

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

February 4 Blessing of Throats
 SAT 4:10 PM - Rosary before Mass
 4:30 PM - For the health of Ray Mathieu by Sean & Mary Ann Ledwith

February 5 Blessing of Throats
 SUN 8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Dale Smith by Janice & Karen

MON NO Mass

TUE 6:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Mary Kelczewski by Esther C. Danielson

WED 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's, followed by Exposition

THURS 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's

FRI 8:00 AM - In thanksgiving for those on our Prayer Chain and all who pray for the sick by Donna Schaeffler

February 11
 SAT 4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Raymond Nadeau, Sr. (20th Anniversary) by Gail Nadeau & Family

February 12
 SUN 8:30 AM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's
 Gr. 7 & 8 participates at Mass

Message from Fr. Rick

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Here is another commentary on the new translation of The Roman Missal; this one on the new translation of The Profession of Faith (The Nicene Creed) which now begins with the words "I believe" (a direct translation of the Latin "Credo"). The old translation, of course, began with the words "We believe". What's the difference what we say: "I believe" or "We believe"? Here is one response to that question. One, that in light of the very real threats to the freedom of the Church and your freedom and my freedom to live and practice our Catholic Faith is, I think very timely: "Think of it this way: Saying the Creed is like making a wedding vow. The bride and groom say "I do" because they are both betting their futures on the other. The drama comes when the man says "I do" to the woman and she says "I do" to him. Their saying "we do" wouldn't feel as personal nor as binding. In saying the Creed at Mass, we're saying "I do" to God. We're saying, "This is who you are and what you've done for me, and I am betting my whole future on you." If we are right about all this, the effect of saying, "I believe" is more personal and more direct than saying, "We believe". It's more dramatic and makes the reality of what we're agreeing to much starker. It feels a lot more binding." (taken from: "While We're At It", *First Things Magazine*, February 2012, published by The Institute on Religion and Public Life

ST. THOMAS WANTS YOU! I am looking for some adults, men or women, who would be interested in serving at Masses especially at daily Mass, Funeral Masses and Masses during Holy Week, Easter, Christmas, etc. Training will be provided. Interested parishioners should call the rectory, 899-4632.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - February 11 & 12, 2012

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	T Rivers J Butkus	R Rivers	Please help!
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter M A Ledwith J Tardie	M Frederick S Fleming	M Reinfurt J Walko

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner - Thank you!

Our fundraiser dinner was a great success. The dinner made a net profit of \$1,967.50. Thank you to all who attended. Special thanks go to chairs, Lucy Bathalon and Gloria Blake, and their families. Lots of work goes into advertising, planning, cooking and serving to make this a popular, well attended, and very delicious dinner. Many parishioners helped with preparation of food and hall set up, serving at the dinner, kitchen help and clean up. It was truly a parish event with adults, Knights of Columbus and students alike helping with various aspects of the dinner. If you gave in any way of time, talent or treasure, we thank you. Mass of thanksgiving for all those who helped is scheduled for Sunday, May 13th at 8:30 A.M.

UPCOMING EVENT: Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner on Sun., Feb. 19th serving from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION: Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many unique challenges face the Church in that region. A lack of priests and trained lay ministers, high emigration rates, and the alarming pace at which parishioners are leaving the faith make it difficult for the region's Church to provide for the faithful. It is more important than ever that we *keep faith* with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please give generously in next week's Collection.

Envelopes are in the pews or are in your boxed offertory envelopes. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas; cash gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Stewardship - Jan 21 & 22, 2012

(Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)

67 Envelopes = \$2,391.00; Loose Currency = \$279.00
 TOTAL = \$2,670.00

YTD Actual = \$80,929.25

Stewardship - Jan 28 & 29, 2012

62 Envelopes = \$2,117.00; Loose Currency = \$410.26
 TOTAL = \$2,527.26

YTD Actual = \$83,456.51

Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.

Parish Events

Sunday	2/5	10:00-11:15 AM 3:45-5:30 PM	Rel. Ed. Classes, Grs. 1-8—UCS Confirmation Class—Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	2/7	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	2/8	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions at St. Mary's Exposition at St. Mary's Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.
Thursday	2/9	6:00 PM	Catechist Appreciation Dinner
Saturday	2/11	3:45 PM	Confessions
Sunday	2/12	8:30 AM	Grs. 7 & 8 participate at Mass with breakfast & class in Parish Hall after Mass
		10:00-11:15 AM 3:45-5:30 PM	Rel. Ed. Classes, Grs. 1-6—UCS Confirmation Class—Years 1 & 2

CONFIRMATION DATE: Tuesday, May 8th, 7:00 P.M. at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington.

BEATITUDES SERVICE GROUP NEWS:

VALENTINES FOR SALE! After Mass on Feb. 11th and 12th, the Beatitudes will have homemade valentines for sale - Hershey Kiss roses, hazelnut truffles and other crafty creations. The cost is by donation and proceeds will benefit Compassion International. "Compassion focuses on the spiritual, physical, economic and social needs of children in poverty. Our Christian holistic child development program is Christ Centered, Child Focused, Church Based and Committed to Integrity."

