

May 31, 2020 / Pentecost Sunday



# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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**Pentecost Sunday**  
**Limited Live Masses will be scheduled soon.**  
**Please watch for a letter from Fr. Tony**

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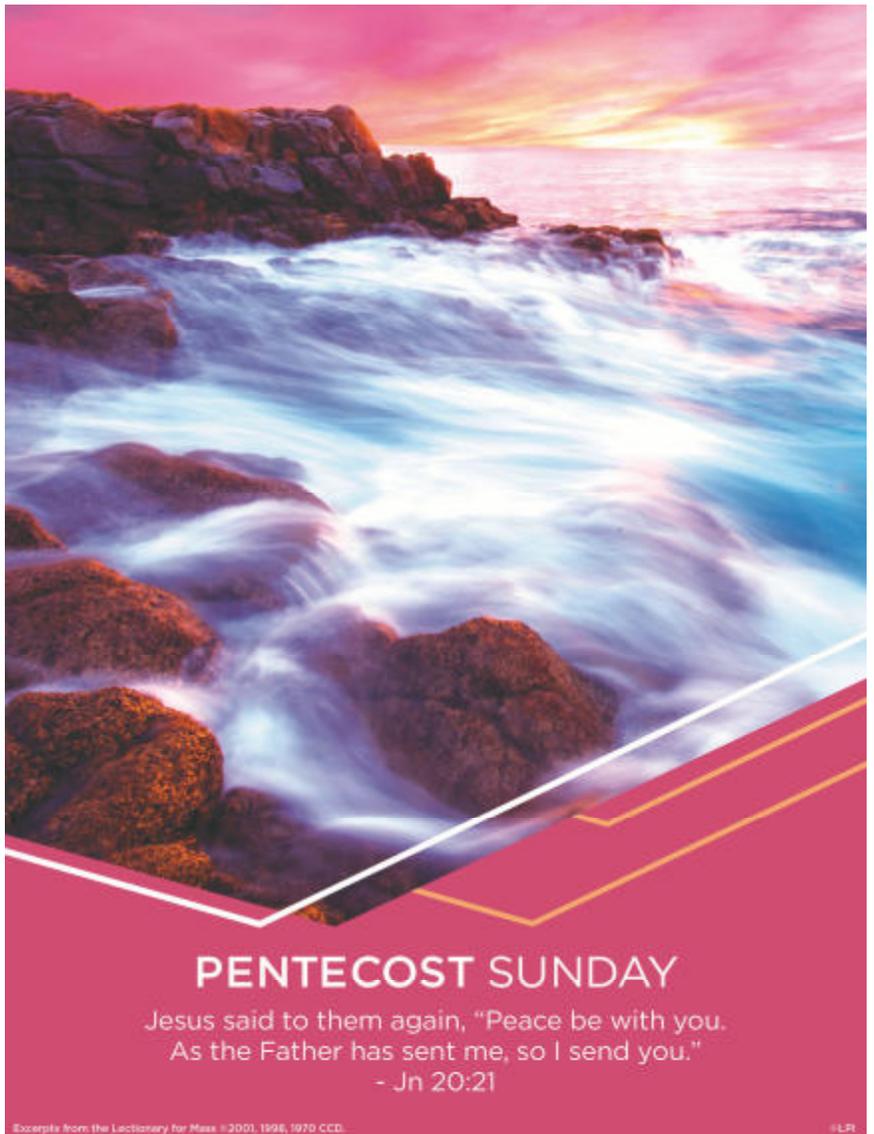
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### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
- Jn 20:21

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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 Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, closed Noon - 1:00 pm

**MASS TIMES: Saturday June 6th at 4:00p.**

**Virtual Mass on Sunday 10:30a LIVE VIA FACEBOOK**

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* We have been given the breath of God - the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Question for Children:* When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

*Question for Youth:* On Pentecost, the apostles were able to speak in a language that everyone could understand. As a young person, you have your own way of communicating Jesus' importance in your life. How will you make Jesus more known to others in your own way this week?

*Question for Adults:* Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.



Francis' passionate advocacy for the poor is a hallmark of his papacy. He is painfully aware that a major disaster like Covid-19 hits the poor the hardest. When journalist Austen Ivereigh, interviewed him in April, that love for the poor radiates from his words. Francis also calls attention to "the saints next door."

"This is the moment to see the poor. Jesus says we will have the poor with us always, and it's true. They are a reality we cannot deny. But the poor are hidden, because the poor are bashful. In Rome recently, in the midst of the quarantine, a policeman said to a man: 'You can't be on the street, go home.' The response was: 'I have no home. I live in the street.' To discover such a large number of people who are on the margins... And we don't see them, because poverty is bashful. They are there but we don't see them; they have become part of the landscape; they are things."

"I'm thinking at this time of the saints who live next door. They are heroes: doctors, volunteers, religious sisters, priest, shop workers – all performing their duty so that society can continue functioning. How many doctors and nurses have died!...All serving!"

