

JANUARY 23, 2022

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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 chann<u>el</u>

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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lk 4:18

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LETTER FROM FR. MUIR



PARISH STAFF

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FR. John Muir, **Pastor** FR. Chris Gossen FR. Ryan Lee

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last week we experienced the wedding at Cana, when Jesus turned water into wine. Saint John calls this the Lord's first "sign," because it reveals something about who Jesus is and what he does. He is the divine Spouse of all humanity; he takes the "water" we give him and turns it into the "wine" of something filled with grace.

Is this simply a miracle from the distant past? No, not at all. Is the Lord doing this same thing here in our community? Yes, he is! Of course, every single Mass is an experience of the Lord taking the simple elements of bread and wine and transforming them into the "good wine" of Himself, his own Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, given as our sacrificial wedding banquet.

This miracle of transformation at Cana and in the Mass is not an isolated, random incident. It's a PATTERN of the new reality of Christ's Kingdom at work here on earth, and we have eyes to see it.

Here's a great example from this month here in our community. Several months ago, I invited you to join me in financially supporting the re-building of Saint Joseph church in Phoenix after its devastating fire. The Lord put into your hearts a great trust and love for our friends in need: we donated well over \$7000 to that parish, along with dozens of other parishes. Money is like water: its valuable and useful, but can easily be wasted and become mundane and boring. On January 8, 2022, I witnessed the Dedication of the Church of Saint Joseph's. The money we donated has literally been transformed into an intoxicatingly beautiful church building, filled with uplifting beauty and glory. It will be a holy place where the grace of Jesus will gush forth like a rivers of choice wine for generations to come.

It took faith for the servers to pour out water into those stone jars when they really needed wine. It took faith for us as a community to pour out our precious financial resources into another parish on the other side of town. But look what happens when we give the Lord our gifts! He makes from our gifts an abundance of heavenly things, the miracles of beauty, truth, and love. Finally, all we have is a gift from Him. And when we give away our gifts in faith, he always responds with a superabundance in return. To live our lives in this generosity of spirit is what we call "stewardship." It's the best way to live. And the new Saint Joseph church is a witness to this way of life. I hope you'll be able to visit it someday. It's on 40th street and Shea.

As usual, I'm so proud of our parish for following this amazing pattern, which is the life of the Lord Jesus, our Mystical Spouse. He is the One who turns our humble gifts into the "good wine" only He can give.

Truly, **Fr John Muir**

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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SUNDAY, JAN. 23

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

MONDAY, JAN. 24

08:00am Joanne Lisowski †

TUESDAY, JAN. 25

08:00am Erik Sing †

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

08:00am Isaac Carlon †

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THURSDAY, JAN. 27 08:00am Loretta Kuhler †

FRIDAY, JAN. 28 08:00am Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Buegeler †

SATURDAY, JAN. 29 08:00am Mr. & Mrs. Reymundo Moreno † 05:00pm Bobbie Jo Hernandez - Healing

SUNDAY, JAN. 30

07:00am Gary Atkinson † 09:00am STA School Community 10:45am Intentions of the Parish 12:30pm The Gora Family †



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.



Attention:

If you haven't completed your Safe Environment Training yet, then your file will be archived and you will no longer be active. If you need assistance retrieving your file, please contact MaryLina Luna at the Parish Office at ext. 214.



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!



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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





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UPCOMING EVENTS



Women's Retreat

Explore how to be a disciple of Jesus Christ wherever you are in life

Date: Feb. 5, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission: \$15 (pay at the door) (Cost covers Light Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, Drinks, and printed materials.)

Location: St. Clare Hall Northwest corner of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

RSVP: Email womensretreatrsvp@gmail.com





Lisa Hendey Award-winning Author, Speaker and Missionary Disciple

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Founder & Creative Director for Seraphym Heirloom Rosaries and Heirlom Jewelry

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Sherry Boas Publisher at Caritas Press, Author, Owner of Crowning Glory Tea Room

Jennifer Chan Owner & Designer, 'Her Honor, His Glory" Rosaries and Faith-based





Are you interested in growing closer to God? Have you ever considered joining a Bible Study Group? If so, you're in luck! We have numerous opportunities to join various Bible Study groups here at St. Thomas Aquinas, and the best part is, they are completely FREE. Visit: www.stacc.net/bible-studies to learn more and view our different class offerings.



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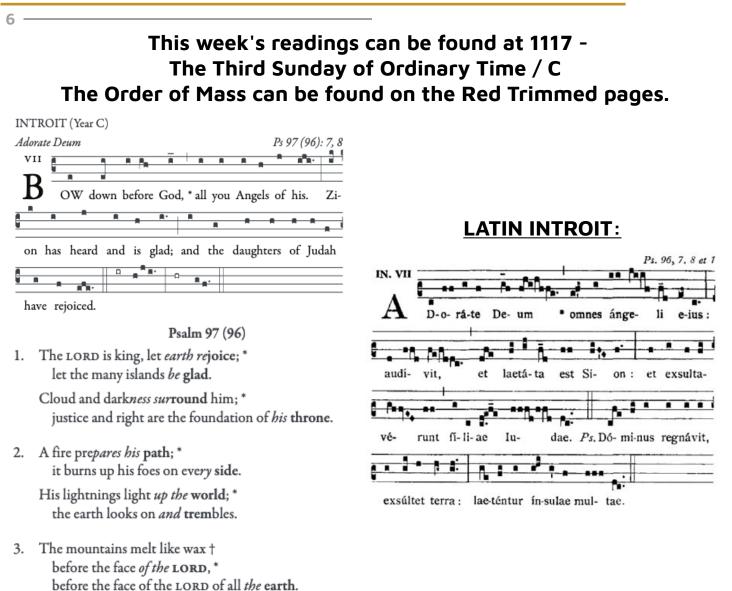