YOU ARE INVITED: Are you crafty? Consider stopping in to help us assemble the Valentines this Sunday, Feb. 5th at 11:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall. Bring a lunch, *we'll have ice cream to share afterwards.* Adults & children are welcome! Children will need to have their parents complete a permission form.

REL. ED. STUDENTS, YOU ARE INVITED: Defending Boys' Basketball Division I State Champions, the Rice Memorial Green Knights, invite you to cheer them on with your fellow religious education students at the Rice v. Rutland game, **Sat., Feb. 25th.** All St. Thomas religious ed students get in the game **FREE.** You will also be recognized on the court at half-time and have an opportunity to mingle with our players after the game. One lucky student will be chosen to be water boy/girl on the sidelines with the team. Students interested in this job should contact Christy Bahrenburg at Rice at 862-6521 ext. 235 or bahrenburg@rmhsvt.org. We hope to see you there!

SOUP COLLECTION: This weekend: "*Souper*" Bowl Sunday will be celebrated here at St. Thomas by collecting cans and boxes of soup. Just drop your soup donation in the special "*SOUPER*" BOWLS at the entrances of the church. *If you forgot to bring your donation this weekend, the "Souper" Bowls will remain in the church for one additional weekend.* Any kind of canned soup or dry soup mix will be greatly appreciated. The soup donations will be given to the Jericho Underhill Ecumenical Ministry Food Shelf to benefit families in our area. About 150 containers of soup were donated last year on "*Souper*" Bowl Sunday. Can we exceed that this year??? Thank you for your continued generosity.

RICE HIGH SCHOOL MARRIAGE CELEBRATION: More than 500 Cathedral and Rice Memorial High School marriages have happened as a result of school mates falling in love. The 11:00 A.M. Mass on Sun., Feb. 12th at St. Francis Xavier Church will include a special blessing for these alumni and all married couples. All are welcome to come celebrate their love. With questions, contact Susan Cain O'Brien at 862-6521 ext. 205 or at: sobrien@rmhsvt.org.

COUNTRY BREAKFAST: Thank you to all who attended the Knights of Columbus Country Breakfast on Sun., Jan. 22nd. A net profit of \$550 was realized thanks to your generous donations.

K of C SCHOLARSHIP - All information is on the bulletin board regarding this yearly Scholarship available to high school seniors who are planning to attend college. Your father or grandfather must be a Knight—see all details and application information. If interested, take home a packet. For more information, contact Matt Hurley at 899-4341.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of January 29th was in memory of:

Ross Perri

requested by his family

Week of February 5th:

For a Special Intention

CALLING ALL MOTHERS: COME JOIN "ALO" - Alo is a gathering of Catholic mothers which provides fellowship, nurturing, and a sense of community for women. The topic for the meeting is "Love, Agape, Eros, and Philia". Join us on Thurs., Feb. 9th at St. Lawrence Rectory, 158 West St. in Essex Jct. from 6:45 to 9:00 P.M. Chilcare is provided. There will be time for discussion in small groups. We will have dinner this month, so come relax and enjoy a meal and great speaker. All mothers are welcome. The cost is \$5 per meeting. Scholarships are available. For more info, please call Judy Kanya at 878-6152 or by e-mail: kanyaj@comcast.net.

FOOD SHELF CONTRIBUTIONS: Present needs: canned vegetables, baked beans, cereal and peanut butter. Thank you to all who bring donations to church for our local Food Shelf. It is greatly appreciated.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS' PLATES & DISHES: Thank you to all who so wonderfully support the funeral luncheon ministry to grieving families through volunteering time as servers and those who so generously donate food. There are very MANY plates, bowls, and casserole dishes left from these luncheons, and previous dinners, etc. that are on the back counter in the parish hall. Please check to see if you have one there. They are becoming too many to keep. God bless to all.

CATHOLICISM ADULT STUDY PROGRAM:

The next presentation of the highly acclaimed Catholicism Adult DVD Series will be held in the Parish Hall on Monday evening, Feb. 13th at 7:00 P.M. The theme of Class #7 is "*Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven. The Mystery of the Church's Sacraments and Worship*". The presentation lasts approximately 45-60 minutes, is free, and snacks will be served. You are most welcome to come to any or all presentations. (*This class will be repeated on Sun., Feb. 19th, 10:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall.*) |

WE PRAY FOR

SICK: For all our sick: Jay Tisbert, Viola Esterino, Maria & Tom Sweeney, Roland Boisjoli, Gasper Tavormina, Elizabeth Grant, Lorraine Bruns, Stan Koniuto, Jill Akerley, Anthony Minadeo, Nancy Guaman, Fran Morrisseau, Carmela Cardenas, Conlan Shaw, Shirley Dorcy, Darlene Klatke, Arvind Benkataraman, Don Beaulieu, Patricia Meagher, Frank Livingstone, Kathy Blair, Roger Nadeau, Paul Keeler, Ann Kelly, Yvonne Cross, Arthur Frazer, Bret Johnson, Riley McLaughlin, Agnes Ghioni, Dina Remillard, Michael Chandler, Marlene Fitzgibbons, Emerson Royer, Cathryn Rotando, Yuriy Bihun, Silvio Desjardins, Madeline Lamb, Mary Sevcik, Lynn McLaughlin, Olivia Pierce, Martha Wagner, Abby Wintersteen, Donald Potvin, Gary Strait, Kathryn Devlin, Erin Barch, Anna Tavormina, Janis Peyser, Ray Mathieu, Jim McGonagle, Janine Mullaly, Frank McCarthy, Sr., Theresa MacDonald, Joe Sprano, Tim Schaeffler, Shirley Daniels, Joan Siekman, Sally Ann Bulger, Donna Smith, Joyce Brush, Dolphy Wells, Lisa Koniuto, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially all deceased members of St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishes.

