



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

*The Catholic
Center at Purdue*

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Parish Mission Statement

We seek to promote the reign of God within and beyond our faith community as living testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We joyfully celebrate the liturgy, faithfully foster spiritual and intellectual formation, actively encourage stewardship, and passionately promote social justice.

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JANUARY 29, 2012 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



You've noticed some new things we are doing at St. Tom's. Things like asking visitors and people new to the parish to stand at the end of Mass and allow us to welcome them. This weekend we are beginning a monthly event we are calling "Name Tag Sunday." This is another way of allowing us to become more engaged

with one another and our parish.

Another aspect of this effort is what you see below. One of our resident parishioners is the first to write what will be a regular piece in our bulletin explaining why they are engaged in their faith and St. Tom's. C.S. Lewis once wrote, "We read to know we are not alone." That can be said about a great many things. It helps to hear why and how other people are engaged in their faith. It may help encourage us or others. We are going to spend a year helping to facilitate that sort of feeling. What are my gifts and how am I using them? We can all ask ourselves that question, and then do something about it. I hope you will enjoy these reflections. Let's pray that the thoughts and prayers of our friends, family and neighbors will inspire each of us to be engaged in new ways in our faith – and in our lives.

God bless you all.

Fr. Patrick, O.P.

Being Engaged in My Church

It would be so easy to just go to Mass on Sundays, wolf down a couple doughnuts, go home, and call myself an active Catholic. But what good would that really do me?

St. Tom's feels like a member of my family, just like a spouse, a son, or a daughter. I miss her when we're apart, I want to get to know her more, I want to watch her grow, give more to her than she gives to me, do what I can to help her be all she's meant to be. Sometimes she makes a mistake, but I am understanding and forgiving. We don't always agree, but she has things to teach me, so I listen and learn. We work together to help each other be the best persons we can be, guided by God.

God called me to His church and gave me this institution, St. Tom's, as a special member of my family to help me carry out His plan. It's where He shows me the way, the word, and gives me His graces. Where I can receive Jesus in Holy Communion, hear His word from the Bible at every Mass, see His light in the faces of so many joyous fellow parishioners. It's where I receive from Him an opportunity to give to those less fortunate, to build my relationship with my spouse, to help my children grow in their faith, and to make many amazing friends.

Those opportunities would be easily lost if my church life stopped with the doughnuts. Thank God for the doughnuts, but thank God it doesn't stop there!

— Stephanie Bosma

Mass Schedule & Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Readings: Dt 18:15-20/ 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

Psalm Response: Ps 95:1-2,6-7,7-9
9:00 am Andrew Clayton †
11:00 am Shirley McGrew-Edwards †
7:00 pm Purdue Alumni Religious
9:00 pm Dominicans

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

Readings: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13/ Mk 5:1-20

11:30 am Brothers and Sisters in Haiti
5:30 pm St. Francis Xavier, Baudin, Haiti

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 **ST. JOHN BOSCO**

Readings: 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30;19:3/ Mk 5:21-43

11:30 am Priests of St. Tom's
5:30 pm Staff of St. Tom's

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Readings: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17/ Mk 6:1-6

11:30 am St. Tom's Community
9:00 pm Purdue Catholic Students

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Readings: Mal 3:1-4/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40

11:30 am Volunteers
5:30 pm Lay Ministers

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 **ST. BLAISE**

Readings: Sir 47:2-11/ Mk 6:14-29

11:30 am Purdue Alumni Religious

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Readings: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Mk 6:30-34

11:30 am Dominicans
5:30 pm Bishop Timothy Doherty

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 **FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Readings: Jb 7:1-4,6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

Psalm Response: Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6
9:00 am Youth
11:00 am Resident Parishioners
7:00 pm Student Parishioners
9:00 pm World Peace

Reconciliation

The confessional is in the back corner of the church, near the Marian niche. *Also available by appointment.

MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

11:00am–11:25am Individual Reconciliation

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY

4:00pm–5:00pm Individual Reconciliation

SUNDAY

8:15am–8:45am and 10:15am–10:45am

Upcoming Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 9:00 am Religious Education
- 8:30 pm Boiler Awakening 4 Staff Meeting, Newman Hall, Siena Rms, Thomas More Rms

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

- 12:00 pm Blood Drive, Newman Hall
- 5:30 pm Meditation & Centering Prayer, Room 3
- 7:00 pm Scripture Study, Room 2
- 8:00 pm 4th Day, Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 St. JOHN BOSCO

- 6:00 pm LifeGuides, Newman Hall, Thomas More Rms
- 7:00 pm RCIA, Room 3
- 7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous, Room 5

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 7:00 pm Ministry to the Baptized, Room 3
- 7:00 pm Catholicism, Thomas More Rooms
- 7:00 pm Youth Group, Newman Hall/Upper Room
- 7:00 pm Social Concerns, Room 23
- 7:15 pm Community of Grace, Room 24

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- 12:30 pm HOME Co-op, Rms 2-6,22, Newman Hall, Kitchen, Thomas More and Siena Rooms
- 6:00 pm Korean Bible Study, Room 6
- 7:00 pm CROSS Bible Study, Room 24
- 7:00 pm Music Rehearsal, Church & Rooms 1-4

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 St. BLAISE

- 7:00 pm Catholic Truth League, Room 3

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 9:00 am Day of Discovery, Newman Hall, Room 3, Kitchen
- 9:30 am Dominican Laity, Room 4
- 6:30 pm Indonesian Catholic Association, Room 22

Check out our online calendar:
www.boilercatholics.org/calendar

Car Raffle

Dreaming of owning a new car? Worried about paying college tuition? Why not take a chance and you can

have the prize of your choice – a 2012 Subaru Legacy or a \$15,000 scholarship to the school of choice. Tickets are only \$10 each or three for \$25.

Tickets also make great gifts! Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so help the church and surprise your sweetie by purchasing a chance on one of these awesome prizes. The drawing will be held April 22 after the 11am Mass. The winner does not need to be present to win, but must submit a valid ticket within 30 days.

Tickets will be available at www.boilercatholics.org, at St. Tom's, and several locations throughout the Greater Lafayette Area.



A Ministry of the Dominican Friars,
Province of St. Albert the Great

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Adult Confirmation

Are you a Purdue student or parishioner looking for information about Confirmation? St. Tom's has an Adult Confirmation process which is included in the Ministry to the Baptized portion of the RCIA process. We recognize that you do not require full participation in our Catechumenate process; however, some instruction about Catholic doctrines and opportunities to share your faith are essential preparations for completing initiation through the Sacrament of Confirmation. These sessions consist of meeting weekly for 14 weeks. We are now registering individuals for the spring semester's sessions. For information, or to register, please contact Eileen Strater at: eileen@boilercatholics.org.

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Bob and Tamara Loew, who will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary Monday, February 6th.



Who are the Capuchins?

The Capuchin Franciscan friars will be holding a weekend in the Milwaukee area for men, ages 18-45, who are interested in learning about religious life and seeing how Capuchins live as Franciscans in our world and in the Church today.

The weekend is **February 3-5, 2012**. If you would like to attend, have questions, or want to recommend someone for the weekend, call (313) 595-2182 or email the Vocation Office at:

vocation@capuchinfranciscans.org

Check out the Capuchin website at:

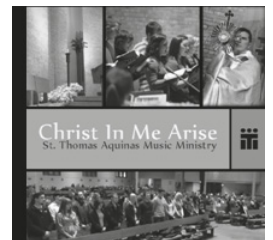
CapuchinFranciscans.blogspot.com

Christ In Me Arise

Recorded at St. Thomas Aquinas, the Catholic Center at Purdue University, and RiteSong Studios here in West Lafayette, IN, the CD "Christ In Me Arise" is now available for purchase!

Each CD costs \$10 for students and \$15 for resident parishioners. All of the proceeds will benefit the poor in the Lafayette area and in Baudin, Haiti.

The CD is available at the parish office and through Faith Direct on our website; use the 2011 CD button.



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PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Join us for the 2012 Men's Retreat: Feb. 17-18

The Men of St. Tom's (MoST) will again hold the annual men's retreat at Camp Tecumseh. This year's retreat will be directed by Fr. Keith Hosey. Please plan now to attend. The cost for the overnight event is \$75 which covers the cost for the lodge and meals. Flier/sign-up sheets are available in the gather space. Contact Tom Kelly, tkelly1932@gmail.com or leave a form with the office if you plan to attend. Forms are available in the Gathering Space. If you know of someone who is interested in attending but may be discouraged by the cost please contact a parish priest or a member of MoST.

