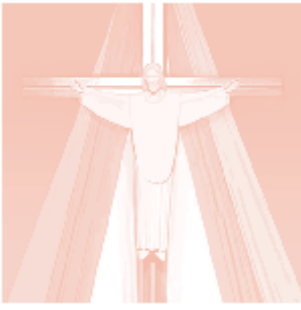


June 7, 2020 / The Most Holy Trinity



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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.

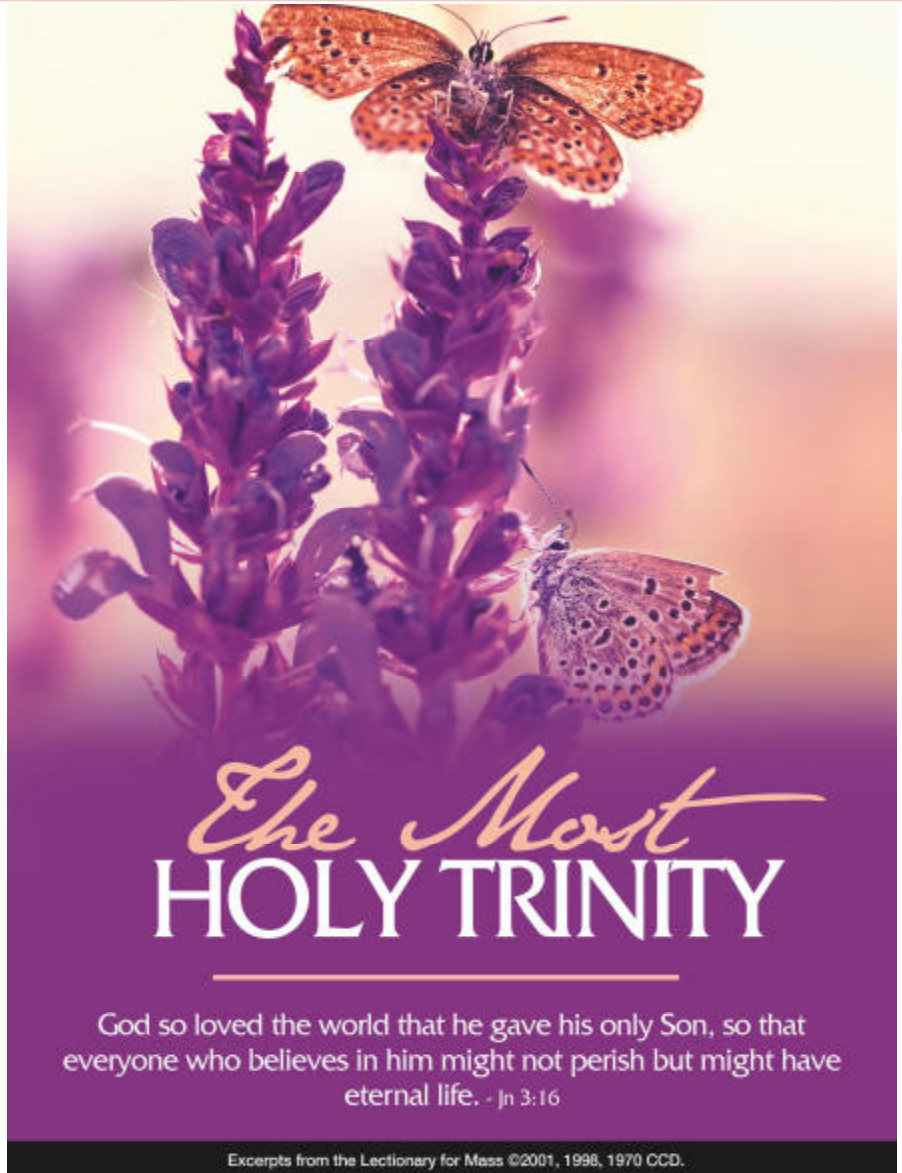
New Member Registration

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: 8:30a - 4:30p, closed Noon - 1:00p

Mass Times: Saturday: 4:00p ♦ Sunday: VIRTUAL via Facebook 10:30a

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: The mystery of the Trinity - Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
Question for Children: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?
Question for Youth: The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?
Question for Adults: If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a "community of love," which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul's list of exhortations as your starting point.

ARE YOU MISSING FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE?



While we will not be able to sell our Fair Trade items in the church for quite some time, Sue Wege has agreed to take orders over the phone and arrange for pick up. Please call Sue at 651-458-0143 or email her at swege71@comcast.net



DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We are saddened to announce that long time parishioner **Ron Becker** passed away this past week. Ron's funeral is pending. Please keep Theresa and his other family members 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.

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
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CEMETERY REMINDER

ITEMS ON THE GROUND TO BE REMOVED!

Just a reminder that items on the ground at the cemetery are only allowed Mother's Day through Father's Day. Bryce and Zevi will begin removing items on the ground the week after Father's Day as they mow. All items at grave sites must be placed in a plant stand. Thank you.



ATTENTION USHERS

We are in need of ushers for the 4:00p mass on Saturdays. This is the only "in-person" Mass on the weekend for the summer months. If you are an usher at 4:00p, 8:30a or 10:30a Mass, and are willing to help, please call or email Sue Kainz - sue64kainz@comcast.net 651-707-6874. Thank you.

