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Veteran's Day Celebration & Blessing

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Veterans Day

It's that time of year...

When thinking of our Veterans soon appear!

They have been here all along...

Millions are still here, and very strong!

They think of each other though you may forget...

But they remember, and never regret!

They've served their country, then and now...

And young and old still remember how!

They stay in touch even when old...

For "Old Glory" and you, was always their goal!

But Veterans Day is when they shine...

Which they look forward to all the time!

They never forget the feeling they had...

And always remember the good and the bad!

They keep most of their feelings deep inside...

As a matter of respect for all those who died!

So on this Veterans Day, let's remember them...

For they remember those days, that they relive within!

Most of them ask for a few things to say...

Remember the "Vet" on this special day!



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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



Written by:
Robert W Beskar
November 11, 2017
Vietnam War Veteran

About the author of our Veteran's Day poem - Bob Beskar

Bob grew up on the east side of St. Paul and attended Hill High School. After two years of college Bob joined the Air Force and served in Vietnam. Bob began writing poems after 9/11 honoring all of the branches of the service, along with other people in areas of service. He wrote poems about famous people and just plain ordinary folks. Not only have his poems been published locally, but around the world. Bob and his wife Karen have been members of St. Thomas Aquinas since 1975. We thank Bob for his many poems and his service to our country. Unfortunately Bob's pen has been silenced due to dementia, so we pray for him and his whole family.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Christ calls us to use our gifts for the Reign of God.

Question for Children: Name one talent or gift that God has given you and tell how you have used it.

Question for Youth: Name three talents that you have. How can you use these talents in the next week to make someone's life better?

Question for Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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| 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 |

Ed Fleege

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.

CELEBRATING LIFE THIS PAST WEEK

On **Thursday, November 5th** the life of **Geneva Barron**, age 94 was celebrated at St. Ambrose and she was buried next to her husband in our parish cemetery. Geneva was the daughter of Earl and Anna O'Reilly and grew up right across the street from our parish. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



Men's Club Calendar Raffle Tickets - \$20.00 each



The Men's Club Calendar Raffle Tickets are for sale before Masses and in the Parish office during regular hours. Take a chance and help the parish as well.



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

Both of these books will be available for purchase before & after Masses from now until they are gone. You can also purchase them in the parish office. Please bring correct cash. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS CARD SALES!

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sales will be available in the Parish office this year. Please stop by during business hours to purchase yours. Supplies are VERY limited.

Proceeds go to the St. Thomas Aquinas Faith Formation. Thank you for your support!

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.

ANNUAL WINTER BLOOD DRIVE



Our Annual winter Blood Dive will be held on **Thursday, January 7**, from 1pm-6pm. Please go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code StThomasAquinas or call 1-800-redcross to make an appointment to donate.

METRO DINING CARDS

Thank-you to all who have bought Metro Dining Cards! The cards can now be used and we will continue to sell them for a few more weeks in case anyone would still like a box. You can pick them up at Mass from Matt or Robin or from the parish office. Thanks again for your generous support!



Robin



CHRISTMAS ENVIRONMENT



If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please cut out and complete this form by December 19/20, 2020. Place your donation in an envelope marked ENVIRONMENT. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Aquinas. You may mail your donation or place it in the collection basket. All donations will be applied to environment needs.

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Pastor's Corner

HOMILETIC THEME: FAITHFULNESS.



Today's Gospel answers the question that troubles most of us: How should we live to face the judgment day? What should I do to be able to hear these words from God: "well done, good and faithful servant; come and join in your master's happiness". The demand is clear: we have to be truthful to ourselves and grateful for the gifts we have received from God; we have to administer them wisely and bear abundant fruits in order to be rewarded by the Master. But we should not overlook the other possibility: "you are a wicked and lazy servant".

Devotion to duty: good deeds bear fruits of a new life. We have to keep the Word and let it bear rich fruits for a new life in God. Each time we sin, we say 'no' to God and a 'no' to life. Life must grow and develop, that is God's will. Jesus, our faithful friend has entrusted us with a mission, and that is to proclaim and witness the Good News. On our part we have to respond to God's faithfulness in fulfilling the mission entrusted to us. What we will finally be is decided by what we are here and now. Faithfulness consists in responding to God's call and making ourselves worthy of God's call by living the Good News.

