

**April 17, 2022**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**of the Resurrection of the Lord**

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Next Class will be April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm



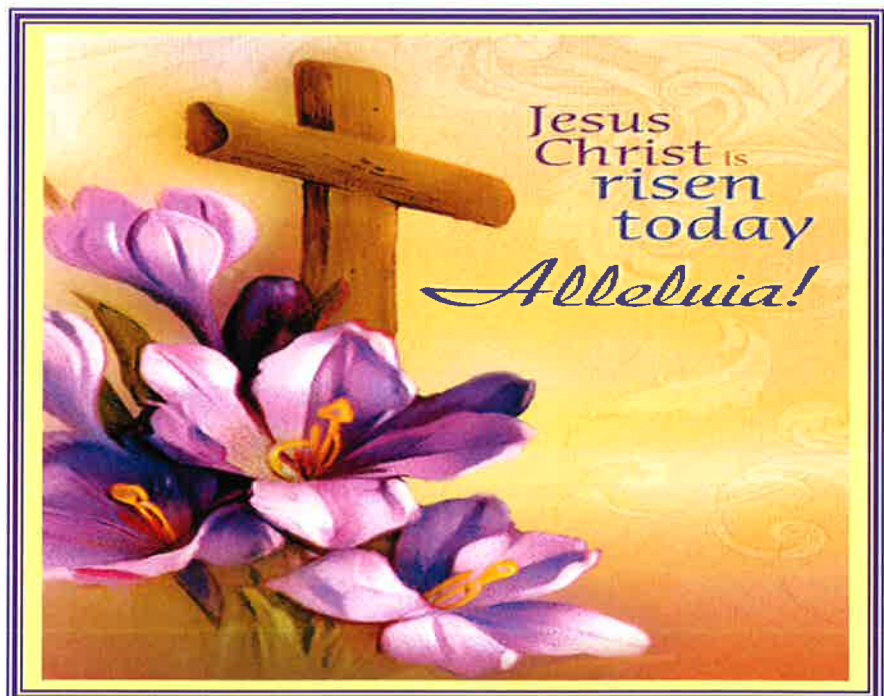
**Mass Schedule**

**Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.**  
**Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8AM, 10:15 AM, 6:00PM**  
**Weekday Masses:**  
Mon. – 5:30 PM, Tues. NOON, Wed. – 6:00 PM,  
Thur. & Fri. – 8:15 AM  
**Sacred Heart Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,**  
**Sunday 8:00, 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM; 1:30 PM in Spanish**  
**Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM**  
**St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,**  
**Sunday: 10:00AM**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Collection: \$10,386.05**  
**Direct Deposit: \$2,482.50**  
**Online \$373.50**

**Upcoming Second Collections**

April 15<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday - Holy Land  
April 17<sup>th</sup> No Second Collection  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Catholic Home Missions



## Adoration

### Monday Adoration:

Hours are 2PM-9PM. Starting at 4:45PM the Patriotic Rosary will be prayed during Adoration, led by Noelanne Bennett.

Adoration will resume when the Rosary is over and will continue until 9PM. St. Pope John Paul has stated "Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration..." **Currently we need help with the 7PM hour.** To offer your help for a weekly hour or for information please contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 either by phone or text. Visitors are always welcome.

### Tuesday Adoration

from 9:00 AM after the Communion service until 12:00 noon. Please consider spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please be sure to sign in so we know the hours are covered.

### Thursday Adoration

begins after the 8:15 AM Communion service and goes until 9:00 PM in the church. At that time Our Lord is moved into the Adoration Chapel and adoration continues through the night until Friday Mass. **We currently need help with the 1am hour.** To offer your help or for information please contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.



The staff and parishioners of St. Thomas offer our sincere sympathy to the Fluker family on the death of Alice Fluker. May she and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.



## Business Sponsor Spotlight

We would like to thank Chris Brown with UNIVERSITY GLASS TINTING for supporting our parish bulletin. Chris can be reached at 601-329-1823 for all your glass tinting needs.

St Thomas is accepting applications now for Eagle Catholic Campus Minister. A detailed job description is available in the office. Resumes can be emailed or dropped off at the office through May 20th for this full time, paid position. Interviews will be held on May 23rd.



