



# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

523 S. Merrill Street, Fortville, Indiana

*“My Lord, and my God”*

*September 22, 2024*

*25th Sunday in Ordinary*



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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:** Monday's at 6pm in the Rectory & Thursday's 1:00 pm in the Hall. Please see inside bulletin for additional adult faith formation opportunities.

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

**St. Thomas Website: [www.stthomasfortville.com](http://www.stthomasfortville.com)**

***“WHOEVER RECEIVES ONE CHILD SUCH AS THIS  
IN MY NAME, RECEIVES ME.” MK 9:37A***

**Baptism:** To schedule a Baptism, email Fr. Aaron Jenkins: [fraaronjenkins@stthomasfortville.com](mailto:fraaronjenkins@stthomasfortville.com)

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

**First Eucharist:** Preparation for first Eucharist occurs in the 2nd grade.

**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: Fr. Aaron Jenkins at: [fraaronjenkins@stthomasfortville.com](mailto:fraaronjenkins@stthomasfortville.com)

**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](mailto:secretary@stthomasfortville.com)**

**Mass Intentions**

**September 26, Thursday 12:00 Noon Mass**

*Harry Steele by St. Thomas*

**September 28, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass**

*Harry Michael Cairns by Rosemary Ritchie*

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, September 28, 6:00 pm Mass**

- Ushers** *Lou Hurrle, Sue Hurrle*
- Lector** *Carol Flora, Ted Minch*
- Server** *Leticia Mabura , Trayvon Mabura*
- Euch. Min.** *Jon Smith*

**Activities for the week of Sept. 22—Sept. 28**

- Sunday**
- Monday** 6:00 pm Bible Study in Rectory  
7:10 pm Rosary Group in church
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday**
- Thursday** 12:00 Noon Mass  
1:00 pm Bible Study  
6:00 pm Finance Building & Grounds
- Friday**
- Saturday** 6:00 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Youth Sponsored Saturday Dinner

**Offerings for the week of September 15, 2024**

Weekly Sunday Collection:	\$4,657.00
Weekly Online Giving:	\$1,700.00
<b>Total Weekly Giving:</b>	<b>\$6,357.00</b>

*Weekly Collection needed for Budget: \$3,965.00*  
*2nd Collection for Mission 9/15/2024 \$856.00*

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

**Online Giving**

If you are interested in giving to St. Thomas online, you can sign up for online giving on our website at: [www.stthomasfortville.com](http://www.stthomasfortville.com) or scan the QR code below. Once there, you will be able to set up your donation on a one-time or recurring basis.

To scan the QR code, open your phone's camera and hold it over the code. Once the link appears, click on it and it will take you to the online giving website. If you would like help with this feel free to reach out to Diane in the church office.



**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 Sept. 22—Sept. 28**

- Collection Counters—Team D
- Homebound Minister—Eran McCarty
- PV Nursing Home—Sue Metzger
- TB Nursing Home —Rosemary Ritchie

**Flowers for Mary Month of Sept.—by Jonnie Gehring**  
*In Loving Memory of Joe Gehring*

**Prayer Chain** — if you would like to join our Prayer Warriors who pray for those in the parish who need our prayers, please contact Stephanie Garst at [sbgarst@gmail.com](mailto: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:**

Morgan Arthur, Sue Brady, Karen Brennan, Paul Cheeseman, Marie & Richard Collins, Jona Dierckman, Bill Diamond, Bill Garst, Bobby Gehring, Sean Hauser, Brian Martin, Sherry Massey, Jenni Pettigrew, Robert Reinink Jr., Nancy Skillman, June Stanley, Doug Threet

**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 Carolyn Reed*  
*By Jonnie Gehring*



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

The Church invites us to celebrate Priesthood Sunday on September 29. Priesthood Sunday is a day to honor our priests, who have laid down their lives in service to Christ and the salvation of souls. Without priests, the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated. We need our priests so much! This is a day to honor them, thank them, affirm them, and shower them with prayers.

**Celebrate!**

# PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

## WHAT IS PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY?

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International.



## October is the Month of the Rosary

We will be praying the Rosary 20 minutes before the 6pm Saturday Night Mass during the month of October.

