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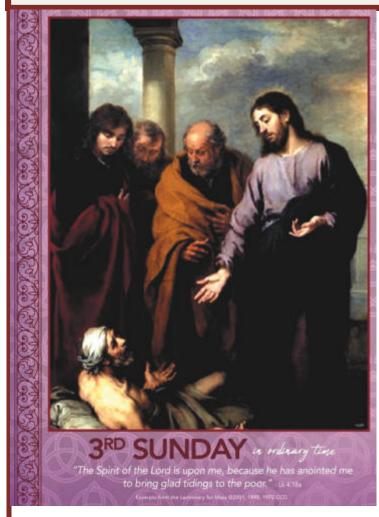
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31 Thomas Ave. P.O. Box 625 Caribou, ME 04736 498-2536 or 498-2537 *Hours: Mon. -Thurs. 9 AM - 3:30 PM.

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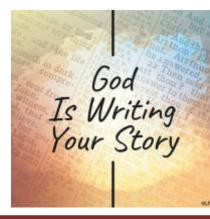


Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at

home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



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by His Wife, Teresa Ouillette

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For Our Priests

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In Loving Memory of SONIA & DANIEL LABBE by Donna Labbe	Maurice and Anita Soucy and Loved Ones By Their Loving Family	In Loving Memory, DEPUTY SHERIFF MATTHEW LONG by Mom, Julia & Nieces	

Group Prayer & Devotions Are Suspended Unless (√) Check marked.

HOLY ROSARY, CARIBOU

Thurs:

6:30 p.m. ACTS-Women: *No Meeting 7:00 p.m. Burning Bush Group *No Meeting

√ 1st Friday: Adoration & Confession

6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:15 p.m. Prayers & Benediction

1st Saturday:

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Followers of the Cross— Parish Center

9:30-10:15 Rosary & Confession 10:15 Mass 3:00 p.m. First Saturday Devotions & Rosary **Sunday:**

Outlady.

6 PM Women's Faith Sharing Group—Parish Center

ST. MARY'S, PRESQUE ISLE

√ Confession is offered after Daily Mass.

Tues:

1:00 p.m. Prayer Group 2:30 p.m. Rosary Team **Weds:** 9:00 a.m. Rosary making

 $\sqrt{{}^* ext{First Friday Adoration}}$ is now being held at St. Mary's after the

8:30 AM Mass on the First Friday of each month.

ST. DENIS, FORT FAIRFIELD

√ Confessions Every 3rd Sunday after Mass and after Thursday daily Mass.

Weds. 9:30 a.m.

Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests.

Thurs: 9:00 a.m. Faith Sharing

√ 2nd Fri. at 3:00 PM—Adoration & Confession

√ Sun: 10:15 a.m. Rosary

ST. MARK, ASHLAND

√ Tues: & Fri: at 9 a.m. Rosary

√ Weds. 2 PM Faith Sharing—Church Hall

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE, PORTAGE

√ Sun

8:30 a.m. Rosary before Mass **Tues:** 6:30 p.m. Rosary

SACRED HEART, N. CARIBOU

Weds: 10:00 a.m. Rosary

√ Sat: 5:15 p.m. Rosary

before Mass

Saturday, Jan 22: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time #936;

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

4:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

4:00 PM St. Mary ** Phillip Cassidy by Diane & Scott Smith & Family

4:00 PM St. Theresa ** Oreille & David Dufour by Jackie & Bob Stevens

5:30 PM Sacred Heart ** Alfred Cote by Alfred Cote Family

6:00 PM St. Catherine ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

6:00 PM St. Joseph ** David Caron Jr. by Mom, Dad & Family

Sunday, Jan 23: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time #936;

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

9:00 AM Holy Rosary ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

9:00 AM Our Lady ** Gloria Belanger by Her Family

9:00 AM St. Mary ** For the People

10:30 AM St. Mark ** Anna Garrity by Wakefield Girls-Sis, Betty & Joanne

11:00 AM St. Denis ** Rosaire Guimond by Garnet & Rita Rochford & Family

11:00 AM St. Louis ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

Monday, Jan 24: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Joan lott (5th Anniversary) & Norman White by Her son Jimmy & Daughter-In-Law Betty, Pam & Donna White

8:30 AM St. Mary ** Gerard Raymond by His Loving Wife, Mary Ann

Tuesday, Jan 25: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:30 AM St. Denis ** Theresa Saucier by Diane Saucier

