



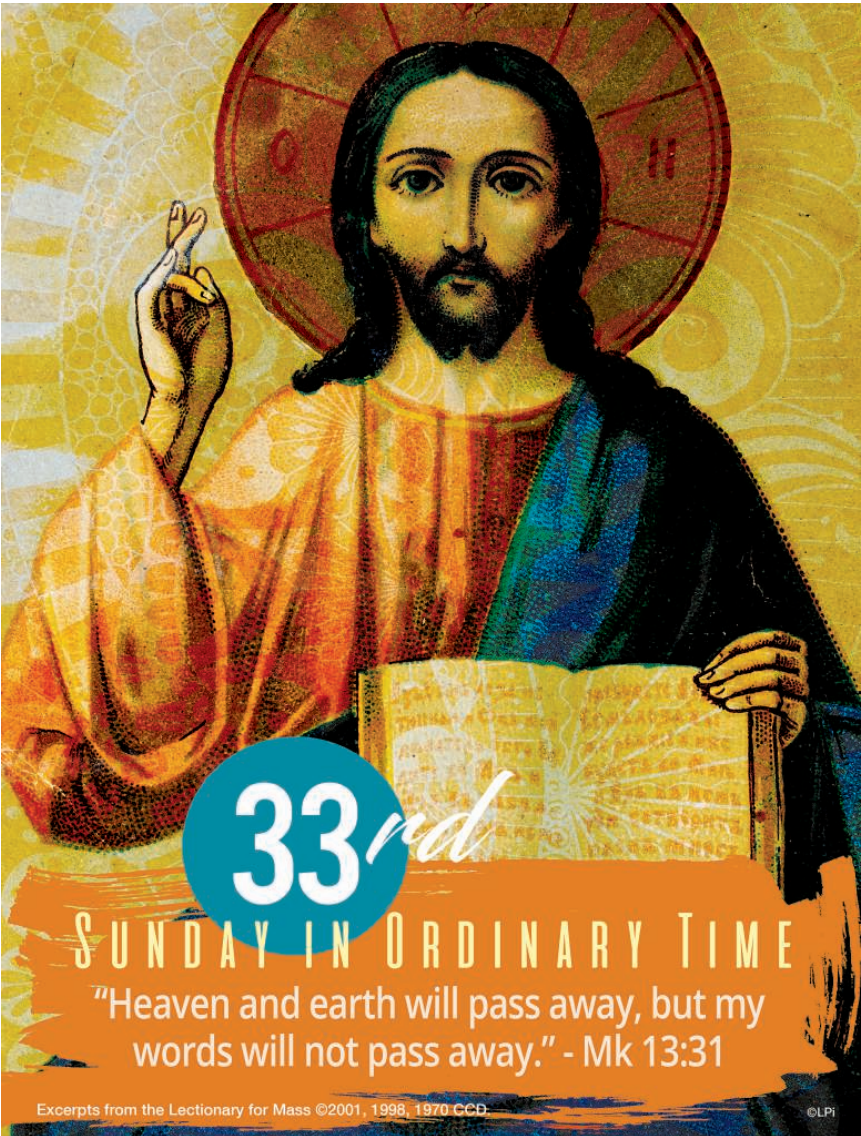
November 18, 2018 / 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Catholic Community Welcomes You!

Thanksgiving Mass - Thursday, November 22, 9:00 am
Parish Office Closed Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 & 23

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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.
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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: Jesus will come again.

Question for Children: If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do? What would you say? How would you act?

Question for Youth: If today was your last day, what would you be most thankful for? What would you regret?

Question for Adults: If today was your last, what would you do with it?

The Parish Office will be Closed
 Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 & 23
 to celebrate Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We thank you for your wonderful generosity in donating to the Thanksgiving Baskets for Friends In Need Food Shelf. We will continue to collect through this weekend.



**LOAVES AND FISHES - DOROTHY DAY MEALS
 SPECIAL COLLECTION ON THANKSGIVING DAY**

Each year we try to take up a special collection to help fund the meals we serve at the Dorothy Day Center for the Homeless in downtown St. Paul. The monthly costs of these meals is about \$600.00. On Thanksgiving Day our collection will help defray some of these costs in our annual budget. Please be as generous as you can. Checks can be made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas, with Loaves and Fishes in the memo line. Thank you so very much!

WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Want to get a break from all the hustle and bustle to come? All the women of the parish are invited to this special Advent Retreat. We will begin with Mass in the church at 9:00 am and then move to the parish hall in the Activities Building for special treats and a wonderful and fun presentation by Pastor Cindy Senarighi. Pastor Cindy was with us for our Lenten Retreat last March and it was a morning of reflection and laughter. The Pastoral Care and Wellness Commission is once again pleased to give us this special opportunity. There will be sign up sheets in the narthex to let us know you are coming. There will be an opportunity for a free will offering. Bring your women friends and women family members to begin the Advent and Christmas season with this special morning.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the generous people at St. Thomas Aquinas, the music department sold over 120 boxes of Metro Dining Cards! On behalf of all the musicians at STA, thank you for your wonderful support! We give you our heartfelt thanks! Robin

**CHRISTMAS EVE
 CHILDREN'S MASS**

Children in grades 1 – 6 are invited to participate with song and story at the Dec. 24, 4:00 pm Mass. Practices for shepherds, angels, Mary and Joseph will be at 1:00 pm on Dec. 8, 15, and

22. Call or email Rose at rwhitehead1@st-thomas-aquinas.com if you are interested.



This weekend's readings begin with dire predictions of the end times, but are quick to include a message of hope. Those who remain faithful will be gathered up and those who lead others to justice will be "like the stars forever".

Our current news is filled with reports of injustice, exclusion, abuse, sexism, racism and the list goes on. It's easy to think that the values our country was founded on are dead. When we think all is lost, however, there are suddenly stories of people coming together after a tragedy to aid a neighbor in need. We hear of people courageously speaking out for justice and standing up for human rights.

Amnesty International engages people to fight injustice around the world while protecting human rights. Their "Write for Rights" campaign is going on right now. If you don't know how to start to work for justice, here is an easy, practical way. Write a letter on behalf of an individual who is being denied freedom and justice. To learn more and to sign up, go to www.amnestyusa.org/writeforrights. When thousands of voices speak out on behalf of one person, they can't be ignored. Join the fight for justice!

Sue Wege, Social Justice Commission member

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). In the United States, one in seven people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about CCHD can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

**VOLUNTEER AT HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME
 THANKSGIVING WEEK**

Thanksgiving week can be an opportunity to express our gratitude for safe housing and healthy food by volunteering as overnight hosts or prepare meals at HJH. This is one of 8 weeks not claimed by any church during the calendar year. Volunteer opportunities are listed on Guardian Angels website on the Hope for the Journey Home Page or at this link www.timetosignup.com/hjhshelter/. Thank you for sharing your time with 7 families who are working towards securing permanent housing.

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.

MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

During this special time of Thanksgiving we pray for all those in our parish who have asked for our prayers, those in hospice care, those in nursing homes, assisted living and the homebound.

Pastor's Corner

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE

Dear Parishioners, this weekend we are celebrating our Stewardship commitment to our parish. In my column you will find some thoughts for your personal reflection on Stewardship.



Who is the owner? It is a great significant question. It is a deep theological question. How we answer the ownership question will have everything to do with how we live out our Christian life. It is a question which most people of faith struggle with on a regular basis. All this “stuff” that I call my own, to who does it really belongs?

There are two ways to look at it: one is to say and believe that everything I have, such as a house, cars, furniture, bank account, stocks and bonds, boat, golf clubs and so on belong to me. After all I have worked hard for them and paid every penny of their cost. They are mine and I will do what I want with them and I owe no one.

The other way to consider the ownership question is to believe and live like God is the owner of all that I have. If God is the owner, then what about me? Well, I am the steward, the caretaker, the manager of all that I claim is mine. It is God who entrusted me with what I have and my job is to be the best manager or steward I can be.

The whole concept of stewardship can be divided into three parts that is: TIME, TALENT & TREASURE.

TIME: a portion of our life spent with God.

