

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Thomas Aquinas

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
"Lord, help me." - Mt 15:25

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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. (church)

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:

4625 N. Kenwood Ave.

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Office Hours M-F: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

School:

4600 N. Illinois Street

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Email: ChurchInfo@staindy.org

Parish News



Those in Nursing Homes:
Kitty Jenkins.

Our Sick:

Jerry Ahlrich*	Jan McCrea*
Michael Barnes	Donna McLeish*
Martin Bickel*	Ron McNew
Haley Blanchet	Betty Means*
Alec Booth*	John Money*
Neve Bowden	Stacey Moon*
Jenny Brown*	Eileen O'Donnell
Sam Brye	Keith & Val
Ella Comer	Preston*
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Mary Etienne	Radtke*
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Garringer*	Michael Rosa*
Jackie Hayden	Steven Saxton*
Andy Hohman	Bill Scott
Chandra Hollis*	Kyle Sherman*
Bill Hubbs	Bob Sitzman*
Barbara Jenkins*	Ken Sitzman*
Eron Jackson*	Br. Roy Smith,
Matt Jennings	CSC*
Ed Johnson*	Sharon Sperry
Logan Juarez*	Bill Steiner
Jaime Kiesler*	Cecilia &
Janice Klein	Anthony Strigari*
Patricia Long	Oliver Walsh
Michael Lovell*	Margaret Walton
Bill Mannheim*	Mary Weber
Barb Martell*	Pat Wood*

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

**Relative a Parishioner*

**May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you! May
God bless us, and may all of the ends
of the earth fear him!
— Psalm 67: 6,8**

† REST IN PEACE †

Former STA Parishioner **Hugh Haynes**, husband of former parishioner Judy Haynes, passed away on July 27, 2026. May he rest in peace in God's perpetual light. Please pray for him and his family. A funeral Mass was celebrated on August 13, 2026 at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist.

ELECTION RESULTS FOR STA PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's STA Parish Council election. Liz Fries received the most votes via combined electronic and paper ballots. Therefore, she has been elected as the new at-large representative on the council. She began her three-year term at this past week's Parish Council meeting. We are grateful to both Liz Fries and Karen Momper for running as candidates and for their commitment to the STA community. Please see below for more information about the changes in membership for the 2026-2027 STA Parish Council.

CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is looking for a few more catechists and assistants to kick off the 2026-2027 year! Catechists plan a short lesson and set up the space prior to 10:30 Mass. And, the assistant's role is to be on hand to help with the planned activities during the lesson. The schedule is created quarterly and each volunteer is scheduled 2-3 times during that period. If you are interested in becoming a catechist or an assistant, please reach out to Alyse Thomas (athomas@staindy.org).

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:**

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

NEW TIGER-THEMED ARTWORK ON UTILITY BOX

With the start of a new school year, STA is welcoming new artwork on the utility box near its 46th street entrance! The tiger-themed box was painted by local artist Jon Edwards with a grant through the Arts Council of Indianapolis' Streetcorner Canvases program. A committee consisting of parish and school representatives helped advise on the artwork, clean the box, and paint. Thank you to committee members Meredith Boldt, Francesca Brady, Jules Chevigny, Mark Varnau, and Leslie Walsh.



2026-2027 STA PARISH COUNCIL: CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

For the 2026-2027 fiscal year, we welcome two new members to the Parish Council: Liz Fries and Liz Turner Suscha. As the new chair of the Finance Committee, Liz Turner Suscha succeeds John Sobotowski on the council. Besides John, thank you especially to the other two outgoing members: Fred Chandler and Mary Catharine Grau. As far as the Executive Committee, Sheila Brown succeeds Patrick Price as President and Carissa Cartwright succeeds both Fred Chandler as Vice-President and Mary Catharine Grau as the School Commission representative. And, Geoff Ziegler retains his position as Secretary.

Parish Life & Activities

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK – August 16, 2026

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the
Sunday readings: *20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- In today's Gospel the Canaanite woman demanded that Jesus heal her daughter. Gather for family prayer and invite each person to offer a prayer of petition, silently or aloud, for any member of the family.
- The Canaanite woman confronted the evils of discrimination in today's Gospel. As a family, explore the topic of discrimination. Watch the evening news together. After the news, discuss the stories of discrimination in the newscast and what can be done about these situations. Talk about how faith plays a role in dealing with the evils of discrimination.
- Maybe your family is a victim of discrimination. Talk to your children about their feelings and how they can cope with this discrimination. Remind your children that God loves them. ~ *Our Sunday Visitor – Lifelong Catechesis*

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTS

Religious Education Registration

Online registration for Sunday Religious Ed is now OPEN! Sessions for non-parochial school students in grades K-8 will begin Sunday, Sept. 13. We meet Sundays from 9-10:15 a.m. in school classrooms. To register, visit the homepage of the STA website, www.staindy.org, or just scan the QR code. In-person registrations also will be available after Masses on August 22-23 and September 5-6.



