



February 3, 2019 / 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Catholic Community Welcomes You!

Welcome Back Fr. Tony!!!
Please PICK UP your Mardi Gras Tickets and SELL, SELL!!!
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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.

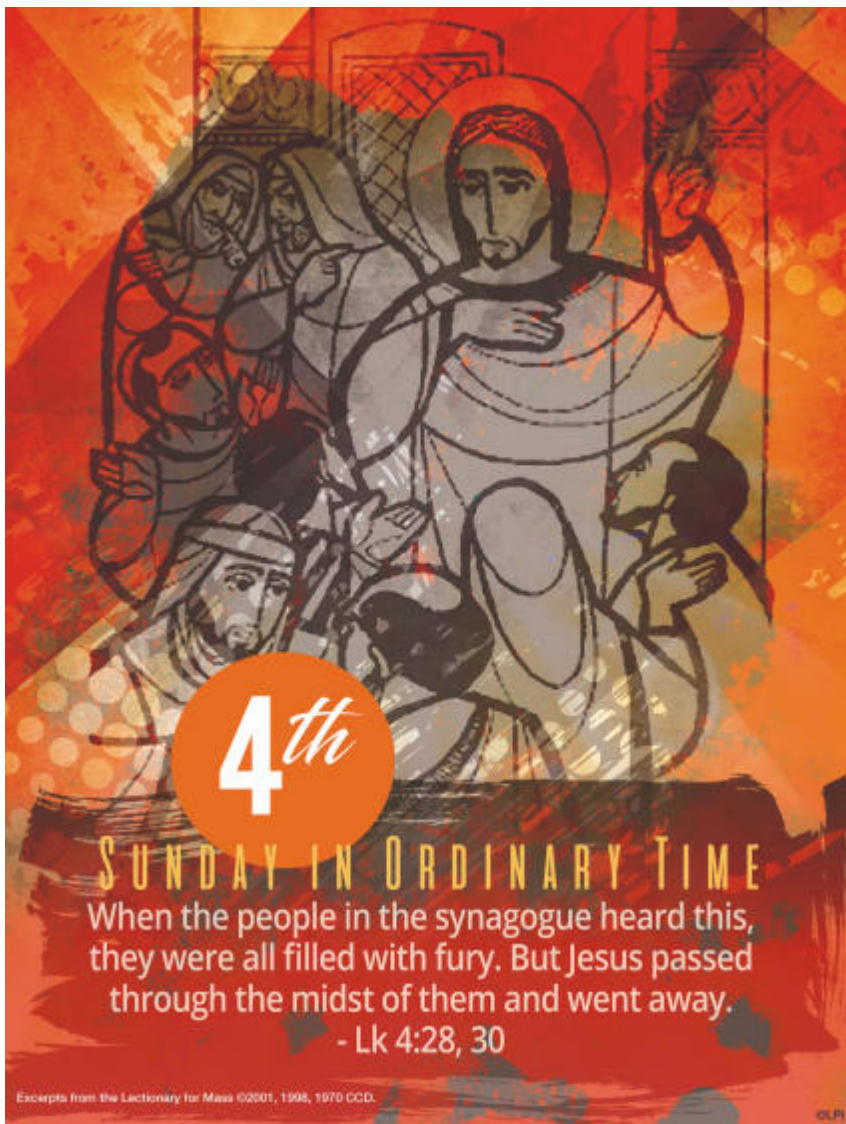
Gluten Free Hosts are available. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

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' words and love are for everyone!

Question for Children: What ways do you show God's love to someone who is lonely or hurting?

Question for Youth: Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

Question for Adults: What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

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.

AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

I'm looking for a few folks to work with me in planning a St. Patrick's Day celebration. My thoughts so far are: It will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on March 17. We'll have an Irish meal, an Irish sing-a-long, Irish dancing, and of course wearin' lots of green. If you would like to help me, call 651-459-2131 or email whitehead1@st-thomas-aquinas.com. Thanks, Rosemarie

BIBLE

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!



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.



YOGA BEGINS

Spring YOGA begins this Thursday evening February 7 at 6:30 pm in the activities building. Late registrations are welcome. Please call the office.

JUST A REMINDER....

Word and Communion and Rosary resume this Monday, and each Monday for the rest of the year.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Despite our cold weather we thank all those who joined in the celebration last weekend. Special thanks to Greg TaBelle for his portrayal of our patron saint and to Rose for her quiz and lots of great info on St. Thomas Aquinas.



FAIR TRADE SALES - FEBRUARY 9 & 10

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.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The February Men's Club meeting will be Thursday, February 7 in the Parish Activities Building at 7:00 pm. All men in the parish are welcome to attend. This is a great way to share faith and fellowship with other men in the parish. To learn more about the Men's Club, contact the parish office, or call Chris Ripka at 612-413-9213.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus Council 5647 will be holding its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser this **Sunday, February 3** (the day of the big game), from 7:30 am to 1:00 p.m. Admission is any free will donation. Proceeds will be used to support local seminarians.



HE HEALS THE BROKEN HEARTED

Fr. Cameron said, "Mercy, like every grace, always enters through a wound." If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is March 1-3. For information contact Nancy at rachels@rvinyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313, or see www.rvinyardmn.org.

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

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.

THANK YOU ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

I would like to thank my Church family for all the prayers and support during our time of need. Thank You!

The Jesse Sellards Family



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.

5th WEEK CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!
(drum roll please!) Congratulations!

- Jan. 26 - \$25 Babs Swearingen, Woodbury
- Jan. 27 - \$100 Jeremiah Friday, Rush City
- Jan. 28 - \$25 Curtis Kostelecky, St. Paul Park
- Jan. 29 - \$25 Rachel Schafer, Cottage Grove
- Jan. 30 - \$25 Matt Hinds, Lakeville
- Jan. 31 - \$25 Sue Wege, Cottage Grove
- Feb. 1 - \$25 Jason & Terri Morse, Rice Lake

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 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, FEBRUARY 5

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Janet & Ralph Gornick ☩ (C)
- 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, FEBRUARY 7

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Ferdinand & Emma Danzl ☩ (C)
- 6:30 pm - Yoga (AB)
- 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting (AB)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Donald Pehovek ☩ (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
 Fair Trade Sales
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Howard Kittelson ☩ (C)

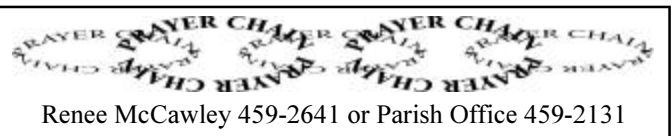
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Fair Trade Sales

- 8:30 am - Scouts Pancake Breakfast (AB)
- 8:30 am - Mass, Lois Heinbuch ☩ (C)
- 8:30 am - The Word!
- 9:30 am - Sunday Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Sunday Confirmation
- 10:30 am - Mass, Clare Broos ☩ (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 FEBRUARY 3

- Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20-24/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-32/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-18a/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-24/Ps 48:2-11/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-6/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-8/1 Cor 15:1-Lk 5:1-11

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