

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

ST. COLUMBAN

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Parish Office Hours

St. Thomas & St. Columban
at St. Thomas
Monday – Thursday 8 am – 4 pm
Friday 8 am – 1 pm

Pastor: Fr. Kris McKusky
Associate Pastor: Fr. Joe Sobolik
Deacon: Francis Zaren
Pastoral Associate: Patricia Bjorum
DRE: Mary Morrisseau
Youth Minister: Stefany Beyer
Principal: Mike Gerard

Special Prayers and Devotions

St. Thomas Rosary:
Following the morning Mass every
weekday and ½ hour before each
weekend Mass.

Littlefork Care Center Rosary:
Mondays at 7:00 pm.

St. Columban Rosary and Prayer:
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

Benediction: First Friday of each
month at 3:00 pm at St. Thomas.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Monday-Friday 12:00 - 10:00 pm in
the chapel.

Liturgical Roles Week of Oct 17

Sat	Usher:	PMongrain	FWatkinson
		JMunay	FHauner
	Server:	Volunteer	coolunteer
	Communion:	B Green	JWherley
		NGuerard	E.Schultz
			DPeters
Sun	Usher:	B McBride	MGerard
		CBeyer	volunteer
	Server:	JBarkowski	JHumbert
	Communion:	M Veeder	SEttestad
			volunteer

300 Club Winner: Renee Radford

	Mass Schedule	Mass Intentions
Monday	St. Thomas Mass 8:30 am	† Shirley Watkinson
Friday	St. Thomas Mass 8:30 am	† Lois Glowack
Saturday	St. Thomas Mass 8:30 am	† Corrine Mattson
	St. Thomas Mass 5:00 pm	† deceased members of CDA parishioners
Sunday	St. Columban Mass 8:30 am	
	St. Thomas Mass 10:30 am	† Anne LaPointe

	Service Schedule	
Tuesday	St. Thomas Communion Service	8:30am
Wednesday	St. Thomas Communion Service	8:30am
	Falls CC Service	3:30pm
Thursday	St. Thomas Communion Service	8:30am
	Ranier Roost Service	11:00am
	Ridgeview Service	1:30pm
Friday	West Falls Service	10:00am

	The Week Ahead	
Sunday	St. Columban Fall Dinner	11:30 am- 4:30 pm
	High School Youth Group	11:30 am
Monday	James Bible Study	8:30 am
	James Bible Study	6:30 pm
Tuesday	Social Concerns Commission	9:30 am
	CDA	1:30 pm
Wednesday	Release Time	8:30 am
	Kids Group	3:30 pm
	Bible Study	6:30 pm
	Rel Ed & Confirmation gr 7-11	7:00 pm
	YM Parent Mtg	7:00 pm
Thursday	Gambling Board	3:45 pm
	Jr. Hi Youth Group	7:00 pm
	Bingo	7:00 pm
Saturday	Confessions	11:00 am

Please do not park in the Backus Parking Lot. We are no longer renting the Backus lot and ask you to be a good neighbor by using the parish parking lot on the east side of the school or by parking on the street. Thanks!

Grief Program: Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary will be offering a six-week grief educational support program beginning on Monday, October 25, 2010, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and continuing for the following Monday evenings at the same time: November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. This group is appropriate for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one in the last two years. To register for the classes or for more information, please call Bridget Leighton at 724-8597.

Falls Good Samaritan is inviting any friend or relative of a resident to join a newly formed Family Council. We are looking at communication and quality of life issues. Please join us in the Riverfront Room Oct 14 at 1:30 pm.

Visitors: Welcome! If you are not Catholic and are interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please let us know.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parishes! The parish community welcomes you to join us in all activities and events. Please register at the Parish Office.

Baptism Preparation Program : Please contact the Parish Office for details. Preparation course is a prerequisite.

Marriage Preparation: Congratulations! Contact the Parish Office to begin marriage preparation at least 6 months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on Saturdays from 11-11:45 in the church, ½ hour before every mass, and by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick and Sick Calls: Any hour. Call the Parish Office 283-3293 or 283-0847 after hours.

Cell Phones, Pagers, Watches, Etc.: We thank you for setting all your devices to silent mode during all Masses.

St. Columban News

The next Littlefork Care Center Service hosted by St. Columban will be held Sunday, October 31st, 2010 at 2:00 pm. Refreshments to follow, everyone is welcome.

This
Sunday

ST. COLUMBAN CHURCH FALL DINNER

Littlefork Minnesota
October 10, 2010

serving from 11:30 am – 4:30 pm.

