

December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

St. Thomas Adult Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 15th
following the 6pm mass.

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Call to register. Next class is November 30th
This is the last class this year.



December 5th Collection: \$8,404.05
Direct Deposit: \$2,880.00
Online \$953.50
2nd Collection: St Vincent \$3,014.00

Upcoming Second Collections
December 12th Retired Religious
December 19th Building Fund
December 26th No Second Collection

Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8:00, 10:15 AM

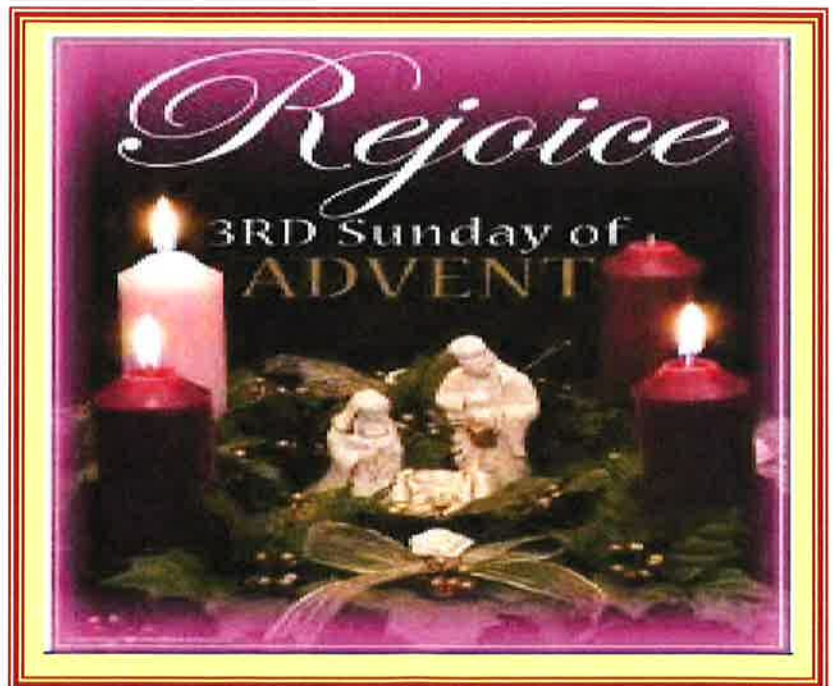
Weekday Masses:

Mon. – 5:30 PM, Tues. 8:15 AM, 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: 10AM



Adoration

Monday Adoration: hours are from 2pm – 9pm. The Patriotic Rosary is said during Adoration prior to the 5:30 Mass. After the Rosary we pause Adoration to prepare for the Mass. Adoration resumes when Mass is over and will continue until 9pm. **We need help with the 6pm hour.** Visitors are welcome. To offer your help or for information contact Pat Peterson by calling or texting 601-549-4620 or contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068. **Tuesday Adoration** is from 9:00 AM after daily Mass 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 Mass 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.

Just a Reminder:

With the holiday season upon us, we wanted to remind everyone that Adoration will continue as normal. If you can't attend your scheduled hour, please get someone to cover for you, contact those who share your hour, or contact the captain for that hour. All names and phone numbers are in the front section of each sign-in notebook. Please remember that Our Lord should never be left alone in the Chapel. Thank you for your faithfulness to Adoration!

T-Shirt Design Contest:

Would you like to design the t-shirt for the Irish Italian Festival scheduled for March 19, 2022? If so, please submit your design to Kathy Schimel by January 5. There will be a \$200 prize for the winner. Good Luck and happy designing!!!



Business Sponsor Spotlight

We would like to thank Peter Hoang with Ultimate Nails for supporting the parish bulletin. You can reach him at 601-296-1447.

SAVE THE DATE:

St Thomas' Parish Adult Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 15th, following the 6:00 PM mass. Please call the office if you will need childcare. **The church will provide the main course, and everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of church.**

Thank you to everyone that contributed to **IGiveCatholic** for St. Thomas church. This year we raised almost \$2,000.00. This money will be used to have the pews and the floor in church professionally steam cleaned. Contributions are still being accepted if you missed the online giving.

