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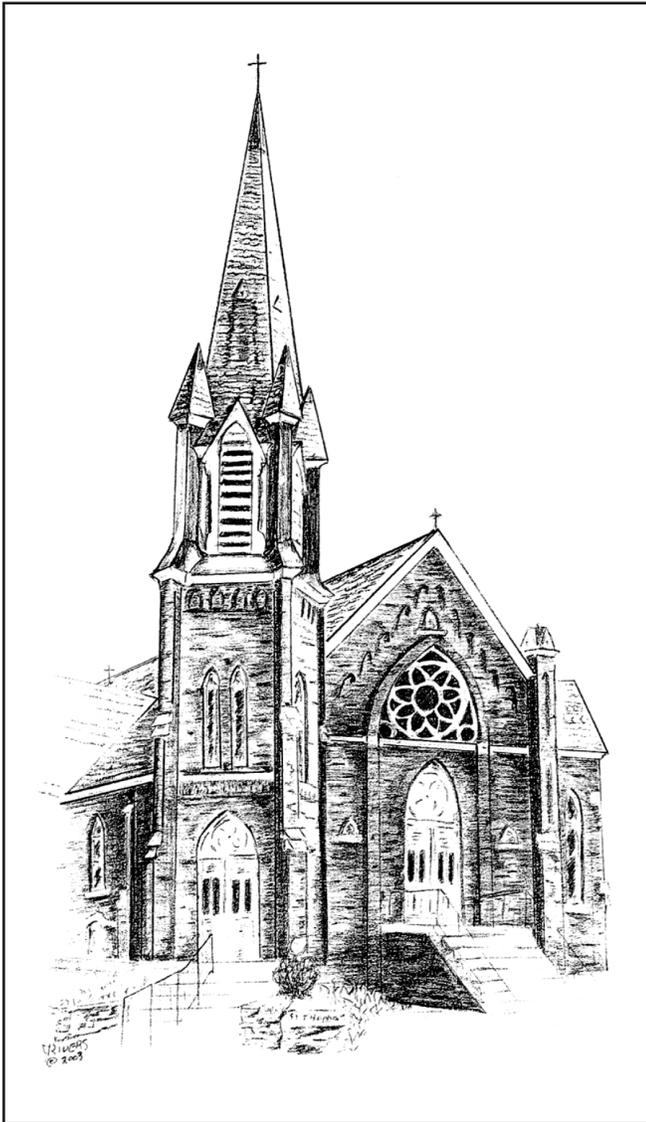
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M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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St. Thomas Cemeteries

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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

April 23 SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Helen Pollak requested by Bob and Martha Pollak
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

April 24 SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Dick Squires requested by Gerard & Sue Adams
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

MON 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for the intentions of Jeanne Atkinson requested by Donna Schaeffler

WED 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

THU NO Mass

FRI 8:00 AM - Mass for the health and well being of Irene Currie requested by John and Genie O'Neil

April 30 SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Dolen requested by Ken and Donna Schaeffler
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

May 1 SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Louis and Tillie Fugere requested by Ed and Louise Mathews
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by our youth this Thursday at St. Joseph Cathedral and we have an adult member who will celebrate the sacrament on Sunday, June 5. Just as Baptism gives new life, Eucharist nourishes life, and Reconciliation restores life when it is broken, Confirmation strengthens that life by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is about strengthening what God has given, and continues to give, to his sons and daughters. Confirmation is not about coming of age. Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation does not mark the end of formal religious education. We never outgrow a need for a deeper knowledge and appreciation of our faith. The Sacrament of Confirmation is not a rite of passage, nor a graduation from religion class, nor a ratification of a personal faith choice. Bishop Christopher Coyne has been lowering the age to receive the sacrament to stop this kind faulty understanding. Rather, it's all about what God is doing for his beloved daughters and sons. God is strengthening the divine life which he gave at Baptism, nourishing us in the Eucharist, and reconciling with us in Penance, so that the individual can better defend and witness to the faith through the gifts and workings of the Holy Spirit. There will be many situations where we are called upon to defend and witness to our faith.

