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MASS INTENTIONS

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Saturday/Sábado 14 December

8 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory

5 PM + Don Walker

Sunday/Domingo 15 December

8 AM + Jennifer August

10:45 AM + Ruth Helen Patterson-Pecora

12:30 PM (Español) Pro Popolo

Monday/Lunes 16 December

8 AM + Geneva Ivie

Tuesday/Martes 17 December

8 AM + Alberta Campana

6 PM Latin Mass + For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday/Miercoles 18 December

8 AM + Tom Heneghan

7 PM +Luis Fernando Gonzalez

Thursday/Jueves 19 December

8 AM + Robert Allen Bruzda

Friday/Viernes 20 December

8 AM + Jennifer Glee Brannum Gentry

Saturday/Sábado 21 December

8 AM + Holy Souls in Purgatory

5 PM + John Hessinger

Sunday/Domingo 22 December

8 AM + John Corcoran

10:45 AM + Marcus Maulding

12:30 PM (Español) Pro Popolo

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacrameto de Reconciliación

Saturday / Sábado 9:00 AM

Saturday / Sábado 4:00 PM

Tuesday before Latin Mass @ 5:30 PM

Wednesday before Spanish Mass @ 6:00 PM

First Thursday of the Month ADORATION @ 7:00 PM

For the faithful departed

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord,

Kurt Eisen, Diane Martin, Sebastian Miguel Bartolome,
Delores M. McMahon, Robert Buzda, Jr.,
Janine Brimm, Mary Ketcham, Gregorio Hernandez
Francisco, Dominik Ziska

And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

May They Rest In Peace....AMEN.

**May the Souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

PRAYER LIST — LISTA DE ORACIONES

We ask you to pause to offer a prayer for the sick in our community.

Le Pedimos que haga una pausa para ofrecer una oración por los enfermos de nuestra comunidad.

Rex Bennett	Mark Gillian	Kim Pierwola
Yvonne Blake	Kathy Grooms	Pat Rottmund
Nayieli Bravo	Maryanne Gruetzmacher	Sandy Sawyer
Gene Brown	Barbara Hackette	Peg Schopieray
Kevin Brown	Steven High	Amy Walker Self
Bryan Buck	Gladys Hilgert	Shelby Shores
Michelle Castanda	Susan Jasper	Claire Shores
Brenda Corbett	Patty Korczyk	Jerry & Bev Stovall
Randy Davis	William Kip Kreppner	Karl Smith
Kelly DeBord	Kathi Lock	Carol Sykes
LaVern Evans	Jami Luong	Ronald Sykes
Jim Evans	Andrea Marozas	Hal Taylor
Edel Fernandez	Gail Milton	Rose Teeters
Efrain Francisco	Joe Niggele	Yoko Terretta
Scott Fibick	Bill Pangburn	Tammyn Tucker
Larry Gate	Jeremy Paulin	Don Weinrauch
Jeremy Germeri	Adam Pellegrine	Patti Wells
Billy George	Sam Pellegrine	Mary Whitaker
William George, Sr.	Don Pierwola	Pamela Wiseman

Please call the office to add or delete a person from the prayer list. We will update the list at the beginning of each month. Thank you.

WEEKLY READINGS / DECEMBER 15—DECEMBER 21

SUNDAY

IS 35:1-6,10 PS 146:6-10 JAMES 5:7-10 MT 11:2-11

MONDAY

NUMBERS 24:2-7, 15-17 PS 25:4-9 MT 21:23-27

TUESDAY

GENESIS 49:2, 8-10 PS 72:1-4, 7-8, 17 MT 1:1-17

WEDNESDAY

JEREMIAH 23:5-8 PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 MT 1:18-25

THURSDAY

JUDGES 13:2-7, 24-25 PS 71:3-6, 16-17 LUKE 1:5-25

FRIDAY

ISAIAH 7:10-14 PSALM 24:1-6 LUKE 1:26-38

SATURDAY

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8-14 PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 LK 1:39-45

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass 8 AM; Saturday 5 PM; Sunday 8 AM;

10:45 AM; 12:30 PM (Español)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY / DOMINGO 12/15/19

7:30 AM Rosary / Church
 9 AM Faith Filled Followers / Parish Hall #3
 9 AM Rel Ed. Pre K—4th grade / Aquinas Hall / Christmas Party
 10:15 AM Rosary / Church
 12:00 PM Rosary / Church
 2 PM R.I.C.A. en Español / Aquinas Hall
 6 PM EDGE Meeting / Aquinas Hall / Christmas Party
 6 PM Life Teen / Parish Hall / Christmas Party

MONDAY / LUNES 12/16/19

7PM Fr. Eric's "MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES"

Featured film, UNPLANNED / Parish Hall

TUESDAY / MARTES 12/17/19

9 AM—11 AM S.T.O.P. / Youth Room / Conference Rm.
 5:30 PM K of C Community Options Dinner / Parish Hall
 7 PM Immaculata Latin Mass Society / Aquinas Hall

