

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 26, 2025



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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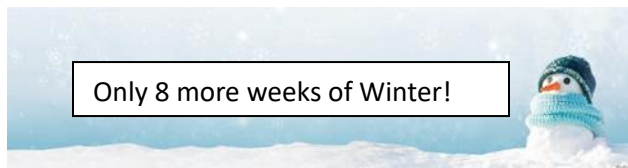
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Weekend	Bl. Sac.	St. Isaac
Jan. 19 th	\$793	\$1,726



VITA - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers) will be at St. Cecilia's every Friday and Saturday in February and March, also selected Tuesday's. And they will be at St. Isaac Jogues, Thursday, February 27th from 8:30 am to 4 pm. This is free tax assistance for families and individuals whose household income is \$67,000 or less per year. Call 1-800-211-5128 to schedule an appointment.

When School is delayed or cancelled, weekday morning Mass, the Rosary & Holy Hour are also CANCELLED!



Only 8 more weeks of Winter!

St. Isaac Jogues

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Kathy DeBartolo at 518-494-7873
1/25 Jane Kolakowski *Req. Janet Early*
2/1 Joan, Hoopie, Beth, Kevin Colton
Nettie Buckley & Theresa Todd
Req. Alan Tougas Family
2/2 Mary Marble *Req. Ann & John Coberg*
Daily Mass this Wednesday, January 29th at 9:30 am in the Parish Center.
Diocesan Assessment: We have met our assessment. Thank you!

Blessed Sacrament

Intentions & Mass Cards: Please call Rita Whitney at 518-338-6858.
1/26 Rosemary & Nick Rausch *Req. Dawn Faller*
2/2/25 Mass Intention Available
Prayer Intentions: call Pat Nugent 518-668-2765
Rosary Tuesday's at 9:30 am.
Daily Mass: Thursday, January 30th at 9:30 am.

Contributions Statement for 2024

If you would like to receive your Contribution Statement for 2024, please sign the sheet in back of the church or call the office. 90% of the people do not itemize their donations for their income tax returns. Please call no later than this Monday, January 27th. We will mail them out quickly to anyone making the request prior to January 31, 2025.



Outreach Ministries

North Country Ministry: is currently seeking a Part-Time Administrative Assistant. The primary duty of this position is to process donations through our donor database, applicants must have extensive attention to detail and computer database knowledge. This position is for 16-20 hours a week, starting salary at \$22. If you or someone you know is interested, please email a resume and cover letter to Kayla Carlozzi at kayla@ncmfriends.com

Food Pantry: There is a bin at the entrance of the churches. The need at the pantries has grown exponentially this year. Please consider giving weekly to those in need. This will be brought to the North Country Ministry. They are especially looking for items that have pull tabs (no can opener to use), shelf stable food, also, personal hygiene products, cleaning products & kid-friendly foods.

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. ©LPI

Recognizing God in our Ordinary Moments

Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and the sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may choose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness, sometimes the consequences are more severe. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Let this Holy Communion be to me an armor of faith and a shield of good will, a cleansing of all vices, and a rooting out of all evil desires.

