



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

523 S. Merrill Street, Fortville, Indiana

“My Lord, and my God”

September 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary



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: 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

Jesus answered, "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us."

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.

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

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

October 3, Thursday 12:00 Noon Mass

Marcia Bavender by Bill & Stephanie Garst

October 5, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass

For the People

Activities for the week Sept. 29—Oct. 5

- Sunday** Birthline Sunday
- Monday** 6:00 pm Bible Study in Rectory
7:10 pm Rosary Group in church
- Tuesday** 7:00 pm Evangelization Committee
- Wednesday**
- Thursday** 12:00 Noon Mass
1:30 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm K of C
- Friday** 12:30 –4:30 pm Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Saturday** 8:00 am That Man is You
6:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm RE Classes & Confirmation

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, October 5, 6:00 pm Mass

- Ushers** Diane Doty, Leesa Lowder
- Lector** Chad Hanna, Eran McCarty
- Server** Corey Moll, Izzy McAlarney
- Euch. Min.** Teddy Hanna

Offerings for the week of September 22, 2024

Weekly Sunday Collection:	\$1,666.00
Weekly Online Giving:	\$1,700.00
Total Weekly Giving:	\$3,366.00

Weekly Collection needed for Budget: \$3,965.00

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 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. 29—Oct. 5

- Collection Counters—Team A
- Homebound Minister—Stephanie Garst
- PV Nursing Home—Tina Tyzzer
- TB Nursing Home —Fr. Aaron Jenkins

Flowers for Mary Month of Oct—by Randy Kerkhoff
In Loving Memory of Kathie Kerkhoff

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.

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:

Sue Brady, Karen Brennan, Marie & Richard Collins, Jona Dierckman, Bill Garst, Bobby Gehring, Sean Hauser, Darcy Lund, 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

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Come and See!

It is that time of the year for our **Annual Fall Fundraiser!** This year we will be hosting on **OPEN HOUSE** at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House on **Monday, October 7, 2024, from 5pm - 8pm.**

All are Welcome!

We look forward to sharing this special evening with all of you! There is no charge to attend but we would like to know you are coming so we can plan accordingly. Please see below for more information, and please RSVP by October 4th!

There are several ways you can register to attend:

- call our office at 317-545-7681 to register over the phone
- email us at fatimadinner@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your support!

Peace and Blessings in Christ,
Jennifer Burger, Program Manager

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.

Pro 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.

October is the Month of the Rosary

We will be praying the Rosary 25 minutes before the 6pm 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.

Happy Birthday

- **Sunday, September 29:**
- **Monday, September 30:** Danielle Olney
- **Tuesday, October 1:** Randy Kerkhoff, Ted Minch
- **Wednesday, October 2:** Mark Gloudemans, Paul Hayes
- **Thursday, October 3:** Gail Ciasto
- **Friday, October 4:**
- **Saturday, October 5:**

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Friday, October 4, 2024
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

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

Please note, anyone is welcome to come to Adoration at any time 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.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION? The privilege of spending personal time with Jesus! Yes, He is really present in the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Silent Auction needing items and 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

Chicken & Noodle Dinner

With Dessert Corner and Silent Auction

When: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Time: 11 am—6 pm

Where: St. Thomas Parish Activity Center

523 S. Merrill Street, Fortville IN

Open to All! Please come join us for a good meal!



Dessert Corner



Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot from 12-5 accepting blood donations. Walk-ins welcome.

Scan QR Code to schedule or visit versiti.org/IN



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