



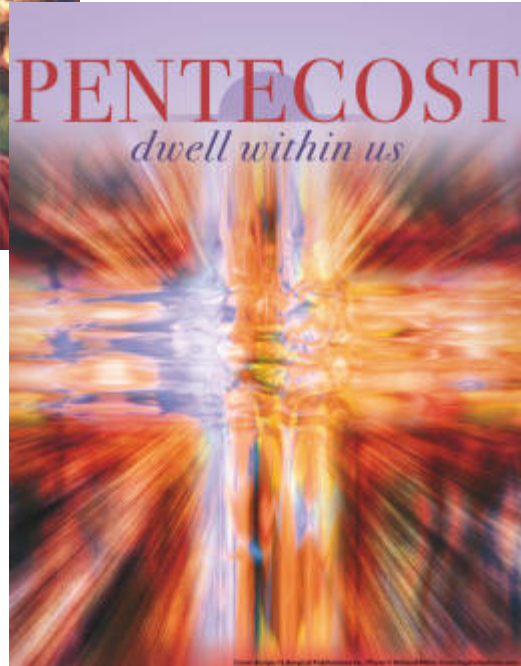
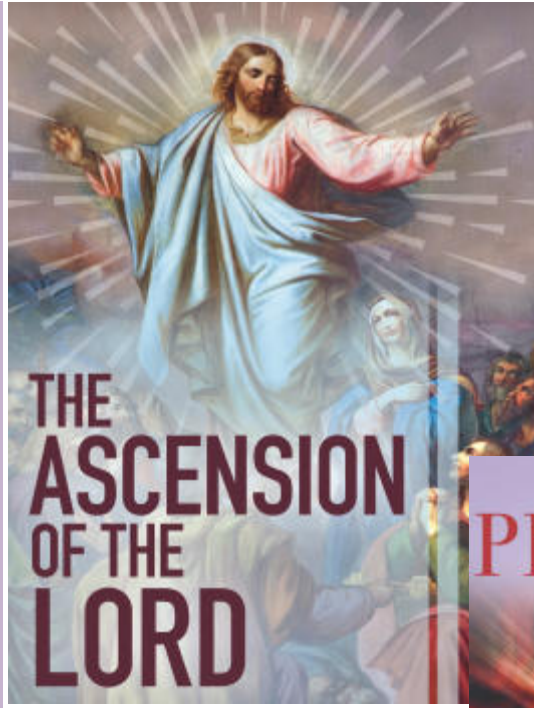
June 2 & June 9, 2019 / The Ascension & Pentecost Sunday

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Catholic Community Welcomes You!

Fair Trade Sales, June 8 & 9
Men's Choir Rehearsal for Father's Day on Tues., June 11 at 7:00 pm
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 JUNE 2

Theme: Jesus gives us special gifts.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us He is always with us. Name a time this past week when you knew that God was with you in a special way.

Question for Youth: Jesus prayed for his disciples, that others might believe in him through their words. How are you spreading your belief in Jesus through your words and actions? Do others know who Jesus is by knowing you?

Question for Adults: Jesus invites us to be one with God. Name a moment when you were one with God this past week.


QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK JUNE 9

Theme: God's breath, the Holy Spirit, gives us true life and peace.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we need to forgive to have peace. Name one way that you can forgive a friend or classmate.

Question for Youth: St. Paul tells us that we all have unique gifts for the good of others. What is special about you? How can you use those gifts to help others – friends, family, strangers?

Question for Adults: Even as working disciples of Christ, we are given the gift of peace. How do you experience this gift, and how do you share it with others?



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.

WEDDING THANKS!

Dale Smith & Sherry Wenning appreciate all the cards and well wishes from our STA community who attended our wedding on May 18 during the 4:00 pm Mass. We were delighted to see you all there. FYI – If you were wondering why Sherry broke out laughing during the ring ceremony...it was because the ring didn't want to go on Dale's finger!


We would especially like to thank Sue and the staff for ensuring that the environment, readings, music, and program were very special. We thought it would be an 'ordinary' Mass, but it was EXTRAORDINARY and so very memorable for both of us. Thank you.


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.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 23!
 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST MASS**
 Mark your calendars for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the First Mass in our church. Join the fun at the Parish picnic on Sunday, June 23 after the 10:30 am Mass. Food at 1969 prices - hot dogs, brats, and free root beer floats! And "Elvis" will be making an appearance and reminding us of the songs that were our favorites in 1969. There will be an Elvis Look-Alike contest, dress in your best 1960's clothing, fun for all!

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT THE CEMETERY
 Thanks to all who joined us at the cemetery for our annual Memorial Day Mass. Despite the weather there were about 35 people who attended wearing bright green poncho's, lots of raincoats and umbrellas of every kind and color. Thanks for coming!

