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PARISH INFORMATION

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m.
(or Communion S.)
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director: Mrs. Catherine Phipps
Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY on St. Joseph: March 30:

Tuesdays from 9:15—11 AM in the Hall

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Parish Conference: 574-806-0431

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Sunday at 9:15 AM 1st Friday at 7:00 am

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Stephen to arrange.

MARRIAGE

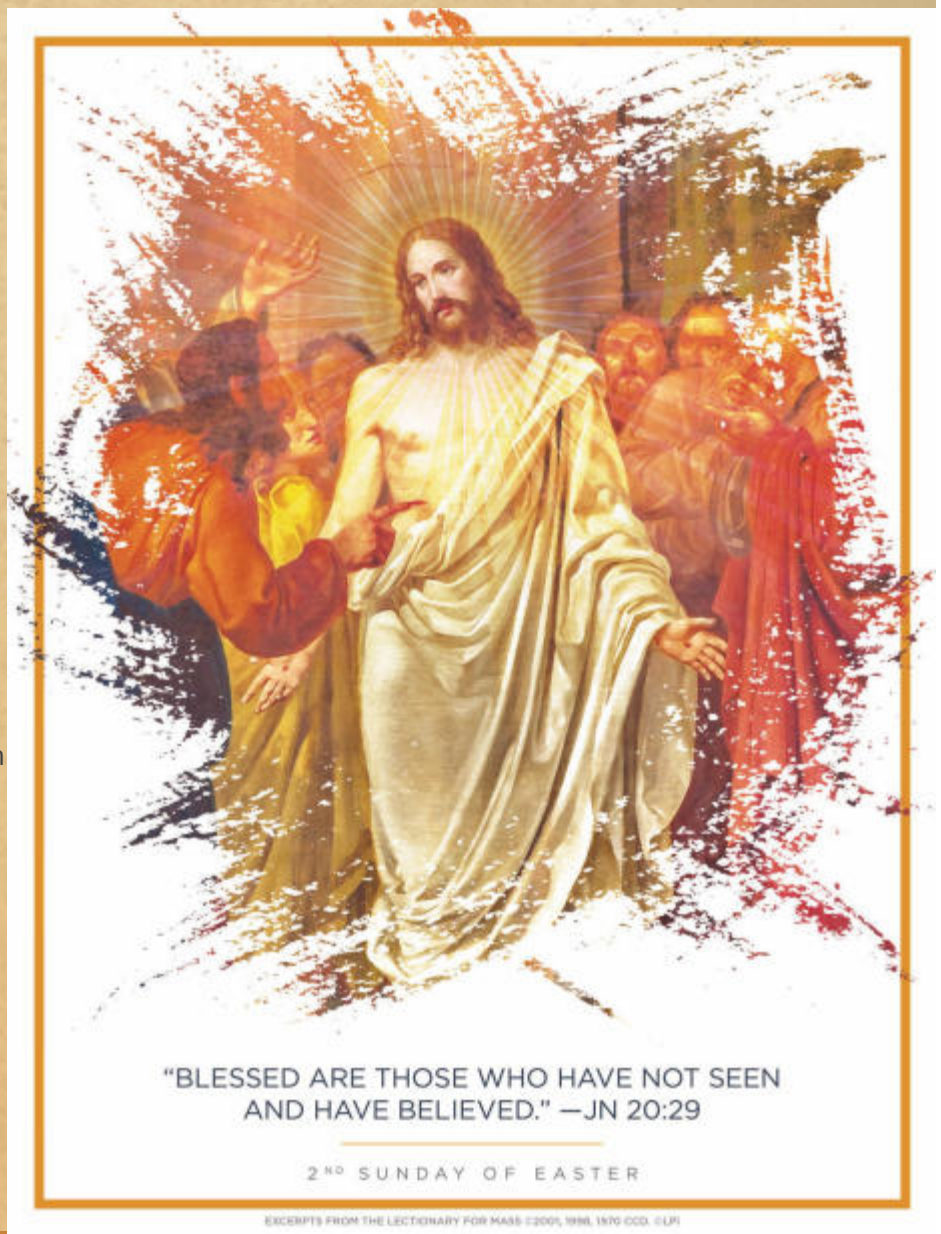
Couples' preparation required.
Please contact Fr. Stephen at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION

For the sick, elderly, homebound or hospitalized, please contact Fr. Stephen

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please fill out a registration form obtainable from the office.



