



November 1, 2020 / 31st Sunday In Ordinary Time & All Saints

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

## Catholic Community Welcomes You!

# All Saints/All Souls Weekend

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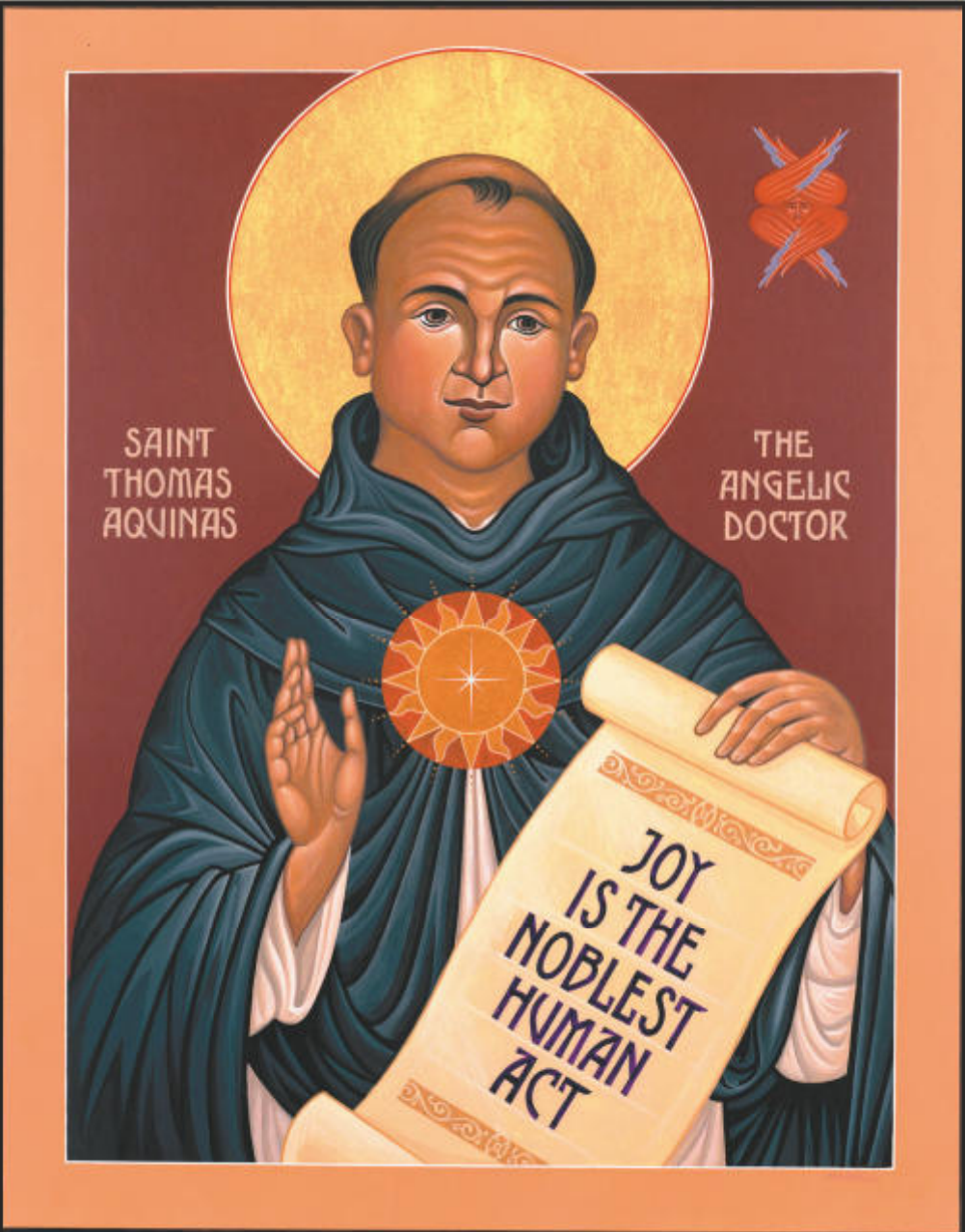
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**OFFICE HOURS**  
 Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm,  
 Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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

**Saint Thomas Aquinas - The Angelic Doctor**  
 Was born in 1225 as Thomas of Aquino at Castle of Roccasecca, 60 miles southeast of Rome. He is considered by many Catholics to be the Church's greatest theologian and the father of a school of philosophy that was the approach of the Catholic Church for many years.

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* We become blest by being children of God.  
*Question for Children:* When have you become a peacemaker? Among your friends? In your family? At school? Other times?  
*Question for Youth:* All Saints Day gives us a chance to remember the saints of our Church and of our lives. Who are the people who have been saints in your life?  
*Question for Adults:* When you heard the Beatitudes today, which one did you hear most clearly as a summons for your own 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 Briguet       | Julie Springer   |
| John Tipcke       | Janet Nordman    |
| Peter Alsides     | Kevin 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

**THE MEN’S CLUB**



The November meeting will be **Thursday, November 5th** in the Parish Activities Building. Soup preparation will begin at 4:00pm in the kitchen for anyone that wishes to help prepare the soup for Café Aquinas. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm. The meeting will be hosted virtually as well as socially distanced in person. All men in the parish are welcome to attend the meeting. Information regarding the virtual meeting will be sent prior to the meeting. Contact the Parish office if you are new to the Men’s Club.

**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 lunch.



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.

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE**

You will recall in past years, besides the banners of loved ones who have left us this past year we also had the Book of Remembrance in the sanctuary. We will not be able to have the Book of Remembrance in this year of pandemic.



