



August 16, 2020 / 20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
10:30 am VIRTUAL
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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Trust in God and never be afraid to ask God for anything.

Question for Children: What is your favorite way to talk with Jesus? What words do you use?

Question for Youth: Do you trust that God hears your prayers? Do you believe that your prayer makes a difference?

Question for Adults: When you pray, how do you know that Jesus will really respond?

DEATHS THIS WEEK



On Thursday, August 13th we celebrated the short life of **David Patrick Delmore**, age 35. David was the son of Bob and Cathy Delmore and brother of Brian, John and Laura. Please keep the whole family in your thoughts and prayers.

WE ALSO REMEMBER

Charles Cermak, father of Andrea Rogers who died on July 24th.

Judy Heimermann, sister of LaVerne Schleichert who died on August 4th. Please keep both of these families in your thoughts and prayers as well.



BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all who came to donate blood at our August 6th Blood Drive. The need is great and we collected 24 pints of blood. The need won't go away. Our next drive will be in January. Date to be determined.



Spread The Word

As many of you are aware, Natural Science Academy is no longer leasing from St. Thomas Aquinas. If you know of an organization looking for space—please contact Amy in the office at 651-459-2131.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - THANK YOU!!

On behalf of Friends In Need, thank you so much for your donations of school supplies to help needy kids in the community. All the supplies and checks were dropped off at the food shelf on Tuesday, August 11th.

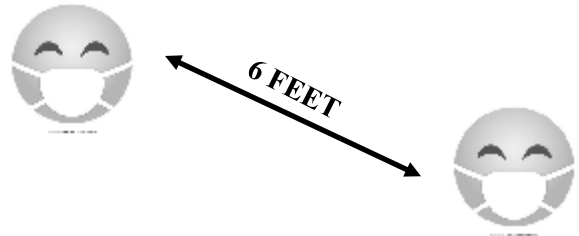


GREETING OF PEACE

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

**KEEP WEARING YOUR MASKS
CONTINUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE
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OR FEEL SICK-
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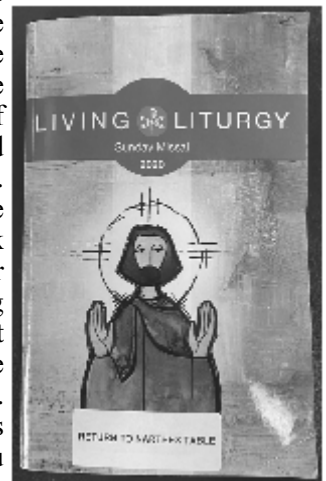


MASS INTENTIONS

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.

LIVING LITURGY BOOKS FREE

You might recall these books were available for your use during Masses. All of the readings of the weekend are included through the end of November. We have decided to give these books away. There will be some available in the parish office for pick up, or in the church after Masses this upcoming weekend. First come, first served. When they are gone we will not have any others. If you bring them to Mass with you on the weekend you must take them home with 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 |
| 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 | John A Tazuell |
| Loretta Casale | Richard Morgan |
| Ariana DelRio | Nick Strobel |
| Liana Vanderbeek (infant) | |

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.

 **Pastor's Corner**



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
15TH OF AUGUST**

Christ has called us all to share in his glory. We rejoice on this feast of the Assumption of Mary, for it fills us with hope

for the salvation of all humankind. Mary enjoyed a unique relationship with Christ and played a crucial role in God's redeeming work. Today we rejoice that God saved her and raised her to the glory of heaven, a glory in which all of us are called to share.

In the 1st reading from the book of Revelation in St. John's Vision, a woman gives birth to a child who will rule all nations. God saves them both from death, raising the child to glory and preparing a place for his mother. In the 2nd reading St. Paul writes to us in his 1st letter to the Corinthians, Jesus has triumphed over death, and many of those who belong to him already share his risen life.

We hear in the Gospel of today Mary proclaims the greatness of the Lord, marveling at all that God has done for her.

Mary cooperates with God's plan: - at the annunciation, Mary the simple, ordinary and plain Jewish girl began a peaceful but powerful process by saying "Yes"; this was a demonstration of Mary's faith and obedience to God's will which enabled God to become flesh in Jesus, whose life and death established a new covenant between God and humanity. Mary's obedience to God's call brought her pain as well as joy. The importance of her task as Jesus mother, and the strength and love with which she accepted God's will earned her a unique place beside Christ in heaven. (I Chron 16:1, "The Ark of God) Her quite, simple actions have been rewarded with God's extraordinary power and goodness in rising her to new life, and her great humility has earned her the honor of the church. As Mary predicted in our gospel reading, all generations will call her blessed. (Lk.1:42) The Assumption is a reminder to us that in spite of being the weak, simple and plain girl of Nazareth, Mary was able to open herself willingly to cooperate with the powerful plan of God, and God through the humble cooperation of Mary brought salvation, peace, and joy; in other words, brought Jesus to the world.

As we honor Mary, we may be tempted to think that we can never hope to be like her. Yet we must not allow our sense of unworthiness to obscure the reality of God's infinite power. Mary's unique experience and her untainted goodness should certainly cause us to marvel, but they are to inspire rather than discourage us. In her life on earth and in her assumption in to heaven she shows us what great things God can produce from obscure, unpromising situations.

On this great feast day of our blessed heavenly mother let us pray through her intercession that we may be also given the Grace to do God's will in our life.

This year the feast of the Assumption of our Heavenly Mother Mary falls on Saturday therefore its not an holy day of obligation but we pray and honor our blessed Mother Mary

Fr. Tony Andrade

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH
FAITH FORMATION**



- ◆ **Confirmation** - Congratulations to the youth of our parish who were confirmed last week! After a mini-retreat which allowed them time to prepare, pray, receive reconciliation, reflect, and read love letters from their sponsors, friends and family; they were sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit by Fr. Tony through the hand of Archbishop Hebda.

**Jack Caliguire ♦ Matthew Meduna ♦ Tyler Modrow
Tristin Prescott ♦ Autumn Rippie ♦ Benjamin Rogers
Ethan Rossel ♦ Jade Sellards ♦ Jennifer Sievers
Victoria Valencia.**

Please keep them 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 have received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion this week in your prayers. Also continued prayers to families who are waiting until later, or next year. We are fortunate that our parish can be flexible to make this a blessed event for each member of our church family!
 - ◆ **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

**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/



MEN'S CLUB

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

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

KEY (C)= Church

MONDAY, August 17

TUESDAY, August 18

WEDNESDAY, August 19

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Dale Anderson †

6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting

THURSDAY, August 20

FRIDAY, August 21

SATURDAY, August 22

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Howard Kittelson †

SUNDAY, August 23

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Deceased Members of the
Kazmierczak Family †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

James Lence †

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.

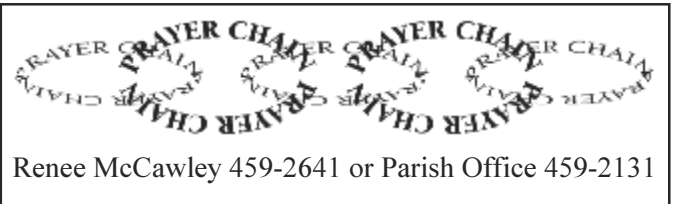
New Member Registration

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: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-8/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20

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