



November 29, 2020  
1st Sunday of Advent

# ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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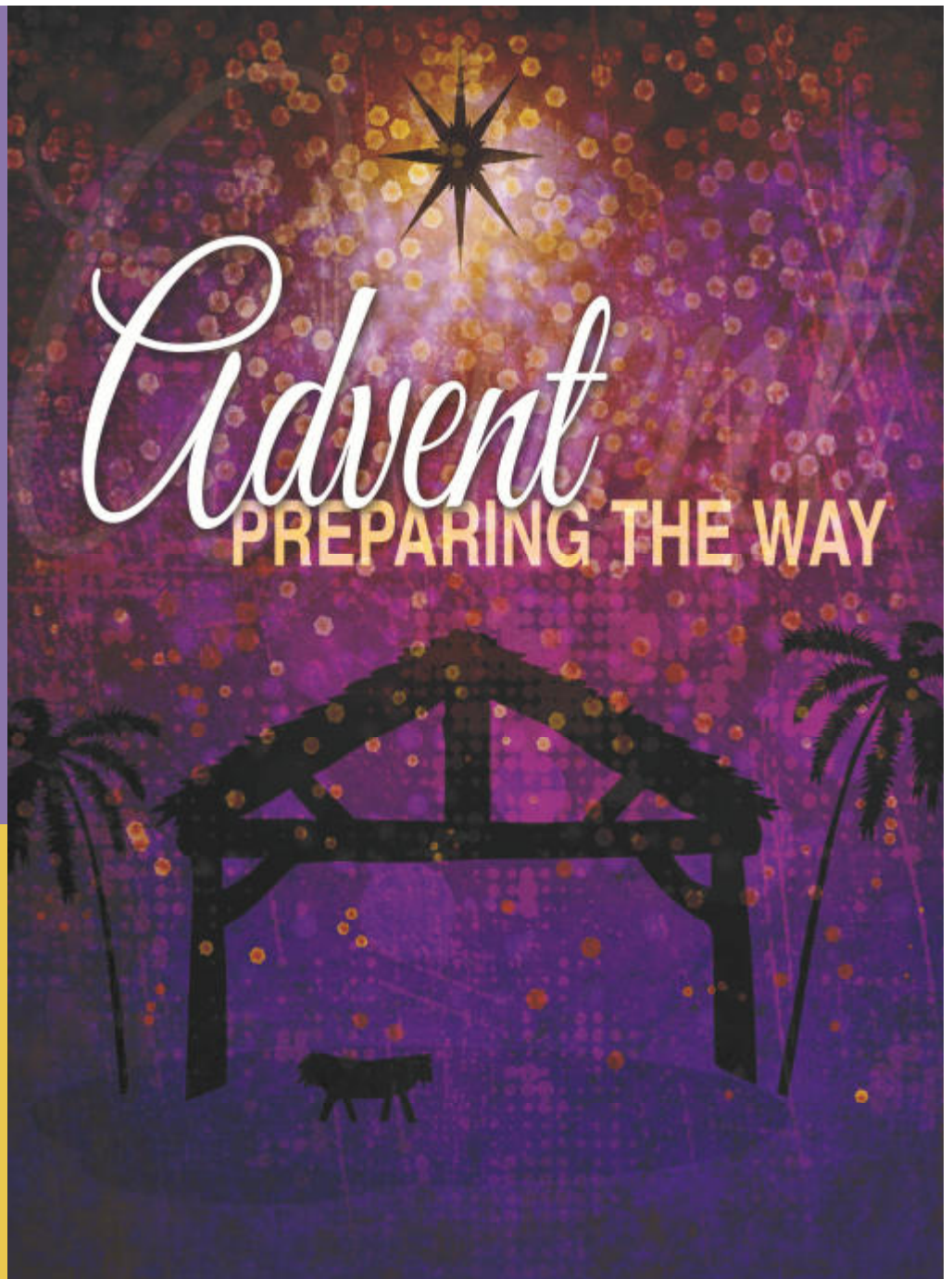
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### OFFICE HOURS

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



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: Active waiting.

