



June 27, 2021
13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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Summer Blood Drive
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Slowly But Surely



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." - Mk 5:36bc, 38-39



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

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| Gus Briguet | Janet Nordman |
| Bonnie Williamson | Geri Morse |
| Joe Franek | Dennis Smith |
| Toni Beard | Mary Fleege |
| Jerry Perkins | |

We remember the many people around the world who continue to suffer from the COVID virus, especially those in the country of India.

Please also remember the many members of our parish who are in nursing homes, assisted living, or homebound.

LIVING LITURGY MISSALS

We were able to obtain a number of copies of the missal. It contains the weekend readings and are available on the tables in the narthex. They are free to take, if you would like a copy to help with your prayer. They are good through the end of November - when Advent begins.

HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Do you love visiting with people?? Do you have some free time?? We have a number of homebound parishioners who would like to receive Holy Communion periodically. This would be a once a month commitment and time to visit these homebound friends. Training will be provided. Call Sue Kainz - 651-707-6874 if you want more information.



SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH 1:00PM - 6:00PM



Please plan on giving life saving blood this summer. Appointments are now being taken.

Call **1-800-redcross** or go on-line at **www.redcrossblood.org**, then enter sponsor code **StThomasAquinas**. There is a huge shortage of blood products this summer. Thank you!

SO GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE!

Every weekend we are seeing "old" faces returning to Mass, and it is so good to see YOU! Welcome Back! I am still looking for ushers, servers and lectors for all Masses. If you would like to return to a ministry, or try something new, give me a call. Training is provided and it is a great way to get to know some of your fellow parishioners. Please give me a call - Sue Kainz, or of course you can always call the office. Looking forward to hearing from YOU!



20s FOR TONY—RAISE THE ROOF!!

Reminder that THIS weekend - June 26th & 27th is a \$20s for Tony weekend!

REMEMBERING & HONORING

We have received word that parishioner **Karen Sporcic**, a regular at 4:00pm Mass each week until the pandemic, has passed away. Karen's family has decided that there will be no funeral. Please keep Karen and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



On **Monday, June 21st, Debra Monjeau** was buried in our parish cemetery after a funeral Mass at St. Augustine's in South St. Paul. Prior to the pandemic Debby would attend daily Mass here at St. Thomas Aquinas periodically. Debby was the daughter of Robert and Donna Monjeau of our parish. Please keep her mother Donna, two children Monica and Terrell, three grandchildren and her two brothers and sister in your thoughts and prayers.



FARMERS MARKET OPEN

The annual Farmers Market at the United Church of Christ in Old Cottage Grove is now open for the season - Every Thursday 2:30pm - 6:30pm at 7008 Lamar Ave S, Cottage Grove.

SLOWLY BUT SURELY!

It is so good to see so many of you at weekend Masses. It has been a year of changes that is for sure. If you chose to stay away during the pandemic you are probably wondering 'Where are the Gather books?' or 'Why is the drinking fountain covered?' or 'Where is the Holy Water?' or 'Why is the Chapel closed?' and 'Why are confessions happening in the back corner of the church?' All of these questions were part of our pandemic safety practices.

As we readjust to this post pandemic time you will continue to see changes, probably on a weekly basis as the pandemic restrictions are eased. You have already seen changes in the **entrances and exits**. The **hand sanitizer** is still available at the doors if you wish.

For the next few weekends we will use paper **Worship Aids**, and we ask you to take them home and recycle them. The **Gather Books** will be back in the pews after the 4th of July. **The Chapel** will be open on July 7th for daily Mass and vigil candles will be available for your prayers. The large **Holy Water** container will be available that week as well. We will continue to restrict seating in the Holy Family area due to the lack of ushers.

As for the drinking fountain and the Holy Water at the entrances of church, we are waiting on those until the pandemic is over. Thank you all for your patience as we return to "normal"!





IN FAITH WE EXPERIENCE RESURRECTION HERE AND NOW



In the gospel there are two very powerful healing experiences of faith. Jairus's daughter brought back to life and the healing of the woman who was suffering from a physical infirmity for twelve long years. Both these healings point out to us the extraordinary power of faith. These healings also reveal to us that faith is not an abstract concept or a pie from the sky. Faith is real and powerful. Faith is a decision and not a feeling. Faith helps us to trust in the providential plan of the Father even in our most difficult times. Faith gives us the grace to hold on, to endure and to persevere. Faith gives us meaning in our absurdity and meaninglessness. Faith gives us strength in our weakness. Faith gives us hope in our hopelessness. Faith enables us a breakthrough in our crises even when we are humanly on the verge of a breakdown. Faith enables us to see light at the end of the tunnel and to know that Christ is greater than the crises.

