



September 1, 2019 / 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Catholic Community Welcomes You!

The Word! Begins September 8
Register Now for Fall Yoga Classes!
Annual Golf Outing, Sunday, October 13

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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.

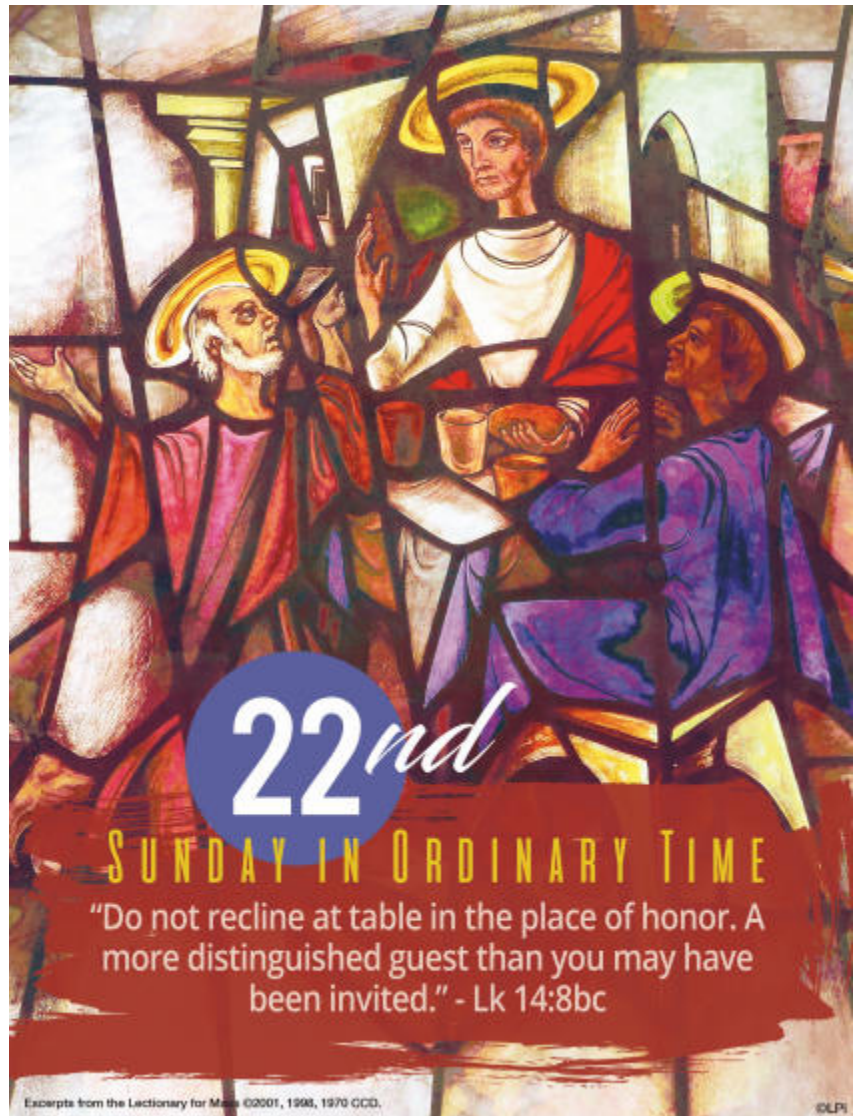
Gluten Free Hosts are available. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

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: Give as God gives - in humility and love.

Question for Children: Jesus tells us that we should treat everyone as a guest. Who do you tend to shun or not be nice to?


Question for Youth: God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

Question for Adults: Who are the people living near you that you would find it most difficult to invite to a meal in your home? Or to invite to be part of your life?

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 FOR LABOR DAY
and
Tuesday, September 3 at 10:30 am**
The staff will be unavailable due to a staff planning day.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The Men's Club September meeting will be Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 pm. We will be changing location to Tinucci's Restaurant in Newport for our September meeting. All men in the parish are invited to attend.



**YOGA IS COMING
HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO TRY IT?**

Here is your opportunity. Our first session will be held on Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 pm in the Activities Building.

YogaDevotion incorporates both spiritual practice and yoga...an opportunity to hear special scripture reflections at the beginning of class, and then a combination of standing poses, balance poses and floor poses. If you are curious and want to give the first class a try for free - come and join us. Please pick up a registration form in the narthex for complete details. Complete the form, mark VISITOR on the top and return it to the parish office so we know you are coming. Who knows, you might like it and will want to join the following classes. Returning participants, PLEASE complete your form and return it to the parish office with payment. **Deadline to register for class is September 12.**

SECURITY AT THE ACTIVITY BUILDING DOORS

As in all schools, security has become a priority. You will no longer be allowed to use the Natural Science Academy door. (the East door facing the Church)

To access the Parish Offices PLEASE use the Holley Avenue entrance ONLY! Ring the bell and you will be let into the building. Visitors must check in at the office and sign the visitors book and will be presented a visitor badge. Thank you for your understanding in making our buildings safe and secure.

