



September 8, 2019 / 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Catholic Community Welcomes You!

**Register Now for Fall Yoga Classes!**  
**Fair Trade Sales Next Weekend, Sept. 14 & 15**  
**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.

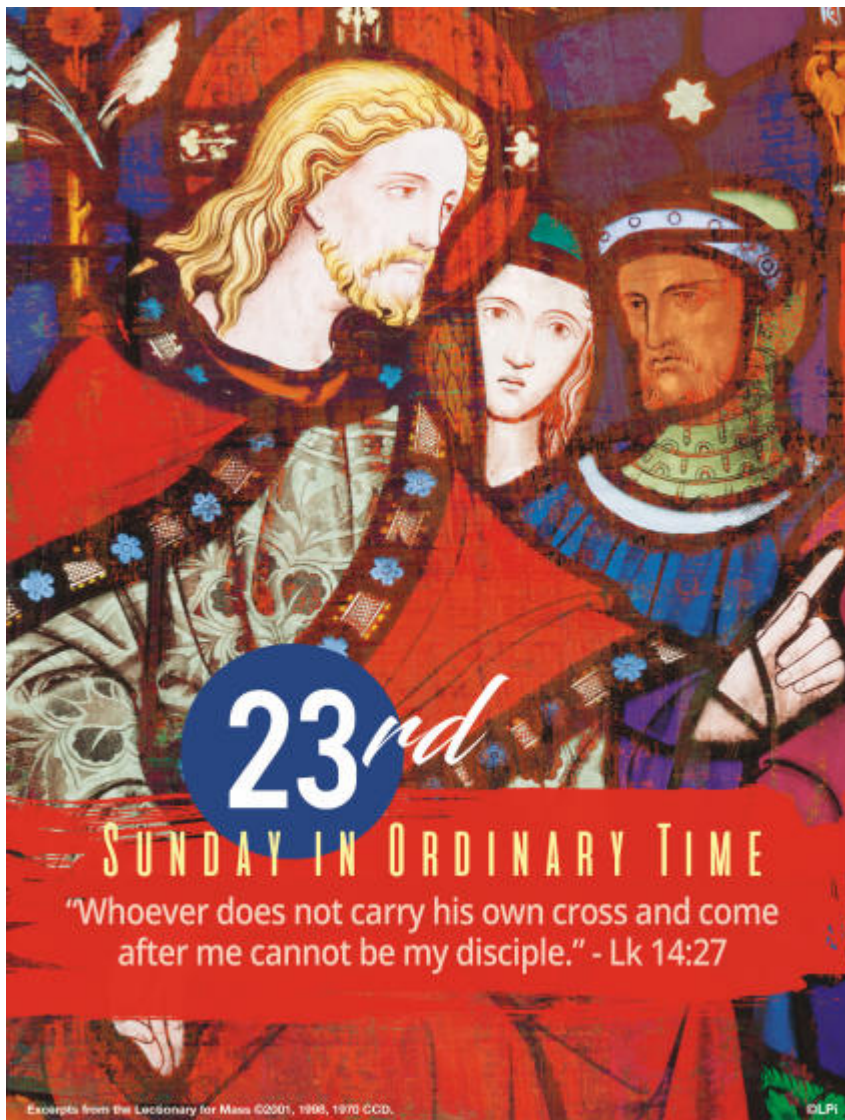
**Gluten Free Hosts** are available. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

### Victim Assistance Hotline

The Archdiocese offers a 24-hour Victim Assistance Hotline at 651-291-4497.

### Get Our Parish App!

Text stthomas1 to 555888 for iPhone  
Text stthomas2 to 555888 for Android



### PARISH OFFICE

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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:* Commitment is required to follow Jesus.

*Question for Children:* Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

*Question for Adults:* Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

**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.

**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.



**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.**

**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.

**IT'S A GOOD YEAR TO JOIN IN THE MUSIC!**

Choirs are once again singing regularly at the weekend Masses!

The St. Thomas Choir sings at the 10:30 am Mass each Sunday. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm. The Saturday Celebration Choir practices each Saturday at 2:30 pm and sings at the 4:00 pm Mass.

Our Handbell Choir is already rehearsing for the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass. Other dates for playing at weekend Masses will be determined later by the choir. We are currently practicing on Tuesday nights from 7 - 8:30 pm.

The Resurrection Choir sings at the funerals at St. Thomas Aquinas. Rehearsals are on an 'as needed' basis. Come as your schedule permits.

The Children's Choir will again be invited to sing at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Look for details as we get closer to the holiday.

Are you a capable music reader and instrumentalist? Instrumentalists are welcome in all our groups! Are you a singer who has been waiting for the right time to join any of the choirs? Come and see me, Robin, after Masses or call me at 651-459-2131, ext. 107.

**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!



**FAIR TRADE SALES - SEPT. 14/15**

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.

**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.

**Pastor's Corner**

**WELCOME HOME**

Vacations are over! People are back returning from their summer lake homes, children and young people have returned to school. People, who have been gone for the summer, at least on weekends, are again present at weekend masses. I want you to know that each and every one of you is welcome at St. Thomas Aquinas parish. This is your home and you are the lifeblood of our parish. We need you as you need us.



Not only does the weather change as Fall approaches, so does the pace of parish life. Everything seems to move a bit faster. Our parish staff is charged and ready to go! Our many wonderful volunteers are gathering to plan meetings, programs and activities. Faith formation classes are going to begin soon. One can sense the heart of our parish life beating faster and faster.

