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JUNE 19, 2022

WELCOME HOME

PASTOR:

Rev. Joseph Pottemmel, MSFS frjoseph@stasugarland.com

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sun. 7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS

Mon.-Sat. 8:00 a.m., MASS Wed. 7:00 p.m.,

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

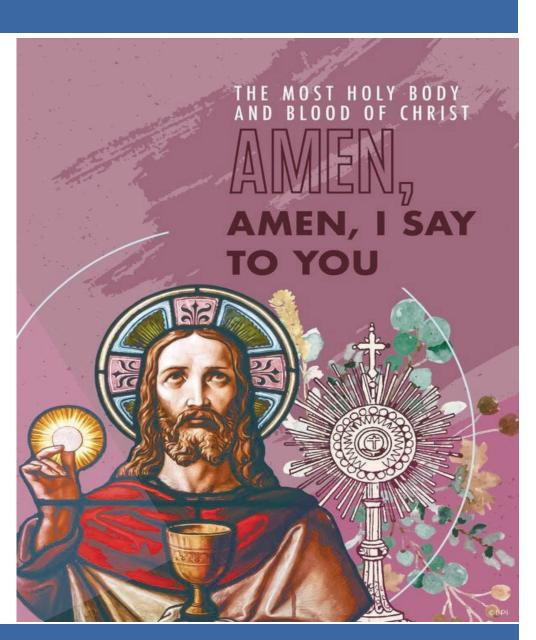
Mon.-Tue. & Thur. 9:00a.m.. - 8:00 p.m. Wed. - 9:00 a.m.. - 6:30 p.m. Fri. - 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chapel

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

By request after Mass, Mondays & Tuesdays Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thur. 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. (Lunch) Fri: 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sat & Sun: Closed



OUR MISSION

"We the Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church are a diverse Christ Centered community empowered by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the Word and the Sacraments to Proclaim the Good News"



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Jesus went to those most in need. He forgave the sinner, ate with the outcast, defended, and fed those who were poor and hungry. He worked for true justice, risked being unpopular, willingly accepted suffering and death, and always stayed connected with His Abba, Father. Jesus also consistently reminded folks that God's compassion, love, and mercy trump everything, even the law. This is the Christ that the Eucharist calls us to be. As we look around our churches, our towns and cities, and our world, there are many people who need to see the face and Body of Christ. Some of those most in need may be right within our families. But it is always in the poorest of the poor and those most vulnerable that we find the greatest need. There are many who cannot function on their own. When the gift of the Eucharistic Christ takes root in our hearts, we can more readily see the face of Christ in others.

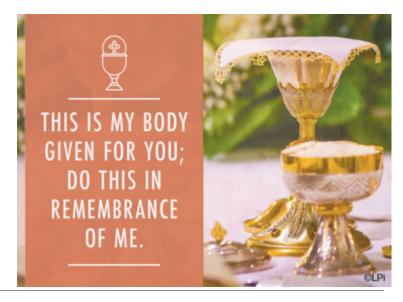
Many people are vulnerable. Highest on that list are the homeless. They show us the face of Christ. Whatever the cause, to have no place to go and no place to call home takes a toll on the human spirit. For Jesus when there were hungry people, they were fed. God asks us to do the same ... feed people. There are many who are hungry physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Gifted by the Eucharistic Presence of Christ, we can bring them Christ. Who are the hungry around us and how can we feed them?

When someone is hurting, you comfort them. When someone is hungry, you feed them. When someone needs clothes, you provide them. When someone is cold, you warm them. When someone is in prison, you visit them. With over a million people who are homeless and over a quarter of them children, it is important to ask the question, "why?" and strategize for ways to lessen or alleviate the problem. Nevertheless, we are not off the hook for responding to the immediate needs that present themselves at our doors. Whether a person's current station in life is self-imposed or the result of being victimized, they are sacred vessels. We cannot lock the door and send them away and still believe we bear the Eucharistic presence of Christ. It doesn't work like that.

INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

Good dietitians will remind us that we are not only the product of what we eat but the disciplines we undertake. Many people spend a great deal of time and effort eating a healthy diet, getting a sufficient amount of rest, and engaging in regular exercise. Experts tell us that attending to these increases our chances for a longer life. While this is certainly a worthy pursuit, is our earthly life really the one that requires the most attention and effort? Faith kicks in to remind us that we are meant to live forever with God. Hence, isn't it our eternal destiny that requires most of our effort and attention? The food and nourishment we need to achieve this goal and fine tune our souls for this promised inheritance are the Body and Blood of Christ. Only this heavenly sustenance will unite us with God and our brothers and sisters, strengthen us to do what the Gospel asks us to do and prepare us for life eternal. Through the discipline of prayer, our desire to receive our Lord is deepened. It is this yearning,

above anything else, that we want clearly seen and front and center when we close our eyes in death. God loves us so much that He gave us His only begotten Son. Let us rush to receive Him!





RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Sacred Vessels

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purification. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Is your day filled with work, family, errands, rushing here and there?

Wishing you could have just one peaceful hour? How about one peaceful hour with YOUR LORD? Jesus wishes to SPEND ONE HOUR WITH YOU!

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO COMMIT TO ONE HOUR EACH WEEK CALL THE OFFICE AT 281-240-6721.

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE YOUR ADORATION HOUR, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT ALONE.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism preparation classes for Parents and Godparents are held every other month.

Please call the parish office for information.



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples need to call, Matt Falleri (281) 240-6721 ext. 107, six to nine months before your wedding to allow time for preparation.



SACRAMENT OF HEALING

In case of illness, please call the Parish Office at 281-240-6721

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STEWARDSHIP

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 28 – 29, 2022

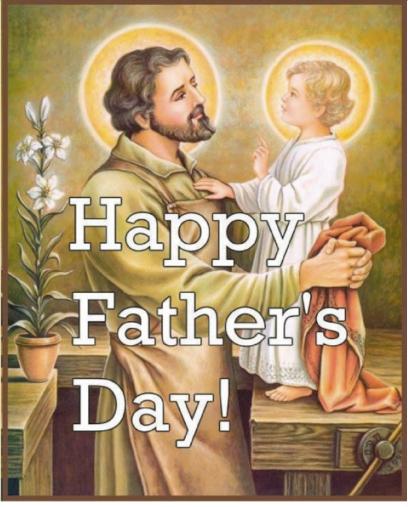
1st Collection

Total	\$13, 042
STA Cares Collection this weekend	\$2.421

2nd Collection

Catholic Communication Campaign Total......\$1,524

Thank you for your donation!





INFORMATION





SATURDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 a.m. Hector Martinez †

5:00 p.m. Salvadora Agravante †

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

7:30 a.m. For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Phero Tia Dinh †

11:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving for Kwan - Gomilla Family

MONDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Midge Royer

TUESDAY. JUNE 21

8:00 a.m. Frances Lyons †

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

8:00 a.m. Bishop Yeung Ming-Cheung †

7:00 p.m. Special Intentions for Arinze Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 a.m. John Tankeh †

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving for Peter Ogbeide

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 a.m. John Tankeh †

5:00 p.m. Mauren and Ojay Anyaeji - Birthday

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

7:30 a.m. For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Vitus Ifeanyi †

11:30 a.m. Francisco Roman Delgado †

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

For The Weekend of June 25 - 26 If you have any questions please call Earl Marasigan at 832-687-0455.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Brandon Amaefule Bianca Amaefule Kosi Uzoh Kamsi Uzoh

Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Ariel Fernandez

Eric Fernandez Emily Mayes

Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Chidimma Richards Chidume Richards Arinze Nmadin Marae Fernandez

"If you cannot make it to your Mass, please contact the Adult Coordinator assigned for the Mass."

Adult Coordinators

5:00 p.m. 7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Samson Awoh (713) 232-9131 or

Jonah Eze (346) 717-8911

11:30 a.m. Edmund Warren (832) 926-9595



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Marriage 2

- ◆ Bring the freshness of spring into your marriage!
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- ◆ Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on September 9-11, 2022, November 4-6, 2022.Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014/ brian.tina.little@wwme.org for more information. Or go on-line to houstonme.org. An inviting video may be viewed at https://houstonme.org or https://houstonme.org or https://youtu.be/UbX70a49QUs

Next Baptism Class Saturday, July 16, 2022



8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Thissen Center, Rm. 202-204

Parents and Godparents have to attend.

You must be registered in the church office before Fri., July 1, 2022.

'Please do not bring children to the class'



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Wealth

Question: If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

Answer: Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our moneymaking talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible—it's you!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: How are John the Baptist and Jesus related?

Answer: They are second cousins.



PASTORAL ASSISTANT

LORD, WE LIFT UP PETITIONS OF HEALING FOR OUR SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Jane Arinze, Fr. Angelito Baldonado SDB, Fr. John Bosco, Elizabeth and Courtney Brown, Donna Buczo, Alan Cordova, Fr. Vince Dulock, Pat Gerecci, Doris Giron, Elizabeth Jackson, Amanda Jackson, Dana Bryan Lee, Lee Meister, Ronald Murphy, Fr. Bruce Nieli, Fr. Miguel Obregon, Martha Swift, Millie Thibodaux, Cecilia Williams, Fr. Louis Zee and our Catholic Residents at The Hampton Meadows Place Assisted Living Facility, Bedford Place, Home Sweet Home, First Smile and Catholic Patients at Atrium Medical Center.





PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Members of St. Thomas Aquinas.



NEW JERUSALEM CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

COME HOLY SPIRIT, AND DIRECT OUR LIVES!

In Luke 10:21, Jesus says, "I thank Thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from the wise [learned] and understanding [clever] and revealed them to babies; yea, Father, for such was Thy gracious will."

The Bible says that 'Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit' that His father had hidden certain things "from the wise and learned." This does not necessarily mean that being learned is useless or harmful, but that our understanding is limited before God! Proverbs 3:5 tells us to "trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight {understanding}." Why? Because, it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that we can know everything, even the depths of God (1 Cor 2:10-11). Without the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives, even the

most intelligent and educated people in the world are doomed to ignorance and even confusion, self-deception, and darkness. Christ, while physically on earth, told His Disciples in Jn 14:26, "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send you in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." For us, we need to cry out for the Holy Spirit to instruct us in everything, remind us of all that Jesus told us, and guide us to all truth, especially as He speaks through the teachings of the Church and the Bible. The Spirit will not only put ideas in our heads but words in our mouths to proclaim the goodness of God. For in the Spirit, we will hear the tiny, whispering sound of the Father's voice, as in Isaiah 30:21, "A voice shall sound in your ears: 'This is the way; walk in it,' when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left." Paul exhorts in 1Thes 5:19, "Do not quench the Spirit." As we give Him all of ourselves, He forever provides for us. Heb 7:25 tells us, "Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost, those

May They Rest in Peace

who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for then.

We pray that we will all accept God's grace to suppress our carnal desires and be stirred up in the Spirit so we can receive His revelation that leads to truth and light. "No one knows what lies at the depth of God but the Spirit of God" [Rom 5:5]. "Come Holy Spirit" so we can give glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit will guide us in Trinitarian life (In 16:13).

PRAYER MEETING EVERY SATURDAY, FROM 6:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M. IN AQUINAS CENTER ROOMS B & C.

All are invited!!

For any questions, please call Emmanuel OFILI at: 832-247-5226.









1st Sacrament and Confirmation

2022-2023 REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 6TH

Parish office - 6/6 - 8/26 During Regular Business Hours

Early Registration - June 6th - July 8th

All Faith Formation (CCE, Edge & Life Teen) \$70 each

(Family Plan 3 or more children) \$50 each

Confirmation \$80 each - First Sacraments \$70 each

Regular Registration - July 11th - August 5th
All Faith Formation (CCE, Edge & Life Teen) \$85 each
(Family Plan 3 or more children) \$60 each
Confirmation \$95 each - First Sacraments \$85 each

<u>Late Registration – August 8th - August 26th</u>
All Faith Formation (CCE, Edge & Life Teen) \$110 each
(Family Plan 3 or more children) \$85 each
Confirmation \$120 each - First Sacraments \$110 each

NO REGISTRATION AFTER AUGUST 26th

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

7:30 a.m. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Mass, Sanctuary

8:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Breakfast, ALD Kit 9:30 a.m. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Mass, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. RCIA - Adult, TH 202-204

11:30 a.m. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Mass, Sanctuary

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary
9a.m.-8p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study, TH-Youth

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Council Meeting, ALD Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd -4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary
9a.m.-8p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/ Mt 7:15-20

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary
9a.m.-6:30p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel
7:00 p.m. OLPH Mass & Novena, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022

Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary Weekday Mass, Sanctuary
9a.m.-8p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary
8:00 a.m. Weekday Mass, Sanctuary
9a.m.-6:00p.m. Adoration, Divine Mercy Chapel
11:00 a.m. Gomilla Funeral Mass, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Lk 2:41-51

7:40 a.m. Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary **Weekday Mass, Sanctuary** 3:00 p.m. Legion of Mary, AQ-C

4:00 p.m. Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Wheelchair Project Appeal, After Mass

6:00 p.m. New Jerusalem Charismatic Prayer Group, AQ B-C

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

7:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m.
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary Wheelchair Project Appeal, After all Masses
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. RCIA - Adult, TH 202-204

11:30 a.m. 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass, Sanctuary



St. Thomas Aquinas Wheelchair Weekend





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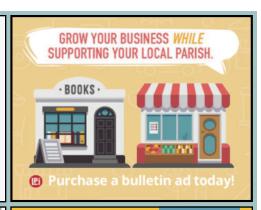
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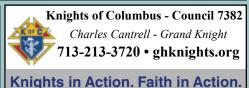


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