## Rosary Circle

Also, Rosary Circle will be taking place again this October during the Month of the Rosary. Join your fellow parishioners in praying 1 decade a day, at your convenience, and together we will be praying 4 complete Rosaries every day. There will be someone outside after mass on Sat. Sept 28th to help you sign up.

### SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY OPPORTUNITY

Jon Smith will be a part of an ecumenical team that will be conducting a Kairos Retreat for the men incarcerated at the New Castle Correctional Facility where he volunteers, on the weekend of October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6th. Kairos is a 4-day retreat whereby participants are introduced to Jesus Christ as Lord and experience His Love, some for the first time.



He is asking for the help and support of the Parish in offering prayers for these men, that they would come to know and accept Jesus as Lord. Each line of the insert will be cut out and made into a link that will be part of a "Prayer Chain" that will be displayed during the Retreat to demonstrate the many people who are praying for them.

You can find these forms in the back of church or see Jon Smith after Mass and Please fill in as many lines as you can with the names (first names only!) and City of those who are offering their prayers. Please ask family, friends, co-workers, classmates, anyone to participate in this Spiritual Work of Mercy. If you have any questions, please contact Jon at 317-443-0389 or [jws633@gmail.com](mailto:jws633@gmail.com) He will be outside of Mass each week to collect any sheets you have filled out, or you may turn in to the Parish Office. Thank you in advance for your support and prayers!

## Michaelmas Celebration

St. Michael's in Greenfield will hold their annual celebration of their patron, St. Michael, on Sunday, September 29. To celebrate, they will have Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a delicious meal catered by Jugs, a silent auction, and a raffle. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required by September 17.

Visit their website at [www.stmichaelsgrfld.org](http://www.stmichaelsgrfld.org) to register or call their Parish Office at 317-462-4240.

Tickets for Michaelmas raffle are on sale now! You can purchase your tickets after any Mass at St. Michael or in their Parish Office during the week. Tickets are \$50 each with a chance to win \$7,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000. The winners will be drawn during the celebration on September 29.

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### RIGHT TO LIFE



**Sunday, October 6, 2024 2:30pm -3:30pm**

**Along both sides of Meridian Street**

If your planning to go downtown for this event, St. Thomas Parish designated prayer location is Meridian-East Side—14th to 15th St.

The Life Chain is an annual interdenominational prayer event where participants pray silently and display signs to convey messages about the tragedy of abortion in our community and nation. We gather to pray and witness to the sanctity of human life.

### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

**Join us in the Prayer Garden here at St. Thomas for Life Chain 1:00-2:00 pm.**

Come pray in silence for 1 hour for respect for all life from conception to natural death. We will gather around the Prayer Garden in silent prayer. You may join the prayer for part of the time or the full hour.



### RIGHT TO LIFE

## Youth Sponsored Saturday Night Dinner

**September 28th, 7pm in the Parish Hall**

**Come join us for a delicious dinner, fellowship, and connect with parish family!**





## Fortville Area Resource Mission Pack the Pantry Food Drive

The FARM food pantry is having a Pack the Pantry food drive. If you are interested in purchasing some food for the food pantry, there are some bags with a list of needed items in the back of the church. If you have any questions, see Stephanie Garst.

Thank you.



## Happy Birthday



- Sunday, September 22: Helene Desrosiers, Aurora Eastman
- Monday, September 23:
- Tuesday, September 24:
- Wednesday, September 25: Steven Moll
- Thursday, September 26: Janie Garst
- Friday, September 27: Gladys Mabura
- Saturday, September 28:



### Silent Auction needing items or themed basket donations for the Chicken & Noodle Dinner on October 27th

If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office no later than October 12th. Due to limited indoor space, we ask that no big items be donated. We are also accepting monetary donations, if you would like us to shop and put a basket together for you.

For more information, contact Stephanie Garst  
317-407-7257.



## Your Invited-Seasons of Creation

**What:** Season of Creation Mass w/ Archbishop Charles C. Thompson

**When:** Tuesday, September 24, 2024 Music & seating 5:00PM  
Mass begins at 5:30PM.

**Where:** St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, Columbus IN  
1306 27th Street Columbus, IN 47201

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all of creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. All people regardless of faith affiliation are invited to attend!



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I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME - PHIL 4:13

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