



July 5, 2020 / The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Catholic Community Welcomes You!

**Sunday July 12th - 8:30am In Person Mass Resumes**  
**Blood Drive Appointments Available for August 6th**  
**Senior Recognition Mass Sunday July 12th - 8:30am**

14<sup>th</sup>

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who  
labor and are burdened, and  
I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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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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**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* Jesus refreshes and strengthens us for ministry.

*Question for Children:* When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that?

*Question for Youth:* Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

*Question for Adults:* As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?

**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.

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

We are SO EXCITED to see you again!



**ANNUAL SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE  
THURSDAY AUGUST 6TH 1:00PM-7:00PM**

Our annual Summer Blood Drive is now open for appointments. Please go on-line to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Enter St. Thomas Aquinas, or call 1-800-RedCross. There is a real need for blood and if you are healthy, please consider giving blood. All safety precautions will be followed. New donors are always welcome.



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**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](mailto:astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com) ~ Thank you

**ATTENTION USHERS OR GREETERS—HELP!**

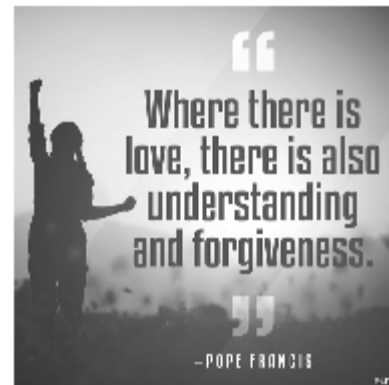
As you have read we are beginning 8:30am Mass on Sunday, **July 12th**. I am in desperate need of additional ushers to help at that Mass. I know many of you are still unsure about attending Mass, but let me assure you, our church building is as safe as can be. The job you do for our Mass is very simple and safe. If you were a greeter, you could also do this job. If you are neither, but would still love to help, please call Sue Kainz, at 651-707-6874 or email at [sue64kainz@comcast.net](mailto:sue64kainz@comcast.net). A huge thank you to all of the ushers who have already volunteered.



*Sue Kainz*

**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](http://guardian-angels.org/hope) or help 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.



**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     | • Max Wakefield  |
| • 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**

**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM AND BRING PEACE**

*Heart of Jesus Embrace us:* - Oh Jesus, let your warm love enliven our hearts as the spring rain renews the earth and brings forth new life to our wounded nation. Let your nourishing love birth within us a desire for justice and peace to serve you and the nations of the world. We humbly thank you for giving us your blessings of love so that we may find hope and courage as a people. We are servant willing to find the strength to persevere in finding the solutions for a peaceful earth. In you, oh sacred heart of Jesus, we put our hope and trust. Help us to walk our earthly journey with courage and faith, Amen.



*Prayer for our Men and woman in service to our Country:* - Lord God of hosts... Bless all who serve our country in the cause of peace on land and sea, and in air. Help them, and those in authority who lead them, to discern prayerfully whether a potential conflict or war is just.



Help them to meet all danger with courage; let them be models of discipline and loyalty. Keep them safe from harm and bring them home safely to their loved ones. May they work loyally to build up your kingdom of peace, love and justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Dear parishioners and friends of our parish, as we celebrated our Independence Day on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It is necessary that we pray for our nation and the people who serve our nation with love and courage. May God protect all of us and bring peace to the wounded world. Please let me know the names of your loved ones who are serving in the military so that we include them in our prayers at our weekend Eucharistic celebrations.*

Fr. Tony Andrade

**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/](http://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](mailto:dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com) or call/text me at 715-977-2493. Big Prayers, Love & Misses!!!  
~Deone



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

- ◆ **Senior Recognition 2020!** - Let's lift up our High School Seniors and their families on **Sunday, July 12th at the 8:30 a.m. Senior Recognition Mass.** Contact Deone in the parish office with questions or to help.
  - ◆ **Confirmation** - After touching base with our Confirmation families, we are offering several options to meet the needs of our families and ensure a blessed safe event for all.
    - Option 1—Confirmation during private Mass Wednesday, August 5th
    - Option 2—Confirmation during public Mass Saturday, August 8th at 4pm
    - Option 3—Wait to be Confirmed until Spring 2021
  - ◆ **First Communion** - After touching base with our First Communion families, we are offering several options to meet the needs of our families and ensure a blessed safe event for all.
    - Option 1—First Communion during private Mass Wednesday, August 12th
    - Option 2—First Communion during public Mass Saturday, August 15th at 4pm (Feast of the Assumption)
    - Option 3—Wait to receive with group in 2021
    - Option 4—Schedule to receive at another Mass that works 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.
  - ◆ **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!
  - ◆ **Youth Mission Trip 2021!** - YAY!!! We have reserved the WEEK of HOPE in Colorado! June 20-25, 2021! Youth aged 13 through adult can join! \$100 deposit and forms are due October 1st. Anyone who paid their 2020 deposit can apply it to 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



**EMILY LUKE - FOCUS CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES**

Emily Luke, a volunteer from our mission trip to Red Lake, MN, has joined Focus Catholic missionaries. She will be serving at colleges in the US, reaching out to students with friendship to invite them into a personal relationship with Jesus. If you would like to talk to Emily and hear more about her story, you can contact her at [Emily.Luke@focus.org](mailto:Emily.Luke@focus.org) or support her missionary work at [focus.org/missionaries/](http://focus.org/missionaries/)  
Emily-Luke



**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS  
JULY 1, 2019 THRU MAY 31, 2020**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Envelopes & Electronic Giving	\$479,005	\$581,300	(\$102,295)
Plate Offering	\$8,771	\$13,100	(\$4,329)
Easter Envelopes	\$9,465	\$12,700	(\$3,235)
Mardi Gras	\$28,480	\$25,900	\$2,580
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$525,721</b>	<b>\$633,000</b>	<b>(\$109,859)</b>

As you can see above, we are behind on our budgeted collections for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The COVID-19 virus has greatly impacted our parish financials since we were unable to hold Mass for a couple months. We are hoping for a better 2020-2021 fiscal year financially for the parish.

We want to thank everyone who continue to send in their Sunday Envelopes and continue to donate online. Without your donations we would not be able to cover our expenses to keep the church open and running.

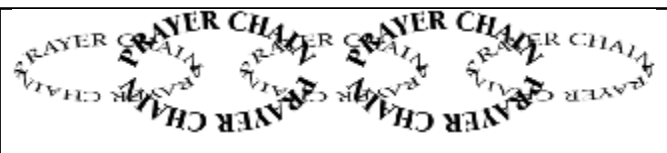
**THANK YOU!**

**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.

**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



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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](mailto: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, July 6**

**TUESDAY, July 7**

**WEDNESDAY, July 8**

8:30am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas †

**THURSDAY, July 9**

**FRIDAY, July 10**

**SATURDAY, July 11**

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Fr John Fitzpatrick †

**SUNDAY, July 12**

8:30 am - Mass, Senior Recognition (C)

Glen Holz †

10:30 am - Mass, VIRTUAL via FACEBOOK

Charlie Weaver †



Thank you to all of our parishioners for your continued support through your donations. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon as we continue to schedule celebrations and return to Masses.

### **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.

**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

Monday:	Hos 2:16-22/Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-13/Ps 115:3-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1--9/Ps 80:2-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/ Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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