In the gospel today Jesus responds to the cry of faith. Jairus comes crying and pleading to Jesus for his daughter who was dying. People around Jairus laughed when Jesus said that his daughter was asleep and not dead. But Jairus believed, and in his faith filled perseverance he experienced salvation. Jesus raised his dead daughter to life. When he said to the girl, "Talitha Cumi," He not only raised the little girl from the dead, but alongside strengthened the faith and the hope of the desperate parents and strengthened the faith of his disciples. He helped Jairus and his wife to understand that all their tears and experiences and struggles were precious to Him. Their feelings were precious to Him and that persevering faith would never go unrewarded. By raising their daughter from the dead, He also manifested to them that He is the Resurrection and the Life, that suffering, pain, death, and mourning were real human experiences, but they do not have the last say, He has the final say.

UNFLINCHING AND PERSEVERING FAITH MOVES THE HEART OF CHRIST

The woman, on the other hand was broken completely from within. She has been running helter-skelter for twelve years to various physicians for healing from her ailment, but there was no respite. In her desperation, yet in complete faith and trust she touched Jesus. There was a crowd around Him. They were all pressing on Him. But despite the multitude Jesus asked the disciples, "Who touched my garment?" Perhaps many in the crowd touched Him out of curiosity, or maybe out of sheer amazement, or the feeling of being near a celebrity crowd puller. But this woman, who was suffering, touched our Lord in faith, in trust and with a sincere, humble, and heart-rending prayer, "If I touch even His garments, I will be made well." This prayer of faith moves Jesus and power automatically flowed out of Him. That was the power of the woman's faith filled trust. Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of the disease." It was not just for the woman, but this was a powerful lesson on faith for His disciples, that in difficult moments they must not give into despair and despondency but with great confidence submit themselves to His holy will which is love and mercy itself.



FAITH HELPS US KNOW THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR

We are invited to enter into a new relationship with God, a relationship of faith and trust. When we open our lives to the Lord, He fills us with wisdom and discernment.

Fr. Tony Andrade.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Theme: We are made rich.

Question for children: What does sharing with others bring happiness to you?

Question for Youth: What are some of the miraculous moments in your own life? Do you ever pray for miracles?

Question for Adults: What is your personal response to St. Paul's instruction to the Corinthians today? How will this change your personal habits with money and possessions?

PAST WEEKEND BULLETINS

Prior to the pandemic we had several copies of past bulletins on the cabinet in the narthex. THEY ARE NOW BACK. If you were away for a weekend Mass feel free to pick up one of the bulletins you missed. They are also available in the parish office.



BIBLE STUDY

In Person Bible Study is BACK!! Join us Wednesday at 9:45am after daily Mass as we reflect on the next Sundays readings. Bring your bible and join us.

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME IS HIRING

Hope for the Journey Home is hiring. We are looking for an overnight, live-in host. This would be a perfect opportunity for a college student in need of housing and some extra income. Overnight emergencies are quite rare and so this person would almost always get a good night's sleep! Room and board, a generous monthly stipend, free internet, great co-workers -- the perks go on and on! Administrative skill is a nice plus but not required...we would love to shape the details of this position around the skill of the right person. Job description can be found at <https://careers.archspm.org/jobs/hope-for-the-journey-home-overnight-host/>. Questions can be directed to Trish Brokman at pbrokman@guardian-angels.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!

BULLETINS

Are you receiving "mailed" bulletins?? Have you come back to church?? Please call the parish office if you are picking up bulletins at Mass and we can stop mailing them to you. Thank you. This saves time and money for the parish!



E-BLAST EMAILS

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

KEY: (C) Church; (AB) Activities Bldg;

MONDAY, June 28

TUESDAY, June 29

WEDNESDAY, June 30

8:30 am-Rosary (C)

9:00 am-Mass (C)

John & Lorraine Sathra †

9:45 am-Bible Study (C)

THURSDAY, July 1

8:30 am-Rosary (C)

9:00 am-Mass (C)

Jean Shinn †

FRIDAY, July 2

8:30 am-Rosary (C)

9:00 am-Mass (C)

Aidan Zent †

SATURDAY, July 3

4:00 pm-Mass (C)

Adeline Rumpca †

SUNDAY, July 4

8:30 am-Mass (C)

Rose Perkins †

10:30 am-Mass (C)

Ron Becker †



MONDAY, July 5

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Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm

MASS TIMES

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



READINGS OF THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-11/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/
Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/
2 Tm 4:6-18/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-13/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-9/Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Gn 23:1-19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/
Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-4/2 Cor 12:7-10/
Mk 6:1-6a

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