



# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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We are St. Thomas More Parish, members of the living Body of Christ,  
born again in Baptism and strengthened through the Eucharist  
to promote the Gospel values of our Catholic faith.

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil Mass) - 5:30 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm in Spanish

Monday & Thursday - 6:00 pm Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 am

**Reconciliation** Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm & Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Works of Mercy Chapel



# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may  
preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

# Stewardship



## How Do We Respond to Suffering in Our World

In today's Gospel we hear of a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus. He could not respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's redemptive love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion.

How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing?

## Lent is More Than Just "Giving Up"

The season of Lent is quickly approaching and these forty days leading up to Easter make up one of the most important times of the year for those who exercise good stewardship of their Catholic life of faith. It is more than just a time of giving up our favorite sweets or beverages; it is a time when we seek personal and communal renewal through our own "desert" experience so that we might welcome the risen Christ with joy on Easter Sunday.

Lent gives us the opportunity to be led into the desert as well, allowing us to remain there for forty days, and challenging us to be tested. The Gospel of Mark uses the word "test" in the sense of proving and purifying someone to determine readiness for the task at hand. The church provides some traditional guidelines for this Lenten testing: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. How we integrate these three guidelines into our "desert experience" is a personal decision. But let us remain mindful that the desert story of the Gospels is our story. Just as we followed Jesus into the waters of baptism, so must we follow him into the desert.

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 3** *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:30 pm Donna Morse (d)

**Sunday, February 4** *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am Maria Bell (d)

11:00 am Kay Eckstein (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
Parish Family

**Monday, February 5**

6:00 pm Wayne Hagan (d)

**Tuesday, February 6**

7:00 am Mary Cecil (d)

**Wednesday, February 7**

9:30 am *Superior Care*

Elizabeth Edwards

12:00 pm *Lourdes Hospital Chapel*  
The Thompson Family

**Thursday, February 8**

6:00 pm Sharon Wurth (d)

**Friday, February 9**

7:00 am Bernie Hermann (d)

**Saturday, February 10**

5:30 pm Dennis & Buna Lowry (d)

**Sunday, February 11** *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am Deacon John Shoulta (d) &  
Joanne Shoulta

11:00 am Kathryn Sanders (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
Parish Family (d)

### Sunday, January 28, 2018

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$ 17,536.00</b>
<b>Online Collections</b>	<b>\$ 8,102.50</b>
<b>Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 707.00</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 26,345.50</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Did you know you can sign up for Online giving through the new St. Thomas More website ([www.stmore.org](http://www.stmore.org))? Just click the "online giving" tab (the last option on the right under the stained glass windows) and scroll down to click on the "WeShare Online Giving" button). Questions? Contact Ellen Anderson at 270-534-9000 or [ellen@stmore.org](mailto:ellen@stmore.org)



**Liturgical Ministers Schedule February 10/11**

	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sacristan	Lindsay Batts	Rose Ann Walker	John Roof
Euchar. Ministers	Ann Averill Sr. Lucy Bonifas Mary Carrico David Culbertson Peggy Culbertson Jim Kallaher Mike Polashock Mary Kay Sanders David Shoulta Cara Sims Dolores Webber	Kurt Averill Staci Averill Yvonne Bosch Brianna Doran Chiara Doran Valerie Kortz Nancy Mornar Tony Mornar Amy Ridley Bill Wade Ken Wurth	Barb Larbes Ashleigh Mast David Mast Hannah Speis Sherri Speis Terry Sullivan Richard Vieitez Beth Walker Steve Walker
Lectors	Lori Meredith Mike Meredith	Mike Bosch Ernie Mitchell	Tracy Wurth Melisa Mast
Altar Servers	John Ryan Curtsinger Luke Sims	Abigail Wurth Erica Wurth	Maria Haley Isabel Roof
Hospitality Coord.	Lisa Logsdon-Seay	Mike Crider	Trish Burks
Greeter Families	Jeffrey Case Marcia Cochran Randy Teitloff	Stan Eckenberg Paul King Cathy Trussell	Trish Burks Betty McManus Jennifer Todd
Ushers	Sam Leone Ann Morrow Brian Morrow Vicki Tracy Isaac LaBarge Matt LaBarge	Mike Crider Brandon Quigley Brett Quigley Dennis Quigley Kellie Quigley Linsey Quigley	Ann Bongiolatti Trent Bongiolatti Patsy Carroll Kim Cash Jeri Duong Brenda Spees
Children's Liturgy	Lesley Crider Maddy Hatton	Miranda Greenwell Garret Greenwell	Kristin Amaya Ashleigh Mast

