



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

1st Sunday at 8:00 AM 1st 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 23: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

Holiness is for saints and the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find. It is easy to get fooled, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be holy human beings God made us to be. The inspirations of the Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

Happy Pentecost and the Birthday of the Church!

Fr. Stephen Loncar, Pastor



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

May 15–16, 2021

Checks	\$3430
Currency	\$ 445
Total	\$3875

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Watch EWTN on your TV cable, satellite...

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 update:

Summer schedule of Masses as of May 9th: **Saturdays at 4:30 PM and on Sundays at 9:00 AM.** **Weekday 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.

Quilt raffle for Jinger Vincent, 8th grader cancer patient, Altar/Rosary Sodality members sponsor this raffle and will sell tickets before and after Masses in the vestibule.

Tickets: **\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.**

For tickets see: Helen Guriel 574 772 2983.

Drawing: Labor Day Weekend.

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 McMahon	Mary Frieburger	John Delong	Eileen Noonan
Tom Borowy	Sandra DeGaard	Roberta McKendry	Jim Sellers
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	Msgr Dick Zollinger
Kody Combs	Catherine Claffey	Martin Bedrock	Jinger Vincent
Julie Michel	Rebecca Czarniecki		
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, May 24	BVM, Mother of the Church 7:30 AM	Greg Stevens
Tuesday, May 25	8th Week of Ord. Time 7:30 AM	Dorothy Hiltrop
Wednesday, May 26	St. Philip Neri 7:30 AM	Soul of Halina Skulski
Thursday, May 27	St. Augustine of C. 7:30 AM	Members of the Parish
Friday, May 28	8th Week of Ord. Time 7:30 AM	Dorothy Hiltrop

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.

All gifts are valuable. Please consider how you can be a partner in Christ’s work, and make a gift today!

Call the CSA office (219) 769-9292, ext. 268 for a pledge card, or donate online at www.dcgary.org/csa.

MAY 29–30, 2021: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY		
Saturday, May 29	4:30 PM	Katherine Regaldo
Sunday, May 23	9:00 AM	Dorothy Hiltrop
LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS		
	4:30 PM	9:00 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. According to CDC activity guidelines, it is safe for those fully vaccinated to attend a full-capacity indoor worship service without wearing a mask. However, for unvaccinated individuals, the CDC recommends wearing a mask **and** practicing social distancing when attending an indoor worship service. While this is welcome news for some, our priority is to help all people feel safe in returning to indoor worship. As a practical act of prudence and charity toward those who have concerns or have not been vaccinated, we will continue to use masks for the safety of all as we gather indoors. As we continue to assess and respond to changing circumstances, we hope indoor worship will no longer require the wearing of masks.

Comprehensive revisions to our liturgical protocols are close to being finalized, but for now social distancing and mask protocols remain the same.

You Don’t Have What It Takes – but You Will. We all know a sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we’re supposed to do, in any situation. It’s that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can’t. If we all put our lists of “reasons why we can’t” together, any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles.

Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven’t been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can’t was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn’t call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn’t call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He’s ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

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 or Mary Kleinfehn at 806-2740.

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