

# THE TORCH



March, 2025

Aquinas Families,

- **GSS Announcement** – A reminder about scholarship opportunities for the 2025-2026 school year. The Good Shepherd Scholarship will be increased in the 2025-2026 academic year to \$1,900 for grades K-8 and \$2,100 for grades 9-12 and will cover families within 225% of the Federal Poverty Level. The Family Tuition Cap Scholarship is offered to families with more than three students enrolled in Lincoln Diocese Catholic Schools, families pay tuition for the first three students and the rest will be tuition-free (K-12). To be eligible for the Good Shepherd Scholarship or the Family Tuition Cap Scholarship families must complete an application and upload tax document through the FACTS Scholarship Management program. Any family may apply, regardless of religious affiliation. For more information or to apply for these scholarships go to [www.goodshepherdscholarship.com](http://www.goodshepherdscholarship.com) **THE DEADLINE FOR GSS APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, DO NOT WAIT TO APPLY.**
- **Holy Family ELC** – Holy Family has both Full and Part Time Openings for children ages 2,3,4, and 5. Needing care for just a day? Drop-in availability by request is available. Contact Kristy or Chloe at 402-367-3062. Find out more at <https://aquinas-catholic.com/holyfamily/>
- **Winter Sports** – Congratulations to our Boys and Girls basketball teams as they completed in sub-districts this month. Thank you for a fun season! As always, our wrestling team competed well this year winning their 8<sup>th</sup> straight District Championship, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at State Duals, and sent six men to state placing 5<sup>th</sup> in Class D. Congratulations to Kelby Coufal, Tristan Davis and Simon Kastl medaling at state! In the second year of the program, our ladies competed at State Cheer in Grand Island for the very first time bringing home a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish! FFA continues to shine with FFA Week last month and various events for this first year program. Speech is in full swing with Conference this upcoming weekend. We are very proud of our student athletes!
- **Lent** – Next week, we begin the Church's most sacred time of the year as we prepare to walk with Jesus in His Passion, Death and Resurrection. In his 2025 Message, our Holy Father Pope Francis, asks us to *journey together in Hope*. He challenges us, "Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity?" Conversion, penance, and spiritual growth is not easy but necessary in our lives. Lent is a perfect opportunity not to be perfect but simply to change and to grow. We have been given a promise. Jesus Christ never fails! Hope does not disappoint! Please take time as a family to enter into this season with your children. Sunday Mass, weekday Mass, going to confession as a family, and Stations of the Cross on Fridays are great ways to celebrate Lent as a family. Blessed Lent to you all!

Fr. Michael Ventre

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CAO Aquinas Catholic Schools

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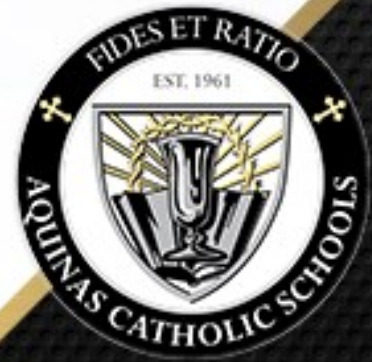


# APPLY NOW

## SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN

*due before March 31*

[APPLY ONLINE](#)



More information on the **TWO DIFFERENT** applications can be found online at <https://aquinas-catholic.com/admissions/tuition/>

**DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE,**

First Application



Local & Diocesan Scholarships

Applications are open from January 1st to March 31 for the following school year for The Good Shepherd Scholarship and the Guardian Angel Scholarship

[Apply Here](#)

Second Application



School Opportunity Scholarship

If your child(ren) received scholarship(s) from LB753 Opportunity Scholarships you are top priority and should definitely apply! If you did not receive a scholarship under LB753 you may still apply if you have a student entering Kindergarten, 9th grade, or transferring from a public school.

[Learn More and Apply Now](#)

If you received the Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska this year, please apply again.

There are limited funds available, more information is online to see if you qualify.

**QUESTIONS?**

**If you need any assistance in applying for these scholarships, please contact Laura at 402-367-3175**

### **Middle/High School Principal update- March 2025**

“When many of His disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’” (John 6:60). Everyone, at some point or another in life, will hear a message that is hard to accept. The homily during Sunday Mass a few weeks ago (not in the David City area) was very blunt; the priest challenged the parishioners on the way people dress for Mass, their mindset/how much attention they pay to what is happening during Mass, people leaving after Communion, how they talk to and about fellow parishioners, and more. As I listened to this homily, it was difficult to not get defensive or start thinking “That doesn’t apply to me, this is about everyone else”. I eventually realized that my defensiveness could also be indicative of the very problem Father was talking about.

