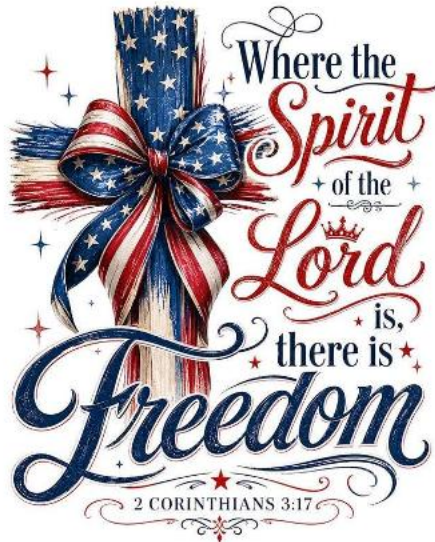


14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4-5, 2026



St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 7:30 -11:30 am & 1:00- 4:00 p.m. M-F

Masses: 4:30 pm Saturday; 7 & 10:00 am Sunday

8:30 am Wednesday and Friday

Reconciliation: 8:00 am- 9:00am (Except for First Saturday at St. Mary) & 3:30-4 pm Saturdays and upon request at reasonable time.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERING

June 27-28, 2026, Collection

Envelopes	\$	6,197.00
Loose	\$	578.00
Subtotal	\$	6,775.00
Annual School Fund	\$	30.00
Centennial Campaign	\$	50.00
G.I.F.T.	\$	300.00
Subtotal	\$	380.00
Grand Total	\$	7,155.00

This Week in Our Parish

St. Thomas Parish Center closed June 29-July 27

Monday, July 6, St. Maria Goretti

Tues., July 7, Weekday

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Wednesday, July 8, Weekday

7:00 am Honey Do Breakfast

8:30 am Mass (Int. Millie Grasselli)

9:00 am Rosary

Thursday, July 9, St. Augustine Zhao Rong

8:00 am Rosary

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Friday, July 10, Weekday

7:30 am - 8:15 am Adoration

8:30 am Mass (Int. Delorse Johnson)

Saturday, July 11; St. Benedict

8:00 – 9:00 am Reconciliation

3:30-4:00 pm Reconciliation

4:30 pm Mass at St. Thomas

(Int. Leo & Kathryn Dhom)

Sun., July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Mass at St. Thomas

(Int: Harold & Clara Kocher)

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

9:35 am Rosary

10:00 am Mass at St. Thomas (Int. For the Parish)

10:30 am Communion Service at Villas

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Mon.: Hos 2:16,17c-18,21-22	Mt 9:18-26
Tues.: Hos 8:4-7,11-13	Mt 9:32-38
Weds.: Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12	Mt 10:1-7
Th.: Hos 11:1-4,8e-9	Mt 10:7-15
Fri.: Hos 14:2-10	Mt 10:16-23
Sat.: Is 6:1-8	Mt 10:24-33
Sun.: Is 55:10-11	Rom 8:18-23
	Mt 13:1-23

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.

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, July 11 @ 4:30 pm

Lector: Carol Bough
EM: Mark Bolander, Glenda Spiker, Wanda Kocher
Servers: Hank & Gauge Weber
Gift Bearers: Matt Baltzell Family
Musicians: Tammy Page & Mallory Einhorn
Greeters/Ushers: Chris Rauch

Sunday, July 12 @ 7:00 am

Lector: Jill Bierman
EM: Sherly/Allison/Madilyn Brummer, Brenda Phillips
Servers: Elizabeth Brummer, Emmalee Kistner
Gift Bearers: Chris Bierman Family
Musicians: Jeff Finley & Lucy Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Mark Vahling

Sunday, July 12 @ 10:00 am

Lector: Kyle Higgs
EM: Julie Higgs, Becky Parker, Annie/Mallory Ochs
Servers: Will Mette, Brantley Ochs, Dominic Ochs
Gift Bearers:
Musicians: Vicki Mullen & Margaret Bierman
Greeters/Ushers: Mike Geier

Sound System Update:

Cost of the Sound System Update: Elite Enterprises is currently working on the final cost of the sound system update project. Once the final invoice has been issued, we will share the cost of the project, how much money was donated towards the project and what was covered by the Building Fund that is supported by the Annual Harvest Picnic.