Family Promise

Our next host week at St. Tom's is February 12-19. Volunteers may read job descriptions and sign up at boilercatholics.org/familypromise. St. Tom's will host again March 4-11.

"Catholicism" Series

St. Thomas Aquinas will continue hosting this series for the Greater Lafayette Community. This 10-part series, developed and presented by Fr. Robert Barron, uses art, architecture, literature, music and other treasures of the Church to provide formation in different aspects of our faith.

Part 3—Wednesday, February 1st— 7-8:30pm
Thomas More Rooms (next to Newman Hall)
The presentation topic is: *"That Than Which Greater Can Be Thought—The Ineffable Mystery of God"*

Each session is independent, so you can attend as many as you are able to...there is no need to attend all of the sessions. Please join us for this wonderful experience and a chance to learn more about your faith.

January 1 - January 6, 2012

Total Cash Received	\$18,993
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$9,536
<i>Second Collections</i>	\$3,265
Retired Religious Fund	
<i>Fruitful Harvest</i>	\$0
<i>Development</i>	\$3,840
<i>Haiti Tithe</i>	\$454
Total Cash Paid Out	\$0
YTD Cash Received	
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$59,077
<i>Second Collections YTD</i>	\$28,494
<i>Fruitful Harvest</i>	\$3,555
<i>Development</i>	\$150
<i>Haiti Tithe</i>	\$17,494
YTD Cash Paid Out	\$647
YTD Cash Paid Out	\$6,552

* Numbers are not final until reviewed by the Finance Committee *

Midwinter Celebration

Please join us at the annual wine and cheese party sponsored by the Haiti Ministry and MoST (Men of St. Tom's). Mark your calendars for Friday evening, February 10th, from 7:00-9:30 PM in Newman Hall. We are asking for a \$10 donation that will help support our ministries. This year we will also have beer tasting and home-made soft pretzels. Get your tickets from a MoST or Haiti committee member or buy a ticket at the door that evening.

State of the Parish

Fr. Patrick's "State of the Parish" presentation scheduled for this Sunday, January 29, has been postponed. It will be rescheduled at a later time.

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

Lafayette Catholic School System

765-474-7500

www.lcss.org



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Friday, February 10

8 AM - 1 PM

St. Lawrence and St. Mary Cathedral Schools

Bring your child, their legal birth certificate and registration fee.

Catholic Preschool

Registration is now taking place for St. Mary Cathedral Preschool 2012-2013 school year....WOW! Classes offered are: 3 year old morning (8:45-11:15 a.m. T/TH), 3 year old afternoon (12:15-2:45 T/TH), Pre-K, or 4/5 morning (8:45-11:15 a.m. M/W/F), and Pre-K, or 4/5 afternoon (12:15-2:45 p.m. M/W/F). We also offer NEST (not enough school time) for children enrolled in the Pre-K morning class which runs (11:15-2:45, M/W/F, 12 spots available only). Children must be the appropriate age by August 1st. Before and After School Care is also available. For more information, call Karen Thompson at the St. Mary School office at 742-6302. Classes fill up quick....sign up soon!!

Dear Families of St. Tom's,

Thanks to your generosity, the Houses For Change project was a **HUGE** success! Those nickels, dimes, and quarters really add up! More than \$850 was raised! The money will be used to cover the expenses of providing assistance for parents and children who need emergency shelter. A special thanks to Michael Plake and all of the religious education teachers who coordinated the program.

God Bless,
Laurie Mann
Executive Director
Family Promise of Greater Lafayette

Natural Family Planning

Did you know that Natural Family Planning (NFP) can help naturally address problems with cycle irregularities and PMS? Did you know that NFP is a moral option to hormonal contraception, which can be abortifacient? Natural family planning is good news for marriages! It is medically safe, morally acceptable and highly effective in postponing pregnancy. Share the responsibility in planning your family. A Natural Family Planning course sponsored by the Couple to Couple League is beginning on Friday, February 17 in your area. For more information and registration, contact Susan and Louis Hoefer at (765)471-8734 or shoefer@dol-in.org, or register online at: <https://register.ccli.org/classes/3462/register>.

Mass in the Gather Space

Mass is streamed to the Gather Space both audio and video for the 9am and 11am Masses. We hoped to make this available to parents with little ones so that you may still participate fully in the Mass even when the little ones need extra care.

