

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY

St. Thomas Aquinas
Thomas, West Virginia

Our Lady of Mercy
Parsons, West Virginia



Pastor: Rev. Timothy J. Grassi,
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Parish Website:
www.stsite.com

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the priest to make arrangements. Instructions for both parents are required. Sponsors from outside the Parish need a letter of eligibility from their Pastors.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance of the intended date of marriage. Preparation classes with the Pastor are required.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

If you know of anyone who is seriously ill, hospitalized, shut-in, or about to undergo surgery, Please contact the Pastor or the Parish office to let us know

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 p.m., and 30 minutes before all weekday Masses and anytime upon request.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 10, 2013

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

During the month of **February**, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and churches:

St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, Sunday 02/17/2013;

Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30 PM, Sunday 02/10/13.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection next weekend for Catholic missions among Black and Native Americans.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Adult stem cells remain the only type of stem cell used successfully to treat human patients. They are the one and only gold standard for clinical treatments with stem cells. Adult stem cells have many advantages. They can be isolated from numerous tissues, including bone marrow, muscle, fat, and umbilical cord blood, just to name a few. And isolating the adult stem cells from tissues of a patient or a healthy donor does not require harming or destroying the donor, giving adult stem cells a decided ethical advantage over embryonic stem cells. David Prentice, Senior Fellow at Family Research Council in (NRL News, Summer 2012.)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY



Please come to our delicious Fish Fry on ALL Fridays during Lent!

Dinner includes an 8 oz fish fillet with tartar or cocktail sauce; dinner roll with butter; cole slaw; green beans; macaroni n' cheese; fruit dessert; coffee or punch.

Cost: Adults \$8.00 Kids 12 & under \$4.00 CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE!

The dinner will be at both locations from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM, at the St. Thomas Center and Our Lady of Mercy church social hall on Feb. 15, Feb. 22, March 1, March 8

ATTENTION YOUTH!

ALL YOUTH OF THE PARISH are reminded to help at the Lenten Fish Fry. The Knights generously hold these fish fry evenings so that they can raise the necessary funds to provide for the youth Kennywood trip. The youth are asked to be at either location at 3:45 PM.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Only one week left to fill your bottles! The Knights of Columbus will be collecting all baby bottles next weekend, Feb. 16th & 17th. Please be sure to bring in your filled bottles and place them in the baskets at the back of the church.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday, February 13th, is the first day of Lent. Please check the Mass schedule on the back of the bulletin for times when ashes will be distributed.



PIES FOR SALE!

The Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild will once again be making three different homemade pies to sell just in time for Easter: chocolate, coconut cream & lemon meringue! The cost is \$10. Please see one of the guild members to reserve a pie or call Melinda at 478 - 3814.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

February 10 - Mardi Gras after the 11:00 AM Mass in Parsons.

February 13 - ASH WEDNESDAY

February 15 - First night of the Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry in both Thomas and Parsons.

February 17 - Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild Meeting after the 11:00 AM Mass in Parsons.

Contributions for February 03, 2012

St. Thomas: \$1620.23

Our Lady of Mercy: \$695.00

Thomas Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of "valued" food items.

This month we are seeking **brownie mix**.

In subsequent months we will let you know what items are needed and ask your assistance in this need for our community.



CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS WITH US!

Today, Sunday February 10th, we will celebrate "Mardi Gras" with a pot luck dinner immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Mercy church. Join us as we feast on delicious soups, sandwiches, finger foods and desserts prepared by our ladies. There will also be a "Piñata" for the children! All are welcome to join the fun and festivities!

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

In conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, we would like to place a serious emphasis on prayer and fasting for a specific intention during the 40 days of Lent. Particularly, our intention is to ask God's guidance for our government officials to make legislative decisions which support life, traditional marriage and family values. (Prayer card in the back of church.)

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** on Wednesdays after the 5:00 PM Mass in Parsons and on Fridays after 5:00 PM Mass in Thomas. **The Knights of Columbus have asked that we pray the Rosary after the Stations in Parsons for the protection of our Religious Liberty and Freedom of Conscience in the United States.**

Why Date Nights Matter

(Copied exactly from: <http://foryourmarriage.org/why-date-nights-matter/>)

Wilcox and Dew wonder if date nights are most beneficial when they focus on fun and engaging activities, and "steer clear of marital challenges or other stressful topics" such as family finances. The authors hope future research addresses this point.

The report's subtitle frames a key question, "What does couple time tell us about the potential value of date nights?" By "couple time," the report simply means the time a couple spends by themselves, talking or sharing an activity.

