



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

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

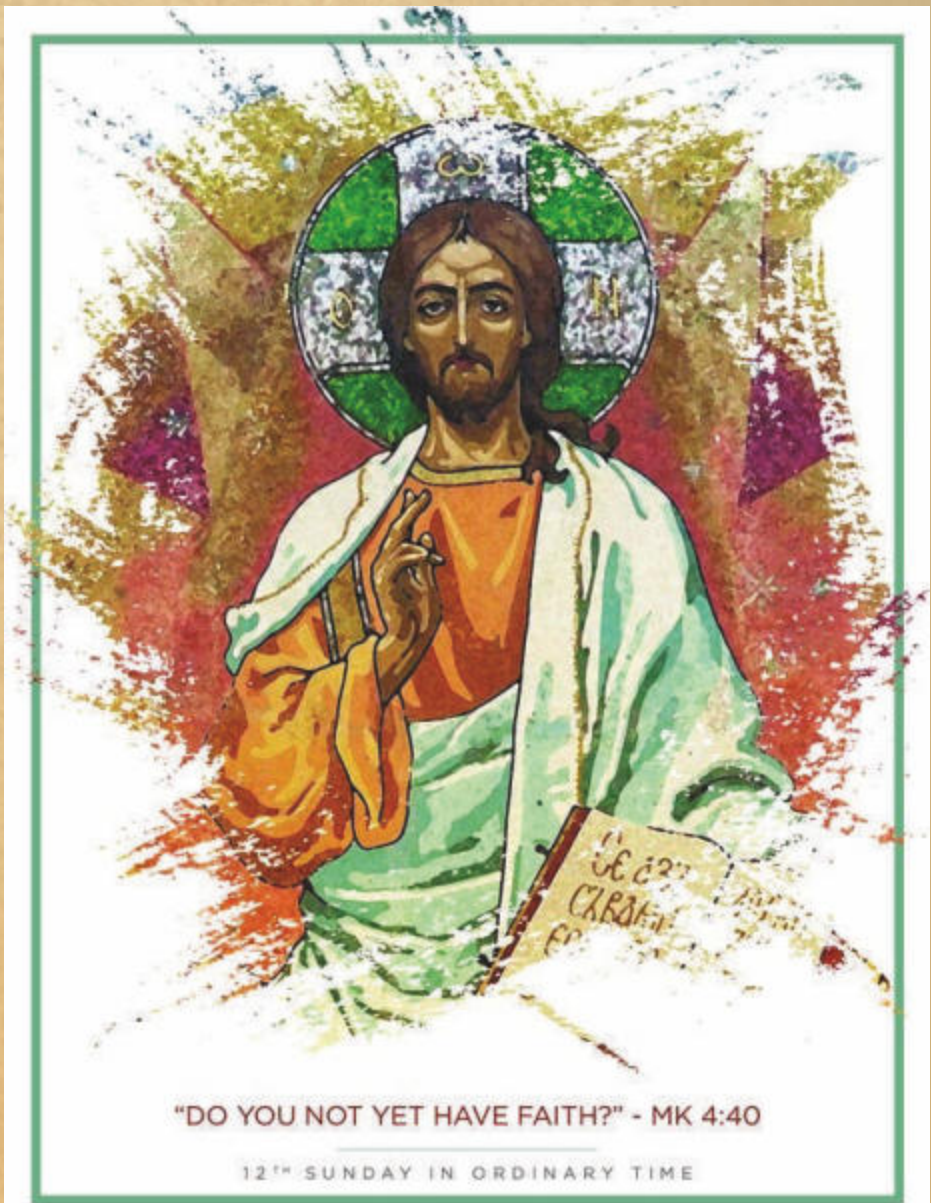
Couples' preparation required.
Please contact Fr. Stephen at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

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, JUNE 20: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into unchartered waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

Fr. Stephen Loncar, Pastor



SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

June 12-13, 2021 N/A

Checks	\$
Currency	\$
Total	\$

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

Today, as we honor our fathers and father figures, we will be taking a special Father's Day Collection for Catholic Charities. Will you consider providing a special Father's Day Collection gift to Catholic Charities. **Your gift will be doubled and will make twice the impact for our North-west Indiana neighbors in need with the \$25,000 in matching funds Catholic Charities has available!** To learn more about Catholic Charities or to donate online visit www.catholic-charities.org. You can also mail in a check to **Catholic Charities at 940 Broadway, Gary IN 46402.**



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.

Listen to Redeemer Radio 95.7 FM.

Watch EWTN on your TV cable, satellite...

Watch the Masses from the Cathedral on Sundays at 11 AM 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.

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, June 21	St. Aloysius 7:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, June 22	Ss. John Fisher, Thomas More 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, June 23	12th Week in Ord. Time 7:30 AM	Annette Walter
Thursday, June 24	The Nativity of St. John B 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Friday, June 25	12th Week in Ord. Time 7:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory

The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is hereby lifted throughout the State of Indiana. Masks will no longer be required at our liturgies. Masks continue to be strongly recommended for those who have not been fully vaccinated, including clergy.



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 26–27, 2021: 13TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME		
Saturday, June 26	4:30 PM	Members of the Parish
Sunday, June 27	9:00 AM	Thomas John Pizur
LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS		
	4:30 PM	
Servers:		
Lector:	Chambers	Varchetto
Offertory:		
EM of Holy Communion	(H) D. Kelly (C) (C)	(H) J. Piarowski (C) (C)



c. Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass would be applicable for those who are:

1. Seriously ill, exhibit flu-like symptoms, or may have a contagious disease. This includes quarantine due to exposure to contagious disease.
2. Unable to attend Mass through no fault of their own such as having no means of transportation.
3. Homebound or incapacitated due to age, infirmity, or other medical restrictions.
4. Compromised by health conditions or are at high risk of contracting the coronavirus.
5. Caretakers of persons who are sick or at risk of serious illness if they contract the coronavirus.

Outdoors Mass is scheduled and will be celebrated on **Sunday, July 18th at 10:30 AM** in the **#3 Pavilion**. Bring your own lawn chair.

Picnic and after Mass activities are pending.

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.

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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