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Please call the parish office if you are a new parishioner and would like to register.

St. Thomas Church

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Office Hours:

M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 AM

Daily Masses

Tuesday 6:30 PM Friday 8:00 AM

This schedule is subject to change. Please consult the weekly bulletin for current schedule.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, 8:30-9:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30-6:15 PM Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM

Please consult weekly bulletin.

Baptisms

Please call the parish office to set up Baptism preparation and Baptism date.

Marriages

Call the Pastor nine (9) months in advance of the wedding for preparation meetings.

Sacrament of the Sick & Home Visits

Please call the office if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness.

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"
 Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:5-6

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

February 10
SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Theresa Nadeau requested by David & Ann Sminkey
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

February 11
SUN 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Dolores Saltis requested by Sean & Mary Ann Ledwith
 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

MON No Mass

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Adoration – for the repose of the soul of Theresa Nadeau requested by Helen Miller

Ash Wednesday
WED 9:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
 7:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Marion McDermid requested by Teri Gingras

THU NO Mass

FRI 8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Rosalina Arnuco

February 17
SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for a special intention for Becca Drown and family
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

February 18
SUN 8:30 AM- Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishes
 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Do I have to go to Confession during Lent?

Catholics are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at least once per year. Many Catholics receive this sacrament during the Lenten season for good reason: during Lent we are called to make an extra effort to examine our lives and to strive to imitate Jesus in a greater way. During Lent we also take on extra penitential practices in order to grow in holiness and be free from the bondage of sin. It is fitting then that many Catholics choose to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy season. But the Church's requirement to go to Confession once a year is the bare minimum; we are highly encouraged to receive this sacrament regularly.

The purpose of confession is to free us from sin, especially mortal sin. Jesus gave us this sacrament so we might have some means by which our serious sins can be forgiven and by which we can have certainty the sins we confess are indeed forgiven. Sometimes we ask, "Do I have to confess my sins to a priest?" Remember, Jesus explicitly gave His authority to forgive sins to His Apostles: after He rose from the dead, He appeared before them, breathed on them, and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:22-23)

It's true that when we have not received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for a long time, it becomes difficult to receive the sacrament. In many ways this is understandable: it is humbling to tell your sins to another person. But this sacrament is in fact a gift from God to us.

A brief moment of reflection can show us we do not live as we ought, and we cannot change ourselves... becoming the men and women we ought to be is impossible without the grace of God. This sacrament is given to us to free us from the sins that prevent us from being what we can be.

Ask God for the gift of seeing Confession as a great gift from Him. This sacrament is the means He has given to us, his beloved daughters and sons, as the normal means by which we might restore our relationship with Him when we've done it harm, and as the means by which we can deepen that relationship.

Country Breakfast February 11



The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #7810 will serve a Breakfast this Sunday, February 11th from 8 -10:30 AM in the St. Thomas Parish hall, Underhill Center, VT. The buffet style breakfast will include juice, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. The cost is a suggested donation of \$12. ALL ARE WELCOME! Come and bring the whole family to this delicious breakfast!

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	2/11	8-10:30 K of C Country Breakfast 10:15 AM - Religious Ed
Monday	2/12	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	2/13	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	2/14	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	2/15	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	2/16	9:45 AM - Bone Builders 5-6:30 PM - Fish Dinner Take out
Saturday	2/17	*second collection - Black and Indian Missions 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	2/18	10:00 AM - Religious Ed

Ministry Schedule February 17 & 18

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

4:00 PM SATURDAY

S May

T May

8:30 AM SUNDAY

Please Help!

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Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday, February 14, to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, and Residential Care Homes. Donations can also be made through the diocese website <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-wednesday-appeal/> or by mailing a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. As a Catholic community, let us be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors in need. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference.

Second Collection Next Weekend

We invite you to support the Black and Indian Mission Collection and "build our mission to the missions" in Native American, Alaska Native and African American Catholic communities across the US. Since 1884, the national Black and Indian Mission Collection has provided grants to dioceses across the country that enliven parish life and catechesis programs, empower ministries, support teachers and encourage vocations to the priesthood. Please generously support the Black and Indian Mission Collection and help build a future of hope in these communities.

Stewardship - February 3/4, 2024

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,459.31
 Regular Collection:(incl. \$998 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,772.00

We offer online giving at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or you can mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill Center, VT 05490.
 Thank you for your generosity to St. Thomas Parish!





Religious Education 2024

Today is the Knights of Columbus Country Breakfast. To give families time to enjoy the breakfast together after Mass, religious ed will begin at 10:15. Students will go directly to class as there will not be an opening.