I don’t enjoy being told that I did something wrong, made a mistake, or messed up in some other way. I don’t think anyone does. But this is a very important skill to develop in life, and one that we try to help our students develop. Along these same lines, we need to give feedback or criticism in a way that encourages the person receiving to accept it. Even if our feedback or criticism is valid and correct, if we give it in a way that almost guarantees the other person gets defensive and shuts down, it is all for nothing. We cannot control how the other person reacts to what we say, but we can give it a better chance at being received well. With all of this in mind, below are some thoughts on how these concepts can apply to student, teacher, and parent interactions.

- Arguing, disrespect, interrupting- I haven’t been in education a terribly long time, but it does seem the number of students who have no reservations about arguing with a teacher, being disrespectful, or interrupting an adult when they’re talking has increased significantly. This is a concerning trend, and a difficult one to reverse. Having parents and school on the same page and both working to correct it will help.
- Believe the school/adults, have an open mind, ask questions to get both sides of the story- At times, it seems the school is having to justify to parents what was decided or how a situation was handled. While I will readily admit that educators aren’t perfect and are as capable of making mistakes as anyone, it is troubling to me that the default for some is to believe the students instead of the educator/adult. If a parent hears about a situation from their student and they haven’t heard from the school yet, I ask for the approach to be one of genuine questions in effort to hear both sides of the story. This does not always seem to be the case. Sometimes parents appear to come from of a place of blaming/accusing the school of “wronging” their child in some way more so than trying to hear and understand the school’s perspective of the situation.
- Benefit of the doubt, doing what we think is right- Administrators, teachers, and coaches do not always handle everything perfectly or make the exact right decision every single time. I do believe we get it right far more than we get it wrong. Even if a someone disagrees with a decision or how a situation was handled, I ask that we be given the benefit of the doubt in that we made what we believed to be the best decision. That doesn’t mean it always is the best/right decision, especially with the benefit of hindsight, but to believe a worse/wrong decision was intentionally made is simply inaccurate.
- Family Educational Rights Privacy Act (FERPA)- FERPA is a federal law protecting families and students. FERPA means that a student’s educational records cannot be disclosed to someone who isn’t that student’s parent/guardian (excluding school personnel). Where this often comes up is a situation where a student gets disciplined for an incident that also involved other students, and parents often want to know what consequence the other students involved in the incident received. This information



cannot be shared unless you are the parent of the student you are asking about. I understand the desire to know that all students involved in the situation received the same consequence. Not all involvement is the same, therefore not earning the same consequence, and I also refer back to the previous bullet points. While the fear of one's student being singled out or treated differently in a situation is valid, it happens infrequently in my experience, and never intentionally.

- On the same team- Parents and school are on the same team. You have chosen to entrust Aquinas Catholic Schools as your partner in educating your student. We appreciate that trust and should tell you so more often. Please remember that we are on the same team, and the school is trying our best to help educate your student. We do not purposefully make decisions or do things to undermine that partnership, even if you disagree with or don't like something that was done.

**Current news**

- **School attendance and absences-** Parents of MS/HS students now can report absences directly on the parents' PowerSchool account rather than having to call the office. Unfortunately, this can only be done by logging in to PowerSchool on a web browser (either on a phone or computer). This function is not supported on the mobile app. Instructions for reporting student absences can be found on the next pages of this Torch newsletter. Parents can still also call absences in to the office.
  - **Attendance codes-** A semi-related aspect of this process has been re-evaluating the attendance codes we use in PowerSchool. Attendance codes are important to accurately keep track of how much school students miss and for what reason. For most people, this doesn't become an issue at any point. In the event a student misses enough school the county attorney must be notified, it is important to have accurate records of why so much school was missed. Essentially, if all/almost all absences are marked as excused, the county attorney will be very unlikely to pursue the issue, even if the student has missed way too much school. Effective immediately, the following codes are what will be used for student attendance in PowerSchool. A description is included as well.

| Code | Name                     | Explanation                                                                                                                                                            |
|------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A    | Absent Unexcused         | No parent contact reporting absence to the school                                                                                                                      |
| AEX  | Absent Excused           | Reported absence is approved by admin                                                                                                                                  |
| PEX  | Parent Excused           | Parent contacts school about absence, doesn't fall under any other category                                                                                            |
| T    | Tardy Unexcused          | Missed less than half the class period, no pass from a teacher                                                                                                         |
| TEX  | Tardy excused            | Missed less than half the class period, has a pass from a teacher                                                                                                      |
| ILL  | Illness                  | Illness (with confirmation, <u>i.e.</u> doctor's note)                                                                                                                 |
| APPT | Appointment              | Doctor, physical therapy, dentist, ortho, counseling, etc. (with confirmation)                                                                                         |
| ACT  | Activity                 | School activities, class trips, retreats, etc.                                                                                                                         |
| CV   | College Visit            | Seniors only- up to 2 days for college visits counted as excused, more than 2 will be unexcused                                                                        |
| FNL  | Funeral                  | Absence to attend funeral of close friend or relative                                                                                                                  |
| ISS  | In-School Suspension     | Student will spend school day in ISS location, eat lunch separately, will attend Mass and spiritual exercises, will turn in phone to office, will not have laptop/iPad |
| OSS  | Out of school suspension | Student will not attend school or any practices, competitions, events, etc.                                                                                            |
| TRU  | Truant                   | Student isn't where they're supposed to be, skipped class, left without signing out                                                                                    |



