

June 21, 2020 / 12th Sunday In Ordinary Time



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Happy Father's Day

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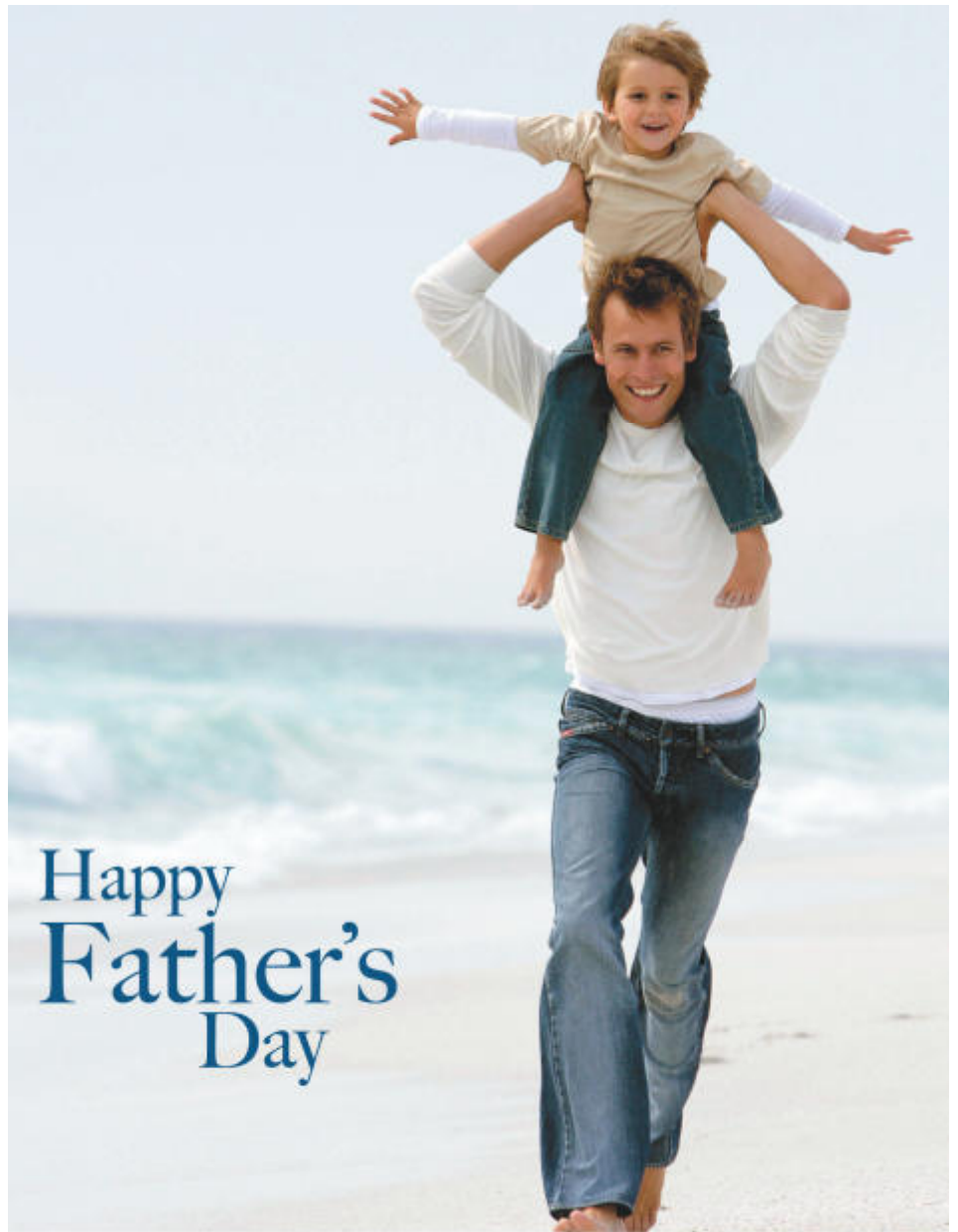
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OFFICE HOURS

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

Mass Times:

Wednesday: 9:00am
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: VIRTUAL via Facebook 10:30am



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Call Deone Parnell in the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

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New Member Registration

Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in joining.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: There is nothing to fear if we stay close to Jesus.
Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.
Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?
Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?



DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

On Thursday, **June 11th** we buried **Carol Brown** with her mom Blanche Kennelly in our parish cemetery. Carol lived in Cottage Grove for many years with her husband Art. Their two children Steve and Lisa were both raised in our parish. Carol moved away about 20 years ago to Webster, WI. We were glad to be able to welcome her home. Please keep Steve and his family, and Lisa in your thoughts and prayers.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

We have received word that long time parishioner **Fran Anthonson** passed away on **June 6th**. Her funeral is pending at this time. Keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



BUDA SCHOLARSHIP CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following students who will be receiving a scholarship from the Buda Scholarship Endowment Fund:

- Katie Donatell** - St. Catherine University
- Katelynn Mann** - St. Catherine University
- Maria Wallace** - College of St. Benedict
- Alyssa Wallace** - University of St. Thomas
- Nathan Donatell** - University of St. Thomas
- Danielle Pierre** - University of St. Thomas
- Karis Knoff** - College of St. Benedict
- Lindsey Stehr** - College of St. Benedict



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.



HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME

As you are aware we have supported Hope for the Journey Home since it was opened. Each year we have had a speaker from HJH and a special collection to help them out financially. Of course that will not happen this year but you have the opportunity to help the homeless of Washington County. During this pandemic time the staff is spending time on many house projects and repairs. Currently families are being housed in local hotels for their safety and that of the volunteers at HJH. If you would like to make a donation to Hope for the Journey Home you can go to their website: guardian-angels.org/hope or by sending a check to Hope for the Journey Home, 8260 4th St. N. Oakdale, MN 55128. They are grateful for any help. Thank you.



