

January 6, 2019 / Epiphany of the Lord



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**Blood Drive, Thursday, January 10 at 1:00 - 7:00 pm**

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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.

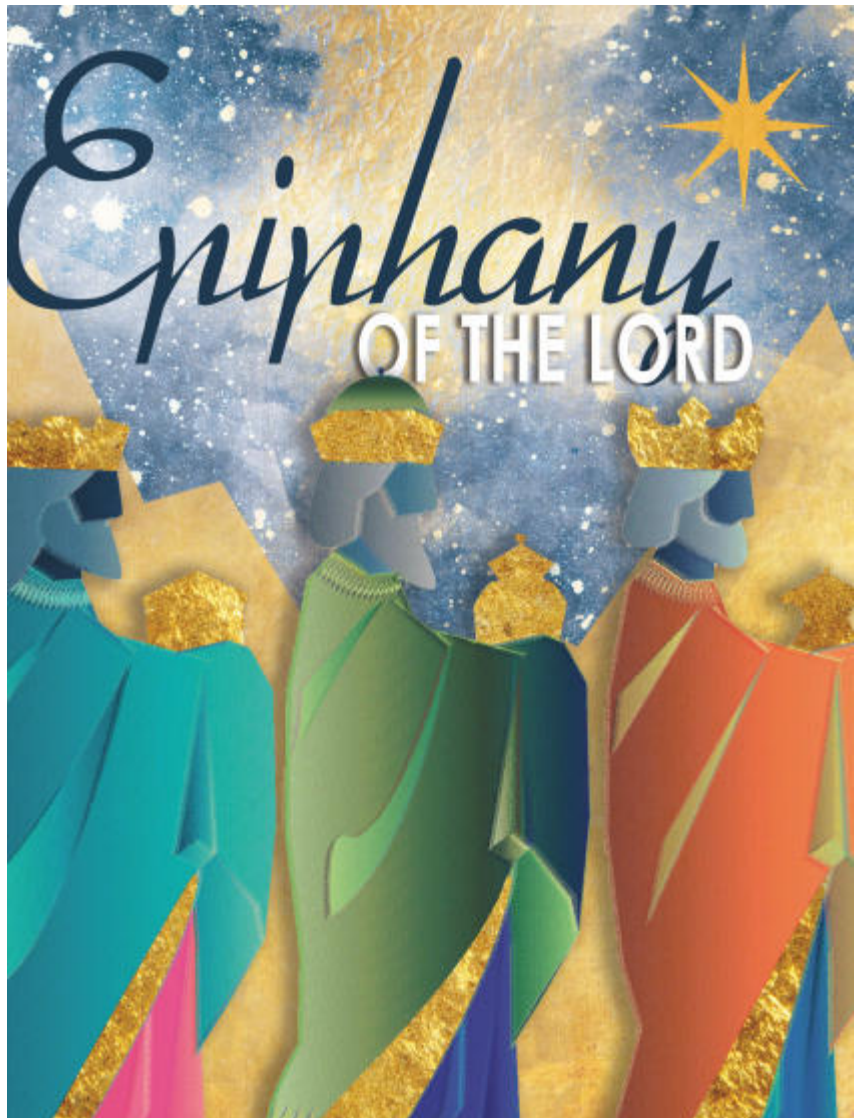
**Gluten Free Hosts** are available. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

### Victim Assistance Hotline

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

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### 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:* The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

*Question for Children:* In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

*Question for Youth:* The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?

*Question for Adults:* How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?




**UPDATE FROM SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

Members of the commission continue to write very interesting articles on how Social Justice impacts ourselves, the community, and the world. Hope you take the time to read these articles in the bulletin each weekend.

Did you know that many years ago the Social Justice Commission began a program giving loans to third world country residents trying to start their own businesses. The businesses then repay the loan and our commission can give it to other businesses. It is a wonderful opportunity to help.

With the help of Rosemarie the commission sponsored the presentation about St. Oscar Romero in October.