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.



St. Thomas Annual Harvest Picnic – October 11th

Grand Prize is a side x side or \$15,000 cash

Second Prize \$1,000

Third \$500

10% of proceeds will go to Family Life Center

Raffle Tickets available soon

St. Thomas Celebrates their Feast Day!

This past Sunday afternoon, approximately 155 parishioners gathered at the St. Thomas Parish Center to celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Thomas the Apostle. Parishioners also took this time to welcome Fr. Pawel back. Many thanks to all who attended and enjoyed lunch provided by Ochs Street Meats and Fr. Pawel's presentation. Thank you, Fr. Pawel, for sharing so many of your experiences from this past year with us.

St. Thomas & St. Mary Parishes

WELCOME you and INVITE you



Please pray for the Sick: Norbert Ochs, 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, Norma Kocher, Randy Ochs, Ted/Susie Ochs; those in healthcare facilities/Book of Requests. **Rest in Peace:** Millie Grasselli

HELP!!

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.

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. He is flying in and out of Indy; arriving on Friday, August 21st at 9:52 am and departing on Sunday, August 23 at 7:41 pm. **Thank you to the parishioner who has already volunteered to take Fr. Evans back to Indy!** Please let Fr. Pawel know if you are interested in picking Fr. Evans up. Thanks!

Victim Assistance Contact Information

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting & Investigation
Call 217-321-1155

On FORMED

About this Saints 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.

An Inspirational Message from Fr. Pawel



On Sunday, during the presentation I mentioned visiting Helena Kmiec's place of death. Here I have shared more information and a short story about her.

Helena Agnieszka Kmiec (1991–2017) was a young Polish lay missionary whose life continues to inspire people through her joyful faith, generous service, and love for Christ. Raised in a Catholic family after the death of her mother shortly after her birth, Helena grew up in a home filled with love, warmth, and deep faith. She attended Catholic schools, later studied engineering, and remained committed to her faith throughout her university years, making daily Mass a central part of her life.

As a member of the Salvatorian Missionary Volunteer Service, Helena served on missions in Hungary, Zambia, Romania, and finally Bolivia, working with children, young people, and families. She often spoke about what she called "**DDDDD – Dar Darmo Dany Do Dawania**" ("A Gift Freely Given to Give"). She believed that every gift, talent, and ability she had received from God was meant to be shared with others. In one of her mission reflections she wrote: *"All the skills I have, the abilities I acquire, the talents I develop, are not meant to serve me, but so that I can use them to help others."* She also wrote that the greatest gift she had received was knowing God, and that she could not keep that gift to herself but wanted to bring hope, joy, and faith to others.

Those who knew Helena remember her as a joyful, authentic, and approachable young woman. She enjoyed music, friendships, travel, and ordinary life, yet always placed God first. She did not hide her own struggles or difficulties but continually returned to prayer and trusted in God's guidance. Her missionary spirit was rooted not in adventure but in a desire to share Christ's love through concrete acts of service.

Helena arrived in Bolivia in January 2017 to volunteer at a children's home run by religious sisters. Just sixteen days later, she was tragically killed during a robbery. She was twenty-six years old. Although her earthly life was brief, her witness continues to inspire countless people, especially young adults, to live their faith with courage, generosity, and joy. She is a great inspiration for everyone who wants to offer their lives truly to God.



St. Thomas Rosary

All are welcome to join the Rosary group that meets on Wednesday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas Church. No registration needed...just show up and BYOR(Bring Your Own Rosary) 😊 What a great way to start off your day!



OCIA: New Sessions Starting Soon!

