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St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Franklin, IN
July, 2022

*All are Welcome
No Exceptions!*

St. Thomas Episcopal Church accepts all people and we commit to:

Celebrate the Eucharist regularly

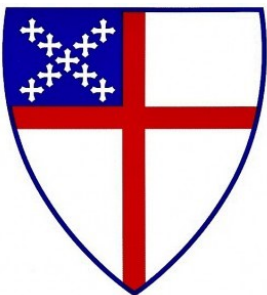
Keep a personal and community discipline of prayer and study

Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by promoting justice, peace, and love

Nurture God's people as we grow in Christ

Live with thanksgiving, wonder, and openness to God's love

Restore all people to unity with God and each other



Post-Pandemic Rebuilding Continues

It's now been a little over a year since St. Thomas began regathering at church in person after the COVID-19 pandemic imposed restrictions. In the midst of public health discourse on the latest variants, our parish has been carefully and pastorally continuing in-person worship, live-streaming, education, home visits and fellowship, using various safety standards.

There have been times when masks were mandatory, and other times when masks were optional, in keeping with recommendations from the St. Thomas Regathering Committee. Surges have given way to fewer new cases. This spring, St. Thomas resumed use of the Common Cup, in accordance with guidelines from the Diocese of Indianapolis. On Easter, Coffee Hour and congregational singing made their long-awaited returns. Depending on circumstances, any or all of these aspects of our parish life may change again.

Meanwhile, as we begin our second year of continuous in-person worship, several longtime members haven't attended as often as in the past, and we'd certainly love to see them back in the pews. Others may be worshipping primarily online. Adult Education Forums have been rebooted, and work on youth programs remains to be done.

Now that I'm back from my vacation in London (where I worshipped at Westminster Abbey) and Scotland (where I saw the Bishop and others from our Diocese at a retreat on Iona), I encourage you not to look at the aforementioned developments at St. Thomas as damage from the pandemic. It's time to look at them as growth opportunities. All of us at St. Thomas have invested plenty of time and energy in rebuilding since the spring of 2020. Two years later, we still have more work to do. With God's help and yours, I look forward to future growth and development later this year and beyond.

Faithfully,

Fr. Whitney

St. Thomas to Collect Back-to-School Supplies July 16th

St. Thomas will again be a collection site to gather school supplies as part of the Fast Track Back-to-School program for United Way of Johnson County. The last time the parish participated was the summer of 2020. This summer's collection date will be Saturday, July 16th. St. Thomas will have a basket and a trifold display board in the narthex. Needed items include backpacks, composition & spiral notebooks, 3-ring binders, scissors, art boxes, highlighters & dry erase markers, gluesticks, folders, colored pencils, crayons and pencils.
—Marikay Kapke

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN:

Thanks to all those who have contributed to our vacuum cleaner fund. We have collected nearly \$300.00. Anyone who would like to help out around the church, please let me, Fr Whitney or Joy know. One thing that needs attention is the painting of the clinic director's office.
-Steve Wahlberg

Father Whitney is back! After 3 weeks touring London & Scotland on a much-needed vacation. We were privileged to have had the Rev. Don Jones officiating our services in his absence.



Food Pantry Seeking Donations

St. Thomas will be accepting July's donations for the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County on July 17th. This month, the pantry is seeking non-perishable food and personal care items as well as cleaning products. Monetary gifts are also appreciated; checks should be made payable to St Thomas, with food pantry on the memo line.
— Cheryl Faust

CLINIC NEWS:

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We at St. Thomas Clinic are proud of all our volunteers and providers and this month especially proud to announce that our Medical Director, Dr. Joseph Kenny has received the George W. Sorrells, Jr. M.D., Community Physician Of The Year Award from I.U. Medical School.

-Teresa Branham
Clinic Director



SERVICE SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.

	July 3rd	July 10th	July 17th	July 24th	July 31st
CLERGY	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith
MUSIC MINISTRY	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek
ALTAR GUILD	Marti Ramsey	Marti Ramsey	Marti Ramsey	Marti Ramsey	Karen Smith
HOSPITALITY TEAM / SERVERS	Julie Stogsdill Chuck Patrick	Jim Phillips Candace Phillips	Steve Faust Cheryl Faust	Jim Phillips Candace Phillips	Chuck Patrick Julie Stogsdill
EUCHARIST MINISTERS	Ann Kieffer	Ann Glass	Mike Ramsey	Cheryl Faust	Ann Glass
ACOLYTE	Alan Faust	Dave Buchholz	Alan Faust	Alan Faust	Ann Kieffer
LECTORS	Juanita Wahlberg Paula Sites	Jim Phillips Jayne Yount	Maggie Lewis Cheryl Faust	Juanita Wahlberg Elspeth Mirchandani	Julie Stogsdill Ann Kieffer
COUNTERS	Julie Stogsdill Cheryl Faust	Eric Smith	Steve Wahlberg Rachel Allen	Marikay Kapke	Cheryl Faust
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Marti Ramsey	Julie Stogsdill			
MOWERS	Danny Bachman	Steve Wahlberg	Euci Pittman	Darrell Faust	Jamison Allen

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

7/2—Jacob Phillips
7/2—Mel Archer
7/4—Jen Tullis
7/10—Fran Thompson
7/10—Gabriel Ring
7/11—Judy Thompson
7/12—Roxanne Allen
7/13—Tei'Lee Clark
7/14—Ray Hooten
7/14—Phil Warrenburg
7/15—Jamison Allen
7/16—Emma Craft-Rutan
7/16—Mason Craft-Rutan
7/26—Barbara Hess

ANNIVERSARIES

7/12—Mark & Shelli Anderson
7/16—Bill & Ann Glass
7/18—Ray & Susie Hooten
7/29—Jim & Candy Phillips

ST. THOMAS VESTRY

Meeting: July 10th

The 26th Vestry of St. Thomas (2022--2024)



2022.....Dave Buchholz, Marikay Kapke
2023.....Steven Wahlberg, Rachel Allen, Brandi
Ashlock, Cheryl Faust
2024.....Julie Stogsdill, Eric Smith

The Staff and Officers of St. Thomas

Rector.....Fr. Whitney Smith
Senior WardenDave Buchholz
Junior Warden.....Steve Wahlberg
Clerk.....Julie Stogsdill
TreasurerJim Lewis
Assistant TreasurersRobin Kares, Eric Smith,
Mike Ramsey, Marti Ramsey
Parish Admin.....Joy Tucker
Organist.....Heather Orvek

Clerk.....Julie Stogsdill
Treasurer.....Jim Lewis