



September 27, 2020 / 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”
- Mt 21:32

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Mass Times:

Wed, Thurs & Fri: 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: It's not enough to merely say you believe. You must also live your faith.

Question for Children: How do you show your love for Jesus by doing what he asks, even when it is difficult for you?

Question for Youth: Today's parable reminds us that it isn't what we say that counts as much as what we do. How would someone know you are a Christian through your actions?

Question for Adults: How and when were you like each of the sons in the Gospel?

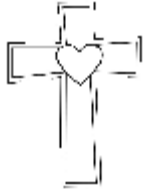
DAILY MASSES WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Rosary will be said at 8:30am and Mass at 9:00am. Please join us!



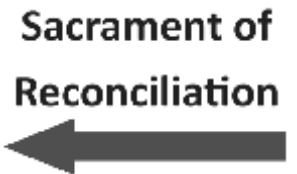
DEATHS OF THIS PAST WEEK

On **Monday, September 21st** we celebrated the life of **Merlyn Lundell**, age 79, who died very unexpectedly. Merlyn and his wife Bea were regulars at 4:00 mass each week prior to the pandemic. They moved to Newport in 1972 and raised their two sons Steve and Greg in the parish. Please keep his wife Bea, their sons and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in the church before 4:00pm Mass each Saturday. Please sit in the far seats of the Holy Family Section. Fr. Tony will meet you there. Or, you can call Fr. Tony anytime to make a private appointment with him for confession.



WE'RE SELLING METRO DINING

I have received a few inquiries from parishioners regarding Metro Dining Card sales. Yes! After speaking with the Metro Dining company, we have decided to go ahead with our usual sales. Many restaurants are adding drive-thru and take-out options, so you can be sure buying the card is worth it. We won't be picking them up for a week or two, so look for sales to begin around October 4th. We'll give notice in the bulletin and eblast! Thanks, as always for your support!

~Robin



CEMETERY UPDATE...

THE CULPRITS HAVE BEEN FOUND!

In the last two bulletins we talked about vandalism at the parish cemetery. The culprits who are having a feast on your flowers have been identified...we now have deer visiting our cemetery and they enjoy those flowers. We will do some research to find out what kind of flowers deer won't eat and will give you an update next spring.



Prayer
REQUESTS

Please remember all of the following who have asked for our prayers in their illness:

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| Bob Weisbrod | Ed Fleege |
| Bonnie Williamson | Jean Shinn |
| Joan Deshler | Theresa Campbell |
| Denny Smith | Pat Schrantz |
| Mary Sue Schrantz | John A Tazuell |
| Connie Flores | Diane Derichs |
| Jerusalem Harris | Marion Friend |
| Gus Briguet | Julie Springer |
- 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.



JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

Per the Archdiocese guidelines we continue to encourage you NOT to participate in singing while at Mass. Even though you are wearing a mask, research suggests that singing releases large droplets that can transmit significant portions of the COVID virus. We ask you sing in your heart, not with your voice. Thank you for your understanding.



ATTENTION YOGA PARTICIPANTS

Dates have been set for our fall YogaDevotion session. Thursday evenings at 6:30pm, October 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19; December 3 and 10. Nine sessions are \$81.00. If you are interested please contact Tina in the office to register. The deadline to register is **Friday October 2nd**. We have plenty of room to social distance in the activities building hall. Hope to see you there!



Deacon's Corner

“Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.” This encouragement from St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians gives us pause to reflect on our attitude. One definition of attitude is “a manner, disposition, feeling, position, etc., with regard to a person or thing; tendency or orientation, especially of the mind”. Do we have a good attitude or bad attitude?



What is the attitude of Christ? His attitude was one of humility and service. He emptied himself. He did not focus on his status, position, or authority. He was willing to share in our humanity. So we should be willing to share in the humanity of those around us. Do we foster an attitude of self-focus and promotion or an attitude of giving and the welfare of others? If we truly want to be a follower of Christ it is important to look at our attitude. This can make such a difference in our approach to life.

Let us pray that we are not like the chief priests and elders and religious leaders who were unwilling to change their attitudes. They were unwilling to see tax collectors and prostitutes as worthy of forgiveness and the love and blessing of God because they did not see their humanity. Jesus saw beyond the sin and into the person. Let us pray for the mind and heart of Christ as we look at all those around us.

I will always remember a quote by Chuck Swindoll in regard to attitude. It is one of the ways we express our freedom and present ourselves to others. I hope this will inspire you to take on the attitude of Christ.

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes."

Deacon Joe



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



- ◆ **Back to Faith Formation** - Thank you so much for taking the time to share your feedback! Change is hard for everyone and getting in the swing of school this year is a challenge. We are prayerfully seeking the best way to support each family! As of now, about half of the responses have indicated families are not ready to return to in-person Faith Formation yet and half are excited to get back in person. The Faith Formation Commission has been reviewing the guidelines from the Archdiocese, and Minnesota, alongside our local school district and your responses to find the best path to bring our youth and families closer to Christ this year! Once approved, we will send out the plan and registration forms vis email, mail, and website.
 - ◆ **Are You Being Called???** - Please consider if you are being called to be a volunteer or catechist this year, we will need leaders this year to guide our youth.
 - ◆ **Mission Trip - 2021-Loveland, Colorado June 19-26**
Group Mission Trips is walking by FAITH to plan the postponed trips! Good news ~ After meeting, we have 9 volunteers from last year who are ready to serve again and we fundraised over \$8K last year that can be applied to this year’s trip! Volunteers age 12-adult can participate and families are welcome to serve together. Check out more at www.groupmissiontrips.com
 - ◆ **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 the Parish Office at 651-459-2131.
 - ◆ **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!
 - ◆ **Faith Formation Calendar** - Available on our website www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar
- Questions? Comments?** Contact the parish office at 651-459-2131 or email astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

REMEMBER TO SMILE!

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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!

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE

The Archdiocese offers a 24-hour Victim Assistance Hotline at 651-291-4497

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.

PRAYER CHAIN
Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

**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/



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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

KEY: (C)= Church (AB) = Activities Building

MONDAY, September 28

7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

TUESDAY, September 29

WEDNESDAY, September 30

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

All those interred in our cemetery †

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (zoom)

THURSDAY, October 1

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Carol Strom †

FRIDAY, October 2

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

The People of St. Thomas Aquinas

SATURDAY, October 3

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Jerome Hebaus †

SUNDAY, October 4

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Lorraine & John Sathra †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Norman & Shirley Smith †

MASS INTENTIONS

There are several openings for Thursday or Friday Daily Mass for the rest of 2020. Donations for a Mass intention are \$10.00 for each Mass. Remember, one intention per person, per month. Call Tina in the office to schedule.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office for information.

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.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/
Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-16/Ps 88:10bc-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-11/
Mt 18:1-10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 /
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
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