Campus Ministry Internship

St. John Catholic Student Center is pleased to offer an internship with our 2012-2013 campus ministry team. Our team serves Michigan State University and the East Lansing Catholic Community. The internship would last from August 20, 2012-May 10, 2013.

Our ideal candidate would be a graduating senior who has been an exceptional leader in your campus ministry program and who might be discerning a life in lay or religious ministry. We are particularly interested in those who have significant retreat leadership experience. We will offer the intern a generous living stipend. Students of any academic major are welcome to apply.

For more information visit the parish office for a flyer.

Grief Support

"Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted."

Are you feeling overwhelmed and confused by the depth of your grief after the loss of a loved one, but aren't sure where to turn? Spending time with others who are on the same emotional roller coast, in a group setting, can be helpful during your grief journey. St. Elizabeth Hospice has served the greater Lafayette community in the grief support ministry for many years by providing practical information in a facilitated but relaxed group setting. New groups are forming now to begin a 10-week series the week of January 23. To accommodate different schedules, groups are available on either Monday evenings or Friday mornings. Please contact Nancy Eberhard, St. Elizabeth Hospice Grief Support Group Facilitator, at 423-6732, for more information and to register.

"Songs and Stories" Concert

Steven Curtis Chapman "Songs & Stories" tour with Andrew Peterson and Josh Wilson will be performing at the Long Center for the Performing Arts in Lafayette. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00PM. Tickets are available online at iTickets.com or by phone at 1-800-965-9324. Groups who buy 12 or more tickets in the same order get two free!!

Be a Volunteer Tax Preparer at Lafayette Urban Ministry!

Help hard-working families with incomes below \$49,000 claim the Tax Credits they've earned!

One hour of your volunteer time can boost a family's income as much as \$5,000!

Last year's program brought nearly \$2.5 million of tax refunds into the community - into the hands of people who needed the money to feed, clothe and shelter their families!

Call Patti O'Callaghan, 423-2691, or e-mail, for details!
pocallaghan@lafayetteurbanministry.org.

Hymnal Repair

Parishioners and Guests of St. Tom's: we are asking for your help. One of our parishioners has been quietly and caringly repairing, rebinding and cleaning our Gather Hymnals for the past year. We ask your help in identifying the hymnals that are in need of her loving touch. If you see any that need a little TLC, please bring them to one of the choir members after Mass and we will place them in a box for collection at a later time. Thank you for your help and for helping to keep the music alive at St. Tom's!

RESIDENT & STUDENT PARISHIONERS

PCS Campus Ministry



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on Facebook and follow his
status updates!



Group	Day	Time	Contact (all are @purdue.edu)
Hilltop Meets at Hilltop Activity Room in Main Building	Mon	7pm	Marie-Catherine, mdube@ Anne Krasniak, akrasnia@
Spanish Group Meets at St. Tom's Room 24	Mon	6pm	Pablo Davila, pdavila@
Cary/Owen Meets outside Ford dining court	Tues	7pm	Jessica Brenner, brennerj@ Ric Powers, powersr@
St. Tom's Group Meets at St. Tom's Room 22	Tues	6pm	Jacob Niemeier, jniemeie@
Wiley/Tarkington Meets in Wiley lobby	Tues	7pm	Joel Crist, jcrist@ Lisa Schluttenhofer, lschlutt@
Earhart Meets in Earhart lobby	Tues	8:30pm	Lauri Mitchell, lmitchel@
Windsor Meets in lobby	Wed	7pm	Rachel Wilson, wilso227@
McCutcheon/Hillenbrand/Harrison Meets at Hillenbrand Lounge by front desk	Thurs	6pm	Jacqueline Lynch, lynchjr@ Miranda Smith, smith516@
Shreve/Meredith Meets in Shreve lobby	Thurs	9pm	Marie Keller, cmkeller@ Mary Beth Hall, hall91@

Needed: CPR Instructor

We are looking for a certified CPR trainer who is able to offer instruction for CPR and AED certification. If interested please contact the parish office at (765)743-4652.

Propagation of the Faith

There will be a second collection next weekend, February 4 & 5, for the Propagation of the Faith. This important ministry supports the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Church throughout the world.

Food Sunday

Please remember to bring canned goods and non-perishable items to Mass next weekend (February 4 & 5) for Lafayette Urban Ministry and St. John's Food Pantry. Soap, bath tissue and other paper products also are greatly appreciated!