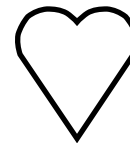
ATTENTION!

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 parishioner 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

THANK YOU

Our most heartfelt appreciation for the prayers, cards, and support for my family as we mourn the loss of my dad, Randy Janusz.

Big Love!
Deone



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



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 |
| • Theresa Campbell | • Denny Smith | • Loretta Casale |
| • Liana Vanderbeek | | |

All those suffering from COVID-19

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

 **Pastor's Corner**

THE JOYS OF FATHERHOOD

This weekend we celebrate Father's Day and a few weeks ago we celebrated Mother's Day. We celebrate these days with great joy in our hearts. As a result of their goodness and what they have taught us, it has helped us to be who we are and how we can best help each other in our life journey.



I believe Fatherhood is one of the greatest blessings that God has bestowed on man. In a way He condescends to take the help of parents in the great work of creation and in the noble task of filling the ranks of the Christian family that makes up the Mystical Body of Christ.

Whenever I think of Fatherhood I think of a valuable piece of advice I received as a young seminarian years ago from Cardinal Simon Pimenta of Bombay, India. For our seminary reopening day he was invited to address the seminarians as they began the new academic year. In his address to us Cardinal Pimenta said; "If you want to become priests take your time and grow with the love of Jesus. If you want to remain single, think twice, then twice again. If you decide to get married do not wait like many young men in our community until you are so old that when you marry and have children you cannot even play with them." I felt this was good advice for some who were in the discernment process in deciding their future.

In our Catholic Church parishioners call their pastor "Father". I do not know the exact origin of that title for Catholic priests, but it does make sense. As priests we care for the spiritual and Pastoral needs of our people and dedicate our entire life to the service of the church and to Christ.

For parents it is always a great joy to see their sons and daughters grow and become involved in family activities. Children are the greatest gift from God to parents.

Let me conclude with A FATHER'S PRAYER.

God, giver of life and Father of us all, help me to be the kind of father to my children that you are to me. May I love them unconditionally, forgive them when they fail, counsel them when they doubt, lift them up when they fall, guide them in the darkness and walk beside them in the light. Show me, loving God the Father, how to teach them, to play with them, to share with them, and to pray with them. Thank you God for the beautiful gift of children, thank you for my role as a father. St. Joseph patron of Fathers pray for me Amen.

Fr. Tony Andrade

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We can't have VBS at church yet BUT that doesn't mean your family cannot celebrate God's Love with VBS at home! I heard the Harvey family has come up with some great VBS theme ideas to do at home including theme weeks throughout summer! If your family has come up with creative ideas, please share!

I am sharing an at home VBS program from one of my favorite resources! Catholic Icing has created a flexible, all inclusive, organized week packed full of fun for kids for just \$10. You can get your copy at shop.catholicicing.com/product/vbs-sacred-heart/.

As always, please let me know if there is anything that I can do to be helpful. You can email me at dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com or call/text me at 715-977-2493.

Big Prayers, Love & Misses!!!

~Deone





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:** With the opening of our parish we have the opportunity to move forward to plan First Communion working with the current safety restrictions in place. Some parents have mentioned that they would prefer to wait until next spring. Either is an option, whatever would be best for your family. You can contact Deone or Fr. Tony to discuss what your family would prefer.
- ◆ **Confirmation:** There is also an opportunity to work with families to schedule dates for Confirmation that ensure a blessed safe event for all. Currently, Fr. Tony has received faculties to preside at Confirmation right here at St. Thomas Aquinas. You can contact Deone or Fr. Tony to discuss what would be the best option for your family.
- ◆ **Baptism:** There is now an opportunity to begin planning Baptisms with precautions in place to ensure the safety of our whole church family. Contact Deone or Fr. Tony 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, current options are available
 - Confirmation-Spring date postponed, current options are available
 - 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

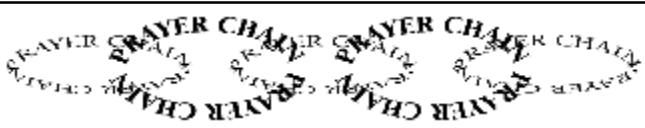
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DO YOU NEED HELP?

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.



Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE

In-person Sunday Masses are scheduled to resume for 8:30am starting **Sunday July 12th**.

We will continue to have in-person Mass Saturdays at 4:00pm.

We will have Rosary and Daily Mass on Wednesdays starting at 8:30am.

The 10:30am Mass on Sundays will be via Facebook only at this time.


We will continue to monitor adding back additional Masses as time passes.



We are SO EXCITED to see you again!

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.



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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 Tina at tfox1@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, June 22

TUESDAY, June 23

WEDNESDAY, June 24

8:30 am Rosary

9:00 am - Mass, Becky Swedzinski † (C)

THURSDAY, June 25

FRIDAY, June 26

SATURDAY, June 27

4:00 pm - Mass, Jerome Hebaus † (C)

SUNDAY, June 28

10:30 am - Mass, Live Via Facebook

Delores Stoffel † (C)

Charlie Weaver † (C)

Alan Sandkamp † (C)

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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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-35/Rom 5:12-15/
Mt 10:26-33
Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-18/Ps 60:3-13 /Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-36/Ps 48:2-11/Mt 7:6-14
Wednesday: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-9/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-6/Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-19/Ps 74:1b-21/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-16a/Ps 89:2-19/Rom 6:3-11/
Mt 10:37-42

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