



# Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish



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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m.  
(or Communion S.)  
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 9:00 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 8:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 8:00 am

## BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Stephen to arrange.

## MARRIAGE

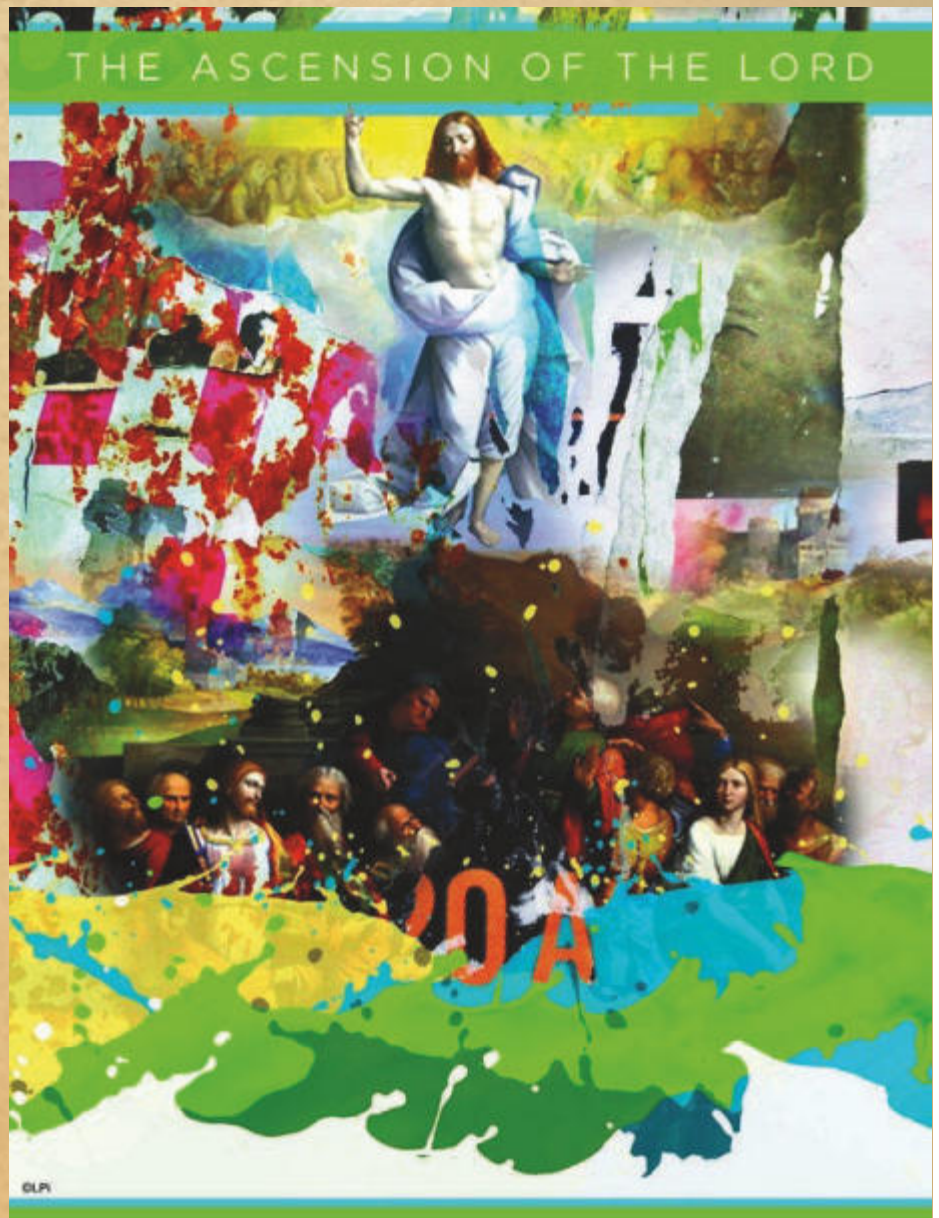
Couples' preparation required.  
Please contact Fr. Stephen at least 6  
months prior to wedding date.

## 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.



**SUNDAY, MAY 16: ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

St. Paul tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Stephen Loncar, Pastor



**SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS**

**May 8–9, 2021**

Checks	\$1300
Currency	\$ 339
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1639</b>

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

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

Summer schedule of Masses as of May 9th: **Saturdays at 4:30 PM and on Sundays at 9:00 AM.** Week-day Masses at 7:30 AM. Until further notice.

**Bible Study on St. Joseph** is held on **Tuesdays at 9:15–11 AM** in the Zollinger hall.

**Parish Council Meeting:** Monday, May 17th at 6 PM in the Zollinger hall.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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



**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS, SCHEDULE**

Monday, May 17	7th Week of Easter 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, May 18	7th Week of Easter 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, May 19	7th Week of Easter 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, May 20	St. Bernardine of Siena 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Friday, May 21	7th Week of Easter 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory

Tracy Emard	Mary Devos	Donald Smith	Wilmer Sabinski
Staci McMahon	Mary Frieburger	John Delong	Eileen Noonan
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Diane Kope	Jim McGrory	Nancy Dlugai	Joe Downs Don Carl
Christina Sue Robertson	Debbie Byrd	Chiri Pettinato	Beverly Casey
Collin Hernandez	Eileen Beaty	Brian Casey	Marge Yarck
Kody Combs	Catherine Claffey	Whitney Yarck	Msgr Dick Zollinger
Julie Michel	Rebecca Czarnocki	Martin Bedrock	Jinger Vincent
Lisa Alberding	Augustina Braccolino		
Austin Blake	Frank Braccolino		
Robert Gonzales	Joe Delong		
Alice Condon	Melissa Gaskill		
Diana Carter	John Smith		



**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.**



Jesus asks us to be generous with the gifts that God has given us. We do this in many ways through *volunteering, offering food and other gifts to help the local Church.*

Please consider how you can be a *Partner in Christ:*

- PRAY – *Is God asking me to pray for our neighbors, priest, family, myself?*
- ACT -- *How is God asking me to share my blessings with others?*
- LOVE – *Am I allowing God to love others more fully through me?*

**Gifts to CSA** support programs that provide hope and assistance through local parishes, the diocese and the universal Church.

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MAY 22–23, 2021: PENTECOST SUNDAY		
<b>Saturday, May 22</b>	4:30 PM	Margaret Spicka
<b>Sunday, May 23</b>	9:00 AM	40th Wedd. Anniv.: Donna and Ziggi
		Skulski
LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS		
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
<b>Servers:</b>		
<b>Lector:</b>		
<b>Offertory:</b>		
<b>EM of Holy Communion</b>		

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.

In our faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us. But let's remember, our faith compels action because the kingdom isn't going to build itself. Look up in the sky: What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

**Children's Mass:** Every third 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](tel:806-0001) or Mary Kleinfehn at [806-2740](tel:806-2740).

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