"What we are living now is a place of metanoia (conversion), and we have the chance to begin. So let's not let it slip from us, and let's move ahead."

During the pandemic, who have been the "saints next door" for me and my family?

Francis says this is the moment to really "see" the poor. What do I see now that I did not see before the pandemic?

*Mary Novak, Social Justice Commission*



**MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY...**

And how Norris Square is celebrating the time! Thanks to the many who continue to pray the rosary daily. We recently received a note from Jack Flaherty, who with his wife Pat LeVang-Flaherty lives at Norris Square. As you know members of our parish and Fr. Tony would celebrate Word and Communion or Mass during the month. Since the "Stay at Home" order in March no one has been able to go to Norris Square. Jack tells me that over 20 members of the parish live at Norris Square and they decided since no one could "come in" they would do their own prayer service and rosary. Thanks to Larry Koetz and Bonnie Zellinger for leading and of course Jack as well. Since they could not come out of their apartments the service and rosary were broadcast on their in building server. Hopefully we will be able to see you all again soon.

*Sue Kainz ~ Pastoral Minister*



**MEMORIAL DAY AT THE CEMETERY**

Although we did not have our annual mass at the cemetery this year, at the last minute Fr. Tony, Sue Kainz and the Ripka family put together a small ceremony honoring all the Veterans and loved ones in our Cemetery on Memorial Day morning. Fr. Tony offered a prayer and blessed all of the graves in the cemetery and Chris, Maddie and Nick played Taps. Christine Ripka filmed the whole ceremony, which can be found on the parish Facebook page. Thanks also to Greg Tabbelle for joining us for the blessing. Due to restrictions still in place we determined it was better not to invite folks to join us.





**FUNERALS THIS PAST WEEK**  
*"Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of God's faithful ones."*  
 On **Thursday, May 28th** we buried **Pearl Cordie**, 98 years old with her husband in our parish cemetery. Pearl and Edward lived in Newport for many years in their early married life and had one son Tom. When Edward died in 1973 Pearl left the area and moved to St. Cloud, where she has lived until she died in February. Please keep her son Tom and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**GIVE US THIS DAY AND LIVING WITH CHRIST BOOKS**

These books are available to be picked up in the entry of the Activities Building. Please ring the bell and you will be admitted to pick them up. Thank you for saving us the postage.

**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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|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Bob Weisbrod      | Megan Wagner     | Millie Schmit |
| Bonnie Williamson | Ron Becker       | John Kell     |
| Harvey Pierson    | Pat Schrantz     | Lori Mundy    |
| Greg Buckner      | Russell McDonald | Cindy Smith   |
| Joan Deshler      |                  |               |

All those suffering from COVID-19

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



### FEAST OF THE PENTECOST

This weekend we celebrate the wonderful feast of Pentecost—the 50th day of Easter. This feast which brings the season of Easter to a close, gives us an opportunity to rejoice in the Holy Spirit and to be open to the many gifts and surprises He offers us. The day of Pentecost marks a high point in our church, it has been known as the birth of the Church. It reminds us that Jesus has fulfilled His promise; He has not left us orphans but has sent the Holy Spirit to be with us always, a source of wisdom, courage, and love for each other. On this day apostles of Jesus filled with the power of the Holy Spirit set out to proclaim the Gospel of Love to all nations. Likewise the mission of the church was begun with the command of Jesus “receive the gift of the Holy Spirit as the Father has sent me so I send you, go and proclaim the gospel and make disciples of all nations”.

There are many aspects of the Spirit that delight and intrigue us. We know that in God’s Spirit there is power and healing, forgiveness and wisdom. And yet, although all these different facets and gifts of the spirit present themselves in the pages of the Bible, one of the first effects of the Spirit (described in Acts) of the Apostles is its power to unify, unite, and bring people together. In this week’s first reading we read of the Spirit inspiring bold proclamation of the gospel and doing so in a way which highlights the spirit’s willingness and power to adapt and meet the needs of all people. Even today the spirit continues to work through the church to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth. Despite the many charismatic and miraculous powers of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit’s ability to bring people together cannot be underestimated.

Let me conclude with a prayer: God of light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Holy Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flames of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds. For without your Holy Spirit we could never raise our voices in words of peace or announce the truth that Jesus is the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

*Fr. Tony Andrade*

### ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING RE-OPENING OF CHURCH

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists anywhere people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and people with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable to COVID-19. St. Thomas Aquinas Church has undertaken precautionary cleaning, disinfecting, and implemented social distancing guidelines to help reduce the risk of exposure. However, we cannot guarantee that visitors are 100% safe from exposure to COVID-19. Therefore, St. Thomas Aquinas Church recommends that people over 65 or with underlying health conditions not attend Mass at this time and continue to worship online. Attendance at liturgies is at your own risk.