- **Create parent PowerSchool account-** If you haven't already created a PowerSchool parent account and would like to do so (strongly recommended), please go to the [Parent and Student Links](#) page on the school website. If you still have questions about the creating your account on the PowerSchool parent portal, please contact Laura Adair [laura-adair@cdolinc.net](mailto:laura-adair@cdolinc.net).
- **Announcements-** The way we do daily announcements for Aquinas MS/HS has changed. They are now found on PowerSchool in the daily bulletin feature. The 3 ways you can access the daily bulletin are below.
  - **PowerSchool parent portal**
    - Mobile app- At the bottom of the app in the "School bulletin" section. On the mobile app, you can only view the current day's announcements.
    - Web browser- On the left side navigation bar of the parent portal on a web browser, select "School bulletin". On the parent portal on a web browser, you can select any other day to view the announcements from that day.
  - **Static link-** Announcements always available here: [https://powerschool.cdolinc.net/bulletin/160?date=.](https://powerschool.cdolinc.net/bulletin/160?date=) This link is also on the [Parent and Student Links](#) page of the school website.
  - **Email-** We are setting up an email that will be sent to parents similar to how it was done in the past.
- **Community service hours-** Reminder that community service hours need to be submitted to your student's Society teacher within 30 days of any service hours being completed!
- **Handbook highlight-**
  - Haircuts and grooming- from the handbook

#### **B. Grooming**

Boys' hair may be no longer than the top of the shirt collar and must be out of the eyebrows. No gaudy or unusual cuts, designs, artificial highlights, or colors are allowed for boys. Girls may wear any tasteful hairstyle. No gaudy or extreme cut designs, or non-natural color highlights are allowed for girls. Hair must be clean and groomed. Distracting cuts, colors, styles, and ornamentations (such as extreme colors or large hair bows and headbands that detract from learning) are not allowed.

If a student is in violation of the hair dress code, their hair will be back to compliance with the dress code by the following Monday. If their hair is not in compliance by the following Monday, detentions will be served each day until it is.

Boys will be clean-shaven and will be given a one-day warning if they are not. If a student comes to school the next day unshaven, he will be given a demerit and required to shave at school.

- **Student schedules-** Mrs. Miriovsky is taking over the scheduling process. Student class request forms will be coming out in mid-March or late-March, then student and teacher schedules will be created.
  - **8 periods vs. 9 periods-** Part of the request process will give us data to determine whether an 8-period schedule or 9 period schedule makes the most sense for us.

Upcoming events

- Ash Wednesday- Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- ITBS testing (6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders)- Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>
- End Q3- Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>
- MS/HS Open House- Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Gold Rush- Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