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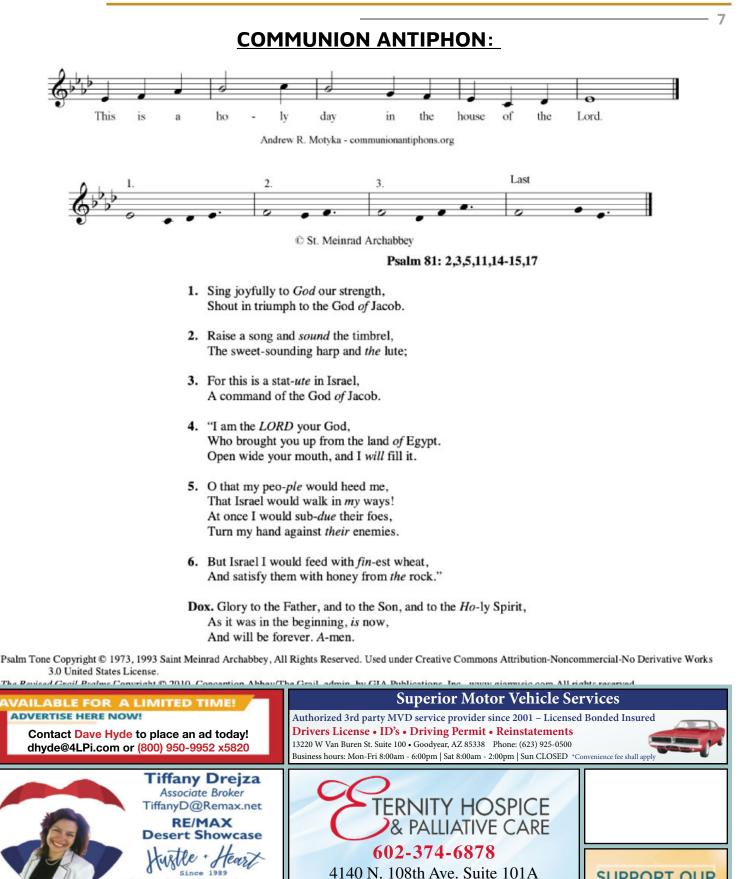


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WHAT'S NEW? ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!







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A STUDY ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

COMING SOON!

JANUARY

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SHAREHOLDER PROJECT



What would our world look like if more of our youth knew, loved, and served Jesus Christ in their lives? Every year, here at Aquinas, hundreds of children & teens go through our religious education, sacramental

preparation, and youth ministry programs. Through the generosity of our parishioners' tithing, we are able to keep costs low while providing the highest-quality materials, events, retreats, conferences, and more! However, some of our families require partial or full scholarship assistance for their children.

The Shareholder Project allows you to sponsor scholarship(s) and directly bless one (or more) of our parish families. You quite literally become a Shareholder investing in the spiritual life of our youth! Please prayerfully discern if you are able to share your financial blessings with a young person in our community as they seek a deeper relationship with the God that has blessed us all so abundantly.

You can donate to the Shareholder Project via FaithDirect or by filling out the bottom of this page and returning it in an envelope with a check payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Faith Formation. This can be left in the collection basket at Mass, turned in at the Parish Office in The DOC, or dropped in the drop-box. As an added bonus, your donations are tax deductible!



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How do shares work? Shares are \$25 apiece. Two shares would completely cover a Religious Education Registration, EDGE Registration, or an EDGE Retreat. Three shares is a Sacrament Prep or a Life Teen Registration. Add two or three shares to cover kids for both Youth Ministry and Sacrament Prep. Eight shares sends a high-schooler on a life-changing retreat experience. How many of our youth will you bless with your shares?

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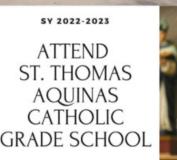
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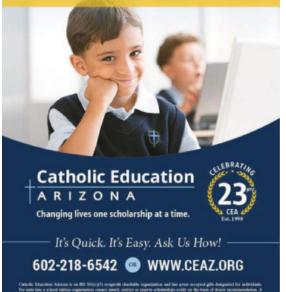
Consider joining our Wildcat Dad's Club! For more information, please visit:**www.wildcatdads.com/**

Who we are?

This non-profit club is dedicated to the continuous improvement and growth of our school which directly benefits our students. It is also a great way to build a community of dads that together want to be involved in our school. The primary focus of the Wildcats Dad's Club is to raise funds for campus needs and school programs as well as additional instructional items that serve to enrich our student's education.

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Featured Drink:

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Featured Book:

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



EVERY OTHER SUNDAY

Kinder - 2nd Grade



Valentine Steak Dinner & Dance

Saturday, February 12th 5:30pm - 10pm in St. Clare Hall Knight's of Columbus Annual Steak Dinner/Dance All proceeds go to the Knight's – Coats for Kids Program Catholic Charities

Appetizers and bar open at 5:30 pm, dinner starts at 6:30 pm, and dancing goes to 10 pm. Ticket price is \$30 for a cooked-to-order steak dinner with all the trimmings. This is a quick sellout and tickets are available now. For tickets please contact



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> Registration through Eventbrite—search for <u>Magnificat Luncheon</u> Our speaker

Catherine Cato, Co-Coordinator of Magnificat

Registration ends February 8, 2022