



January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

St. Thomas Aquinas

Catholic Community Welcomes You!

2nd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to her, "Woman,
how does your concern affect
me? My hour has not yet
come." - Jn 2:4

Save the Date Events

COVID Update

Faith Formation Needs Your Help!

MASS SCHEDULE

NO WEEKDAY MASS until Fr Tony returns
Word and Communion on
Wednesday at 9:00am
WEEKEND MASS
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Closed noon to 1:00 p.m.

**What's Going On In The Narthex This Weekend:
A Quick Guide**

Refugee Collection - We are still collecting all sorts of items a family might need - bedding, socks, mittens, hats. We will collect through January. Thank you to all who have been so generous. If you would like to make a cash donation to help refugee's, please see the article elsewhere in this bulletin.

Calendar Raffle - Sales will continue through January 23rd. Make sure to pick up your chance to win!

Cadillac Ticket Sales - Cadillac Dinner is set for Saturday, March 26, 2022. The price will be \$140 for 2 people and a chance at the main prizes. \$105 for 1 person plus a chance at the main prizes. Pick up yours today!

Mardi Gras Raffle Tickets Pick Up - Mardi Gras will be Sunday, February 27, 2022!! Mardi Gras tickets are available to pick up in the narthex. Look for your name on the envelopes at the table. Please pick up your envelopes and sell, sell, sell!

Free - Poinsettias will be in the narthex soon. Thanks to all who provided donations in honor of their family and friends. Help yourself please.



Faith Formation Corner

Teen Opportunity—Service hours

If you are a teen in need of service hours or would like to just help out your Faith Family, I have two opportunities for you.

On **Sunday February 27** we are looking for teens (14 and up) to run booths at Mardi Gras.

On **Saturday March 26**, during the Cadillac Dinner. I will be offering any family that will be attending the dinner, a safe place for your children (you must be attending the dinner to drop off your child(ren)). We will play games, watch a movie, and craft. I will need crafty energetic teens to help me out. You can be older to help out with this too.

******VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED******

Sundays—without parent / grandparent / confirmed high school volunteers, we cannot bring back in-person classes. If you have 1 hour a week, 1 hour a month, 1 hour every other week, we can make it work.

Wednesdays—we could use more volunteers. You can help out any way possible: every week, 1 week a month, 2 weeks a month, if you are in high school you can also help as long as you are confirmed.

Only requirement is that you go through our VIRTUS first. It's online and free so you do not have to come to a class.

*****Wednesday Pizza Dinner*****

The faith formation students have enjoyed all the frozen pizzas that were donated this past fall. If you would like to donate more frozen pizzas for the children to enjoy before classes, please feel free to drop them off in the parish office.

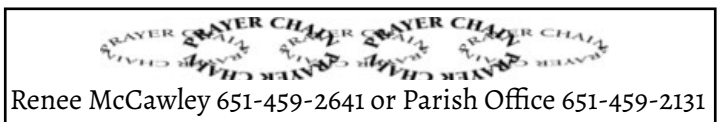
If you have any questions please contact LeAnn Dalbec at ldalbec1@st-thomas-aquinas.com or call 651-459-2131 x108
Bless, Bless
LeAnn

Prayer
REQUESTS

Please remember all of the following who have asked for our prayers.

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| Bonnie Williamson | Jack Flaherty |
| Janet Nordman | Gerald Hempler |
| Francisco Gonzalez | Theresa Clark |
| Toni Beard | Judy Crockett |
| Audrey Perkins | Steve Crockett |
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| Tom Budziszewski | Earl Liberko |
| Braxton Taylor | Pat Stearns |
| Carol Lawrence | Mary Sue Reinsma |
| Meridean Schmidt | |

We remember the many people around the world who continue to suffer from the COVID virus. Please also remember the many members of our parish who are in nursing homes, assisted living, or homebound.



Renee McCawley 651-459-2641 or Parish Office 651-459-2131

Refugee Cash Collection

Many have asked about making a cash donation for the refugee collection. If you wish to make a cash donation, please place your check (made payable to St. Thomas Aquinas, with Refugee in the memo line) or cash in an envelope marked Refugees and place it in the regular donation basket as you enter the church. Thank you so much.

Honoring and Remembering:

On **Friday, January 14th** we honored the life of **William Cooke**, age 63. William and his wife Jacqueline live just a few doors away from the church and brought up their two children Rochelle and Matthew in the parish. William and Matthew often helped with the Men's Club pancake breakfasts for a number of years. Please keep Jacqueline, Rochelle and Matthew, his other sons Ryan and Ben and his seven grandchildren in your thoughts and prayers.



