



October 4, 2020 / 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Catholic Community Welcomes You!

Metro Dining Cards Are Available
Can You Bring Eucharist To The Homebound?

27th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” - Mt 21:40

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Mass Times:

Wed, Thurs & Fri: 9:00 am
4:00 pm
Saturday: 8:30 am
8:30 am
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via Facebook

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Whatever is good and true, think about these things.

Question for Children: What makes you feel peaceful inside? What makes you feel restless?

Question for Youth: How do you thank God for the talents that you have? How do you give back to God through the use of your talent?

Question for Adults: What steps do you take each week to make sure you are doing as Paul directs: "Live according to what you have learned and accepted."

ADVENT BLUE BOOKS AND SUNDAY MASS BOOKS

Although it seems early (Advent begins on November 28/29th) these books will be for sale at our Fall Tailgating Event. Blue Books will cost \$1.00 and the Sunday Mass Books are \$5.00. Get em' early! Save a trip to the office.

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP BRING EUCHARIST TO THE HOMEBOUND?

There are many of our parishioners who have been homebound for many months. Yes, I know most of us are homebound. Several of these folks have been in and out of the hospital and would love to receive the Eucharist a couple of times a month. Could you take a bit of time each month to visit with these folks? I could use a few volunteers to help with this ministry. Safety protocols will be reviewed with all the volunteers. We can do this safely. Please call/email Sue Kainz for more information 651-707-6874, or sue64kainz@comcast.net.

WE'RE SELLING METRO DINING

Metro Dining Cards will be available for sale October 3rd and 4th see Robin or Matt after Mass. The cost is \$25.00 with \$10.00 benefiting the music department. Checks should be made out to St. Thomas Aquinas. Thanks, as always for your support!

~Robin



ANNOUNCEMENT

It is with great sadness that we have to announce to the parish that our Director of Faith Formation, Deone Parnell, has resigned from her position. Deone worked at the parish for the last 5 years and has help grow the Faith Formation program by leaps and bounds. We are very grateful for all the hard work and dedication that Deone put into the Faith Formation program and Mission Trips. We will continue to have Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation at St. Thomas Aquinas. As more details develop, we will be in communication with everyone.

We want to wish Deone and her family the very best in the future!



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 |
| Lori Mundy | John A Tazzell |
| Connie Flores | Diane Derichs |
| Jerusalem Harris | Marion Friend |
| Gus Briguet | Julie Springer |
| Nancy Jorissen | Janet Nordman |

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.



We are just 31 days from the general election. Do you have a plan to vote? With being an American comes certain rights AND responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is voting. If ever there was a year to vote, it's this one. Sitting this election out is NOT an option.

To get answers to all your voting questions, go to www.vote.org. You can register to vote, request an absentee ballot, find your polling place and more. Don't have access to internet? Call 651-215-1440 or email secretary.state@state.mn.us

Important dates

Registration deadlines:

Online - October 13

Mail - Received by October 13

In person - November 3

Absentee Ballots - Request by November. 2

Return in person by November 3

or mail postmarked by November 3

Early voting - September 18-November 2

Election Day - November 3rd

One of the Catholic Social Teachings is a Call to Family, Community & Participation which means people have a right and duty to participate in society. Please vote!

Sue Wege, Social Justice Commission member

ATTENTION YOGA PARTICIPANTS

You can still register for Yoga! Call Tina in the office at 651-459-2131. Our first class is Thursday October 8th at 6:30pm



ENTERING THE CHURCH FOR MASSES

You will notice a new way of entering the church for Masses. Beginning immediately when you arrive for mass you will enter the church through the single door nearest the Activities Building. An usher will open the door for you and you will wait in line in the narthex to check in. As the weather has turned cooler and with winter coming soon we thought this was a more comfortable way of waiting to check in. REMEMBER SOCIAL DISTANCING PLEASE. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Pastor's Corner

THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

First reading (Is. 5: 1-7)

The vineyard is a well-known symbol of the people of Israel. Like anyone who plants a vineyard and takes great care of it, so does God care for Israel, His chosen people. Should they fail in their vocation and bear no fruits, they will be destroyed, like any other fruitless vineyard.



Second Reading (Phil. 4:6-9)

The Apostle exhorts fidelity to the norms and traditions of the Church. Amidst the worries and cares of our everyday life, we have to fix our thoughts and actions on that which is good and true; that is the attitude every Christian should have and foster.

Gospel (Mt. 21:33-43)

The content of the Gospel

Those who have seen a vineyard easily understand today's parable. What is presented in the Gospel was a common sight during the time of Jesus. Therefore, the listeners understood the message clearly. The Vineyard stands for the people of Israel; God is the owner of the vineyard. The cultivators are religious leaders of Israel. The messengers are the prophets sent by God but were rejected and killed by the leaders. The Son is Jesus. God sent him to save the people, to bless them, in spite of their infidelity. But the people remained obstinate; they wanted to do away with him. So God revokes the covenant and makes a new one with other people.

Through this parable, Jesus explains the fate of Israel:

- It speaks of God's concern
- It speaks of God's patience
- It speaks of God's judgment

Fr. Tony Andrade

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



- ♦ **Back to Faith Formation** - Stay tuned for more information on Faith Formation in the near future!
 - ♦ **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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7th, 2020

Public Discussion Regarding Rectory - at 7:00 pm in parish hall located in Activities Building

October 10th, 2020

Tailgating, Parking Lot Mass, and Much Much More - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm church parking lot

October 12th, 2020

Public Hearing Regarding Rectory - at 7pm at City Hall and on the city Youtube channel

November 7th, 2020

47th Annual Holiday Craft Fair - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm



\$20's For Tony is off to a GREAT start. Let's keep it going!!!!



\$30,000
\$25,000
\$20,000
\$15,000
\$10,000
\$5,000
\$2,500

**Sunday Collections
July 1st, 2020 thru August 31st 2020**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Envelopes & Electronic Giving	\$80,286	\$87,167	(-\$6,880)
Plate Offering	\$0	\$1,666	(-\$1,666)
Totals	\$80,286	\$88,833	(-\$8,546)

As you can see we are behind on our budgeted collections for the first 2 months of the fiscal year. Please consider establishing electronic giving to ensure you are always current even if you are unable to attend Mass.

Thank you for your continued support.

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!

**KEEP WEARING YOUR MASKS
CONTINUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCE
IF YOU HAVE BEEN SICK,
OR FEEL SICK-**



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PLEASE STAY HOME!



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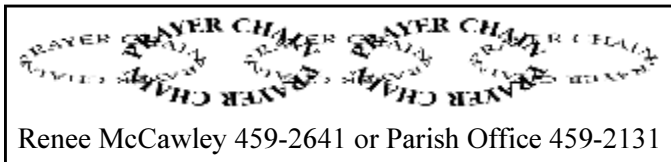
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DO YOU NEED HELP?

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.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE

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



Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

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.



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.

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, October 5

7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

TUESDAY, October 6

WEDNESDAY, October 7

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Paulino de laO †

7:00 pm NO Choir Rehearsal (zoom)

7:00 pm Public Discussion - Rectory (AB)

THURSDAY, October 8

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

All those suffering from COVID

6:00 pm - Facility Committee (AB)

FRIDAY, October 9

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Joe Casale †

SATURDAY, October 10

2:00pm Tailgating & More (Church Parking Lot)

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Lee & Joan Kirsch †

SUNDAY, October 11

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Abel Alsidis †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Charlie Weaver †

MASS INTENTIONS

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: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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