Question for Children: What special things do you do to get ready for a visitor at your house? What things can you do like that to get ready for Jesus?

Question for Youth: What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?

Question for Adults: When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

ADOPT A FAMILY - 2020

Remember your gift for the Adopt a Family program at Friends In Need. There will be no gifts given to families this year. Friends In Need is looking for donations of \$35.00 gift cards for Target, Kohls, Best Buy Walmart or other local stores. Those gift cards can be placed in an envelope and placed in the special box in the narthex. OR you can make a donation of cash or a check - made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas, which can be placed in that same box. LET US CONTINUE OUR GENEROSITY OF HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE IN OUR COMMUNITY. DEADLINE IS NEXT WEEKEND - DECEMBER 5/6TH. Checks or gift cards can also be mailed or dropped off in the parish office to be received no later than December 7th. Thank you so very much.



ADVENT - OUR EMPTY STABLE

This Advent you will notice our empty stable below the Ambo. How is your "empty stable"? What are your plans for getting ready for Christmas? You will notice each week our stable will have something new added to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Will you be adding something each week to your heart to prepare for Christmas? Whether you attend Mass in person, or watch on the live-stream, check out the stable as it changes and as we prepare for, what is sure to be an interesting Christmas in this pandemic time.



CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE THIS PAST WEEK.

On Tuesday, November 24th we celebrated the life of long time parishioner Sandy Einberger. Sandy was a fixture at Saturday Masses for many, many years. You could always tell when she was in the church, she was so friendly she talked to everyone. Sandy was buried next to her husband Sonny, who died in 1996, in our parish cemetery. Please keep her three children Leeann, Patty and Joe, their spouses and grandchildren and great-grandchildren 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



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- Bonnie Williamson, Theresa Campbell, Pat Schrantz, John A Tauzell, Jerusalem Harris, Gus Briguet, John Tipcke, Peter Alsides, Jean Shinn, Denny Smith, Lori Mundy, Diane Derichs, Marion Friend, Julie Springer, Janet Nordman, Kevin Schmidt

Ali Miesen Nelson

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.

METRO DINING CARDS THANK YOU!

This is the last weekend of Metro Dining Sales! We did very well.....and I will update you when I have all the sales tallied. Thank-you once again for your generous hearts! God bless you all!

Robin



ENVIRONMENT

Ever wonder about the beautiful environment in our church? There is a wonderful group of creative folks who help make our church so special each season. When you make a donation to the Christmas Environment Fund in honor of your loved ones all of the donations are used to purchase items for the environment. The Environment Committee is grateful for your help.



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.



Donation enclosed in memory of:

PLEASE PRINT

Blank lines for entering the name of the person in memory of whom the donation is made.

By \_\_\_\_\_

# Deacon's Corner

## First Sunday of Advent

This Sunday we begin the new church year. Advent begins. The word advent means arrival. Most of us naturally see this as the arrival of the newborn king, the baby Jesus in in Bethlehem. We look forward to the celebration of Christmas. As we observe the world around us, we see the preparations for the Holiday season. Lights are going up on people's homes and in stores. Advertisers beckon us to show our loved ones that we care by purchasing gifts for them. Holiday specials are starting on television. Three of my favorites are The Grinch Who Stole Christmas, It's a Wonderful Life, and Charlie Brown's Christmas. They have great messages that Christmas is not about the gifts we receive, that your life and what you do with your life matters, and that the true meaning of Christmas is the birth of the savior, Jesus Christ.

However, contrary to what we see around us, the Church begins the advent season by focusing not on the arrival of Jesus on Christmas, but on the arrival of Jesus at the end of time. Jesus tells us to watch. What does it mean to watch? We are told to watch the clock, watch the road, watch the baby, watch your language. A definition of watch is "look at or observe attentively over a period of time."