125TH ANNIVERSARY COOK BOOKS!!

Yes, you read that right. We found two cases of those wonderful cook books that were published for our 125th anniversary 10 years ago. They can be purchased in the parish office for a much reduced price of \$10.00. For new parishioners, they are iconic with some wonderful recipes from years past. At some point in the fall we will also sell them on a weekend in the church, so if you can't get to the office during regular hours we will make them available. Watch for a date later in September.

**ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019**



- Clifton Hollow Golf Course - River Falls, WI
- 4 person scramble shot-gun start. Check in anytime after 9:00 am, start at 10:30 am.
- \$80 includes golf, cart, meal catered by Tinucci's, and fun! Dinner guests are \$25.
- Singles and pairs are invited, or select your own foursome.
- 4 hole prizes for Men and 4 hole prizes for Ladies plus door prizes.
- Registrations: drop in collection basket or mail to parish office.
- Checks made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Need information? Contact *Bob Weisbrod* at 651-207-3655 or bobweisbrod@gmail.com.

Watch for registration forms in the upcoming bulletins or check our website at www.st-thomas-aquinas.com!

**DID YOU KNOW?
HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.**

Having trouble hearing in church? This is just a reminder that there are several hearing devices in the Usher's Room in the Narthex. Ask any usher for help. They help greatly!



**ARCHBISHOP HEBDA TO VISIT OCTOBER 6
TO CELEBRATE OUR 135TH ANNIVERSARY**

Mark your calendars now and join us for 10:30 Mass with the Archbishop. Former pastors and staff have been invited to join us as well. A reception will follow Mass. Next week you will be invited to sign up for the reception so we know how many to plan on. Plan on coming to celebrate our many years in this community.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

Dear Parishioners, STA has been granted a very wonderful and beautiful opportunity to house a beautiful Rodgers Organ that is on contract several weekends a year to the Minnesota Orchestra. This has become possible through a couple of people, including a very generous anonymous donor who is providing the speakers at no cost to STA. Peggy Bartunek, one of our substitute accompanists, who is a Rodgers representative, has made STA a "second home" for the organ for now. We are very fortunate as this wonderful instrument will be like having a whole orchestra at our disposal! We musicians are very thrilled to have this opportunity and I am sure you will be as well! Look for it in the next week or two up by the piano! Any questions, please feel free to call or talk to me. Every blessing, Robin

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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| Joan Deshler | Joan Tennis | Carol Lawrence |
| Bonnie Williamson | Joanne Dingle | Doris McShea |
| Ron Becker | Millie Schmit | Adrian Borowitz |
| Jake Sell | | |

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



**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"THE RIGHT PLACE"**

To choose the right place at the right time is wisdom. The Pharisees were very fond of rank and honor. Jesus must have laughed at their scramble for the first seat in public places. In all probability Jesus must have chosen the last place. He advises others to do so for the following reasons: "Those who push themselves will be envied and disliked for it; those who put others first will be respected for it".



Jesus observes the behavior of the Pharisees and points out that: Guests who came looked for the first place at the table. Jesus teaches them another understanding of the concept of 'top and low' and 'first and last'.

People who were invited for the dinner were of equal status. Only thus the host could expect a 'return'. Jesus teaches them that our service must be selfless. One cannot confer honor on oneself, one can only receive it. Only the poor and humble can be raised. For "blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of God". Human distinctions of "up" and "low" are not valid before God. Jesus says: "everyone who exalts himself or herself will be humbled". And exalts the lowly.

God made Himself lowly and poor. He humbled Himself and became one of us in Jesus. He asks, "Who is greater: the one at the table or the one who serves." Jesus disciples should manifest their love in loving their enemies, in giving without expecting a return; they should not even expect gratitude. So Jesus says when you have a feast, invite the poor, the blind, the cripple, and those who cannot pay you back. For, "if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even the sinners do that."

Christ invites us today to his heavenly banquet of the Holy Eucharist. With great devotion and reverence let us actively participate in our Sacred Liturgy and receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ as nourishment for our faith journey.

Let us pray this Labor Day weekend for all who labor, especially in spreading the Gospel. May we also pray for the unemployed and for all who cannot earn enough to live on; for all who have lost a job by the circumstances of their lives. And may God bless our efforts to make the world around us a warm and welcoming place.

Fr. Tony Andrade

BIBLE

Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth!



**THE WORD! IS BACK!!!
Learn the Gospel...
Live the Gospel...
Love the Gospel !!!**

FREE, FUN, Faith Formation at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Downstairs every Sunday during the 10:30 am Mass only. Starting September 8 and continues through Memorial Day.

