



October 28, 2018 / 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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**Holiday Craft Fair & Bazaar, Next Weekend, Nov. 3 & 4**  
**Mass of Remembrance, Next Weekend, Nov. 3 & 4**

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### Sacrament of Baptism

Call Deone Parnell in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of Marriage

To allow sufficient time for marriage preparation arrangements should be made at least 8 months in advance. Parish membership is required. Contact the Marriage Prep Coordinator.

### New Member Registration

Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining or there are New Parishioner Packets available in the narthex.

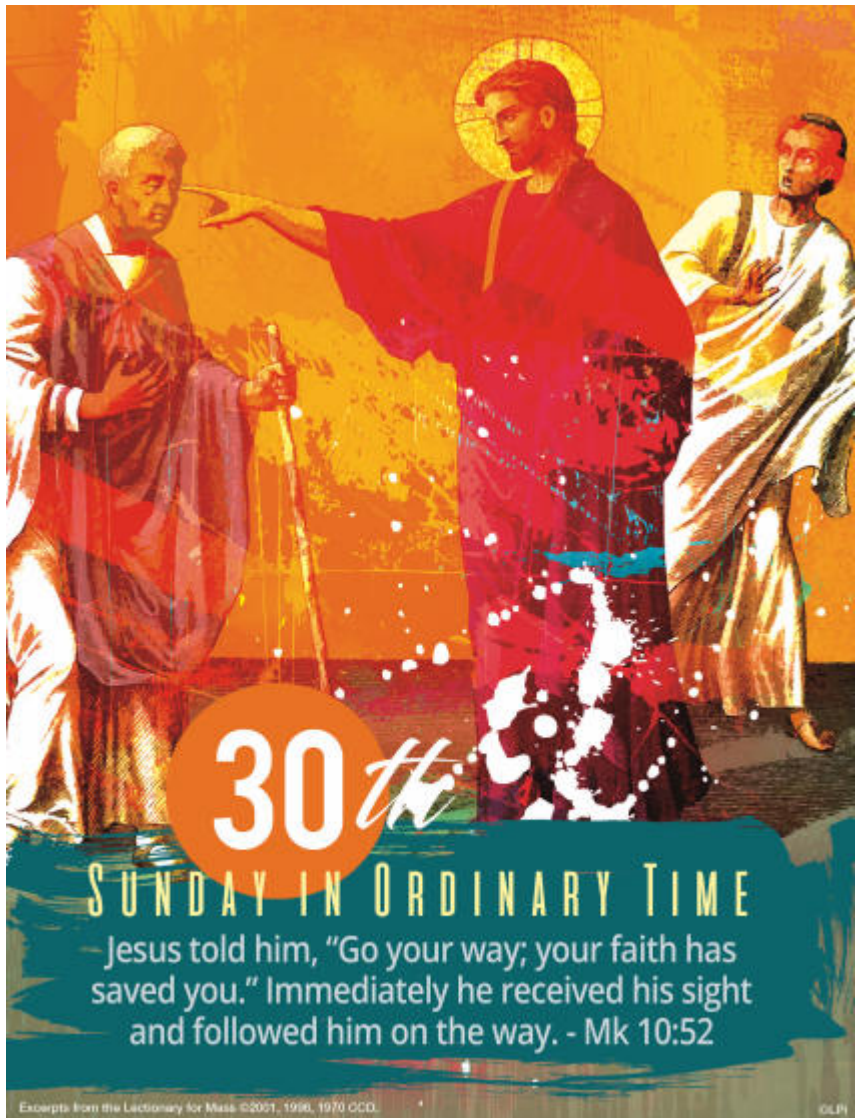
**Gluten Free Hosts** are available. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

### Victim Assistance Hotline

The Archdiocese offers a 24-hour Victim Assistance Hotline at 651-291-4497.

### Get Our Parish App!

Text stthomas1 to 555888 for iPhone  
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### PARISH OFFICE

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, closed Noon - 1:00 pm  
Friday: Closed

**Mass Times:** Saturday: 4:00 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 and 10:30 am

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* Power in weakness.

*Question for Children:* What would you like to ask Jesus for?

*Question for Youth:* "Master, I want to see!" What do you most want to be able to "see" in your own life? How are you blind?

*Question for Adults:* What does it mean for you to "see"? Are there blind spots in your life?



**Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Sunday, November 4**

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

Have you thought about joining the choir, but just didn't think you had time? If so, we invite you to join us for the Christmas Choir! Come to our Wednesday night rehearsals beginning November 7 and plan on singing for the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass and Christmas morning Mass at 9:00 am (if possible). You don't have to be able to read music, but it is helpful if you have sung in a choir and/or are able to match musical pitch. Please see Robin if interested or call 651-459-2131, ext. 107.



**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
NOVEMBER 3 & 4**

Our Annual Mass of Remembrance, during all Masses, will be November 3 & 4. This is our annual remembrance of all who have died in our parish this past year. We will also have the Remembrance Book placed in the sanctuary for you to list any of your family or friends that you would like remembered during the month of November during Masses. Families of those who have died this past year have been sent a special invitation to this special event.



**HOLIDAY LOAVES!**

The Holiday Train Committee will once again be selling Holiday Loaves to benefit the Friends In Need Food Shelf. They will be sold after Masses the weekends of November 17 & 18 and 24 & 25 in the Narthex.

**ATTENTION VISITORS TO OUR PARISH CEMETERY**

We recently hired a Tree Trimming Company to trim the trees in our cemetery. They will begin working soon and work periodically through the winter. Just a heads up to those of you who visit the cemetery on a regular basis. Thank you.



**DEATHS OF THE PAST WEEK**  
*"Precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of God's faithful ones."*

On **Monday, October 22** we celebrated the life of long time parishioner **Robert "Bob" Hofmann**. Bob and his wife Darlene, who passed away this past December, were members of our parish since 1960. They raised their eight children in the parish and were involved in many areas of parish life for many, many years. Please keep their eight children, 13 grandchildren, and great-grandson in your thoughts and prayers.

*May Eternal Light Shine Upon Him*



**CONCERNED CITIZENSHIP**

We are challenged, as people of faith, to recognize "the signs of the times," to pay attention to how others must live, to hear the shots of guns on city streets, to see the child covered with dirt and blood.

We are challenged by the church's social teachings, to pay attention to difficult realities, to the complex issues of our time, to what is happening in our communities, local, national and global, and to the complexities of the lives of so many.

Guide us, O Lord, as we open ourselves to the pain and suffering of others, to the reality of different lives, to the difficulties of being involved, to the work of discernment.

As we seek to be informed, as we struggle to take the time to read and to carefully discern the way forward, as we strive to engage in respectful dialogue, guide us to be concerned citizens, supported by Your grace and committed to the common good of our common home. Amen

*Jane Deren, PhD. Education for Justice (Center of Concern)*



**MEN'S CLUB CALENDAR RAFFLE!**

Calendar Raffle Tickets are on sale Now!

Our Men's Club is sponsoring the Calendar Raffle fundraiser for our parish. Winners drawn each day from January 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019, with winning chances from \$25 up to \$250! YOU will have 120 chances to win with the purchase of a \$20 ticket! You need not be present to win. Purchase your calendar from a Men's Club member, after masses in the narthex on the weekends, or in the parish office! Join in the fun!

**ST. RITA'S PARISH MISSION TALKS  
WITH MARCELLINO D'AMBROSIO**

St. Rita's Parish is having a guest speaker for their parish Mission Talk. Marcellino D'Ambrosio - Dr. Italy, will be coming today, Sunday, Oct. 28 and Monday, Oct. 29.

There will be a dinner at 6:00 pm on Sunday, Oct. 28 with his talk starting at 7:00 pm. The topic will be "Why Be Catholic". There is no charge for the dinner or the speaker, though we are accepting free will offerings. Monday nights topic will be "Getting More Out of the Mass", starting at 7:00 pm.

**MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS**

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|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Adeline Rumpca | Bonnie Williamson | Lorraine Schmit |
| Mary Baumhover | Mary Tennis       | Bill Nelson     |
| Rod Hawkins    | Christine Broberg | Kevin Dinger    |
| Denise Bjerke  | Bernice Bailey    |                 |

Please also remember the many members of our parish who are in nursing homes, assisted living, or homebound.



**STORY OF BARTIMAEUS  
THE BLIND MAN**

Anyone who visits Jericho today generally comes across many blind people who sit at street-corners begging for alms. Perhaps he might then remember what we read in today's Gospel as Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus a blind beggar was sitting at the side of the road.



