

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



## *Mass of Remembrance*

**DEATHS OF THE PAST YEAR**

**November 1, 2017—October 31, 2018**

*Michael Crowley  
Brian Harmeling  
Stanley Sellner  
Al Martin  
Thomas Henschell  
Patricia 'Pat' Markey  
John Paul Miller  
Darlene Hofmann  
Sabina Blatz  
Betty Jane Capron  
Patricia Flum  
Margaret Taylor  
Neil Medrud  
Mark McNeill  
Jerry Hoffer  
Isabel Barnett  
Kay Dietzinger  
Margaret Klein  
Paul Shannon  
Negussie Berihun  
Janet Gornick  
Lorraine Sathra*

*Virginia Fihn  
Helen Petrowske  
Peter Ramirez  
John Jerry  
Patricia Redding  
Robert Dietzinger  
Ellen Drude  
Gary Cogswell  
Sharon Jasper  
Carol J. Williams  
Mary Ann Williams  
Helen O'Boyle  
Kevin Klukas  
Benedicta Andrade  
Nancy Ingvalsen  
Patricia Johnson  
Dorothy Hanner  
Stella Geraghty  
Celestine "Sal" Mischke  
Robert 'Bob' Hofmann  
Carol Snidarich  
Edna Connolly*

**November 4, 2018**

*31st Sunday In Ordinary Time*

***Precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of God's faithful ones.***

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* Live the First Commandment.

*Question for Children:* How often do you put God first in your life? Do you think you can love others as much as you love yourself?

*Question for Youth:* What do you think Jesus meant when he said to the scribe, "You are not far from the reign of God"?

*Question for Adults:* When you heard the Greatest and New Commandments, which one should you improve on in your own life?



In the gospel reading this weekend, Jesus reminds us that we are called to love God with all our hearts, souls, minds & strength. How do we do that? If we go to church every weekend, does that take care of things? How about if we write a few checks for charity? Maybe if we volunteer a few hours each month at the food shelf or local shelter? All those things are good, but Jesus goes further when he adds that we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

Certainly, giving to charity and volunteering our time are wonderful ways to demonstrate our love for God in the way God wants us to. Jesus emphasized how doing for the "least of these" is doing for Him. Do we ever stop, though, and ask why the donations and volunteering are so necessary? Why are there so many in need of our help? What unjust systems are in place that keep people down?

This week we're called to get out and vote for the best people to lead us. Have we done our homework and educated ourselves on which candidates will represent the interests of ALL - especially the "least" among us? Our lawmakers are in the position to change unjust systems and they need to hear our voices to help them do their jobs.

**Tuesday is Election Day. Find your polling place and be sure to vote. It matters!**  
<https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us>

*Sue Wege, member of the Social Justice Commission*

**Bulletin Articles Due Early**

**BULLETIN ARTICLES FOR NOV. 10-11**

All Bulletin articles for the Nov. 10/11 bulletin will need to be into the office no later than 8:00 am on Thursday, Nov. 8.

**BULLETIN ARTICLES FOR NOV. 17-18**

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**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.

**ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

The Men's Club held their annual golf outing at Clifton Hollow Golf Club on October 7. 84 golfers participated this year. The top four teams and last place team won cash prizes. There were 8 hole prizes too. Everyone enjoyed a meal catered by Tinucci's, and door prizes. The event is a fundraiser for Friends in Need food shelf. We are happy to donate \$1,375.25 to them this year. We would like to thank all of our sponsors who helped make this a success. A full list will appear in the next newsletter. The Golf Committee



**THANKSGIVING BASKETS - ALREADY?**

Yes, it is that time of the year to help those in need. The table to make your donation for Thanksgiving Baskets at Friends In Need Food Shelf is up this weekend and will be for several weeks to come. There will be a "special visitor" to the table this year, check it out! With the 50th Anniversary of the Church Building Celebration we want to donate enough for the food shelf to pay for 50 baskets at \$40.00 each, that is a total of \$2,000.00. We will keep you informed of the numbers each weekend until Thanksgiving. Checks can be made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas. Please put in the memo line - Food Basket. Let's kick off this holiday giving season as generous as we can. The food shelf really prefers the cash, so that is what we plan on doing this year.



**LOTS OF NEW HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES**

Please check out the article in the upcoming newsletter before you go shopping!

**DID YOU MISS THE ANOINTING MASS IN OCTOBER?**

We will have a second opportunity to be anointed. After all Masses the weekend of November 17 and 18 in the chapel.

**DEATHS OF THE PAST WEEK**

*"Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of God's faithful ones."*

On **October 27**, Fr. Tony celebrated the long life of long time parishioner **Edna Connolly** who was 97 years old with a family memorial service at KOK Funeral Home. Edna lived in our community for over 50 years. She and her husband Jim (who died 20 years ago) owned the Black Hawk Motel in Newport. Please keep her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.

On **October 30**, the life of **Carol (Renner) Snidarich** was celebrated with a memorial service in the church. Carol was the daughter of Gene and Mavis Renner. She grew up in our parish with her four sibling's - Helen (deceased), Marge, Tom and Jeff. Please keep her sons Dave and Jim and her six grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.

