

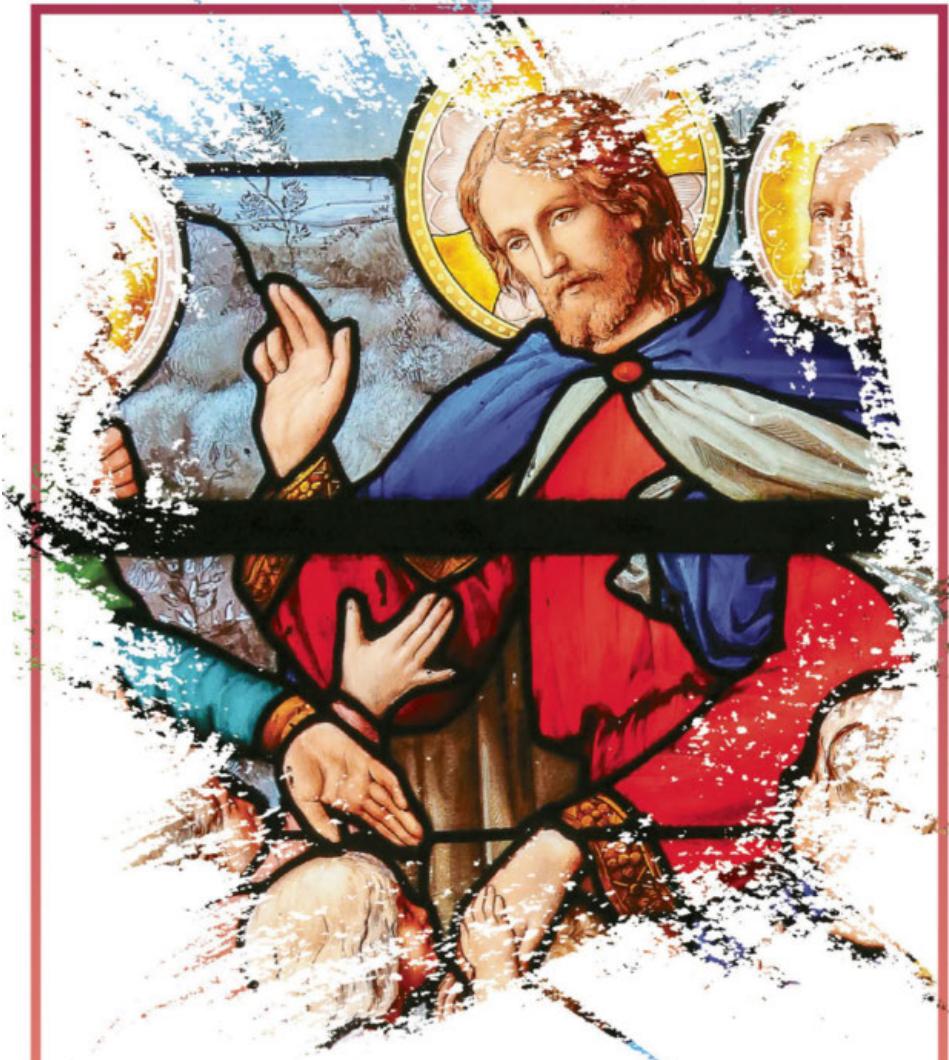
February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas Aquinas

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"FOR THE MEASURE WITH WHICH YOU MEASURE WILL IN RETURN BE MEASURED OUT TO YOU." - LK 6:38

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism. Parents who have never had a child baptized will need to receive preparation for this sacrament.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. or by appt.

Marriage:

Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment (at least 6 months in advance) before a date can be set.

Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion for the Homebound:

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

Funerals:

Please call the Parish Office prior to finalizing funeral arrangements.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

(Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 p.m.)

Wednesday 8:15 a.m. (School Mass)

Thursday 8:15 a.m.

