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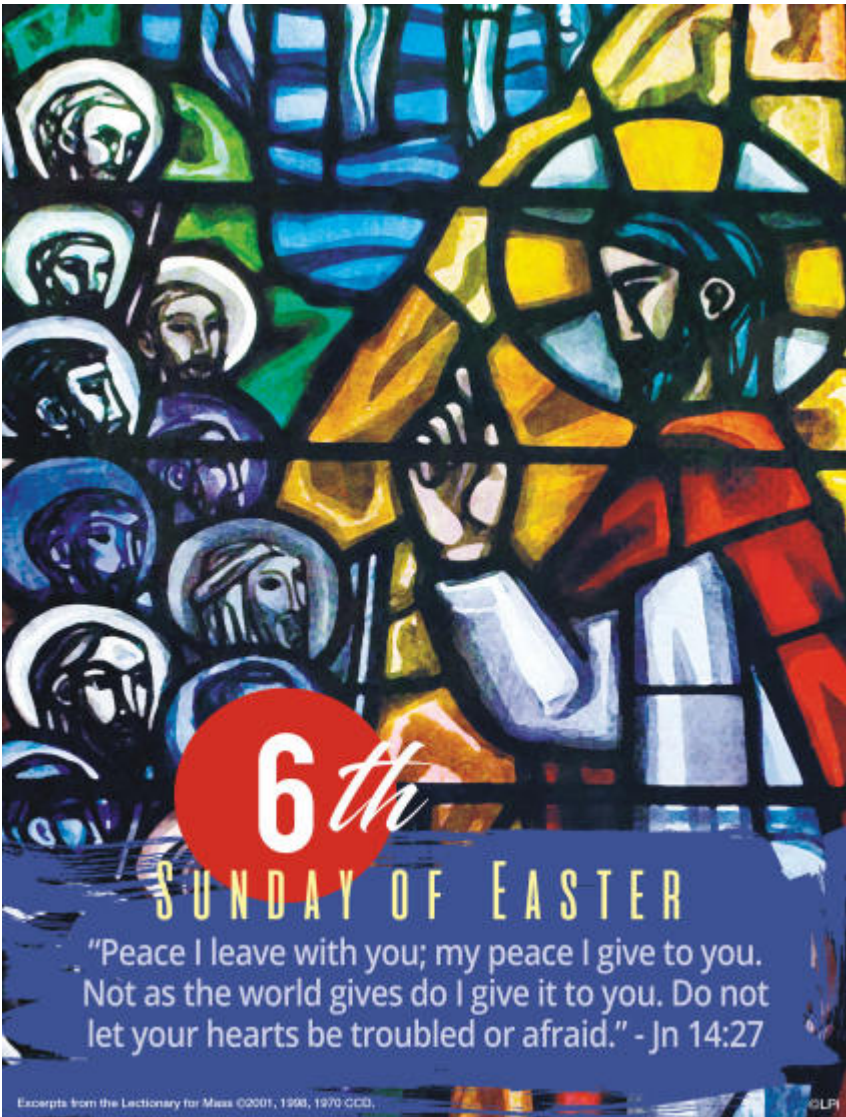
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Catholic Community Welcomes You!

Buda Scholarship Applications Due May 30!!
Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery, Monday, May 27 at 9:30 am
50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, June 18 at 11:00 am

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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: The Holy Spirit instructs us in everything we do.

Question for Children: How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

Question for Youth: Jesus told us to trust in the Holy Spirit to help guide our lives. How can you be open to what the Holy Spirit might say to you?

Question for Adults: How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

BUDA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder that all applications for the Buda Scholarship must be **received** in the parish office by 4:30 pm on Thursday, May 30 to be considered.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT THE CEMETERY
MONDAY, MAY 27, 9:30 AM**



Our annual Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery will be held rain or shine at approximately 9:30 am. Come early to participate in the American Legion salute to all the veterans buried in our cemetery.

Come dressed for the weather and bring your own chair. We'd love to see you there.

BULLETIN ARTICLES FOR JUNE 2 & 9

All Bulletin articles for the June 2 & June 9 bulletins will need to be in to the office **no later than 8:00 am on Tuesday, May 28**. This will be a combined bulletin.

FATHER'S DAY CHOIR



Attention men of St. Thomas Aquinas parish! Every year on Father's Day, the men in the parish come together to form the 'Father's Day Choir' and sing at the 10:30 am Mass on Father's Day. This year, Father's Day falls on June 16. We invite all of you, young and older, to join us this year! We will rehearse Tuesday, June 11. (** Note, this is a change from our usual Wednesday rehearsal time). Practice is at 7:00 pm. We welcome instrumentalists as well! Please contact Robin at the parish office if you can participate. Thank you!! 651-459-2131, x107.

