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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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MASS TIMES

Mon-Sat: 8:00am

Sat (Vigil): 5:00pm

Sun: 7:00am, 9:00am,
10:45am*, 12:30pm

*Mass Livestreamed on
Aquinas Catholic Church
YouTube channel

CONFESSIONS

Sat: 8:30am to 9:30am

Wed: 5:00pm to 6:45pm

ADORATION

Tues: 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Wed: 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Thurs: 1:00pm to 7:00pm

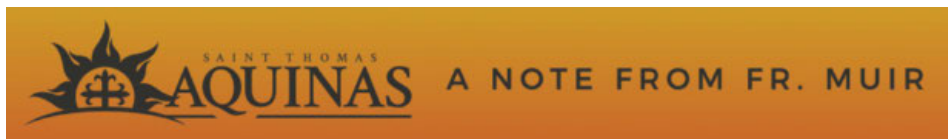
Fri: 8:30am to 12:30pm



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LETTER FROM FR. MUIR

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Hi everyone, it's Fr. Muir. Wow, Christmas season has come and gone. It happened quickly, but I have so many fond memories of this past Christmas season. As we move into Ordinary Time, I urge all of you to reflect on this past Christmas season. Enjoy the moments and memories as we prepare ourselves to enter Ordinary Time.

Last Sunday we celebrated The Baptism of the Lord. The readings and my homily focused on our baptism's launch into life with a new identity (beloved children of God, new Christs) and new mission (the expansion of Christ's Kingdom). I've always been a touch uneasy with the English "ordinary" time. The word it translates really means something like "ordered" time...time "ordained" for something sacred...time "oriented" to a great purpose. This time is meant to signal that all our time is an adventure in faith. Our sleep, eating, prayer, work, relationships, and play have a deep, abiding purpose—even if hidden from our senses. And yet this purpose is revealed in our worship at Mass: everything is "ordained" for the glory and honor of God the Father. Let's make that our great purpose in 2022, whether in good times or in bad.

In other news, I'm so impressed with our new men's security ministry, the Porters of Saint Joseph. They work together to keep us safe on campus, and they also help each other grow in holiness under the pattern and patronage of Saint Joseph. I'm looking for a few more good, able-bodied men to help. An orientation meeting for the Porters of Saint Joseph is scheduled for our new members on January 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Saint James Hall. Please join us if you have a prior law-enforcement or military background (or something similar, more or less).

Save the date! On Tuesday, January 25, Bishop Olmsted will celebrate a special Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas at 6 p.m. It's a special moment whenever our Bishop visits the parish. It's an experience of the fullness of the Church with the Bishop and his priests, deacons, and all the faithful people of God. Come and celebrate as a parish family in this special way.

Lots of other things are going on this month. Check out the rest of the bulletin for the details. May the Lord "order" all the ordinary moments of our lives to his glory and majesty.

Truly,

Fr John Muir

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JAN. 16

07:00am Jim O'Donnell †
 09:00am Diego Gettig †
 10:45am Intentions of the Parish
 12:30pm Deacon Al Scheller †

MONDAY, JAN. 17

08:00am Gutierrez Family

TUESDAY, JAN. 18

08:00am Mary Ostrem †

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19

08:00am Maria Carmen Martinez †

THURSDAY, JAN. 20

08:00am Richard Schenk †

FRIDAY, JAN. 21

08:00am Mike Barry †

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

08:00am Trujillo Family
 05:00pm Patrick H. Kirchner †

SUNDAY, JAN. 23

07:00am Deacon Al Scheller †
 09:00am Ernestine Carrillo †
 10:45am Intentions of the Parish
 12:30pm Romulo Rillera †



On Monday, January 17, The DOC Parish Office, Gift Shop, and Café will be closed in observance of the MLK holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday with our regular hours. We will still celebrate Mass on Monday morning at 8am. Thank you.



Please mark your calendars for the St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection on the weekend of January 29th and 30th. If we could share with you the grateful hearts of so many people we have been serving, especially with rent and utility payments, your hearts would be full. Your generosity lifts a burden from the shoulders of those in need. Thank you!



The Mass Intention Book is now open for the months of April, May, and June. You may select up to six Masses total. A \$10 donation is recommended for each Mass. You can sign-up for your Mass by visiting: www.stacc.com/mass-intentions or by visiting the Parish Office during regular business hours.

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PARISH NEWS

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January is Pro-Life Month. The Knights of Columbus are praying the Rosary for Life on Saturday, January 29th at 4:15 PM before the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass. All parishioners are invited to participate in order to pray for the sanctity of all life.



Family of the Month

Have you read our Aquinas Parish Neighbors Magazine? Each month we feature a new family and share with you their amazing story, that you may not know. Do you know a family in our Parish that has a great story to share? If so, we want to know. Please email Derek Diesner at ddiesner@stacc.net and tell us why we should feature this family in the next issue of our magazine

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On Tuesday, January 25, 2022, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted will be with us at our parish to celebrate Mass at 6:00pm which will be followed by a reception. We invite you to attend Mass and then join us in the hall for a reception. In order to prepare accordingly for the reception, we ask that you RSVP to the Parish Office by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:**

Question:
How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:
We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.





Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

Reason for Hope 1 PETER 3:15
Women's Retreat
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Date: Feb. 5, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Admission: \$15 (pay at the door or online)
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Location: St. Clare Hall
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**This week's readings can be found at 1114 -
The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time / C
The Order of Mass can be found on the Red Trimmed pages.**

INTROIT

Omnis terra

Ps 66 (65): 4

IV

ET all the earth * worship you and praise
you, O God; may it sing in praise of
your name, O Most High.

Psalm 66 (65)

1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; *
O sing to the glory *of his* name.
O render him glorious praise. *
Say to God, "How awesome *your* deeds!
2. Because of the greatness of your strength, *
your enemies *fawn upon* you.
Before you all the earth shall bow down, *
shall sing to you, sing *to your* name!"
3. Come and see the works of God: *
awesome his deeds among the *children of* men.
He turned the sea into dry land; *
they passed through the *river on* foot.

Glory be to the Father ...

Latin Introit

IN. IV *Ps. 65, 4 et 1-2*

Omnis terra * adoret te, Deus,
et psallat tibi: psalmum dicat nomini
tuo, Altissime. *Ps. Iubilante Deo* omnis
terra, psalmum dicite nomini eius: da-te gló-ri-am
laudi eius.

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Communion Antiphon

Dicit Dominus: Implete hydrias *Jn 2: 8, 9, and 10-11*

VI

THE Lord said: * Fill the jars with water and bring some to the master of the feast. When the master of the feast tasted the water, which had now become wine, he declared to the bridegroom: You have kept the good wine until now. This was the first sign which Jesus accomplished before his dis-ciples.

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O sing to the glory of *his* name.
O render him *glorious* praise. *
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2. Because of the greatness of *your* strength, *
your enemies *faun* upon you.
Before you all the earth *shall bow* down, *
shall sing to you, sing *to your* name!"
3. Come and see the *works* of God: *
awesome his deeds among the *children* of men.
He turned the sea *into dry* land; *
they passed through the *river* on foot.
4. O peoples, *bless* our God; *
let the voice of his *praise* resound,
Glory be to the Father ...

Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high - est. And on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you. We bless you.
We a - dore you. We glo - ri - fy you.
We give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God heav - en - ly King,
O God, al - might - y Fath - er. Lord, Je - sus Christ,
On - ly be - got - ten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fath - er. You take a - way the sins of the world.
Have mer - cy on us. You take a - way the sins of the world.
Re - cieve our prayer. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath - er.
Have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the ho - ly one.
You a - lone are the Lord. You a - lone are the most High, Je - sus Christ.
With the Ho - ly Spir - it, In the glo - ry of God the Fath - er.

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DC MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP CANCELED

Unfortunately, we recently discerned that we needed to cancel our Life Teen DC Trip to participate in the National March for Life. With the upsurge in the newest variant of COVID in Washington DC and the mandates that followed, a good portion of our scheduled stops and activities were being closed or canceled. All those who were signed up for the trip are disappointed, as you can imagine! We pray that there won't be a need for another March for Life because our lawmakers decide the unborn are worth protecting...but if not, we fully intend to go to the next one!

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LIFE NIGHT
01.16 | 6-8

EDGE
01.18 | 6:30-8

Summa
01.19 | 6-8

MS. TERESA MORRIS ON SCIENCE & RELIGION

LIFE TEEN
HUB HOMES
01.23 | 6-8

XLT
01.30 | 6-8

TRIUMPHANT
EDGE RETREAT
01.29 | SIGN UPS OPEN

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9 HH	10	11 X	12	13	14	15
16 LN	17 HOLIDAY	18 X	19 SUMMA	20	21	22
23 HH	24	25	26	27	28 FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS	29 EDGE RETREAT
30 XLT	31					

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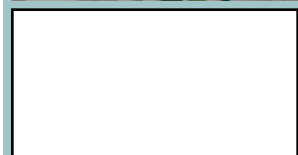
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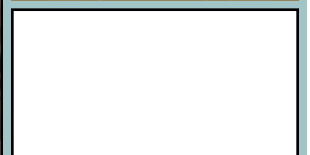


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God Bless,

Stephanie Chorkavy
DOC Manager



WHAT'S HAPPENING

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PORTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church; Porters of Saint Joseph Men's Ministry is a volunteer apostolate with the mission to develop spiritually strong men and to provide a safe environment at our Church so parishioners can worship God in peace and safety.

An orientation meeting is scheduled for **new members** on **January 22nd from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm in Saint James Hall**. Email security@stacc.net to express your interest in becoming part of the team. All interested men will have to be Safe Environment compliant with a full background check completed.



Valentine Steak Dinner & Dance

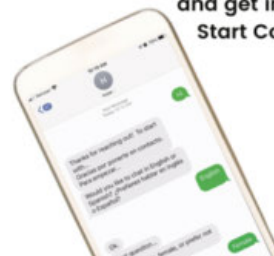
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 Our speaker

Catherine Cato, Co-Coordinator of Magnificat

Registration ends February 8, 2022