WEDNESDAY / MIERCOLES 12/18/19

12 NOON Parish Office Closes Early

5:30—6:30 PM Christmas Youth Choir Practice / Parish Hall
 6:30 PM Rel Ed. / 5th—8th grade / Aquinas Hall / Christmas Party
 7 PM RCIA / Conference Room
 7:30 PM Dr. O'Connor Choir Practice / Church

THURSDAY / JUEVES 12/19/19

4 PM Cookeville Chamber Orchestra Practice / Aquinas Hall
 6 PM Grupo de Oración / Chapel / Aquinas Hall
 NO TTU CATHOLIC
 NO CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP MTG

FRIDAY / VIERNES 12/20/19

6 PM R.I.C.A. en Español / Aquinas Hall
 6 PM Altar Servers Training / Church

SATURDAY / SABADO 12/21/19

6:30 PM Annual Community Posada / Church / Parish Hall

Christmas Youth Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 18th

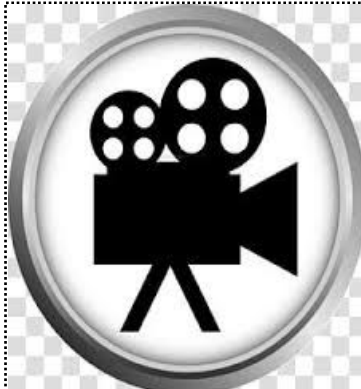
5:30—6:30 PM

In the Parish Hall

Come and sing praise to the Divine King on the day of His Holy Birth !!

TO ALL ALTAR SERVERS

On Friday, December 20th at 6 PM, there will be an altar server training class in the Church. Please make every effort to attend. God gives you many graces for serving at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass



MONDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

WITH FR. ERIC

Featured film:
"Unplanned"

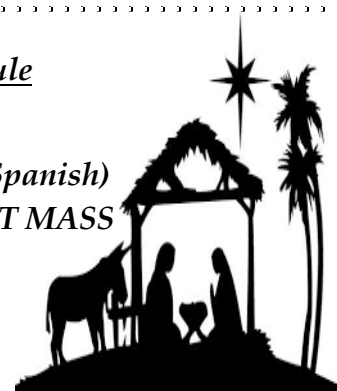
**December 16th, 2019 @
 7:00 PM**

**in the Parish Hall
 Refreshments served**

Christmas Mass Schedule

**Dec 24th 5:30 PM
 8:00 PM (Spanish)
 MIDNIGHT MASS**

Dec 25th 9:00 AM



CHRISTMAS EVE GOSPEL DRAMA & YOUTH CHOIR

When? Tues. Dec. 24, 2019 *5:30 PM Mass

Where? St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Mandatory Practice Mon., Dec 23, 2019 in Church
 from 4:30—6:00 PM

Who? Drama: 4yrs. old—12th Gr.

Choir: 3rd Gr.—12th Gr.

CALLLL VALLL @ 526-4411 with any

Questions!!!!



Sign up Sheets are available in the Parish Office.



Angel Tree Project 2019

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!! All the Angels have been adopted.

We ask that if you have adopted an Angel, please return as soon as possible as distribution is our largest task. We have had 157 requests from over 40 families. As of this past weekend about 50% of the gifts have been returned. Remember to wrap the gift(s) and attach the Angel. The return deadline for gifts is **Dec. 22nd**. Returns can be made to the Parish Office during the weekday or to the Parish Hall during Mass time. We appreciate all who have generously participated in this ministry. The appreciation of those who benefit is genuine and heartfelt.

if you have any questions please contact Jim Dainty @ 931-260-9535 or Charlie Hafner @ 931-239-7895. **Thank you! Knights of Columbus**

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8 AM Mass931.526.2575

10:45 Mass.....Dr. Brian O'Connor.....931.537.6786

12:30 MassFrancisco...931.526.2575

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Stewardship

Weekend of Dec 7—Dec 8, 2019

Budget Needs per Week	\$ 9,635	
<u>Budget Gifts this Week</u>	<u>\$ 7,988</u>	
Difference from Goal	\$ (1,647)	-17%

Bills paid for Week of 12/10	\$ 6,118
St. Mary's Bookstore	\$ 1,190

2019 Budget Year to Date

Budget	\$ 221,605
<u>Gifts</u>	<u>\$ 212,978</u>
	\$ (8,627) -4%

Not included in above Income

Restricted Gifts (Aquinas Hall)	\$ 33,901
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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX UPDATE



It is with much appreciation and gratitude to those who, once again, participated in our annual Christmas Shoebox Campaign. Together, we collected 173 shoebox gifts for distribution to needy children in third world countries.

Overall, the Upper Cumberland collected 19,127 shoeboxes this year!

