

St Thomas

Catholic Church Bardstown Kentucky

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Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday..... 11:00am & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Thursday 6:30pm
Friday 9:00am
1st Saturday Noon

Reconciliation Schedule:

Thursday 5:30-6:15pm
1st Saturday 11:00-11:45am

Mass Ministry Schedule for April 30th & May 1st

	Saturday, 4pm	Sunday, 11am	Sunday, 6:30pm
Sacristan	Norma Fogle	Volunteer Needed	Diane Hagan
Server/Acolyte	Boomer Kipper Tyson DuPuis	Rylee & Jacob Reynolds	David Hamilton
Lector	Jim Taylor	Diana Gagne (1) Darin Fogle (2)	Terri Lear
Eucharistic Min.	Paul Walker	Alicia Newton	Chris Mattingly
Gift Bearers	Volunteer Needed	Ashleigh Elmore	Volunteer Needed
Media	Cheryl Hutchins	Megan Reynolds	Volunteer Needed
Usher(s)	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

*If you will be unable to serve please find a sub and change the online schedule.

**If you are at mass and we are in need of a volunteer PLEASE let Father or the Sacristan know prior to the beginning of mass.

April 24, 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-4:00pm

Bulletin Submission Deadline:

Noon Wednesday

Meetings, Events & Happenings This Week

- Youth Group.....Sun. 5:00pm
- Boy Scouts..... Tues. 6:30pm
- Exercise Class Wed. 5:00-5:45pm
- Men's Prayer Group Thurs. 5:30am
- Parish Council Mtg.....Thurs. 7:15pm
- Red Cross Blood Drive..Sat. 8:30am-12:30pm

"On this day the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy... Let NO soul fear to drawn near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet."

— from the Diary of St. Faustina, #699)



The Divine Mercy of Jesus - A Reflection

Sometimes, it may be hard to remember that we live in Jesus' victory over sin and death, we are not waiting on it. And we, who have not seen and yet believe, are truly blessed (*John 20:29*), as Jesus so compassionately proclaims to Thomas in today's Gospel.

Jesus showed his Apostles great mercy, even after they abandoned him in his greatest hour of need, running and hiding in fear — only St. John the Evangelist (*along with some of the women*) remained and stood at the foot of the cross. However, Jesus' greeting as he stands among the Apostles is not a chastisement but instead, "Peace be with you" (*John 20:19*). Jesus demonstrates the limitless power of his mercy as he breathes the Spirit upon them, conferring the authority to forgive sins. In yet another way, fulfilling the words spoken as Jesus washed their feet, "For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (*John 13:15*).

St. Thomas, sometimes called "Doubting Thomas," is the only Apostle missing during this incredible encounter with the Risen Christ. He struggles to believe, he requires signs and wonders, physical evidence to open his eyes to the Truth. Is that not still true today, a world so suspect of everyone and everything they struggle to believe? However, unlike Thomas, who proclaimed "My Lord and My God," when Christ reveals himself, so many people find temporal explanations to keep them from embracing the Savior they so desperately need — who longs to be in communion with them. Although something entirely without explanation, save a heavenly one, will occur, and maybe they entertain the idea of God for a moment, then, like the seed in the Parable of the Sower (*Matthew 13*), they foolishly allow any glimmer of hope to be blown away, devoured, scorched, or withered.

In Acts 5, the Apostles "heal many." And while the sick will always long for physical healing, it is the work of spiritual healing that is truly miraculous. No matter how many times the sick are made well, eventually, death will come. At that moment, it is Jesus' mercy, as shown to the Apostles in the Upper Room, we all long to receive. Even the most fervent follower of Christ will fail, gratefully, God's love never does!

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (699), "Jesus heals the sick and blesses little children by laying hands on them. In his name, the Apostles will do the same." Even more pointedly, today, that same power flows through our bishops and priests (*and deacons*), through the imposition of hands, as they continue the work of Jesus and his Apostles, "this visible sign, from the New Testament onward, is the imposition of hands" (see LG 21).

We experience this spiritual healing most profoundly through the Sacrament of Confession (*also referred to as the Sacrament of reconciliation, conversion, penance, and forgiveness*). In Confession, the priest sits "in persona Christi," a Latin phrase meaning "in the person of Christ." Here, we encounter Christ in a real and personal way, to be cleansed of our iniquities and strengthened with the grace to go forth and sin no more. Although we will fall again, the grace that we receive in the sacraments empowers us to resist temptation and seek God over the things of this world, even if it's just for a little while. Made right with God through this sacrament, we experience an outpouring of God's mercy.

Sadly, 2000 years later, even the faithful seem to diminish the wonder and awe of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection. We fail to take advantage of the abundant graces that flowed from his side that dark afternoon on Calvary. Instead of emerging into the light of Easter, we continue to choose darkness — stuck on Good Friday because of sin. We can start living our heaven now because if we wait for it, we may miss the opportunity altogether.

- Allison Gingras

Historic Church Cleaners for May



Danny Guthrie & Billie Jo Donahue - Week of 5/2/2022

Weekend Collection

Weekend of 4/17/22 Collection

\$ 2,143.00

Online Collections

\$ 727.50

Good Friday, Holy Land Collection.

