



February 10, 2019 / 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Catholic Community Welcomes You!

Please PICK UP your Mardi Gras Tickets and SELL, SELL!!!
Scout Troop 83 Pancake Breakfast Today 8:30am - 1:00pm
Leadership Meeting, Tues., Feb. 12 at 6:30 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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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: We are continually invited to follow Jesus.

Question for Children: What is a way that you can follow Jesus?

Question for Youth: Following Jesus can mean leaving some things behind. What do you need to let go of to follow Jesus more fully in your life?

Question for Adults: When recently did God call you to do something that was difficult?



Health Care Access for All. We've been hearing a lot about this lately regarding health care: the lack of access, the striving for access, and the struggle for many underserved. How many Catholics are aware that there is a Catholic state association that is working on this issue? It's called the Catholic Health Association of Minnesota (CHA-MN). It is part of the Catholic Health Association of the U.S. and strives to be a "vibrant presence in enhancing the health of communities and access to quality care for everyone with special attention to those who are underserved and most vulnerable." Strategies used by CHA-MN are patterned after Catholic Social Teachings including: promoting human dignity, caring for the poor and vulnerable, promoting the common good and acting in communion with the church.

To find out more about this organization as well as links to other resources on health equity, check out: <http://chamn.org/>. This is an issue that has or will effect everyone and we must all be informed about what is happening.

By Celeste Knoff, SJC member

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.

2018 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Attention: Did you attend the 2018 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration last June? Due to a little glitch we did not have pictures of the celebration until recently. The pictures are on the table in the narthex. Please take a remembrance of the special day. And remember, the 2019 celebration will be June 18, 2019.



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER
Spaghetti Dinner
Saturday, February 16**

Serving begins at 5:00 pm in the Activity Building Social Hall. Free Will Offering.



**FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS ARE FOR SALE
THIS WEEKEND
FEBRUARY 9 & 10**

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 the 17th. 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, give a call at 459-2131 or email rwhitehead1@st-thomas-aquinas.com.
Thanks, Rosemarie


RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Religious give thanks. "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

THANK YOU FOR THE PRAYERS

We would like to thank all who prayed for our daughter Jodi Hasbrouck. On January 18, 2019 she brought into this world a new baby girl. Thank you so much. Jodi is now home. However, her daughter Danica was 6-8 weeks early. She is still in the NICU, but doing well. Prayers for Danica would be appreciated as she continues to grow and get stronger on her own to join mom and dad at home. The support from our family of St. Thomas Aquinas is strong and we thank you.

Don and Kathy Tarasewicz



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

On **Friday, February 1** we celebrated the life of **William "Bill" Wolff**. Bill and his wife Arleen were long time members of our parish. Arleen passed away in 1999. They raised their three children in the parish and were involved in many activities in the parish and community. Please keep Bill's children, Dan, Lori, and Lisa and his four granddaughters in your thoughts and prayers.

On **Friday, February 8** we celebrated the life of **Reginald "Reggie" Engler**. Reggie and his wife Joanne were long time members of the parish. They raised their four children Adam, Jeff, Wanda, and Herman in the parish. Adam predeceased him in 2001. Please keep Joanne, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.

May Eternal Light Shine Upon Them

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	Janet Waldbillig	John Burgy
Danica Hasbrouck	Geri Morse	Bernice Bailey
Lisa Henry	Ron Becker	Don Waldbillig

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

Pastor's Corner

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL OF 2019



Each year a couple of weeks in February are designated by the Archdiocese as a time of commitment to the Annual Catholic Service Appeal. This appeal supports the wide variety of programs throughout our Archdiocese.

We are called to walk with Jesus Christ, to be the hands of Christ, the feet of Christ. To reach out to others and join together on this journey in Christ's name. This appeal challenges Catholics throughout the Archdiocese to come together in their support of over 45 programs and ministries now offered to the people of our local church.

Some of the programs that support people on their journey include: the Catholic education and formation ministries, Evangelization, Hispanic ministry, the Saint Paul seminary and supporting our Archdiocesan mission in Venezuela.

On an Archdiocesan-wide basis, the effort of the thousands involved has touched the lives of nearly one-half million people. Since the appeal began in 1969, more than thirty million dollars has been refunded to the parishes so they may share directly in the benefits of the Appeal Campaign. These funds enhance parish religious education programs.

Next weekend, we will hear from our CSA team about the ways your 2019 gift to the Catholic Service Appeal will make a difference throughout our Archdiocese and beyond. All registered parishioners should have already received their 2019 CSA envelope, and we thank those who already made the pledge. Envelopes will also be available in the pews starting this weekend. We are especially grateful if you can make your pledge now, as 25 percent of gifts received during the parish phase of the campaign will come back to support our parishes education efforts.

There are many volunteers and parish staff who work to make the Appeal a success. I thank you for your work in support of the 2019 Catholic Service Appeal. Together we can make a difference.

Fr. Tony Andrade

A LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPEAL TO PARISHIONERS

The Boros children (5th grade, 3rd grade and Pre-school) will be selling raffle tickets (\$5 each) after all Masses the weekend of February 16 & 17. 100% of the money collected stays with their school, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Maplewood, MN. All the prizes were donated by Catholic United Financial. The grand prize includes a new car or \$20,000 in cash and many other amazing prizes.