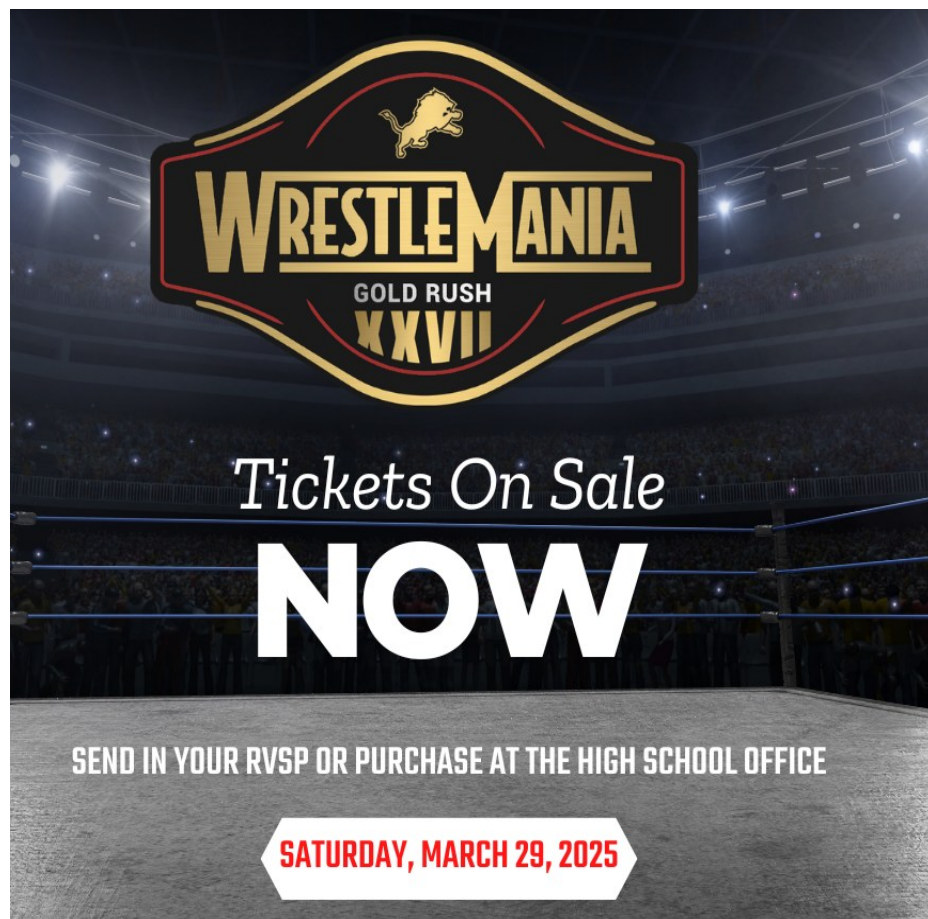
Schedule changes/reminders

- No school- Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (Spring Break)
- No school- Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> (Gold Rush set up, teacher professional development)
- No school- Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> (hosting district track)

God Bless!

*Spencer Zysset*

Spencer Zysset, Principal





# March 2025

## Aquinas Catholic Schools

| Sun                                                                                               | Mon                                                                                     | Tue                                                | Wed                                                     | Thu                                            | Fri                                                                                      | Sat                                                          |
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| Denotes change in schedule<br>○                                                                   |                                                                                         |                                                    |                                                         |                                                |                                                                                          | 1<br>BBB District Finals<br>9:00AM Speech Conf @<br>GICC     |
| 2                                                                                                 | 3<br>Gr. 3-5 ITBS<br>Testing this week                                                  | 4                                                  | 5<br>Ash Wednesday<br>4:30PM Elem/MS<br>Robotics @ ELEM | 6<br>8:00-12:30 ITBS Testing<br>Gr. 6-10       | 7<br>12:30-3:30 ITBS Testing<br>Gr. 6-10<br>ELEM/Baptism Mass<br>State GBB Tournament    | 8<br>State GBB Tournament                                    |
| 9<br>1st Sunday of Lent<br>K.C. Peck Chop<br>Dinner 11-1PM<br>Brainard Klein Center               | 10                                                                                      | 11<br>6-7:00PM Kindergarten<br>Round-up            | 12<br>Penance Service                                   | 13<br>End of Quarter 3<br>State BBB Tournament | 14<br>NO SCHOOL<br>Spring Break<br>Elem/MS Robotics<br>@ 3/14-15<br>State BBB Tournament | 15<br>State BBB Tournament<br>Show: Choir<br>@ Millard North |
| 16<br>2nd Sunday of Lent<br>St. Peter's Bellwood<br>Prime Rib dinner<br>3-4:30 Fr. Daughter Dance | 17<br>Speech Districts<br>@ Raymond Central                                             | 18<br>4:00PM Conference Music<br>Concert @ Aquinas | 19                                                      | 20<br>AMS @ Malcolm<br>Music Festival          | 21                                                                                       | 22                                                           |
| 23<br>3rd Sunday of Lent<br>Assumption Springs<br>Breakfast 9-12<br>Dwight.                       | 24<br>7-8:00PM MS/HS<br>Open House                                                      | 25<br>4:00PM B/G TR.<br>@ DC/North Band Tr         | 26                                                      | 27<br>State Speech @ Kearney                   | 28<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                          | 29<br>Gold Rush                                              |
| 30<br>4th Sunday of Lent                                                                          | 31<br>ELEM Spirit Dgy<br>4:00PM Golf<br>@ Twin River Tr<br>Show Choir NECC<br>@ Norfolk |                                                    |                                                         |                                                |                                                                                          |                                                              |



5th graders enjoy Religion class and work time in the outdoor classroom in February!

