



# 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

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

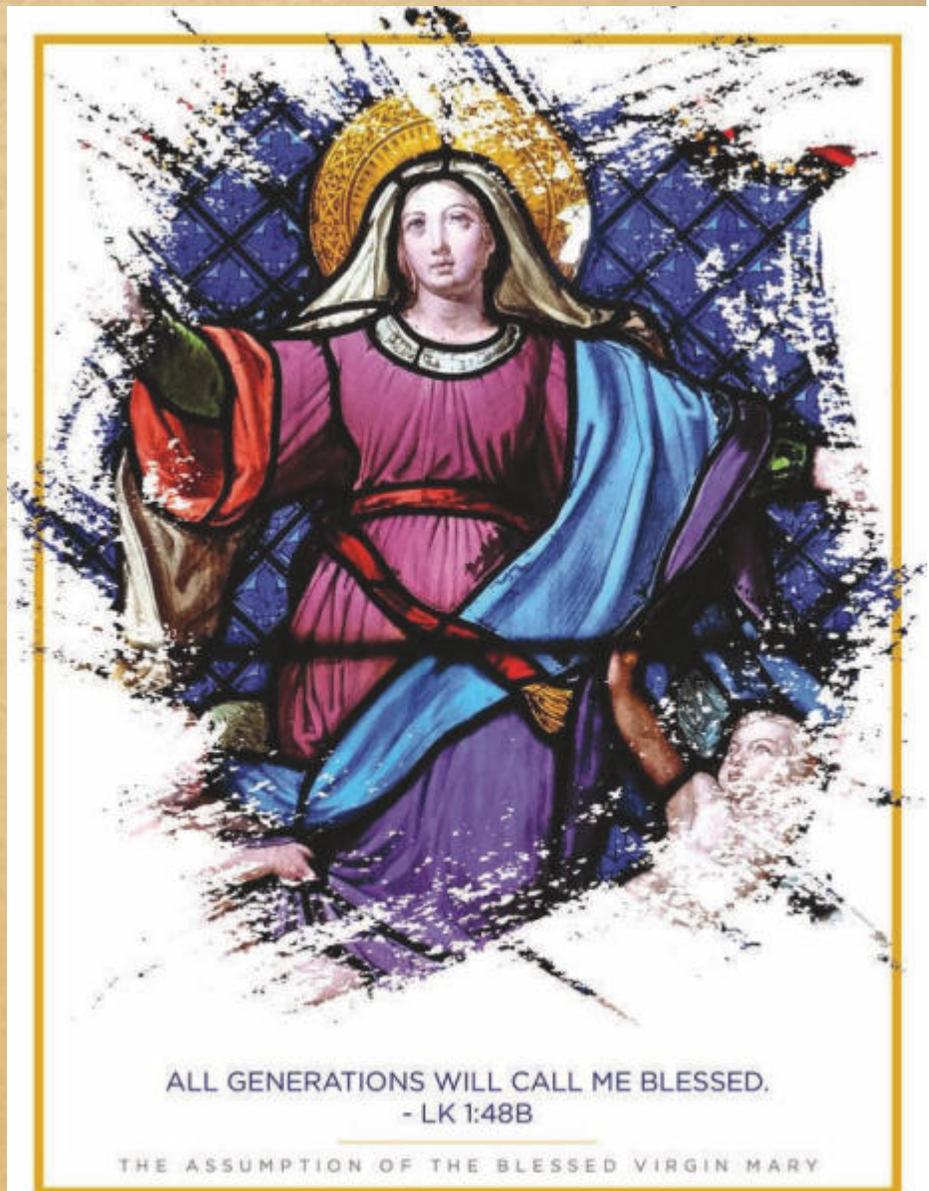
Couples' preparation required.  
Please contact Fr. Stephen at least 6  
months prior to wedding date.

## 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.



ALL GENERATIONS WILL CALL ME BLESSED.  
- LK 1:48B

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS (2001, 1996, 1970 CCS - LFP)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

We need people to point the way, to teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. Some of these people are often the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

Fr. Stephen Loncar, Pastor

### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 16	St. Stephen of HU. 7:30 AM	Rose Ann Kozub
Tuesday, August 17	20th Week in Ord. Time 7:30 AM	Eleanore Heggi
Wednesday, August 18	20th Week in Ord. Time 7:30 AM	Isidor Schreiber
Thursday, August 19	St. John Eudes 7:30 AM	Mary Pat DeVoy
Friday, August 20	St. Bernard 7:30 AM	Peter Drzewiecki



### SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

August 7–8, 2021

Checks	\$1145
Currency	\$ 528
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1639</b>

We need to collect at least \$4,000—a week to cover monthly parish expenses.

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

### 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](http://dcgary.org)*

**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: Saturday, September 4 at 4:30 PM.

**Bake Sale** sponsored by the Altar Rosary Sodality will be on Saturday, September 4 and Sunday, September 5 before and after Masses in the hall. Start gathering recipes and baking ingredients to be able to make many good cookies and cakes for Sale.

### 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 McMahan	Mary Frieburger	John Delong	Eileen Noonan
Tom Borowy	Sandra DeGaard	Roberta McKendry	Jim Sellers
Diane Kope	Jim McGroary	Nancy Dlugai	Joe Downs Don Carl
Christina Sue Robertson	Debbie Byrd	Beverly Casey	Brian Casey
Collin Hernandez	Eileen Beaty	Msgr Dick Zollinger	Martin Bedrock
Kody Combs	Catherine Claffey	Jinger Vincent	Jim Tolone
Julie Michel	Rebecca Czarniecki	Heather Ritchie	
Lisa Alberding	Augustina Braccolino		
Austin Blake	Frank Braccolino		
Robert Gonzales	Joe Delong		
Alice Condon	Melissa Gaskill		
Diana Carter	John Smith		

Effective August 4, the Memorial of Saint John Vianney, all diocesan liturgical protocols put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic will be lifted. The only exception is that parishes should continue to refrain from distributing the Precious Blood to the assembly.



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).

AUGUST 21–22, 2021: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME			
<b>Saturday, August 21</b>	4:30 PM	Barbara Klein (1st Anniv.)	
<b>Sunday, August 22</b>	9:00 AM	Bill Yarck, Jr.	
<b>LITURGICAL PARTICIPANTS</b>			
	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
<b>Servers:</b>		Varchetto	
<b>Lector:</b>	Briana Korcha	Butch, Marylyn Ritchie	
<b>Offertory:</b>	Bev. Casey, Mike Spicka		
<b>EM of Holy Communion</b>	(H) C. Raab (C) (C)	(H) (C) (C)	(H) J. Piarowski (C) (C)



**Question:**

What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

**Answer:**

Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

**WWMD: What Would Mary Do?**

Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will. Yes, yes, yes. Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. She was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

God gave Mary all the graces to guide her: sinlessness, servitude, compliance with God's will, holiness, virginity, purity. These we also need to ask of Him in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live. What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example? (Hint, hint: to love, truth, goodness, chastity, service, life...)

**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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