



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
Saints Thomas Aquinas & Columban

2nd

March 17, 2019

SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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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	+June Scholler
T	8:30 am	+Rita Eisterhold
W	8:30 am	
	6:30 pm	+Ralph Brown
Th	8:30 am	+Louis Smuda
F	NO MASS	
S	5:00 pm	Parishioners
Su	8:30 am (Columban)	+Gladys Wimmer
Su	10:30 am	+John Ruelle

Do They Need a Neon Sign . . .

Throughout the last month or so, I have continued to watch a 15-second clip of a weatherman from Arizona dishing out to International Falls four years ago, and I have been laughing over and over and over. I share this, not being angry or frustrated, but with some hilarity and levity to make some fun with our Icebox, and allow some perspectives from our lifestyle.

Quote (as the weather channel showed cities around the country): "It's fifteen below in International Falls . . . why don't they just abandon that town? What is the purpose of it?! Do we need a neon sign that says, 'Get out!'?! I don't; I don't get it."

I hope part of this article adds a bit of humor as many of us are ready for spring, but we can still stand and be proud of God's country (and add some chuckling with other people around our country).

I think this clip was hilarious. The man's quick litany of questions for life, questioning why people live towards the end of the world, why there was a purpose for someone living (*ahem) "15 below" (which isn't even close to our record, 55 below zero on January 6th, 1909), let alone the wind chill!

Also, as many of you have learned my "bloodhound" type of personality, my neurons were fired on with many questions about weather in other places in our country. Let's start, for instance, Phoenix, Arizona. Does our friend live in a house with an air conditioner 24/7/365 when its record is 122 degrees? Were the schools in Phoenix closed on February 2nd, 1939 with 0.4 inches of snow? Or, what did happen with that city for Groundhog Day with that chilling snowy day within our history? (<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2014/06/26/5-extreme-phoenix-weather-days/11432009/>)

Consider natural disasters with tornados, hurricanes or cities below the sea level (aka New Orleans), or even states that could be drifted away from our continent, let alone creatures like poisonous snakes, alligators or tarantula spiders!

Finally, I am curious about that neon sign with "Get out!" - Would anyone living in "Minnesota nice" write something like that? Or, could that neon sign even survive through a frozen night in northern Minnesota (as the official thermometer in Embarrass was broken on January 20th, 1996 as Tower took over the record, 60 below zero, [<https://blogs.mprnews.org.newscut/2018/04/the-keeper-of-the-embarrass-minn-thermometer-retires/>])?

Anyhoo, on forward brothers and sisters in Northern Minnesota - God's country! - especially as our calendar is moving forward (already into mid-March), and so is Lent!

God bless!

The 2019 Silent Auction will be held Saturday, May 18th.

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Silent Auction Committee is looking for donations of wine and whiskey for the Silent Auction Wine & Whiskey Pull.

Please drop off donations to the school office or parish office.

Mark Your Calendar



EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT/8:30 am Mass - St. Columban/10:30 am Mass - St. Thomas/6:30 pm Pivotal Players - "Green" Chapel
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/6:00 pm Evangelization - Rectory
TUESDAY: 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas/10:00 am Worship Commission - Hospitality Room/12:30 pm Staff Meeting - Hospitality Room/5:30 pm to 6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion
WEDNESDAY: 11:50 am to 12:50 pm St. Columban Religious Ed/6:30 pm Mass - St. Thomas/7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Jr./Sr. High Religious Ed
THURSDAY: 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas
FRIDAY: NO MASS/5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Lent Fish Fry - Aquinas Hall/7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY: 4 pm Confessions/5:00 pm Mass - St Thomas

RESPECT LIFE

"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers."
-Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Hurting after abortion? You are not alone. The Duluth Diocese is here to help you heal through our post abortion ministry, Project Rachel. This ministry offers a confidential helpline for you to speak with someone about your experience. A willing person to listen who has been specially trained to help you sort through unresolved feelings and conflict is just a confidential call away at 218-421-7110. Move beyond the pain, call today.

Adoration of Our Lord

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

"The reign of God is already in your midst." The coming of Jesus to us in the Eucharist is assurance of His promise of final victory: "BEHOLD, I COME TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW."

-Rosary Meditations from Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Loving Jesus With the Heart of Mary

Easter Flower Memorials: Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate the church for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use an Easter Flower Offering envelope or a plain white envelope. Include your name and the name(s) of those you wish to honor. You may place your request in the collection basket during the weekend or mail or drop it off at the parish office. Suggested donation is \$20. God bless!

WEEKLY READINGS

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

The Community Clothes Closet is in need of donations of clothes. Please bring in your extra clothes you no longer wear to the closet on March 27th or April 10th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. God bless!

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 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.

Please join in praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

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