

March 3, 2019 / 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Men's Club Meeting Thursday, March 7 at 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.

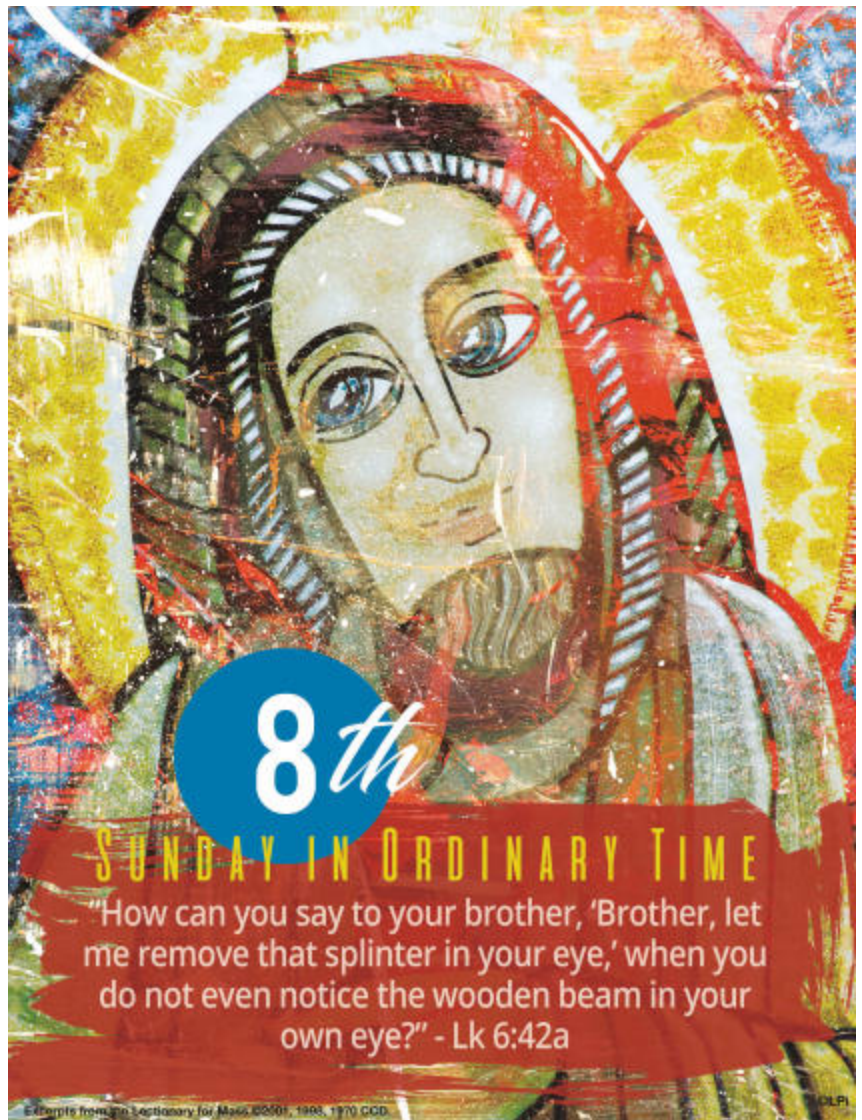
Gluten Free Hosts are available. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

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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: Our words reveal what is in our hearts.

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to do good. What did you do this past week that was really good, kind or loving?

Question for Youth: Jesus says that our words reveal what is in our hearts. How do your words and actions reveal what is truly in your heart?

Question for Adults: We humans are vulnerable to sin. But we see the sins of others more easily than we recognize our own sins. Why does Jesus warn us not to judge others?

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday Services: 9:00 am & 6:30 pm
Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fasting, (one full meal and two smaller meals) and no meat.
Friday's during Lent are days of no meat.



**ASH WEDNESDAY
POT LUCK SOUP SUPPER**

Wednesday, March 6 at 5:30 pm in the
Social Hall of the Activities Bldg.

