



August 9, 2020 / 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you,
command me to come to
you on the water." He
said, "Come." Peter got
out of the boat and
began to walk on the
water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

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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: If we believe, we will be saved.

Question for Children: What does God’s voice sound like when you pray and listen to Jesus?

Question for Youth: In today’s Gospel, Peter began to walk on the water when he was focused on Jesus. He began to sink when he got distracted by the storm. What is your life like when you are focused on Jesus and your relationship with God? How is it different when you get caught up in other things?

Question for Adults: Tell about your experiences of hearing God speak in “tiny voices” rather than in the winds and earthquakes of life.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are taking Mass intentions for the upcoming year—2021. Donations for a Mass intention are \$10.00 for each Mass. Remember, one intention per person, per month. Call Tina in the office for details or to schedule.



MEN’S CLUB

There are NO Men’s Club meetings in August. The next meeting will be September 10th. More details coming soon.

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.



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!!



Deone Parnell

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Recently 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.



GREETING OF PEACE

While attending the Holy Chrism Mass on Thursday July 30th at the Cathedral. Archbishop Hebda has decided to eliminate the greeting of peace during all Masses. This is for the safety of all who attend the holy Masses in our parish. Going forward we will follow the Archbishop’s direction and forgo the greeting of peace at this time. Thank you.

Fr Tony Andrade

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/



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.

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 |
| Loretta Casale | Richard Morgan |
| Ariana DelRio | Nick Strobel |

And 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

AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD.

In today's readings we see two quite different encounters with God. First we hear of Elijah who is fleeing out of fear for his life from the wicked Jezebel. He goes to the Mountain of God, Mount Horeb, and does not find God in the mighty wind, or in an earthquake or in the fire. Rather he encounters God in a tiny whispering sound, a still small voice, a gentle breeze.

In the Gospel the disciples are also in fear for their lives. In the midst of a tremendous storm on the Sea of Galilee they encounter Jesus walking on the water. He then calms the wind and the sea, and they proclaim, "Truly you are the Son of God".

Have you had an encounter with God? Maybe you have been saved from a tremendous storm in your life. Maybe you have found God in a tiny whispering sound speak to you and encourage you and guide you. God manifests himself in many different ways to many different people. The one thing they have in common is they turned to the Lord. They sought God. They brought their fears and concerns to the Lord in prayer. Jesus gives us a great example to emulate. "He went up the mountain by himself to pray". If it was important for Jesus to be by himself and pray how much more important is it for us to take time each day to pray. Seek the Lord and he will make himself known to you. Call out to Jesus and as he did with Peter, he will stretch out his hand and lift you up.

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.

*Trust
in Him
fully*



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- ◆ **Confirmation** - Please keep the youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this August in your prayers. We definitely need these young people to shine the light of the Holy Spirit into our world and fill the dark spaces with God's Love!
 - ◆ **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** - St. Thomas Aquinas church has our doors open to bring new members 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



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Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

DO YOU NEED HELP?

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DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION?

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 10

TUESDAY, August 11

WEDNESDAY, August 12

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Richard (Dick) Nielsen †

Private First Communion Mass

THURSDAY, August 13

FRIDAY, August 14

SATURDAY, August 15

4:00 pm - Mass with Public First Communion (C)

Adeline Rumpca †

SUNDAY, August 16

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Charles & Mary McGraw †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Buz Schrantz †

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: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-9/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14-131/Mt 18:1-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-22/Ps 113:1-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-62/
Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/
Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-16; 16:1-2/
Ps 132:6-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
Lk 11:27-28.
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-10ab/
Ps 45:10-16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1-7/Ps 67:2-8/Rom 11:13-32/
Mt 15:21-28

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