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation begins February 20

Adult Catholics who have been baptized, received First Communion and are practicing their Catholic faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a formation program for the sacrament. Interested persons contact Laura Wells at St. Thomas Parish in Underhill Center by January 15 to prepare for the sacrament. Call 802-899-4732 or email stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org or text 802-777-8062.

"Beautiful Eucharist"

The book *Beautiful Eucharist* Lenten prayer book is now available in the church. Lent begins this year on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14. We have a book of reflections on the Eucharist for the parish called, "Beautiful Eucharist," to prepare us during Lent for Jesus' institution of the Eucharist during Holy Week. Pick up a copy and let the collection of life-changing reflections increase your love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

Fish Dinner takeout this Friday

The St. Thomas Parish Knights of Columbus are excited to announce that we will be serving a baked fish take out dinner on the first **Friday of Lent, February 16**. Pick up time is 5:00-6:30 PM in the parish hall. Adult meal - \$17: Baked Fresh Haddock with Lem-

on Butter Dill Glaze, Wild Mushroom & Herb Rice Pilaf, Buttered Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll & desert. Kids meal -\$8: Crispy Battered Fillets, Tater Tots, Buttered Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll & desert. Please call ahead to reserve tickets (802-899-4632), or purchase after weekend Masses. Tickets may also be purchased at Wells Corner Market in Underhill Center, or Snowflake Chocolates in Jericho.

St. Thomas Calcutta Night 2024

Spring into fun! Join us at the Mansfield Barn on the corner of Rt 15 & Browns Trace Rd in Jericho, on Saturday, April 13 for our annual Calcutta fundraiser. Look for flyers in the bulletin and at the main entrance of the church. Ticket now on sale!



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of January 28:

*In Loving memory of
Raymond Nadeau, Sr.*

Requested by Gail Nadeau and family

Adult Education

Plan to join us for a Lenten Bible Study that will cover the Last Supper, Jesus' Arrest, Peter's Denial, Jesus' Examination by Pilate, and His Crucifixion. We hope this overview will help us more fully understand our faith as we prepare for the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. We will gather at St. Thomas in Underhill Center at 12 noon: 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, & 3/12. We will use the NAB Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you do not have either, they will be provided during class. Contact the St. Thomas Parish Office to let us know if you plan to attend 802-899-4632.

Pro-Life Lobby Day

Chittenden County Right to Life will be attending Pro-Life Lobby Day as a group on Wednesday, February 21. All are welcome. We will caravan/car pool to the State House where we will quietly and effectively advocate for LIFE! Please meet in St. John Vianney's parking lot, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington, at 7:30am in order to arrive in Montpelier by 8:30am. Leaders will guide us, both to get there and while at the Capitol. Your participation will advance the cause for LIFE in Vermont. For more information about this event, visit www.vrlc.net or contact us locally at chitrighttolife@gmail.com.

February Word of Life

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

Readings For the Week



February 12

Jas 1:1-11

Mk 8:11-13

February 13

Jas 1:12-18

Mk 8:14-21

February 14

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

2 Cor 5:20—6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

February 15

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

February 16

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

February 17

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

February 18

First Sunday

Of Lent

Gn 9:8-15

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

If you would like to add or remove someone from this list, please call the office at 802-899-4632

WE PRAY FOR

SICK: For all our sick: Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Tonia Barbin, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Lawrence Lecours, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Patricia Stone, Amy Gratton, Audra Goss, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Maureen Mayes, John Lehouiller, Joseph Tijan, Meghan Diana, Diann Bean, Jay Tisbert, Jerry Reny, Janine Fleri, Bob Keeler, Will Esmay, Joanna Weinstock, Yuri Bihun, Nate Sullivan, Tom Bartlett, Jerome LeClair, Deena DeMartino, Rick Wilhelm, Linda Schaeffler, Mary Martelle, Tim Reny, Steve Guay, Zilda Metcalf, Michael Carter, Bob Stone, Wally Stone, Howard McRae, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Marion McDermid, Kit Wheatley and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

Repentant Reconciled Renewed



**St. Thomas Church
Knights of Columbus
Council No. 7810**

G.K.: Steve Haupt
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1 Thessalonians 1:3-5



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For prayers answered
Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things despaired of. Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore you, of this particular privilege accorded to you, to bring visible and speedy help, where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolations and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with you and all the elect forever. I promise you, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to you. Amen.
To be prayed 8 consecutive days

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RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? RCIA is the process by which adults are received into the church and receive the sacraments.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion? Did you know that to be a god-parent for baptism, you are required to have received the sacrament of Confirmation? Please contact Laura Lynch Wells 802-899-4770 or rel.ed@stthomasvt.com



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