



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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“My Lord, and my God”

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME... LK 4:18

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

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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

January 30, Thursday 12:00 pm Mass

Marcia Bavender by Dave & Janie Garst

February 1, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass

For The People

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 1, 6:00 pm

Ushers *Joanna Flora, Amy Flora*

Lector *Eran McCarty, Chad Hanna*

Server *Sean Branigan, TJ Branigan*

Activities for the week of Jan 26— Feb 1

- Sunday** Birthline Sunday
- Monday** 6:00 pm Bible Study in the Rectory
7:10 pm Rosary in the Church
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday**
- Thursday** 12:00 pm Mass
1:30 pm Bible Study
- Friday**
- Saturday** 8:00 am That Man Is you (in the Rectory)
9:00 am –5:00 pm Crop Day
6:00 pm Mass
7:00 pm Family Faith Formation

Offerings for the week of January 19, 2025

Weekly Sunday Collection:	\$2,572.00
Weekly Online Giving:	\$1,635.00
Total Weekly Giving:	\$4,207.00

Weekly Collection needed for Budget \$3,965.00

Please note, the listed weekly collection needed to meet budget was incorrect in the last couple of bulletins. (was last years budget) and has been corrected.

*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 Jan 26— Feb 1

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

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 our servants who are in need of healing and strength:

Shirley Arnett, Anne Barr, Sue Brady, Karen Brennan, Marie & Richard Collins, Sharon Cruser, Kay Dawley, Cailyn Hurst, Jenni Pettigrew, 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.



*The Sanctuary Candle near our
Tabernacle burns this week:*

In Memory of Lois Hanson

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





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.

Women's Retreat

All women of St. Thomas and St. Michael are invited to attend a Women's Retreat planned by Fr. Aaron. The retreat will take place on Saturday, February 15, 2025, and Sunday, February 16, 2025 at the Our Lady of the Apostles Family Center, 2884 N. 700 W., Greenfield. Saturday, February 15, will include talks, breakout sessions, time for personal prayer, communal meals, and fellowship. The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and will end around 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, February 16, activities will include breakfast, a final talk, and Mass. The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end around noon. Participants are expected to participate in both days of the retreat.



Register on the St. Michael Parish website at www.stmichaelsgrfld.org. Registration is due by February 7.

Candlemas

The Presentation of the Lord is on February 2 and is also known as Candlemas. Traditionally, the faithful bring candles to Mass to have them blessed. You are welcome to bring your candles to Mass on Saturday, February 1st for Fr. Aaron to Bless. Please place them on the table near the St. Thomas statue.

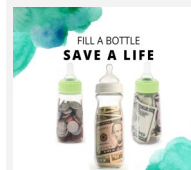


Breakfast for Dinner

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.



Vox Sacra

Choral Concert

Vox Sacra, the Schola Cantorum of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, will hold a choral concert with the celebration of Night Prayer on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Sunday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, 89 N. 17th Avenue, Beech Grove. There is no charge to attend and all are welcome.

8:00AM TO 3:30PM

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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

Happy Birthday



- Sunday, January 26:
- Monday, January 27: Yujin Lee
- Tuesday, January 28: Sandy Steele
- Wednesday, January 29:
- Thursday, January 30:
- Friday, January 31: Mandy McAlarney
- Saturday, February 1:

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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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to accept the things I cannot change,
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things I can and *Wisdom*
to know the difference.

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