According to the report, "no nationally representative surveys have questions focusing directly on the impact of date nights." Thus, the report's discussion of the five benefits that stem from date nights was based on a survey of literature. However, its discussion of "one-on-one couple time" is based on the data in two major surveys.

For Wilcox and Dew, what currently is known from the data about couple time constitutes "the empirical indicator that comes closest to a date night." The data indicate that "husbands and wives who enjoy high levels of couple time together are markedly less likely to divorce," the report says.

Is couple time more important for couples with children than for others, since "parenthood is stressful" and "children often limit their parents' couple time"? Not necessarily. Wilcox and Dew found that "couple time was equally important" for married couples with children and without children.

Nonetheless, they write, couple time, "and by extension date nights," appears to be "an important resource to new parents seeking to keep the quality of their relationship high amid the joys, stresses and challenges of parenthood."

It also seems that couple time is important at a time when Americans are "less connected to religious and civic organizations than they were a half-century ago," the report observes.

Wilcox and Dew think couples "who are less integrated into the local civic or religious fabric of their communities" may "expect more of their relationship" and may depend heavily upon each other "for emotional support, given their relative social disengagement."

"Couple time seems to foster more stable marriages," according to "The Date Night Opportunity." Its authors found that those "who devote time specifically to one another at least once a week are markedly more likely" than others "to enjoy high-quality relationships."

As we pray the Rosary before our Masses in this month of February, we will pray in reparation for sins, for all those serving in our armed forces, for peace in the Middle East and For the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 11 Monday	Mary Cassell	7:15 AM Thomas
Feb. 12 Tuesday	Guy Antonacci	5:00 PM Thomas
Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday	*Bill Vachon	9:00 AM Parsons
Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday	John Borshnick	6:00 PM Thomas
Feb. 14 Thursday	Patrick Flanagan	5:00 PM Thomas
Feb. 15 Friday	Sadie Caldron	5:00 PM Thomas
Feb. 16 Saturday	Uli Vachon	9:00 AM Parsons
Feb. 16 SATURDAY VIGIL	Sara Massi	5:00 PM Thomas
Feb. 17 SUNDAY	Rodney Rasque	9:00 AM Thomas
Feb. 17 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
02/16	Kathy & Pat Kotten	Kathy Supak	
02/17	Brittany & Summer Snyder	Michelle Snyder	Wesley Snyder

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
02/17	Miranda & Emily Siler	Jessica Gutshall	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	02/10 - 02/16: Cindy Long & Betty DiBacco		

PRAYER LINE
If you would like to place someone on our prayer line call Mary Frances Evans - Thomas (463-4413) or Martha Nichols - Davis (259-5370) Paula Siler - Parsons (478-4104) or Cindy Long - Parsons (478-4833)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., alternating in the Knights of Columbus room Thomas, and Social Hall, Parsons.
OUR LADY OF MERCY WOMEN'S GUILD
 Meetings are held the second Sunday of the Month immediately after Mass in the Parish Hall.
SOCIETY OF ST. THOMAS WOMEN
 Every woman of the parish is a member of the Society. Monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month (except Jan., Feb., March)

HOLY COMMUNION: *We welcome to the Holy Mass all who share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. While all are welcome here, we cannot extend to all an invitation to receive Holy Communion. This is not for lack of Christian hospitality. Rather, it is the recognition by the Catholic Church that real divisions of faith and practice do sadly exist among Christians. Practicing Catholics who go to Confession whenever needed are invited to receive Holy Communion. Non-Catholic Christians and those Catholics who should not receive Holy Communion (including those married outside the church and those in need of the sacrament of Penance) are asked to pray for a spiritual communion with the Lord Jesus and for the unity of His Church. Those who are not receiving Holy Communion but who would like to receive a blessing are invited to indicate this desire by crossing their arms across their chests as they approach the priest in the Communion procession.*

Let us remember in prayer all of our sick and shut-ins:
 Dorothy Breth, Theresa Cook, Helen Wilson, Champ Sedmock, Frances Shaga, Vivian Bozic, Solena Massi, Lois Lamont, "Sob" Gennantonio, Martha Kochenderfer, Eleanor James, Mary Watkins, Earl & Mary Moore, Betty Swantek, J. Pat and Martha Nichols, Muriel Nestor, Eula Jean & Henry Udovich, Tony Lambruno, Elizabeth Lane, Vincent DiBacco, Judy Gutshall, Dan and Mary Ingram, Mary Johnson, Nancy Nester, Terry Silk and Sherry Burns.

We offer a hearty welcome to all of our visitors! If you would like to make a contribution to our parish, please use the visitor's envelope in the pew.