

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF  
*Saints Thomas Aquinas & Columban*



May 5, 2019

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

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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.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Mass is regularly held at St. Thomas

### INTENTIONS

<b>M</b>	8:30 am	+Delores Rivard
<b>T</b>	8:30 am	+Nathan Myers III
<b>W</b>	6:30 pm	+Nathan Myers III
<b>Th</b>	8:30 am	+J.R. Ruelle
<b>F</b>	NO MASS	
<b>S</b>	5:00 pm	+Josie Urban
<b>Su</b>	8:30 am (St. Columban)	Parishioners
<b>Su</b>	10:30 am	+Louise Hudak

As the Easter season continues . . .

What a beautiful weekend, though who knows what the weather may be. I'll be honest, there better not be any snow! Three thoughts with some scriptures with what we will be doing.

First, happy Mother's Day! Know of my gratitude for you Mothers who have been open to life, and also know of my prayers for those women and couples who are trying to have a child. Let's all bring up some prayers as I know several married couples who want life as well. And what a formidable passage in Proverbs 31 for all of our Moms:  
· Portions of this poem/song in this passage: "A good wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life...Her lamp does not go out at night...She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet...Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Second, congratulations to our first communicants! I am proud of you: Jude Shinnars, Takoda Briggs, Easton Rolando, Owen Meres, Jack Klaphake, Mason Marty, Jonathan (Davey) Davidson; your parents James and Gina, Jeff and Ashley, Don and Nikki, Joe and Betsy, Michael and Jaci, Jacob and Amara, Nicholas and Jacelyn; and what an honor for us to witness your first reception of Jesus Body and Blood. And please remember that this is your first communion, and I hope that our family sees you for your second communion, your third, your 500th and beyond!  
· Matthew 19:14: "Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"  
· Luke 24:29d-31: "So he went in to stay with [two disciples]. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight."

Third, happy fishing opener! I invite you to know how cool it can be, not only to fish, but to spend time with your friends and loved ones, and also offer your opportunity in fishing to soak in God's creation in nature. Offer a prayer of gratitude for Him and always remember his idea for fishing:  
· John 21:3-6: "Simon Peter said to [Jesus' disciples], 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat; but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, have you any fish?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, for the quantity of fish."

Finally, we continue to enjoy Easter season until Pentecost...keep rolling!

God Bless you for this superb weekend!

# Mark Your Calendar



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY:** THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER/8:30 am Mass - St. Columban/10:30 am Mass - St. Thomas/11:30 am Parish Breakfast - Aquinas Hall  
**MONDAY:** 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas/9:30 am Men's Prayer - Hospitality Room  
**TUESDAY:** 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas /1:30 pm Tabernacle Society - Hospitality Room/5:30 pm to 6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion/5:30 pm Finance Council - Hospitality Room  
**WEDNESDAY:** 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Community Clothes Closet drop off/11:50 am to 12:50 pm St. Columban Religious Ed/6:30 pm Mass - St. Thomas  
**THURSDAY:** 8:30 am Mass - St. Thomas/10:00 am to 1:00 pm Community Clothes Closet shopping/7:00 pm KCs - Maronic Hall  
**FRIDAY:** NO MASS/NO SCHOOL  
**SATURDAY:** 4:00 pm Confessions/5:00 pm Mass - St. Thomas

The next parish breakfast will be Sunday, May 5th, following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parish BBQ will be Saturday, June 15th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Aquinas Hall.

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### RESPECT LIFE

"Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."  
 Pope John Paul II

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.

Welcome back to all our snowbirds! Please contact the parish office to make sure your mail goes to your permanent address, and no longer your temporary address. God bless!

## Adoration of Our Lord

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

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."  
 -St. John Vianney

The Community Clothes Closet is in need of clothing and household good donations. If you find clothes that no longer fit or you no longer wear, please bring them to the closet on drop off day - April 24th. Thank you for helping those in need!

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of May 5, 2019

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51--8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Volunteers are needed to help in the St. Thomas School office on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Choose one, two or all of the shifts. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and for giving of your time and talent.

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.

We give thanks to those families who remember their loved ones in a special way at Easter. Their generosity helps to beautify the church at the celebration of Christ's resurrection. God's special blessings!

In Memory/Honor of:	From:
Sentif & Lundin Families	Terry & Em Schultz
Schultz Family	Terry & Em Schultz
Deceased Family Members	Anonymous
Deceased Family Members	Jeanne Little
Deceased Family Members	Diane Peters

Rev. Father Eamonn Boland and Rev. Father Charles Flynn were ordained to the Priesthood in Ireland in June of 1969. You are cordially invited to join them in celebrating their 50th Anniversaries with a Mass at Resurrection Church in Eveleth at 3 pm on Sunday, June 9th - followed by refreshments.

We are looking for someone to volunteer to mow the parish grounds for one month this summer. Mower and gas are provided. For additional details or to volunteer please contact Tom Schaaf at 240-4707 or the parish office. God bless!

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