*May Eternal Light Shine Upon Them*

**MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS**

Adeline Rumpca	Bonnie Williamson	Lois Roeller
Mary Baumhover	Mary Tennis	Bill Nelson
Rod Hawkins	Christine Broberg	Kevin Dinger
Denise Bjerke	Bernice Bailey	Janet Waldbillig
Sandy Sagdalen		

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

**Pastor's Corner**

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY**

On Thursday November 1 and Friday November 2 we celebrated the solemn feast of All Saints and All Souls. This is an important feast of our church to remember our loved ones who are gone before us and experiencing the joy and peace of Eternal Life in the presence of God Almighty. A question comes to our mind, who are these Saints??



Saints are people who grew in God's love and attained perfection. They prove that Jesus' suffering and death has a meaning. They took the Sermon on the Mount to heart and followed the footsteps of Christ and joined the company of the blessed ones in the glory of God. Today they are our benefactors. They pray for us, intercede for us and bring upon us God's blessings. Through them our life becomes more meaningful, richer and worth living. They are signs of the kingdom of God, the signs of God's goodness and love. Through them the world becomes better, more human and more livable.

The saints did God's will whole-heartedly, they loved God whole-heartedly. They also loved their fellow creatures as themselves. They put their trust in God and did His will and collected treasures for God's kingdom. They were not disappointed in the face of trouble and turmoil, rather they proved that it is possible to follow Christ and live his word in this life. Thus they have become witnesses of Jesus and the signs of His kingdom for us today. They were people like any one of us, but they fought against the power of darkness and led people to God. They are our examples, helpers, patrons and path makers on our pilgrimage to eternity.

This weekend, we the faithful community of St. Thomas Aquinas, remember all our beloved parishioners and members of our families who passed away in the year 2017 and 2018. Their names will be called in a special way and given a rose to the living family members in remembrance of their loved ones. This year my beloved mom, Benedicta Andrade, will be remembered. She passed away on August 13, 2018.

As we celebrate the feast of All Saints and All Souls let us imbibe the spirit of these friends of God and follow their examples in our effort to join the company of the blessed.

Fr. Tony Andrade

**FARE FOR ALL**

Fare For All offers nutritious food packs each month at a reasonable price. Offerings include a vegetable pack, meat pack, combo pack and "special of the month." Check it out at [www.fareforall.org](http://www.fareforall.org). Hours are from 4 - 6 pm at All Saints Lutheran Church, 8100 Belden Blvd, Cottage Grove. Upcoming dates are: Nov. 8 and Dec. 13. Don't miss out on the holiday pack sold in November and December.



**FAIR TRADE SALES - NOV. 10 & 11**

Fair Trade products are offered for sale each month on the second weekend. These products ensure that the growers are paid a "fair" wage and work towards preventing sweatshop labor conditions and damage to our land/earth. Check out the coffee, tea, chocolate and cocoa product offerings.



**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.



**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!

**POWER WHEEL CHAIR FREE TO SOMEONE IN NEED**

Free to someone in need. Quantum 600 power wheel chair. Purchased 2010/11. Brand new joy stick knob, new wheel assembly, new anti-flutter kit, new back cushion, new screw set and new motor and gear box. Needs a new battery. Charger is included however. Chair is for an adult. Check out the pictures of the chair on the bulletin board in the narthex. It is located in Cottage Grove for pick up. Call or text Bryan at 651-492-2022.

**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).



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

- ◆ **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**
- ◆ **Youth Ministry Fundraising:**  
**Scrip Gift Card Fundraising:** Order or purchase Gift cards in the church office or after Mass the 2nd Sunday of the month.
- ◆ **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.

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For information on Baptism, Marriage, or to become a member of St. Thomas Aquinas, please call the parish office.

**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!

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THANK YOU**

Thank you for expressing your missionary spirit by offering gifts of support during World Mission Sunday. Our parish collected \$935.00 to help bring good news to small, young and often poor, mission dioceses worldwide.

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND SWAGS**

The Scouts are also selling Christmas wreaths and swags for the holidays. Check them out.



**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.ttsu.me/hjhnov11](http://www.ttsu.me/hjhnov11). As always, thank you for your prayers and continued support.

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 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, NOVEMBER 6

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, The Imholte Family † (C)
- 9:30 am - Bible Study (AB)
- 11:00 am - Norris Square Communion Service
- 5:00 pm - Take 5 for Youth! (C)
- 6:30 pm - FF Session (AB)
- 6:30 pm - Confirmation Preparation (AB)
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Marion Bajczyk † (C)
- 6:30 pm - Yoga (AB)

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

**Parish Office Closed**

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:45-10:00 am - Free Bread/Roll Distribution (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Charles & Mary McGraw † (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

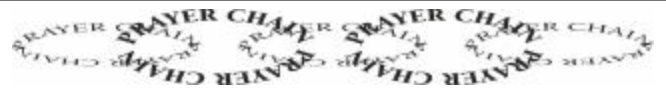
- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Sal Schmidt † (C)
- Fair Trade Sales & Scrip Card Sales
- Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sales

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 **Veteran's Day**

- 8:30 am - Mass, Seth Kallevig † (C)
- 8:30 am - The Word!
- 9:30 am - Sunday Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Sunday Confirmation
- 10:30 am - Mass, Marcel & Gerard Schmit † (C)
- 10:30 am - The Word!
- Fair Trade Sales & Scrip Card Sales
- Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sales

**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.



Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4

- Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:12-14
- Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-32/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-9/1 Cor 3:9c-17/ Jn 2:13-22
- Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-9/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-10/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44

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