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Tax letters for gifts to St. Tom's will not reflect your collection gifts made through Faith Direct. If you enrolled in Faith Direct, you will be receiving a statement of your giving for tax purposes before month's end. Thank you to all of our benefactors for giving this year, generously supporting the 50+ ministries and programs available to residents and students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Last year's palms

There will be a basket in the gather space next weekend for your old palm branches, or you can bring your old palms to the parish office. These will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday.





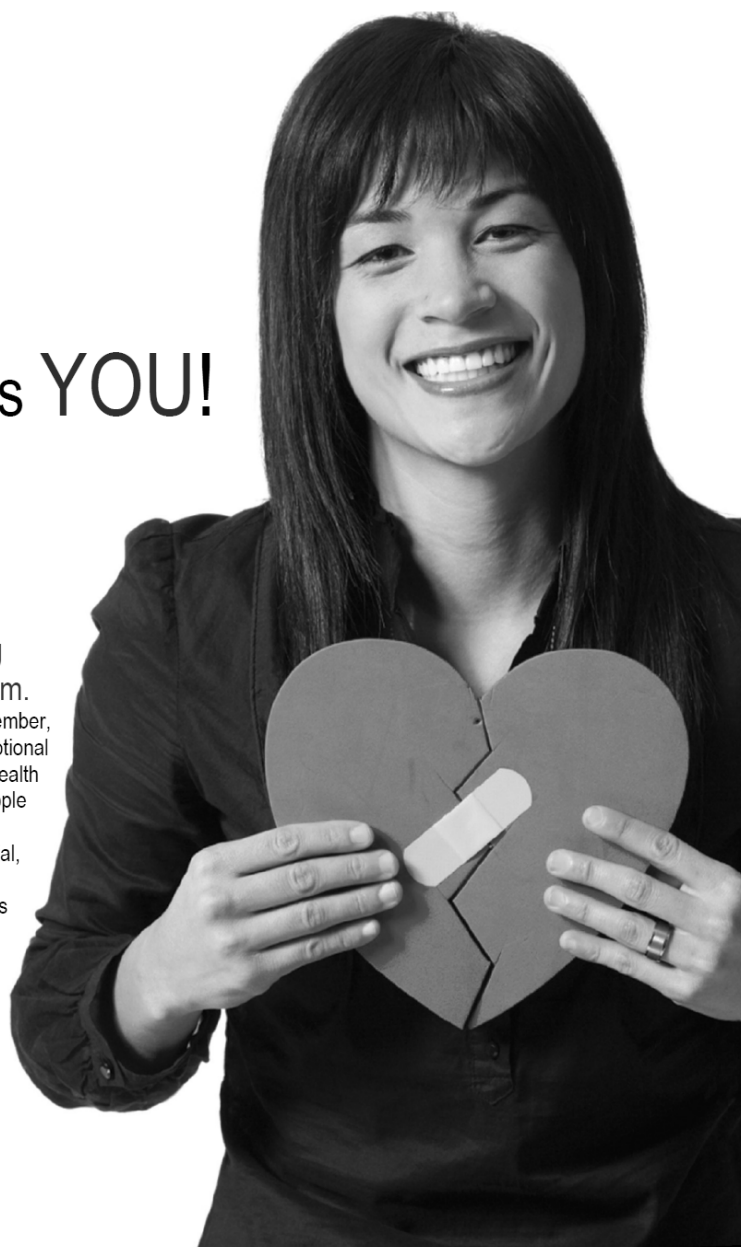
MENTAL
HEALTH
FIRST AID

Sometimes, first aid isn't
a bandage,
or CPR,
or the Heimlich,
or calling 911.

Sometimes, first aid is **YOU!**

Someone you know could be experiencing a mental illness or crisis. You can help them. You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, or member of the community — in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self help care. Anyone can take the 12-hour Mental Health First Aid course — first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals, and caring citizens.

Sometimes, the best first aid is you.
Take the course, save a life, strengthen
your community.



Mental Health First Aid Course – 12-hour public course.

6-9pm on Monday, February 13 – March 5

**St. Thomas Aquinas Center, 535 West State Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906**

\$10 students
\$15 non-students

See back for registration and contact information.

This course brought to you by:
St. Tom's Health Cabinet.