



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish



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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

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9:15 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 7:00 am

## BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Stephen to arrange.

## MARRIAGE

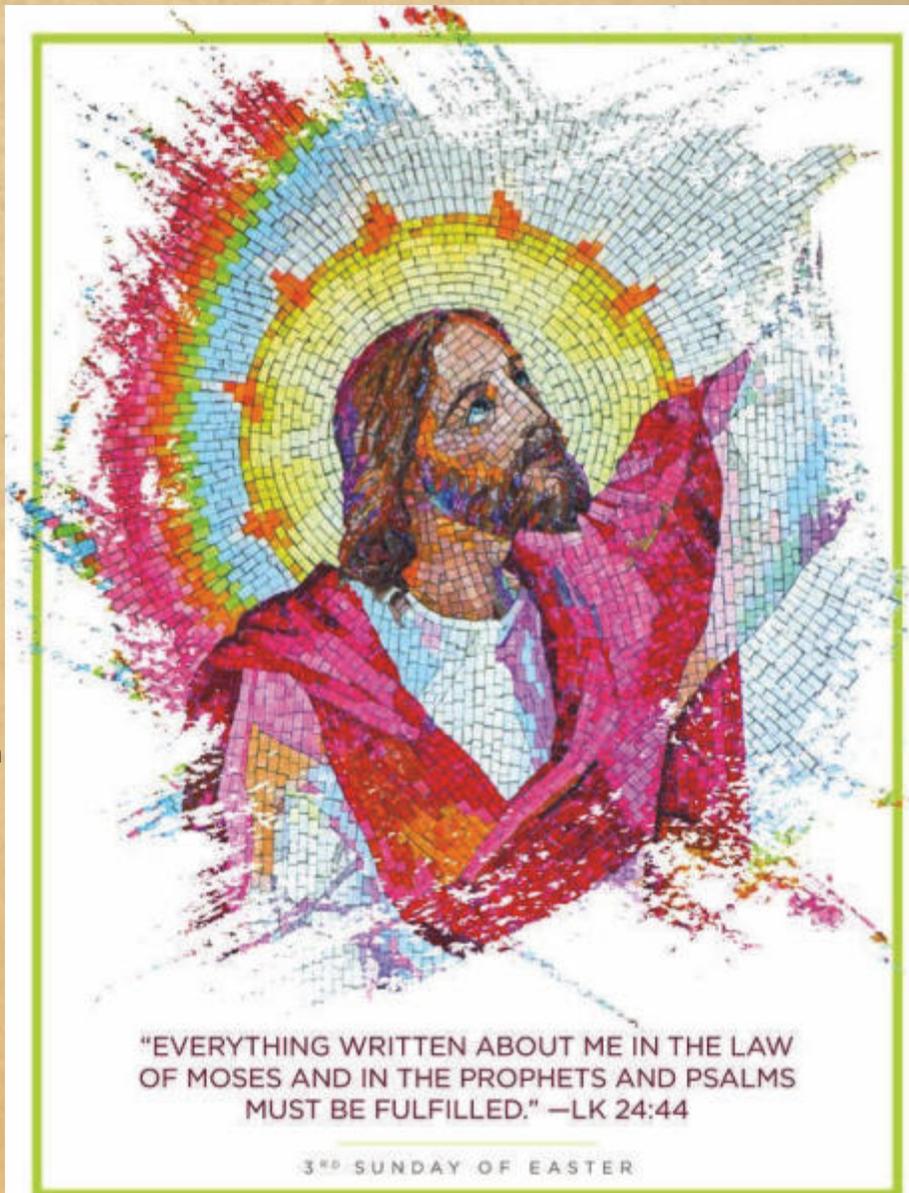
Couples' preparation required.  
Please contact Fr. Stephen at least 6  
months prior to wedding date.

## 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.



"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW  
OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS  
MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SUNDAY, APRIL 18: 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. We then experience the depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. **Happy Easter!**

Fr. Stephen Loncar, Pastor



## SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

April 10–11, 2021

Checks \$1567

Currency \$ 297

Total \$1864

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*Watch the Masses from the Cathedral with Bishop McClory on Sundays at 11 AM. Watch it live at [dcgary.org](http://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.

**First Reconciliation: Saturday, May 1.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



Tracy Emard	Mary Devos	Donald Smith	Wilmer Sabinski
Staci McMahan	Mary Frieburger	John Delong	Eileen Noonan
Tom Borowy	Sandra DeGaard	Roberta McKendry	Jim Sellers
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Julie Michel	Rebecca Czarneci	Msgr Dick Zollinger	Martin Bedrock
Lisa Alberding	Augustina Braccolino		
Austin Blake	Frank Braccolino		
Robert Gonzales	Joe Delong		
Alice Condon	Melissa Gaskill		
Diana Carter	John Smith		

### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS, SCHEDULE

Monday, April 19	3rd Week of Easter 7:30 AM	Sussie Reel
Tuesday, April 20	3rd Week of Easter 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, April 21	St. Anselm 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, April 22	3rd Week of Easter 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Friday, April 23	3rd Week of Easter 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory

**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.**



*(Commitment Sunday)*

Let us give thanks and praise to God in gratitude for all that God has given us! In a year that has included much suffering, many of us have been blessed with good health and provisions.

How is God suggesting that we share our blessings with others? The **Catholic Services Appeal** begins today. Gifts to CSA broadly assist ministries that care for the physical and spiritual needs of others, through our local parish, diocesan ministries, and the universal Church.

Let us turn to Jesus for inspiration regarding how we can be a partner in Christ's work. Let us PRAY for one another, ACT kindly and care for each other, and LOVE one another more fully.

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](http://www.dcgary.org/csa).

APRIL 24–25, 2021: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY		
<b>Saturday, April 24</b>	4:30 PM	Ron Chamblis
<b>Sunday, April 25</b>	10:30 AM	Sussie Reel
LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS		
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Servers:</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Lector:</b>		
<b>Offertory:</b>		
<b>EM of Holy Communion</b>	(H) (C) (C)	(H) (C) (C)



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](http://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.

The Code of Canon Law is very clear that children should celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914)

Our **Catechumen:** Ashlee Miller (Engaged to Dennis Fornelli)

**WANTED: PRAYER WARRIORS**  
We have started a **prayer chain** for those who need a more **attentive prayer**.

If you are interested, call Linda Kelly at [806-0001](tel:806-0001) or Mary Kleinfehn at [806-2740](tel:806-2740).

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