



November 25, 2018 / Solemnity of Christ the King

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Women's Advent Retreat Saturday, Dec. 1 at 9:00 am

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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.

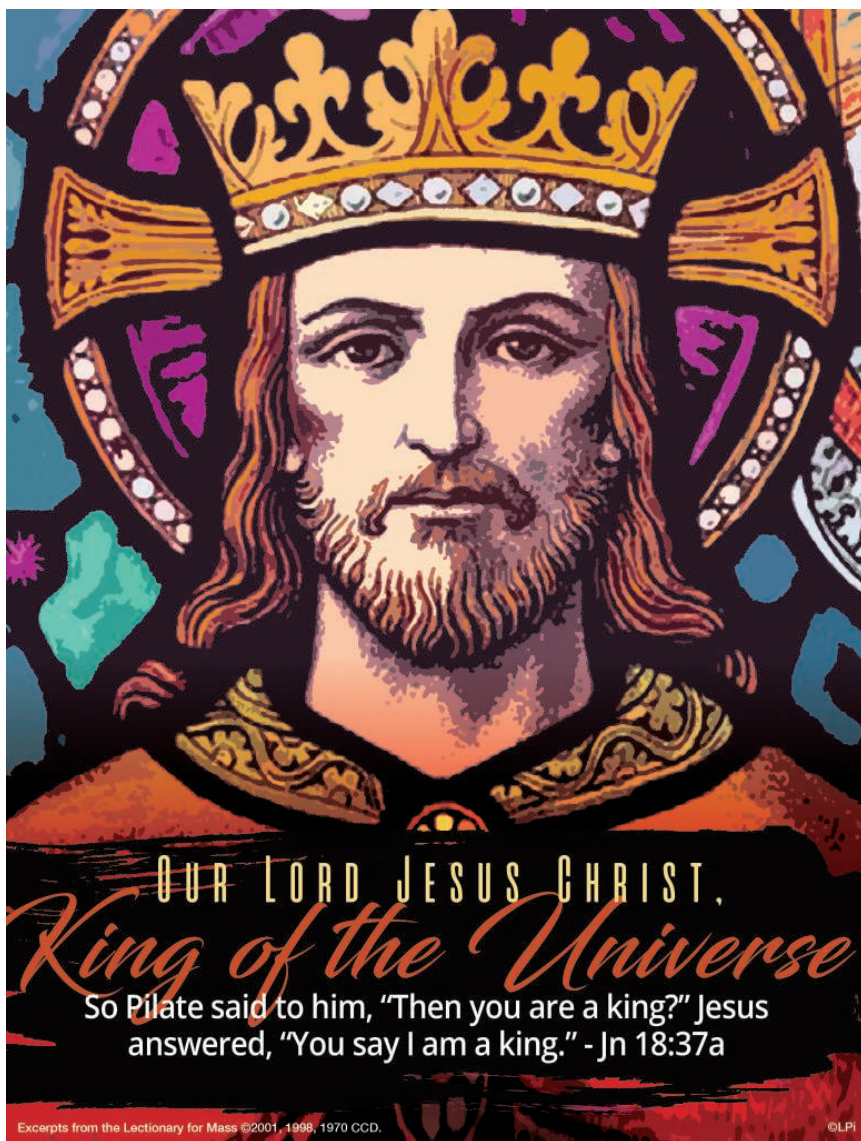
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Victim Assistance Hotline

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 reigns over us in truth.

Question for Children: Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?

Question for Youth: Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?

Question for Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?



This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. How does our King's vision compare with the reality of today?

Jesus blessed the children and invited all to become like them. Children are separated from parents, forced to be soldiers and exploited by child labor.

Jesus recognized the presence of God in prostitutes and associated with those considered outcasts. Women are physically and emotionally abused, sold into slavery or made victims of war.

Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and preached that the last shall be first. Leaders fight to get to the top trampling on those they should be protecting. Money & power rule.

Jesus welcomed the tax collectors, the stranger, and the sick. Walls are built to keep out the stranger and barriers are put up preventing the poor from getting basic needs and health care.

Perhaps it's time for us all to examine who really is King in our lives?

Sue Wege, Social Justice Commission member

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.

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.

MARDI GRAS 2019

Mark your calendars now!!! Mardi Gras is March 3, 2019. Our theme is "Mardi Gras in the Park".

LOTS OF NEW HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

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



CHILDREN'S PAGEANT AND CHOIR

As in years past, we invite children in grades 1 – 6 to participate in re-enacting the Christmas story and singing in the children's choir at the 4pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be three rehearsals:

- Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1pm
- Saturday, Dec. 15 at 1pm
- Saturday, Dec. 22 at 1pm

Please call Rosemarie (459-2131, ext. 109) or Robin (459-2131, ext. 107) to sign up!



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!

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.

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

The Parish Reconciliation Service is Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 pm. Come together to celebrate God's loving mercy. You may choose to receive the sacrament or you may choose to come and pray with the parish as we all prepare for Christmas.