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Sunday, April 11: 2nd Sunday of easter Divine mercy

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

"Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Stephen Loncar, Pastor

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS, SCHEDULE

Monday, April 12	Easter Weekday 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, April 13	Easter Weekday 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, April 14	Easter Weekday 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, April 15	Easter Weekday 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Friday, April 16	Easter Weekday 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory

SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

March 27—28, 2021 N/A

Checks	$3780
Currency	$ 303
Total	$4083

Thank you and God bless you for your continued generous stewardship of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Watch all or most Masses on St. Thomas Aquinas Church Knox, IN Facebook page.
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Watch the Masses from the Cathedral with Bishop McClory on Sundays at 11 AM. Watch it live at dcgary.org

If you have to have a Confession at St. Thomas, a priest will hear individual confessions by the east entrance, by the elevator. Call a priest for the time, availability. Wear a mask. Keep a distance! Regular Confessions are on Saturdays at 3 PM.

MASS TIMES

Until further notice we will have Masses on Saturdays at 4:30 PM and on Sundays at 10:30 AM . Weekday Masses at 7:30 AM.

Bible Study on St. Joseph is held on Tuesdays at 9:15—11 AM in the Zolinger hall.

Take aside the money saved from your fasting during Lent and donate it to Rice Bowl Collection as soon as possible. Rice Bowls are available to pick up at the entrance.

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, April 19 at 6:00 PM in the hall. Masks and social distancing required.

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

If anyone can be removed from the list, please notify Fr. Steve

Tracy Emard
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Tom Borowy
Diane Kope
Christina Sue Robertson
Collin Hernandez
Kody Combs
Julie Michel
Lisa Alberding
Austin Blake
Robert Gonzales
Alice Condon
Diana Carter
Mary Devos
Mary Frieburger
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Debbie Byrd
Eileen Beaty
Catherine Claffey
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Frank Braccolino
Joe Delong
Melissa Gaskill
John Smith
Donald Smith
John Delong
Roberta McKendry
Nancy Dlugai
Chiri Petttinato
Beverly Casey
Marge Yarck
Msgr Dick Zollinger
Wilmer Sabinski
Eileen Noonan
Jim Sellers
Joe Downs
Don Carli
Marie Whelan
Brian Casey
Whitney Yarck
Martin Bedrock

Vulnerable Persons:

a. Vulnerable individuals can resume public interactions, but should practice physical distancing, minimizing exposure to social settings where distancing may not be practical, and wear face masks.
b. Sanitize the hands before going to Communion. Have a sanitizer bottle with you at all time and apply it as often as you handle something.

All of the protocols regarding COVID-19 and worship/ liturgy are to be followed throughout the Easter Season.

Divine Mercy Sunday lets us celebrate God's immense love and mercy. Through Jesus, we are all invited to receive the gift of salvation. We are also invited to live a life of mercy, and partner with Christ to care for others. This week, please set aside some time to consider how God may be calling you to provide for the needs of the local and universal Church. Today, you are invited to share a gift to the **Catholic Services Appeal.** Every gift is valuable, no matter the size. Your gift will help spread the good news of God's love and mercy to our neighbors.

All gifts are valuable. Thank you for taking the time to consider how you can be a partner in Christ's work! Call the CSA office (219) 769-9292, ext. 268 for a pledge card, or donate online at www.dcgary.org/csa.

APRIL 10—11, 2021: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY		
Saturday, April 10	4:30 PM	Lillian Stevens
Sunday, April 11		
	10:30 AM	Tolone Family

LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS		
	4:30 PM	**10:30 AM**
Servers:	N/A	N/A
Lector:		
Offertory:		
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c. In the climate of the pandemic, each person must prayerfully consider his or her individual situation. The continued dispensation is a helpful measure since a number of the faithful may still find it difficult to fulfill the obligation during this time. Those who are not able to attend in person should consider how they will honor the Lord's Day. It is the Catholic tradition that Sunday is also kept holy by refraining from work, increasing our love of the Lord and extending charity to others through prayer and service.

Most parishes offer livestream coverage of Sunday Mass (*for a listing:* www.dcgary.org).

d. What remains as the primary source of transmission is airborne transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Thus, **masks are still a necessary** and reasonable prevention measure in conjunction with **social distancing.** These two practices are still the best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. An update on the social distancing metric of 6 feet has not yet been issued except for school aged children in classroom settings.

Children's Mass: Every third Sunday of the Month.

RCIC: Children preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation will be introduced with their sponsors on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Our Catechumen: Ashlee Miller (Engaged to Dennis Fornelli)

WANTED: PRAYER WARRIORS

We have started a prayer chain for those who need a more attentional prayer.

If you are interested, call Linda Kelly at 806-0001 or Mary Kleinfehn at 806-2740.

Msgr. Richard Zollinger
Catherine Kasper Life Center
P.O. Box 1: 9601 Union Rd.
Donaldson, IN. 46513

Holy Water and Sprinkling of the Assembly:

It has been determined that since surface and water-borne transmission are not viewed as common means of viral spread, holy water stoups and baptismal fonts (many of which have sufficient purification systems) may again be filled and used, at the discretion of the pastor.

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