God gives us various talents. We must make the best use of them and become responsible stewards of God for the good of humankind. The more faithful we are, the more obligations will be required of us. We will have to take up greater tasks and responsibilities that demand great faithfulness. The condemned man in the Gospel cautions those who do nothing and idle away time. Doing something, even though imperfect, is better than doing nothing. He who is faithful and industrious will be given more. He will be able to tackle even greater tasks. So the lesson is "be always alert and active for God and others". And we have to do with great fidelity and honesty.

Let us thank the Lord for 'being what we are and let us be our best' (St. Francis de Sales) let us be persevering and persistent in 'making the kingdom entrusted to us yield fruit' so that the master would tell us: "well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master".

Fr. Tony Andrade

REMEMBRANCE MASS THANK YOU

Our annual Remembrance Mass was once again very moving. Thank you to our cantors - Dick, Kathy and Tracy, to all the ushers and servers, to those who lifted the roses - LeeAnn, Amy and Maria, Linda, Allison, Kathy and Christine. To Fr. Tony and Deacon Joe for their special words. To the families that joined us in person and the families who watch the live-stream. We honor all those who have died this past year. Robin and Sue

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



We are having another "car parade" for families. Sunday, November 29th - the first Sunday of Advent at 11:45am. Join us to get your Advent started right!

Calling all families with children (of any age) and grandchildren. Receive a blessing from Fr. Tony and Deacon Joe, and greet St. Nicholas...all from the comfort of your car. Receive special goodie bags with Advent materials and special treats to help you prepare for the coming of Baby Jesus on Christmas.

Please join us. (Enter the Activities Building Parking lot on 10th Street and follow the cars around to the front of the Activities Building.) Rain, snow or sunshine, this event will take place. Join US.

Questions? Comments? Contact the parish office at 651-459-2131 or email astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

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.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS & LIVE STREAM

We will have our regular Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00a.m. We also can now live-stream during an in person Mass. (Thank you John Hawthorne and Chris Ripka for your expertise and dedication)

THANKSGIVING DAY GIVING

In the past we have collected for one of our feeding programs - Friends In Need, Loaves and Fishes or Hope for the Journey Home. We will again be collecting on Thanksgiving Day for one of our programs. WE WILL NOT BE COLLECTING ANY FOOD OR OTHER ITEMS FOR FRIENDS IN NEED. All checks can be made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas and the gifts will go to one of our programs. If you are not attending in person Mass and would like to donate, please mail or drop off in the parish office with a note, prior to Thanksgiving Day. Thank you

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 21 & 22: Christ the King Masses
- November 26: Thanksgiving Day - Mass at 9:00am
- November 28 & 29: First Weekend of Advent
- November 29: Faith Formation Drive-Thru 11:45am (see above)
- December 5 & 6: Second Weekend of Advent
- December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 4:00pm
- December 25: Christmas Day Mass 8:30am—watch for more details coming soon.
- December 24, 25, 26, & 27: Drive by the Nativity

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



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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.

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



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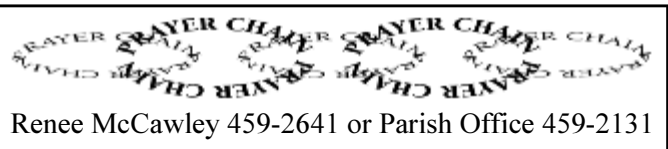


PLEASE STAY HOME!



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.



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 16

7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

TUESDAY, November 17

WEDNESDAY, November 18

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Deceased members of the

Kazmierczak Family †

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (zoom)

THURSDAY, November 19

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Adrian Borowicz †

6:00 pm Finance Council (AB)

6:30 pm Yoga (AB)

FRIDAY, November 20

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Joe & Loretta Casale †

SATURDAY, November 21 Christ the King

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Jerome Hebaus †

SUNDAY, November 22 Christ the King

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Patricia Markey †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

James Lence †



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.



Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-17/Ps 23:1-6/1 Cor 15:20-28/
Mt 25:31-4

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