\$8 for Adults

\$5 for children (5-12) preschool free



Serving Turkey and all the trimmings, apple and pumpkin pie

Everyone is welcome!

Congratulations Dale and Arlene Peterson of St. Columban Parish on your 50th Wedding anniversary. Please join in celebrating this special occasion at an Open House in their honor on Sunday, Oct 17 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Littlefork Community Building. Lunch and cake will be served. No gifts please.

Youth Ministry Update

Young Catholics are surrounded by influences that challenge their faith and morals every day. Teens desire truth and understanding about who they are, their purpose in life, and what will ultimately bring them happiness. Beginning in Nov. the high school youth group will be studying the **Theology of the Body for Teens.** A meeting for parents interested in learning more about the program will be held on Wed, Oct 13, at 7pm in the parish office.

The Source, a diocesan youth rally for junior high and high school students, will be held on Sat, Oct 16, at St. Scholastica. Cost is \$10. Permission forms available in the parish office. Call Stef Beyer at 218-464-7965 for more information.

School News

Fall into Fashion: at Backus with the Fashion show, Luncheon & Bake Sale. Sat. Oct 16, 11 am- 1pm. \$15 per person. Tickets available in advance at the Hideaway, St. Thomas School, city Drug, Backus Office, and Betty's in Ft. Frances. Call the Backus office to reserve a table for 6 or 8. Sponsored by Backus and St. Thomas Catholic School.

Religious Education News

The first night for grade 7-8 Religious Education and grade 9-11 confirmation preparation programs is Wednesday, Oct 13 at 7:00 pm.

Living Stewardship

Stewardship	Collected	Needed	Difference
Weekly Adult	\$3,851.30	\$5,770.00	-\$1,918.70
UCA-since 5/01/10	\$13,966.80	\$35,863.00	-\$21,896.20
Renovation monthly	\$2,421.00	\$5,865.00	-\$3,444.00
YTD – 8/31/10	Income	Expenses	Difference
School	\$42,947.27	\$55,256.98	-\$12,309.71
Parish	\$59,548.00	\$46,627.82	\$12,940.18
Total	\$102,495.27	\$101,884.80	\$630.47

From Fr. Kris

While on pilgrimage in Poland, many of us experienced a lot of great things. We saw a beautiful country-side that looked much like the upper mid-west. We all had a lot of good meals (although the fish with the head still attached did bother a few). We saw historic places, some which inspired awe (great Baroque Cathedrals), and others which led to deep reflection, prayer and penance (Auschwitz). Throughout the whole 10 days in Poland, I was often impressed by the Polish people and their devotion to the Lord and His mother.

One thing that continually got my attention, while going through the shrines and churches, was that the 'new' churches were often built in the 19th century (1800's). The old churches often dated back to the 11th and 12th century. When we really think about it, this means that there were Catholic parish churches in Europe (which are still used as churches today) before the people of Europe even knew that there was an American continent!

This really put things in perspective for me. There was a lot of Church history before 1492 when Columbus sailed the ocean blue. It got me thinking: "How many Catholics have prayed in this place? What have these sacred walls 'seen'?" How often do we, as Americans, forget just how new a country we really are? It's so easy to forget that a lot of Church (and world) history happened without us, and will continue on even after we're gone.

On one hand, this could be kind of depressing. At the same time, though, it is a reminder that we are a part of something very much larger than ourselves. St. Paul reminded the Corinthians that we are all members of the Body of Christ; this means that none of us is the whole Christ. As parts of Christ's Body, we depend on each other and on the Lord. Let us pray for each other and for those who come after us.



A new look for our bulletin: Starting Sunday, October 17, 2010, the Catholic Parishes of St. Thomas & St. Columban will be changing to a new format and bulletin service. **The new deadline for items for the bulletin is 3:00 pm on Monday.** The new bulletin format provides plenty of space for parish news so we will no longer be doing bulletin inserts unless they are given to us by the diocese. Please make note of the new bulletin deadline! **Please have your items for the October 16/17 bulletin to the parish office by 3:00 pm, Monday, October 11th.** Thank you.

CDA Members: volunteers needed for Gummi Bear Sales Oct 14/15 at Super One and Super Valu, and also for CDA Sunday coffee after Mass. Call Judy at 283-4159 if you can help.

Thank You! St. Thomas Aquinas Parish was recently the recipient of an extremely generous donation from the estate of Paul and Olive Polski. This gift will enable us to reduce our parish debt. We are extremely grateful to the Polski's for remembering our parish in this very special