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit completes the grace of baptism and offers the newly confirmed strength as a true witness of Christ. Thus, the newly confirmed is "more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." Thus, the Holy Spirit completes what was begun at baptism. Canon law states that anyone who is baptized and has the use of reason, is properly instructed, and disposed, and is able to renew their baptismal commitment, is able to be confirmed. The same code states that the proper age for reception of the sacrament is at the age of reason unless the episcopal conference decides differently.

Perhaps the requirement that one be "properly disposed" is the key to when the sacrament is received. Proper disposition refers to the recipient's willingness to cooperate with the gifts of the sacrament, which can happen at almost any age. But nowhere is the sacrament described as a ratification of the recipient's choice or decision about the faith. Rather, it is the gifts of the Spirit offered to give the recipient the courage and strength to witness and serve, two responsibilities implied in baptism, which are the grace and focus of the sacrament. The Sacrament of Confirmation helps a person remain faithful to his or her baptismal commitment to witness to Christ and to serve others. The gifts of the Holy Spirit associated with Confirmation are strengths (or virtues) that Christian living requires if it is to be fruitful and complete. Thus wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord, are divine aids to Christian living without which fulfilling one's baptismal calling would be impossible.

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>April 30 & May 1</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Alter Servers</u>
4:00 PM Saturday	Deacon Peter	L Berard	NONE
8:30 AM Sunday	Deacon Peter	A Leasure	NONE

Visit the ministry page on our website for full schedule - www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule

Next Week's Second Collection

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/homemissions.

Website Changes

We will soon be combining our website with St. Mary's in Cambridge. This will allow parishioners to see Mass times and events for both parishes at one, convenient website. You will be able to access the site at stthomasvt.com or stmarysvt.org sometime this week!

Stewardship - April 16 & 17, 2022

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Easter Collection:(incl. \$370 On-Line Giving).....\$ 3,113.00

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

Saturday 4/23 **Second Collection - Catholic Home Missions**
8:30 AM - Noon - Yard Sale Drop Off

Sunday 4/24 NO Religious Ed Classes

Tuesday 4/26 4:30 - 6:00 PM - Yard Sale Drop Off
5:30 PM - Confessions

Wednesday 4/27 7:00 PM - Finance Council

Thursday 4/28 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
7:00 PM - Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral

Saturday 4/30 8:30 AM - Noon - Yard Sale Drop Off
3:15 PM - Confessions



Religious Education 2021-2022:
Sacraments: Children in grade 2&3 will receive their First Holy Communion on May 7 here at St. Thomas, and our youth in grades 6&7 will receive their Confirmation on April 28 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington. Please keep them all in your prayers.

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

Religious Education Bottle Redemption:
 Thank you to everyone who has donated bottles over the past year for St. Thomas Religious Education Program. To all those families who redeemed bottles, we appreciate your time and energy. Over \$530 has been redeemed in the past year. It cannot be successful without either those who contribute bottles, or those who return them to the redemption center. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We will shortly be starting a new volunteer list for those who are willing to help taking bottles back for redemption. Please think about volunteering to do that at least once this summer. Contact Laura Wells stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org

Yard Sale Donation Days:
 The next two St. Thomas Donation Days are Tuesday, April 26th from 4:30-6:00 pm and Saturday April 30th from 8:30-11:30. We cannot accept clothing, wall fixtures, baby equipment, textbooks/encyclopedias, magazines, cassettes, VHS tapes, TVs, or computer equipment. We'd love to have housewares, small appliances, books, games, puzzles, linens, craft supplies, small furniture, tools, holiday decorations, toys, and sports equipment! Please donate large items closer to the June 24-26 sale and please do not leave donations on the rectory porch. Thanks in advance for your donations!