Friday 8:15 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. — Luke 6:27-28

† REST IN PEACE †

Longtime parishioner **Janice H. "Jan" Ewing**, wife of longtime parishioner Bob Ewing, passed away on February 12, 2025. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Thomas Aquinas on Friday, February 21, 2025. May she rest in peace. And, may God's perpetual light shine upon her. Please pray for her and her family. Her obituary may be viewed at www.flannerbuchanan.com/obituaries.

Former longtime parishioner **John Juerling**, husband of former parishioner Gail Juerling, passed away on February 15, 2025. John played an instrumental role as the "architect" engineer and project manager in relocating the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry from St. Thomas Aquinas to its current location at 4202 Boulevard Place (opened in 2012). He was also the inventor of Sausage Fest and the original "Sausage King." A service was held at Hooverwood Tuesday, February 18, 2025. May he rest in peace. And, may God's perpetual light shine upon him. Please pray for him and his family. His obituary may be viewed at stevensmortuary.net.

James L. Kiesler, Sr., father of parishioner Jay Kiesler and father in-law of parishioner Wanda Kiesler, passed away on February 7, 2025. May he rest in peace. And, may God's perpetual light shine upon him. Please pray for him and his family.

Sister Constance "Connie" Kramer, SP, former STA Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Ministry from 1981-1983, passed away on January 30, 2025. May she rest in peace. And, may God's perpetual light shine upon her. Please pray for her and her family.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SIGN-UPS BEGIN FEBRUARY 22-23

STA's longstanding tradition of Lenten suppers will kick off March 7th and continue through the six Fridays in Lent. You can sign up to host or be a guest. Everyone pitches in to bring soup, salad or bread for a simple meal, and a Lenten discussion is led by the host. It's a great way to meet other people in the parish and build community. The more people you meet the more you'll feel at home at St. Thomas Aquinas. Soup suppers will be offered in parishioners' homes every Friday during Lent, and at least two will be hosted in the Bethany Room after Stations of the Cross.

Check your calendars and sign up after Masses starting Feb. 22-23 and continuing throughout Lent. If you would like to help coordinate or staff sign-ups, please contact Sue Kobets at 317-445-3223 or famkobets1@aol.com.

NEEDED ITEMS FOR BOULEVARD PLACE FOOD PANTRY

St. Vincent de Paul Boulevard Place Pantry appreciates your support both financially and with needed items such as non-perishable foods, baby needs, and home cleaning products. **Now that it is cold, there is a major need for canned chunky soups and canned chili!** Other current major needs include boxed rice, boxed mac and cheese, pasta meals, baby diapers (sizes 5T and 6T are in high demand), baby wipes, toilet paper, vegetable oil, and snack foods. Needed condiments are ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, and ranch dressing. As always, we need canned chicken soup, pasta, and sauces, too. Thank you for your continued support. You help bring joy to those we serve. Items may be placed in one of the food carts that are located in the Narthex. Or, for larger quantities of food, donations may be dropped off directly at the food pantry (4202 Boulevard Pl.) on Tuesday mornings from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Parish Life & Activities

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK – FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings: *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- Provide materials for each family member to cut out a paper heart. Invite everyone to think of one person in their life that is difficult to deal with and write the name of the person on their heart. Perhaps it is a colleague, classmate or relative. Once everyone has written a name, pray together asking God to bless these people.
- Think about how you live together as a family. Talk about how your family follows Jesus' teaching to "bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." Write these examples on a piece of paper and hang it in your home where it can serve as a reminder to always act with mercy.
- Jesus teaches that if we "give, gifts will be given" to us. Invite each family member to share about a time when they were generous or did an act of service and they received gifts in return. ~ *Our Sunday Visitor – Lifelong Catechesis*

2025 MINISTRY FAIR: MARCH 1st-2nd

St. Thomas Aquinas Needs You!

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our Parish, and we need your creativity and energy to help build our faith community. Do you like to work with young people, or sing or play an instrument? Are you good with numbers and finances? Do you feel called to help the poor, or visit the sick and homebound?

Please prayerfully consider the abundance of gifts God has given you and discern which ones you can share with our Parish community. Representatives of STA ministries will be on hand in the Narthex and Bethany Room after Masses March 1-2, to discuss volunteer opportunities and answer your questions. Please join us for the opportunity to learn about ways you can help our Parish be as vibrant and life-giving as it can be!