The next Men's Cursillo will be held at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Dedeaux May 12-15, 2022. What is a Cursillo you ask? The Spanish word "Cursillo" means "short course" or "little course". The full title is "a little course in living what is fundamental for being a Christian, but everyone simply calls it "Cursillo." For more information you can contact Felix Diaz or Shelby Miserendino in the church office. De Colores!!

### The Feast of Divine Mercy

is Sunday, April 24th. One of the most important novenas in the Catholic Church is the Divine Mercy novena which begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday. Pray the Chaplet every day and during the novena you go to reconciliation and receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The promise is the sins of your life are wiped away. We will provide Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets for you to use during the Novena.

## Mass Intentions

M-Apr 18th Mary Halliwell – RIP  
T-Apr 19th COMMUNION SERVICE  
W-Apr 20th COMMUNION SERVICE  
T- Apr 21st COMMUNION SERVICE  
F-Apr 22nd Sue Marquardt – RIP  
Sat-Apr 23rd Patricia Aiken – RIP  
Sun-April 24th  
8:00 Alma Blyth – RIP  
10:15 Diaconate Classes of 2022 & 2025 (Joe, Calvin & Felix)  
6:00 Parish

### Readings April 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

M Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15  
T Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18  
W Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35  
T Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48  
Fri Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14  
Sat Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15  
Sun Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

## APRIL LECTOR SCHEDULE

15<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM Lector Kathy Schimel  
Passion Renee Brett  
16<sup>th</sup> 8:00 RCIA  
17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Malia Lewis  
10:15 Shelby Miserendino  
23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 Roger Smith  
24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 Julie Calvetti  
10:15 Valerie Acocella  
30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 Noel Anne Bennett



The staff and parishioners of St. Thomas offer our sincere sympathy to the McFadden family on the death of Jackie McFadden. May she and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.

## *Easter Week Schedule*

**Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** – 8:00 & 10:15 AM Masses.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary will be led after both Masses.

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt** follows the 10:15 Mass.

**Monday after Easter** – The parish office is closed.

**Mass will be at 8:15am.** Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena after Mass. Adoration is from 2:00 – 9:00 PM.

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** Communion Service at normal mass times.

**Tuesday** - Adoration is from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

**Thursday** – Adoration begins after Communion Service and goes until 9:00 PM in the church.

At that time Our Lord is moved into the Adoration Chapel and continues through the night until Friday Mass.

**Friday** - Mass is at 8:15am with the Novena and Rosary after Mass.

### **Your Easter Gift from St. Thomas**

**“Living Joy, by Chris Stefanick**

is available after Mass, please  
take one per family.

**Easter Eggs** ~ When packing after Easter,  
please don't throw away the plastic eggs &  
baskets, bring them to St. Thomas we will  
store them for next year. Thank you in advance.



### **Easter Egg Hunt** ~

Don't forget your Easter Baskets!  
April 17<sup>th</sup> following the 10:15 Mass  
(11:15). Start with photos and  
goodies with the Easter Bunny in the  
old parish hall (near the rest rooms),  
then Easter Bunny will lead the  
children out to the front lawn for the  
hunt.

**Mini-Library:** “Understanding  
Divine Mercy” by Fr. Chris Alar,  
MIC, priest with the Marian Fathers  
of the Immaculate Conception.  
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message and devotion is summarized  
in one, easy-to-read book!

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conversational and energetic style,  
this first book in his Explaining the  
Faith Series will deepen your love  
for God and help you understand  
why Jesus called Divine Mercy  
“mankind’s last hope of salvation.”

### **Baptism Preparation Class** ~

Our next Baptism class is scheduled  
for Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.  
Call Candee Goff at 601-467-0914  
to register.

### **Irish Italian Festival**

Thank you very much to  
EVERYONE that volunteered in any  
way to help with the Irish Italian  
festival. Without your help, it would  
not have been the success that it  
was.

The bills  
are in, so we are able to give you the  
results.

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| Income from food sales and raffle<br>tickets | \$43,074.50          |
| Expenses                                     | <u>(\$28,089.93)</u> |
| Net Profit                                   | \$14,984.57          |

### **Volunteer help needed:**

We are looking for some volunteers  
to help with some minor projects  
around the church when needed.  
This would be an occasional “call  
for help”. If you have any questions  
or are available, please call Kathy  
Schimel. Thank you in advance.



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RSVP to Renee Lichtenhan 601-329-6075

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### **HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022**

A Baccalaureate Mass will be  
celebrated for you on Wednesday,  
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