



October 25, 2020 / 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Catholic Community Welcomes You!

\$20's for Tony Weekend. Thank you!
Join us next weekend for All Saints - All Souls Masses



30th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:36-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

PARISH OFFICE

920 Holley Avenue
St. Paul Park, MN 55071
Phone: 651-459-2131
Fax: 651 459-8756
www.st-thomas-aquinas.com

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm,
Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Mass Times:

Wed, Thurs & Fri: 9:00 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
10:30 am VIRTUAL
via Facebook only

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: *Father Tony Andrade* ❖ ext. 105 ❖ tandrade1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

Deacon: *Joe Utecht* ❖ jutecht1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

Business Administrator: *Amy Stein* ❖ ext. 103 ❖ astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

Office Manager: *Tina Fox* ❖ ext.101 ❖ tfox1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

Dir. Faith Formation: *Contact the Parish Office*

Director of Music: *Robin Medrud* ❖ ext. 107 ❖ rmedrud1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

Pastoral Associate: *Sue Kainz* ❖ 651-707-6874 ❖ sue64kainz@comcast.net

Dir. of Bldg & Grounds: *Bryce Hauck* ❖ ext.106 ❖ bhauck1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: The Greatest Commandment - "Love".

Question for Children: We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself? ?

Question for Adults: Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words? For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Bob Weisbrod | Ed Fleege |
| Bonnie Williamson | Jean Shinn |
| Joan Deshler | Theresa Campbell |
| Denny Smith | Pat Schrantz |
| Lori Mundy | John A Tazuell |
| Connie Flores | Diane Derichs |
| Jerusalem Harris | Marion Friend |
| Gus Briguët | Julie Springer |
| John Tipcke | Janet Nordman |
| Judy Howell | Meridean Schmidt |
| Ali Miesen Nelson | Nancy Jorissen |

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.

SICK LIST GUIDELINES

Please note the update to our Sick/Prayer List guidelines:

- ◆ Parishioners can be put on Prayers during the Mass, in the bulletin, on EBlast and the prayer chain. They can choose one or all. We will keep these parishioners on the list for **4 weeks**, and then it will be up to the family to call and request additional time on the lists.
- ◆ Family members and friends will be put in the bulletin, EBlast and the prayer chain. They will NOT be announced publicly during Mass. They will also be on the list for 4 weeks only.

Thank you for your understanding.

PRAYER CHAIN

Do you have more time at home these days? Are you looking for a good way to spend your time? The prayer chain of STA is open to new members! The prayer chain is made up of four groups of people (about 28 folks altogether) whom we will pass on prayer requests to (the number is always listed in our bulletin as well). These people then form a "calling chain" to pass on the request to each other and spend their time in prayer for the many requests that come in. If you are interested in becoming a "prayer" for the prayer chain, call Tina at the parish office: 651-459-2131



Over the last two weeks we have been considering the Catholic Social Teachings

as a litmus test for choosing effective candidates. There are just two more to consider as we enter this last week before the elections. They are Solidarity and Care of God's Creation.

We are one human family regardless of race, ethnicity, economic status, sexual preference or ideology. This truth has global dimensions. No one can be excluded. What is your candidate's view on immigration? Racial equality? Religious tolerance? Does the candidate support diplomacy over war and will he or she work for peaceful resolutions in conflict and forge good relations with other countries?

What is your candidates view on protection of our environment? Will the candidate support legislation that will address climate change? Does the candidate support clean energy? Will the candidate protect the natural resources of our country and practice good stewardship with them?

There's a lot to consider when choosing good candidates who will represent our beliefs and ideals. Choose wisely considering ALL issues, but most importantly--VOTE!
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.



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.



Pastor's Corner

**ONLY ONE
COMMANDMENT**

First Reading (Ex. 22:20-26)

A strong humanitarian attitude was expected of every Israelite for, unlike every other people; they had experienced compassion, mercy, and love of God abundantly. God's covenant with them says: "God has saved you in His everlasting love. Therefore, you must hold Him above every other object and show love and concern for His people." They are duty-bound to work for the poor, the weak, and the oppressed.

Second Reading (I Thess. 1:5-10)

As they were in the service of the 'living and true God,' the community of the Thessalonians give testimony to the reign of God.

Third Reading (Mt. 22:34-40)

'Love' is a word used most frequently in everyday life. What does it really mean? We may be functioning as humanitarian social workers, but does that make our life Christian? Do our 'good works' proclaim our attitude towards God?

Six hundred and thirteen precepts of Jewish laws are summed up in the Gospels in one single commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment." Our love for others must flow from the divine fountain, God's love. We are enabled to love others because, in the first instance, God has loved us. Love gives meaning to Christian life.

According to Jesus, there is actually only one commandment which contains all the others, namely, love; once our life is governed by love of God and of one another, all other laws become unnecessary.