If you have been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some of our faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you. Our parish will soon begin a set of sessions to share the truth of our Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family. Contact our Parish Office at 618-783-8741. We are waiting for YOU.

Jasper County Honey Do Ministry

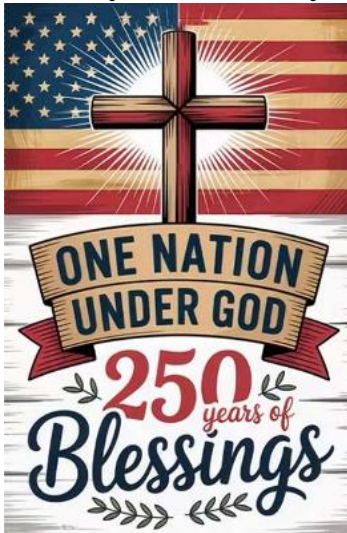
Work Week is July 6th-10th, and we will need your help. We have projects all around Jasper County that we cannot do without you!

Our days begin between 7 and 7:15 am each morning at Scott Avenue's multipurpose room. We will provide breakfast and have devotions, followed by job assignments. As in the past, **St. Mary's and St. Thomas' parishes will provide breakfast for the volunteers on Weds, July 8th at 7:00 am.** At noon lunch is also provided. We wrap up by 5pm.

If you would like more info please contact Debbie (618) 554-4987 or Quincy (618) 553-4690.

If you can't help during the work week there are always other ways to help.... donate money or supplies, and we always welcome your prayers!

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St. Mary of the Assumption

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Deacon emeritus: Rev. Mr. Larry Miller

Office Manager: Denisse Ochs

PSR Coordinator: Marie Wagner

Tribunal Annulment Advocate: Debbie Matson

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, July 6th, St Maria Goretti

Tuesday, July 7th, Weekday

8:00 a.m. – Rosary

8:30 a.m. – Mass (Int: Richard Hunzinger+)

Wednesday, July 8th, Weekday

7:00a.m. – Honey Do Ministries Breakfast

Thursday, July 9th, St Augustine Zhao

8:00 p.m. – Rosary

8:30 p.m. – Mass (Int: Linda Barnes+)

Friday, July 10th, Weekday

Saturday, July 22th, Sainte Benedict

Sunday, July 12th, Fourteenth Sunday in Ord Time

8:00 a.m. – Mass (Int: Gary Griffith+)

St Mary's Disciples' Stewardship of Treasures

Collection for the week of June 28, 2026

Envelopes/online collection	\$	500.00
Loose		266.00
Sub Total	\$	766.00
Haiti		60.00
Total	\$	826.00

Honey Do Ministries – St Mary's & St Thomas will provide breakfast on Wednesday, July 8th. Please have items for breakfast there by 7:00 am, to the Scott Avenue multi-purpose room. Items needed are milk, juice, breakfast casseroles, sweet breads and rolls, fruit. Think about volunteering to help others through this worthwhile project that has helped many over the years.

Ministers for 8:30 a.m. – July 12, 2026

Ushers: Jacob Kaufmann, Ethan Matson,
Nicholas Zwilling

Servers: Gavin Semple/Wade Schackmann/
Kennadi Ochs

Lectors: Mike Hartrich/Becca Ochs

Gift Bearers: Marvin & Elaine Zwilling

Eucharistic Ministers: Norman Boehl, Rose Gangloff
Ben Ochs

Prayer for America

Almighty God, King of Glory

We confess our sins and repent of our pride
that sought our own glory and comfort.

Please purify and renew our hearts
with holy attributes, affections, attitudes,
to love You with all our heart, soul, mind and
strength. For 250 years You have guarded
and guided America in wisdom, grace, mercy,
and love. May Your Kingdom come, and Your
will be done in our lives, our families, the church,
education, business, military,
government and media as it is in heaven.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Area Events

July 8 – Honey Do Ministries Breakfast – 7am

July 26 – The Bend Ice Cream Social - 3pm – 5 pm- St
Valentine Hall