Questions of the Week

Theme: Grace is God's free gift to us.

Question for Children: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

Question for Youth: Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

Question for Adults: God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

Deacon's Corner**Seven Foundational Principles of Faith – Chapter II**

Over these next weeks we are looking at seven principles that guide our faith. We discussed the first principle last week. We believe that God created all people and all things. This week we look at the second principle. This awesome God, who created all things, loves us and calls us good. "God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good." (Gen 1: 31) God created each individual person that ever existed out of love, with love, for love, in love, to love.

We have recently celebrated Christmas and hopefully you have had time to reflect on the image of the newborn Christ child lying in a manger. One word that was in many of our scriptures recently is the word "behold". The angel cried out to the shepherds to "behold" the child lying in the manger. This simple image, of a newborn child, is both glorious and mysterious. And we can hardly fathom what it means that almighty God humbled himself to share in our humanity so we could partake of his divinity.

One of the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius is to take some time to reflect on God's love for us. And one particular encouragement is to "Behold God, beholding you". Simply think of God, beholding you as a new parent beholds their newborn child. "Behold God, beholding you" and hear God speaking to you, that you are good, and beloved.

St. Augustine said, "The source of man's love for God can only be found in the fact that God loved him first". Your experience, and awareness, and belief in the incredible awesome love of God, for you personally, is the wellspring out of which your love flows. The more you know God's love the more you will be able to love others. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life". (John 3:16)

Veni Sancte Spiritus,

Deacon Joe

Ladies Wanted To Play On A 500 Card Club

Ladies gather to play 500 on the 1st Monday of the month from September to May. They play and meet in peoples homes. If you're interested or interested in learning please contact Ruth Dinger at 651-747-6079.

**Emergency's During Fr. Tony's Vacation:**

If you have an emergency during Fr. Tony's vacation, please call Sue Kainz directly. While there won't be any home visits at the present time due to the COVID virus, Sue can be in contact with the group of priests who are trained to anoint people with COVID. She is taking calls night or day. Sue's phone number is listed on the flap of the bulletin.

SAVE the DATE

Mark your calendars! Although we haven't completed our Lenten plans yet, here are some dates you should put on your calendars.

**Lenten Black Books will be for sale beginning
February 5/6th - cost \$1.00**



**Sunday,
February 27, 2022**

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 2nd

**March - Minnesota FoodShare Month
Annual Toilet Paper Collection**



**Stations of the Cross - Fridays beginning
March 4th - 9:30am after daily Mass.**

**Lenten Mission Retreat
Saturday, March 19th - Tuesday, March 22nd**

**Cadillac Dinner 2022
Saturday, March 26, 2022**



Funeral Planning Workshop - Saturday, April 2nd

Environment Changes

Walking into church you probably noticed, gone away are the Christmas trees, wreaths, garland, and nativity; we are in "Ordinary Time"...the time between Christmas and Lent and green is the color. We will hear about Jesus' adult life and His ministry. Many folks commented on the beauty of our church for Advent and especially our Christmas environment. Most comment on how it "must have taken a lot of hours". And how true a statement that is. I sincerely want to thank the members of the Environment Committee and our Men's Club for making it all happen. For the many, many hours volunteering. It is really appreciated by so very many of our parishioners.

COVID Virus Update

With the rise in COVID cases and the new variant spread, and per the recommendation of Archbishop Hebda, we are asking all parishioners to continue to wear your masks, social distance as best you can in the church, sanitize your hands when you come into the church and leave the church. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. Thank you for your help in keeping us all safe and healthy.

Do You Need Help?

Friends In Need can help with food. Call 651-458-0730 on Mondays from noon to 3:00pm or Tuesday mornings after 7:30am to make an appointment to choose your own food for your family. Masks will be required inside the food shelf.

Victim Assistance Hotline

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This Week At A Glance

Key: (C) Church; (AB) Activities Building

Monday: January 17

Parish Office CLOSED

Tuesday: January 18

Wednesday: January 19

8:30am - Rosary (C)

9:00am - Word & Communion (C)

9:45am - Bible Study (C)

5:30pm - Faith Formation (C)

7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal (C)

Thursday: January 20

NO - Rosary

NO - Mass

6:00pm - Finance Council (AB)

Friday: January 21

NO - Rosary

NO - Mass

Saturday: January 22

4:00pm - Mass (C)

Rory Clark Jr †

Sunday: January 23

8:30am - Mass (C)

Gary Schult †

10:30am - Mass (C)

Mary Haufek †

10:30am - Liturgy of the Word for Children



Readings Week of the

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-51/Ps 144:1b-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-27/Ps 80:2-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-10/Ps 19:8-15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or
12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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