



Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish



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: 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

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

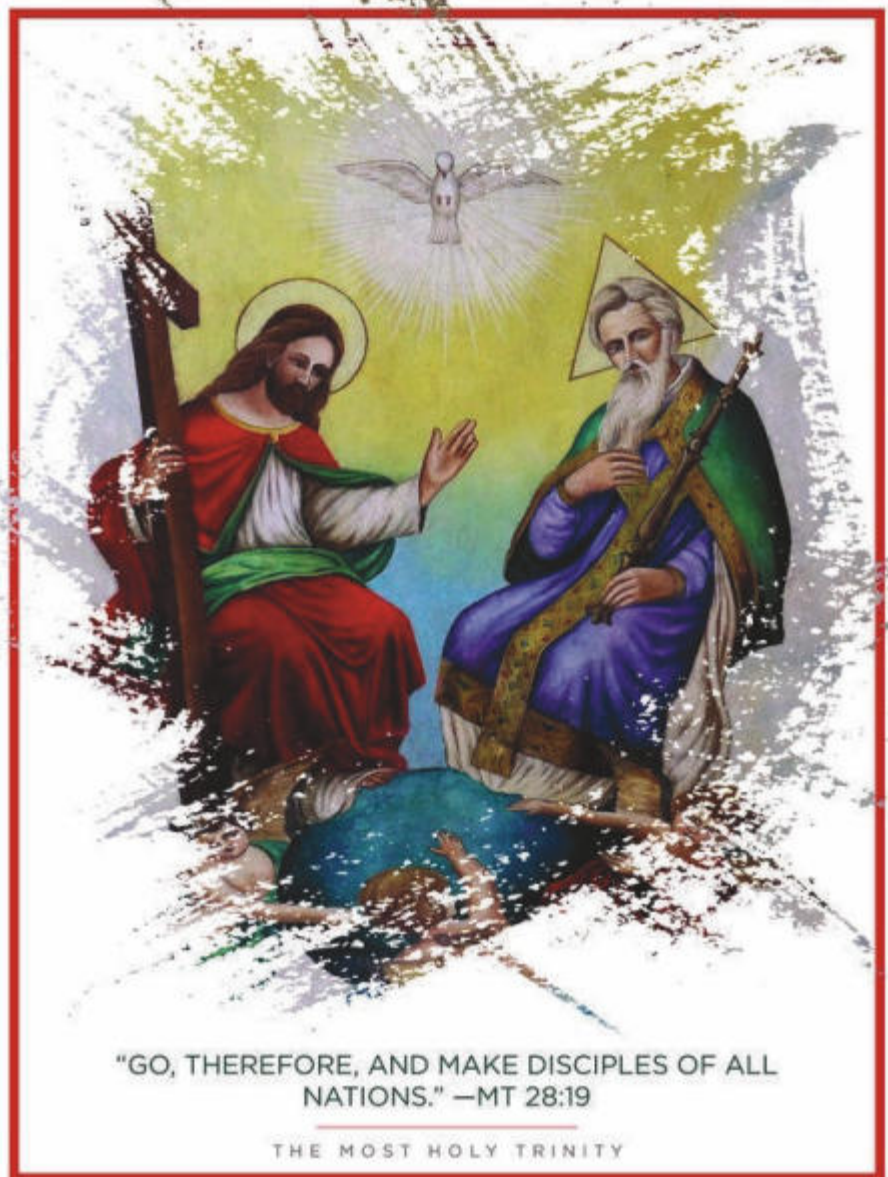
Couples' preparation required.
Please contact Fr. Stephen at least 6
months prior to wedding date.

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.



"GO, THEREFORE, AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL
NATIONS." —MT 28:19

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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SUNDAY, MAY 30: MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like? God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns.

Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God? We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

Fr. Stephen Loncar, Pastor



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

May 22–23, 2021

Checks	\$1110
Currency	\$ 399
Total	\$1509

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

Second Collection is taken up today for the financial help of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish and region. Please, be generous now and always. The need is real and urgent.

