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St. Antoninus-Pierceland Sacred Heart -Loon Lake St. Boniface -Goodsoil

| | Тіме | Location | Mass Intention | REQUESTED BY |
|--------------|----------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Mon Jan. 23 | | | No Mass Scheduled | |
| Tue Jan. 24 | | Pierceland | No Mass Scheduled | |
| Wed. Jan. 25 | 7:00 pm | Goodsoil | +Anna Marie Piecharka | Wes/Lorraine Dombroski |
| Thur Jan 26 | 9:00 am | Goodsoil | +Wenzel & Minnie Eckel | Harvey/Bernie Vollman |
| Fri. Jan 27 | 9:00 am | Goodsoil | +Marianne Schamber | From Her Children |
| Sat Jan. 28 | 7:00 pm | Loon Lake | +Tony Schreiber | From His Family |
| Sun Jan. 29 | 9:00am | Goodsoil | +Fred & Rosalie Sonntag | Don Sonntag and Family |
| | 11:00 am | Pierceland | For All Parishioners | |

| St. Boniface Ministers | LIST- JAN. 29 St. Antoninus | |
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| Commentator- Melanie H. | Eucharistic Minister - Trisha | |
| Readers—Rita S. Yvonne S. | Readers - Marcey Pam | |
| Greeters - Ian & Raquelle S. | Music- Angie Mono- Shannon | |
| Gift Bearers - Joe & Nadyne G. | Gifts - Carson Frolick Family | |
| Eucharistic Minister— Bonnie H. | Servers - Brian | |
| Rosary - Lorraine D. | Greeters - Eileen | |
| Jan. Cleaners—Rudy/Isabelle Leo/Louise Pat/Amy | Rosary—Barb Sunday School—Jenna | |

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) was born into a wealthy and noble family in Aquino, Italy. He was the pious and brilliant son of a count, and a lucrative future was planned for him.

When Thomas set off to enter the newly founded Dominican order to be a poor mendicant friar, his mother held him prisoner in the family castle in order to dissuade him. His brothers tried to destroy his purity, and thus his vocation, by tempting him with a prostitute.

However Thomas resisted and turned to God for help; as a result, angels were sent to guard and preserve his chastity. This long ordeal only strengthened his vocation, and eventually he escaped and joined the Dominicans. He was ordained to the priesthood and went on to become a famed professor and prolific writer.

His works remain immensely influential in philosophy and theology, the most famous being his *Summa Theologica*, and multiple popes have upheld him as the model of a systematic Catholic education.

St. Thomas Aquinas is the foremost Doctor of the Catholic Church, known as the "Angelic Doctor" for his purity of mind and body, and remarkable intelligence. St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron of schools and universities, students, philosophers, theologians, apologists, academics, and chastity. **His feast day is January 28.**



GOODSOIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

K of C Meeting—Wed. January 25 @ 7:30 pm. Mass in the church at 7:00 pm CWL membership fees are now due. As of this year the membership fee is \$40. Please put in the collection basket and mark it for CWL membership dues. Thank you



PIERCELAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January Cleaners—Pam Johnson 839-2167 Colleen Nault, Angie Gelowitz, Susy Hetlinger, Sharon Rawlake

GOD'S INEFFABILITY



God, as I understand Him, is not very well understood. A colleague of mine, now deceased, was fond of saying that. It's a wise comment.

Anyone who claims to understand God is deceived because the very first dogma we have about God affirms that God is ineffable. That means that we can know God, but never adequately capture God in a concept. God is unimaginable. God cannot be circumscribed and put into a mental picture of any kind. Thank goodness too. If God could be understood then God would be as limited as we are.

So where does that leave us with God? In the best of places! We are not on a blind date, struggling to develop intimacy with a complete stranger, with an unknown person who could be benign or malignant. God may be ineffable,

but God's nature is known. Divine revelation, as seen through nature, as seen through other religions, and especially as seen through Jesus, spells out what's inside God's ineffable reality. And what's revealed there is both comforting beyond all comfort and challenging beyond all challenge. What's revealed in the beauty of creation, in the compassion that's the hallmark of all true religion, and in Jesus' revelation of his Father, takes us beyond a blind date into a trustworthy relationship. Nature, religion, and Jesus conspire together to reveal an Ultimate Reality, a Ground of Being, a Creator and Sustainer of the universe, a God, who is wise, intelligent, prodigal, compassionate, loving, forgiving, patient, good, trustworthy, and beautiful beyond imagination.

God cannot be deciphered, circumscribed, or captured in human thought; but, from what can be deciphered, we're in good, safe hands. We can sleep well at night. God has our back. In the end, both for humanity as a whole and for our own individual lives, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well.

God is good!

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Come Follow Me

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after His baptism by John the Baptist and after His retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, He hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah savs that the Messiah will begin His ministry

in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to His ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know Him? Had they heard Him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.



The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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