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## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?” Knowing their malice, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?” - Mt 22:17b-18

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**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* We thank God for faithfulness.

*Question for Children:* In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

*Question for Youth:* We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How do you keep those things sacred?

*Question for Adults:* If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would you say?



**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 Tazuell   |
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| Gus Briguet       | Julie Springer   |
| Nancy Jorissen    | Janet Nordman    |
| Judy Howell       | Meridean Schmidt |
| Loretta Casale    | Nancy Jorissen   |

John Tipcke

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.

**VISITING THE SICK**

You may recall reading that we were looking for parishioners to visit some of our homebound parishioners who would like Holy Communion. It has been decided, that due to the growth in the pandemic, Fr. Tony and Sue Kainz and volunteers will **not** be going to homes for the time being. Thank you to those who volunteered, we will review this in the upcoming months and contact you. We are very sorry. Here is the prayer for a Spiritual Communion, which certainly is not receiving the Eucharist in person, but, we continue to pray for all of our homebound parishioners and the many ill of our parish. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call Pastoral Minister Sue Kainz.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

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**47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. THOMAS AQUINAS  
HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9 AM—3 PM  
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Last week we explored the first three Catholic Social Teachings as a way to assess our political candidates. The next two have to do with the Preferential Option for the Poor and the Rights of Workers. We are to be judged by how we treat the poorest among us. Do your candidates work to shrink the gap between rich and poor? Are they supporters of tax laws that are fair? Do their voting records support programs that help people get out of poverty? Do the candidates support unions which fight for safe working conditions and a living wage?

The economy is meant to serve people. Choose candidates who believe that.

*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.



**WE'RE SELLING METRO DINING**

Metro Dining Cards are available 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*



**20s FOR TONY**

Reminder that next weekend October 24th and 25th is a 20s for Tony weekend!

**FALL FEST & PARKING LOT MASS THANK YOU!!**

A special thanks to everyone who helped to make the Fall Fest and our first ever Parking Lot Mass a wonderful success. To the Men's Club, the 4:00 Ushers, and other volunteers, you were great! And of course thank you to all who attended. For many it was the first time back at church since March. It was **great** to see you all. It was a beautiful fall day and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The hot dogs and brats really hit the spot! Thanks for purchasing your Calendar Raffle tickets, your Metro Dining Cards, your Advent Blue Books, Fair Trade and Boy Scout popcorn/wreaths. Thanks for your generosity to the Thanksgiving Baskets for Friends In Need. There was a lot of laughing and "air hugging". We have had so many great comments on the parking lot Mass. Thanks to Chris and Nick Ripka, John Hawthorne for their technical expertise and to Joe and Steve Rumpca for our flat bed altar so all could see Fr. Tony and Deacon Joe. All-in-all it was a great day! Thanks to all!

*Fr. Tony, Deacon Joe and the staff.*


Deacon's Corner

**A MALICIOUS TRAP**

Jesus has been speaking out against the religious leaders, including the pharisees. Now they are trying to trap him and discredit him. And to do so they recruit another group of leaders the Herodians to help them. The Herodians collaborated with the Roman rulers and they were not liked because of this. So, these two groups join forces together to trap their common enemy. They propose a question that they are sure will trap him. "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Now the Herodians would have encouraged the people to pay the tax to the Romans. But the pharisees knew that the Jewish people did not like paying the tax to the Romans. So, they thought that no matter how Jesus answered their question he would be in trouble. If he said no to paying the tax he would have been in trouble with the Roman rulers. If he said yes to paying the tax, he would have lost his popularity among the Jewish people. What they didn't plan on was Jesus asking them the ingenious question upon receiving the coin in which to pay the tax, (see picture below) "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When they heard this, they were amazed and leaving him they went away.

What was so amazing? Jesus obviously got out of the trap so shouldn't they be angry? Well given Jesus' answer he is giving his approval to pay the tax. And so, we should see this as encouragement for us to do our part to support our government. However, the amazing part is what we should be giving to God. Jesus uses the word image which also could be translated icon. On the coin there also was an inscription referencing Caesar Augustus as being divine. Jesus is communicating to them that we are created in God's image. We are an icon of God. He encourages the pharisees and Herodians and us to repay to God what belongs to God. We are created by God, in God's image, and should offer our lives back to God.

 Tiberius. AD 14-37. AR Denarius. Lugdunum, AD 15-18. Obverse: TI[beriv] CAESAR DIVI AVG[usti] F[iliv] AVGVSTS (Caesar Augustus Tiberius, son of the Divine Augustus), laureate head right Reverse: PONTIF[icis] MAXIM[us], Livia (as Pax) seated right on chair, holding scepter in right hand, olive branch in left. Classical Numismatic Group, Inc. <http://www.cngcoins.com>

Deacon Joe

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**

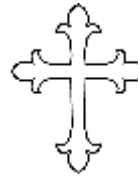


- ◆ **Back to Faith Formation** - Stay tuned for more information on Faith Formation in the near future!
- ◆ **Are You Being Called???** - Please consider if you are being called to be a volunteer or catechist this year, we will need leaders this year to guide our youth.
- ◆ **Baptism** - St. Thomas 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!

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

**DEATHS OF THIS PAST WEEK**

On **Monday, October 12th** **Thomas Hofmann** 55, son of Darlene and Bob Hofmann was laid to rest next to his parents in the parish cemetery. Please keep Tom's sister Lori and brothers Rob, Dan, Paul, John, Peter and Tim and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



On **Tuesday, October 13th**, long time parishioner **Adrian Borowicz**, 92, was remembered at a graveside committal service in the parish cemetery. He was buried next to his beloved wife Theresa. Please keep his seven children, their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.



**JUST A REMINDER**

With the Covid-19 pandemic seeming to be spreading more and more, we ask you to please be careful as you venture out of your homes. Please continue to wear your masks and wash your hands. We thank you for faithfully wearing your masks to Mass when you come and social distancing in the church.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 3rd, 2020  
Election Day
- November 7th, 2020  
47th Annual Holiday Craft Fair - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- November 7th & 8th  
Remembrance Mass



**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.

**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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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 19

7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

### TUESDAY, October 20

### WEDNESDAY, October 21

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

The People of St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (zoom)

### THURSDAY, October 22

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

The sick in our community

6:30 pm Yoga (AB)

### FRIDAY, October 23

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Richard (Dick) Nielsen †

### SATURDAY, October 24—20s for Tony

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Gertrude Narusiewicz †

### SUNDAY, October 25—20s for Tony

8:30 am - Mass (C)

James Lence †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Ambrose Blatz †

### 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: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-14/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-19/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9  
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1  
Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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