This blind man knew that by himself he was helpless. But then he hears of Jesus of Nazareth; he expresses his faith in Jesus and his faith impels Jesus to work the wonder - Jesus cures him. The blind man felt certain that only Jesus could help him, only He could give him sight. Nothing, neither the crowd nor the threats of the disciples, could stop him crying: "Jesus have mercy on me." Here we have a model of unshakable faith. Jesus stops and ask him to come, "call him here". Bartimaeus faith will be rewarded. He will be freed from the world of darkness.

The blind Bartimaeus in today's Gospel is an example to illustrate our helplessness. Jesus could have easily said to the blind man, "mind your own business" or "I have no time". But he sees the need of the man and has pity on him and suffers with him, he extends his helping hand. It is said of Jesus that "he cured all".

**JESUS HEALS US:** Jesus heals the blind Bartimaeus and he, in turn, wants to follow Jesus. It is said: "He followed him along the way". He could see not only the material world but much more, he sees in the wonders God has worked. He sees, in the everyday events and all created things, the hand of God, the mystery of God's love. Yes, God sees our needs and knows each one of us. God is with us. This should free us from fear and worries. If we are attentive we can also hear the call of God. Only we should put our trust in him as Bartimaeus did. Then He will extend to us His healing touch.

Fr. Tony Andrade



**HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME  
NOVEMBER 11-17 OPPORTUNITY**

HJH is a ministry of hospitality that services families in need of temporary housing. The shelter is located at Guardian Angels Church and operates in cooperation with Washington and Ramsey counties. This is the third year of operation for the shelter which remains open due to the generous support of over 25 neighboring churches and local restaurants.

This fall St. Thomas has been asked to provide volunteers to cover two shifts over these seven days in conjunction with another parish. The dinner shift helps with meal preparation and you can enjoy a meal with the residents. The overnight shift will lock up the facility and sleep in a designated room. All residents leave the facilities by 9:15 am the next morning.

If you are unfamiliar with the shelter and want some more information, please call or email Sherry Wenning at 612-817-0513 or at [snwenning@gmail.com](mailto:snwenning@gmail.com). Returning volunteers sign up online at [www.tsu.me/hjhnov11](http://www.tsu.me/hjhnov11). As always, thank you for your prayers and continued support.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR & BAZAAR  
GRANNY'S ATTIC**

We hope you have been setting aside all of your unused treasures for this fundraiser for the parish. **We will begin accepting those items on Monday, October 29** in the Activities Building. **Please NO baby items.**



PLEASE use the Holley Ave. entrance ONLY! Ring the bell and there will be a cart in the entryway of the Activities Building to place your articles on. If you need help unloading your car, please call the parish office and someone will come to help you. We thank you for helping to make this years' Grannie's Attic a great success.

**Volunteers needed** on Friday, Nov. 2 at 1:00 pm to help set up and on Saturday and Sunday to help in the Attic itself. Please call the office if you can help at 651-459-2131. We will get back to you. And thank you so much.

**IF YOU ARE A SENIOR AND NEED HELP  
PLEASE READ FURTHER**

Washington County seniors have a wonderful resource available to them as provided by the MAAA (Metropolitan Area Agency for the Aging). This service helps seniors with a wide variety of matters: Medicare enrollment, transportation, housing, health insurance counseling, legal assistance and much more. Just call **Senior LinkAge Line** at 1-800-333-2433 or via website at [www.MinnesotaHelp.info](http://www.MinnesotaHelp.info) and they will connect you with the services you need.



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH  
FAITH FORMATION**

- ◆ **Confirmation:** Any High School youth interested in taking the journey toward Confirmation, who missed the Family information meeting, please contact the Faith Formation office.
- ◆ **First Reconciliation & First Communion:** Please contact the Faith Formation office if you missed the Family Information Meeting.
- ◆ **Mission Trip:** Join us in Hammond, Indiana June 20-24, 2019! **Registration forms are due November 1 to reserve your spot!!!** Don't miss this awesome opportunity to make a difference in the world and in your life!
- ◆ **Fall Faith Formation - Register NOW!** You can still register for Fall Faith Formation! Find registration forms in the Narthex, the church office and on our website.  
**Wednesday sessions begin November 7**  
**Sunday sessions begin November 11**
- ◆ **The Word!** Free, fun, and engaging! At the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses. Please reach out if you would like to get involved with this uplifting ministry!
- ◆ **Baptism:** Interested in preparing and planning for the Sacrament of Baptism for children? If you would like more information, please contact the Faith Formation office.
- ◆ **Faith Formation Calendar:** You can access the most up-to-date information at [www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar](http://www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar).
- ◆ **Questions, comments:** Deone Parnell at [dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com) or 651-459-2131 x 108.