Flower sale for Rice
 The Rice Parent Organization is having a Mother's Day Claussen's Flowers Fundraiser to raise money for activities and treats for teachers and students and we would love your support! If you would like to order flowers (annuals, perennials, herbs and hanging baskets). Please email Elke Rainville at: ganderainville@gmail.com or you can get an order form at the Rice front office. Orders are due by Wednesday, April 27th. The flowers will be delivered to RMHS during the week of May 2nd. Thanks for supporting the Rice Parent Organization!

Cemeteries Open
 The St. Thomas Cemeteries are now open. For a full list of Riles, regulations & rates, please contact the office at 802-899-4632.

From the Diocese of Burlington
vermontcatholic.org/tvmass
 Live Stream: Daily (Monday-Thursday)
 Eucharistic Adoration, 11:30AM - 12:00PM
 Mass, 12:05PM
 Sunday Mass, 10:00AM
 Daily online rosary—email vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org

April 27 Grab and Go Meal
 Our March Age Well Grab and Go meal, no cost to those 60 and over, will be held on Wednesday, April 27nd, with pickup 11-12pm. If you would like a meal, please contact Teri by April 25th at 802-899-4632 or office@stthomasvt.com to register. This month's meal includes: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots with parsley, dinner roll, pumpkin pie with cream, & milk.

Father Stu, Movie
 "Sony Pictures will release the film, *Father Stu*, on April 13, 2022. It is encouraging that Mark Walberg's passion to make this film is coming to fruition and we appreciate the thoughtful and diligent work of the production team. Father Stu's long dramatic conversion to Christ before becoming a priest led many people to Christ and the Catholic Faith. His courageous witness left a special legacy in the Diocese of Helena. Viewers should be warned that the film contains objectionable language, violence, and adult content. However it is our hope that the redemptive story of Fr. Stu's conversion will invite viewers to faith and strengthen believers. Bishop George Thomas, who ordained Fr. Stu to the priesthood, and Bishop Austin Vetter, the current Bishop of Helena agreed; Father Stu—raw and unfiltered, combative and grace-filled, witness to the truth that no one is ever beyond the reach of redemption." ~ *Diocese of Helena*

Way of the Light on FORMED
Way of Light: The Stations of the Resurrection, also known by the Latin name *Via Lucis* (Way of Light), are a form of Christian devotion, encouraging meditation upon the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and some of the Resurrection appearances and other episodes recorded in the New Testament. Visit <https://watch.formed.org/via-lucis-the-stations-of-the-resurrection> or scan the QR code included in this message.



Readings For the Week



April 25
 Feast of Saint Mark, evangelist
 1 Pt 5:5b-14
 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
 Mk 16:15-20

April 26
 Acts 4:32-37
 Jn 3:7b-15

April 27
 Acts 5:17-26
 Jn 3:16-21

April 28
 Acts 5:27-33
 Jn 3:31-36

April 29
 Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Acts 5:34-42
 Jn 6:1-15

April 30
 Acts 6:1-7
 Jn 6:16-21

May 1
Divine Mercy Sunday
 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
 Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12,13
 Rev 5:11-14
 Jn 21:1-19



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: Riley McLaughlin, Lynn McLaughlin, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, Mary Parisi, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Jay Tisbert, Lawrence Lecours, Don Gingras, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Rosemary Breen, Patricia Stone, Amy Gratton, Gene Wells, Diane Dufresne, Audra Goss, Peggy Lynch, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Evangeline McSoley, Maureen Mayes, Marietta Brush, John Lehouiller, Joseph Tijan, Meghan Diana and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Cécile Girouard, 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
 Nurse Practitioner - NFP teacher
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**Repentant
 Reconciled
 Renewed**



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 Knights of Columbus
 Council No. 7810**
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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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Do you have friends and family members who 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.

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**Confirming
 Their Faith**

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 godparent 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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