It is only through love of our neighbor we reach God; only in loving others we love God. Hence, we have only one commandment: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (Jn. 15:12). When Jesus said 'love your neighbor,' he meant that we should view things more with the heart than with the head. It is, of course, easy to love our friends and people whom we like. It is easy to offer love in good and favorable circumstances. But Christian love demands courage and sacrifice, forgiveness, acceptance, even loving those who hate us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 31/November 1: All Saints & All Souls Masses
- November 3: Election Day - Don't forget to VOTE!
- November 7: 47th Annual Holiday Craft
- November 7 & 8: Remembrance Mass
- November 14 & 15: Honoring our Veterans
- November 21 & 22: Christ the King Masses
- November 26: Thanksgiving Day - Mass at 9:00am
- November 28 & 29: First Weekend of Advent



CELEBRATING LIFE THIS PAST WEEK



On **Wednesday, October 21st** we again gathered with the Casale Family as we said good bye to **Loretta Casale**, 89, just 10 days from her 90th birthday, and two months after the death of her husband Joe. Loretta and Joe were 50 plus year members of St. Thomas Aquinas. Loretta was a wonderful baker and was always available for making bars, cookies and other baked goods for funerals and other activities. Joe and Loretta were married 67 years this year. They raised six children here in the parish. Please keep all of Loretta's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.



On **Tuesday, October 20th** we honored the life of **Carol Devaney** with burial at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery next to her husband Ed. Carol passed away last March. Ed and Carol were regulars at 8:30 Mass for many, many years. Please remember Carol's three children and grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.

ALL SAINTS DAY

On Saturday, October 31st and Sunday, November 1st, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints. We would like to invite parishioners to bring some kind of reminder or memento of their favorite saint; perhaps a holy card or a medal, a picture, a rosary etc. During the Mass, invite that saint to pray for you or your loved ones. The saints are never far away!

BAPTISMS THIS MONTH

The month of October we welcomed the following to our Catholic Family through baptism:

- Ariella Elsmore**
- Brielle Score**
- David Johnson**



**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

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-**



6 FEET



PLEASE STAY HOME!



Our bulletin is made possible through the support of our advertisers.

Special thanks to:

S & S Lawn Care, Snow & Landscaping

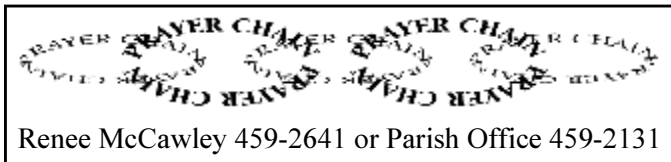
Our Advertiser of the week!!

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
Please remember: Daily Mass is cancelled when a funeral is scheduled

MONDAY, October 26

7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

TUESDAY, October 27

6:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg (AB)

WEDNESDAY, October 28

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Randall Janusz †

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (zoom)

THURSDAY, October 29

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

The People of St. Thomas Aquinas

6:30 pm Yoga (AB)

FRIDAY, October 30

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

All those suffering from COVID

SATURDAY, October 31

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Velma Eischens †

SUNDAY, November 1

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Lorraine & John Sathra †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Norman & Shirley Smith †

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 Parish Office.

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 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2-5f/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-14/Ps 24:1bc-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/
Mt 5:1-12

©Liturgical Publications Inc

Compliments of



Cottage Grove & Woodbury Locations

Compliments of TINUCCI'S
 (651) 459-3211
 www.tinuccis.com
 \$5 OFF ANY PURCHASE OF \$25 OR MORE CARRYOUT ONLY!

Collision Experts PPG Certified Insurance Claims ASE & ICAR Trained
 In Business Since 1973
 42 Robinson Ave, St Paul Park (formerly 42 W Pullman)

 651-459-1475
 www.SeligaAutoBody.com
 seligaautobody@yahoo.com

S&S
 Lawn Care Service
 Snow - Landscaping A&C
 (651) 238-7317

Rumpca SERVICES, INC
 Heating, Air Conditioning, Plumbing & Drain cleaning
 (651) 459-2896 | www.rumpcaservices.com


A - DOOR ABLE GARAGE DOOR CO.
 SALES • SERVICE INSTALLATION
 BROKEN SPRINGS REPLACED
 DOORS • OPENERS
 RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
 (651) 458-3488


hope CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
 • Full High School Program w/Band, Choir and Athletics
 • Home School Umbrella Program • Summer School
 • Busing Provided in District 833 • Grades PreK-12
 www.HopeChristianAcademy.org
 920 Holley Ave., Ste. #2, St. Paul Park, MN 55071
 (651) 459-6438
 office@HopeChristianAcademy.org

RE/MAX RESULTS
 Monica (Schafer) Jannetto
 651-428-3747
 Your local realtor serving the entire metro
 monica@results.net

