



October 11, 2020 / 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Catholic Community Welcomes You!

Remembrance Mass and Anointing Mass  
Metro Dining Cards



28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast."  
- Mt 22:4bc

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### Mass Times:

Wed, Thurs & Fri: 9:00 am  
Saturday: 4:00 pm  
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10:30 am VIRTUAL  
via Facebook

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**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* Only those who enter the banquet will share the reign of God.

*Question for Children:* Why is it important for you to do what Jesus asks of you?

*Question for Youth:* Each week we are invited to participate in Mass. When you are at Mass, how well do you really participate? How could you be more present in heart, mind, and spirit?

*Question for Adults:* Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words who will be welcome and why they will be welcome, at the eternal banquet of God.



**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 Tauzell   |
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| Jerusalem Harris  | Marion Friend    |
| Gus Briguet       | Julie Springer   |
| Nancy Jorissen    | Janet Nordman    |
| Judy Howell       | Meridean Schmidt |

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.

**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](mailto:sue64kainz@comcast.net).



**REMINDER—OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

Please join us Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:30am to say the Rosary before Daily Mass.

**WE'RE SELLING METRO DINING**

Metro Dining Cards will be available for sale, see Robin or Matt after Mass or stop by the parish office. 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



Now that we all have a plan to vote, we need to prayerfully choose our candidates. As Catholics we have a great way to evaluate candidate records to help us choose the best people to represent us--the Catholic Social Teachings.

The first three deal with the Life & Dignity of the Human Person, Supporting Family Life and our Rights & Responsibilities. Every life is precious from conception to death and we all have the right to be treated humanely and with dignity. Does the candidate recognize this by advocating policies to protect all phases of life? Will there be social programs to support young mothers in crisis so they can choose life for their unborn babies and have the means to support them afterwards? Will they support good quality childcare and quality education for all ages? Does the candidate believe everyone is entitled to good health care and safe elder care? What is their stand on the death penalty and criminal justice reform?

All of these issues affect life and support strong families. No candidate will hit every issue perfectly, so don't be a one issue voter. Choose candidates who have the best overall plan to sustain life, strengthen families and protect human dignity.

*Sue Wege, Social Justice Commission member*

**ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS NOVEMBER 7TH & 8TH**

As we have for many years, we will be celebrating those who have died in our parish this past year during Masses the weekend of November 7th and 8th. Invitations to those families who have lost loved ones will be in the mail. It is always a special time for our parish.



**MISSING THE ANOINTING MASS?**

Due to restrictions from the Archdiocese we will not be having our annual Anointing Mass this fall. If you are having surgery and wish to be anointed, please call the parish office to set an appointment with Fr. Tony.



**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.

## Deacon's Corner

Have you ever wondered what heaven will be like? Has there been a longing in your soul for something beyond what we experience here on earth? St. Paul says in 1 Cor 2:9 "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him". In other words, heaven is going to be beyond our wildest imagination.



Although heaven is a great mystery, we can try to understand to some degree what heaven is like. The Catechism says in paragraph 1024 "Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness". So many people in our world are seeking happiness. But they truly are looking in all the wrong places. Heaven is the place to find ultimate happiness.

Our scriptures this week also give us further insight into heaven. The prophet Isaiah tells of a place where "the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines,...he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face."

The well-loved and famous Psalm 23 tells us that if the Lord is our shepherd we will not be in want, we will have rest beside peaceful waters, we will fear no evil, goodness and kindness will follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall find our everlasting dwelling place in the house of the LORD.

St. Paul tells us that God will supply whatever we need. And Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a wedding feast. He wants heaven to be full. His invitation to the feast goes out to all people everywhere. But we are not forced into heaven. We are invited. And we all have responded to this invitation on the day we were baptized. We put on the white garment, the righteousness of Christ, that makes us worthy to enter eternal life. So "let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" Let us press on in our faith until we reach our ultimate destiny and eternal joy with our Lord and all the saints in heaven.

*Deacon Joe*

### 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9 AM—3 PM ONE DAY ONLY

Men's Club Café Aquinas will be serving food.



Bake Sale - Warm up your house and donate some baked goods to the activities building on Thursday and Friday November 5th and 6th.

Come join us for some holiday shopping.

### 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.
  - ◆ **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](http://www.st-thomas-aquinas.com/calendar)
- Questions? Comments?** Contact the parish office at 651-459-2131 or email [astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12th, 2020

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

November 3rd, 2020

Election Day

November 7th, 2020

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

### FALL NEWSLETTER

The Fall Newsletter will be in the mail soon! Read it from cover to cover to see what we have been up to during this COVID time and what is to come.



### THANKSGIVING & ADOPT A FAMILY UPDATE

Watch for a flyer in an upcoming bulletin for complete new details on new rules for our collection for Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts.



### REMEMBER TO SMILE!

Shopping Amazon? Remember to use Amazon Smile. Once you sign up to support St. Thomas Aquinas, please place every order through [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) to earn \$\$\$ on those purchases for our parish! For eligible purchases, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to our parish! Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)

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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](mailto: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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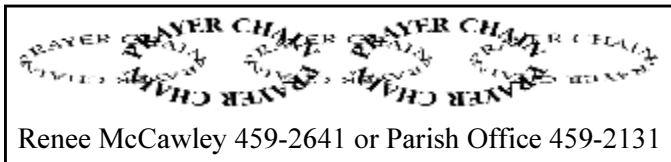
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### DO YOU NEED HELP?

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 12

7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

7:00pm Public Hearing

### TUESDAY, October 13

### WEDNESDAY, October 14

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

All those interred in our cemetery †

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (zoom)

### THURSDAY, October 15

8:30 am - NO Rosary (C)

9:00 am - NO Mass (C)

6:00 pm - Finance Council (AB)

6:30 pm Yoga (AB)

### FRIDAY, October 16

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Charles & Mary McGraw †

### SATURDAY, October 17

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Adeline Rumpca †

### SUNDAY, October 11

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Deceased members of the  
Kazmierczak Family †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Buzz Schrantz †

### 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 4:22-31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-7/  
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41-48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-13/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1-6/Ps 96:1-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/  
Mt 22:15-21

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