*What's Happening*

**Sunday, February 4**

- 10:00 am** AED Training (Hospitality Room)
- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 4:00 pm** Super Bowl Party (Parish Hall)

**Monday, February 5**

- 6:00 pm** Anointing of the Sick (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm** Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, February 6**

- 7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)
- 10:00 am** Bible Study (Sacred Heart Room)
- 6:00 pm** Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)
- 6:00 pm** Over 50s Potluck (Parish Hall)

**Wednesday, February 7**

- 6:15 pm** Faith Formation (SMES)

**Thursday, February 8**

- 5:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm** Knights of Columbus (Library)
- 6:45 pm** RCIA (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm** Hispanic Women's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

**Friday, February 9**

- 7:00 pm** Hispanic Men's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

**Saturday, February 10**

- 4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)

**Altar Society Bake Sale**  
after all Masses

- 6:30 pm** Celebrate Your Marriage (Parish Hall)

**Sunday, February 11**

- 9:00 am** Blood Drive (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 3:00 pm** Middle School Youth Group (Parish Hall)
- 5:00 pm** High School Youth Group (Parish Hall)

**Hour of Prayer**

**Monday:**

Abby Hatton & Brad Hatton

**Tuesday:**

Betty Polashock & Nadie Vance

**Wednesday:**

Monty & Peggy Thompson

**Thursday:**

Mark Owens & Helen Farrell

**Friday:**

Janet Colgan & Tracy Wurth

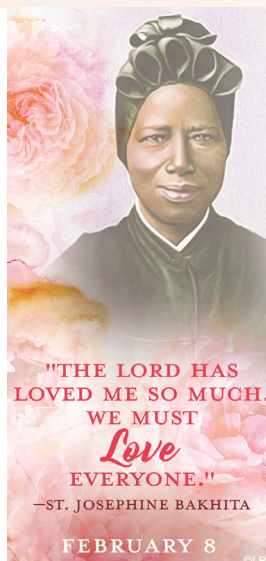
**Saturday:**

Sr. Kateri Kaufman & Jim Garrett

**2017-2018 Disciples Response Fund Pledge Report**

Monthly pledge payments for the DRF pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our target. Once we have reached target in paid pledges, 50% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

<b>PARISH TARGET:</b>	<b>\$ 40,097.73</b>
<b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>	<b>\$ 52,649.00</b>
<b>AMOUNT PAID:</b>	<b>\$ 43,677.00</b>
<b>PLEDGES DUE:</b>	<b>\$ 8,972.00</b>
<b>AMOUNT OF STM REBATE:</b>	<b>\$ 1,789.64</b>



**Altar Society Ministry for Feb.**

- Purificators: Bunny Crayne
- Robes & Albs: Mary Sue Withrow

## STM NEWS

## AED Training

There will be an educational meeting on how to use the AED units in our Parish. It will be held in the Hospitality room after the 9:00 Mass today. Our parish is blessed to have two AED units, but it is very important to know how to use them correctly to save a life. Please join us!



## R.C.I.A.

Topic for Thursday February 8  
The Eucharist, Lesson 1

Meeting time: 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend any of the RCIA sessions. For more information, please contact Pat Cairney at [pcairney@stmore.org](mailto:pcairney@stmore.org).

## Spiritual Direction Offered

Sister Betty Drewes, a Benedictine Sister from Ferdinand, IN comes to Saint Thomas More Parish once a month to provide spiritual direction. To schedule an appointment, email her at [bdrewes@thedome.org](mailto:bdrewes@thedome.org) or call 812-367-1411. She will be here **February 6, 7, and 8.**

## Blood Drive

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus #11591 will host a blood drive on **Sunday, February 11th**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Parish Hall. ALL blood types are desperately needed. You will be able to donate whole blood or platelets. Coffee and donuts will go on as scheduled between Masses. To speed up your wait time, you can fill out all the necessary information by logging on to the Red Cross Rapid Pass (<https://www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass>). For more information, please call Steve Schwetman at 270-331-2616

## Palm Needed

Ash Wednesday is February 14 and we are in need of old palm to burn for ashes to be distributed that day. If you have palm to donate please bring it to the Parish Office before **Monday, February 12.**



