



**July 6, 2025**

## **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Monday-Thursday:**

Rosary: 8:00 am

Mass: 8:30 am

### **Wednesday:**

6:00 pm in Chapel

### **Friday:**

Rosary: 6:00 am

Mass: 6:30 am

### **Saturday:**

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

### **Sunday:**

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

### **Holy Days:**

Vigil Mass 6:00pm

### **Holy Days:**

8:30am, 12:00pm, 6:00 pm

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**Paper forms can be found in the office or in the back of the church.**

## **RECONCILIATION:**

### **Wednesday:**

5:30 pm in Parish Office

### **Saturday:**

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

or by appointment

### **ADORATION:**

### **Wednesday:**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### **Friday:**

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

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LORI LEA SAWYER**

# HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY, JULY 6

All Day

4:15pm – 5:15pm

## MONDAY, JULY 7

9:30am – 12:30pm

7:30pm – 8:30pm

## TUESDAY, JULY 8

5:00pm – 8:00pm

5:15pm – 6:45pm

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

9:00am – 6:00pm

9:15am – 11:15am

5:00pm – 8:00pm

5:30pm – 6:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm – 8:00pm

## THURSDAY, JULY 10

9:30am – 12:30pm

5:00pm – 6:30pm

5:45pm – 7:45pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm – 7:00pm

## FRIDAY, JULY 11

7:00am – 5:00pm

## SATURDAY, JULY 12

8:00am – 12:00pm

3:15pm – 3:45pm

## SUNDAY, JULY 13

12:30pm – 1:00pm

4:15pm – 5:15pm

4:15pm – 5:15pm

Food Pantry Sunday

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offering Help in the REC SVdP Office

Youth Band Practice in the Church

Cub Scouts Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

Young at Heart Line Dancing in the REC Multi-Function Room

Adoration in the Chapel

Lectio Divina in the REC Library

Cub Scout Den Meeting in the REC SRE Classrooms

Reconciliation in Parish Office

Mass in Chapel

CALB Meeting in the Edge Meeting Room

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Offering Help in the REC SVdP Office

Mercy Meals - Team B meeting in the Edge Meeting Room

Music Ministry Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

Ladies' Bible Study in the REC SRE Classrooms

Men's Bible Study in the REC Library

Adoration in the Chapel

SVdP District Meeting in the REC Multi-Function Room

Reconciliation in the Church Confessional

Baptisms in the Church

Life Teen Music Practice in the Church

Youth Band Practice in the Choir Rehearsal Room

## Volunteer Spotlight

We shine our Volunteer Spotlight on our four remarkable **Bereavement Committees**, which are under the coordination of **Pam Fallo** and the leadership of **Deborah Bertucci**, **Pam Fallo**, **Ginny Macken**, and **Becky Mullins**. These teams play a crucial role in comforting families and friends after the loss of a loved one by organizing a meal following funerals, and offering space for community, reflection, and healing. Their responsibilities include coordinating volunteers to setup, prepare and serve meals, and clean up. They thoughtfully transform the Community Center into a warm, welcoming environment—setting tables adorned with tablecloths and centerpieces, arranging food, and creating an atmosphere of support. Volunteers remain present to serve guests and ensure everyone feels cared for, then they handle cleanup, donate leftovers to shelters, and manage kitchen inventory. The behind-the-scenes efforts of the Bereavement Committees require significant time, dedication, and culinary expertise. While it is impossible to name every individual member of the four committees who contribute to this noble cause, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers who cook, set up, serve, and clean. To our Bereavement Committee leaders and members, please know that your charitable acts of mercy are blessings that provide immeasurable comfort to those experiencing some of the most challenging moments in their lives. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to supporting those in need.

# Prayer is Powerful! Please Pray with Us.

Nancy Alfonso, Carolyn Anderson, Cinnamon Barry, Leonard Carrubba, Kevin Chevalier, Charles Cospelich, Jason Cuevas, Timmy Cuevas, Trace Favre, Wendy Figer, Barb Halupka, Jarvis Lankford, Frances Carrubba LeBlanc, Philip LeBlanc, Dustin Liles, Danny Lizana, Kenneth Ray McDonald, Carter Misson, Laurie Rivenbark, Phyllis Seal, Ann Sizemore, Henry Stiller, Jay Walmark, Danette Wesselmann and all others in our parish and community in need of healing, physical or spiritual.

