

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 20-21, 2026



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10.00 am Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

June 13-14, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	\$	8,703.00
Loose	\$	478.00
Subtotal	\$	8,946.00
Annual School Fund	\$	780.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	670.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	560.00
Other	\$	45.00
Subtotal	\$	2,055.00
Grand Total	\$	11,236.00

St. Thomas Pre-baptismal Class 2026 Schedule.

October 4 at 8:45 am or by appointment if needed.

Classes will be held in the choir area. Contact the 618-783-8741 to register or schedule an appointment.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, June 22, St. Paulinus of Nola;

Sts. John Fisher & Thomas Moore

Office closed

Tues., June 23, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, June 24, Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am Mass (Int. Joseph & Brad Bergbower)

9:00 am Rosary

6:00 pm Pastoral Council

Thursday, June 25, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Linda at a Diocesan Payroll Training in Highland

Friday, June 26, Weekday

7:30 am – 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int. Brad Ghost)

Saturday, June 27, St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:00 am – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Living and Deceased of Miller Family)

Sun., June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int: For the Parish)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

9:35 am Rosary

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Living and Deceased of Menke and Leahy Families)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

11:30 am Feast of St. Thomas Celebration

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: 2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15a,18

Mt 7:1-5

Tues.: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11,14-21,31-35a,36

Mt 7:6,12-14

Weds.: Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66,80

Th.: 2 Kgs 24:8-17

Mt 7:21-29

Fri.: 2 Kgs 25:1-12

Mt 8:1-4

Sat.: Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19

Mt 8:5-17

Sun.: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

Rom 6:3-4,8-11

Mt 10:37-42

First Friday Adoration at St. Thomas

July 3, 2026

You are invited to join St. Thomas for 8:30 am Mass followed by Adoration until Noon on the First Friday of every month. A sign-up sheet is in the gathering space.

The remaining Fridays of the month Adoration will be held from 7:30 am – 8:15 am.

St. Thomas Parish Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 27 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Luke Zuber

EM: Matt/Amanda Baltzell, Kim Zuber, Wade Ochs

Servers: Lillian Green, Emily Beals, Bryar French

Gift Bearers: Evan Baltzell

Musicians: Tammy Page and Elise Wright

Greeters/Ushers: Brad Ochs

Sunday, June 28 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Lori TeVault

EM: Jill/Gus/Lucy Bierman, Nikki Earnest

Servers: Jillian Volk, Audrey Earnest, Blake Bierman

Gift Bearers: Brian Brummer Family

Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lyndsey Spiker

Greeters/Ushers: Chris Bierman

Sunday, June 28 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Brian Bierman

EM: Matt Bower, Marissa Bower, Dennis Weber,
Kristine Probst

Servers: Brantley Ochs, Pete Weber, Ella Probst

Gift Bearers: Justin Probst Family

Musicians: Patsy Leffler & Debbie Matson

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Bower

Sound System Update:

Bluetooth now available for hearing aids

Be sure to pick up an instructional flyer in the gathering space to learn how you can Bluetooth your hearing aids to the sound system. The bar code for connecting to the listening app is also included here and then you will need to connect to the church's Wi-Fi, STS Audio Aid.

Do not hesitate to stop by the parish office if you need assistance setting this up. The original listening devices are still available in the usher's room if you prefer to use them instead.



Catholic Heart Work Camp Second Collection

Thank you to everyone for your generosity last weekend. Your donations are much appreciated and will greatly benefit the upcoming trip to Kansas City, KS. **The total collected was \$2,546.00!** Thank you for your overwhelming support of our youth!

Thank You Thank You Thank You

A special thanks to **Ramon Kocher** for doing the cosmetic touches that needed attention after the installation of the sound system! And thanks to both **Ramon and Tom Brown** for replacing light bulbs inside and outside when needed. Your many acts of service for our parish do not go unnoticed!

WELCOME! This weekend, we welcome Deacon Scott Sparks who will be assisting with the Masses.

A Friendly Reminder...

Please stop by the parish center to pick up your funeral dinner dishes. We absolutely want everyone to get their dishes back, so please put your name on the dishes that you bring and would like to have back. Thank you for helping us keep the parish center neat and organized for all who need to use it!

Welcome, Mr. Cade Allison. Cade is our new St. Thomas School Math Teacher! His enthusiasm and heart for his Christian faith make him someone who we are excited to add to our St. Thomas School family! Be sure to introduce yourself to him if you see him out and about this summer.

Celebrating St. Thomas, the Apostle June 28, 2026

St. Thomas will celebrate the feast day of their Patron Saint, St. Thomas the Apostle on **June 28th at 11:30 am in the parish center.** Please join us for fellowship and a meal catered by Ochs Street Smoked Meats.

When you pray to St. Thomas and ask for his intercession, be sure to also thank him. It is because of St. Thomas' doubt that we believe and hear the declaration of "My Lord, and my God!" This declaration is the most explicit declaration of Jesus' dual nature as both fully human and fully divine in the Gospels.

Let us join together in celebration of our multifaceted patron saint as we remember his courageous faith, missionary legacy and martyrdom.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes WELCOME you and INVITE you



Please pray for the Sick: Jon Webb, Leah Semple Finley, Rita (Kuhl) Kocher, Sheila Dhom Thomas, Roger Sugrue, Lorraine Yager, Janet Beavers, Steven Bierman, Emma Probst, Dale Harris, Jim Beauchamp, Naomi Shedlebower, Belinda Kubicki, Jim/Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests.

