



January 27, 2019 / 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Catholic Community Welcomes You!

**Please PICK UP and SELL your Mardi Gras Tickets!!!
Celebrating the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas**

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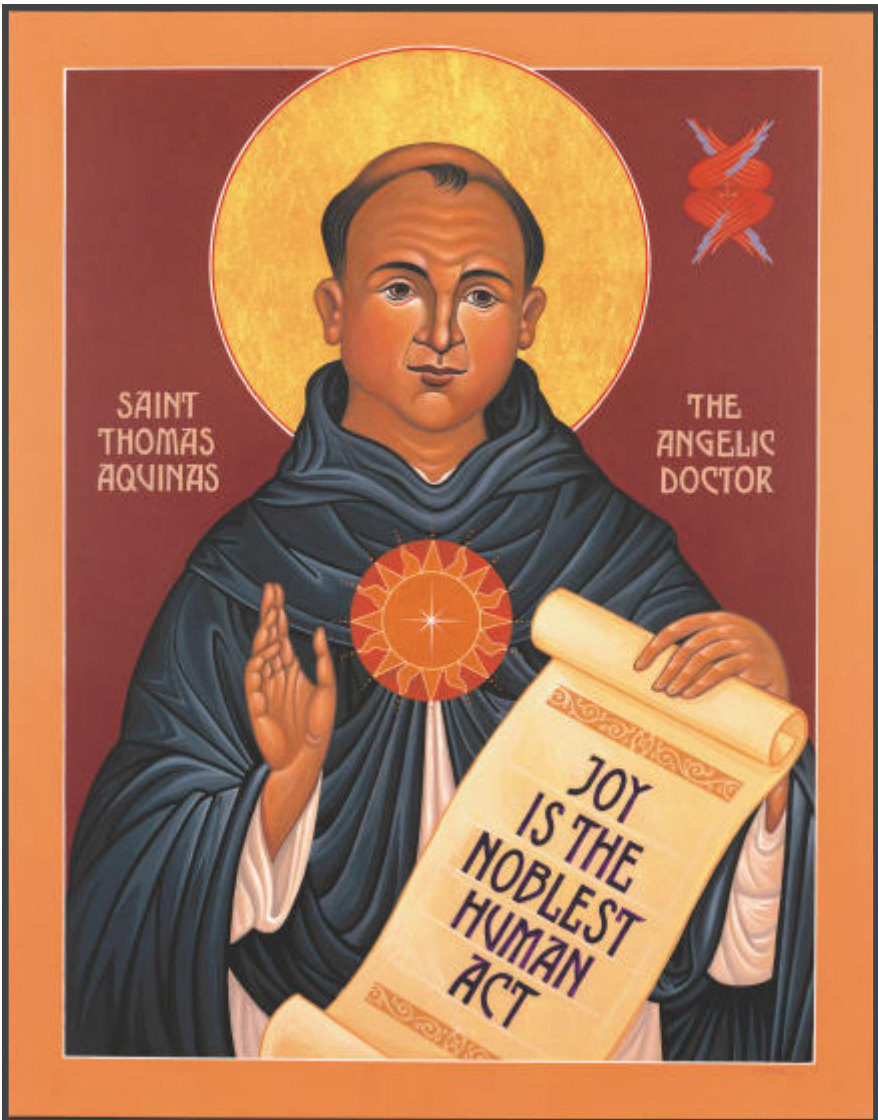
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Sacrament of Baptism

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 is the one sent by God to save us.

Question for Children: Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

Question for Youth: Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

Question for Adults: Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?



Last Monday, we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Over his short lifetime, using his great gift as an orator, he left our world with many quotes from his speeches. They continue to nourish us when we take some time to reflect on them.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

As we enter this new year, let us take the time to ponder these nuggets of wisdom from Dr. King. How do they prod us to live a more just and loving Christian life?