If you know of someone who is homebound, in a hospital or care facility and would like a visit from Father Satish, Father Braxton, Deacon Buddy or Deacon Jerry, and/or their name on the bulletin prayer request list, please call the Parish Office at 228-863-1610 or email [bulletin@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:bulletin@saintthomaslb.org) or [secretary@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:secretary@saintthomaslb.org) with the person's name, address, phone number, name of hospital or care facility and room number. Names will appear in the Bulletin for 4 weeks unless an extension is requested. Please keep us posted.

## Priest Mass Assignments and Mass Intentions

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sun 7/06	7:30 AM Fr Braxton + Clay Bishop
	9:00 AM Fr Braxton 🙏 People of St Thomas and Long Beach
	11:30 AM Fr Braxton + Jim Beck
	5:30 PM Fr Braxton ❤️ Trace Favre
Mon 7/07	8:30 AM Fr Braxton ❤️ Trace Favre
	❤️ Phyllis Seal
	🙏 Pat Holliday
Tue 7/08	8:30 AM Fr Satish + Lonnie Necaize
	❤️ Trace Favre
	❤️ Phyllis Seal
Wed 7/09	8:30 AM Fr Braxton ❤️ Barbara Halupka
	🎂 Steve Sawyer
	🎂 +Freida Chandler (Bday)
	❤️ Trace Favre
	❤️ Phyllis Seal
	6:00 PM Fr Satish
Thu 7/10	8:30 AM Fr Braxton ❤️ Trace Favre
	🎂 + Donnie Levens
Fri 7/11	6:30 AM Fr Satish + Snowball McKenna
	🎂 Sarah VanCourt
Sat 7/12	4:00 PM Fr Satish ❤️ Trace Favre
Sun 7/13	7:30 AM Fr Satish + Clay Bishop
	9:00 AM Fr Braxton 🙏 People of St Thomas and Long Beach
	11:30 AM Fr Satish + Jim Beck
	5:30 PM Fr Braxton ❤️ Trace Favre



🙏 Baptism 🎂 Birthday + Deceased ❤️ Healing 🏫 School Mass 🙏 Special Intention ♂ Wedding Anniversary

## Income for 6/28/25-6/29/25

Regular	\$9,795.00
ACH Regular	\$1,605.00
E-giving Regular	\$1,265.00
Building Restoration	\$4,317.00
Capital Campaign	\$12,775.00
Special Collections	\$315.00
Insurance and Utilities	\$205.00
Miscellaneous Deposit	\$70.00
Pickle jar	\$157.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,504.00</b>

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## Pray For Our Clergy

Sun 7/06	Pope Leo XIV
Mon 7/07	Father Charles Arthur
	Father Philip J. Audet
Tue 7/08	Father Mike Austin
	Father Emmanuel Awe, SSJ
Wed 7/09	Father Sergio Balderas
	Father Greg Barras (Retired)
Thu 7/10	Father Hyginus Boboh, SSJ
	Father Dennis Carver (Retired)
Fri 7/11	Father Tommy Conway
Sat 7/12	Father Ruben Covos
Sun 7/13	Father Joe Dilettuso (Retired)



ST THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

# SPLISH + SPLASH

BACK-TO-SCHOOL WATERSLIDE BASH

SATURDAY

26  
JULY

10 AM - 1 PM  
CHURCH PAVILION

FREE PIZZA FOR KIDS

## LOVE THY NEIGHBORD

PLEASE BRING  
NONPERISHABLE GROCERY ITEMS  
TO RESTOCK THE  
LONG BEACH FOOD PANTRY  
WHEN YOU COME TO MASS  
ON JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> AND JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
AND LEAVE THEM IN THE EAST FOYER

## FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY



Rest In  
**PEACE**  
Patricia Ann Slocum

## St. Dominic's Men's Emmaus Retreat

Men 18 and older are invited to join Jesus on  
the Road to Emmaus for a weekend retreat.