You are invited to bring soup or bread to share, or just join us for this simple meal.
Contact Deone with questions at 651-459-2131x108.

HOW TO BEGIN DECLUTTERING!

WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 9:00 AM

The Pastoral Care and Wellness Commission is sponsoring this workshop. We will have author Laura Gilbert, author of "The Stories we Leave Behind: A Legacy Based Approach to Dealing with STUFF". Many of us just don't know where to begin cleaning out all of our "stuff". Join us for this workshop to help us start the process. Register by calling the parish office. The workshop is free, but we will have a "free will offering".

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The March Men's Club meeting will be Thursday, March 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.



GERTEN'S IS COMING

It's time to think about spring and flowers and gardening! Beginning the weekend of March 9/10, the music department and friends will be taking orders for Gerten's flowers and bedding plants, hanging baskets, etc. We will continue selling each weekend in March, wrapping up sales on March 31. This year's proceeds will go for the needs of the parish. Thank you, as always, for your wonderful, generous support! Robin

BOROS FAMILY THANK YOU

To the generous-hearted parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas who purchased raffle tickets from the Boros children, we want to profess our profound appreciation for your generosity. Your dollars help make a Catholic education more accessible to more families, by helping the school pay for general operating expenses through this fundraising drive. We are thrilled to share that we received \$820 in support from our parishioners. This community is a shining example of Christ's light at work! Thank you again on behalf of....
The Boros Family, Vicky, Robb, John, Sophia, and Joseph
AND Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School



The last line of the late Mary Oliver's poem *The Summer Day* is this: "Tell me, what it is you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

These words have encouraged many of us to take action, to pay attention to what matters most during our short stay on this earth, and to follow what summons us to be all that we can be. For the devoted Christian who finds, within that summons, a clarion call to follow Jesus, the words our Savior spoke to Peter can show us what we should be about. "Feed my sheep," he said. In that simple command is hidden Christ's directive to care for each other and our planet, to lift up the oppressed, to promote the common good. In short, to be Christ to one another. Are you heeding that call to be a force for social justice in your life? Pray about how you might best spend more of your life in love and service. Read again Mary Oliver's words written above, and let them speak to your heart.

John Wheeler, Social Justice Commission



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

Remember to turn your clocks
one hour ahead.

PARISH FISCAL YEAR REPORT

The parish ended fiscal year 2018 in June with a surplus of \$50,415, including restricted donations of more than \$100,000. The complete Financial Statements as well as the current year budget are available for your review in the parish office. Please ask for Anne Sweet.

BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

The bell choir is looking for a couple of new ringers, as one of our "regulars" has taken a job in Idaho and moved out West! Another is away at college. Our bell choir meets on Monday evenings at 7pm from October through December and usually plays at least one weekend during Advent and the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.

We have a month off in January and resume rehearsals in February and rehearse through Easter. We play one weekend of Lent, Palm Sunday, and all of Holy Week Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday). This coming fall, we will also be playing at the 135th Anniversary Mass when Archbishop Hebda comes to celebrate with us on October 6!

The only requirement is that you need to know how to read music, otherwise, no previous bell experience is needed! Please contact Robin if you are interested at 651-459-2131, ext. 107.

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	Don Waldbillig
Mary Baumhover	Janet Waldbillig	John Burgy
Danica Hasbrouck	Geri Morse	Bernice Bailey
Lisa Henry	Ron Becker	Katie Nielsen
Betty Cronquist	Chuck Cronquist	

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

Pastor's Corner

ASH WEDNESDAY IS ON MARCH 6

The word Lent originally meant spring, the period between winter and summer. Spring is a time of new growth and freshness and hope. However, for Christians, Lent has come to be regarded as a time of fasting and penance. This is in remembrance of the 40 days that Jesus fasted: So during these forty days, and in particular before the holy sacrifice, we acknowledge our sinfulness and our need to repent. But we do so in the spirit of spring. In the joy and hope of knowing that our God is all tenderness and compassion, offering us the new life he obtained for us in his resurrection.



