



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

523 S. Merrill Street, Fortville, Indiana

“My Lord, and my God”

April 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter



Pastor: Fr. Aaron Jenkins

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Parish Office 317-485-5101

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• OFFICE HOURS

• Tue - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

• Mass Schedule

• Saturday 6:00 pm

• Thursday 12:00 Noon

Bible Study Opportunities:

Thursday's 1:30 pm in the Hall Monday's 6:00pm in the Rectory

Rosary Group (Church) Monday's 7:10 pm

St. Thomas Website: www.stthomasfortville.com

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Baptism: To schedule a Baptism, email Fr. Aaron Jenkins: fraaronjenkins@stthomasfortville.com

Reconciliation: 1/2 hour before each mass or by appointment.

First Eucharist: Preparation for first Eucharist occurs in the 2nd grade religious education class.

Confirmation: Prepared during the Freshman year of High School.

Matrimony: A six month preparation prior to the wedding is required. Please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing the Sick: Please call the Parish Office to request anointing before a surgery or during any serious illness, or to request a hospital or nursing home visit.

Rite of Christian initiation of Adults: RCIA: This program addresses the needs of adults who wish to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Please contact the Religious Education office.

Staff

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We would like to extend a warm welcome to you today, whether you are visiting us for the first time or have chosen St. Thomas Church as your parish. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless you as you desire to serve Him.

If interested in becoming a parishioner, please contact Diane Brady in the Parish Office at: 317-485-5101 or secretary@stthomasfortville.com

Mass Intentions

April 25, Thursday NO Mass today

April 27, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass

Thomas Joseph Stern by Monday Night Bible Study Group

Activities for the week of April 21—April 27

- Sunday** 10:00am-12:00 pm RE Classes
12:00 pm Eucharistic Presentation with Soup lunch
- Monday** 6:00 pm Bible Study in Rectory
7:10 pm Rosary in Church
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday**
- Thursday** No Mass Today
1:00 pm Bible Study in Hall
- Friday**
- Saturday** 11:00 am First Communion
Hall Rented
6:00 pm Mass
6-9 pm Youth Group

Please Note: Fr. Aaron will be away on the St. Michael 8th grade trip to Washington, DC April 22-26. There will not be a Thursday Mass this week. Please keep all who are traveling in your prayers.

Flowers for Mary

Would you be interested in providing flowers for the Statue of Mary for one month? We are looking for people to help out with this ministry. These flowers could be in memory of someone. If interested please contact Stephanie Garst at: 317-407-7257



Volunteers the week of April 21—April 27

- Collection Counters—Team D
- Homebound Minister—Rick Garst
- PV Nursing Home—Faith Martinez
- TB Nursing Home —Rosemary Ritchie

The Sanctuary Candle near our Tabernacle burns this week:

*In Memory of Richard Allen Wood
By the Metzler Family*



If you would like to have the 14 day Candle dedicated for someone living or deceased, or for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office. The offering is \$10.00

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 27, 6:00 pm Mass

- Ushers** Dave Flora, Ben Flora
- Lector** Kathy Kennelly, Karen Kubica
- Server** Maria Dudley, Joshua Van Sickle
- Euch. Min.** Rosemary Ritchie

Offerings for the week of April 14, 2024

Weekly Sunday Collection:	\$2,275.00
Weekly Online Giving:	\$1,795.00
Total Weekly Giving:	\$4,070.00
Weekly Collection needed for Budget \$4,750.00	

Thank you for your stewardship to St. Thomas the Apostle.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2; Jn 10: 11-18
- Monday: Acts 11: 1-18; Jn 10: 1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11: 19-26; Jn 10: 22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12: 24-13: 5a; Jn 12: 44-50
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5: 5b-14; Mk 16: 15-20
- Friday: Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14
- Sunday: Acts 9: 26-31; 1 Jn3: 18-24; Jn 15: 1-8



Prayer Chain — if you would like to join our Prayer Warrior's who pray for those in the parish who need our prayers, please contact Stephanie Garst at sbgarst@gmail.com.

Prayer Request — If you have a prayer request, please let Stephanie or the church office know and we will begin praying. The prayer chain is done by email. If you want to join but do not have email call Stephanie at: 317-407-7257.

Names remain on the list for appx. two months. You may request a name be added back to the list at any time.

