

June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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“And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Matthew 10:38-39

SACRAMENTS

Baptism:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism. Parents who have never had a child baptized will need to receive preparation for this sacrament.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. or by appt.

Marriage:

Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment (at least 6 months in advance) before a date can be set.

Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion for the Homebound:

Please call the Parish Office to arrange.

Funerals:

Please call the Parish Office prior to finalizing funeral arrangements.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. (chapel)

(Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00 p.m.)

Wednesday 8:15 a.m. (chapel)

Thursday: 8:15 a.m. (chapel)

Friday: 8:15 a.m. (chapel)

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Parish Office:

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Parish News



Those in Nursing Homes:
Kitty Jenkins.

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Haley Blanchet	Betty Means*
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Jaime Kiesler*	Anthony Strigari*
Janice Klein	Oliver Walsh
Patricia Long	Margaret Walton
Michael Lovell*	Mary Weber
Bill Mannheim*	Pat Wood*

Please contact the Parish Office in order to add somebody to the list.

**Relative a Parishioner*

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

—Romans 6:9-11

CELEBRATING FR. VARGHESE ON JUNE 28th

After the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 28, 2026, we will celebrate Fr. Varghese's birthday and the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Please join us in the gym for catered food from India and Indiana, as well as a video of his sabbatical trip. Please RSVP by visiting the homepage of the STA website, www.staindy.org, or by calling the Parish Office (317) 253-1461 so we'll know how much food to order. You may also use the sign-up link on the STA homepage to volunteer to set up/clean up.

SECOND COLLECTION JUNE 27-28: PETER'S PENCE

This weekend, June 27th and 28th, St. Thomas Aquinas is participating in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' annual second collection for Peter's Pence. This collection supports the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

4TH OF JULY TRI-PARISH MASS

We invite all parishioners and family members to our annual 4th of July tri-parish (SJOA, IHM, and STA) Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2026. All are welcome!



MISSION APPEAL: WEEKEND OF JULY 11-12, 2026

On the weekend of July 11-12, St. Thomas Aquinas will be hosting the Oldenburg Franciscans for one of our parish's annual mission appeals. Sr. Ann Vonder Meulen, OSF, will briefly share her experiences of mission work here in the U.S., as well as in Papua New Guinea, where she helped in the formation of a young Franciscan community of Sisters. Their community also assists the ministries of a growing number of their lay Associates, former students and co-workers who continue many of the Sisters' ministries of their 175 years. Together they serve those most in need through counseling, food pantries, literacy, and basic needs. They also continue to assist Native American education, business efforts for women of Appalachia, and inner-city schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis through scholarships. Your generosity will be much appreciated as we hold you in our prayer in your own mission endeavors as well!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF

STA is celebrating Christmas in July in support of our teachers and school staff. **From June 27 to July 12**, there will be a Christmas tree in the Narthex, which will have gift tags for needed school items that are not covered by the school budget. Each tag will list the item(s), cost, and who is requesting the item(s).

Fulfilled requests should be returned to the narthex and placed in the Christmas box with the tag(s) securely taped. The final drop off will be July 19. Then, the items will be distributed at the beginning of the school year. Thank you for your participation.



Parish Life & Activities

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK – June 28, 2026

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the
Sunday readings: *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- Jesus teaches us that our relationship with him needs to be the most important one in our lives. Then everything else will fall into place. Invite family members to share how putting Jesus first can have a positive effect on your family.
- Invite family members to silently think about how they can make Jesus the most important relationship in their lives. Then ask everyone to look around the house for something that can serve as a reminder to focus their life on Jesus. Provide time for each person to explain their choice.
- Brainstorm as a family to come up with a service project you can work on together. Talk about how serving others shows that Jesus is the focus of your lives. ~ *Our Sunday Visitor – Lifelong Catechesis*

2026-2027 BIBLE STUDY PREVIEW

Mark your calendars and come join us for another year of discussing Holy Scripture and what it means to us today. **Sign-ups for the 2026-2027 Bible Study will occur the weekends of August 22-23 and 29-30, 2026 after all Masses.** The gatherings are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 1:00 PM and will start on September 10, 2026. The material that we will be using will require one to two hours of preparation before each meeting.

This year we will be exploring women in the Old and New Testaments. *Some of the topics we will explore are:*

- Women of Israel's Beginnings: Sarah, Hagar, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, etc.,
- Women of Courage and Strength: Judith, Susanna
- Women in Power: Vashti, Esther
- Mary, Mother of Jesus
- The Samaritan Woman of John's Gospel
- Mary and Martha, Models of Devotion and Service
- Mary Magdalene, Apostle of the Resurrection

If you have any questions, please contact Jay Kiesler at jaykiesler@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR SAUSAGEFEST

This year's festival will be held Friday, August 14th and Saturday, August 15th. SausageFest is a lot of fun for our parish and community, and a significant fundraiser. Volunteers are vital to the success of the festival. Please sign-up by visiting <https://signup.com/go/RoJRpos> or by scanning the QR code.