Thank you for your participation and know that somewhere in the world you brought joy and excitement to a child's Christmas. May God bless you for your generosity! Another note is forthcoming to tell you where our shoeboxes were delivered.

Merry Christmas & Thank You;

Ray Holbrook /Knights of Columbus

Religious Give Thanks

"Thank you" hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's second collection.

STAccommunications@outlook.com

Do you have information which you would like to post in the bulletin??? Please submit your request to the Communication Committee at the above email address. We would love to help you get your info out to the Parish Community.

Religious Articles Available

St. Thomas Aquinas now has religious articles for sale in the Parish Office. Some of the articles offered are rosaries, First Communion books, medals, statues, and Christmas ornaments. Please come in and see our display!

THINKING ABOUT ADVERTISING IN THIS BULLETIN BEGINNING IN 2020????

If you or someone you know would like to place an advertisement in our parish bulletin, please contact:

Ray Holbrook @ 931.252.1036 or email **STAccommunications@outlook.com**

Colored ad options are now available!

EVENTOS Y ANUNCIOS

Gracias por participar en la Operación Caja de Zapatos para Niños en Navidad.



Queremos agradecer de corazón a todos quienes han participado una vez más en nuestra campaña anual Christmas Shoebox. Este año nuestra parroquia ha podido recolectar 173 regalos y a nivel de todo el Upper Cumberland se ha recogido un total de 19.127 regalos para distribuir entre los niños necesitados del tercer mundo. Puedes contar que en algún lugar del mundo has traído alegría y emoción a un niño en esta Navidad. Eventualmente informaremos de dónde fueron distribuidas nuestras cajas de regalos. Dios te bendiga por tu generosidad. Una vez más muchas gracias y que tengas una muy FELIZ NAVIDAD!

INFORMACION EN EL BOLETIN

¿Te gustaría que tu información o anuncio de alguna actividad apareciera en este Boletín Dominical?

Nos gustaría ayudarte a compartirlo a toda la comunidad parroquial por este medio. Por favor, solicítalo al siguiente correo electrónico STAc communications@outlook.com

ARTÍCULOS RELIGIOSOS

Ahora, en nuestra Parroquia de Santo Tomás de Aquino ofrecemos artículos religiosos como; Rosarios, Libros de la Primera Comunión, medallas, imágenes de Santos y ornamentos navideños. Te invitamos a ver nuestra exhibición y venta en la oficina parroquial.

PROYECTO ANGEL TREE 2019

iiii GRACIAS, GRACIAS, GRACIAS!!!! Todos los Ángeles han sido adoptados.

Ahora te pedimos que, si has adoptado un Ángel, por favor lo retornes con su regalo lo más pronto posible, ya que nuestra mayor tarea es la distribución y por esta razón necesitamos recibirlos antes del 22 de diciembre. Hasta el fin de semana pasado, el 50 % de los Ángeles se han traído con sus respectivos regalos. Puedes traerlos durante la semana a la oficina de la parroquia o al Parish Hall durante las Misas.

Hemos recibido 157 solicitudes de más de 40 familias y estamos muy agradecidos con todos los que han participado generosamente en esta actividad. Las personas que se benefician, lo valoran y lo aprecian de corazón. Si tienes alguna pregunta, no dudes en contactar con Jim Dainty al 931-260-9535 o Charlie Hafner al 931-239-7895 Muchas Gracias. Caballeros de Colón.



AVISO PARA TODOS LOS SERVIDORES DEL ALTAR

El próximo viernes 20 de diciembre a las 6pm habrá una clase-entrenamiento para el servicio del altar. Si eres servidor del altar, te pedimos que hagas todo lo posible por asistir. Dios te ha dado la gracia de servirlo en el Santo Sacrificio de la Eucaristía.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEC 15-22

III Domingo de Adviento

Is 35, 1-6a. 10 / Salmo 145, 7. 8-9a. 9bc-10 / Sant 5, 7-10 / Is 61, 1 Mt 11, 2-11

LUNES

Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17 / Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9 / Mt 21, 23-27

MARTES

Gn 49, 2. 8-10 / Sal 71, 2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17 / Mt 1, 1-17

MIÉRCOLES

Jr 23, 5-8 / Sal 71, 2. 7-8. 12-13. 17 / Mt 1, 18-24

JUEVES

Ju 13, 2-7. 24-25 / Sal 70, 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17 / Lc 1, 5-25

VIERNES

Is 7, 10-14 / Salmo 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6 / Lc 1, 26-38

SABADO

Can 2, 8-14 / O bien: Sof 3, 14-18 / Salmo 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21 Lc 1, 39-45

Los religiosos expresan su gratitud.

“ ‘ Gracias’ casi no parece suficiente para expresar lo que significa para nosotros”, dice una hermana católica acerca del apoyo financiero que su comunidad recibió del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. En oración, le doy las gracias por su donativo a la segunda colecta de la semana pasada.