STA 2025 LENTEN MISSION: MARCH 9, 10, & 11

God Needs Storytellers

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Dinner Provided Monday and Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

During this 3-night Lenten Mission, Deacon Rick Wagner of St. Pius X will explore our baptismal obligation to evangelize. God is constantly tapping us on the shoulder, letting us know he is actively engaged in our lives. Unfortunately, many people do not recognize God's presence.

That is where *we* come in— God needs storytellers! Deacon Rick will explore our role as storytellers, answering questions such as:

- What do we mean by "storytelling?"
- Why is it important, especially now?
- Why types of stories should we be telling?

We must walk the walk *and* talk the talk. Please join us for this engaging, inspiring event!

TITHES & GIFTS

As of January 31, 2025 (FY 24-25)

Actual YTD	\$ 439,968
Budget YTD	\$ 454,461
Over/(Short)	\$ (14,493)
Haiti YTD	\$ 71,695
SVdP YTD	\$ 19,160
SVdP Pantry YTD	\$ 8,185

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SCAN TO GIVE



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you." (*Proverbs 25:21-22.*)

This Sunday's readings and next are interesting for me as a priest because, in the 40 years I have been a priest, it is very rare that we get to preach on these sets of readings. The reason for this is because Lent begins so late this year. The 7th and 8th Sundays of ordinary time fall before Ash Wednesday rather than after the Easter Season. You see, they usually arrive after Pentecost and get booted in favor of the solemnities of the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi, which both have their own set of good readings.

Let me remind you, even though I have mentioned earlier, about why Ash Wednesday is so late this year, some of you might wonder. This is because the start of Lent is always decided by when Easter is celebrated. Easter Sunday is always celebrated in the Catholic Church on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox in keeping with how Passover was calendared in ancient times. And so, it is rare for us priests to preach on the 7th Sunday of ordinary time. And this year it is more appropriate than any time in history because of what's going in our nation and many other nations in the world.

In the readings this weekend, we have the story of David who had his enemy in his grasp. Whether or not David realizes this even after Saul tries to kill him (and this isn't the first time), he treats him as a human being, a child of God, not as a monster. Instead of killing his adversary, he shows him mercy instead.

We have Jesus continuing His sermon on the plain in Luke's Gospel challenging us to love our enemies. This is perhaps the toughest challenge the Lord gives us in His ministry and yet Jesus practiced what he preached, dying on the cross for the atonement of our sins. Jesus isn't just teaching here. He is revealing himself and his mission. His mission is to love, in fact, to save, those who steal, who curse, who injure, who hate. Sinners. Us. He is revealing our mission as well. We must challenge, as Jesus did, the unjust and revengeful aggressor, or practices and if need give one's life for it. We are called, after all, to "bear the image of the heavenly one" (*1 Corinthians 15:49*). We are called to be Christ.

Parish Calendar with Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 22•

5:30 p.m. Mass for † Margaret Sue Barnes
(*Mimi Ventresca*)

Sunday, February 23• 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for † Todd Heckman
(*Karen & Bob Grenda*)

10:30 a.m. Mass STA Parishioners

Monday, February 24•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

Tuesday, February 25•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel
5:30 p.m. Mass with 5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, February 26•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel
8:15 a.m. School Mass

Thursday, February 27•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel
8:15 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer, Bosler Chapel

Friday, February 28•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel
8:15 a.m. Mass

Saturday, March 1•

5:30 p.m. Mass for † Keith Jennings (*Anne Belcher*)

Sunday, March 2• 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for † Patricia Harden
(*Dorycea Steiner*)
10:30 a.m. Mass for † Tom Brown
(*Mary Ellen Brown*)

Upcoming 2nd Collections:

- March 1-2: Church in Central and Eastern Europe
- March 8-9: Black and Indian Missions

ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 5th

Mass at 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Distribution of Ashes: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Parish Office

Readings for the Week of February 23, 2025

Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday:	Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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