Currently the commission is planning a community listening session about the needs in St. Paul Park and Newport. Watch for it in 2019.



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 - 1:00 - 7:00 PM**

The Pastoral Care and Wellness Commission is again sponsoring a blood drive in the Activities Building. You can make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2787) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter St. Paul Park to schedule an appointment. New donors and walk-in donors are always welcome.

**WORKSHOP ON "WHAT HAPPENS IF I RUN OUT OF MONEY?"**

We are continuing our series to help parishioners following our successful Wills and Trusts workshop. Sat., February 2, at 9:00 am, Jennifer will again return to continue the conversation on "What happens if I run out of money?" and how Medical Assistance works. This workshop is open to all parishioners, retirees, families with elderly parents, or anyone just trying to figure out what is allowed and what is not. There is no cost, but there will be a free will offering. We are asking you to call the office after January 1 to let us know if you are coming.

**CHRISTMAS THANKS!**

The Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child. So many of our volunteers brought the gifts of their time and talent to make this Christmas so prayerful and beautiful.

We are grateful to the Men's club for hanging garland and wreaths, lighting trees, and setting up the outdoor manger scene; to Christine Ripka for decorating the narthex trees; to the Environment Committee for the many hours spent beautifying our worship home; to Linda Murphy for creating the large Christmas wreath; to the 21 children who portrayed the Christmas story, Denis Novak for his story, and Karri Norris, Amy Vanderhoff, and Mari Dingle for their assistance; and all the ministers at the altar, Greeters and Ushers who welcomed us. THANK YOU and God bless you!

**LEADERSHIP MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 pm**

Attention all Parish Council Members, Finance Council Members, Staff, ALL Commission members. Please mark your calendars now for the next Leadership Meeting.

**UPDATE FROM PASTORAL CARE AND WELLNESS COMMISSION**

Our Advent Women's Retreat was again a success. Thanks to all who attended - we did a lot of laughing!

Coming April 13, Decluttering, Downsizing...want to know how to get started? Laura Gilbert will be with us to help us get motivated and begin the process. Watch for more information in the next parish newsletter.


Of course, during Mother's Day, there will again be an opportunity to provide help to the Total Life Care Center, who help young and new moms in our area. They are so very appreciative of our help.

**Cadillac Dinner Tickets**  
**Available Now!**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Cadillac Dinner will be Sunday, January 27, 2019, at Tinucci's. The menu is Prime Rib or Deep-Fried Shrimp. If you're looking for a Christmas present for a loved one, this is an excellent idea! Tickets are \$120 per couple and are available at the parish office and in the narthex after masses beginning this weekend and every weekend after until January 21. Get your tickets now - we only sell 100 tickets for this event!

**DID YOU KNOW WE ARE CELEBRATING!!**

2019 we will celebrate the 135th anniversary of the founding of the parish and our church building is 50 years old. We have received word that Archbishop Hebda will be with us on Sunday, October 6, 2019 to help us celebrate. Watch for activities to Celebrate the PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish.



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

On **Thursday, December 20** we celebrated the life of **Shelley Andrlick**. Shelley was the daughter of Vincent and Jeanne Andrlick, long time members of the parish and both deceased. Shelley grew up in our parish and lived in St. Paul Park and Cottage Grove most of her life. Please keep Shelley's daughter Jennifer, and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

*May Eternal Light Shine Upon Her*

**MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS**

Please remember all of the following who have asked for our prayers in their illness:

Adeline Rumpca	Richard O'Ryan	Kevin Dinger
Mary Baumhover	Mary Tennis	Janet Waldbillig
Rod Hawkins	Geri Morse	Bernice Bailey
Jody Hasbrouck	Tim Geraghty	Chris Broberg

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

**FUNERAL THANK YOU'S!**

A very special thank you to all the volunteers who help with our funerals all year long. Our wonderful funeral choir, the servers, the ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. All come, almost at the drop of a hat, to make our funerals special for the families who have lost a loved one.


