



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

523 S. Merrill Street, Fortville, Indiana

“My Lord, and my God”

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter



Pastor: Fr. Aaron Jenkins

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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

Jesus said, “This is my commandment; love one another as I love you.”

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 9, Thursday 12:00 Noon Mass

Bo Sigo by Rick Garst

May 11, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass

Kathie Kerkhoff by Randy Kerkhoff

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 11, 6:00 pm Mass

Ushers Joanna Flora, Amy Flora

Lector Carol Flora, Ted Minch

Server Corey Moll, Izzy McAlarney

Euch. Min. Paul Hayes

Activities for the week of May 5—May 11

- Sunday** 12:00 pm Eucharistic Presentation & Soup Lunch
Canned Food Sunday
- Monday** 6:00 pm Bible Study in Rectory
7:10 pm Rosary in Church
- Tuesday** 7:00 pm Children's Choir
7:00 pm Evangelization Committee
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm Religious Ed Committee
- Thursday** 12:00 Noon Mass
1:00 pm Bible Study in Hall
- Friday**
- Saturday** 6:00 pm Mass

Offerings for the week of April 26, 2024

Weekly Sunday Collection:	\$1,150.00
Weekly Online Giving:	\$1,075.00
Total Weekly Giving:	\$2,225.00
Weekly Collection needed for Budget \$4,750.00	

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Jn 15: 9-17
- Monday: Acts 16: 11-15; Jn 15: 26-16: 4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16: 22-34; Jn 16: 5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1; Jn 16: 12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18: 1-8; Jn 16: 16-20
- Friday: Acts 18: 9-18; Jn 16: 20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18: 23-28; Jn 16: 23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23; Mk 16: 15-20



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 5—May 11

- Collection Counters—Team A
- Homebound Minister—Eran McCarty
- PV Nursing Home—Sue Metzger
- TB Nursing Home —Stephanie Garst
- 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, 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.



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

*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.



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

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

Question #17 What does it mean to accept Jesus as Lord?

References:

Scripture: Matthew 7:21; John 13:13, 20:28, 21:7; Romans 10:9; 1 Corinthians 12:3; Galatians 2:20; Philipians 2:5-11; Revelation 22:20-21

Nicene Creed: "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages."

Compendium (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church): 84

CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church): 446-51

YouCat (Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church): 75

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,



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 for the registration form.

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

St. Michael Blood Drive



St. Michael's Church in Greenfield will host their 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.

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.





2024 Confirmation Celebration Meal
Sponsored by the Women's Club

Happy Birthday

- Sunday, May 5: Aaron Moll
- Monday, May 6: Ellery Minch, Jacob Williams
- Tuesday, May 7: Denise Arney
- Wednesday, May 8:
- Thursday, May 9:
- Friday, May 10:
- Saturday, May 11:




2024 First Communion Brunch
Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee



First Holy Communion April 27, 2024

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Each day is a gift to be opened with Prayer.

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Week 16 Answer: Jesus is the eternal Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, who in the fullness of time became one like us in order to save us. The name "Jesus" means "God saves."

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