

January 20, 2019 / 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Catholic Community Welcomes You!

**Men's Club Pancake Breakfast THIS Sunday!**  
**Please PICK UP and SELL your Mardi Gras Tickets!!!**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas Feast Day Celebration - Next Weekend**

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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.

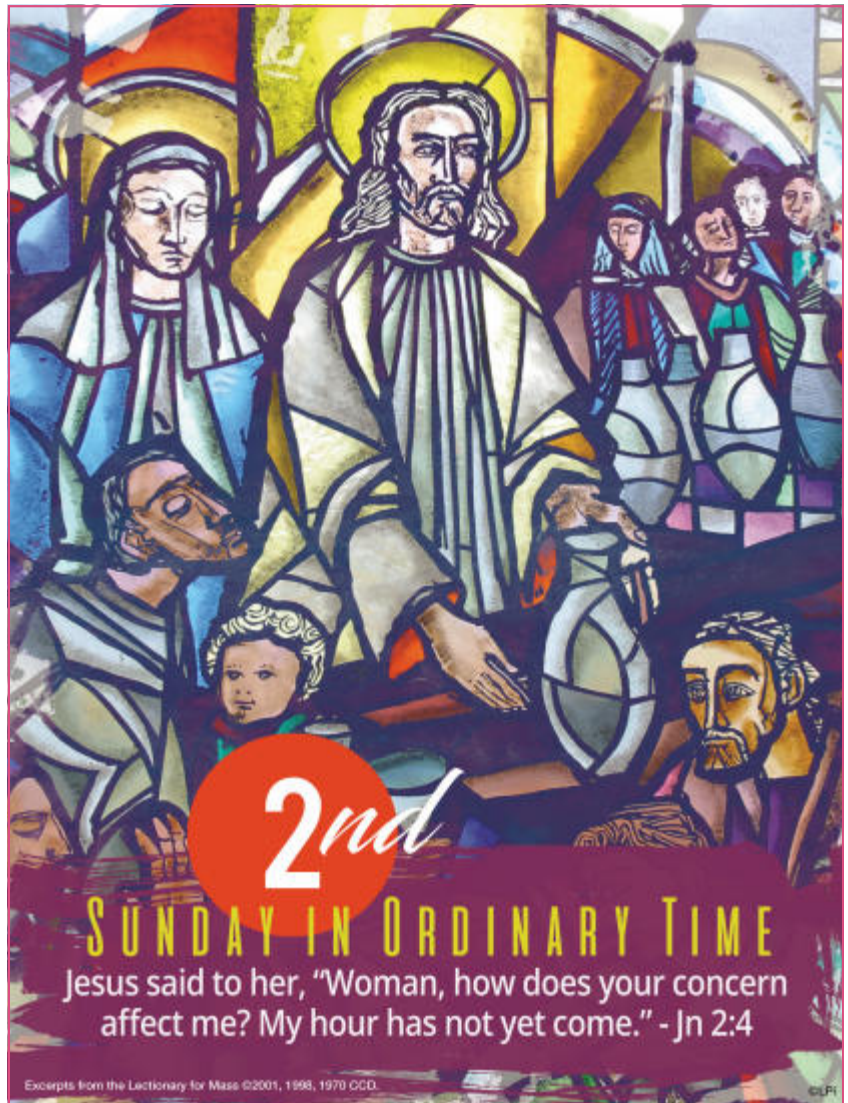
**Gluten Free Hosts** are available. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

### 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:* Grace is God's free gift to us.

*Question for Children:* What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

*Question for Adults:* God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

**The Parish Office will be Closed  
Monday, January 20  
for Martin Luther King Day.**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST DAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 28**

As part of our 135th Anniversary celebration we will be having a small celebration of our patron Saint, Thomas Aquinas, next weekend, January 26/27. We will be serving cookies and punch after the 4:00 Mass, and bringing back an old tradition of donuts and coffee after the Sunday, 8:30 and 10:30 masses. Join in some good conversation with your fellow parishioners and enjoy a sweet treat.

**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.

**BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU**

Despite many who are gone to warmer climates this time of year, and many who are not feeling well our Blood Drive collected 16 pints of blood. Many were deferred, but thank you for trying. No date yet for the second drive of the year.

**DEATHS OF THE PAST WEEK**

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

On **Monday, January 14** we celebrated the long life of 96 year old **Dorothy "June" Hummell Schrade**. Dorothy grew up in St. Paul Park with her parents and siblings. Although gone from the parish for many years she was buried next to her parents and sister in our parish cemetery. Please keep her nieces and nephews in your thoughts and prayers.

