

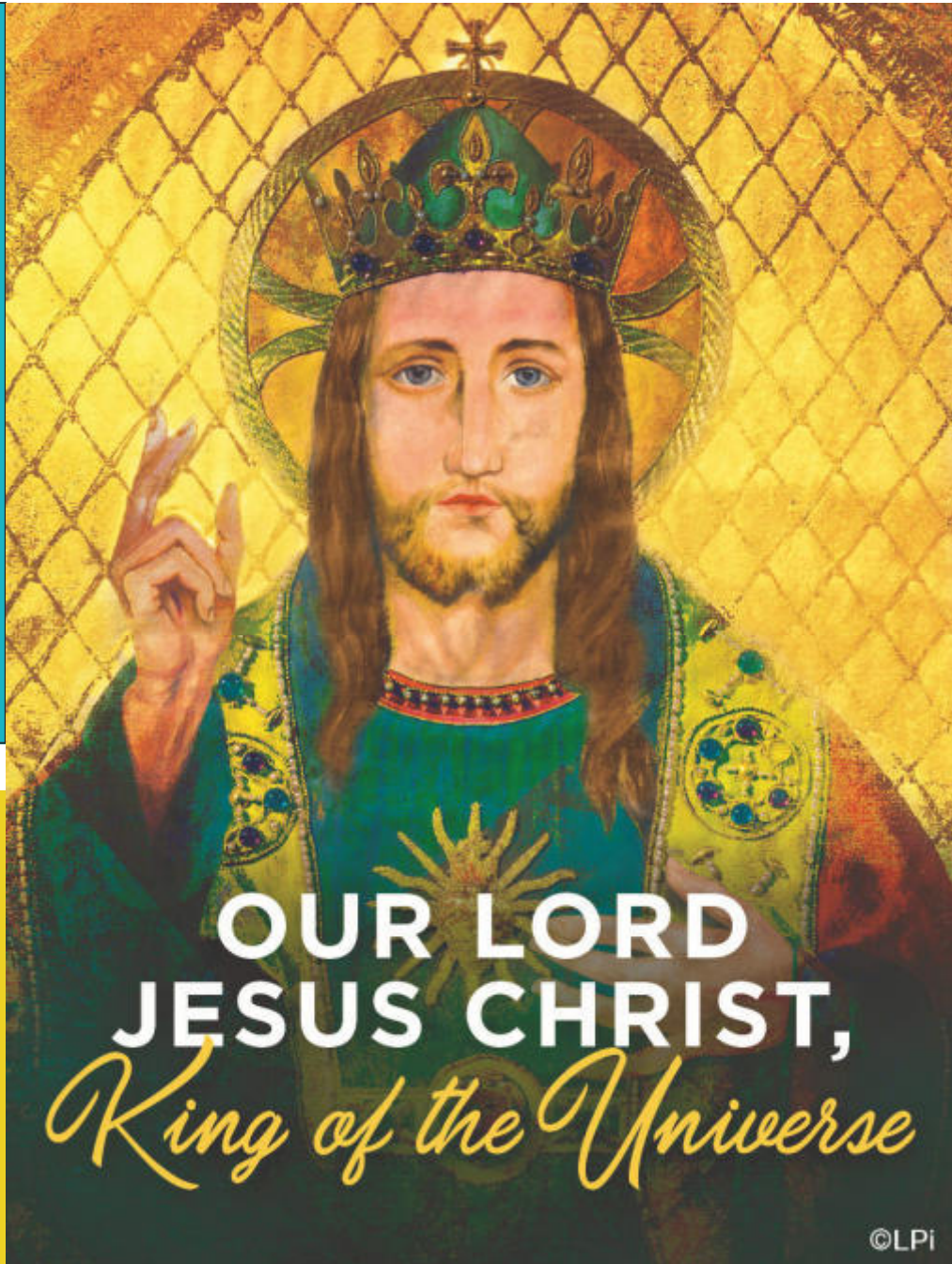


November 22, 2020  
The Solemnity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS Catholic Community Welcomes You!

**Thanksgiving Mass Thursday November 26 at 9:00am -  
In Person & Live Streaming  
Parish Office Closed Thursday & Friday November 26 & 27**

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

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

*Theme:* Jesus' kingdom is a kingdom of actions and deeds, not merely of words.

*Question for Children:* Who are the people most in need of help who live around you, and how can you help them?

*Question for Youth:* What can you do (alone, with friends, or with your family) to help those who are without food, shelter, or have other needs? When have you seen Jesus in the poor?

*Question for Adults:* As you grapple with this very strong, direct and demanding Gospel passage, name the people for whom you have cared personally – or if there are none, those for whom you will offer care in the coming weeks.