## Job Opening

Paducah Faith Formation is in need of a part time office assistant (10-15 hours/week). Previous experience preferred, but not required. Interested individuals must be a practicing Catholic, highly organized and competent, have the ability to perform duties with minimal supervision; possess knowledge of computers and programs especially Word and Excel; strong interpersonal skills, creative and dynamic, proficient in both oral and written communication skills. The office assistant is responsible to assist Director and volunteer catechists in program and class activities, takes care of registration records and office files, and shares info with parishes. Reply with cover letter, resume, and references to Ging Smith at 377 Highland Blvd, Paducah KY, 42003 or email to [paducahfaithformation@smss.org](mailto:paducahfaithformation@smss.org)

## OTHER NEWS

## Hope Unlimited Bake Sale

Thanks to all our generous St Thomas More members we are donating \$1,091.00 from our bake sale to Hope Unlimited!

## Daughters of Isabella to Meet

The Daughters of Isabella regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 6th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Rosary will be recited at 6 pm and meeting at 6:30 pm.

## Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council 1055, located at 3028 Jefferson Street in Paducah, will be hosting Lenten fish fry's (baked or fried fish/shrimp and trimmings) each Friday night starting **February 9** from 4:00 - 7:30 PM. Plan to dine-in or use the drive-thru for carry-outs. The last 2018 Friday night fish fry will be on March 23. Also, the Daughter's of Isabella will be selling home-made desserts.

## Sisters of Service

The Sisters of Service will have their monthly meeting **February 11** at 1:30 at the Jefferson Street KC Hall.

## Misson at St. John the Evangelist

Nationally Renowned Catholic Lay Evangelist and Protestant Clergy Convert Michael J. Cumbie will be at St. John the Evangelist **February 20-22, 2018.**

From the heart of the Deep South, steeped in Evangelical fundamentalist traditions and very anti Catholic, Michael Cumbie underwent a dramatic conversion to Catholicism. He now travels the nation teaching and preaching the very truths that he despised. Many, many souls have come home to the Catholic Church and others have come back to the Catholic Church after hearing Michael's presentations. Dedicated to tearing down the walls that divide non-Catholic Christians from the Holy Catholic Church, Michael invites you to come and experience God's love and grace so all can be His people in word and deed.

## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

6705 Old US Hwy. 45 S. Paducah, KY

**February 20-22, 2018**

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm nightly, Tues., Wed. & Thurs.

For more info, contact the parish office at 270-554-3810.

## ST. MARY TRIVIA NIGHT #41!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018**

*St. Mary High School Commons*

*Get a table of six (6) together and join us for a great night of fun!*

*\$15.00 per person - \$90/table*

*Doors open at 6:30 PM*

**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

**A Contemplative Weekend Feb. 9-11**

Slow down...Catch your breath...Find your calm. This weekend on **February 9-11** allows personal time to journey with God and with self. Spiritual direction is available for those who wish it. Relax and spend time at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

**Catholic Men's Conference**

The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky is pleased to welcome Christopher West and Doug Barry as the keynote speakers on **Saturday, February 17, 2018**. The event takes place at the RiverPark Center in Owensboro. Tickets and more information are available online by visiting [kycatholic.com](http://kycatholic.com).

**Upcoming Cursillo Weekends**

In this Year of Encounter please consider making a Cursillo Weekend at Mount Saint Joseph: **March 1-4 (Men); March 8-11 (Women)** Cost is \$ 160 (financial assistance available). For more information please contact Fr. Tom Buckman, Spiritual Director, 270-684-4745, [frtom@stpiustenthparish.org](mailto:frtom@stpiustenthparish.org); Scott Elliott, Men's Coordinator, 270-302-5660, [cursillofe5930@gmail.com](mailto:cursillofe5930@gmail.com); Kim Haire, Women's Coordinator; [kim.haire@pastoral.org](mailto:kim.haire@pastoral.org) OR 270-314-5876.

