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## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”  
- Mt 13:44

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Wednesday: 9:00 am  
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**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* The kingdom of God is a treasure beyond price.  
*Question for Children:* If you could be with Jesus, what would you trade from your own things for that?  
*Question for Youth:* Today's gospel reminds us that God's kingdom is worth sacrifice. What do you need to sacrifice in order to follow God in your own life? Why are you willing to make that sacrifice?  
*Question for Adults:* Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words what the Reign of God is for you personally, and use a parable to describe it: "The reign of God is \_\_\_\_\_."

**MEN'S CLUB**

There is NO Men's Club meeting in July or August. The next meeting will be September 10th. Watch for more details in August.



**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. All safety precautions will be followed. New donors are always welcome.

**DEATHS OF THIS PAST WEEK**



We ask you to remember **David Delmore**, 35, who passed away in Texas. David was the son of Bob and Cathy Delmore. Funeral plans are pending at this time. Please keep Bob and Cathy and their other children in your thoughts and prayers.

On **Friday, July 24th** we celebrated the life of **Loretta Rhode**. Loretta died in March, was buried at Ft. Snelling with her husband Bill in April. Because of the pandemic her memorial Mass was postponed until this past week. Please keep Loretta's 8 children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



**THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND ABOUT BURIALS AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CEMETERY**

With so many people now choosing cremation, sometimes it is easy to keep family members at "home" after the funeral. Sometimes, people are just not ready to say good-bye. In reading about the burials at our cemetery recently you might wonder about the delay in burials. It is always good to say that final good-bye to your loved one when you are ready. One of the Corporal Works of Mercy of the Catholic Church is to "Bury the dead". If you have a loved one that you would like to say a final good-bye to, please call the parish office and we can assist you.

**ELECTION DAY IN MINNESOTA IS  
 TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD**

Make sure your voice is heard—VOTE!! Find comprehensive resources regarding this year's election from the Minnesota Catholic Conference at [mncatholic.org/resources/election/](http://mncatholic.org/resources/election/)



**HELP - Altar Linen Ministry**

Do you love to iron? Yes, there are some of us who do enjoy ironing. Well do we have a deal for you! Each month we use several altar linens during mass. They need to be washed and pressed. Right now we have several of our "linen" ministers who can no longer help out. It is a two month commitment during the year. If you are not presently attending mass due to Covid-19, but would still like to help, we can make arrangements to get the linens delivered to your home, or picked up. With less Eucharistic Ministers there are less linens, so actually the laundry only has to be done once a month. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Sue Kainz, 651-707-6874 or send an email: [sue64kainz@comcast.net](mailto:sue64kainz@comcast.net). A special thanks to the current Linen Ministers - Chuck Norris, Sue Kean, Theresa Becker, Pat Schrantz, Pam Rogers and Colleen Taft.  
*Sue Kainz*



**YOGA - ARE YOU INTERESTED?**

We are trying to determine the interest in YogaDevotion for the fall session. It would begin later in September through October, Thursday evenings 6:30 - 7:30, cost would be about \$72.00. If you would like to participate in Yoga please call Tina in the office at 459-2131. We will keep those interested informed of the decision.



**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      |
| Ed Fleege         | Bonnie Williamson |
| Jean Shinn        | John Kell         |
| Harvey Pierson    | Lori Mundy        |
| Joan Deshler      | Russell McDonald  |
| Cindy Smith       | Theresa Campbell  |
| Denny Smith       | Pat Schrantz      |
| Mary Sue Schrantz | 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 KINGDOM OF GOD IS THE PRICELESS TREASURE**



Jesus in his time spoke of our human longing for happiness: He speaks of this longing as a longing for the fullness of the kingdom of God. In today's Gospel, he offers different examples of the lengths to

which people will go in order to possess it, to enter the kingdom of God. Nothing else is more important or more valuable. People will sell everything they own in order to get it.

Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a rare pearl or a priceless treasure. In other words, the kingdom is worth everything we have. Those who find it are truly fortunate. Even if in the eyes of the world they appear foolish, in the eyes of God they are wise and rich. The kingdom of God is a very simple concept. It means to know that one is a child of God, with a dignity and an eternal destiny. It means to believe in God's great love for me and his calling to live and walk in his love. It means to know the meaning of life, and how to live it. Those who have found the answer to this question have found the precious pearl, the kingdom of God.

It is interesting to notice the contexts in which the people in Gospel parables make the discovery of the great treasure. One person is simply working in a field and then stumbles across the treasure quite by accident. Another is going about ordinary business as a merchant and then makes the discovery. According to Jesus, the kingdom of God is to be found most readily in the ordinary. It is by going about our ordinary business that we can find God and so have our longing satisfied. We stumble across God, we find God out of the blue, unexpectedly. Because in fact, it isn't that we find God but God who allows himself to be found by us; therefore, let us remain close to our God in our day to day life.

*Fr. Tony Andrade*



**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

- ◆ **Confirmation** - Please keep the youth and families who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this August in your prayers. We have Confirmation families signed up for the following options.
    - Option 1—Confirmation during private Mass Wednesday, August 5th
    - Option 2—Confirmation during public Mass Saturday, August 8th at 4pm
  - ◆ **First Communion** - Please keep the children who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion in your prayers. Some families are planning for this August, some are waiting until later, and some are waiting until next year. We are fortunate that our parish can be flexible to make this a blessed event for each member of our church family! Please note the 2 upcoming First Communion Dates:
    - 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)
  - ◆ **Baptism** - There is now an opportunity to plan 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!** - We have reserved the WEEK of HOPE in Colorado! June 20-25, 2021! Youth aged 13 through adult can join! We will have a planning meeting Sunday, September 13th at noon to discuss options and opportunities for this trip either in person or via ZOOM. Registration forms will be available after September 13th and the \$100 deposit and forms are due October 1st. Anyone who paid their deposit last year 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

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**MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Due to the uncertainty and safety concerns surrounding Covid-19 and also several significant golf course rule changes that would need to be implemented in order to proceed with the event, this is to inform you that our golf committee has decided to **CANCEL the 2020 Men's Club Golf Tournament previously scheduled for Sunday 9/20/2020** at Clifton Hollow, River Falls, WI. We intend to have the event again in 2021 and will be communicating about that next summer. We'd also like to thank all of our golfers and sponsors for their past participation and donations.

*St. Thomas Aquinas Men's Club Golf Committee*

### 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.

### Spread The Word

As many of you are aware, Natural Science Academy is closing and will not be leasing from St. Thomas Aquinas starting August 1st, 2020. If you could please spread the word that we have space available for lease, we would greatly appreciate it.

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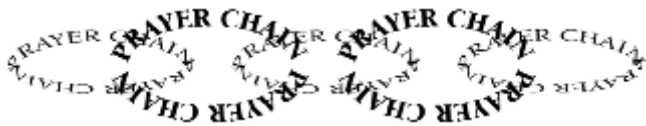


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Be sure to keep us informed of any of changes to your address or phone number by calling the parish office at 651-459-2131 or by e-mailing Tina at [tfox1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:tfox1@st-thomas-aquinas.com). Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

**MONDAY, July 27**

**TUESDAY, July 28**

**WEDNESDAY, July 29**

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass

Charlie & Delphine Weisbrod † (C)

**THURSDAY, July 30**

**FRIDAY, July 31**

**SATURDAY, August 1**

4:00 pm - Mass

Jerome Hebaus † (C)

**SUNDAY, August 2**

8:30 am - Mass

Edward & Elizabeth Klug † (C)

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Norman & Shirley Smith † (C)

### MASS INTENTIONS

We are taking Mass intentions for the upcoming year. If you want to remember your loved one, having a Mass said is a very nice way to honor them. Donations for a Mass intentions are \$10.00. Remember, one intention per person, per month. Call Tina in the office for details or to schedule.

### 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 of the Week

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-21/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10-21/Ps 34:2-11/Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-6b/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5-14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-24/Ps 69:15-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/  
Mt 14:13-21

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