First Communion Parent Meeting Sept. 17

Parents of second graders interested in First Communion are invited to attend a planning meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, in the Third Grade classroom at St. Thomas Aquinas School. Preparation for receiving the Eucharist begins in the fall with children learning about and receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Information about the process will be offered at the parent meeting, as well as an overview of materials that will be used.

Children must be baptized to make the sacrament of Reconciliation. If your child was not baptized at St. Thomas Aquinas, please bring a copy of their baptismal certificate. If you have the original and cannot make a copy, please bring the original and we will copy it for you. There is a \$100 fee for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (\$50 for each sacrament). The fees pay for materials and activities. Please bring cash or a check made out to "St. Thomas Aquinas" to the parent meeting.

Confirmation Sign Up

Eighth-graders interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation may be signed up online at www.staindy.org. Sessions will begin Saturday, Sept. 19 from 3:45-5:15 p.m. in the Bethany Room, followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass. Our program consists of seven formation meetings and draws candidates into a deeper relationship with God through sponsor-candidate relationships, service projects and an overnight retreat March 6-7 at Camp Rancho Framasa. Other meetings will be on Sunday, Nov. 15 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass and Saturdays on Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Jan. 23, Feb. 6, and April 17.

For more information about any of these programs, please contact Karla Hudecek, pastoral associate and DRE, at khudecek@staindy.org.

TITHES & GIFTS

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

Actual YTD	\$795,428
Budget YTD	\$779,000
Over/(Short)	\$16,428
Haiti YTD	\$165,444
SVdP YTD	\$30,693
SVdP Pantry YTD	\$20,313

TEXT-TO-GIVE

Text: STAINDY to 73256

SCAN-TO-GIVE (ACS)



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PARISH COUNCIL (2026-2027)

Fr. Varghese Maliakkal (*Pastor*)

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Evelyn Ridley-Turner

Liz Turner Suscha (*Finance*)

Nancy Stark (*Community Engagement*)

Jim Trippi (*Dialogue, Truth, and Faith*)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Reflection on Matthew 15:21-28

Does God ignore or act a bit rough with you? Jesus crosses the border into the pagan region of Tyre and Sidon, the territory long outside the covenant. There, a Canaanite woman calls out, **“Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David.”** At first, he is silent. Then he rebuffs her. **“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.”** But the Church Fathers saw this not as an insult but as an initiation. Christ draws out of her heart a deeper faith.

She presses on. **“Please, Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.”** Jesus’ silence and response solidify her humility and trust. She thus becomes a model for prayer for centuries of Christians. St. Augustine said she shows how sinners come to grace by moving from silence to humility to perseverance.

This woman is the Church. She is you and me. She is every soul who dares to cry out from the margins, who endures divine silence until it turns to compassion. When Jesus says, **“O woman, great is your faith,”** it is the joyful cry of God discovering faith where the world least expects it. Even the smallest crumb of Your mercy, Lord, is enough to heal the soul. Do we have the courage to show faith like that?

— Father John Muir ©LPi

BIBLE STUDY:

REGISTRATION OPENS NEXT WEEKEND

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 p.m. 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.

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Parish Calendar with Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15• Solemnity of the Assumption*

4:30 p.m. Mass for † Vic Giesler (*Doris and Fred Chandler*)

Sunday, August 16• 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for STA Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Mass for † Charles Williams (*Sue and Ernie*)

Monday, August 17•

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7:45-8:05 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

Tuesday, August 18•

7:45-8:05 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

5:30 p.m. Mass, Bosler Chapel

(with 5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration)

Wednesday, August 19•

7:45-8:05 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

8:15 a.m. School Mass for † Mary Zaba (*Lois Zentner*)

Thursday, August 20•

7:45-8:05 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

8:15 a.m. Mass, Bosler Chapel

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

Friday, August 21•

7:45-8:05 a.m. Morning Prayer, Bosler Chapel

8:15 a.m. Mass, Bosler Chapel

Saturday, August 22

5:30 p.m. Mass for STA Parishioners

Sunday, August 23• 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for STA Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Mass for † Charles Williams (*Dottie Weidekamp*)

Upcoming Second Collections:

August 15-16: Outreach (*Haiti and St. Vincent de Paul*)

September 5-6: Mission Appeal, Discalced Carmelites from St. Joseph Province in Tamilnadu, India

*ASSUMPTION: AUGUST 15, 2026

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is celebrated on August 15 every year, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday.

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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