6th WEEK CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS! (drum roll please!) Congratulations!

- Feb. 2 - \$100 David & Emily Mogren, Cottage Grove
- Feb. 3 - \$100 Bob Cronquist, Cottage Grove
- Feb. 4 - \$25 Mary Sue Schrantz, Lake Elmo
- Feb. 5 - \$25 Craig Palmquist, Ashland, WI
- Feb. 6 - \$25 Tara & Chad Parent, Oakdale
- Feb. 7 - \$25 Andy & Vicky Strom, Exeland, WI
- Feb. 8 - \$25 Dan Huffer, Woodbury



"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.

SCOUT TROOP 83 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, February 10



Please join us for a pancake breakfast this Sunday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm sponsored by the Scouts. The STA Men's Club will be assisting. All are invited!

PAYING IT FORWARD AGAIN!

Big thank you to the Rogers family who were winners at the Cadillac Dinner and shared their winnings with the parish by purchasing a new flat screen television to replace the one that they had previously donated which somehow got broken. We really appreciate all that Mike and Andrea Rogers do to support our parish 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.
 Butterbraid order forms available now.
 Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 16 after 4pm Mass.
- ◆ **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.

Butterbraid Fundraiser

Sales kick off February 13
TURN IN ORDERS by March 22
Pick up Butter Braids Palm Sunday Weekend April 13-14

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, February 16, 5:00 pm in the Social Hall of the Activities Building.

Mardi Gras Weekend

Saturday Night, March 2, Kids Party. 5-8 pm food & fun in the church basement. Free will offering.

St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale

Sunday, March 17
Please bring treats to sell after Masses
Begin Change Drive:
"Be the Change you Wish to See in the World"
Bulletin board w/change jug in Narthex.

Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20 decorate and set up
Sunday, April 21 at 9:30 am between masses
With "Free Will" collection bucket

Cinco de Mayo Taco Dinner

Saturday, May 4 after Mass, 5:00 -7:00 pm.

Mother's Day & Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 12

Car Wash & Picnic Lunch Fundraiser

Sunday, May 19, 11:30 am -2:00 pm

Vacation Bible School

June 10-14, 10 am-1 pm
Volunteer to set up and/or help with VBS

Packing & Potluck for Mission Trip Families

Wednesday, June 19, 7:00 pm at church

Mission Trip June 20

Thursday, June 20 meet for Mass at 9 am, leave at 9:30 am.
Arrive back at St. Thomas Aquinas, Monday, June 24 around 10:00 pm.

Ongoing Amazon Smile Fundraiser

If you order through Amazon, please order through Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0747178>

**TROOP 83 OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
IS FORMING A TROOP FOR GIRLS**

Effective Feb. 1, Troop 83 will be forming a new troop for girls between the ages of 11-17. The young ladies will experience the fun and skills of the outdoor program and will be involved in learning leadership skills and earning the same badges and ranks as the boys. They will be a separate troop from the boys so they can get the same attention from leaders. They will have female leaders. If you are interested in this new venture, there will be information available at the pancake breakfast on Feb. 10 or you may contact: Roy Barrett, 651-247-8315 or Toni Harvey, 612-201-6806.

Pack 83 is also welcoming girls to their new venture. Girls between the ages of 5-10 or K-5th grade. The girls will form their own den within the pack with female Den leadership. If interested contact: David Savolainen, 612-469-1886 or Jaime Shingledecker, 612-817-7996

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 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 12

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Harriet & Eileen Kazmierczak ☩ (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, FEBRUARY 14 Valentine's Day

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Harry & Eleanora Sandkamp ☩ (C)
- 6:30 pm - Yoga (AB)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Parish Office Closed

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

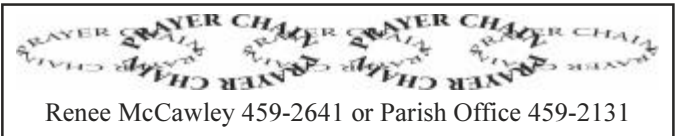
- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Gertrude Narusiewicz ☩ (C)
- 5:00 pm - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (AB)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 8:30 am - Mass, Negussie Berihun ☩ (C)
- 8:30 am - The Word!
- 9:30 am - Sunday Faith Formation
- 9:30 am - Sunday Confirmation
- 10:30 am - Mass, Charlie Weaver ☩ (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 10

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-12, 24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-7/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-6/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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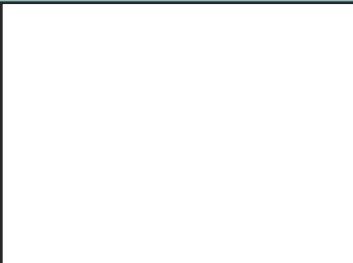
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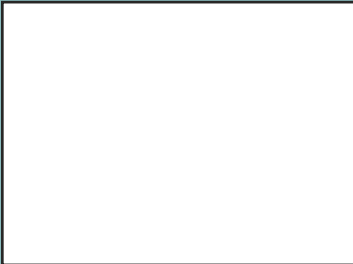
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