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Please call the Parish Office at the Church you attend for the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage and also for Hospital visits.

RECONCILIATION:

St. Leo's: Saturdays at 4 p.m.
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Schedule of Masses

Saturday Masses:

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's, Tully

Sunday Masses:

8 a.m. St. Leo's, Tully
9 a.m. St. Joseph's, LaFayette
9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Pompey
10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's, Otisco

Read the bulletin online at:

<http://www.seekandfind.com/find/immaculate-conception-church-13138/download>

He's From Where??

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 - Ezra reads the Law
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 - Analogy of the body
- ▶ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 - Beginning of Jesus' preaching

Luke reminds us that Jesus is from the town of Nazareth, a backwater village of about 500-1,500 people, most of whom were poor and illiterate. As part of the immensely powerful Roman Empire spread across the Mediterranean, Nazareth would barely have registered on the radar of the rulers of the day.

No wonder that the world was shocked to hear about an itinerant preacher from there who was attracting a great following. In John's Gospel, we hear how incredulous this seems. When Philip told Nathanael about Jesus for the first time and mentioned he was from Nazareth, Nathanael burst out, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (Jn. 1:46).

But here is Jesus, already gaining fame and respect in the area, reading from the Old Testament scroll. (He's from Nazareth, and he knows how to read!) He was not from the priestly class, yet by the time he comes back to Nazareth on this particular day, Jesus had already assumed the role of a religious teacher by speaking in the local synagogues. Then he reaches beyond that role and announces he is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy about the anointed one sent by God. This happens very early in Luke's Gospel,



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Sheepish Question:
With my eyes fixed on Jesus, where does his Spirit lead me this week?

and Jesus is starting off with a bold proclamation, unapologetic about his background and upbringing. He is setting the tone for the work he has come to do.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Who do you know from a background of no reputation who has made a positive impression or impact on you? Maybe they were from a tiny town, or went to a little-known college, or didn't go to college at all, or in some way rose above their station.
- 2 Which of Jesus' lines about what he was anointed to do strikes you as most exciting or hopeful? Why?

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 22nd—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Joanne Skeval/Jeannette Shepardson

Sunday, January 23rd—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Eucharistic Service—No 8 a.m. Mass

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—Joanne Skeval/Noreen & John Visone

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Cecil Osborne/Maryanne Osborne; Father Paul Carey/Ann Derr;

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Beverly & George Kulick / Marvin Family (Rescheduled)

Monday, January 24th—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—The Intentions of Grace and Daniel Grey/Swan family

Tuesday, January 25th—The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Matthew Muldowney

Wednesday, January 26th—Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

Thursday, January 27th—St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:30 a.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

Friday, January 28th—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

NO MASS

Saturday, January 29th—Weekday

12 p.m. St. Leo's—Parishioners

4:30 p.m. St. Leo's—Ellie and Rod Bush/Eileen Dullen

Sunday, January 30th—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

8 a.m. St. Leo's—Mark Lane/Liz King; Virginia Bechteler (1st Anniversary)/Rosemarie

9 a.m. St. Joseph's—

9:30 a.m. Immaculate Conception—Chuck Fuller/Family; Mike & Grace Fresina/Sam and Barb Fresina

10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's—Jennie Sala/Peg & Jeff Perkins

Miscellaneous Announcements

Mass of Anointing at St. Leo's Church will be on Saturday, January 29 at 12 noon. Please join us.

Food Sense is a monthly food buying program which helps stretch grocery dollars and adds the convenience of picking up groceries at St. Leo's Church Hall. Order forms can be found at each of our Church locations, as well as St. Leo's Church Hall. Next order is due by Feb 12 and pick up day is Feb 24. Please call Church Office with any questions at 315-696-5092. Give Food Sense a try!

Parish Announcements

At Immaculate Conception:

If you would like your year end contribution statement, please email Ann at icpompey@yahoo.com

At St. Joseph's:

Thank you from LaFayette Outreach for your generous donations for our Christmas gift card and Advent food program

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

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

St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (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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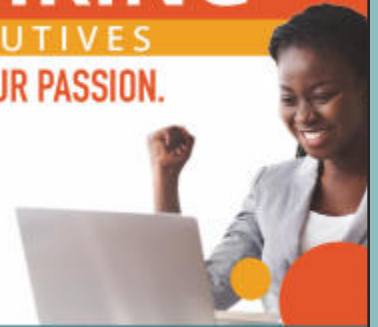
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