8:30 AM St. Mary ** Levi Levesque by His Daughter, Leona

Wednesday, Jan 26: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

6:00 PM St. Mary ** Patricia Rathburn by Scott & Diane Smith

Thursday, Jan 27:St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:30 AM St. Denis ** Edward McCullough by Rose Marie Robinson 6:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Irene Labrie (Mother of Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie) by Ladies of St. Anne Holy Rosary

Friday, Jan 28: St. Thomas Aguinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Holy Rosary ** Jason Ouellette by Betty Petranuick (Aunt)

8:30 AM St. Mary ** Ada Plourde by The Family of Fred & Orilla Forsman

Saturday, Jan 29: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time #939

4:00 PM Holy Rosary ** Doris Albert (Anniversary) by Gil, Jeanine & Family

4:00 PM St. Mary ** Irene Labrie by Judy & Maylen Kenney

4:00 PM St. Theresa ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

5:30 PM Sacred Heart ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

6:00 PM St. Catherine ** For the People

6:00 PM St. Joseph ** Vocations by The Children of Gordon & Ann Tweedie

Sunday, Jan 30: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time #939

9:00 AM Holy Rosary ** Arline St. Peter by Christopher & Debbie Rockwell & Family

9:00 AM Our Lady ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

9:00 AM St. Mary ** James Cyr by His Wife Eva and daughter, Pat.

10:30 AM St. Mark ** Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest

11:00 AM St. Denis ** Adrienne Bernard (5th Anniversary) by David & Family

11:00 AM St. Louis ** Emma Cote by Her Sister, Beatrice

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/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 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

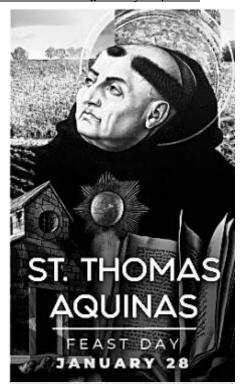
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor

12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aguinas (1225 -1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.



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Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.*

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture.

We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word. So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



JANUARY 2022

Jan. 2 – Faith Formation class day Jan. 9 - Faith Formation class day Jan. 23 – Faith Formation class day Jan. 30 – Faith Formation class day

FEBRUARY 2022

Feb. 6 – Faith Formation class day Feb. 13 – Faith Formation class day Feb. 27 – Faith Formation class day

Faith Formation Students who have completed at least

10 of the 13 lessons for the first semester of Faith Formation will be recognized at Mass the weekend of January 23rd. Please have your Catechist review your workbook and submit your name to your Site Coordinator:

Cindy Gagnon— Holy Rosary, Caribou
Stella Carlstrom—St. Mary, Presque Isle
Michelle Eastman- St. Mark, Ashland & Our Lady, Portage
Edward Schupbach—St. Denis, Fort Fairfield
Meagan Malena—St. Louis, Limestone

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. God Bless you in your studies!

BACK TO MASS PROJECT



In an effort to encourage parishioners to return to the practice of attending Mass in person, we will be offering only <u>ONE</u> Livestreamed Mass per weekend. The location will rotate between Holy Rosary, St. Mary's and St. Denis. Below

is a schedule of Livestreamed Sunday Masses for January & February. Weekday Masses will continue as usual.

Livestreamed Sunday Mass Schedule:

Sun., Jan. 23 at 9 AM ~ St. Mary, Presque Isle Sun., Jan. 30 at 11 AM ~ St. Denis, Fort Fairfield Sun., Feb. 6 at 9 AM ~ Holy Rosary, Caribou Sun., Feb. 13, at 9 AM ~ St. Mary, Presque Isle

Please pray for those who have recently passed away from the Parish especially...