**AQUINAS CATHOLIC 5TH GRADE, YOU ARE INVITED**

**AQUINAS CATHOLIC MS/HS SCHOOL**

**COME & SEE**

**TUES. MARCH 24 AT 7PM**



# LEARN. EXPLORE. ROAR!

Aquinas Catholic Elementary  
REGISTRATION & TOUR

## KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

TUESDAY, MARCH 11  
6:00 PM



**BRING: Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate,  
& Tax Info. for Scholarships**

Questions? If you can't make it, please contact us!  
1026 N 5th St. David City 402-367-3669 Aquinas-Catholic.com

**FREE**  
**CLASS OF**  
**2038**  
**T-SHIRT**





**Student lunch currently costs \$3.50 daily, NOT including 2nds.**

The lunch program is a not-for-profit program therefore, no funds are available to cover negative lunch accounts.

The lunch system will **NOT** allow charges when accounts are negative. **Prompt payment is expected.** If payment is not received please make alternate arrangements for your students' lunch. Please note that graduating seniors will not receive a diploma\transcripts until this balance is paid.

You have **3 payment options:** Check, Cash or MySchoolBucks.com.

If sending check, please include student's name on your check made out to Aquinas Lunch.

If sending cash, please place in sealed envelope addressed to Hot Lunch with student's name.

If using MySchoolBucks.com, you can easily pay for meals (fees apply) in the app or set up FREE notifications for balance.

All families are welcome to **quickly & easily apply for Free - Reduced lunch at any time.**

Eligibility requirements can be found by clicking here : [Income-Eligibility-Guidelines-FY25-.pdf](#).

Applications are found here, [Application – Income Eligibility – Nebraska Department of Education](#) then click on "Application C" (*Spanish available*).

Completed forms can be returned to the school office. If you have a change of income or family size, you may reapply anytime.

Please feel free to contact the school as needed. Thank you!





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**March 2025**  
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| Mon                                                                                                     | Tue                                                                                                                | Wed                                                                                                          | Thu                                                                                                                    | Fri                                                                                                    |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> Chicken Patty<br>Tater Rounds<br>Dragon Punch<br>Strawberries      | <p style="text-align: center;">4</p> Corn Dog<br>Baked Beans<br>Ruffles<br>Emerald Pears<br>King Cup Cakes         | <p style="text-align: center;">5</p> Cheese Pizza<br>Garlic Bread<br>Carrots<br>Peaches<br><br>Ash Wednesday | <p style="text-align: center;">6</p> Chicken Fried Steak<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Gravy<br>Roll<br>Corn<br>Tropical Fruit | <p style="text-align: center;">7</p> French Toast<br>Sticks<br>Fried Egg Round<br>Hash Patty<br>Apples |
| <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> Frito Pie<br>Corn<br>Churro<br>Side Kick                          | <p style="text-align: center;">11</p> Chicken Noodle<br>Soup<br>Crackers<br>Baby Carrots<br>Yogurt<br>Dragon Punch | <p style="text-align: center;">12</p> Bacon<br>Cheeseburger<br>Tater Crowns<br>String Cheese<br>Oranges      | <p style="text-align: center;">13</p> Orange Chicken<br>Rice<br>Roasted Broccoli<br>Egg Roll<br>Pineapple              | <p style="text-align: center;">14</p> NO SCHOOL                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;">17</p> Diced Ham<br>Mac and Cheese<br>Peas<br>Blueberries                | <p style="text-align: center;">18</p> Chicken Nuggets<br>French Fries<br>Carrots<br>SideKick                       | <p style="text-align: center;">19</p> Spaghetti and<br>Meatballs<br>BreadStick<br>Lettuce Salad<br>Peaches   | <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> Taco<br>Hard OR Soft<br>shell<br>Churro<br>Corn<br>Ruby Pears                    | <p style="text-align: center;">21</p> Lasagna Rollup<br>Garlic Bread<br>Green Beans<br>Applesauce      |
| <p style="text-align: center;">24</p> Pepperoni Pizza<br>Breadstick<br>Carrots<br>Tropical Fruit        | <p style="text-align: center;">25</p> Deli Sandwich<br>Chips<br>Cucumbers<br>Apples                                | <p style="text-align: center;">26</p> Loaded Nachos<br>Corn<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Icecream Cup              | <p style="text-align: center;">27</p> Chili<br>Cinnamon Roll<br>Green Beans<br>Cinnamon<br>Applesauce                  | <p style="text-align: center;">28</p> NO SCHOOL                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;">31</p> Chicken Alfredo<br>Roasted Broccoli<br>Breadstick<br>Strawberries |                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                              | Menu is Subject<br>to Change and<br>will be posted<br>for students<br>knowledge                                        | Milk & water<br>offered Daily<br>Fruit/Veggie/<br>Salad Bar<br>Offered Daily                           |

AQUINAS CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY PTO

Lucky  
YOU ARE MY  
DAD



FATHER DAUGHTER  
DANCE

Sunday

MARCH 16

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Aquinas Catholic Elementary Gym  
Free Will Offering



## Daycare

### HOLY FAMILY

Early Learning Center

402-367-3062

622 J St., David City



Our early learning center provides a welcoming environment for your child to learn, grow, and develop in a nurturing and safe space.