TALENT: sharing our skills and gifts with others.

TREASURE: sharing our wealth with God and others.

In our parish I often see the concept of stewardship implemented very well. Our parishioners are very much involved in helping others in whatever way they can. They also share their gift of Time and Talents for the good of the parish community.

Throughout the year we have so many parish events taking place in our community. Let us give importance to all of these events and take every opportunity to get involved in some way or the other as good stewards. Whatever God has provided us. Let us give back to Him with our humble service to one another.

Fr. Tony Andrade



SHARE THE JOY

Our Share the Joy, Adopt a Family or a Child's name are available THIS WEEKEND in the Narthex.

HOLIDAY COOKIE COLLECTION FOR DOROTHY DAY

Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to bring 3 dozen cookies next weekend.



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!

FREE BREAD - To END NOVEMBER 30

For over 35 years parishioners from St. Thomas Aquinas have been picking up day-old bread from CUB Foods and Rainbow Foods each week. On November 30 we will be discontinuing the pick-up. The amount of bread and goodies received is very little and hardly worth the drive for the volunteers to CUB. This was a wonderful ministry for all of these years and we thank all the many, many volunteers for their dedication over these years. Free bread is always available at Friends In Need Food Shelf and Stone Soup Thrift Store.



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!

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 and they will connect you with the services you need.

LOTS OF NEW HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Please check out the “Annual Holiday Giving Opportunities” article in the upcoming newsletter before you go shopping!



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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Questions, comments:** Deone Parnell at dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com or 651-459-2131 x 108.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday missals contain the Sunday readings and Mass prayers for the whole of year 2019. These also have many other prayers and reflections. Find them on the Narthex tables. Cost is \$4.00.

GRIEF CARE GROUP

Educational grief support series held on the first & third Monday's, 6:30-8:00 pm at the South Washington County Senior Center, 8400 E. Pt. Douglas Rd S., Cottage Grove. For more information and topics for each session call 651-459-2483 or lara@kokfuneral.com or see flyer on bulletin board.

DRIVE SLOWLY!

For the safety of those who live in the neighborhood surrounding the parish, please take care to drive slowly when arriving or departing the church parking lots. We create a considerable amount of traffic for the residential community of St. Paul Park and we want to be good neighbors to those with whom we share our beautiful location. Thank you.



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
TO ALL!!**

VISITATION SCHOOL SPEAKER SERIES

Raising Resilient Children by Dr. Jules Nolen, Wednesday, November 28 at 7 pm at DeSales Auditorium, Visitation School.

Join us for an evening of impactful and meaningful conversation. The Visitation School Speaker Series features an individual panel with expertise in a particular field and is followed by a question and answer session. Speaker Series events provide parents, alums, friends of Visitation and members of our community an opportunity to learn about a new topic, engage in interesting conversation and connect with each other. For more information please visit our website at visitation.net/speaker-series.

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?
DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER?
ARE YOU USING YOUR CELL PHONE
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. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 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 20

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Eleanor Chwialkowski ☩ (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service
- 11:00 am - Norris Square Mass
- 5:00 pm - No Take 5 for Youth! (C)
- 6:30 pm - No FF (AB)
- 6:30 pm - No Confirmation Preparation (AB)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22 Thanksgiving Day

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Buz Schrantz ☩ (C)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:45-10:00 am - Free Bread/Roll Distribution (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Patricia Markey ☩ (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Jerome Hebaus ☩ (C)
Holiday Loaves

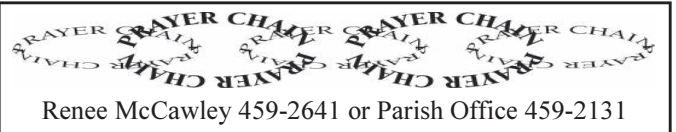
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Holiday Loaves

- 8:30 am - Mass, Patricia Markey ☩ (C)
- 8:30 am - The Word!
- 9:30 am - No Sunday Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - No Sunday Confirmation
- 10:30 am - Mass, Charlie Weaver ☩ (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 NOVEMBER 18

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-6/Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-9b/Lk 19:41-44
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1-5/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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