A "spot" is listed for each time-task combination (e.g. Friday Early Shift Beer Tent). You are able to sign up for your preferred time slot and task. The Nickel Pitch and Dunk Tank spots are staffed and coordinated by 8th Grade. If you are a rising 8th Grader, work with 8th Grade to sign-up. Tickets and ID Check spots are coordinated by Sheila Brown. Note that the SausageFest Committee reserves the right to reassign volunteers where needed. All volunteers who will be serving alcoholic beverages (i.e., beer tent, wine garden) must have a valid personal permit that has not expired by the festival dates. If you need a permit, or need to renew one, please look for instructions which will be placed on the STA church website.

TITHES & GIFTS

As of April 30, 2026 (FY 25-26)

Actual YTD	\$660,205
Budget YTD	\$649,167
Over/(Short)	\$11,038
Haiti YTD	\$130,654
SVdP YTD	\$26,303
SVdP Pantry YTD	\$19,132

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reflection on Matthew 10:37-42

I still remember the first homily I ever preached as a new deacon. It was at the seminary, and the Gospel was this one: **“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:37-38)** Standing before more than 200 classmates and professors, I stumbled awkwardly through my words and realized how strange — almost insane — this teaching sounded. If anyone else said it, we would call it narcissistic or cultish.

And that is the point. I felt the weight of those words in my own heart then, as I still do today. Am I willing to live as though Christ’s claim on my love is absolute? Are you? Over the years, I’ve learned that the more I do, the more everything else makes sense. Family, friendships, vocation, even my very self: all of it falls into place when my love for Jesus comes first.

That is why he dares to speak this way. Our Lord is not a cult leader hungry for control. He is the Son of God, the source of life and love itself. To put him before everything else is not to lose, but to find...everything, and everyone, in him.

This week, name one thing or one person you are tempted to place before the Lord. Then consciously offer it back to him in prayer.
— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

SAUSAGEFEST 2026: SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We’re gearing up for SausageFest next fall and setting our sights high—raising \$100,000 to support our wonderful school community! If you’re interested in being a Sausagefest Sponsor, you can register online by visiting the homepage of the STA website or by scanning the QR code. If you have questions, please reach out to:

Jessica Reckamp: Jessica.Reckamp@elevancehealth.com
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NEEDED ITEMS FOR BOULEVARD PLACE FOOD PANTRY

St. Vincent de Paul Boulevard Place Food Pantry appreciates the time, talent, and treasure provided by members of St. Thomas Aquinas. Your support helps us support our neighbors in need. **Current needs include:**

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| • Dish soap | • Breakfast items |
| • Jelly/Jam | • Spaghetti/pasta sauce |
| • Mayonnaise | • BBQ sauce |
| • Canned tuna/meat | |
| • Canned salmon/sardines | |
| • Salad dressing | |

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Parish Calendar with Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 27•

5:30 p.m. Mass for † Don Davis (*Julie Sherer*)

Mass for † Tom Brining (*The Brining family*)

Sunday, June 28• 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for † Rick Krietemeier (*Sandy*

Krietemeier)

10:30 a.m. Mass for † Rose Marie Foster (*Anne Belcher*)

Monday, June 29•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

Tuesday, June 30•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

5:30 p.m. Mass, Bosler Chapel

(w/ 5 p.m. Eucharistic adoration)

Wednesday, July 1•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

8:15 a.m. Mass for † Leonard Sobczak (*Lois Zentner*)

Thursday, July 2•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

8:15 a.m. Mass, Bosler Chapel

6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer, Bosler Chapel

Friday, July 3•

7:30-7:50 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

8:15 a.m. Mass, Bosler Chapel

Saturday, July 4•

9:00 a.m. Tri-parish 4th of July Mass

5:30 p.m. Mass for † Mike Alhand (*Elaine Alhand*)

Sunday, June 28• 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for STA Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Mass for † Ethan Gregoryk (*Lois Zentner*)

Upcoming Second Collections:

- **June 27-28: Peter’s Pence**
- **July 11-12: Mission Appeal, Sisters of St. Francis**



AUGUST 14-15, 2026

5:30 p.m. to Midnight

Readings for the Week of June 28, 2026

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| Sunday: | 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 |
| Monday: | Acts 12:1-11/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 |
| Tuesday: | Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/ Mt 8:23-27 |
| Wednesday: | Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34 |
| Thursday: | Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8 |
| Friday: | Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29 |
| Saturday: | Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13 -14/Mt 9:14-17 |
| Next Sunday: | Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30 |

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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