Let Us Pray, Lord, in your loving mercy please bless your servants who are in need of healing and strength:

Dennis Braun, Tom & Margo Campanelli, Marie Collins, Richard Collins, Deacon Frank Klauder, Chuck & Elise Maroka, Joyce Nobbe, April Padgett, Beth Ann Padgett, Jenni Pettigrew, Dora Reinink, Nancy Skillman, Estella Stevens

All the sick and suffering from our parish, those serving in the military, and our homebound, hospitalized and nursing home residents.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



Religious Education

World Day of Prayer



World Day of Prayer is observed on Sunday, April 21, 2024 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's

call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

St. Michael Blood Drive



St. Michael Church will host our quarterly Blood Drive on Sunday, May 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Donating blood is safe, easy, and quick but most importantly, it saves lives. Every day, people are given blood after a traumatic accident, giving birth, and having surgery. The need is constant, but the supply can run low. Help others by giving a gift they can never repay you for. Sign up by visiting St. Michael's website at www.stmichaelsgrfid.org.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference



Married and engaged couples are invited to the second annual **Together in Holiness** marriage conference on **April 27, 2024 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm** at **St. Jude Catholic Church in Indianapolis, IN**. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through March 11 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, St. Jude Catholic Church, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and One in Christ Marriage. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/Indianapolis or email heather@forlifeandfamily.org.

Dear Families,



First Communion - Please keep all of our 2nd-grade students in your prayers as they complete their preparations to receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist next Saturday, April 27.

Rice Bowls - It is now time to return your rice bowls. They can be left in a basket at the back of church or dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you! – Thank you to everyone who joined us for the final Youth Saturday Meal. The youth group was able to raise \$361 due to your generosity! This money will help to defray costs for different Youth Group events.

National Eucharistic Congress – Calling all families! Are you interested in attending the Eucharistic Congress this summer but deterred by the cost for your children to be able to attend with you? We would like to help cover the cost for any of your children that you would like to attend the Congress with you. Please reach out to Leah Sears for more information.

Youth Group – The Youth Group will meet again on Saturday, April 27 from 6-10 PM. Please wear messy clothes so you can paint in the Youth Lounge. Pizza will be provided for dinner.

Peace, Leah religioused@stthomasfortville.com * 317-485-5103

Faith & Finances



Love INC of Greater Hancock County is offering a FREE financial education series! If you struggle with managing money and would like assistance is creating a budget that you can stick to, consider attending the six-week series. Classes will be held at City Church, 400 South Noble, Greenfield, on Thursdays, May 16-June 20 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare are provided. There is no charge to attend by registration is required by May 3 as seating is limited. Register by contacting Cristy Warren at 317-468-6300, text at 317-474-0302, or email cristy@loveinc-ghc.org.

Backpack Sacks: St. Thomas along with other area churches, fill backpack sacks to send home on Fridays for students in need at Mt. Vernon Elementary. There will be 35 **backpacks set up**. St. Thomas Church will be filling these bags with food on the 4th Thursday of the month. The food items that are needed are:

- Small jars of peanut butter
- stew
- 4 pack cups of diced peaches

We will also accept monetary donations, to purchase these items. If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Garst at 317-407-7257.

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Question #15 What is original sin?

References:

- Scripture: Genesis 3:1-13; Romans 5:12-14, 19
- Compendium (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church): 76-78
- CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church): 388-89; 396-412
- YouCat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church): 66-70

Taken from: 50 Things Every Catholic Should Know, Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

Answer to this question may be found in the references above or back page in next week's bulletin.

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Recycle Hancock County Collection Event

The spring collection event hosted by Recycle Hancock County is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27 at Elanco, 2500 Innovation Way, Greenfield. Cost is \$5 per carload for hazardous waste; \$5 per carload for electronics plus additional fees for TVs and monitors; \$3 per box for document shredding; \$4.50 for tires with the rim off, \$5 for tires with the rim on; and \$1 to \$5 for latex paint. Cash and credit card are accepted.

Congratulations Dustin Knecht



The Women's Club would like to Congratulate Dustin Knecht, who received our \$500 Memorial Scholarship this year. Our prayers go with Dustin as he heads off to college and to all our Graduating Seniors here at St. Thomas.

Happy Birthday

- Sunday, April 21:
- Monday, April 22: Kevin Branigan, Al Dickerson
- Tuesday, April 23:
- Wednesday, April 24: C.J. Eastman, Christie Eastman
- Thursday, April 25: Chris Zeilinga
- Friday, April 26:
- Saturday, April 27: Maverick Eastman, Lois Ittenbach

Caththeatre Presents
Big Fish, a new Broadway Musical

April 24th-April 27th, 7:00 pm
 April 28th, 2:00

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Week 14 Answer:

The soul is the immortal, spiritual principle that gives life to the human body. The soul does not come from our parents but is created by God at conception. Our soul will be reunited with our resurrected body at the end of time.

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