



# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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

“My Lord, and my God”

March 30, 2025

4th Sunday of Lent



**Pastor: Fr. Aaron Jenkins**

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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](http://www.stthomasfortville.com)

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Psalm 23*

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

**Mass Intentions**

**April 3, Thursday 12:00 Noon Mass**

*Michelle Lewis by Mark & Liane Hart*

**April 5, Saturday 6:00 pm Mass**

*For the People*

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, April 5, 6:00 pm**

**Ushers**      *Joanna Flora, Amy Flora*  
**Lectors**     *Steven Moll, Michelle Kuplis*  
**Servers**      *Maria Dudley, Joshua VanSickle*  
**Euch. Min.**   *Teddy Hanna*

**Activities for the week of March 30—April 5**

**Sunday**  
**Monday**      6:00 pm Bible Study in the Rectory  
                     7:10 pm Pray the Rosary in church  
**Tuesday**      7:00 pm Children’s Choir  
                     7:00 pm Evangelization Meeting  
**Wednesday** 7:00 pm Spiritual Life Meeting  
**Thursday**    12:00 Noon Mass with Stations of Cross  
                     immediately following Mass  
                     1:00 pm Bible Study  
                     7:00 pm Knights of Columbus  
**Friday**        12:30-4:30 pm Adoration of the Most  
                     Blessed Sacrament  
                     5:00pm Friday Night Fish Fry  
**Saturday**     8:00 am That Man Is you  
                     6:00 pm Mass  
                     6:00-9:00 pm Youth Group

**Offerings for the week of March 23, 2025**

Weekly Sunday Collection:                      \$1,491.00  
 Weekly Online Giving:                              \$1,995.00  
**Total Weekly Giving:                              \$3,486.00**  
 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](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. If interested please contact Stephanie Garst at: 317-407-7257



**Volunteers the week of March 30— April 5**

Collection Counters—Team A  
 Homebound Minister—Rosemary Ritchie  
 PV Nursing Home—Stephanie Garst  
 TB Nursing Home —Stephanie Garst

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

*In Memory of Kathie Kerkhoff  
 By Randy Kerkhoff*



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 considers the Mass the greatest possible prayer of intercession. If you would like to offer a Mass for a special intention, in thanksgiving or for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please contact the parish office. This offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass allows infinite graces to be obtained.

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

Anne Barr, Sue Brady, Karen Brennan, Lettie Mae Campbell, Marie & Richard Collins, Cailyn Hurst, Mary McIntire, Sheryl Miller, Marlene Pulsford, Nancy Skillman, 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.**





### Confirmation Student of the Week

Carter Sims is the son of Charlie & Angie Sims. He attends Pendleton Heights High School. Carter has one brother, Warner. Carter was born in Anderson, IN. and lives in Pendleton, IN. He has visited Alaska, New York City, and Washington DC. Carter's favorite food is Hamburgers. He enjoys Soccer, Baseball and all sports. When asked what he likes best about St. Thomas, Carter said, "I like how it is a small community and you have a connection with everybody." Carter has been involved with Youth Group and Trivia Night and would like his legacy at St. Thomas to be that he is remembered as a good person who positively impacted the church. Carter sees his role after confirmation as staying involved with the church and would like to explore being a Lector. Please keep Carter and all of our confirmation candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 4, 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.



### Dessert Donations Needed

Donations of desserts are needed for Friday Fish Fry's during Lent.



We would prefer homemade desserts such as, pies, cakes, (like Carrot, Red Velvet, German Chocolate) and Cheesecakes. If you are able to help with this, please call Sally Tinnel at: 317-922-8021.

### 40 Pounds for 40 Days

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #15712 will be collecting non-perishable food items during Lent to be donated to the Fortville Area Resource Mission (FARM). If you are able to help, donations can be dropped off at the back of church or to the parish office. Pick up is also available by calling the parish office. 317-485-5102



### St. Thomas & St. Michael Parishioners

The St. Thomas Evangelization team would like your help with creating some videos that we can share on YouTube to contribute to evangelizing content there. We also want to share with the surrounding Fortville and Greenfield communities via Facebook and our website. We're looking for faith stories or testimonies that could inspire and evangelize others. Your stories could show others how Christ, His Church, our Faith, or fellow Catholics have been instrumental in bringing you to the Catholic Church as a convert, bringing you back to the faith after falling away, or helping you go deeper in your spiritual journey. All you have to do is show up, tell your story, and we'll take care of the rest. Please contact a member of the Evangelization Team to express interest; Kevin Sears, Jon Smith, Mandy McAlarney, Seth McAlarney, Christine Dudley, Kathryn McAlarney, or Scott Fiedor.



**Stations of the Cross for Lent-St. Thomas** we will be offering the Stations of the Cross immediately following the 12 pm noon Mass on Thursdays during Lent. Consider joining us for Mass and Stations during the season of Lent.

**Stations of the Cross for Lent-St. Michael** will be offering the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7pm during Lent.



#### St. Thomas Church

Holy Thursday Mass 7 p.m. with Adoration after Mass until Midnight.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. followed by Veneration of the Cross

Easter Sunday Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

#### St. Michael Church

Holy Thursday Mass 7p.m.

Good Friday Service 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 8:45 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses 7, 9 & 11 a.m.



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.

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Come encounter Jesus Christ through community, support, and scripture in a safe and confidential environment. We will be able to share our experiences and process challenges through the lens of Scripture and Catholic teaching. A group will consist of up to 6-8 adults including a mental health professional.

**UPCOMING GROUP**

WHEN: Thursdays April 24 - May 29, 2025  
7:00 - 8:30 pm  
WHERE: Christ the King Catholic Church  
5884 N. Crittenden Ave Indianapolis, IN 46220



Register by emailing Brie Anne Varick, Director of Office of Human Life and Dignity [bvarick@archindy.org](mailto:bvarick@archindy.org) or 317-236-1543 or by website [www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/mental-hope.html](http://www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/mental-hope.html)

## Baby Shower for Birthline

The St. Thomas Women's Club hosted a baby shower for Birthline at their meeting this week. If you would like to donate any items, new or gently used, we will be taking donations the next few weeks. Please drop off donations in back of church or to the parish office.

Thank you for your generosity



Next weekend, please welcome Rev. Martin Holler who will be with us to celebrate Masses at both St. Thomas and St. Michael. Rev. Martin Holler will tell us

about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).

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