Fr. Pawel is looking for someone who would be willing to help a foreign visitor (Pallottine Priest) improve his English. Experience teaching English as a second language is preferred, but anyone interested in helping through conversation and language practice is encouraged to respond. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon! Contact our Parish Office at 618-783-8741. We are waiting for YOU.

Courage and Grace: Celebrating Father's Day and the Word of God

Marilyn Webb; June 18, 2026; Gospel Reflections

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Reflection

This portion of Matthew's Gospel relays many wisdom sayings from Jesus – all of which contain good lessons for our lives today. They speak of sharing what we have been taught, of being careful of those around us who can destroy both our soul and our body, and of sharing our truths when speaking of our relationship with God.

Which lesson shall we consider in this brief reflection? Perhaps all of these lessons are related to the initial words of Jesus in this Gospel reading – "Fear not." How are we to follow that desire of Jesus that we be unafraid, particularly in our chaotic world?

Jesus tells us that as God cares for the smallest creatures in this "kingdom," God cares for us. Each day we can be mindful of that love as we look around at the beauty in our lives and on Earth. As we recognize that love and share it with others, we are strengthened in our trust of God.

We learn to be unafraid when we listen well and take to heart what we hear in Scripture, in homilies and from our spiritual reading. Jesus' words about fearing those who can kill the soul speaks to us that we must have wise discernment in our use of social media, and careful listening in conversations and when attending to radio and television.

Jesus sets a goal before us to fear not, to not be intimidated by those who deny God's love. Our ability to trust can be strengthened with daily attention to the word of God and a healthy dose of silence which allows God to share his love and his care, thus bestowing a trusting spirit upon us.

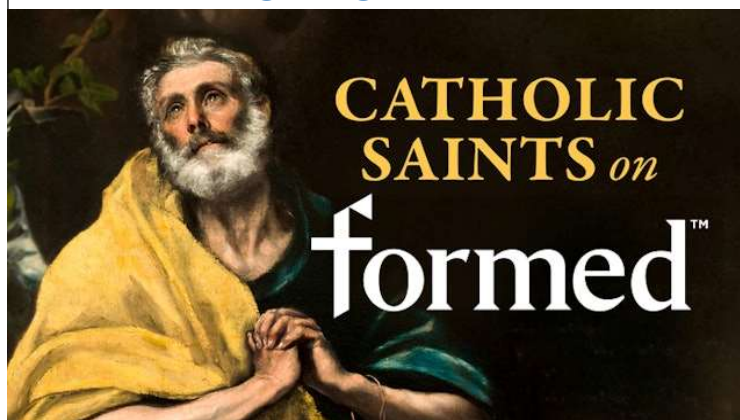
Action

This week, we might spend time reflecting on the care that God provides Earth through the faithful stewardship

of people who know God's love. Let us also pay attention to the words of Pope Leo:

"Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation."

On FORMED



About this series

In this collection, you can find interviews on dozens of the lives of the saints. Learn about Sts. Monica, Augustine, Stephen, Philip Neri, Catherine of Siena, and more!

The Saints and Heroes Collection: The stories of real-life Saints & Christian Heroes all come to life in this award-winning animated film series. Featuring authentic role models today's child can truly believe in.

St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic – October 11th

More details are coming soon!

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV, Our Holy Father

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Leo,
whom you have set at the head of your Church
as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Looking for a Driver...

Fr. Evans Kulei will be visiting our parishes for the weekend Mission Co-op Appeal on August 22-23. His mission is requesting that he be transported to and from the airport. Fr. Evans is flying in and out of Indianapolis; arriving on Friday, August 21st at 9:52 am and departing on Sunday, August 23 at 7:41 pm. Please let Fr. Pawel know if you would be interested. Thank you!

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tues-Wed.-Thurs.

Masses: 8:30 am Sunday

First Saturday of the Month

7:30 am – 8:15 am Eucharistic Adoration
& Reconciliation

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Reconciliation: As Scheduled by request

This Week in our Parish

Monday, June 22nd, St Paulinus of Nola

Tuesday, June 23rd, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Don Helregel+)

**Wednesday, June 24th, The Nativity of Saint
John the Baptist**

Thursday, June 25th, Weekday

8:00 p.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int Mike Profitphor:+)

Friday, June 26th, Weekday

Saturday, June 27th, Saint Cyril of Alexandria

Sunday, June 28th, Thirteenth Sunday in Ord Time

8:00 a.m. – Mass (Int: Marion Bahl+)

**St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures
Collection for the week of June 14, 2026**

Envelopes/online collection	\$ 1,876.49
Loose	141.00
Sub Total	\$ 2,017.49
Improvement Fund	80.00
Total	\$ 2,097.49

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – June 28, 2026

Ushers: Kelby Ochs, Alex Kaufmann, Owen Ochs

Servers: Danel Uebinger, Logan Uebinger,
Reed Kistner

Lectors: Lora Ochs/Claire Lindemann

Gift Bearers: Kevin & Teresa Ochs

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Gangloff, Tony Hartrich
Ben Ochs

Upkeep Update

The past couple of weeks Illini Restoration have repaired the mortar in the brick and waterproofed the buildings on the church grounds. Also, we are currently working on a new system to update the bells. More updates in the near future.

Happy Father's Day

God took the strength of a mountain,
the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun,
the calm of quiet sea, the generous soul of nature,
the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of the ages, the power of an eagle's flight
the joy of a morning spring,
the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity,
the depth of a family need,
then God combined these qualities,
when there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ...DAD!

Area Events

July 3 – Jasper County Celebration America 250 –
3p.m. – 9 pm - Fireworks – Sainte Marie

July 26 – The Bend Ice Cream Social - #pm – 5 pm-
St Valentine Hall