*Don't cry over the past. It's gone.
Don't stress about the future, it hasn't arrived.
Live in the present and make it beautiful.*

YOUTH MISSION TRIP BAKE SALE

There will be a Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale after the Masses on September 7 & 8. Bring baked goodies or buy tasty treats to support our Youth Mission Trip. Drop donations at our table in the Narthex before Mass.

Want to learn more about the July 11-18, 2020 Mission trip to Denver, Colorado? Stop by the Social Hall Saturday, September 7 anytime from 1-4 pm. Join us to hear more about this awesome opportunity for youth aged 12 - adult. You can help us bake up treats for the sale while we bake up plans for the trip! Questions, contact Deone at 651-459-2131 x108 or dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com.



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH
FAITH FORMATION**

- ◆ **The Word!:** Free, Fun and engaging, The Word! is back at the 10:30 am Mass only. Please reach out if you would like to get involved with this uplifting ministry!
- ◆ **Volunteers:** Are you feeling called to share your time, talent or treasure with our youth! Volunteer meetings for current and new volunteers, held in the Parish Hall are:
Wednesday Volunteers: Wed., September 25 at 6:30 pm
Sunday Volunteers: Sunday, October 27 at 9:30 am
- ◆ **First Reconciliation & First Communion:** Information meeting for families on Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **Confirmation:** Family information meeting for High School Youth on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
- ◆ **Mission Trip:** Is your child aged 12+ and interested in our Youth Mission Trip??? We will be serving God in Denver, Colorado, July 11-18, 2020. Contact Deone for more information or to volunteer.
- ◆ **Fall Faith Formation Register NOW!:** You can still register for Fall Faith Formation! **Sessions begin in November.** Find registration forms in the Narthex, the church office, and on our website!
- ◆ **Baptism:** Interested in preparing and planning for the Sacrament of Baptism for children? If you would like more information contact Deone.
- ◆ **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.



**46TH ANNUAL ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR & BAZAAR**
Saturday November 2, 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Sunday November 3, 9:00 am—1:00 pm

If you would like to rent space, contact Julie Resendez @ 651-285-3479 or tmresendez@hotmail.com. Rental includes both days and all exhibitors will remain until 3:00 pm on November 2 and 1:00 pm on November 3!

Prices: 8'x4' table = \$45 8'x4' space = \$40.

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: Sept. 5, Oct 3, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5.



BEHOLD 8-WEEK SERIES FOR WOMEN AGES 21-29 Thursdays, October 3 – November 21 at Our Lady of Grace, Edina

Young women between the ages of 21-29 are invited to come hear the mission of Behold: a mission to help each woman recognize the gift she is, realize the gifts she's been given and give to the world the gifts that only she can give. This series will include time for fellowship with other young adult Catholic women, Eucharistic Adoration, awesome presentations from our Behold speaker team and time for Q&A and small group discussion. To find out more visit the event page at archspm.org.

GRIEF CARE GROUP

Educational grief support series held on the first & third Monday's, 6:30-8:00 pm at the South Washington County Senior Center, 8400 E. Pt. Douglas Rd S., Cottage Grove. For more information and topics for each session call 651-459-2483 or lara@kokfuneral.com or see flyer on bulletin board.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

UPCOMING PRAYER AND LISTENING EVENTS

What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. First event:

Friday, October 11, 6-9 pm at Guardian Angels (Oakdale)
Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER?

ARE YOU USING YOUR CELL PHONE

AS YOUR MAIN 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!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 **Labor Day** Parish Office Closed

8:30 am - No Rosary
9:00 am - No Word & Communion

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 am - Rosary (C)
9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
9:00 am - Red Rock Mass
10:30 am - Parish Office Closed
7:00 pm - Bell Rehearsal (C)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30 am - Rosary (C)
9:00 am - Mass, Harry & Eleanora Sandkamp † (C)
9:30 am - Bible Study (AB)
11:00 am - Norris Square Communion Service
7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30 am - Rosary (C)
9:00 am - Mass, Alan Sandkamp † (C)
7:00 pm - Men's Club Meeting at Tinucci's

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Parish Office Closed
8:30 am - Rosary (C)
9:00 am - Mass, Patricia Markey † (C)
10:00 am - White Pines Communion Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

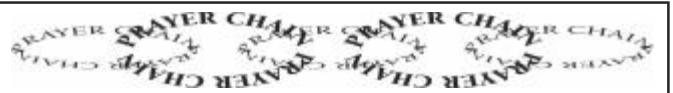
1:00 pm - Mission Trip Meeting
2:30 pm - Celebration (C)
4:00 pm - Mass, Lorraine Buda † (C)
Mission Trip Bake Sale

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Mission Trip Bake Sale
8:30 am - Mass, Marcel & Gerard Schmit † (C)
10:30 am - Mass, Louisa Wegleitner † (C)
10:30 am - The Word! Children's Liturgy of 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

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 SEPTEMBER 1

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-8/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-17/Lk 14:25-33

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