



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

523 S. Merrill Street, Fortville, Indiana

“My Lord, and my God”

May 12, 2024

The Ascension of the Lord



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

In our hearts, we have witnessed the Good News of the Lord and so we can—and must—give witness to what we have seen.

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 16, Thursday NO MASS TODAY

May 18, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass

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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 18, 6:00 pm Mass

Ushers Seth McAlarney, Violeta Watt
Lector Chad Hanna, Paul Hayes
Server Sean Branigan, TJ Branigan
Euch. Min. Jon Smith

Activities for the week of May 12—May 18

Sunday *Happy Mother's Day*
Monday 6:00 pm Bible Study Rectory
 7:10 pm Rosary in Church
Tuesday
Wednesday 6:30 pm Women's Club
Thursday NO Mass Today
 1:00 pm Bible Study in Hall
 7:00 pm K of C
Friday
Saturday 6:00 pm Mass
 6-9 pm Youth Group



Offerings for the week of May 5, 2024

Weekly Sunday Collection: \$2,066.00
 Weekly Online Giving: \$3,175.50
 Total Weekly Giving: \$5,241.50
 Weekly Collection needed for Budget \$4,750.00

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23; Mk 16: 15-20
 Monday: Acts 19: 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26; Jn 15: 9-17
 Wednesday: Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26
 Friday: Acts 25: 13b-21; Jn 21: 15-19
 Saturday: Gn 11: 1-9; Rom 8: 22-27; Jn 7:37
 Sunday: Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20: 19-23



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 May 12—May 18

Collection Counters—Team B
 Homebound Minister—Stephanie Garst
 PV Nursing Home—Tina Tyzzer
 TB Nursing Home —Sally Tinnel
 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.

The Sanctuary Candle near our Tabernacle burns this week:

*In Memory of Marcia Bavender
 By Kevin & Diane Brady*



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

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, Paul Hayes, 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.





All-loving God, we give you thanks for all the mothers and mothers at heart . We pray for all mothers of every kind. Those who have loved and helped shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us, but whose love is in our memory forever.

Amen

Our Universal Call to Mission

“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” Matthew 28:19

Invite a friend and join the Archdiocese’s Department of Parish Leadership for Our Universal Call to Mission on Monday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian Street, Greenwood, IN 46143. Food and drinks will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Registration is free at www.archindy.org/Universal-Mission. We are all called to be missionaries of Christ even in the midst of our daily lives. See how this is possible by joining presenter Julianne Stanz as she unpacks what exactly our mission is and how you are an essential part of evangelization within the Church.



May is the Month of the Rosary, we will be praying the Rosary 25 minutes before each of the Saturday Masses in May. There are extra rosaries in the back of church.

Question #18 Why did God become man?

References:

- Scripture: John 3:16-17, 15:12; 1 John 4:9-10; 2 Peter 1:4
- Compendium (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church): 85
- CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church): 456-60
- YouCat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church): 76
- Nicene Creed: “For us men and our salvation He came down from heaven.”

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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Religious Education

Dear Families,



Youth Group Canoe Trip – The Youth Group will be going on their annual canoe trip this June. An email went out to all youth group families a week ago. Please RSVP to Ruth Moll by Monday, May 20 @ 2 PM if you plan to attend.

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 want 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.

VBS – We will have VBS this summer for students in grades PreK-6th on Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22. Links for both registration and volunteers went out in the E-Bulletin this week. **Please submit all registration and volunteer forms no later than Friday, June 7.** Please call or email Leah Sears if you have any questions.

Totus Tuus at St. Michael - St. Michael Parish is hosting a summer program called Totus Tuus. Registration is open for St. Michael & St. Thomas students entering grades 1-12. The grade school program (grades 1-6) will be held during the day from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. July 8-12, 2024. The teen program (grades 7-12) will be held in the evening from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. July 7-11, 2024. Please contact Leah Sears for more information and the registration form.

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

Enter into the Mysteries of Christ and Rediscover the Power of the Rosary

Mysteries of the Rosary (The Sorrowful Mysteries) is a 7-episode series highlighting the Mysteries in the life of Christ as outlined in the decades of the Rosary. Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the viewer. Encounters with Christ in the episodes and discussions will help lead to even deeper encounters with Him in personal prayer and contemplation.

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May Crowning

Mary, Queen of Heaven Mother of God



Happy Birthday

- Sunday, May 12: Tim Apo
- Monday, May 13:
- Tuesday, May 14:
- Wednesday, May 15:
- Thursday, May 16: Daniel VanSickle
- Friday, May 17:
- Saturday, May 18:

A Special Thank you

Thank you to all those who were able to come and help at our Parish Spring Work Day.



We appreciate you!

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<p>Week 17 Answer: Whenever we call upon Jesus as "Lord," we acknowledge His divinity as the Son of God. We accept Him as Lord when we entrust our lives to Him and strive to live according to His teachings, which come to us through His Church.</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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