A special thank you also to Kathy Rumpca, Sandy Birkland, Gloria Wright for helping to coordinate the funeral lunches, with special thanks to all the volunteers who help serve the funeral lunches and all those who donate salads and desserts. We certainly could not do it without any of these wonderful volunteers.

**FOOD DONATIONS FOR FRIENDS IN NEED**

A special thank you to all who drop off food for the food shelf in the container in the narthex. While Friends In Need appreciates your gifts, they like to remind donors that they really need personal care items - bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. ONE REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT DONATE PERISHABLE ITEMS. Sometimes the food shelf only gets to the church once a month. If you have items that are perishable it would be better if you dropped them off at the food shelf yourself. Thank you so very much.

**FRIENDS IN NEED FOOD SHELF THANK YOU**

The Friends in Need Food Shelf would like to thank St. Thomas for the generous gift of \$2,458 given to them this past December. God Bless!



**PAJAMA PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**  
**4:30 PM**

Fun & Food for the kiddos during the Cadillac Dinner. Drop off your children at the St. Thomas Church basement.

Youth ages 3-17 are welcome. No charge, but registration is required.

Donation of snacks, beverages and prizes are gladly accepted. Contact Deone in the church office with any questions.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Start the year off right by refreshing your marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available weekends are Feb, 8-10 in Buffalo, MN and Feb. 15-17, in Belle Plaine, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 612-756-8720.

**1<sup>st</sup> WEEK CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!**  
**(drum roll please!) Congratulations!**

Jan. 1 - \$150	Brenda Thomas, Cottage Grove
Jan. 2 - \$25	Jim Quinn, Hopkins
Jan. 3 - \$25	Ken & Pat Fennell, Hastings
Jan. 4 - \$25	Micaela Flores, St. Paul Park




**MARDI GRAS 2019**

Mark your calendars now!!!  
Mardi Gras is March 3, 2019. Our theme is "Mardi Gras in the Park". Please plan on joining us! Also, if anyone is interested in volunteering to help out and meet a fantastic group of people, please feel free to contact us!!

Thank you! Sincerely, Bob Cronquist, 651-295-9284

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS IN THE NARTHEX AND START SELLING!**



**MARDI GRAS GRANNY'S ATTIC**

With the holiday celebrations coming to an end and as you begin your "winter" cleaning, remember our Granny's Attic at Mardi Gras. We will begin accepting your donations on Monday, February 25. You can bring your donations to the Activities Building, Holley Ave. entrance ONLY during regular business hours of the parish. Please no baby items, Fall or Christmas decorations. Please no golf clubs. We love your knick-knacks and treasures. Thank you.

**GIVING TO GOD**

*"Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase."* Proverbs 3:9


God doesn't "need" our money to get His work done. He is sovereign and could do it without our help. Yet He has arranged it so that His work often depends on our generosity.

At least two things happen when we give. First, when we give with the right attitude, God reminds us that what we have isn't really ours. He gave us everything we have, and it actually belongs to Him. King David prayed, "All things come from You, and of Your own we have given You" (1 Chron. 29:14). We need to learn that truth.

Second, when we give, we help meet the needs of others whom God also loves. By giving to others we testify to God's love for them, and we point them to the greatest gift of all - God's gift of His Son for our salvation.

Someone has said that our lives should resemble channels, not reservoirs. A reservoir stores water; a channel distributes it. God wants us to be channels of blessing to others. Are you?

From Hope For Each Day, by Billy Graham



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

- ◆ **The Word!** We welcome children of all ages for this FREE & FUN Children's Liturgy of the Word during Sunday masses.
- ◆ **Baptism:** Interested in preparing and planning for the Sacrament of Baptism for children? If you would like more information or would like to help as a mentor, please contact Deone in 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.



### **FAIR TRADE SALES - JANUARY 12-13**

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, chocolate and cocoa product offerings.