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

E-BLAST EMAILS

Did your Eblast email suddenly stop coming to your inbox? Sometimes they end up filed into Junk randomly. Please make sure to check your junk inbox and/or add our email address to your list of 'safe' addresses. We would hate for you to miss any news and information.

EARLY NOTICE – ANNUAL SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

Our annual Summer Blood Drive will be held on **Thursday, August 6th** in the Activities Building. Complete notice on making an appointment will be forthcoming. Please consider giving blood any time of the year.



MANY HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS

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

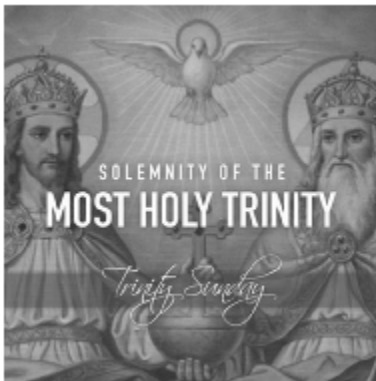
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| Bob Weisbrod | Megan Wagner | Millie Schmit |
| Bonnie Williamson | Eleanor Anderson | John Kell |
| Harvey Pierson | Pat Schrantz | Lori Mundy |
| Joan Deshler | Russell McDonald | Cindy Smith |

All those suffering from COVID-19

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



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY (THE COMMUNITY OF GOD)



We often think God to be all alone, somewhere above, far away in an unknown place. Since the coming of Jesus we know God is not just “somewhere” all alone, but in a family, sharing community of three. God, the Father loves the Son, the eternal logos. Between them there is just perfect harmony. This love generates a third person, The Holy Spirit.

The three persons in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit- they are so united in love that there is perfect harmony and concord in their will and intention. God’s love overshadows the whole creation we are in it; we are sharers of His love in its fullness, for God knows no partial love. And the feast of the most Holy Trinity reminds us a love that never gets exhausted. Through this love we are transformed, we become heirs of God’s kingdom.

Today the Church invites us to reflect on the great mystery of God’s love, and concern what God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are for us. The Church invites us to reflect on the meaning of confession of our faith:

**I believe in God the Father Almighty
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

In the context of today’s readings we can say: The Father is the power of God. The Son is the Wisdom of God. The Holy Spirit is the Love of God.

Fr. Tony Andrade

DON'T BE LATE

Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners regarding arriving on time to Mass. Due to the COVID-19 safety measures we ask you to make sure you are arriving on time for Mass to help keep every one safe while we social distance. Thank you!



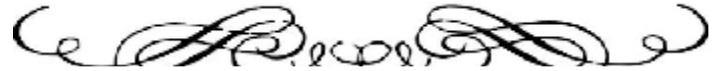
HAVE YOU MOVED? DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER? DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

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. Thank you!

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. If you have any questions contact Deone at St. Thomas Aquinas, dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

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CELEBRATING A DECADE OF COMMITMENT



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.



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 soon. This year 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 have also been suspended while the church was closed, now that the church is re-opening we will begin planning Baptisms with precautions in place to ensure the safety of our whole church family. Contact Deone if you have questions or would like to plan a future Baptism.
- ◆ **Upcoming Events:** We trust that God will provide ways to celebrate these events and Sacraments together soon.
 - First Communion-Spring date postponed, new date TBD
 - Confirmation-Spring 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 dates – Postponed
 - Youth Mission Trip-Postponed till Summer 2021
- ◆ **Faith Formation Calendar:** Available on our website www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar

Questions? Comments?: Contact Deone Parnell at dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com or Cell: 715-977-2493




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 or 651-707-6874.

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.



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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

SUNDAY, June 7

10:30 am-VIRTUAL Mass-via our FaceBook page
Sharon Jasper ☩
Norman & Shirley Smith ☩
Lorraine Buda ☩

MONDAY, June 8

TUESDAY, June 9

WEDNESDAY, June 10

9:00 am -Mass, Deceased members of the
Kazmierczak Family ☩ (C)

THURSDAY, June 11

FRIDAY, June 12

SATURDAY, June 13

4:00 pm -Mass, Gertrude Narusiewicz ☩ (C)

SUNDAY, June 14

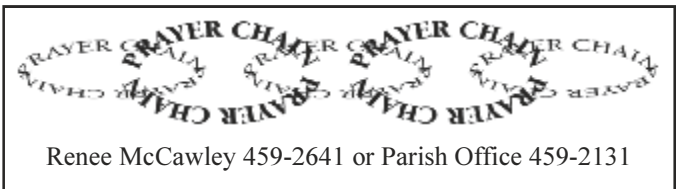
10:30 am-VIRTUAL Mass-via our FaceBook page
David Trejo ☩
Seth Kallevig ☩



ATTENTION

There are text messages going around to St. Thomas Aquinas staff and parishioners looking like they are coming from Fr. Tony. DO NOT open these text messages or reply to these text messages.

Fr. Tony will NEVER text any of you personally. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Amy Stein at 651-500-9669 or astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com ~ Thank you



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

JUNE 7

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1b-8/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-8/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10-13/Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-14/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-10/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-16a/Ps 147:12-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

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