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of Luke (24:13-35)

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<https://stdominicparish.com/emmaus>

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish  
Religious Education Programs 2025/2026

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...in this community  
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...in the Catholic faith  
...in the kingdom of God  
**...In Religious Education**

REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2025/2026 YEAR ARE OPEN AT

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thru 5th Grade



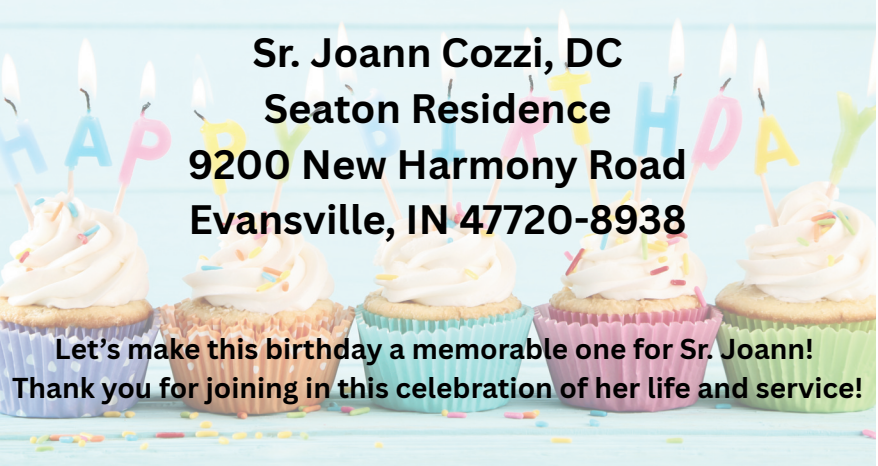
EDGE for Middle  
School and Life Teen  
for High School

**CLASSES BEGIN AFTER LABOR DAY**

There are currently spam emails circulating, which appear to be from Fr. Satish. Please make sure to check the "from" email address. If the address is not the one contained on our website or in the bulletin, it is not from Fr. Satish. This is an attempt to steal your personal information. If you receive such an email, you should delete it from your system. Please do NOT click links, download any attachments or reply to the email.



Sr. Joann Cozzi's birthday is July 10<sup>th</sup>. We have a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation for her incredible contributions to our Church and School. Let's come together as a community and send her heartfelt birthday cards filled with warm wishes and gratitude! She dedicated so much time and love to our Parish, and this is our chance to let her know how much she means to us! Please send your cards to:



**Sr. Joann Cozzi, DC**  
**Seaton Residence**  
**9200 New Harmony Road**  
**Evansville, IN 47720-8938**

Let's make this birthday a memorable one for Sr. Joann!  
Thank you for joining in this celebration of her life and service!

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

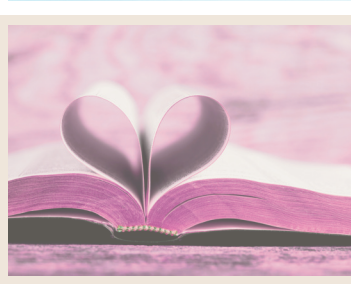
As we face the pressing challenges associated with our aging chiller, which is currently costing our Parish an astonishing \$10,000 each month to maintain our air conditioning, we must rally together to address not only this critical issue but also the broader needs of our community.

If you have not yet committed to our Capital Campaign, we urge you to consider doing so. Our needs are significant, and your support is essential to ensure the continued vitality of our Parish.

Pledge cards are conveniently located in the pews and book racks. Together, we can make a meaningful impact. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

We have completed a series of Old Testament Books dealing with the return of the Israelites from Babylonian captivity. No class on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Feast of St Thomas. We will return on July 10<sup>th</sup> and start a study into the Gospel of John. Thursday evenings at 6:00pm in the Religious Education Center.



**Ladies, You're Invited!**  
please join us for  
**Bible Study**  
Thursday Nights at 6:00 pm  
in the Religious Education Center


### Calling All Searchers

There are many reasons for someone to yearn for a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. A person you know may be searching for meaning in his or her life or simply searching for God. There are those on the outside who are searching for Belonging, or for Truth, or for a path to Family Unity.

