



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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“My Lord, and my God”

February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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

When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him. Luke 5: 1-11

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 13, Thursday 12:00 Noon Mass
Deacon Frank Klauder by Monday Night Bible Study

February 15, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass
John Frank Ittenbach Jr. by Dave & Lois Ittenbach

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 15, 6:00 pm

Ushers Rick Garst, Pat Sanders
Lector Steven Moll, Marvin Massey
Server Teddy Hanna, Maggie Hanna

Activities for the week of Feb 9— Feb 15

Sunday Hall Rented
Monday 6:00 pm Bible Study in the Rectory
 7:10 pm Rosary in the Church
Tuesday 7:00 pm Children’s Choir
Wednesday
Thursday 12:00 Noon Mass
 1:00 pm Bible Study
Friday
Saturday 8:00 am That Man Is you
 6:00 pm Mass
 6:00 pm Youth Group

Offerings for the week of February 2, 2025

Weekly Sunday Collection: \$1,045.00
 Weekly Online Giving: \$1,410.00
 Total Weekly Giving: \$2,455.00

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

Month of February by Angie Lewis
 In Memory of Deacon Tony Lewis



Volunteers the week of Feb 9— Feb 15

Collection Counters—Team B
 Homebound Minister—Eran McCarty
 TB Nursing Home —Stephanie Garst

*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.

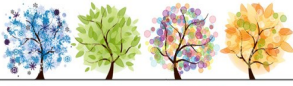
Let Us Pray, Lord, in your loving mercy please bless your servants who are in need of healing and strength:

Shirley Arnett, Anne Barr, Sue Brady, Karen Brennan, Marie & Richard Collins, Sharon Crusier, Kay Dawley, Cailyn Hurst, Mary McIntire, Sheryl Miller, 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 St. Michael Parish Office at 317-462-4240 to register. For more information, contact Angela Walker at 574-952-0703.

Mission for Malawi Update

We are pleased to announce that the parishioners of St. Michael and St. Thomas raised \$27,059.64 for the Mission for Malawi. After parishes contributed from their charitable giving funds, a check was mailed to the Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria in the amount of \$30,000.00. The money will be used to purchase a truck that the priests will use to travel to parishes and chapels in Malawi. Once the truck has been purchased, we will publish photos.

Support Groups for Caregivers of Older Adults in Marion and Surrounding Counties.

The groups are not disease specific. (Sponsored by Catholic Charities, the groups are open to all.)

Feb 18 from 5:30 - 7 PM. In person at St Jude's, 5353 McFarland Road 46227. Registration required. February: open discussion.

Feb 20 from 1 - 2:30 PM. In person at the Catholic Center, 1400 N Meridian Street 46202. Registration required. February: open discussion.

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.

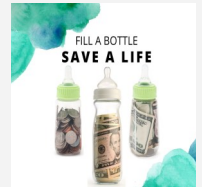


Old Blessed Palms We will be collecting old blessed Palms for the next few weeks. There will be a box in the back of church for you to place them in. The old blessed palms are burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. If you have any you would like to donate, please bring to the church no later than Sat.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

Criterion: if you are not receiving the Indianapolis Archdiocese weekly publication of The Criterion and would like to , please contact Diane in the church office at: 317-485-5102 or email: secretary@stthomasfortville.com

BABY BOTTLE SERVICE PROJECT

The 4th through 7th grade students handed out empty baby bottles last week. If you didn't get one, please feel free to take one 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.



The St. Thomas-Deacon Anthony Lewis Knights of Columbus Fat Tuesday Dinner will be at 6:00 PM on March 4th, 2025, in the Parish Hall. This Dinner is a Free-Will offering. We are serving Chili-Cheese Crawfish Etouffee, Jambalaya, Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice, Cajun Bread, and Tea/Lemonade. Please bring a dessert to share.



The St. Thomas-Deacon Anthony Lewis Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Dinners will be each Friday during Lent. This is a Drive-Through Fish Fry from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the St. Thomas parking lot. Dinners are \$10 each and include an Atlantic Cod Fish Sandwich, Crinkle Fries, Coleslaw, and a Dessert. Desserts are freshly made pies, cakes, and cookies made by the Women's Club. Proceeds are used to sponsor scholarships and charitable giving.

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

FEELING SMART? JOIN ST. THOMAS PARISH'S

TRIVIA NIGHT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35 per person • Price includes dinner • Tea, lemonade, and water provided - No alcohol permitted • Teams of 8 or less • Expert auctioned off for one round • Cash or check accepted 	<p>ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH HALL</p> <p>523 S. Merrill St. Fortville, IN</p> <p>February 22 @ 7:00 pm</p> <hr/> <p>For the benefit of Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center</p>
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Cash Prize to 1st Place Team
RSVP: youthministry@stthomasfortville.com
or 317.509.5049

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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