We will remember all of your loved ones however. We will have a basket as you enter the church for Mass. Instead of writing the names of your loved ones in the Book of Remembrance, please write those names on a slip of paper. You can then put that list in the basket as you enter church. We will remember all of your loved ones during the month of November. If you are not attending Mass and would like your loved ones included in our basket of loved ones, please email those names, or call the office and your names will be placed in the basket each week.

**BLUE ADVENT BOOKS \$1 & SUNDAY MISSALS \$5**

Both of these books will be available for purchase before Masses beginning the weekend of November 7th and 8th. Please bring correct cash. They will be available until our supplies are gone.

**WE’RE SELLING METRO DINING**

Metro Dining Cards are still 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

**Pastor's Corner**

**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS.A**



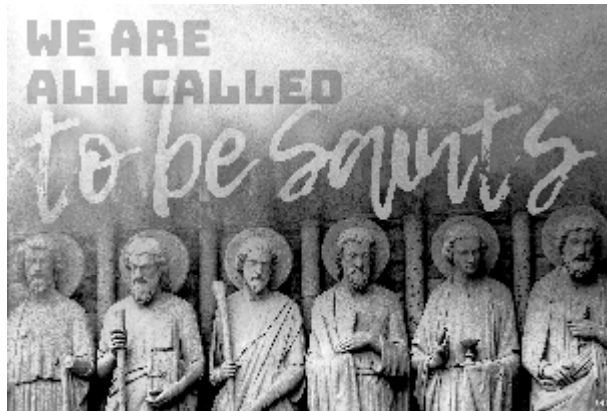
This year we celebrated the solemn feast of All Saints and All Souls on Sunday November 1st and Monday November 2nd.

Saints are people who grew in God's love and attained perfection. They prove that Jesus suffering and death has a meaning. They took the Sermon on the Mount to heart and followed the footsteps of Christ and joined the company of the blessed ones in the glory of God. Today they are our benefactors. They pray for us, intercede for us and bring upon us God's blessings. Through them our life becomes more meaningful, richer and worth living. They are signs of the kingdom of God, the signs of God's goodness and love. Through them the world becomes better, more human and more livable.

The saints did God's will whole-heartedly, they loved God whole-heartedly. They also loved their fellow creatures as themselves. They put their trust in God and did His will and collected treasures for God's kingdom. They were not disappointed in the face of trouble and turmoil's, rather they proved that it is possible to follow Christ and live his word in this life. Thus they have become witnesses of Jesus and the signs of His kingdom for us today. They were people like any one of us but they fought against the power of darkness and led people to God. They are our examples, helpers, patrons and pathmakers on our pilgrimage to eternity.

As we celebrated the feast of All Saints and All Souls day let us imbibe the spirit of these friends of God and follow their examples in our effort to join the company of the blessed.

*Fr. Tony Andrade*



**Sunday Collections  
July 1st, 2020 thru September 30th 2020**

|                               | Actual    | Budget    | Difference  |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Envelopes & Electronic Giving | \$118,001 | \$130,750 | (-\$12,749) |
| Plate Offering                | \$ 0      | \$ 2,500  | (-\$ 2,500) |
| Twenties For Tony             | \$ 3,108  | \$ 7,500  | (-\$ 4,392) |

Thank you for your continued generosity during the first three months of our fiscal year. We are off to a good start , but not were we are budgeted to be. Please consider establishing electronic giving to ensure you are always current even if you are unable to attend Mass.

To establish electronic giving please give the parish office a call at 651-459-2131 and talk to Tina.

Thank you!

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH  
FAITH FORMATION**



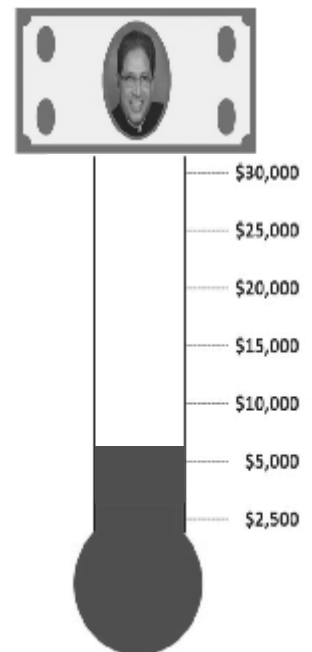
- ◆ **Back to Faith Formation** - A letter will be going out soon in the mail regarding upcoming events!
- ◆ **Are You Being Called???** - Please consider if you are being called to be a volunteer or catechist this year, we will need leaders this year to guide our youth.
- ◆ **Baptism** - St. Thomas 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)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- November 3: Election Day - Don't forget to VOTE!
- November 7: 47th Annual Holiday Craft Fair
- 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

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



### **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.

### **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

### **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.

### **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.



### **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.

### **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.



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Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131

### **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!

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

KEY: (C)= Church (AB) = Activities Building  
Please remember: Daily Mass is cancelled when a funeral is scheduled

### MONDAY, November 2

7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

### TUESDAY, November 3 Election Day

### WEDNESDAY, November 4

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

In Honor of Eduardo, Javier &  
Victoria Valencia

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (zoom)

### THURSDAY, November 5

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Peter Butler †

6:30 pm Yoga (AB)

7:00 pm Men's Club (AB)

### FRIDAY, November 6

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

All those suffering from COVID

### SATURDAY, November 7

9:00 am - 3:00pm - 47th Annual Craft Fair (AB)

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Charlie & Delphine Weisbrod †

### SUNDAY, November 8

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Randall Janusz †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Charlie Weaver †



### 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:      | Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40    |
| Tuesday:     | Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-32/Lk 14:15-24                      |
| Wednesday:   | Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1-14/Lk 14:25-33                       |
| Thursday:    | Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 15:1-10                         |
| Friday:      | Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 16:1-8                        |
| Saturday:    | Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-9/Lk 16:9-15                       |
| Next Sunday: | Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-1 |

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