**Spring Women's Retreat: Martha and Mary**

"Essential Questions: What Martha and Mary Can Teach Us" is the theme of a **March 16-18** spring women's retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Most discussions of these two Gospel women focus on the frazzled worker Martha compared to her quiet, prayerful sister Mary. We will consider these stories from a different approach. During presentations that peel back the layers of the Gospel stories, quiet reflection, group sharing and celebration of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, retreatants will explore the links between Mary and Martha and their own lives. The retreat leader is Ursuline Sister Cheryl Clemons, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean for Brescia University. The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$130. Take 10 percent off if paid in full by Feb. 16. To register, contact Kathy McCarty, 270-229-0206 or e-mail [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

**Married Couples Retreat**

"Encountering the Gift of Marriage" will be the weekend of April 13-15 at Kenlake State Resort Lodge in Hardin, KY. This year's retreat leader will be Bob Perron, co-founder of *Catholic Family and Marriage, Inc.* Please save the date! More details and registration information are coming soon.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Why Do We Do That?  
Catholic Traditions Explained**

**Question:** What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

**Answer:** Holy water is a sacramental; a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. By blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, we are reminded of our own baptism and our call to conversion. Remember, the Church is sacramental. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn, the Church shares that grace and mission with us.

We especially use holy water during Easter when the priest sprinkles the people. It serves to remind us that we are indeed on a journey of faith that makes us one with Christ. Blessing ourselves not only reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, but also helps us renew our own baptismal promises to reject sin and to believe in God. It is the heart of Christian belief to turn from sin and toward God. Holy water and baptism make it a visible sign for all of us to follow.

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

When we suffer, we can easily find ourselves thinking that we have been abandoned by God or have done something to displease him and are now paying the price. Suffering is not God's fault. The reality of suffering and death is much more complicated than this and even somewhat mysterious. When Jesus preached the Gospel, it was made clear that suffering has meaning and always brings with it new life. It requires faith in order to understand this mystery. The Gospel brings us new life both here and in the life to come. This is truly Good News! When this Good News is understood by the believer it stirs within us a passion to urgently preach this healing and life giving message to others.

**ADORATION OPENINGS**

Wednesday	1:00am—2:00am
Wednesday	5:00pm—6:00pm
Thursday	12:00am—1:00am
Friday	12:00am—1:00am



Contact Melisa @ [mmast@stmore.org](mailto:mmast@stmore.org) for more information.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10  
**Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**Saints & Special Observances**

**Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life  
**Monday:** St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr  
**Tuesday:** St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs  
**Thursday:** St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Scholastica, Virgin  
**Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of the Sick; World Marriage Day

**Special Care Numbers**

St. Mary School System  
 270-442-1681  
 Faith Formation (CCD)  
 270-443-0295  
 Mt. Carmel Cemetery(John Bufford)  
 270-331-1006  
 Bereavement (Cathy Trussell)  
 270-519-3779  
 Inclusion Representative  
 (Stacy Jones) 270-210-0351  
 Hope Unlimited  
 270-442-1166  
 Opportunities for Life  
 800-822-5824  
 Merryman House  
 270-443-6001  
 SVdP Budget Store  
 270-442-9351  
 SVdP Assistance  
 270-575-1008  
 Paducah Cooperative Ministry  
 270-442-6795

**Remember in Prayer...**

**Parishioners:** Jeanne Abell, Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Judy Bufford, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Rebecca Crider, Pat Cven-gros, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Fran-cie Duncan, Elizabeth Edwards, Mor-gan Eggemeyer, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Carl Harper, Amy Harris, Ann Heavrin, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Sr. Kateri Kaufman, Phyllis Kettler, David Kim-ble, Buzz LaGesse, Thomas/Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Ella O'Bryan, Charity Peters, Gaye Robin-son, George Shaw, John Shaw, Nan-cy Stearns, Monty Thompson, Cathy Trussell, Leigh Ann Turner, Ann Vaughan, Beth Walker, Ann Watkins, Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise, Noel Wise, Marge Wurth, Helen Farrell

**Assisted Living:**  
 Velma Bohle-Carlton & Terry Carlton, Opal Cooper, Myrtle Dorris

**Homebound:** Randy Hand, Mike/Lorna Roper, Gertrude Yopp

**Nursing Home:** Norita Clements, Jeanette Elliott, Joe/Betty Falconite, Vonnie Howard, Ken McCauley, John Metcalf, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb

**Non-Parishioners:** Ada Cruce, Mat-thew Shoulta, Jimmy Kapfhammer, Wayne Batts, Nanette Love, Frances Lamar, Cooper/Mary Margaret Mat-tingly, Susan Woods, Shirley Hudson, Mary & John Papp, Karen & Robert Schopp, Kim Mosier, Jerry Mouser, Chloe Whittaker, Lisa Buchanan, Billy Brown, Kellie Kissel, Randy Eckstein, Jennifer Hercules, Delmon/Mary Ann Casey, Don Manning, Paul Fuqua, Mason Reynolds, Chloe Nesbitt, Pam Maurer, Robert Ray, Mildred Abell