- ✓ Early Education
- ✓ Outdoor Activity
- ✓ Faith



<https://aquinas-catholic.com/holyfamily/>

**Holy Family  
Full/Part Time  
Openings  
Ages 2, 3, 4, 5**

**Drop-in  
availability**

CHAPLAIN'S NOTE



Dear Parents & Friends of Aquinas,

Lent is fast approaching, and with it the end of our school year! One of the changes this year at Aquinas is the introduction of our new Societies and Wednesday Academies. While change is never easy, one of the desires of our hearts was to help form the entire Aquinas body together, teachers, faculty, staff, and students, and so Societies offer the opportunity for mentorship and group learning of the body, mind, and soul.

As Melissa and I were discerning what the final Academy rotation topic would be about, we both went to the chapel and prayed, asking the Father to reveal what was on His heart for the Aquinas community. After a few minutes of quiet prayer, I shared what I felt the Father say to me, "I think we are supposed to focus on reconciliation and forgiveness." Melissa responded, "That's the exact thing the Father put on my heart but I was waiting for you to say something to confirm."

It was a beautiful moment, to confirm the voice of God with another; however, it also dawned on me: this was the same message I had prayed about last year and written about in the April 2024 Torch. This is certainly not to single out our Aquinas Community as somehow uniquely afflicted with a need for reconciliation; it is something Our Lord desires for each and every person, however, it does behoove us to be attentive to the specifics of what the Lord is inviting us to consider. So, as chaplain, I just extend an invitation from the Lord for your discernment: how can I be an instrument of reconciliation and forgiveness?

One place I see this beautifully lived out is in AA and other 12 Step programs. As a seminarian, we were all asked to attend one meeting just to see what it was like and to be able to refer those we serve to consider the aid a 12 Step program can bring. What I discovered is that AA, although a secular institution, has Christian roots. Its founder had a spiritual awakening after being hospitalized for drinking and in it, he realized the importance of God, prayer, and the message of the gospel in order to be clean and live soberly.

While it is important to address the wrongdoing others to do us, as Christ commands countless times, there is a wisdom, picked up in AA tradition, of first addressing our own wrongs before we address the wrongs others have done to us. Christ commands such, "Pluck out the beam in your own eye before you remove the splinter in your brother's eye" Mt 7:5). So, in the AA tradition, steps 5-7 advise us to do an inventory of our own shortcomings and humbly submit them to God and in steps 8-10 to inventory all those we have harmed and seek their forgiveness, making amends whenever possible.

This summer, during the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN, Fr. Boniface Hicks lead the entire Church in a beautiful litany of healing and repentance in which he publicly admitted and asked forgiveness for all the wrongs the Church has done. As chaplain, I want to apologize for any wrongdoing you may have experienced either through myself, the school, or the broader Aquinas Community. This Lent I will be praying this litany of healing on behalf of the whole community, leading the entire school in it at the beginning of Holy Week. I would ask that you consider praying the litany yourself, without fear of humbly admitting any shortcomings, presenting them to God, and when possible, seeking to make amends with others. This is the reconciliation God wants for all His children. And it precisely why He came to Earth, suffered on the Cross, and three days later, rose from the dead.

God bless,  
Fr. Stephen Graeve

[Litany of Healing.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Youtube video of Fr Boniface [Litany of Healing and Repentance at the National Eucharistic Congress](#)





STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

**JULY 11-13, 2025**

**What:** Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference

**When:** July 11-13, 2025

**Where:** Missouri State University, Springfield, MO

**Who:** Open to all high school students

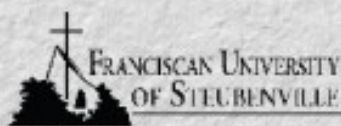
**Cost:** \$430 (registration, transportation, accommodations with breakfast, 3 additional meals, t-shirt)

**Extras:** Incidental expenses

[steubenvilleconferences.com/youth](http://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth)

**TO SECURE YOUR SPOT**  
**COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM**  
**\$125 DEPOSIT BEFORE JANUARY 15**

The Steubenville Conference offers dynamic speakers, adoration and powerful prayer encounters, plus uplifting music to inspire and empower young people in their faith journey. It's a chance for students to step away from their routines, encounter Christ in a deeper way, and build lasting friendships--first and foremost with Jesus.