On **Friday, January 18** we celebrated the long life of 98 year old **Lucille Jones**. Lucille and her husband Dick were long time members of the parish, living in St. Paul Park until they moved to Norris Square and then to Eagan. Lucille was active in the parish many years ago and in the school district as one of the grandparents who helped students make pillows. Keep her husband Dick and their children Patti and Mark and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

On **Thursday, January 17** we celebrated the life of 86 year old **Mary Ann Baillie**. Mary Ann and her husband John were long time residents of St. Paul Park and our parish. They raised their six children here. Mary Ann was buried in our parish cemetery next to her husband John. Please keep her son and daughters and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

*May Eternal Light Shine Upon Them*



This past week I was much relieved when I received a letter from my friend who is an inmate at Oak Park Heights MN Correctional facility. I had not heard from him in over a month, and I was feeling anxiety about his well-being and status in light of all the unrest in the prisons and assaults on guards that we have read about in the news over this past year. Most of the time, we are unable to visit him at the prison because of his status, but we do correspond by mail and visit over the phone with some regularity.

During this time of governance transfer and new legislative priorities, the issue of the need for more staffing and electronic monitoring devices in our prisons to make it safer for the staff and the inmates has become a very personal issue for me. I want every person who works in the prison to return home safely after his/her shift. I want every person in the facility - whether worker or inmate - to be respectful of the other. This can happen only when everyone feels safe.

Our Church teaches and encourages us to carry out the Corporal Works of Mercy-one of which is "to visit the prisoner."

Perhaps one way of "visiting the prisoner" is to become familiar with the issue of security and safety in our prisons. Take the action to express to your legislator your opinion about adequate funding to secure safety in MN correctional facilities.

*By Mary Fleege, Social Justice Commission*



**WINTER / SPRING YOGA  
THURSDAY EVENINGS  
FEBRUARY 7 THRU APRIL 11**

Registrations are now being accepted for our Winter and Spring Yoga Sessions. Sessions begin on Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 pm. Cost will be \$80.00 for the ten sessions. Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex and are due in the parish office no later than Thursday, January 31.

**WORKSHOP ON "WHAT HAPPENS  
IF I RUN OUT OF MONEY?"  
SAT., FEBRUARY 2, AT 9:00 AM**

We are continuing our series to help parishioners following our successful Wills and Trusts workshop. 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. **Please call the parish office to register for this very informational meeting.**

**MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS**

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


Doug VerBout	Richard O'Ryan	Kevin Dinger
Mary Baumhover	Barb Huntley	Janet Waldbillig
Jody Hasbrouck	Geri Morse	Bernice Bailey
Lisa Henry	John Burgy	

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



**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, no clothing, no Fall or Christmas items or decorations, no golf clubs. We love your knick-knacks and treasures. Watch for the flyer in a few weeks.



**STA MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**  
**This Sunday, January 20**  
 Join your fellow parishioners for a delicious breakfast! Free will offering.



**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.

**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!

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

Jan. 12 - \$25 Carol Williams, Cottage Grove  
 Jan. 13 - \$100 Barb Weir, Cottage Grove  
 Jan. 14 - \$25 Mya Bender  
 Jan. 15 - \$25 Todd Pehrson, Lino Lakes  
 Jan. 16 - \$25 Michelle Anderson, Rockford, MN  
 Jan. 17 - \$25 Dorothy Lind, Cottage Grove  
 Jan. 18 - \$25 Fred Frascone, St. Paul Park

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
 Parish Office Closed

8:30 am - No Rosary  
 9:00 am - No Word & Communion

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22**

8:30 am - No Rosary  
 9:00 am - No Word & Communion  
 6:30 pm - PPC Mtg. (AB)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23**

8:30 am - Rosary (C)  
 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)  
 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service  
 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, JANUARY 24**

8:30 am - No Rosary  
 9:00 am - No Word & Communion

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25**

Parish Office Closed

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26**

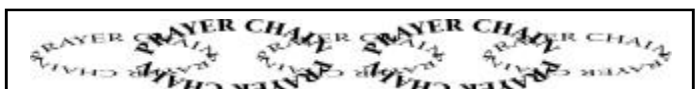
2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)  
 4:00 pm - Mass, Jerome Hebaus † (C)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

8:30 am - Mass, Donald Pehovek † (C)  
 8:30 am - The Word!  
 9:30 am - Sunday Faith Formation  
 9:30 am - Sunday Confirmation  
 10:30 am - Mass, Mekonnen Datou † (C)  
 10:30 am - The Word!  
 11:30 pm - Mission Trip Meeting (C)  
 4:30 pm - Cadillac Dinner  
 4:30 pm - Pajama Party (C)

**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 JANUARY 20**

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-10c/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40:7-10,17/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
 Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3,7-10/Mk 3:20-21  
 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-15/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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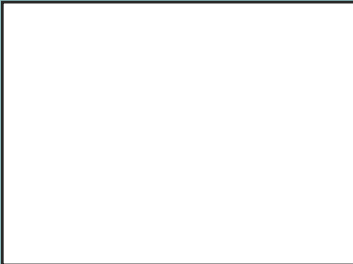
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