### CHRISTMAS CARD SALES!

The Knights of Columbus will again be selling Christmas Cards after all weekend Masses the first 3 Sunday's of November. Proceeds go to the St. Thomas Aquinas Youth Group. Thank you for your support!

### ST. GENEVIEVE'S GIFT EXPO

Trade/Craft show and Silent Auction will be Sat., November 3, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Parish Community Center. Gift baskets, fresh cinnamon & caramel rolls, variety of vendors and more. Basket drawing every hour. 6995 Centerville Road, Centerville, MN.

### MEMORY CAFÉ

Memory Café, a welcoming place for those with memory loss and their caregivers. The first Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am at Hy-Vee in Cottage Grove. Cafés will include facilitated conversation and community resources. Join us each month to share, support and connect with others in your community. Sign up by contacting Jenny West at 651-789-4015 or [jwest@familymeans.org](mailto:jwest@familymeans.org).



### ANGST MOVIE

Angst film is a new documentary that shines a bright light on anxiety and offers resources, tools, and hope. A highlight with this film is that the children and young adults featured are openly talking about their experiences with anxiety and other mental health challenges. Join Youth Service Bureau in our hope that just as the youth in this film share their candidness and bravery it will inspire our community to do the same. Experts highlighted in the film: Jenny Howe, MS, Dr. Jerry Bubrick, Dr. Cora Bruener and Dr. Laura Kastner. Michael Phelps is featured in the film and shares his personal journey living with anxiety. Audience: Ages 10 + with caring adult. Register at [ysb.net/event](http://ysb.net/event). Free screening opportunities: Fri., Nov. 9, 6:30-8:30 pm at Woodbury Middle School

### SICK & HOSPITALIZED

- \* If you are homebound and wish to receive communion or a visit, contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.
- \* If you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a visit or to be anointed, please notify the Parish Office.
- \* Hospitals are not free to share information with us.

### HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

#### AS YOUR MAIN NUMBER?

#### DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Be sure to keep us informed of any of these changes by calling the parish office at 651-459-2131 or by e-mailing Mary Jo at [mluedtke1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:mluedtke1@st-thomas-aquinas.com). Thank you!



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# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

KEY (AB) = Activities Building (CB) = Church Basement  
(C) = Church Comn. = Commission Cmte. = Committee

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 1:00 pm - Homeschool Opportunity Monday (C)
- 7:00 pm - Bell Rehearsal (C)

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Dorothy Hanner ☩ (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service
- 9:30 am - Bible Study (AB)
- 11:00 am - Norris Square Mass
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 All Saints Day

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Patricia Redding ☩ (C)
- 6:30 pm - Mass, Sharon Jasper ☩ (C)
- 7:00 pm - Men's Club Mtg. (AB)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 All Souls Day

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:45-10:00 am - Free Bread/Roll Distribution (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Clare Broos ☩ (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

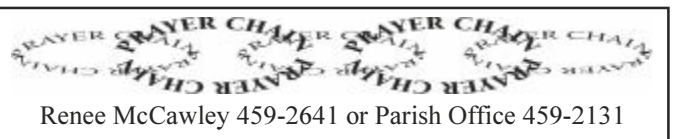
- 9:00 am - **Craft Fair & Bazaar** (AB)
- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
- 4:00 pm - Remembrance Mass, Ted Sobiech ☩ (C)  
Christmas Card Sales

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- Christmas Card Sales
- 8:30 am - Remembrance Mass, Anthony, Harriet & Eileen Kazmierczak ☩ (C)
- 8:30 am - The Word!
- 9:00 am - **Craft Fair & Bazaar** (AB)
- 10:30 am - Remembrance Mass, Letemieael Fisshu ☩ (C)
- 10:30 am - The Word!

**NOTE:** Weekday Morning Mass/Word & Communion is canceled when a funeral is scheduled.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated every Saturday at 3:15 pm or by appointment.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28

- Monday: Eph 4:32--5:8/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-14/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Friday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:25cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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