

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Saints Thomas Aquinas & Columban



March 3, 2019

8th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

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Welcome!

We are glad that you joined us today! If you are interested in joining our parish, please contact our office. We look forward to connecting!

PARISH INFORMATION

St. Thomas Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Have any questions? Stop by and see us!

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 4:00 pm, 1/2 hour before every mass, and by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Call 283-3293 (or after hours: 283-0847) to make arrangements.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Monday-Friday from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm.

Eucharistic Services

Falls Care Center - Wednesdays 3:30 pm

Rosary

30 minutes before weekend Masses
 at Littlefork Care Center: Mondays at 7 pm
 at St. Columban: Tuesdays at 7 pm
 at Rivers Edge Villa: Wednesdays at 1 pm
 at Good Samaritan Care Center: Fridays at 6 pm

Becoming Catholic (R.C.I.A.)

Process begins in October, please call at any time.

More info: stthomasifalls.org



MASS SCHEDULE

Mass is regularly held at St. Thomas

INTENTIONS

M	8:30 am	<i>Deceased Members of CDA</i>
T	8:30 am	<i>Wallace Walkoviak</i>
W	8:30 am	<i>+Vernon Bergstrom</i>
	6:30 pm	
Th	8:30 am	<i>+John Ruelle</i>
F	NO MASS	
S	5:00 pm	<i>+Michael J. Sheehy</i>
Su	8:30 am (Columban)	<i>An End to Abortion</i>
Su	10:30 am	<i>Parishioners</i>

Buckle up as Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6th, 2019: Ash Wednesday!

During this article, I would like to point out some dates, experiences and focus for our parishes.

First, please bring in your palms from last year. (I apologize for not putting this in my article or the bulletin!) I will be putting this on our Facebook page for our parishes, and please spread the word, because . . .

On Tuesday, 3/5, we will be burning the Palms after our last Ordinary Time daily Mass. The burning will take place in the parking lot at St. Thomas Aquinas. Then, after the burnt palms have been cooled, we will be showing with our students how we "filter" the burnt palms into ashes, which will then be distributed for Ash Wednesday itself.

Then, you will have three choices for Ash Wednesday: 8:30 am at St. Thomas Aquinas (as our students will be going to Mass), 5:00 pm at St. Columban and 6:30 pm back to St. Thomas Aquinas. Please remember that on Ash Wednesday, we should not eat meat, and it is a day of "abstinence," meaning two small meals and one typical meal and no snacks between them.

Similarly, we should not eat meat during Lent on Fridays, and you may always join our Knights of Columbus for their fish fries. Right after the Knight dinners, we will also have prayerfulness with the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. each Friday.

Also, we have an excellent opportunity for all of our parishioners as we will be listening to Bishop Robert Barron with the "Pivotal Players" in our Catholic history. These will take place on the four Sundays in March (10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st) in the Chapel within our office's building (which used to be called "The Rectory") at 6:30. I am very excited to offer this as part of my growth with knowledge with you, too.

Like years before, you may receive the chance to join our 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration. The exposition will begin Tuesday, April 9th in the evening and conclude with reposition and benediction at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 11th before our usual daily Mass. You will see more details later about reconciliation (with a few priests from out of town to support your Confession), a speaker, praise and worship music and other types of prayers withing Eucharistic Adoration, and this will take place at St. Thomas Aquinas church.

Once again, we will be offering books from Dynamic Catholic. Many of these will be given out during our 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration as well as on Easter.

On Monday, April 15th, we will once again rent a bus to allow our parishioners, some of our students and teachers to experience the Chrism Mass at our Cathedral in Duluth. Within this essential Mass, Bishop Paul Sirba, will bless three different oils that each of our parishes uses: Chrism, Oil for the Sick and Oil for the Catechumens as well as the priests will renew their vows. I highly invite you to make it to this essential Mass that connects our entire Diocese with our Bishop, priest, deacons, sisters and laity - our whole family in the Diocese of Duluth. Please come!

Also, the Triduum (three days) occurs on Thursday, 4/18 (Holy Thursday), Friday, 4/19 (Good Friday) and Saturday, 4/20 (Easter Vigil). Times will be set out in the future.

Finally, I discern for goals and challenges with my body, mind and soul within Lent. Consider discerning those types of sacrifices, aka, those we can give things away, and also grow in your spiritual journey.

Let's walk on that narrow path to Jesus Christ during Lent to prepare our celebration for Easter!

God bless!

Mark Your Calendar

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY: EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME/8:30 am Mass - St. Columban/10:30 am Mass - St. Thomas
MONDAY: 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas/9:30 am Men's Prayer - Hospitality Room/3:15 pm to 4:30 pm Elementary Faith Formation
TUESDAY: 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas/9:15 am burn palms/11:00 am Catholic United Raffle/12:30 pm filter ashes/1:30 pm Tabernacle - Hospitality Room
WEDNESDAY: ASH WEDNESDAY/11:50 am to 12:50 pm St. Columban Religious Ed/5:00 pm Mass - St. Columban/6:30 pm Mass - St. Thomas
THURSDAY: 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas
FRIDAY: NO MASS
SATURDAY: 4 pm Confessions/5:00 pm Mass - St Thomas

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- USCCB Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

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Adoration of Our Lord

Weekdays from 11 am to 10 pm
Adoration hours in need of adorers are:
Friday 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, Friday 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

"Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again in glory. These words contain the very essence of the Eucharistic mystery. In them we find what we bear witness to and share in every day as we celebrate and receive the Eucharist. In the Upper Room Jesus effects the consecration. By virtue of His words, the bread - while keeping the external appearance of bread - becomes His Body, and the wine - while maintaining the external appearance of wine - becomes His Blood. This is the great mystery of faith! This is the Living Bread which came down from Heaven! (St. Pope John Paul II)

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of March 3, 2019

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Looking for something unique to do for Lent?

Come join your fellow parishioners in watching Bishop Robert Barron's continuation of his Word On Fire Catholicism series, "The Pivotal Players."

When: Lenten Sundays at 6:30 pm
Where: Parish Offices - in the old "green" chapel

"Players" we will watch:

March 10 - St. Thomas Aquinas
March 17 - Michelangelo
March 24 - St. Augustine
March 31 - St. Catherine of Siena

Remember to register for the 2019 Women of Faith Conference, March 23rd at Marshall School in Duluth. Go to www.dioceseduluth.org or call the Diocese at 218-724-9111. Early bird registration ends March 8th.

As well, registration for the Men of Faith - Men Bearing Witness Conference will close March 4th. The conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th, at Marshall School in Duluth.

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