



# 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

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

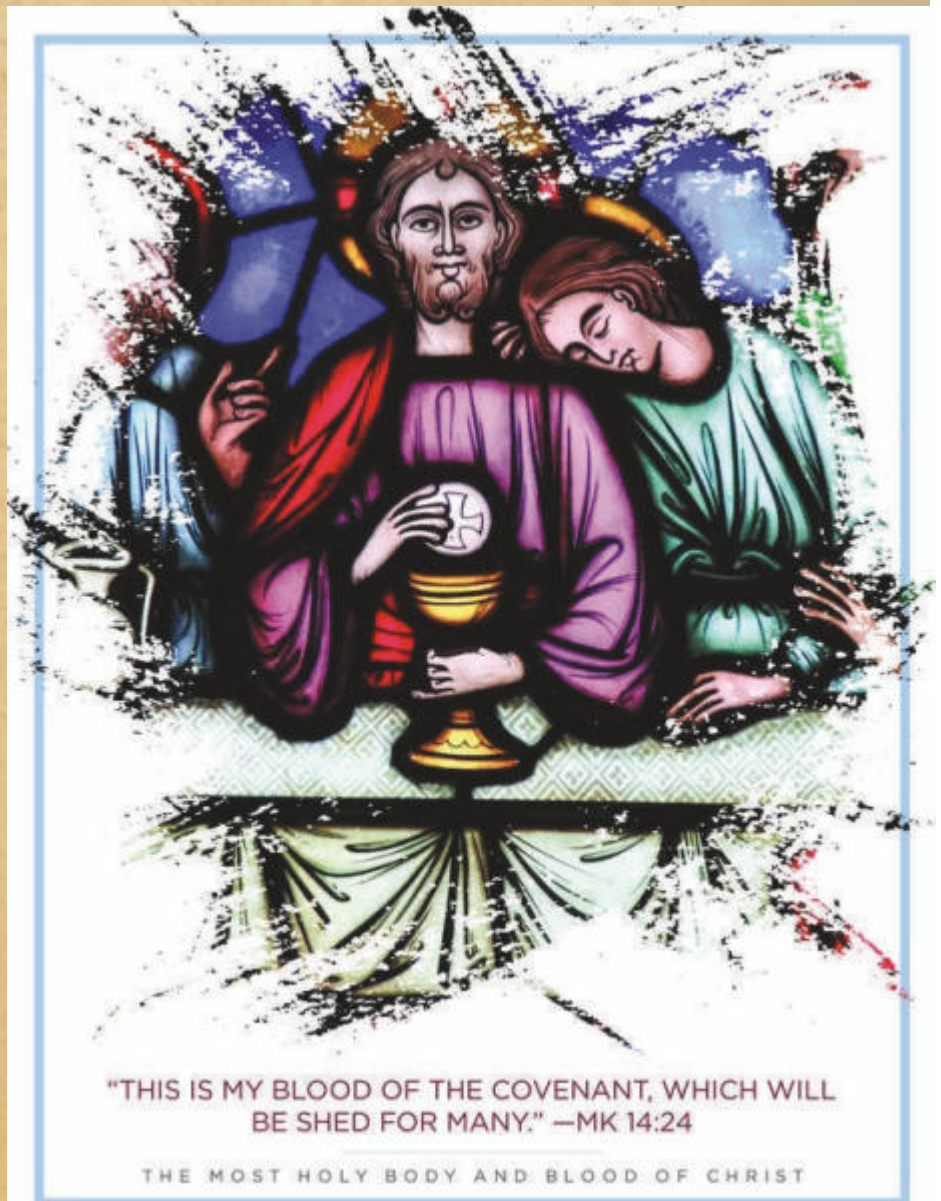
Couples' preparation required.  
Please contact Fr. Stephen at least 6  
months prior to wedding date.

## 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.



"THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, WHICH WILL  
BE SHED FOR MANY." —MK 14:24

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS (2002, 1996, 1970 CCD, 1LN)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6: THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, “the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God’s sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God’s love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God’s unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

Fr. Stephen Loncar, Pastor



## SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

May 26–27, 2021 N/A

Checks	\$
Currency	\$
Total	\$

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

This month, as we honor our fathers and father figures who have worked tirelessly to give our families the best life possible, please consider a special Father’s Day Collection gift for Catholic Charities. Your gift will make a significant impact for those facing extraordinary circumstances and will serve as gratitude for the impact your father and father figures made in your life! You can visit [www.catholic-charities.org](http://www.catholic-charities.org) to learn about their programs and to donate.

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

**Listen to Redeemer Radio 95.7 FM.**

**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](http://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.**

## **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, June 7	10th Week in Ord. Time 7:30 AM	Anette Walter
Tuesday, June 8	10th Week in Ord. Time 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, June 9	St. Efrem 7:30 AM	Members of the Parish
Thursday, June 10	10th Week in Ord. time 7:30 AM	Michael and Grace Cu-neen
Friday, June 11	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory

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

JUNE 12–13, 2021: 11TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME SUNDAY		
<b>Saturday, June 12</b>	4:30 PM	Ron Chambliss
<b>Sunday, June 13</b>	9:00 AM	Dorothy Hiltrop
LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS		
	4:30 PM	9:00 AM
<b>Servers:</b>	N/	√/A
<b>Lector:</b>		
<b>Offertory:</b>		
<b>EM of Holy Communion</b>	(H) (C) (C)	(H) (C) (C)



- c. **The sacraments of Initiation may be conferred following the basic guidelines as for Eucharist.** Baptisms should resume in a normal fashion. If more than one infant is baptized then the celebrant should sanitize their thumb between each anointing.
2. **Weddings should no longer be delayed and should resume in the usual fashion.** Bridal parties can remove their mask for the opening procession but should put them on when they reach their seat. During the vows the bride and groom can remove their masks for their promises, vows and exchange of rings and if at the conclusion of the liturgy the bride (and groom) go to the Marian shrine. The celebrant, at his discretion, may remove his mask at these times if the couple is comfortable with him doing so. The bridal party may remove their masks for the recessional. Bride and groom can receive from one chalice, which is separate from the celebrant's chalice.
3. **Funerals should resume in the usual fashion for funerals.** When the church is large enough to accommodate it, the immediate family may accompany the body of the deceased to the altar and then take their seats. Masks should be worn by all in attendance following the basic protocols.
4. **Anointing of the Sick should proceed in the normal fashion** with the priest sanitizing his thumb after each anointing. If a patient is COVID positive and the priest is uncomfortable in anointing such a patient, they should find a priest who is willing to administer the sacrament.
5. **The Sacrament of Penance can return to the usual confessional** room unless the pastor deems it far too small and lacking in ventilation. Both the penitent and the priest should be masked. Face to face confession can be administered at the pastor's discretion.

Donate to Victims of Carmelite



27 children as well as multiple staff and the Carmelite Sisters have been displaced due to a fire at the home in East Chicago. Our SVDP is part of the District of Gary which helps those in need.

**NEEDS INCLUDE:**

- Toiletries, Linens, Sanitary items, Diapers, Soap, Toothpaste, Paper products, Bottled water, and more.
- ALSO:** Boys and girls clothing, Socks, Shoes, Pajamas, Sports bras sizes 7-16, or M-X.

**Monetary gifts and gift cards** are also welcomed.

**Drop off donations in the church hall** before or after the Masses the weekend of June 12 and 13.

SVDP will deliver the items the week of June 14.

**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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