Mark Your Calendars –

We will be decorating for Christmas on Saturday, December 18th at 9am. We need men and women to help decorate the church inside and outside.

St. Peter Church in Bassfield is looking for a part-time music minister. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kathy in the office for more information.

2022 Calendars are available. Please take one per family. They are on the table in church and in the office.

Mass Intentions

M-Dec 13th Edgar Charles Desforges – RIP
T-Dec 14th Rogene Molaison – RIP
W-Dec 15th Joe Lichtenhan-deaconate formation
T- Dec 16th Gilbert & Justina Eze – RIP
F-Dec 17th Harrison McClain – RIP
S-Dec 18th George Yankay – RIP
S-Dec 19th
8:00 Parish
10:15 Bianca & Jax – Sp. Int.
6:00 George Wilkerson – healing

December 13-19th

M Nm24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27
T Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21:28-32
W Is 45:6c-8, 21c-25, Lk 7:18b-23
T Is 54:1-10, Lk 7:24-30
F Gn 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17
S Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25
S Mi 5:1-4a, Heb 10:5-10,
Lk 1:39-45

December Lector Schedule

11th 5:30pm Debbie Boyer
12th 8:00am Malia Lewis
10:15am Italo Subbarao
18th 5:30pm Carmen Robinson
19th 8:00am Reggie Blackledge
10:15am Valerie Acocella
24th 4:00pm Elizabeth Yankay
6:00pm Noel Anne Bennett
Midnight: Carol Soriano
25th 10am Malia Lewis
26th 8:00am Kathy Schimel
10:15am Shelby Miserendino
31st 11:30pm Rich Mohn
January 1st 9am Renee Brett

Office Closing ~ The parish office will be closed for **Christmas on Wed., Thur. & Fri. Dec, 22nd, 23rd, 24th.**

For the **New Year** it will close on **Fri., Dec. 31st.**



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Retreat Opportunities for our Teenagers.

Registration forms can be found near the church entrances.

Girl's Retreat - Dec. 10th-12th, 2021

SEARCH - Jan. 14th - 16th, 2022
February 4th - 6th, 2022

Boy's Retreat - March 4th - 6th, 2022

St. Thomas' Email Bulletin is being sent out using a new system. If you have received the bulletin in the past and did not receive it this week – please contact the office to be registered to receive it again.

Handmade Rosaries: A friend of Father Mark is visiting from the North Dakota Indian Reservation and has brought a few of her handmade rosaries. She also brought some keychains that she made. They will only be available until Wednesday afternoon and there is a limited supply. If you need a very special Christmas gift, please see Kathy. Each item costs \$30.



Fr. James' sister in WV and her husband have produced their debut Christmas music album, "Comfort and Joy"! It features 15 fresh arrangements of classic Christmas songs and is available in physical CD and digital format at www.rebeccahardingmusic.com

Year End Giving ~ As the year 2021 draws to a close we have had questions about "charitable giving". Many people enjoy using Christmas and Years' end as a special time to give to their Church. Celebrate this Holy Season by giving in the true spirit of the season and make a special gift to St. Thomas and/or the St. Thomas Building Fund! Don't forget donations dated before Dec. 31st are tax deductible for the year!

Our Advent Penance Service



will be on Mon., Dec. 20th immediately following the 5:30pm Mass.

Mini-Library: We will be putting out Christmas books and stories for children on the children's table at the Mini-Library. There will be a special new book there called "The Friendly Beasts: An Old English Christmas Carol" by renowned author and illustrator Tomie dePaola. In this old carol the friendly stable beasts tell of the gifts they each have given to the newborn baby Jesus.

Catholic in Recovery: Are you suffering from any addictions, or do you have a family member or friend that is? St. Thomas Aquinas will begin having meetings in January for anyone that is looking for some help, or if you are looking for ways to help someone else, you are welcome to attend the meeting. The date of the first meeting will be early February and will continue to be held weekly. Catholic in Recovery is a community of men and women finding freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Call Kathy if you have any questions.

Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 20th
immediately following the 5:30pm Mass

St. Thomas Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM
12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:15 AM

Holy Day – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
December 31st: 8:15am & 11:30 PM
January 1st: 9:00 AM

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