**Military:** Justin Lamb, Chris McCoy, Timothy Lowman, Zachary Grimes, Kurt Bell, Eric Gast, Brian Clayton, Hannah Wilson, John Davis, Emily Lane Rockne, Corey Carnes, Clay Magers, Tyler Shumaker, Jeff Perry, Tyler Scott Dickson, Nathan Phipps, Kelly Scott-Nevoenen, Greg Nevoenen, Cameron Grueninger, Michael Renfro, Jason Smith, Alec McMahan, Michael A. Polashock

*"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."*



**Saturday, February 3**

Ryan Cruse, Calvin Ho, Mari Lurtz, Phil Morse, Justice Williams

**Sunday, February 4**

Eddie Crouch, Jeff Staley, Dana Tyrell

**Monday, February 5**

Lilia Alcantara, Ashley Baker, Matt Cope, Robert Dunlap, Joe Falconite, Joe Hobbs, Chloe Hohlbein, Michael Largent, Taylor Mudd, Blake Vaughan, Reed Vaughan

**Tuesday, February 6**

Emily Adams, Chad Hite, Dan Merges, Guadalupe Molina

**Wednesday, February 7**

Will Adams, Lockie Herrold, Jenni Klimek, Matt Medina, Connie Poat, Sheila Rea, Cecelia Reside, Charlotte Reidfort, Susan Skipworth

**Thursday, February 8**

Tim Bray, Barbara Clinton, Artemio Romero, Rosemary Shibem

**Friday, February 9**

Mitch Barkett, Andrew Byrne, Brian Johnston, Lucy Kellerman, Greg Overstreet, David Wallace, Renee Wurth

**Saturday, February 10**

Jason Acree, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Martha Ibarra, Sam Shoulta, Jennifer Todd, Lillian Tritle

**Sunday, February 11**

Joe Elliott, Jolie Fleming, Fabiola Gembe, Zoe Marshall, Kristi Schaaf



**Saturday, February 10**

Jose & Claudia Hernandez 28 yrs.

**Sunday, February 11**

Roger & Cheryl Harrison 30 yrs.  
 Hilary & Ginny Hunt 24 yrs.  
 James & Marie Funk 51 yrs.

*Use what talent you possess:  
 the woods would be very silent if  
 no birds sang except those that  
 sang best.*

*--Henry Van Dyke*



# The Word



Mini Edition

## Lent is Just Around the Corner *Lent and Easter a little early this year*



It is hard to believe but Lent is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is February 14 and Easter is April 1. Easter is a little early this year, but maybe that will help turn our thoughts to spring a little early too.

As in year's past, we have several special activities available throughout the Lenten Season. We are offering extra opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, time to pray the Stations of the Cross and our very popular Lenten Lunch Series.

Reconciliation will be available at 4 p.m. every Saturday, at 6 p.m. every Wednesday and at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. following the evening Mass and in Spanish at 12:15 p.m. on Sundays.

Our Lenten Lunch Series gives parishioners the opportunity to enjoy a light lunch of soup and salad and learn a little more about a particular topic of our faith. The first Lenten Lunch is coming up on Tuesday February 20 and will feature Joe Bland, the Director of the Office of Evangelization at the Diocese of Owensboro. Joe will explain what being a Missionary Disciple is all about and why we are called to be one.

Keep your eyes on your mailbox for the Lent/Easter issue of our signature newsletter, *The Word*. It will be arriving right before Ash Wednesday and will have a complete calendar of events for Lent and Easter. ☕



## Upcoming Youth Activities

### Super Bowl Family Get Together

Sunday, Feb. 4 @ 4:30 p.m.

Come hang out with us on Super Bowl Sunday for a Family Get-Together.

Dinner starts at 5 p.m. with kickoff at 5:30 p.m.

Each family please bring a 2-Liter drink and your favorite snack.

### Youth 2000

Deadline is Feb. 16

Sign up now for Youth 2000. Details can be found on our website or by emailing Chris Tyson at [ctyson@stmore.org](mailto:ctyson@stmore.org).



Saint Thomas More Church  
Family Life Ministry



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