



St. Thomas Church

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

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St. Thomas Cemeteries

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Nate Sullivan 899-4732

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 AM

Daily Masses

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Thursday, 8:00 AM

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please consult weekly bulletin.

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

May 1 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 2 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Fumiko Russ requested by Ken and Donna Schaeffler 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	NO Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Ione Fremgen requested by the Girouard Family
WED	5:30 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-St. Marys 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of JoAnn Konczal requested by her family
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 8 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Irene Currie requested by John and Genie O'Neil 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 9 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Patrick McCarthy requested by Ken and Donna Schaeffler 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Message from Fr. Christopher Micale

"...But you do not believe, because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."
(John 10:26-30.)

I like to do crossword puzzles; so does my Mother. There are times when we compete to see who will complete the puzzle first. I must admit Mom does a better job in this department. She usually leaves me in the dust. At times I have to reach out to her for answers. In so many cases I do the "wow, I could have had a V-8" gesture hitting my forehead saying, "Why didn't I see that one, it's so easy!" It's always easy after the fact. Too often in life it is through hindsight and "Monday night quarterbacking" that we realize what was blocked from our view. Our inability to put it together at times is a common occurrence. It's amazing to me when someone returns to the Church after many years. Quite often there is a moment of realization that things in the world are not what they seem to be or the realization that things are totally out of sync with God's vision for humanity or the person realizes his or her approach to life is seriously wrong. It is the old Aha! Moment. It seems the light goes on, the dots are connected and a completely new perspective is gained. What now looks so obvious was difficult to see before the epiphany happened. God's love and mercy is poured out on all humanity, yet only certain people respond to the grace He offers. One of the greatest miracles I believe has nothing to do with the great works God has performed over the ages, such as the ten plagues of Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, etc. The greatest miracle is the illumination that happens within the soul, when a person truly connects with God and sees how God is truly at work in his or her life. This is what Our Lord is speaking of when He states, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me." Once this connection is made we are obligated to continue to deepen our relationship with the Holy Trinity. As this occurs God will not desert us-never! He offers us eternal life, the goal of every true Christian. However, we can purposefully let go of Him by turning back to our old way of life, selfishly attempting to please the self rather than doing the will of Our Father in heaven. Sinning makes us stupid, because when we sin we become enslaved to our passions, wants and desires, then what was so obvious to us spiritually becomes more and more unperceivable: we fall back into a secular, worldly perspective. Spiritual things become less and less interesting and distasteful, we fall into the vice of acedia or sloth, one of the seven deadly sins and our Christian life fossilizes. Yet God provides every grace to stay the course. Let's be at work drawing closer to Christ in the Holy Spirit learning to view all things through God's eyes and not our own, for if we continue to "fight the good fight" there is nothing that can separate us from God and the salvation He offers us. (Roman 8:31-39)

~Fr. Chris

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>May 8 & 9</u>	<u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar</u> <u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

Baby Bottle Campaign

It's that time of year again - Aspire Together Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign! You can pick up your baby bottle on Mother's Day weekend, here at the church, fill it with change, and return it here on Father's Day. This year they are offering an online giving option at <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/?m=5100061#0> (Find the link on: stthomasvt.com) Make it a family project! Your spare change really does save lives through Aspire Together's life affirming ministry. Thank you for participating and for your prayers.

1 bottle of mixed	\$23.83
1 bottle of pennies	\$ 3.92
1 bottle of nickels	\$13.45
1 bottle of dimes	\$50.70
1 bottle of quarters	\$54.75



Stewardship - April 24 & 25, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$421 On-Line Giving)	\$ 2,365.00
Second Collection - Home Missions:	\$ 75.00

Please give online at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	5/4	5:30 PM - Confessions
Thursday	5/6	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group 4:00 PM - 1st Communion practice
Saturday	5/8	10 AM - 1st Communion (families only) 3:15 PM - Confessions



Religious Education News

First Holy Communion: Please keep in prayer our 2nd Graders who are preparing to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the first time in Holy Communion on May 8.

Bottles Returns

Redeemable Bottles and Cans for Religious Education: The bottles and cans donated in the gray plastic bin next to the rectory benefit the St. Thomas Religious Ed Program. So far \$357 has been raised through your generosity. Thank you to all those who have donated their bottles and cans, and thank you to all the Religious Ed families from the Confirmation Class who took the bottles and cans to be redeemed.

Yard Sale News

Please keep us in mind while you are spring cleaning, and hold aside your treasures for the Annual Yard Sale!! We plan to hold our yard sale in August this year and will be collecting items to sell over the summer. We do not plan to sell clothing this year but we will begin accepting any clean, sellable items soon. Watch the bulletin for more info and notification of when the garage will be open. Thank you!