This is what Jesus is calling us to do in today's gospel. Watch and be ready. Pay attention. Be ready for when he comes again. We can be distracted by so many things in life. Many good things. But at this time, for the first two weeks of advent the Church is calling us to prepare our hearts for the second coming of Christ. To reflect on the four last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. We do this to start out the year, so we have our end goal in mind. Knowing where we want to end up will help determine the path we are to take.

It is of great benefit to take this time of advent to pay attention to our faith. Listen closely to the scriptures, take time to pray. A concrete act of love is to give someone your undivided attention. Give the Lord some of your undivided attention in prayer and in worship this advent before jumping to Christmas. Keep in mind the words of St. Paul in the 2nd reading today "as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ".

Deacon Joe



### 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

The Men's Club December Meeting will be Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 in the parish Activities Building and virtually. We will be gathering starting at 6:00pm for a socially distanced Christmas celebration. All men in the parish are welcome to attend the Men's Club meetings. Please contact the parish office for more details regarding the virtual meeting.



## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH - FAITH FORMATION



### Faith Formation has officially started!!!

If you would like to participate in our virtual Faith Formation program it is not too late! Please email Amy Stein at [astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com](mailto:astein1@st-thomas-aquinas.com) or call the office at 651-459-2131.

### MISSING YOUR FARE TRADE ITEMS???

Have you been missing your favorite Fair Trade coffee and chocolate bars? Just in time for your Christmas shopping, Fair Trade products will be available for sale in the narthex on the first 2 weekends in December. Whether it's baking cocoa or chips for your holiday treats, hot cocoa to warm your winter evenings or coffee or chocolate bars as thoughtful gifts, this is your stop. Your purchase will support small farmers when they need it most.

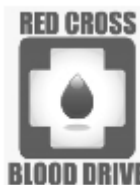


### DOING ON-LINE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? REMEMBER TO SMILE!

Shopping Amazon? Remember to use Amazon Smile. Once you sign up to support St. Thomas Aquinas, please place every order through [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) to earn \$\$\$ on those purchases for our parish! For eligible purchases, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to our parish! Go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com)



### 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code **StThomasAquinas** or call 1-800-redcross to make an appointment to donate.



### FINAL CALL BLUE ADVENT BOOKS \$1 & SUNDAY MISSALS \$5

Want to make your Advent a little more meaningful? Use one of the Lenten Blue Books - six minutes of prayer and reading for each day of Advent. \$1.00 each and for sale in the parish office AND we still have a number of Sunday Missals for 2020-2021. \$5.00 each and for sale in the parish office. Don't miss out!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 5 & 6: Second Weekend of Advent
- December 12 & 13: 3rd Weekend of Advent
- December 19 & 20: 4th 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
- December 26 & 27: The Holy Family Weekend

### 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.

### 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.

### 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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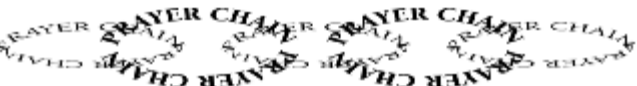
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### JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

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.





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](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 30

### TUESDAY, December 1

### WEDNESDAY, December 2

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

Lorraine & John Sathra †

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (zoom)

### THURSDAY, December 3

9:00 am - Mass (C)

All those suffering from COVID 19

6:30 pm Yoga (AB)

7:00 pm Men's Club (AB)

### FRIDAY, December 4

8:30 am - Rosary (C)

9:00 am - Mass (C)

David Delmore †

### SATURDAY, December 5

4:00 pm - Mass (C)

Gertrude Narusiewicz †

### SUNDAY, December 6

8:30 am - Mass (C)

Randall Janusz †

10:30 am - Mass VIRTUAL via Facebook

Seth Kallevig †

### BAPTISM THIS PAST WEEK

Please welcome Hayes Parker who was Baptized into the Holy Catholic Church on November 21st. Congratulations to his parents and godparents may they always guide him closer to Christ.



### 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:	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35—10:1-8
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 85:9-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

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