



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

523 S. Merrill Street, Fortville, Indiana 46040 PH 317-485-5101

“My Lord, and my God”

February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord



Pastor: Fr. Aaron Jenkins

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(after hours emergency, please call: 317-462-4240)

Parish Office 317-485-5101

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• **OFFICE HOURS**

• Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm; Wednesday 1:30-4:30 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.

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

Website: www.stthomasfortville.com

A LIGHT FOR REVELATION. LUKE 2:32

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 you are interested in becoming a Parishioner here at St. Thomas, Please contact the Parish Office at: 317-485-5101 or secretary@stthomasfortville.com

Mass Intentions

February 6, Thursday No Mass

February 8, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass

Leona Will by Adam & Amanda Kiesel

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 8, 6:00 pm

Ushers Seth McAlarney, Violeta Watt
Lector Diane Doty, Leah Sears
Server Benjamin Lowder, Joshua Van Sickle

Activities for the week of Feb 2— Feb 8

- Sunday** Canned Food Sunday
- Monday** 6:00 pm Bible Study in the Rectory
7:10 pm Rosary in the Church
- Tuesday** 7:00 pm Evangelization Committee
7:00 pm Children’s Choir
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm Spiritual Life Committee
- Thursday** No Mass Today
1:00 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 (in the Rectory)
6:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Breakfast for Dinner hosted by Confirmation Students following Mass

Offerings for the week of January 26, 2025

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| Weekly Sunday Collection: | \$2,190.00 |
| Weekly Online Giving: | \$1,610.00 |
| Total Weekly Giving: | \$3,800.00 |

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.



If interested please contact Stephanie Garst at: 317-407-7257

Volunteers the week of Feb 2— Feb 8

- Collection Counters—Team A
- Homebound Minister—Rosemary Ritchie
- TB Nursing Home —Stephanie Garst
- Flowers for Mary—Month of February
by Angie Lewis, In Memory of Deacon Tony Lewis

The Sanctuary Candle near our Tabernacle burns this week:

*In Memory of John & Ruth Ittenbach
By Dave & Lois Ittenbach*



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

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:

Shirley Arnett, Anne Barr, Sue Brady, Karen Brennan, Marie & Richard Collins, Sharon Crusier, Kay Dawley, Cailyn Hurst, Mary McIntire, Marlene Pulsford, Nancy Skillman, Leonard Slaven, Rosie Winans

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.





Seasons of Hope Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Committee at St. Michael will offer a new season of Seasons of Hope, a six-week bereavement process centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, tradition, and practices of the Catholic Church. It is open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one.

Sessions are held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Greenfield, in the PLC Rm. 2, on Sunday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The new season will begin on February 16, 2025 and conclude on March 23, 2025. Each session focuses on a specific topic and includes prayer, reading and reflecting on a passage of scripture, an opportunity to share common experiences, and a spiritual exercise to be completed in the privacy of your home. Communal praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for our departed loved ones concludes each session.

There is no charge for these sessions, but registration is requested so that materials can be ordered. Please call the Parish Office at 317-462-4240 to register. For more information, contact Angela Walker at 574-952-0703.

Bulletin and Website

We are excited to announce over the next several months we will be working with a website design company to upgrade our St. Thomas Website.



Also during this time, we will be working together with St. Michael's to combine our Parish Bulletins. This will not only be a cost saver, but a great way to know what is happening at both parishes. St. Michael's has already begun to make changes in the newly designed bulletin to include some of our St. Thomas Parish information. This will be a work in progress over the next few months and you may see some changes along the way. St. Thomas will begin distributing the newly combined St. Michael/St. Thomas Bulletins beginning in July.

Please note, going forward, any information needing to go in the bulletin, needs to be submitted to Diane Brady in the parish office at least 10 days before the publication date.



Old Blessed Palms We will be collecting old blessed Palms for the next few weeks. There will be a box in the back of church for you to place them in. The old blessed palms are burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring to the church no later than Sat. Feb. 22nd.

OUR CONDOLENCES:



To Diane Doty & Family on the passing of her Mother, Marjorie Doty, last week. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Breakfast for Dinner

HOSTED BY THE CONFIRMATION CLASS
Saturday, February 8th in the Parish Hall following Mass

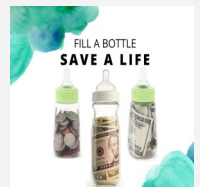
Our Confirmation students will be preparing a delicious breakfast for dinner. Everyone is welcome! This is a free will offering event.

Please join us!



BABY BOTTLE SERVICE PROJECT

Next week the 4th through 7th grade class will be handing out empty baby bottles. Please take them home and fill with your spare change/ money or checks. This service project will support Birthline and Life Choices of Hancock Co. If giving by check, please make check payable to St. Thomas church.



Thank you in advance for your support, please return bottles by March 5th to the back of church or to the parish office.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Friday, February 7, 2025
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 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.

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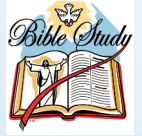
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Mardi Gras Bingo St. Michael Greenfield



Come eat, drink, play, and win on Friday, February 28, 2025 in the Parish Life Center! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 each until February 14 and \$55 after February 14. Each ticket includes dinner, drinks, and 10 bingo cards. Seating is general admission. Reserved tables are available for \$450 and include 8 tickets. Daubers will be available for purchase for only \$2 each. Pull tabs and silent auction items will also be available. Dinner will be catered by Greenfield's own OnSite Catering. The menu is being planned! Check back for updates! Beverages include soda, lemonade, beer, and wine are included in the ticket price. You must be 21 or older to attend. Due to Indiana liquor laws, no outside liquor may be brought into this event. Tickets are available for purchase at St. Michael & St. Thomas Parish Offices. Cash or checks accepted. License #011187

Monday Night Bible Study



The Monday Evening Bible Study will begin a new Study on Monday, February 3rd. We will be studying The Book of Exodus in 10 sessions ending just before Holy Week.

Please consider joining us as we journey through the desert with Moses and the Israelites during Lent. As always, we begin each week at 6:00PM in the Rectory and there is an online option as well.

Call Jon Smith (317-443-0389) or the Parish Office if you have any questions.

A Big Thank You

To all of the businesses listed below, for sponsoring our St. Thomas The Apostle Weekly Bulletin.

We appreciate you!!



Backpack Sacks: St. Thomas along with other area churches, fill backpack sacks to send home on Fridays for students in need at Mt. Vernon Elementary. There will be 35 backpacks set up. St. Thomas Church will be filling these bags with food on the 4th Thursday of the month. The food items that are needed are:

- Small jars of peanut butter
- stew
- 4 pack cups of diced peaches

We will also accept monetary donations, to purchase these items. If you have any questions, please call Stephanie Garst at 317-407-7257.



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