

Our Lady of Fatima (Redvers)
St. Maurice (Bellegarde)
St. Anthony (Storthoaks)



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June 16, 2024
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Mon, June 17, 9:00 a.m.
+Millie Culbertson by Real/Jeannette Wolensky

Tues, June 18, 7:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving by A Parishioner

Wed, June 19, 9:00 a.m.
+Agnes Tumback by Raymond/Madeleine Lamotte

Thurs, June 20, 9:00 a.m.
+Lionel Dubuc by Gilbert Courture

Thurs, June 20, 7:00 p.m. (Storthoaks)
Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Fri, June 21, 9:30 a.m. (Estates)
+Albert Magotiaux by Lorraine George

Sat, June 22, 7:00 p.m. (Storthoaks)
+Paul Henrion by Charles/Anita Henrion

Sun, June 23, 9:00 a.m. (Bellegarde)
Intentions of 2024 Graduates by Joe/Irene Poirier

Sun, June 23, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers)
Pro Populo



Liturgical Ministries (Redvers)

To ensure your name is still on a ministries list or to volunteer contact **Carol Poirier (452-8397)**.

Sunday, June 23, 10:45 a.m.

Hospitality

Denis/Joanne Quennelle

Lectors

Carol Poirier/Coralie Wolensky

Collection

Todd Garnier
Matthew Lemieux
Linden Poirier
Nathan Poirier

Communion

Jerome Poirier



Redvers

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Marc Wolensky 306-840-7282

Parish Hall Bookings

Anita Colleaux: 306-452-3868

Caretaker

Coralie Wolensky



Bellegarde

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Guy Poirier: 306-840-7744



Storthoaks

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Richard Chicoine: 449-2231

Parish Hall Bookings

Monique Dumaine: 449-2237



O Faithful St. Joseph,
Guardian of the Redeemer,
to whom the Child Jesus
lovingly called out "Abba",
Pray for all our Fathers!

Meetings...

- Tues, June 18, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/Parish Council Meeting
- Thurs, June 20, 7:00 p.m. (Storthoaks)—Mass/Parish Council Meeting
- Thurs, June 27, 7:30 p.m. (Redvers)—Mass/Knights of Columbus Meeting

St. John Fisher—Bishop/Martyr

and

St. Thomas More—Martyr

June 22

Throughout the 1400s, the Catholic Church played a central role in the religious, cultural, and political fabric of England. Magnificent churches were built, monasteries thrived, clergy wielded influence, religious holidays were nationalized, and the Catholic Church collaborated with the state, in union with Rome. However, the tide began to shift during the rule of King Henry VIII

(1509–1547) when King Henry severed ties between the Church of England and Rome to secure his divorce and remarriage. One year later, in 1535, the king martyred two of England's greatest Catholic saints who opposed him, both of whom we honor today.

Today's saints, Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, were among the few who refused to accept the king's decisions. Bishop John Fisher firmly defended the bond of marriage, stating that he was willing to die, just as Saint John the Baptist did, for the defense of marriage. This outraged the king. Eventually, the king had Bishop Fisher arrested before he could publicly oppose the new queen's coronation. Though he was initially released, he was arrested again on April 26, 1534, and remained in prison under extremely harsh conditions, deprived even of a priest to minister to him, until his death about fourteen months later. Before Fisher's death, the pope declared him a cardinal as a way of adding pressure on the king to release him, but this only angered the king more. Cardinal Fisher's defense was to remain silent and say nothing from prison. Eventually, he was tricked into speaking, confessing his opposition to the king, which led to his beheading. Every other bishop, except for two, gave their support to the king, bringing a painful end to the Catholic Church in England.

Like Cardinal Fisher, Thomas More refused to support the king's claim that he was the head of the Church of England, and he refused to publicly support the coronation of the new queen. After More refused to attend the coronation, he was arrested and put on trial for treason. His defense was also to remain silent, but he was found guilty and executed about two weeks after Cardinal Fisher. Cardinal Fisher's head had been mounted on London Bridge for two weeks after his death, but it was taken down and replaced by More's upon More's execution.

The fall of the Catholic Church in England is perhaps one of the saddest moments of Church history. However, because of the courage of these two martyrs, it is also one of the brightest. Though they were abandoned by most, they are now honored as saints and martyrs and will forever wear those glorious crowns in Heaven.

As we honor these two great martyrs, ponder their eternal perspective and willingness to endure suffering and death rather than compromise their faith. As you do, pray that you, too, will always live for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, even if it means hardship, suffering, or even death, preferring the glorious crown of righteousness in Heaven.



St. Thomas More

St. John Fisher