**THANKSGIVING - A TIME TO BE GRATEFUL**

This weekend is the Feast of Christ the King, the final week of the church year. Next weekend we begin the Season of Advent and preparation for the birth of our savior Jesus. But before that we celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. This year more than any other year we really do have much to be thankful for - despite all that has happened to all of us this year of 2020. Who would have guessed at Mardi Gras 2020 we would have had to close down a few weeks later. Who would have guessed we would have no Sunday Masses and no Easter Mass. So many cancellations, so many changes, missing so many of you at weekend Masses. We are grateful for so many people who have come forward to "help" at Masses, the ushers, the servers the lectors and cantors. We are grateful for those of you who attend weekend Masses. We are grateful to those of you who watch our live-stream too. Those of us on the staff have learned so much. Learned to deal with change, learned new technology, learned how to disinfect and make sure the church is ready each weekend. We **Thank You** for your understanding and continued generosity to our parish. Let our Thanksgiving prayer be for the return to something normal and that COVID will be a part of our history. God Bless each and every one of you.

Thanks

*Fr. Tony, Deacon Joe, Amy, Tina, Bryce, Robin, Tom and Sue*

**METRO DINING CARDS**

Thanks to everyone who have purchased your Metro Dining Cards for the coming year! They will continue to be available for purchase through **November 29th**. If you have your own set, perhaps you know someone who might be able to use them? Perhaps you would consider purchasing as a Christmas Gift? As always, thank-you for your generosity! God bless you all!  
*Robin*



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

Advent begins **NEXT** weekend! Don't forget to pick up your Advent Blue Book or new Sunday Missal. 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!



**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     |
| Theresa Campbell  | Denny Smith    |
| Pat Schrantz      | Lori Mundy     |
| John A Tazuell    | 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.

**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



**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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Deacon's Corner

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Let us take a few moments to reflect on our psalm this week, the beautiful 23rd psalm and ask ourselves some questions.



The Lord is my Shepherd.

Do I really belong to God and recognize his authority?

I Shall not Want.

Do I trust in God's provision for me?

In verdant pastures he gives me repose. Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

Do I know the peace and comfort that comes from God?

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

Do I seek God's guidance and listen for the voice of God?

Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil, for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

Do I know God's protection and presence?

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Do I know the joy and blessing of being close to the Lord?

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;

Do I trust that God is with me, there is a plan for me, and good can come out of whatever circumstances I face?

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

Do I have faith that the Lord has prepared a place for me for all eternity?

We truly have a Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ who longs for us to be forever in his care.

Deacon Joe

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR CRAFT FAIR!

Despite the pandemic we decided to go ahead with our annual craft fair. We knew it would be different and we had no idea how many would come to check out the crafters. With the NSA school no longer in our building we were able to spread out the 40 crafters into the former classrooms. Everyone was wearing their masks and social distancing. Thanks to all who donated to the bake sale, you did not disappoint! Thanks to all who came out and supported the crafters, the bake sale and the Men's Club "Aquinas Cafe". The parish made \$1845 from the booth rentals, the bake sale took in \$514 and Aquinas Cafe made a profit of \$560.81. It was also a successful day for the Men's Club calendar raffle sales and the Music Departments Metro Dining Club cards. The craft fair was a success in all ways.

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 for some fun.

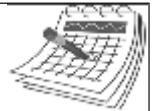
Questions? Comments? Contact the parish office at 651-459-2131 or email astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com

CHRISTMAS CARD SALES!



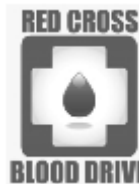
The Knights of Columbus Christmas Card Sales will be available in the Parish office this year. Please stop by during business hours to purchase yours. Supplies are VERY limited. Proceeds go to the St. Thomas Aquinas Faith Formation. Thank you for your support!

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 or sign out some tickets and help sell them to friends, family, coworkers or neighbors!

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.

20s FOR TONY

Reminder that next weekend November 28th and 29th is a 20s for Tony weekend! Don't forget your \$20.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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-  
PLEASE STAY HOME!**



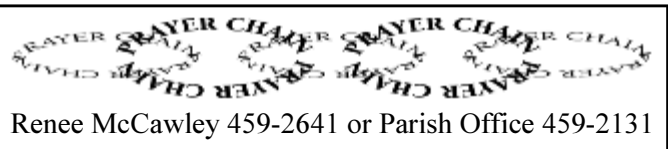
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### JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

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.



 <p>Renee McCawley 459-2641 or Parish Office 459-2131</p>
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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!



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

### MONDAY, November 23

7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

### TUESDAY, November 24

6:00pm Parish Council Meeting (AB)

### WEDNESDAY, November 25

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Brett Singer & Javier Garcia †

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (zoom)

### THURSDAY, November 26 -Thanksgiving Mass

Parish Office Closed

9:00 am - Mass - In person & Virtual (C)

Ed & Carol Devaney †

### FRIDAY, November 27

Parish Office Closed

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

The People of St. Thomas Aquinas

### SATURDAY, November 28 - Advent Mass

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Gertrude Narusiewicz †

### SUNDAY, November 29 - Advent Mass

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Richard (Dick) Nielsen †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Sal Schmidt †



### 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: Rv 14:1-5/Ps 24:1bc-6/Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-9/Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-9a/Ps 100:1b-5/  
Lk 21:20-28  
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3-8a/  
Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7b/Lk 21:34-36  
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-19/  
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-3

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