\$ 75.00

Needed to make budget

\$ 6,100.00/weekend

Year to Date Collections

\$ 222,810.68

Annual Budgeted

\$305,000.00

On-line Giving at St. Thomas



Scan the above QR code with your mobile device. For common questions please go to our website:
www.saintthomasbardstown.org/give

Sanctuary Candle Burns in Honor of

Jane Marie Reid

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23, 2022

✠ Lillian Rogers - 4pm

Sunday, April 24, 2022

People of St. Thomas &
St. Monica - 11:00am

✠ Judy Sweeney Jones - 6:30pm

Thursday, April 28, 2022

✠ Marion Higdon

Friday, April 29, 2022

✠ Emma, Glenn, Em, Roger Ballard
& JB Boone

Saturday, April 30, 2022

✠ Joe Walker

✠ Living/Deceased Members of the
Ballard & Wimpsett Families



Remembered in Prayer

Those currently in need of ongoing prayer

Eddie Auberry
 Kevin Ballard
 Pat Birge
 Jimmy Brady
 Jessie Cross
 Claudia DuPuis
 William (Ted) Hagan
 Samantha Hale
 Amanda Hamilton
 Julie Ice
 Ashley Lawrence
 Nan Mills
 Nick Powers, USN
 PJ Shain
 Judy Tannehill
 Barbara Jean Thompson
 Phyllis Troutman
 Keta Wilke
 Nancy Wimsatt

Homebound

Iona Bryan	Philip Burba
Bertie Clark	Mary Greenwell
Joe Bert King	Maggie Larimore
Therese Lawson	Joyce Morris
Chester Simms	Nick Simms
Bill Smith	Bill Willett

* New to list

Pray for Us!



Online Listening Option Opportunity for the Synod

In the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis invites all the baptized to share their experiences, hopes, and dreams for the Church. An online synodal listening option is available through May 31st for anyone unable to attend an in-person listening session in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Please share your reflections on four Synod reflection questions at www.archlou.org/synod-2022-online-listening. All responses are anonymous and will be integrated with Synod feedback received through in-person consultations around the Archdiocese.



St. Thomas welcomes our newest members - into full communion with the Catholic Church!

Ashley Allen
 Keaton Smith
 Christie Orr

Justin Fain
 Owen Smith
 Dennis Orr

Red Cross Blood Drive **Next Weekend!**



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, April 30th
 8:30am - 12:30pm

Register today!
Redcrossblood.org or call
 1-800-RED-CROSS

Save a Life. Give Blood

Preventing Child Abuse Is Everyone's Responsibility



Did you know that outreach to victims of sexual abuse is one of the ministries in the Archdiocese? Martine Siegel, the archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator in the Family Ministries Office, provides victims with assistance toward healing. If you know or at any time in the past someone representing the Church has sexually abused you, please contact the police and Ms. Siegel at 502-636-1044 or victimassistance@archlou.org.



May 8, 2022 - 10:00am

Our second graders will lead the prayer service for the school and all St. Thomas families who would like to join us. Weather permitting, we will process from St. Theresa Hall to Mary's Garden (on the North side of the Historic Church). All second graders are asked to wear their First Communion clothes for the procession.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Young @ ❤️ Group will Sunday, May 1st at 12:30pm.
 Compassionate Friends Group will meet on Thursday, May 12th @ 7pm.

Maranatha Retreat for the Chronically Ill and Their Caregivers

"How can I be free to walk with Jesus and experience His friendship, even when I suffer?"

That is the question explored by the Maranatha Retreat Ministry in Louisville. Maranatha Retreat offers a one-day retreat for the chronically ill as well as their caregivers.



Finding God in all things, even in our suffering, is what Maranatha Retreats are about. The retreat offers the gift of sharing, meditation, and prayer through retreat activities to those who might not otherwise have the opportunity. We utilize Ignatian Spirituality; that is, the Christian spirituality taught by St Ignatius of Loyola and the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) through the centuries.

If you, a family member, or a friend have a chronic illness (or are a caregiver), this retreat is designed specifically for you. The retreat will give you the time and space to develop your relationship with God. There will be time in large groups, time in small groups, time for quiet, time for prayer, and time for conversation. And you will see a few familiar faces from Holy Spirit. In addition to myself and Jennifer, parishioners Rob and Mary Ann Dalton are facilitators along with a highly qualified team from across the Archdiocese.

If you have a chronic illness or are a caregiver, and are interested in attending a Maranatha Retreat, we encourage you to see the information below:

The next Maranatha Retreat will be held May 14 at the Flaget Center, 1935 Lewiston Drive, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The retreat is free, but registration is required. It will be offered to 10 individuals living with chronic illnesses and 10 individuals who serve as caregivers. For more information or to register, contact Denise Puckett in the Archdiocese Family Ministries Office at 636-0296 or by email at dpuckett@archlou.org.

"I cannot thank you enough, as a caregiver, I felt lost and alone. You helped me draw closer to Jesus and helped me realize I am never alone - you provided such wonderful support, not just at the retreat but over the time since."

First Holy Communion



Sunday, May 1st during the 6:30pm Mass in St. Theresa Hall. A reception will follow in the cafeteria.



Photos will begin at 6:00pm in the Historic Church.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Level 1-Part 1 Week-long retreat for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Louisville from June 6th-11th.

The retreat is for anyone interested in becoming a trained catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. There is financial assistance for the retreat.

For additional information please pick up a brochure located at the back of the church on the credenza.

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