Sr. Mary Kelley Ellen Corrow ~ Holy Rosary, Caribou



Group	Meeting Location	Day	Time	Contact	Telephone
A.C.T.S. Core	Parish Center or CLC	4th Weds. of month	7:00 PM	Mary Ellen Field	498-6779
A.C.T.S. Women	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	*Not Meeting	6:30 PM	Cindy Blanchette	498-2175
Baptismal Prep.	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	3rd Weds. of month	7:00 PM	Deacon Carl Gallagher	498-2536
Baptismal Prep.	St. Mary's, P.I.	As Needed	6:00 PM	Hilary Blanchard	712-9408
Blanket Ministry	Holy Rosary -Parish Center	Mondays weekly	11 AM—2 PM	Judy Bougie Velma Castonguay	493-1366 551-8809
Burning Bush Prayer Group	Prayer Room, Caribou	* Not Meeting	6:30 PM	Yvette Legassie	498-3675
Catholic Golden Age	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	To Be Announced	2:00 PM	Ginette Rivard	592-2122
CHURCH & FAMILY LIFE	Holy Rosary Parish	Even Months	6:00 PM	VACANT	
Daughters of Isabella	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	1st Tues. of month	6:00 PM	Mary Ellen Field	498-6779
Daughters of Isabella	K. of C. Hall, Ft. Fairfield	2nd Weds. of month	6:00 PM	Annette Hull	476-5039
Daughters of Isabella	K. of C. Hall, P.I.	2nd Thurs. of the month	6:30 PM	Norma Levesque	540-6009
Followers of the Cross	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	*No Meeting until further notice.	9:30 AM	Martha Letasz	551-4525
PPB FAITH FORMATION	Holy Rosary -Parish Center	3rd Monday *1/24	5:15 PM	Jon Blanchard	768-2795
H.O.P.E. SOCIAL ACTION	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	2nd Mon. of month 2/14	6:00 PM	Pamela Murchison	492-6641
JH/HS Youth Ministry	St. Mary's, Presque Isle	Sundays	1:00-2:30 PM	Hillary Blanchard	712-9408
K. of C. #1753	K. of C. Hall - Ft. Fairfield	Thursdays	5:30 PM	Grand Knight-Wayne Troicke Tony Levesque	540-0599 473-7338
K. of C. #1870	K. of C. Hall, Caribou	2nd Weds. of month	6:00 PM	Grant Knight-Todd Pelletier	227-5105
K. of C. #2524	K. of C. Hall, P.I.	1st, 2nd & 3rd Tues.	7:00 PM	Grand Knight-Jon Bonner	227-2149
K. of C. #2851	St. Louis, Limestone	1st & 3rd Tues.	6:00 PM	Grand Knight-Steve Brooker	551-8203
K. of C. 4th Degree #350	K. of C. Hall, Ft. Fairfield	2nd Tues. of month	5:30 PM	Dave Armstrong	472-6000
Ladies of St. Anne	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	2nd Tues.of month	5:30 PM	Elizabeth Care Long	493-1083
Ladies of St. Anne	St. Louis, Limestone	3rd Tues.of month	6:00 PM	Artheline Bernier	325-2030
Ladies of St. Anne	Sacred Heart Church Sacristy, N. Caribou	4th Tues. of month	5:30 PM	Leona St. Peter	498-8225
Men's Faith Sharing Group	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00-8:00 PM	Dr. Jim Savage Tom Goetz	551-6665 896-5675
Our Lady of Snows Sodality	St. Mark, Ashland	To Be Announced	6:30 PM	Mary Ellen Chasse	435-6649
PPB Bldgs & Grounds	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	Bi-Monthly -2nd Tues.	6:00 PM	Rodney Bourgoine	551-3387
PPB Cemetery Council	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	3rd Weds of month	5:30 PM	Michael Tardif	492-2614
PPB FINANCE COUNCIL	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	4th Tues of month 1/25	6:00 PM	Linda Bourgoine	551-3399
PPB PASTORAL COUNCIL	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	4th Thurs of month 1/27	6:30 PM	Leah Girardin	551-5124
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	2nd Sat. of month	9:00 AM	Dot Cyr/Diane Saucier	493-7709 / 895-3549
That Man Is You	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	Saturday Mornings	6:45—8:00 AM	Steve Gagnon	768-0433
RCIA	Holy Rosary, Caribou	Sundays	10:00 AM	Tom Goetz	896-5675
RCIA	St. Denis, Ft. Fairfield	Fridays	6:30 PM	VACANT	
RCIA	St. Mark, Ashland			Phyllis Pelletier	551-9967
RCIA	St. Mary, P.I.			Theresa Fowler Theresa Bonner	764-3928 488-6859
Women's Bible Study	Holy Rosary - Parish Center	*Sundays during Lent	6:00 PM	Jessica Ciszewski	694-6442
WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY	Holy Rosary Parish Center	2nd Tues of month 2/8	6:00 PM	Mary Ellen Field	498-6779

Parish Financial Stewardship

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY Jan. 9, 2022:

2020 Weekly Average

Collections Last Week: First Collection 14,123 Second Collection 3,498 17,621 Total: Total Collections YTD: 449,598 Collections Budget: \$ 424,473 +/- Budget 22.125 **Total of Weekly Collections** 453,196 this time last year **Current Weekly Average** \$ 16,057 2021 Weekly Average 16,186

Project Updates: All AEDs have been installed. \$10,896 has been raised toward the total cost of \$12,768. Paving completed at St Mary and K of C lot. Total cost of \$21,600

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