

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



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**June 30, 2024**  
**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Mass Schedule**

**Mon, July 1, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Paul Henrion by Charles/Anita Henrion

**Tues, July 2, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Albert Magotiaux by The Family

**Wed, July 3, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Millie Culbertson by Henri/Elaine Poirier

**Thurs, July 4, 9:00 a.m.**  
+Harvey Bauche by Joe/Irene Poirier

**Fri, July 5, 9:00 a.m. First Friday Mass/Eucharistic Adoration**  
+Reginald Englot by Aurele/Margaret Moreau

### **Sat, July 6,—First Saturday Devotions**

**8:30 a.m. Confessions/9:00 a.m. Rosary/Mass**  
+Albert Magotiaux by Dave/Odile Wilson

**Sat, July 6, 7:00 p.m. (Bellegarde)**  
+Harvey Bauche by Paul/Claudia Poirier

**Sun, July 7, 9:00 a.m. (Storthoaks)**  
Pro Populo

**Sun, July 7, 10:45 a.m. (Redvers)**  
Intentions of the 2024 Graduates by Redvers CWL

### **Liturgical Ministries** **(Redvers)**

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

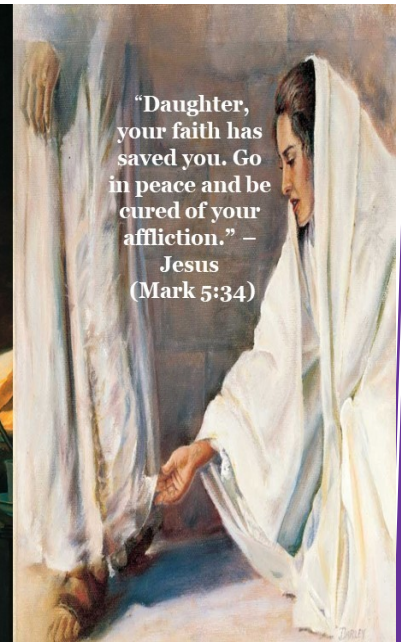
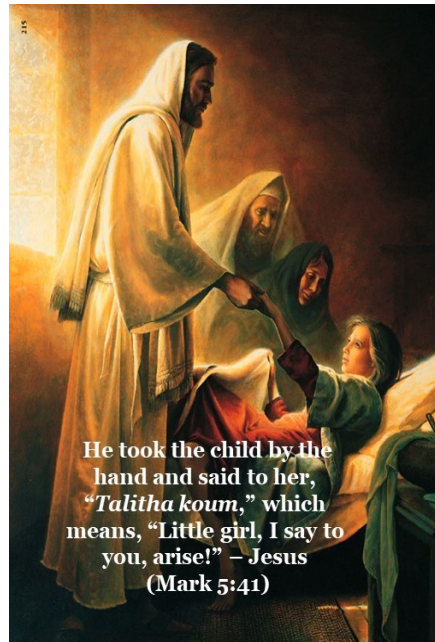
### **Sunday, July 7, 10:45 a.m.**

**Hospitality**  
Todd Garnier

**Lectors**  
Coralie/Jeanette Wolensky

**Collection**  
Con Carriere  
Matthew Lemieux  
Linden Poirier  
Seth Poirier

**Communion**  
Bernard Bauche



**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



## Saint Thomas—July 3 Apostle/Martyr (Died, c. A.D. 72)

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to



accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities. At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas." Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus - at Lake Tiberias, when a miraculous catch of fish occurred. This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament.

Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas." One ancient text called "The Acts of Thomas" speaks of many conversions and miracles that Thomas performed. Around the year 68, it is believed that Thomas and his companions traveled to eastern India. Tradition further states that Thomas worked to convert kings and their families as a way of gaining their support to convert the people. In Chennai, there is a hill called "Saint Thomas Hill," believed to be the location of his martyrdom. Around the year 72, legend has it that while praying on that hill, Thomas was pierced in the back with a spear by order of the king for converting his wife and other family members to Christianity.

## St. Maria Goretti —July 6

### Virgin/Martyr (1890-1902)

Born on October 16 1890 in Corinaldo, in the Ancona Province in Italy, her farmworker father moved his family to Ferrier di Conca, near Anzio. When he died of malaria, Maria's mother had to struggle to feed her children. Maria's mother, brothers, and sisters worked in the fields while she cooked, sewed, kept the house clean, and watched her youngest sister Teresa. Though the family's circumstances were extremely difficult, they were very close and loved God.

On July 5, 1902, Maria was sitting outside the steps of her home sewing her 18-year-old brother or neighbor - it is unclear which - Alessandro's shirt while he threshed beans in the barnyard. As she concentrated on her sewing, Alessandro surprised her and grabbed her from her steps. When he tried to rape her, Maria cried that it was a mortal sin and warned he would go to hell. When Alessandro persisted, she fought him and screamed, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" At her words, Alessandro began to choke her and she said she would rather die than submit. Upon hearing her words, Alexander pulled out a knife and stabbed her eleven times. When she attempted to reach the door, he stabbed her three more times then fled.

Teresa woke to the sounds of her sister's cries and began to cry. Maria's family returned home and found her bleeding on the floor. They quickly took her to the nearest hospital in Nettuno, where she underwent surgery without anesthesia. Unfortunately, her wounds were beyond the surgeon's ability to help. Halfway through the surgery, the man asked her, "Maria, think of me in Paradise." As she lay on the table, she looked up at him and said, "Well, who knows which of us is going to be there first?" She did not realize how terrible her situation was, and the surgeon replied, "You, Maria." She said, "Then I will think gladly of you." She also mentioned concerns for her mother. The next day, Maria forgave Alessandro and said she wanted to see him in Heaven with her. She died that day while looking upon an image of the Virgin Mary and holding a cross to her chest.

Shortly after Maria's family discovered her, Alexander was captured and questioned. He admitted Maria was a physical virgin as he was unable to assault her and he was sentenced to thirty years. He also admitted he had attempted to persuade her to accompany him to bed on several occasions in the past and had attempted to rape her before. Alessandro remained unrepentant for his actions until he had a dream that he was in a garden. Maria was there and gave him lilies, which immediately burned in his hands. When he woke, he was a changed man. He repented his crime and lived a reformed life. When he was released 27-years-later, he went directly to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness, which she gave, saying, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

Maria Goretti was beatified by Pope Pius XII in a ceremony at Saint Peter's Basilica on April 27, 1947. Three years later, on June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint and Alessandro was present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. He later became a lay brother of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, where he lived in a monastery and worked as its receptionist and gardener until his death.

Saint Maria is called a martyr because she fought against Alessandro's attempts at sexual sin; however, the most important aspects of her story are how she forgave her attacker - her concern for her enemy extending even beyond death - and the miracle her forgiveness produced in his life.