DEATHS OF THE PAST WEEKS

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



On **Friday, May 17** we celebrated the life of **Dolores "Dot" Fleming**. Dot and her husband Maurice joined our parish over 50 years ago. Dot was devoted to her husband and their two sons

Brian and Brad. Her family and home were the most important things in her life. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

On **Thursday, May 23** the oldest living member of our parish, **Dolores Stoffel**, who was 101, passed away at Regina Assisted Living in Hastings where she had been a resident for six years. For her 100th birthday we collected birthday cards to help her celebrate. Fr. Tony and Sue Kainz delivered the cards to Dolores and she was absolutely thrilled. Dolores has been a member of our parish for well over 60 years. She and her husband Jerome were very involved in our parish with their three sons. Dolores was buried next to her husband Jerome in our parish cemetery. Please keep the whole family in your thoughts and prayers.

May Eternal Light Shine Upon Them



God spoke to Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations, I appointed you." But Jeremiah was afraid: "Lord God, I do not know how to speak. I am too young." God will not let him off the hook: "Do not say 'I am too young.' To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak." If God spoke to any of us, commanding us to be a prophet, we would respond pretty much as Jeremiah did. "I can't do that, Lord. I am too old, too shy, too inarticulate. Why on earth would you choose me?" And who would want to be a prophet anyway? Prophets "speak truth to a culture of lies," wrote Daniel Berrigan. Unpopularity is guaranteed.

In Sr. Joan Chittister's latest book, *The Time Is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage*, she challenges all people of faith to live lives of prophetic spirituality. This means to live with hope and vision and to summon the courage to speak the truth wherever we live and work and worship. While we will not become another Jeremiah or Micah, a Martin Luther King or Dorothy Day, we are meant to overcome our reluctance to address the continuing social disintegration in our nation and in our world. Chittister's intent is to help her readers reclaim the "prophet within" and to have the courage to say "yes" to life. Chittister, who many recognize as a prophetic leader herself, believes that we have retreated from a suffering world into pious indifference. A private, individualistic spirituality is not a full and mature response to the Gospel.

If you are concerned about the state of the world and wonder how you can live in hope and grow in faith, I recommend this book. Chittister is a fine guide and the book is readable and short.

Mary Novak – Social Justice Commission

A PRESENTATION ON THE FAR EAST

Dave Jasper is an 82 year old parishioner who traveled to the Far East this winter. He traveled on four continents and through 14 countries over 72 days. He will share some of his photographs and stories of that Adventure on Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

PENTECOST: MANY LANGUAGES

The feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the church, is June 8 & 9 this year. As in the past, our parishioners read the prayers of petition in various languages at each Mass. Is there anyone who would be willing to speak one of the prayers in another language? Please contact Rose by phone at 459-2131, ext. 109 or email her by June 1. Thank you.

TOM CLARK TURNS 90!!!

Tom Clark is celebrating his 90th birthday on June 2 and he would love to hear from his friends! Please send him a card or letter at: MN Veterans Home - MPLS, Bldg. 22, room 450N, 5101 Minnehaha Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55417-1699.

MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

Bonnie Williamson	Elaine Kelly	John Burgy
Adeline Rumpca	Geri Morse	Mary Baumhover
Ron Becker	Katie Nielsen	Greg Norum

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

Pastor's Corner

PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AND THE MEN & WOMEN WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM AND BRING PEACE.

Heart of Jesus Embrace us: Oh Jesus, let your warm love enliven our hearts as the spring rain renews the earth and brings forth new life to our wounded nation. Let your nourishing love birth within us a desire for justice and peace to serve you and the nations of the world. We humbly thank you for giving us your blessings of love so that we may find hope and courage as a people. We are servants willing to find the strength to persevere in finding the solutions for a peaceful earth. In you, oh sacred heart of Jesus, we put our hope and trust. Help us to walk our earthly journey with courage and faith, Amen.



Prayer for our Men and Women in service to our Country: Lord God of hosts... Bless all who serve our country in the cause of peace on land and sea, and in air. Help them, and those in

authority who lead them, to discern prayerfully whether a potential conflict or war is just.

Help them to meet all danger with courage; let them be models of discipline and loyalty. Keep them safe from harm and bring them home safely to their loved ones. May they work loyally to build up your kingdom of peace, love and justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dear parishioners, as we celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, it is necessary that we pray for our nation and the people who serve our nation with love and courage. May God protect all of us and bring peace to the wounded world.

Fr. Tony Andrade

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLYWEDS SHERRY WENNING AND DALE SMITH

Sherry and Dale were married on Saturday, May 18 during our 4:00 pm Mass. It was a wonderful celebration of our community supporting them in their married life. Please keep them in your prayers.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 11:00 AM

For over 25 years we have been honoring couples who have been married for 50 years or more. Our annual celebration of these couples will be on Tuesday, June 18 with Mass at 11:00 in the church and a free lunch to follow.



Were you married any time in 1969? We have had many questions of who can attend. If you are celebrating your 50th wedding anniversary any time in 1969 we would like to have you join us. If you have been married over 50 years you are invited to attend, if you are a widow/widower celebrating 50 years or more, join us as well.

Please call the parish office with your names and the year of your wedding.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Sue Kainz at 651-707-6874.



HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY JUNE 9-15

When the weather turns warmer, we all begin to think about spring cleaning – washing windows, taking out patio furniture and cleaning out our closets. There are families out there that can't imagine having spare clothes to donate and discard. Families that would love to have an opportunity to grill on their patio while watching their children play in their yard.