Someone you know is searching. Christ is ready to welcome them into His loving embrace. The only thing lacking is an invitation from you. Someone you know is searching. **Take him or her by the hand to Come and See, Saturday, August 9th, at 8:30 am in the Religious Education Center.**

Help someone you know connect with Christ and His Church.

OCIA Weekly meetings start Monday evening, August 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Dave Gauthier at (228) 596-8835 or [rcia@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:rcia@saintthomaslb.org).



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

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### Adult Faith Formation Team

Are you ready to place your time and talents to use, accompanying people who want to become members of our Church? Helping them to better know Christ by better knowing His Church? To be part of our Faith Formation Team, contact Dave Gauthier at 228-596-8835 or [rcia@saintthomaslb.org](mailto:rcia@saintthomaslb.org).

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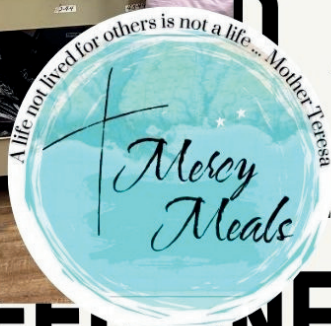
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If you or someone you know are fighting the fight, please know you/they are **not alone!** The Healing Hearts Support Group will meet once a month on a Tuesday, 5:30 PM at the

**Knight Non-Profit Center**  
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Join us in spirit as Father Braxton embarks on a special 9-day pilgrimage with Mary to Medjugorje from July 14-22.

Follow his journey of faith through our social media channels—he'll be sharing updates from daily Mass, inspiring tours, and moments of prayer and reflection along the way.

And that's not all! Father Braxton also has 10 important things for you and your family to consider as you vacation this summer—tips to keep your faith alive and your hearts connected during your time away.

Let's pray for his safe travels and open hearts as he experiences this powerful pilgrimage.



**FATHER BRAX**

#AdventuresInFaithWithFatherBrax



## DAILY READINGS

### July 6, Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 66: 10-14c  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20  
Second Reading: Galatians 6: 14-18  
Alleluia: Colossians 3: 15a, 16a  
Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

### July 7, Monday

First Reading: Genesis 28: 10-22a  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 91: 1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab  
Alleluia: Second Timothy 1: 10  
Gospel: Matthew 9: 18-26

### July 8, Tuesday

First Reading: Genesis 32: 23-33  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 17: 1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15  
Alleluia: John 10: 14  
Gospel: Matthew 9: 32-38

### July 9, Wednesday

First Reading: Genesis 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33: 2-3, 10-11, 18-19  
Alleluia: Mark 1: 15  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 1-7

### July 10, Thursday

First Reading: Genesis 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45: 1-5  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 105: 16-17, 18-19, 20-21  
Alleluia: Mark 1: 15  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 7-15

### July 11, Friday

First Reading: Genesis 46: 1-7, 28-30  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 37: 3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40  
Alleluia: John 16: 13a, 14: 26d  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 16-23

### July 12, Saturday

First Reading: Genesis 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7  
Alleluia: First Peter 4: 14  
Gospel: Matthew 10: 24-33

### July 13, Sunday

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14  
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or  
Psalms 19: 8, 9, 10, 11  
Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20  
Alleluia: John 6: 63c, 68c  
Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/mass-reading/daily-mass-readings-2025/>

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel.

Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions.

A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

## FAMILY CONNECTION

Families teach a sense of togetherness and community. It is in the family that we learn that we are dependent on one another and where we learn to work together and live together. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in pairs, a sign that we are to work together to serve the mission of the Kingdom of God.

Talk about all the ways that your family works together. Talk about the various chores and tasks that family members work on together to accomplish in order to keep the household running smoothly.

Read aloud Luke 10:1-12,17-20. Talk about why it was important that Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. Discuss ways that your family can work more closely together to support one another and to make the household run more smoothly. Pray for the strength to overcome the temptation to be too individualistic and to recognize the need for working together as a family.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>



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