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. **Deadline for registering is Wednesday, June 12.**
 If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Sue Kainz at 651-707-6874.

FAIR TRADE SALES - JUNE 8/9

 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.

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.

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

Pastor's Corner

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

On Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 pm, 10 youth of our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Paul. These young parishioners have taken their process of preparation seriously. Their teachers have been impressed with the student's dedication and enthusiasm. They give us real hope and confidence for the future of the church.



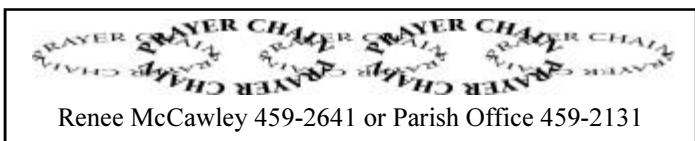
Those Confirmed should not be the only ones looking forward to this special celebration. Every sacrament is an act of liturgy, a community celebration. By their sacrament of Confirmation, these young people have concluded their process of initiation as members of the Church and this parish community, a process which began with their baptism. This puts certain responsibilities on all of us. As members of this Catholic community, we have an obligation to pray for and support our young people; they look to us for an example of how the Christian life is to be lived in the context of a loving, believing community.

Even though some of you may not know our Confirmation candidates personally, they are an important part of our parish family. They worship with us at the Holy Eucharist; they have ministered to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and to each other. As we congratulate those who were Confirmed, we also pause to say thank you to Deone Parnell, Director of Faith Formation, and catechists, Lynn Kopet and Cheryl Mullan, and also the parents of the candidates and all who have assisted our young people in their preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr. Tony Andrade

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.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from the distractions of daily life for couples in good marriages. Give your marriage this gift! The next available weekends are July 12-14, in Buffalo, MN and Aug. 3-4, in Cedar, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.



**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.

WHAT IS FARE FOR ALL?

It is a great way to save money on quality, nutritious food. They buy fresh fruits, vegetables, and frozen meat in bulk to save you up to 40% off grocery store prices. Food is then pre-packaged into several offerings: Produce pack \$10, Mini Meat Pack \$11 and Mega Meat Pack \$25. All foods are displayed, so no surprises when you open the box. Fare for All is community supported and open to everyone. The more people who participate, the better. Fare for All has many locations, but the closest one is at All Saints Church in Cottage Grove (www.fareforall.org or 763-450-3880 for other locations). **Upcoming dates** are: June 6, July 11 & Aug. 8.



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH
FAITH FORMATION**

- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY, JUNE 3

- 8:30 am - No Rosary
- 9:00 am - No Word & Communion
- 10:30 am - Funeral, David Fritz (C)

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

- 8:30 am - No Rosary
- 9:00 am - No Mass
- 9:30 am - Bible Study (AB)
- 10:30 am - Funeral, Richard Nielsen (C)
- 11:00 am - Norris Square Communion Service
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Sal & Lorraine Mischke
Anniversary (C)
- 9:30 am - Training for Ministers of Care (AB)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Anthony, Harriet & Eileen
Kazmierczak † (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service
- 8:00 pm - Mission Trip Party

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

- 2:30 pm - Celebration (C)
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Jerome Hebaus † (C)
Fair Trade Sales

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- Fair Trade Sales
- 8:30 am - Mass, Seth Kallevig † (C)
- 10:30 am - Mass, Buz Schrantz † (C)

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.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER?

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Be sure to keep us informed of any of these changes by calling the parish office at 651-459-2131 or by e-mailing Mary Jo at mluedtke1@st-thomas-aquinas.com. Thank you!

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.

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MONDAY, JUNE 10

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 9:30 am - Training for Ministers of Care (AB)
- 10:00 am - Vacation Bible School (C)
- 7:00 pm - Mission Trip Meeting

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 10:00 am - Vacation Bible School (C)
- 7:00 pm - Father's Day Choir Rehearsal (C)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Becky Swedzinski † (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service
- 9:30 am - Bible Study (AB)
- 10:00 am - Vacation Bible School (C)
- 7:45 pm - FF Commission (AB)

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Joanne Zarski † (C)
- 10:00 am - Vacation Bible School (C)

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Parish Office Closed

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Charles & Mary McGraw † (C)
- 10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service
- 10:00 am - Vacation Bible School (C)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- 3:00 pm - Celebration (C)
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Howard Kittleson † (C)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 **Father's day**

- 8:30 am - Mass, Negussie Berihun † (C)
- 10:30 am - Mass, Charlie Weaver † (C)

NOTE: Weekday Morning Mass/Word & Communion is canceled when a funeral is scheduled.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 2

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-7/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 9

- Monday: Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab-14/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-18/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-12/Mt 5:33-37
- Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

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