HJH is a ministry of hospitality that services families in need of temporary housing. The shelter is located at Guardian Angels Church and operates in cooperation with the Washington & Ramsey counties. In order to keep operating costs down, several shifts are covered by neighboring parishes. St. Thomas, in cooperation with 3 other parishes, are volunteering to staff dinner and overnight shifts on June 9-15.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact Sherry @ 612-817-0513 or at snwenning@gmail.com. Volunteers must complete a background check and 'Keeping our Children Safe' training.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you St. Thomas Aquinas for your generous contribution of \$3,571.00 which will enable hundreds of religious communities to meet their pressing retirement needs, while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your support of this important annual appeal on behalf of all women religious, priests and brothers.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- ◆ **Confirmation:** Our High School youth are preparing to confirm their Catholic faith at the Cathedral on Sunday, June 2 at 2 pm.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** Sign up for Vacation Bible Camp! June 10-14, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm daily. VBS registration and volunteer forms are available online, on the Eblast, in the newsletter, and on the bulletin board in the Narthex. See next week's bulletin for a list of donation items for VBS.
- ◆ **Mission Trip:** Thank you for your support of our youth mission trip! We have reached our goal through your generosity and prayers! Join us for a send off Mass on Thursday, June 20 at 9:00 am at St. Thomas Aquinas. Fr. Tony will be blessing the Mission Trip group. **** Please donate Feminine Hygiene products for the women's shelter in Hammond, Indiana. We will have baskets in the Narthex or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!**
- ◆ **Fall Faith Formation:** Registration forms for Fall Faith Formation are available now.
- ◆ **Baptism:** Contact Deone in the church office if you have questions regarding Baptism.
- ◆ **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.

SPRING MEMORIAL MASS THANK YOU!

The Spring Memorial Mass is always a very moving evening as the names of loved ones are read aloud. Thank you to all who joined us for this special evening of remembering. Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped in any way.

TOTAL LIFE CARE COLLECTION A HUGE SUCCESS!

A very special thank you to our parish members for once again supporting the work of Total Life Care in Hastings. There were many items collected to be passed out to new moms and over \$2,000.00 was collected. We thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

Office Manager, Mary Jo, will be taking a vacation May 29 through June 6 and therefore will not be in the parish office. There will be volunteers filling in for her if you need help.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS FOR THE SUMMER

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday's

Also, a reminder to please be aware of limited staff availability during the summer months (June-August) as our staff takes time to enjoy their vacations.

9TH ANNUAL WIDOWS DAY OF REFLECTION SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The 9th Annual Widow's Day of Reflection will be Saturday, June 15, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Edina. Jeff Cavins will lead reflection on this day of spiritual enrichment and fellowship. Continental breakfast and lunch included.

Please mail your \$20 registration fee and completed registration form found in the event brochure by no later than Friday, May 31 to: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, ATTN: Widows' Day of Reflection, 5071 Eden Ave, Edina, MN 55436. Visit olgparish.org for a brochure or to find out more. Contact Jason Godin at jasongodin@olgparish.org or 952-929-3317 x9039 with any additional questions.

ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

Sat., June 15, 10 am Mass, Cathedral of Saint Paul

Celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony. The celebration includes Mass, renewal of vows, and a short reception. Couples celebrating their silver and golden anniversaries will be honored in a special way. Families and friends of all couples are welcome!

Couples married one year or more may request a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Hebda. To request a certificate, please contact Sonya Flomo at the Office of Marriage, Family & Life by June 10 at 651-291-4488 or flomos@archspm.org.

EAST METRO YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT

Trivia Night at Guardian Angels Church on Friday, June 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Pizza, popcorn, snacks, wine, beer served. Tables of 8 adults (ages 18-39) compete against each other and answer questions in a variety of categories. Tickets are \$20 in advance online at www.guardian-angels.org, keyword "trivia" and \$25 at the door. Proceeds support Hope for the Journey Home & East Metro Young Adult Ministry. Questions: 651-789-3173.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY, MAY 27 Memorial Day

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - No Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - No Word & Communion (C)
- 9:30 am - Memorial Day Mass at Cemetery

TUESDAY, MAY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Janet & Ralph Gornick † (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service
- 9:30 am - Bible Study (AB)
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

THURSDAY, MAY 30

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Jon Maus † (C)

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, James Lence † (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

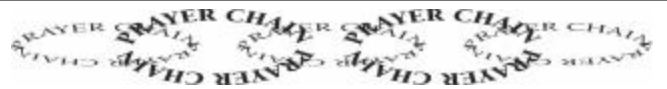
- 10:00 am - Presentation by Dave Jasper (AB)
- 2:30 pm - St. Thomas Ensemble (C)
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Harry & Eleanora Sandkamp † (C)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

- 8:30 am - Mass, Betty Dullum † (C)
- 10:30 am - Mass, Marcel & Gerard Schmit † (C)
- 2:00 pm - Confirmation at the Cathedral

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

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-9b/Jn 15:26--16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-4/Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-6/Lk 1:39-56
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-9/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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