The Prophet Joel in our scripture readings on Ash Wednesday reminds us to “Turn to the Lord your God again. Lent is a time to confront whatever is not proper in our lives and to turn away from it”.

St. Paul in the letter to the Corinthians says “Not tomorrow, not later, but now is the time to take control of our lives”.

In Matthew’s Gospel Jesus instructs his followers how to spend the day of fasting and prayer as part of our faith journey. He says to be generous in sharing our resources with others who have nothing. By doing so one can find the presence of God in the lives of the poor.

Lent, an opportunity to find joy and peace

For us, Lent comes as a wonderful opportunity to examine our lives. The same Lord who spoke in the past is speaking to us right now. Whether we are great sinners or ordinary struggling Christians, each one of us has to turn away from whatever is sinful in our lives. Depression and a feeling of hopelessness are the fruits of sinfulness. But this examination and conversion should be a joyful exercise. There is no place for gloom or doom in the mind of the Christian. We are preparing for a new springtime in our lives. We are turning a new leaf. We are rising from our graves. The invitation of Jesus is clear. *‘I will put my Spirit in you and you shall live.’* Lent is a season to be taken very seriously. Jesus has promised us his Spirit and St. Paul tells us that, *‘the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience; kindness, generosity, faithfulness.’* (Gal. 5:22)

But this Spirit has to be shared. “Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” is a command to be obeyed. (Matt.11: 16)

Let us enter Lent, then, with a song in our hearts and a smile on our faces, as Jesus has recommended in the Gospel and as Paul has exhorted us in the second reading, “Now is the favorable time; this is the day of salvation.” (Cor. 6:2)

Ash Wednesday Masses are 9:00 am and 6:30 pm with the blessing and distribution of ashes.

Fr. Tony Andrade

9th WEEK CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS!
(drum roll please!) Congratulations!

Feb. 23 - \$25	Carrie Mallinger, Rush City
Feb. 24 - \$100	Butch Duff, Newport
Feb. 25 - \$25	Andy Dinger, Cottage Grove
Feb. 26 - \$25	Sandy Humphrey, Oakdale
Feb. 27 - \$25	Mavis & Joe Hughes, Lady Lake, FL
Feb. 28 - \$25	Robert Weninger, Inver Grove Hts.
Mar. 1 - \$25	Marie McCauley, St. Charles, MO

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
“...be doers of the word, and not hearers only.” James 1:22
 How are you living out your faith?
 One way to respond to the Gospel call to serve the poor, support life and strengthen faith is by partnering with the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (CSAF).
 The CSAF is an independent non-profit focused solely on supporting 20 designated outreach ministries and nothing else. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining in the good work being done. Simply connect via your mobile device to csafspm.org, or complete a paper pledge form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it directly to the Foundation’s office in Plymouth, MN. Thank you from the many ministries of the CSAF.

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER
 Turn in your orders by March 22. Pick up your Butter Braids Palm Sunday weekend, April 13-14.
Questions: Contact Deone Parnell at dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com or 651-459-2131 x 108.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MONTH!
 Watch for information on our toilet paper collection next weekend.

EASTER ENVIRONMENT

If you are interested in making a donation in memory of a loved one, please cut out and complete this form by **April 21**. Place your donation in an envelope marked ENVIRONMENT. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas. You may mail your donation or place it in the collection basket. All donations will be applied to environment.
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FAIR TRADE SALES - MARCH 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.