### **FOREVER CHANGED CONTINUING TO NAVIGATE THE WINDING ROAD OF CHILD LOSS**

A group for parents and grandparents who are navigating the rocky road of grief following the death of a child. Experience a place to gather where others understand. Each session includes a facilitated lesson, followed by time for small group discussion. 5 Class sessions: \$55 per person, \$85 per couple. Held at South Washington Cty School/Community Center, 8400 E. Pt. Douglas Rd., Cottage Grove. To register for course SR0919 go to: [cecool.com](http://cecool.com) or call 651-425-6650. Next date is January 16, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, topic is *Unwrapping the Holidays*.

### **DID YOU KNOW????**

If you were gone over the holidays there are additional copies of weekly bulletins on the cabinet in the narthex. You can also find them through the website as well. Stay informed on what is going on in our parish.

### **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](mailto:lara@kokfuneral.com).

### **THIS IS THE SEASON OF ICE AND SNOW!**

Please be careful as you walk from our parking lots to the church. Our plowing company does a good job of clearing our lots, but there might still be ice underfoot. If you see a parishioner struggling in the parking lot, offer a hand to help. We certainly don't want anyone to fall.

### **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.



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### **HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY? DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE 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!

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

## MONDAY, JANUARY 7

- 8:30 am - No Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - No Word & Communion (C)
- 1:00 pm - Homeschool Opportunity Monday (C)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 8:30 am - No Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - No Word & Communion (C)
- 3:00 pm - Worship Commission (AB)
- 6:30 pm - Pastoral Care & Wellness (AB)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (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)
- 7:45 pm - FF Commission (AB)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

- 8:30 am - No Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - No Mass
- 1:00 pm - Blood Drive (AB)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

**Parish Office Closed**

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

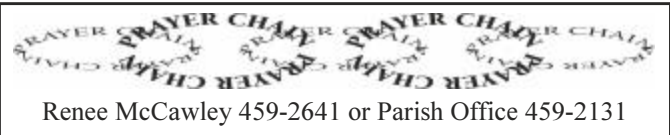
- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)  
Fair Trade Sales & Scrip Sales
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Gertrude Nariusiewicz † (C)

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

- Fair Trade Sales & Scrip Sales
- 8:30 am - Mass, Jane Larson † (C)
- 8:30 am - The Word!
- 9:30 am - Sunday Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Sunday Confirmation
- 10:30 am - Mass, Anthony, Harriet & Eileen  
Kazmierczak † (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 JANUARY 6

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-8/Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10-13/Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-17/Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-20/Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-9b/Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2-4, 24-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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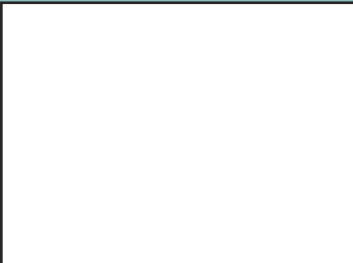
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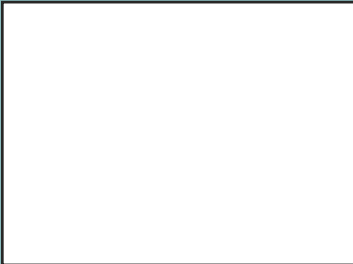
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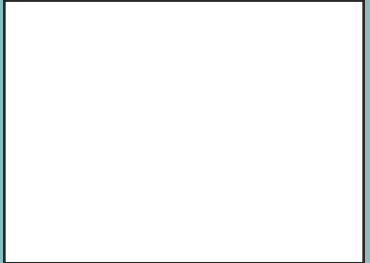
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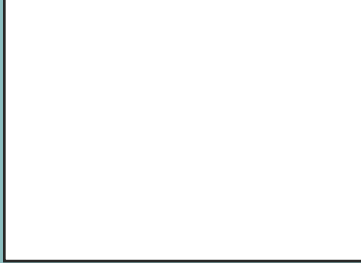
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