to unjust condemnation because he spoke the truth fearlessly. He died with his eyes trustfully fixed on God, and with a prayer of forgiveness on his lips. A “happy” death is one that finds us in the same spirit, whether our dying is as quiet as Joseph’s or as violent as Stephen’s: dying with courage, total trust and forgiving love.

The second feast after the Nativity is St. John the Evangelist, also known as John the beloved. He is the Apostle that Jesus loved greatly and was the youngest of all the Apostles. He lived to a very ripe old age during which he counseled many communities on how to follow Christ, with open eyes and hearts to see what the Lord can do for them and their neighbor.

The third feast after the Nativity is the Feast of the Holy Innocents. This feast day comes about because of an extreme bout of fear that Herod had about someone else becoming King over him. So as a result of his fear he had every first-born male child two years and younger killed.

The fourth feast after the Nativity is the Feast of St. Thomas Becket of Canterbury. St. Thomas Becket was the youngest Chancellor of England and a priest and bishop who was murdered in his own cathedral because of his defense of marriage. To this day he is recognized as the Bishop who continues to be referred to when it comes to the defense of marriage.

The first Sunday after the Nativity is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This Holy family is the family that we are to model our family after. Knowing that we are flawed in every way we still can come to be like this family in every way.

Then a week after the Nativity of our Lord we celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Mother of God. We all have mothers and this Mother of Jesus is the most perfect Mother in the world and because of this she is also our most perfect mother as well.

Let us celebrate with joy each of these feast days, *especially the Solemnity of our Blessed Mother with it being equal to a Sunday*, therefore a day in which we are all called to go to Mass. God bless each of you and know of my prayers.

Love in JM&J  
Fr. DeWayne Kayser

P.S. We are still looking for someone to clean the church and do light maintenance work here at St. Thomas parish. If you are interested please give me a call.

## MASSES THIS WEEK

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 30, 2018

Monday	12/31	5:00 PM	Vigil Mary, Mother of God	†Jim Spielmann
Tuesday	1/01	10:00 AM	Mary, Mother of God	Pro Populo
Wednesday	1/02	No Mass		
Thursday	1/03	9:00 AM	Christmas Weekday	†Pat Jacobsen
Friday	1/04	9:00 AM	St Elizabeth Ann Seaton	For the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Saturday	1/05	9:00 AM	St John Neumann	Prayer Warriors
		5:00 PM	Vigil of the Epiphany	Kay Deremo
Sunday	1/06	8:00 AM	Epiphany of the Lord	†Duane Vlasman
		10:00 AM		Pro Populo & Reparation of the Clergy



### SCRIPTURE READINGS

for January 6, 2019  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
*Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3,5-6 Mk 2:1-12*

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Masses for the Holy Day of  
Obligation are:  
December 31 ~ Vigil Mass 5:00 PM  
January 1 ~ Mass at 10:00 AM



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Classes are held in the parish office on Thursdays  
at 7:00 PM. No class on January 3rd. RCIA will  
resume January 10th, the topic will be *Sacraments  
of the Vocations: Holy Orders and Marriage*.

### IN APPRECIATION

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church,  
Fr. Kayser & The Baby Guild,

Thank you for the service that you provide to the  
Madison community. Your thoughtfulness,  
kindness and caring are greatly appreciated! The  
baby box which we received after the birth of our  
son was appreciated! Your generosity does not  
go unnoticed!

God Bless,

The Symens: Cody Lindsay,  
Kinslees, Tegan & Nyx




### NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning December 31, 2018 the Parish Office will  
have new operating hours, Monday through Thursday  
from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed from 12:00-1:00).  
Offices will be closed on Friday.

### DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN

The deadline for submitting information to be added  
in the weekly bulletin will be Wednesday at 9:30 am.  
If you have an upcoming event to announce, send it  
in a few weeks prior to the event date. The  
announcement can be in the bulletin for a few weeks  
to spread the word.

### SCRIP CARDS

 *How does purchasing Scrip benefit you?* Even if  
you don't have a child at STS, Scrip is a benefit  
to everyone in the parish since it doesn't cost  
you anything more than you'd normally spend  
on purchases, but it helps the school be more  
self-sufficient! Purchasing Scrip raises money  
for the school and can help families with the cost of  
tuition.

### DAY OF RECOLLECTION

January 8th at The Abbey of the  
Hills. The Role of Healing in  
Evangelization will be the topic  
presented by Deacon Mike  
McKeown. The day begins at 10:00  
AM to 3:00 PM. There is no required cost for this  
event, a free will offering will be collected. Lunch is  
provided, Registration is required, call 398-9200 or  
go to [www.abbeyofthehills.org](http://www.abbeyofthehills.org).



## THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

Sunday	12/30	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Joyful Noise Choir Rosary (chapel) Scrip sold after all Masses
Monday	12/31		No School
Tuesday	1/01		Mary, Mother of God No School Parish Office Closed
Wednesday	1/02	7:00 AM 8:30 AM	Men's Faith Group (PO) Women's Faith Enrichment (CB) No School No CCD/EDGE
Thursday	1/03	11:25 PM 1:00 PM	Rosary (church) Quilters (RB) School Resumes No RCIA
Friday	1/04		Fr. Kayser on home visits
Saturday	1/05	4:00 PM 4:20 PM 4:35 PM	Confessions Divine Mercy Chaplet Rosary
Sunday	1/06	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Epiphany of the Lord Joyful Noise Choir Rosary (chapel)



### THE KEY TO MARY'S SUCCESS

Jesus loved his mother dearly, and his last thoughts on the Cross were of her. We know that she is in Heaven with God, but what did she do to earn this love and great reward?

When Mary agreed to become the mother of God, she may have expected an easy life but it was hard right from the beginning. She could have become disappointed or bitter. Instead, Scripture tells us that all Mary expected was the joy of doing God's will. **She put God's will before her own.**

When St. Joseph went to Bethlehem for the census, Mary didn't have to go. Yet she chose to go with Joseph as his wife. **She put Joseph's needs before her own.**

Once there, the couple slept in a barn or stable because there was no room at the inn. Instead of indulging in self-pity, Mary graciously received the shepherds and the Magi, who came to worship her baby. **She put their joy before her discomfort.**

Throughout her life, Mary said "yes" to God, put his will first and thought of others before herself. In return, she was crowned Queen of Heaven & Earth. If we follow her example, we will receive our reward in Heaven, too.

*~Growing in Faith*

### WANTED

St. Thomas Parish is seeking applications for a parish maintenance employee. This position for 25 hours per week, will be responsible for the custodial and maintenance of the church building. Duties include, but are not limited to; floor care, dusting, windows, restrooms, social hall, lighting maintenance, trash removal and other duties as assigned. Applications may be completed at the current Parish Office location, 321 Van Eps Ave.

### ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



Have you noticed the new statue of St. Michael that is placed between the church and school facing the parking lot? This statue and pedestal are a donation given to the church in memory of George and Jacqueline Vanhove by their children. Thank you for this very generous gift. May God bless you and may they rest in peace.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Vigil - Mary, Mother of God 12/31	
5:00 PM	Nic & Olivia Comes
Mary, Mother of God 1/01	
10:00 AM	Ember & Ashlyn Rustand
Weekday Mass 1/3-4	Annicka Smith, Macie Rinehart
Sat 1/05	
5:00 PM	Tyler & Jessica Tappe, Alejandra Vazquez
Sun 1/06	
8:00 AM	Hannah Vogel, Brittany & Will Splonskowski
10:00 AM	Allie & Nicholas Kappenman, Annicka Smith

## LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Vigil - Mary, Mother of God 12/31	
5:00 PM	Dan Sherban *Kevin Jaspers
Mary, Mother of God 1/01	
10:00 AM	Charlotte Groce *Mary Hart
Sat 1/05	
5:00 PM	Larry Calmus *Scott & Jeri Daniels *Sandy Tappe
Sun 1/06	
8:00 AM	Rod Pierson *Ken & Nancy Falor *Carol Shaver
10:00 AM	Travis Hubbell *Tom Nielsen * Ryan & Angie Kappenman

## USHERS

Sat 1/05 5:00 PM	Roger Eich, Don Maag Scott Williams, Marilou Scheafer
Sun 1/06 8:00 AM	Mike & Myra Ricke Nathan & Johnny Ricke
Sun 1/06 10:00AM	Larry Even, Jason Lurz Doug Spielmann, Volunteer

## MUSICIANS

Mon 12/31 5:00 PM	Tim Salmen
Tues 1/01 10:00 AM	Julie Lambert
Sat 1/05 5:00 PM	Kay Genzlinger
Sun 1/06 8 & 10 AM	Aisha Talley

## COFFEE & ROLLS ~ PLEASE JOIN US!

Group 8 serves this week. 12/30  
Group 9 serves next week. 1/06

## PARISH STAFF

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## PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

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St. Thomas School.....	256-4419
Church Basement.....	256-3039

## PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed from 12:00-1:00)  
Bookkeeper - Tuesday & Wednesday  
Secretary - Monday thru Thursday

## BAPTISM

Pre-Baptism Class required, held as needed.

## MARRIAGE

Diocesan regulations require six months preparation prior to the wedding. At least one partner must be a registered parishioner of St. Thomas Parish and be actively practicing the faith. Saturday weddings are scheduled no later than 1:30 PM. Please contact the priest before setting a wedding date.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to the community, please register at your earliest convenience at the parish office. We look forward to meeting you!

PARISH WEBSITE [www.sttha.org](http://www.sttha.org)