### DO YOU NEED HELP?

Friends In Need can help with food. Call on Mondays from noon - 3:00pm or Tuesday mornings after 7:30am at 651-458-0730 to make an appointment to pick up a pre-packed box of food for your family.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS

If you are interested in meeting new friends, and exploring your faith, join the Newman Center at your college today! Fill out the form online at [newmanconnection.com](http://newmanconnection.com). If you have any questions contact Deone at St. Thomas Aquinas, [dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com)



### BUDA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

Contact Sue Kainz at [sue64kainz@comcast.net](mailto:sue64kainz@comcast.net) to receive an application. **Deadline to submit an application is June 1st.**

### HAVE YOU MOVED? 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 Tina at [tfox1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:tfox1@st-thomas-aquinas.com). Thank you!



### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- ◆ **The Word!:** You can find The Word resources to enjoy at home in the Parish Email Newsletter. If you are not receiving the Eblast, contact the church office to sign up today!
  - ◆ **First Communion:** Please keep our youth and families in your prayers as we hope to plan and prepare for First Communion soon! Be certain, we will be flexible and will work with each family to ensure that together we will plan a blessed First Communion for each child and their family.
  - ◆ **Confirmation:** Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors and their families as we hope to set a date for Confirmation once the details and preparation of the re-opening of the church are determined. Instead of being Confirmed at the cathedral, Fr. Tony has received faculties to preside at Confirmation right here at St. Thomas Aquinas! We will work with each family to ensure that Confirmation will be a very blessed and safe event for all!
  - ◆ **Baptism:** Baptisms will also be suspended until the church is re-opened. If you have an urgent need for a Baptism, please let us know.
  - ◆ **Upcoming Events:** We trust that God will provide ways to celebrate together soon. Unfortunately, we are uncertain about upcoming events~  
First Communion-May date postponed, new date TBD  
Confirmation-May date postponed, new date TBD  
Senior Recognition Mass-May date postponed, new date TBD. Please contact Deone if you would like to help plan a special recognition for our graduates.  
Vacation Bible School-June 8-12 – Postponed  
Youth Mission Trip-Postponed till Summer 2021
  - ◆ **Faith Formation Calendar:** Available on our website [www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar](http://www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar)
- Questions? Comments?:** Contact Deone Parnell at [dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com) or Cell: 715-977-2493

## HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY—DICK JONES

Our oldest parishioner, Dick Jones, will be 100 years old on June 13th. Dick and his wife Lucille were regulars at our Saturday Mass, or early Sunday morning Mass. Dick would always usher near the Chapel Aisle. When driving was no longer an option, Dick and Lucille sold their home and moved to Norris Square, then to assisted living in Eagan. Dick lost Lucille in 2019. They had been married over 63 years. As you can imagine, it is a lonely time for folks in assisted living with no visits from family. Let's help Dick celebrate this very special birthday. Even if you did not know Dick, a birthday card would certainly brighten his day. We have permission to give you his address:

Dick Jones  
1380 Maurice Dr #450  
Eagan, MN 55121



## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Would you like to:

- Come to know the love of God in a more personal way?
- Experience more intensely the fruits of the Spirit, especially love, joy and peace?
- Discover particular gifts of the Holy Spirit that God may be offering you?

Contact Deacon Joe: [jutecht1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:jutecht1@st-thomas-aquinas.com)



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### PENTECOST



# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

**MONDAY, June 1**

**TUESDAY, June 2**

**WEDNESDAY, June 3**

**THURSDAY, June 4**

**FRIDAY, June 5**

**SATURDAY, June 6**

4:00 pm -Mass (C) Charlie and Delphene Weisbrod †

**SUNDAY, June 7**

10:30 am-VIRTUAL Mass-via our FaceBook page

Alan Sandkamp †

Jon Maus †

Bill Wenning †

Betty Dulum †

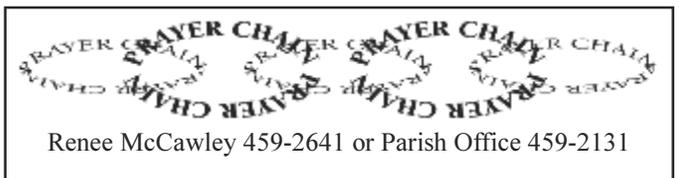
Buz Schrantz †

## SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS UPDATE

Since we are only celebrating one Mass a week on Sunday we want to make sure that those who are to be remembered at Masses during the week will all be remembered at the Sunday Mass that is live-streamed. There are a number of Mass intentions that did not get remembered during March and April and we are working on adding those to the Sunday Mass. Those names will be included in the bulletin, EBlast and at the Sunday Mass. We thank you for your understanding. For the time being we are not scheduling any new Mass intentions.

## FREE - TWO SETS OF TWIN BEDS - MATTRESS AND BOXSPRING

A parishioner is "cleaning" and has two sets of twin beds for free. They are in great shape and she would like them to go to a good home. Interested? Please call or email Sue Kainz. [sue64kainz@comcast.net](mailto:sue64kainz@comcast.net) or 651-707-6874.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-7/  
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2-16/  
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-12/Ps 123:1b-2f/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157-168/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-22/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/  
Jn 3:16-18

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