



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

523 S. Merrill Street, Fortville, Indiana

“My Lord, and my God”

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter



Pastor: Fr. Aaron Jenkins

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Parish Office 317-485-5101

523 S. Merrill Street, Fortville, IN 46040

• 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

Jesus said, “I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

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

May 2, Thursday 12:00 Noon Mass

Joe Gehring by St. Thomas

May 4, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass

For the People

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 4, 6:00 pm Mass

- Ushers** *Lou & Sue Hurrle*
- Lector** *Leah Sears, Steven Moll*
- Server** *Letticia Mabura, Travone Mabura*
- Euch. Min.** *Faith Martinez*

Activities for the week of April 28—May 4

- Sunday** 11:00 am First Communion Brunch
Birthline Sunday
- Monday** 6:00 pm Bible Study in Rectory
7:10 pm Rosary in Church
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm Spiritual Life Committee
- Thursday** 12:00 Noon Mass
1:00 pm Bible Study in Hall
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus
- Friday** 2:30-6:30 pm Adoration of the Most
Blessed Sacrament
- Saturday** 6:00 pm Mass

Offerings for the week of April 21, 2024

Weekly Sunday Collection:	\$1,661.00
Weekly Online Giving:	<u>\$1,525.00</u>
Total Weekly Giving:	\$3,186.00
Weekly Collection needed for Budget \$4,750.00	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Acts 9: 26-31; 1 Jn3: 18-24; Jn 15: 1-8
- Monday: Acts 14: 5-18; Jn 14: 21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14: 27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 15: 9-11
- Friday: 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14
- Saturday: Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21
- Sunday: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Jn 15: 9-17



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 28—May 4

- Collection Counters—Team D
- Homebound Minister—Rosemary Ritchie
- PV Nursing Home—Stephanie Garst
- TB Nursing Home —Fr. Aaron Jenkins
- Flowers for Mary Month of May—Cheryl Middendorf

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, Linda Slaven, 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.



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

Religious Education

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Friday, May 3, 2024 2:30 – 6:30 pm

(Sign up sheet will be in the back of church)



Please note, anyone is welcome to come to Adoration at anytime during the 12:30 to 4:30pm time period and you do not have to sign up in order to come. The reason we have the sign up is to ensure that we have at least one person with Jesus at all times during Adoration. All are welcome.

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.stmichaelsgrfld.org.



May is the Month of the Rosary, we will be reciting the Rosary 25 minutes before each of the Saturday Masses in May.

Congratulations

To Steven & Ruth Moll & Family on the birth of their daughter, Stella Maris Moll. Stella was born on April 11, 2024.



Fatima Retreat House

Calling all married couples! Consider attending the Celebrate Marriage Getaway Weekend led by Marcy and Tom Renken, founders of Celebrate Marriage Ministry, on Friday, May 31 - Sunday, June 2, 2024. This weekend for married couples is designed to keep the “spark alive” through engaging presentations, time for reflection, connection with other couples and fun activities that honor and celebrate the love that binds each couple in marriage! Early-bird registration is \$450 per couple by May 17 and \$500 after May 17. Registration includes a private room/bath overnight accommodations and all meals. To register online visit www.archindy.org/Fatima and select “Program Calendar & Registration” at the top of the page or contact Lisa Coons, Registrar, at (317) 545-7681; lcoons@archindy.org

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

Thank you to all those who helped contribute to our backpack sack program this year. With school almost out for the year, we will not be supplying any backpack food sacks through the summer. The school really appreciated all the help with sending extra food to 35 elementary students in need. We will start collecting food again in the late summer. Thanks again for your generosity.

Catholic Corner

Question #16 Who is Jesus?

References:

- Scripture: Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31, 2:21; John 1:1, 14; Galatians 4:4-7; Hebrews 2:17, 5:15
Compendium (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church): 81
CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church): 430-35
YouCat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church): 72-74

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.



Corner

St. Thomas Spring Work Day Saturday, May 4th

at 9:00 am
(rain date May 11th)



Everyone welcome
Many hands make
light work.

Happy Birthday



- Sunday, April 28: Sue Metzger, Steve Middendorf
- Monday, April 29: Cheryl Middendorf, Adriana Smock
- Tuesday, April 30:
- Wednesday, May 1: Kevin Sears
- Thursday, May 2: Ashley Young
- Friday, May 3:
- Saturday, May 4: Gabriel Olney



Mother's Day Program Invite from St. Michael's Church Greenfield

Come with your mothers, daughters, sisters, and gal pals to enjoy an afternoon of delightful desserts, joyful storytelling, and inspiration. Middle-school age young ladies and older are invited! Gather on **Saturday, May 11, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center** to enjoy our presenter, Sandra Hartlieb, who is a Christian author, storyteller, and motivational speaker. With humor, wisdom, and unique perception, you will be drawn into a captivating encounter with Mary, that will unerringly lead you to an encounter with her Son, Jesus Christ! As she offers insights into the biblical accounts of Mary, Sandra will share her own witness as a mother, a daughter, and a Christian woman.

All are asked to bring an object that has spiritual significance. Some ideas are a figurine, a rosary, a rock or shell, an item of jewelry. You will have an opportunity to share with the ladies at your table.

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are requested so that desserts can be prepared. Please RSVP on the parish website at www.stmichaelsgrfld.org or by calling the Parish Office at 317-462-4240.

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<p>Week 15 Answer: Original sin is the sin committed by Adam and Eve in choosing to disobey God. Because of original sin, everyone enters the world with a fallen nature and alienated from God. Jesus came as the "new Adam" to restore our friendship with God.</p>	<p>KR KirbyRisk Electrical Supply www.KirbyRisk.com Mike Tinnel St.Thomas Parishoner Cell 765-610-9955</p>	<p>Available Spot</p> <p>Place your ad here</p> <p>Contact Diane Brady in the Church Office 317-485-5102</p>	
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