

January 23, 2022
3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time



St. Thomas Aquinas

Catholic Community Welcomes You!



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*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.”*
- Lk 4:18a

Save the Date Events

Thank You from Friends In Need

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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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 - Thank you for your generosity. Next weekend will be the last weekend to bring items.

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! Mardi Gras Raffle ticket cash and tickets can be turned in at any time at the Men's Club table in the narthex or dropped off in the parish office.

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. Deadline - Next weekend January 29th/30th.

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.



Faith Formation Corner

Teen Opportunity—Service hours

If you are a teen in need of service hours or would like to 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.

*****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



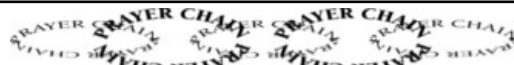
PRAYER REQUESTS



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 |
| Patty Clark | Ron Leseman |
| Don Kulesa | Kerry Alan Clark |
| Jim Hintz | Lorraine Mischke |
| Millie Schmit | Pat Stearns |
| Tom Budziszewski | Mary Sue Reinsma |
| Braxton Taylor | Meridean Schmidt |
| Cruz Topper | |

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

Thank you from Friends In Need

Members of St. Thomas Aquinas: On behalf of the Friends In Need Food Shelf and Share the Joy, I would like to thank you for your continued support to families in our community. These past two years have been different than most and yet contributions have never been better. Please know that what you contribute helps to make those less fortunate have a better holiday season. Thank you.

Kate Richard, Share the Joy Coordinator.

Deaths this past week

We lost two long time members this past week.

Earl Liberko, whose funeral will be **April 4th**.

Carol Lawrence, whose funeral will be on Tuesday, **January 25th**.

Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.



Questions of the Week

Theme: Jesus is the one sent by God to save us.

Question for Children: Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

Question for Youth: Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

Question for Adults: Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?

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

Over these next weeks we are looking at seven principles that guide our faith. We previously discussed the first two principles. We believe that God created us, loves us and calls us very good. This week we look at the third principle. Separation from God. The original plan was for us to live in paradise. A state of pure justice. Where there is no suffering, no pain, no death, no shame. But when God created us, he also gave us a free will. He gave us the great and profound ability to make decisions about life. He gave us the ability to choose to listen to God and follow his commands or to not follow his commands.

He commanded Adam and Eve to not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and bad. But after being tempted and deceived by the devil they chose to disregard God's command. They chose to separate themselves from God. This is the very nature of sin. With full and free consent, turning away from God. Adam and Eve focused on themselves and their desires. They put their faith in the deceiver, rather than in the words of God.

Sin entered the world through this decision to choose themselves over God and his plan. Through the Fall of Adam and Eve, the world was forever changed. (The ultimate act of humans which has impacted our climate.) Further on in Genesis, after Adam and Eve became aware of their sinful condition, they now were ashamed, and the beauty and harmony of God's creation was broken. The impact of this decision by Adam and Eve we call "Original Sin." This separation from God, deprives us of the holiness and righteousness that were present at creation. The unity of God they experienced, walking with God in the cool of the day would be no more.

How does this original sin impact us in 2022? We did not "commit" original sin. We inherited this state of being. Not through our personal sin or decision. But this separation from God has created a deep wound within all humanity. Sin divides us, it clouds our thinking, and we are inclined to sin, rather than to do good. This is called concupiscence. We only need to read the headlines to see the darkness of humanity. And we only need to look into our own hearts to see where we have turned our backs on a loving God, to follow our own selfish desires.

If you have wondered why there is so much suffering in the world you now have the answer. It is because humanity has chosen to turn away from God, to not follow God and his commands. We have used our free will for our own selfish desires. One example of this is food. God has provided the knowledge and capacity for humanity to provide enough food many times over for all the world. But because of humanity's greed and selfishness, and wars and internal conflicts, over 15,000 people will die of hunger today. This is only one example of many. Violent crimes, sex trafficking, abuse, assaults, abortion, and on and on. These are the results of a fallen humanity. A humanity without God. Yes, we have abandoned God. But fortunately, God has not abandoned us. And we have the opportunity each day to turn to God and choose to follow God again.

Veni Sancte Spiritus,

Deacon Joe



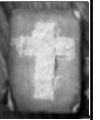
Mark your calendars! Although we haven't completed our Lenten plans yet, here are some dates you should put on your calendars.

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**

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.

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

The Archdiocese offers a 24-hour Victim Assistance Hotline at 651-291-4497.

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This Week At A Glance

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

Monday: January 24

Tuesday: January 25

11:00am Funeral - Carol Lawrence (9am visitation)

Wednesday: January 26

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 27

NO - Rosary

NO - Mass

Friday: January 28

NO - Rosary

NO - Mass

Saturday: January 29

4:00pm - Mass (C)

Deceased members of the
Kazmierczak Family †

Sunday: January 30

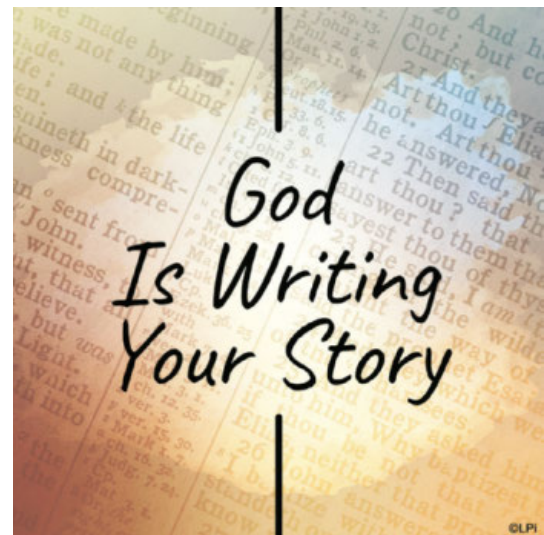
8:30am - Mass (C)

Don Dreher †

10:30am - Mass (C)

Michelle Borowicz †

10:30am - Liturgy of the Word for Children



Readings  **Week** of the

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-10/Ps 89:20-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-29/Ps 132:1-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-17/Ps 51:3-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-19/Ps 71:1-17/1 Cor 12:31—13:13
or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

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