CELEBRATING 135 YEARS OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: THE HISTORY OF OUR PARISH

Father Edward DeCourcy was appointed the new resident Pastor in 1934. Father Peter O'Neil was assigned to assist Fr. DeCourcy. Father O'Neil remained in the parish only a few months, but in the short time he was here he established funds from parishioners and a new floor was installed in the Church, and through his own generosity Father O'Neil matched the parishioner donations and confessionals were purchased for the church. The confessionals were used until 1969. Because of ill health Father O'Neill left the parish. Father DeCourcy served as pastor until 1940. Father J. L. Westfall was appointed new Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas. Father Westfall purchased the present property that the school and church are located on today. The first parochial school was built in 1948. It was a barrack like structure, which has been razed, which housed the school, huge cafeteria and bowling alley. A family dwelling was purchased at 817 Ashland Avenue and was remodeled to house six lively nuns, who would teach the children in grades one through eight. Two lay teachers were also hired to teach. It was a happy day at St. Thomas Parish when in September, 1949 the school opened its doors to teach the many children registered. 315 students were registered. The school was fully staffed, plus a janitor. Hot lunches were served five days a week to the children and faculty. The school building was put to many uses - dinners, rummage sales, bazaars and receptions hosted by the many women of the parish. It was an exciting time at St. Thomas Aquinas. Father Westfall helped to form the first Women's Council and Men's Club. In 1950 Father Westfall left the parish. He left many wonderful memories behind for the parish to remember him by.

More next week.....

LEARN ABOUT OUR PATRON, ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

When Thomas was five years old, he was placed in the nearby monastery of Monte Cassino for schooling. The family hoped he might advance to become abbot one day, which would serve the family interest and honor. There the quizzical young boy repeatedly posed the question, "What is God?" to his teachers. All were amazed at his intelligence and learning.

QUOTES OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible. "

AN IMPORTANT WINTER REMINDER

An important reminder regarding the parking lot and sidewalks, be careful! If you see another parishioner struggling, offer a helping hand. Our plow company, with the help of Bryce and Zevi, our maintenance team, work as hard as they can to keep things clear of snow and ice. At times, this winter, it has been impossible. After all, it is WINTER in Minnesota. Spring will be here before we know it!

FLU SEASON IS HERE

Flu season is here. Please take care of yourself and take precautions so you don't spread your sickness to others.

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, MARCH 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, MARCH 5

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Mass
- 6:30 pm - Pastoral Care & Wellness Commission (AB)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 Ash Wednesday

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Charles & Mary McGraw † (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service
- 11:00 am - Norris Square Mass
- 5:30 pm - Soup Supper (AB)
- 6:30 pm - FF Session (AB)
- 6:30 pm - Confirmation Preparation (AB)
- 6:30 pm - Mass, Seth Kallevig † (C)
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Donald Pehovek † (C)
- 6:30 pm - Yoga (AB)
- 7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting (AB)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Paulino deLaO O Jr. † (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service
- 6:00 pm - HOM Slumber Party

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

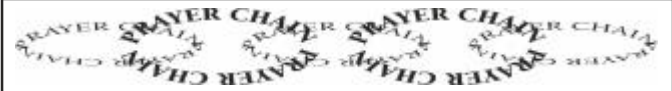
- 9:00 am - Scouts Pinewood Derby (AB)
- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Gertrude Narusiewicz † (C)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 Daylight Savings Time

- 8:30 am - Mass, Alfred Kosse † (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.



Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3

- Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-7/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-14, 23/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-17/2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/ Lk 4:1-13

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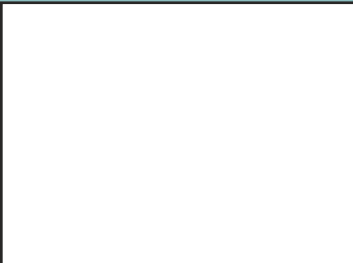
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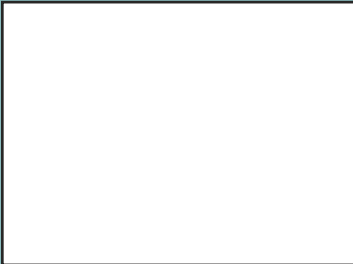
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