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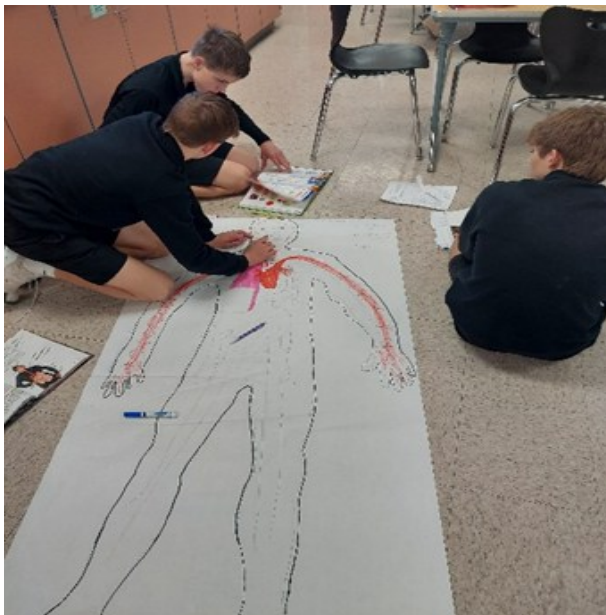
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| 3<br>Pepperoni Pizza<br>Side Salad<br>Oranges                        | 4<br>Chicken Bacon<br>Ranch Wrap<br>Cucumber Salad<br>Chips            | 5<br>Fish Sandwich<br>Wedges<br>Corn<br>Fruit                 | 6<br>Spaghetti<br>Meat Sauce<br>Garlic Toast<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit | 7<br>Shrimp Poppers<br>Mac & Cheese<br>Peas<br>Fruit                         |
| 10<br>Creamed Chicken<br>& Biscuits<br>Peas<br>Fruit                 | 11<br>Breakfast<br>Sandwich<br>Oven Potatoes<br>Yogurt<br>Strawberries | 12<br>Chili<br>Cinnamon Rolls<br>Baby Carrots<br>Fruit        | 13<br>Walking Taco<br>Condiments<br>Corn<br>Fruit                    | 14<br>NO<br>SCHOOL                                                           |
| 17<br>Chicken Patty<br>Sandwich<br>Chips<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit     | 18<br>Crispitos<br>Fries<br>Baked Beans<br>Fruit                       | 19<br>Popcorn Chicken<br>Bowls<br>Corn<br>Fruit               | 20<br>Pulled Pork<br>Sandwich<br>Coleslaw<br>Fries<br>Fruit          | 21<br>Potato Soup<br>Roll<br>Cooked Carrots<br>Fruit                         |
| 24<br>Fiestada's<br>Tri-Tater<br>Corn<br>Fruit                       | 25<br>Sweet & Sour<br>Chicken<br>Rice<br>Egg Roll<br>Fortune Cookie    | 26<br>Porkette<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>& Gravy<br>Corn<br>Pears | 27<br>Goulash<br>Garlic Bread<br>Side Salad<br>Fruit                 | 28<br>Cheese Omelet<br>Hashbrown<br>Veg Blend<br>Fruit                       |
| 31<br>Chicken Strips<br>Cheesy<br>Hashbrowns<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit |                                                                        |                                                               |                                                                      | Milk & water<br>offered Daily<br>Fruit/Veggie/<br>Salad Bar<br>Offered Daily |



# MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE

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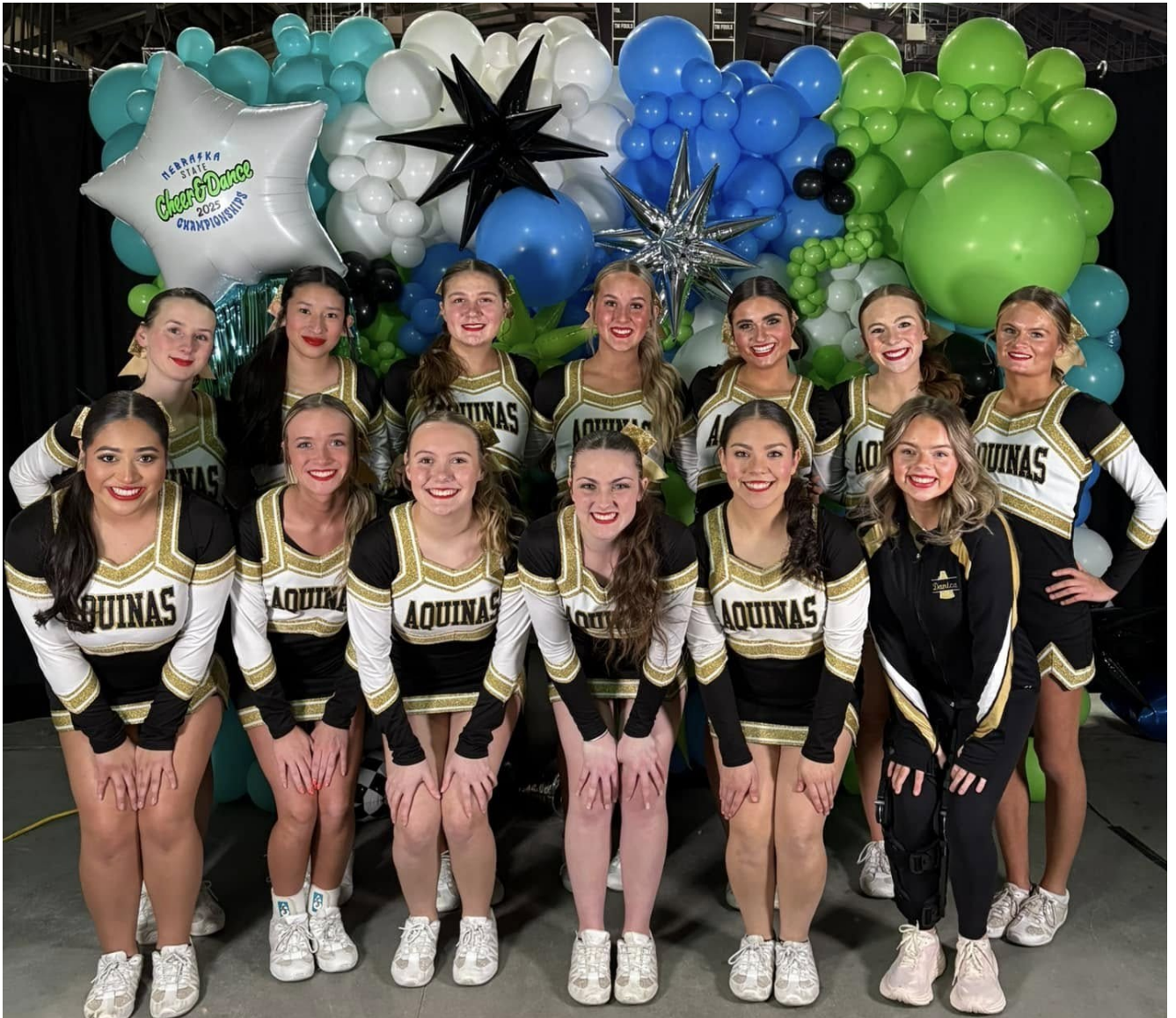
6<sup>th</sup> graders dissected worms. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be dissecting a fish soon and the 7<sup>th</sup> graders will dissect a frog. 7<sup>th</sup> grade is learning about weather, fronts and storms. We are trying to predict the weather better than the meteorologists. 8<sup>th</sup> grade ending their book of human body with a life size project. We will start astronomy next.







6<sup>th</sup> graders made tic tac toe boards in Art class.



Congratulations to the Aquinas Cheer Team on their 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finish at Nebraska State Cheer. The competition was held on February 21st in Grand Island.





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**\$1,000**

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Sts. Peter & Paul, Abie & St. Anthony, Bruno  
Brian & Bri Birkel, Brad & Chana Sloup - Presentation (Marietta)  
Jared & Paula DeWispelare, - St. Francis (Center)

# Aquinas High School Drama and Music Departments

## Present:

*Nunsense* is a hilarious spoof about the misadventures of the "Little Sisters of Hoboken" trying to manage a fundraiser. Sadly, there are only a few left since the rest of the sisterhood died from botulism after eating vichyssoise prepared by their cook; Sister Julia Child of God. Thus, the remaining nuns, including ballet-loving Sister Leo, street-wise Sister Robert Anne, befuddled Sister Mary Amnesia, the Mother Superior Sister Regina, and mistress of the novices Sister Mary Hubert – stage a talent show in order to raise the money to bury their dearly departed. With catchy songs and comedy, *Nunsense* is sure to keep you rolling with laughter.



## THE MEGA MUSICAL!!!

Book, Music and Lyrics by Dan Goggin

Friday, April 4, 2025—7:00 PM show only

Saturday, April 5, 2025—6 PM Dinner Theater reservations only - 7 PM Show open to all

Sunday, April 6 2025—1 PM Luncheon reservations only—2 PM show open to all

### Saturday April 5, 2025

Dinner Theater—Buffet Style:

Roast Beef and/or Broasted Chicken

Potatoes, Salad, Bread

Dessert

Tea, Coffee, Water

**\$25.00**

### Sunday, April 6, 2025

Baked Potato and Taco Bar

And all the fixings

Dessert

Tea, Coffee, Water

**\$18.00**

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*But God proves his love for us in that while we  
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