Johnson Auto Body FRAME & FINISH
 • TOWING • FREE ESTIMATES
 • ALL INSURANCE CLAIMS WELCOME
 2064 Hastings Avenue, Newport
 Ph: (651) 459-0439

Park Grove Electric
 Family Owned & Operated
 Senior Discounts!
 651-459-8888
 www.parkgroveelectric.com
 Licensed, Bonded, Insured
 FREE ESTIMATES

Kok Funeral Home & Cremation Service
 FUNERALS • CREMATION
 PRE-PLANNING
 Phone: (651) 459-2875
 Fax: (651) 459-3898
 Email: info@kokfuneral.com
 1201 Portland Avenue
 Saint Paul Park, MN 55071
 7676 80th St. South
 Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Cerenity SENIOR CARE
 Marian of Saint Paul
 Assisted living memory care
 NOW OPEN
 (651) 855-0909
 CerenitySeniorCare.com

"Need A Home? Phone The Malones!"
 Rae Jean & Mechelle Malone
 Broker, GRI, Realtors®
 651-731-2722
 www.MalonesSellHomes.com
 Our Family Serving Your Family for Over 27 Years


Park Grove Electric
 Family Owned & Operated
 Senior Discounts!
 651-459-8888
 www.parkgroveelectric.com
 Licensed, Bonded, Insured
 FREE ESTIMATES

Kok Funeral Home & Cremation Service
 FUNERALS • CREMATION
 PRE-PLANNING
 Phone: (651) 459-2875
 Fax: (651) 459-3898
 Email: info@kokfuneral.com
 1201 Portland Avenue
 Saint Paul Park, MN 55071
 7676 80th St. South
 Cottage Grove, MN 55016

Markers & Monuments SALES K & D SETTING Maintenance®
 Sales by appt only
 We do everything as if it is for our own family.
 Kendall Otto, Owner 651.269.2191
 1135 Ross Avenue Fax: 651-774-4041
 St. Paul, MN 55106 Kendall.otto@comcast.net

GREG'S TAX SERVICE
 INDIVIDUAL • BUSINESS • CORPORATE
 PARTNERSHIPS ACCOUNTING
 651-254-5334
 gregstaxservice.org
 321 Broadway Ave • St. Paul Park

Frank Zamora's Concrete LLC
 All Types of Flat Work
 Driveways • Floors • Patios
 Steps • Curb • Gutter, Etc...
 Custom Exposed Aggregate & Colored Concrete
 651-458-9461
 Over 30 Years Experience
 References Available Bonded & Insured

Cottage Grove Area PHILLIPS PLUMBING
 For All Your Plumbing Needs!
 Dean Phillips • 612-644-7287

Rumpca COMPANIES, INC.
 Excavating • Sewer & Water
 Septic Systems • Wood Grinding
 651-459-1556

651-341-9151
Loving Care Cottage
 Dignified Homestyle Assisted Living
 lovingcarellc@aol.com

Lifesounds HEARING HEALTHCARE
 WHY WAIT? CALL US NOW AND HEAR BETTER TODAY!
 1-833-HEARITE
 (1-833-432-7483)
 www.lifesoundshearingaids.com
 Serving patients over 25 years
 Located in Cottage Grove off Hwy 61 @ Jamaica

FLUEGEL LAW FIRM P.A.
 "Serving Our Community Since 1963"
 Attorneys at Law
 Donald Fluegel • Daniel Fluegel
 Benjamin Colburn
 Estate Planning • Wills & Trusts • Probate • Elder Law
 Family Law • Guardianships & Conservatorships
 Health Care Directives & Durable Powers of Attorney
 Estate & Income Tax Planning & Preparation
 Business LLC • Corporations • Partnerships
 999 Westview Dr. • Hastings
 651-438-9777 • www.fluegel.com


catholicmatch® Minnesota

 CatholicMatch.com/MN

TENNIS
 SANITATION L.L.C. • ROLL OFF L.L.C.
 RECYCLING L.L.C.
 651-459-1887 • FAX: 651-459-7412
 Email: support@tennissanitation.com
 Greg & Willie Tennis
 St. Paul Park, MN

FLUEGEL LAW FIRM P.A.
 "Serving Our Community Since 1963"
 Attorneys at Law
 Donald Fluegel • Daniel Fluegel
 Benjamin Colburn
 Estate Planning • Wills & Trusts • Probate • Elder Law
 Family Law • Guardianships & Conservatorships
 Health Care Directives & Durable Powers of Attorney
 Estate & Income Tax Planning & Preparation
 Business LLC • Corporations • Partnerships
 999 Westview Dr. • Hastings
 651-438-9777 • www.fluegel.com

DUFFY'S
 Your local gas station and auto repair
 Corner of Broadway & Summit
 651-459-9052
 duffyservice.com
 Convenience Store Now Open!

catholicmatch® Minnesota

 CatholicMatch.com/MN