Other Intentions: Matt C., Jen G., Mike A., and Matt A.

Readings
For the Week



Mon., Feb. 6

Memorial of Saint Paul
Miki and Companions,
Martyrs
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

Tues., Feb. 7

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30
Mk 7:1-13

Wed., Feb. 8

1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

Thurs., Feb. 9

1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

Fri., Feb. 10

Memorial of Saint
Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kgs 11:29-32;
12:19
Mk 7:31-37

Sat., Feb. 11

1 Kgs 12:26-32;
13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, Feb. 12


Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

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FEBRUARY 2012

Please consult the weekly bulletin for
 revisions to this calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8:30 AM - Mass (Blessing of Throats) 10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. 1-8-UCS <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 3:45-5:30 PM-Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2	6 <u>NO</u> Mass	7 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM - Exposition	8 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.	9 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM in Parish Hall: Catechist Appreciation Dinner	10 8:00 AM - Mass	11 (2nd Collection: Latin America) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
12 (2nd Collection: Latin America) 8:30 AM - Mass Grs. 7 & 8 participate at Mass with breakfast & class in Parish Hall after Mass 10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. 1-6-UCS <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 3:45-5:30 PM-Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2	13 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM - Music Ministry Practice 7:00 PM - Adult Educ. Free DVD Presentation in the Parish Hall: <i>"Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven. The Mystery of the Church's Sacraments and Worship"</i>	14 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-7:45 PM - Exposition 7:30 PM - K of C Meeting	15 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.	16 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 8:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM-Food Shelf Set-Up Good Shepherd Lutheran Ch. 7:00 PM - Maintenance Committee Meeting	17 8:00 AM - Mass	18 9:30 AM - Food Shelf Distribution-Good Sheph (2nd Collection: Renovation And Repair for St. Thomas) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
19 (2nd Collection: Renovation And Repair for St. Thomas) 8:30 AM - Mass 10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. 1-8-UCS 10:00 AM - Adult Educ. Repeat of Feb. 13th Presentation <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 3:45-5:30 PM-Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2 (meeting in the sacristy for this class) 5:00-7:00 PM: K of C Spaghetti Dinner in Parish Hall	20 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: Finance Committee Meeting	21 <u>NO</u> Confessions <u>NO</u> Mass <u>NO</u> Exposition	22  ASH WEDNESDAY Day of Fast & Abstinence 8:00 AM-Mass at St. Thomas <i>6:00 PM-Mass at St. Mary</i> (NO Confessions, No Adoration) 7:30 PM-Mass at St. Thomas NO Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.	23 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting	24 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross	25 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
26 8:30 AM - Mass <u>NO</u> Rel. Educ. 1-8: Winter Vacation <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> <u>NO</u> Confirmation Years 1 & 2 Winter Vacation	27 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM - Adult Educ. Free DVD Presentation in the Parish Hall: <i>"A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints"</i>	28 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition	29 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.	Mar. 1 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 8:00 AM Mass 7:15 PM - Sacred Worship Meeting	Mar. 2 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross	Mar. 3 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:10 PM - Rosary 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>

Coffee Hour follows the 8:30 AM Mass unless announced otherwise.

CATHOLICISM ADULT STUDY PROGRAM

Schedule 2012

All presentations are held in the Parish Hall

Monday, Feb. 13 - Class #7: "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven. The Mystery of the Church's Sacraments and Worship"

Class repeated on Sun., Feb. 19, 10:00 A.M.

• **Monday, Feb. 27 - Class #8: "A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints"**

Class repeated on Sun., Mar. 4, 10:00 A.M.

• **Monday, Mar. 12 - Class #9: "The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit"**

Class repeated on Sun., Mar. 18, 10:00 A.M.

• **Monday, Mar. 26 - Class #10: "World Without End: The Last Things"**

IMPORTANT:

*****Please watch the weekly bulletin for any changes to this schedule*****

GUIDELINES FOR LENT

- The time of Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance and works of charity. Lent extends from Ash Wednesday to The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.
- *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.*
- The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. *The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59.*
- Abstinence refers to the eating of meat. Eggs, milk products and sauces made from animal fats may be eaten as well as fish and cold-blooded animals. *The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years or older.*
- *The substantial observance of the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious obligation. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fasting and abstaining.* The individual conscience can decide if there is a proper cause to excuse. A more serious reason should be present to excuse from the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday penance.
- Self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year is also highly recommended.
- Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the laws of fast and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere that is conducive to a sense of penance.