Watch all or most Masses on St. Thomas Aquinas Church Knox, IN Facebook page.

Listen to Redeemer Radio 95.7 FM.

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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 in the confessional from now on. If face to face, wear a mask. Keep a distance! Call a priest for the time, availability. 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.

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 Czarnocki		
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 31	The Visitation of the BVM 7:30 AM	Dorothy Hiltrop
Tuesday, June 1	St. Justin 7:30 AM	Dorothy Hiltrop
Wednesday, June 2	Ss. Marcellinus & Peter 7:30 AM	Members of the Parish
Thursday, June 3	St. Charles Lwanga & Co 7:30 AM	Dorothy Hiltrop
First Friday, June 4	9th Week in Ord. Time 7:30 AM	Terrance & Jacalynn Ciboch 45th Wedd. An

Parishes should begin planning now for how to organize worship space to accommodate both vaccinated and unvaccinated in light of the new CDC masking guidelines-- in order to provide direction as this pandemic is better understood and brought under control.

The protocols in the c. document are designed to help parishes move toward a normalization of the celebration of Mass, daily and on the Lord's Day as well as the celebration of the sacraments. Each parish is a bit different from their neighbors in matters of physical layout of worship space, the makeup of parishioners and the sensibilities of pastoral leadership. These protocols are an invitation to reframe the approach to public worship in light of recent actions taken by health officials:



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.

JUNE 5–6, 2021: THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY		
Saturday, June 5	4:30 PM	Margaret Spicka
Sunday, June 6	9:00 AM	Stanislaw and Maria Pizur
LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS		
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
Servers:	N/A	N/A
Lector:		
Offertory:		
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- Masks need to be continued to be worn by all at public worship indoors.** General screening of all liturgical ministers should continue. No one should be in church that is ill or feeling ill or less than 10 days after being diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Beginning on Sunday, May 30th, parishes may increase their seating capacity** by reducing the distance between family groups 3 feet.
- The goal is to return to an open-door policy regarding Masses** if they are able to utilize the three-foot metric for seating.
- The detailed sanitizing of the worship space after each mass can be reasonably scaled back.** Pews tops can be quickly wiped down using a simple soap and water solution after each Mass or even after two or three Masses.
- The liturgical roles of Reader, Altar Server, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion should begin to be reinstated.**
- The role of a Cantor can be reinstated.**
- Hymnals or Missalettes may be returned to pews if desired.** It is recommended that congregants be allowed to each have one for themselves they are responsible to bring to Mass.
- The entrance procession may be reinstated.**
- The offertory procession may be reinstated.** Those bringing the gifts should be instructed to sanitize their hands before they touch the gifts or they should wear gloves. The cruets, chalices, bowls, etc. should be covered. For the offertory collection: use baskets on handles.
- Continue to limit physical contact during the Lord's Prayer and exchange of peace.**
- The Communion procession should be reinstated.** It may be helpful for processions in small churches to come from the side aisle and return by the main aisle. All should continue to sanitize hands immediately prior to the distribution of Holy Communion. The distribution of the Precious Blood remains restricted, to the celebrant and concelebrants.

- Communion of the tongue is to be permitted.** A priest is not free to deny Holy Communion to someone who desires sincerely to receive on the tongue. It is suggested that where distribution on the tongue takes place some form of sanitizer be prepared such as, a purificator and a small bowl of grain alcohol be prepared for the minister to dip thumb and forefinger and wipe his fingers between each communicant.
- The recessional may be reinstated,** especially if the church has more than one exit. If it has only one exit it might still be advantageous to dismiss section at a time.
- Holy water stoups and baptismal fonts may again be filled and used, at the discretion of the pastor.** Stoups should be emptied, cleaned, and refilled at least each weekend.
- Most important: 1) the need to wear masks while in church. 2) The need to sanitize hands when entering and before receiving communion. 3) 3 feet distancing for the seating of congregants. (Slightly edited for space) for complete protocols: visit dcgary.org or our Facebook page.

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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