



August 2, 2020 / 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing,
broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them
to the crowds. They all ate
and were satisfied.
- Mt 14:19c-20

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Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Mass Times:

Wednesday: 9:00 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
10:30 am VIRTUAL
via Facebook

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

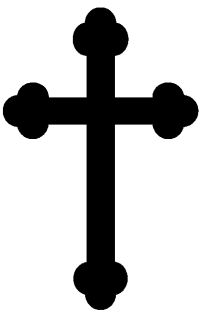
Theme: God answers all our needs.

Question for Children: What are the ways that Jesus shows he loves you?

Question for Youth: Jesus was very attentive to his followers. He cared for them and for their needs. What are your needs? What can Jesus do to help you?

Question for Adults: In your experience, what “false obstacles” have you or people you know experienced separating them from Christ? Things such as divorce? Or marrying outside the church? Or not attending Mass? Or others?

DEATHS OF THIS PAST WEEK



On Tuesday, July 28th we celebrated the short life of Daniel Dague, 33. Daniel was the son of Randy and Joan Dague. He was the grandson of long time parishioners Elmer and Do Backer. His uncle, Fr. Dennis Backer was the celebrant of the funeral mass. Dan was a World War II re-enactor, and also restored World War II vehicles. He will be missed by his family and friends. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

FAITH FORMATION

It is ‘RUFF’ this year to look at the calendar and see all the woulda-coulda-shoulda events in our lives, but God’s plan is always better! I am praying that each of you can ‘think outside the box’ to make the most of every day! The Archdiocese has provided guidelines to limit Faith Formation activities through the end of August. Activities that are ‘Dynamic’, where movement and interaction are not controlled like VBS, Service Projects and Mission Trips are NOT allowed at this time. Activities that are ‘Static’ are allowed if there is little interaction, social distance can be maintained, masks are worn, and people are in designated areas—like Senior Recognition, Confirmation, First Communion, Baptism or Mass. So we will be unable to plan in-person FF family events for this summer. However, please don’t let that stop you from finding opportunities to get out there and shine God’s love in the world!! The world needs your light now more than ever!!



MEN’S CLUB

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



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.



Altar Linen Ministry

Thank you to those who volunteered to help with our altar linens. **And a special thank you to long time volunteers Theresa Becker and Pat Schrantz who are retiring from the ministry.**

Sue Kainz



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Last weekend there was a flyer in the bulletin regarding the need for school supplies for Friends In Need. If you have the opportunity to purchase some badly needed supplies for local kids, we will be collecting them through **Monday, August 10th** either in the church on the weekends, or the parish office during regular business hours. Checks (made payable to Friends In Need) or cash donations (placed in an envelope marked Friends In Need), are also greatly appreciated. You can drop them in the baskets during weekend masses or send them to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.



ANNUAL SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE



Thank you for your overwhelming interest. All of our appointments are full. We are trying to get additional nurses to come. It will be a very successful blood drive.

Thank you ALL !!

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.

Deacon's Corner

THE LORD ANSWERS ALL OUR NEEDS

Was there ever a Christmas gift or birthday gift that you were really excited about getting and then after you received it you were disappointed? It failed to satisfy. Or did you ever go to a movie and then wondered why did I spend my money on this? It failed to satisfy. St. Augustine said in his famous prayer "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee". In God is our true satisfaction. This is reflected in today's readings.

The first reading from Isaiah says "Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare" and "Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life." And Psalm 145 says "you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." And then in the Gospel Jesus literally took bread in his hands, blessed the bread, and broke it, and fed over 5000 people. St. Matthew tells us "They all ate and were satisfied."



But that satisfaction was temporary. They soon were hungry again. What is most important is to find our satisfaction not in things of this world but in the love of God. In our relationship with Jesus we find our soul's greatest longing. Then we can say along with St. Paul:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Deacon Joe

LIFE MAY CHANGE, BUT GOD'S LOVE FOR US IS UNCHANGING!

At St. Thomas Aquinas we are here to serve you with God's unchanging love. We are trying to serve each member of our church family faithfully from in-person Masses and celebrations to online opportunities. We are the church together!

Please pray for our graduates who celebrated Senior Recognition and our youth who are planning to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion in August. Please include all families who are prayerfully waiting to receive. Let's also welcome the families who have celebrated Baptisms and those that are upcoming. May they ALL be filled with God's unchanging love!

If there is anyway that we can serve your family better, please contact Deone in the Faith Formation office at 715-977-2493.



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** - Congratulations to the family and friends of **Quincy Stoll, Declan Walsh and Hadley May Lilla** who have been welcomed into our church family. We have precautions in place to ensure the safety of everyone. If you are interested in preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism please contact Deone.
 - ◆ **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
- Questions? Comments?** Contact Deone Parnell at dparnell1@st-thomas-aquinas.com or Cell: 715-977-2493



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

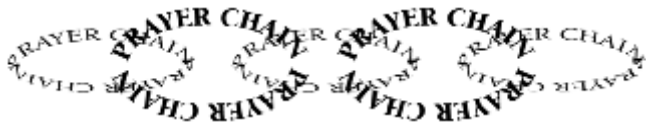
Did your Eblast email suddenly stop coming to your inbox? Sometimes they end up filed into Junk randomly. Please make sure to check your junk inbox and/or add our email address to your list of 'safe' addresses. We would hate for you to miss any news and information.

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.

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/)



Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

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.



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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. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

KEY (C)= Church

MONDAY, August 3

TUESDAY, August 4

WEDNESDAY, August 5

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Lorraine Buda †

Private Confirmation Mass

THURSDAY, August 6

1:00 pm—7:00pm Blood Drive

FRIDAY, August 7

SATURDAY, August 8

4:00 pm - Mass with Public Confirmation (C)

Lee & Joan Kirsch †

SUNDAY, August 9

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Randall Janusz †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Charlie Weaver †

MASS INTENTIONS

We are taking Mass intentions for the upcoming year. Donations for a Mass intentions are \$10.00 for each Mass. 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 28:1-17/Ps 119:29-102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-22/Ps 102:16-23/Mt 14:22-36
or Mt 15:1-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-14/Ps 97:1-9/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1-3; 3:1-7/Dt 32:35cd-41/
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a-13a/Ps 85:9-14/Rom 9:1-5/
Mt 14:22-33

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