As I was reflecting on the vitality of St. Thomas Aquinas parish community, a question came to my mind, "where are the many parishioners we do not see at our weekend liturgies?" I, for one, miss you! And so do many other parishioners! We would like to get to know you, to share our common faith journey, to dream with you, to be part of your joys and sorrows, and feel your love.

There may be many reasons why people are not active in parish life; anger, loneliness, apathy, a mixed value system, misunderstanding, loosing interest in faith matters, and the list could go on and on. But whatever your reason might be, I want to welcome you back to St. Thomas Aquinas parish community. Come with an open heart and mind to experience God's love through prayer and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. You owe it to yourself, your children, and your God. As the Lord said to his first disciples, "come and see!"

We want you to be an active part of our parish family life. I need you! I miss you! A place has been prepared at our Parish family table for you. The Lord invites you to come and join in His feast. Together, let us all come to His Eucharistic table and be nourished with the Bread of Eternal Life.

Fr. Tony Andrade



**46<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD**

**UPCOMING PRAYER AND LISTENING EVENTS**

What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? This is your opportunity to help shape the future of our local Church. Archbishop Hebda is seeking your feedback to help discern and establish focus areas for the Archdiocese. He 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. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Event options - choose one that works for you. The 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](http://archspm.org/synod). Also, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the church narthex.



**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](http://www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar).
- ◆ **Questions, comments**: Deone Parnell at [dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com) or 651-459-2131 x 108.

**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](mailto:bobweisbrod@gmail.com).



Pick up registration forms in the Parish Office or check our website at [www.st-thomas-aquinas.com](http://www.st-thomas-aquinas.com)!

## **THE IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS IS RECRUITING**

Your most important work may not begin until after you retire. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps is recruiting for the fall! The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is offering an opportunity for semi-retired or retired men and women to share their skills, wisdom, and life experience in direct service to those who are poor. In return for a commitment of 1-2 days a week with a local service site, the IVC provides guidance for personal reflection and prayerful conversation with other IVC volunteers monthly. Together, we hope to see God in all things and grow in our faith. For additional information, please call Kathleen Groh at (651)777-0991 or e-mail [kgroh@ivcusa.org](mailto:kgroh@ivcusa.org). Check out our national website at [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org). IVC – the benefits are priceless!

### **FALL FASHION & VARIETY SHOW**

September 19, 6:00 - 9:00 pm hosted by Stone Soup Thrift Shop and held at Historic John P. Furber Farm, 7310 Lamar Ave S., Cottage Grove. There will be music, a Pop Up Shop, 6-9 pm, a Silent Auction, 6-8 pm and a Fashion Show, 8:00-8:30 pm. Tickets include entry, ice cream, desserts, popcorn and beverages. Adults \$15 and day of the show \$20; kids (4-12) \$7 and day of the show \$10. Purchase your tickets at Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-fashion-and-variety-show-tickets-67580594377](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/fall-fashion-and-variety-show-tickets-67580594377).

### **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](http://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](mailto:lara@kokfuneral.com) or see flyer on bulletin board.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

Is the Honeymoon over? It doesn't have to be! A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Oct. 4-6, in Buffalo and Nov. 22-24, in Prior Lake. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 612-756-8720.

### **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 [mluedtkel@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:mluedtkel@st-thomas-aquinas.com). Thank you!

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Word & Communion (C)
- 6:30 pm - Pastoral Care Meeting (AB)
- 7:00 pm - Bell Rehearsal (C)

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Charles & Mary McGraw † (C)
- 9:00 am - Red Rock Communion Service
- 9:30 am - Bible Study (AB)
- 6:30 pm - FF Commission (AB)
- 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:30 am - Rosary (C)
- 9:00 am - Mass, Bernard Anibas † (C)
- 6:00 pm - Facilities Committee Meeting (AB)

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

**Parish Office Closed**

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

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

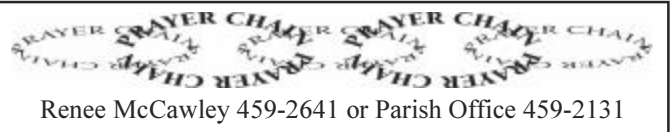
- 3:00 pm - Celebration (C)  
Fair Trade Sales
- 4:00 pm - Mass, Jerome Hebaus † (C)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Fair Trade Sales
- 8:30 am - Mass, Marion Bajczyk † (C)
- 10:30 am - Mass, Patricia Flum † (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.



### 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 8

- Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-9/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-6/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-11/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/  
Jn 3:13-17
- Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-19/1 Tm 1:12-17/  
Lk 15:1-32

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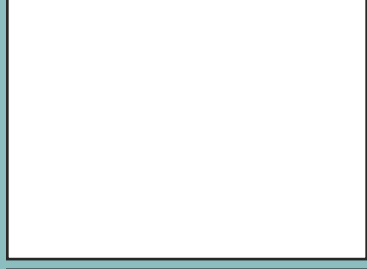
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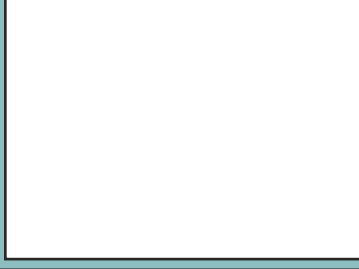
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