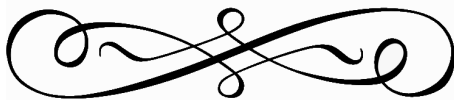
Age Well Grab and Go Meals

St. Thomas will be hosting the Grab and Go meals on the 4th Wednesday of the month for the foreseeable future. These meals are free to those 60 and older and prior registration is necessary. Our next Grab and Go meal will be Wednesday, May 26 (register by 5/21 at 434-3155) with pick-up 12-1 pm (no delivery). The meal will consist of : Roast beef with au jus sauce, home fried potatoes with paprika, french green beans with lentils, dinner roll with butter, chocolate cake with raspberry topping, and milk. We are looking for a few volunteers to help pack and distribute the meals, which would require about an hour a month. Please call the office if you have some time to help out.

Did You Know:



The bulletin is available as a downloadable PDF on the St. Thomas website! Visit us at www.stthomasvt.com to see how the feature works. While you are there, check out photos from recent church functions, view the calendar for upcoming events, visit our sponsors page to find local services and products, or make an online donation. There's also a link to our facebook page. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.



Changes at Mass Due to COVID-19 Restrictions

- Printed material is available to use during Mass but must be taken home to be disposed of
- Bulletins will be available after Mass.
- Please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit from the church.
- Please wear your mask during your approach to communion. When it is your turn, please pull your mask down below your chin, receive in your hand, consume the host, and then replace mask before returning to your pew.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



If you would like to dedicate the tabernacle vigil candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 899-4632. The suggested donation is \$10 for a one-week period. You may call ahead to reserve a special date anytime throughout the year.

Make faith formation a lifelong effort
Faith formation should not end at Confirmation

Adoration (Exposition)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled at St. Mary's in Cambridge on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and on the First Friday of the month after the 8 am Mass. But what is it? Exposition is a manner of honoring the Holy Eucharist, by exposing It, with proper solemnity, to the view of the faithful in order that they may pay their devotions before It (NewAdvent.org). The parish priest takes the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle and enthrones it in a monstrance set upon the altar for the faithful to adore in prayer. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much wants to see you!

Now Hiring

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Williston, is hiring a part-time Parish Catechetical Leader. This person will be responsible for planning and implementing the curriculum for the parish's educational programs, including preparation for the sacraments of First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation, and will oversee youth ministry and adult formation programs. For more information contact the parish office at 802-878-4513 or email them at IHMChurch@vermontcatholic.org

Readings For the Week

May 3

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

May 4

Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

May 5

Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

May 6

Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

May 7

Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

May 8

Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,
44-48
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17



"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis'
"Day for Life Greeting"

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

WE PRAY FOR

SICK: For all our sick: Yvonne Cross, Riley McLaughlin, Lynn McLaughlin, Joyce Brush, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Fred Kreps, Robert LeGrand, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, Kyle Brooks, Mary Parisi, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Jay Tisbert, Lawrence Lecours, Don Gingras, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Rosemary Breen, Barb Juell, Patricia Stone, Amy Gratton, Lisa Abair, Gene Wells and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Jean Navitskis, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

Natural Family Planning

"NFP opened up a whole world of awareness about my body. I love that it's based on science and I love even more that it coincides with my faith. It is true whole health".

Sharon Trani MSN; APRN
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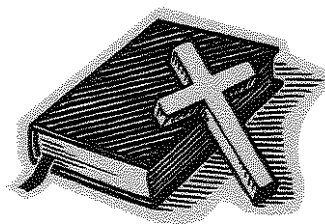
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For prayers answered
Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes 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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no longer practice our Catholic Faith?

Why not invite them to "come home".

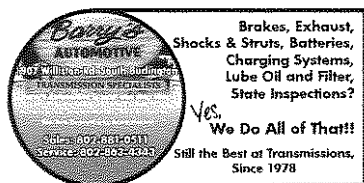
Invite them to come to Holy Mass with you and
never stop praying for them.

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

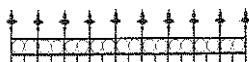
Are you an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion? Did you know that to be a god-parent for baptism, you are required to have received the sacrament of Confirmation? Please contact Laura Lynch Wells 802-899-4770 or rel.ed@stthomasvt.com



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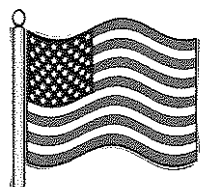


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