By Mary Fleege, Social Justice Commission

**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, THIS 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.

PRAYER CHAIN

Are you someone who feels drawn to pray for others often? The prayer chain of St. Thomas Aquinas is inviting new people who would like to participate in the ministry of prayer for others. If you would like to know more about the prayer chain or know someone that would like to join this important ministry, call Robin at 651-459-2131, ext. 107.



**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.**



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent non-profit focused solely on supporting 20 designated outreach ministries and nothing else. Partnering with these ministries, you help those in need: the hungry, the orphan, the sick, suffering, dying and grieving. You assist in ministering to the imprisoned, evangelizing Catholic youth and college students, and strengthening families. You enable the sacraments to be provided to Catholics young and old alike, throughout the 12-county area and beyond. Two newly added ministry partners this year include Abria Pregnancy Resources and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Twin Cities. We invite you to learn more about each of the vital ministries supported by the Foundation, and to join us in transforming lives through the Gospel! Visit www.csafspm.org today.

FUNERAL DISHES

Don't forget to pick up your dishes used for funeral luncheons. They are in the Narthex.

**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.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart - seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

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| Doug VerBout | Richard O'Ryan | Kevin Dinger |
| Mary Baumhover | Barb Huntley | Janet Waldbillig |
| Jody Hasbrouck | Geri Morse | Bernice Bailey |
| Lisa Henry | John Burgy | Reginald Engler |
- Please also remember the many members of our parish who are in nursing homes, assisted living, or homebound.



**"MARDI GRAS" IN THE PARK
March 3, 2019**

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS



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.



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH
FAITH FORMATION**

- ◆ **First Communion:** Our youth are preparing to receive Jesus on the weekend of **May 4 & 5, 2019.**
- ◆ **Confirmation:** Our High School youth are preparing to confirm their Catholic faith at the Cathedral on **Sunday, June 2 at 2 pm.**
- ◆ **Faith Formation:** Meeting Now!
Wednesday sessions at **6:30-7:30 pm**
Sunday sessions at **9:30-10:30 am**
- ◆ **Mission Trip:** Support our youth with prayer, and consider if you can help with fundraising. Butterbraids will be for sale soon!
- ◆ **The Word!** Free, fun and engaging! **The Word! is back Sunday's at 8:30 and 10:30.** 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 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.
- ◆ **Questions, comments:** Deone Parnell at dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com or 651-459-2131 x 108.

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS,

On behalf of Friends in Need and Share the Joy, I would like to thank you for your continued support to the families in our community. The support given by all of you over the years has been nothing short of remarkable. I am always humbled at this time of year when I see how people step up to make sure others less fortunate have a very Merry Christmas.

Kris Richard, Coordinator, Share the Joy

**4th WEEK CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!
(drum roll please!) Congratulations!**

- Jan. 19 - \$25 Randy Jacobson, Chisago City
- Jan. 20 - \$100 Dan Berberich, Cottage Grove
- Jan. 21 - \$100 James Taft, San Francisco, CA
- Jan. 22 - \$25 Jim Quinn, Hopkins
- Jan. 23 - \$25 Linda Murphy, Newport
- Jan. 24 - \$25 Karen Sporcic, Cottage Grove
- Jan. 25 - \$25 Katrina Pankonin, Inver Grove Hts.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

- 8:30 am - No Rosary
- 9:00 am - No Word & Communion
- 1:00 pm - Homeschool Opportunity Monday (C)
- 7:00 pm - Bell Rehearsal (C)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

- 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)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Parish Office Closed

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 9:00 am - Workshop (AB)
- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
Retirement for Religious
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Sal Mischke ☩ (C)

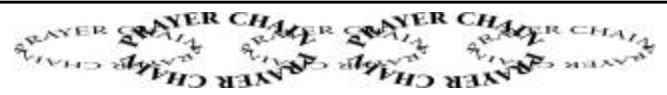
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Retirement for Religious

- 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, Martin Wegleitner ☩ (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.



Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27

- Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-6/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2,4ab, 7-11/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-6/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-6, 23-40/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7-9,19/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40
- Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6,15-17/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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