SUGGESTION BOX IN NARTHEX

Thank you to the parishioners who have put suggestions into the box. Know that they are shared with the whole staff and if possible are put into action. If you would like a response to your suggestion, please include your name and phone number. You will find the Suggestion Box in the narthex on the center table under the AED. Thank you.

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

LET US GIVE THANKS TO OUR GOD EVERYDAY

This year on Thursday, November 22, we celebrated the feast of Thanksgiving in our country. Here I have a few thoughts and reflections for us to ponder for a while and think of God and praise His holy name for many blessings He has bestowed upon us and our families.



We all have sometime or other experienced gratitude. So too Jesus did. So he asks in the Gospel of Luke 17:11-19 on the feast of Thanksgiving Day Mass: "Where the nine are cured? Were not ten made clean? Yes, only the Samaritan, the foreigner, came back to render God thanks." We are often accustomed to turn to God when we are in trouble and forget him when things go well. Day after day we experience God's love and care for us. But are we really grateful to Him?

Yes, gratitude is the memory of the heart. All that we have, our parents, home, country, and our very existence, we owe to God. God blesses us with a never-ending stream of grace. For the greatness of God's love we cannot but live in overflowing gratitude. (2 Cor. 4:15) Healing and forgiving go hand in hand: both imply God's saving action in Christ. The Samaritan who returned to Jesus gave glory to God, acknowledged publicly Christ's redemptive act.

We all need healing and only God can heal us. We experience God's healing touch most intensively in the celebration of the holy Eucharist. If we open ourselves to Christ and His Word and the Sacraments, if we tread on the road of faith, if we put our whole trust in him and say "Lord, have mercy

on us" as we do at the beginning of the Mass, we too can experience God's love, healing, and the "wonder" of God. Gratitude is an essential attitude of every Christian. Let each day be a "Thanksgiving Day" to be in the presence of our God. This weekend we celebrate the solemn feast of "Jesus Christ the King". Jesus Christ the Lord and King of our life, bless us each day to walk in the Gospel path He has shown us, to love and to forgive, care and to share.

Fr. Tony Andrade



SHUTTERFLY SITE

We have set-up a Shutterfly Site to share our Parish photographs. Here you'll find pictures taken at St. Thomas Aquinas Church activities and events. The site address is: <https://stthomasaquinaschurch.shutterfly.com/>. Shutterfly non-member user name is: st.thomas920@gmail.com and the password is: 920Holley. Shutterfly members can go to the web site above and will be added to the site. If there are any photographs you would like, please e-mail John Hawthorne with the appropriate information and he will burn a CD or DVD for you and can deliver it to Church.

You are welcome to visit this website often and I encourage you to share your comments, stories or other information.

For more information or to request photos, please contact John at jghawthorne1990@gmail.com or phone at 651-735-3854.

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE EASY

Save time, simplify your life, and support the parish! In this new millennium the Church is keeping up with the times by offering our parishioners a new way to help our ministry. Our electronic contribution program is an automatic funds transfer program that will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash!

Here is how it works: you authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred directly from your checking or savings account to the Church account. You also specify the frequency of the transfer to allow you to keep your check register up to date.

It is fast, safe and easy! In fact, it is less risky than checks, as it cannot be lost, stolen, or destroyed in the mail and the rate of accuracy is high. The electronic transfer will cost you NOTHING. You save the cost of the check. The Church will issue you a donation statement for your tax records, and your bank statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions.

Of course you can cancel your authorization of transfer at any time by notifying us in writing. But we believe that once you have enjoyed the convenience and savings of this program, you won't want to go back to the "old-fashioned" way of contributing to your church! Call the Parish Office at 459-2131 for the necessary forms.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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!



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 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 27

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 6:30 PM - PPC Meeting (AB)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Richard Lind ☩ (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service
- 9:30 am - Bible Study (AB)
- 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 29

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - No Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - No Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:45-10:00 am - Free Bread/Roll Distribution (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Bob Meehl ☩ (C)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 9:00 am - Women's Advent Retreat (AB)
- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Ted Sobiech ☩ (C)
St. Nick Celebration

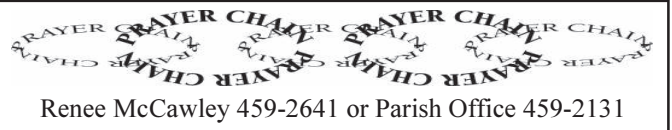
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

St. Nick Celebration

- 8:30 am - Mass, Leonard Rumpca ☩ (C)
- 8:30 am - The Word!
- 9:30 am - Sunday Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Sunday Confirmation
- 10:30 am - Mass, Seth Kallevig ☩ (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 25

- Monday: Rv 14:1-5/Ps 24:1bc-6/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-5/
Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
- Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-14/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/
Lk 21:25-36

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