



# 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



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

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,  
“If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he  
stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him,  
“I do will it. Be made clean.” - Mk 1:40-41



## Stewardship



## Listen to God in Your Heart

Often one of our human weaknesses has to do with us believing or thinking we know better than God in relation to what we do and what we do in relation to others. Of course, part of that has to do with our failure to pray and consult the Lord, or even more to make no effort to understand what God may be telling us.

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Mark, we hear about Jesus curing a leper. In His instructions to the cured man, He says, "See that you tell no one anything." Of course, the man pays no attention to this instruction from the Lord. Instead, "The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter."

Surely the man meant well; in fact, he probably thought he was helping Jesus, but the reality as stated in the Gospel is that his disobedience hindered the ministry of Jesus, "so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly." We need to obey the Lord, and we should never think we have a better plan than He does.

Even the eminent scientist Albert Einstein recognized how important Jesus' teachings are. Einstein said, "As a child I received instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene — no one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life."

MASS

SCHEDULE  
& INTENTIONS**Saturday, February 10**

5:30 pm Dennis &amp; Buna Lowry (d)

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

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

11:00 am Kathryn Sanders (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
Parish Family**Monday, February 12**

6:00 pm Kathleen Hagan Milam (b)

**Tuesday, February 13**

7:00 am Kay Eckstein (d)

**Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday**

7:00 am Mary Galvin (d)

9:00 am *St Mary High School*12:00 pm *Lourdes Hospital Chapel*  
Bernie Herrmann (d)

6:00 pm Hester Geuss (d)

8:00 pm Maria Alvarez (d)

**Thursday, February 15**

6:00 pm Special Intention

**Friday, February 16**

7:00 am Lawrence Thompson (d)

**Saturday, February 17**

5:30 pm Charles Woods (d)

**Sunday, February 18** *1st Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Donna Morse (d)

11:00 am Bernie Herrmann (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
Parish Family (d)STEWARDSHIP  
*a way of life***Sunday, February 4, 2018****Regular Collection** \$ 20,878.00**Online Collections** \$ 3,833.50**Special Collections** \$ 1,365.00**Total Collection** \$ 26,076.50**Thank you for your generosity!**

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**Liturgical Ministers Schedule February 17/18**

	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sacristan	Lindsay Batts	Rose Ann Walker	John Roof
Euch. Ministers	Claire Carrico Mary Evans Bill Graves Mary Ann Graves Beth Haas Barb Harris Vicki Kight Sam Leone Jaclyn Meredith Kelly Veatch Shayne Veatch	Scott Babbs Naomi Becker Frank Burch Rick Goins Bill Halicks David Langston Jill Langston Michael Langston Angie Nelson Todd Nelson Lynn Thompson	Tessa Cash Michelle Dunlap Volunteer Needed Pat Hobbs Barb Larbes Ronnie Reil Marianna Romero Eileen Segebarth Claudia Smith
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Children's Liturgy	Laura Todino/Alyssa Todino/ Anna Todino	Missy O'Neill Katie O'Neill	Trish Burks Olivia Lorch

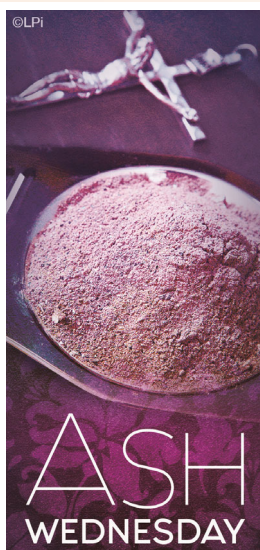
**Hour of Prayer**

<b>Monday:</b> David & Sally Roof	<b>Thursday:</b> Lillie Watson & Pat Hobbs
<b>Tuesday:</b> Marge Wurth & Stephanie Sims	<b>Friday:</b> Terri York & Nancy Burch
<b>Wednesday:</b> Caron Carter & Emma Bourgois	<b>Saturday:</b> Pat & Anna Cairney

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Good stewards realize they really don't own anything. It all belongs to God. It is not so much that God owns them, but they are not ours because we are called to offer them to him.

The reality is that you and I were born naked and with nothing. We will die naked and with nothing. If we really could possess something material, there would be a way to take it with us. But alas, it all slips through our grasp and passes away. And even though all of us came from dust and to dust we will return, through Jesus Christ we will live forever in a perfect state. The only thing we can take with us? Our hearts and whether or not we loved.



*What's Happening*

**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)

**Monday, February 12**

**Tuesday, February 13**

**7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)

**10:00 am** Bible Study (Sacred Heart Room)

**6:00 pm** Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)

**Wednesday, February 14**

No Faith Formation

**Thursday, February 15**

**5:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)

**6:30 pm** Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

**6:45 pm** RCIA (Parish Hall)

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

**Friday, February 16**

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

**Saturday, February 17**

**4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)

**Sunday, February 18**

**10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)

**12:15 pm** Stations in Spanish (Church)

**3:00 pm** Middle School Youth Group (Parish Hall)

**5:00 pm** High School Youth Group (Parish Hall)



**STM NEWS**



**R.C.I.A**

**Topic for Thursday February 15  
The Eucharist, Lesson 2**

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@stm.org](mailto:pcairney@stm.org).

**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.**



**Lent Begins this Week**



Ash Wednesday is **February 14** and Masses with the distribution of ashes will be at 7:00am and 6:00pm here at St. Thomas More. Masses will also be at St. Mary High School at 9:00am and the Lourdes Hospital Chapel at noon.

**Stations of the Cross**

For Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and especially Good Friday. Join us every Thursday during Lent, following the 6:00 pm Mass in the Works of Mercy Chapel, for Stations of the Cross.



**Little Black Books Available**

Little Black Books for daily prayer and reflection during Lent are available in the Gathering Space. These books are a great Lenten resource for daily prayer and meditation. Our Lenten Journey books for children are also available.

**Encounter Lent**

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Gathering Space this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.



**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 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.

**THANK YOU**

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the support and prayers during the illness and death of my great-granddaughter, Lyla. Everything was truly appreciated to help us get through this.

*Pat Dotson*

**OTHER NEWS**

**STM Young Couples Group**

The St. Thomas More Young Couples Group recently went to dinner at Casa Mexicana and bowling at Cardinal Lanes. If you would like more information on becoming involved please contact Catherine DuPerrieu at [catherine@blythewhite.com](mailto:catherine@blythewhite.com).



**Sisters of Service**

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

**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 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 homemade deserts.

**Bounty Baskets...**

located in the Gathering Space, are in need of:

**St. Vincent de Paul - dishwashing liquid & shampoo. PCM - spaghetti.**

Thank you for your generosity.



**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!

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**Ash Wednesday Collection for Mandeville**

St Paul said "I planted the seed, Apollos water the plant, but it was God who made the plants grow....For we are partners working together for God...." (I Cor 3:7,9) We are partners together with our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica. We share some "seed" or resources and they use them to work with God to bring to life his kingdom. What a joy we share together in seeing the growth in God. Our annual collection on Ash Wednesday 2-14-18 allows us an opportunity to help carry out the mission of Jesus to evangelize in word and in deed. Thank you for your past generosity and please consider helping again this year.

**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 info please contact Fr. Tom Buckman, Spiritual Director, 270-684-4745, [frtom@stscottelliott.com](mailto:frtom@stscottelliott.com); Scott Elliott, Men's Coordinator, 270-302-5660, [cursillo-fe5930@gmail.com](mailto:cursillo-fe5930@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 email [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

**Important Notice!**

To help protect our children, anyone aware of the abuse of someone under age eighteen is required by law to report this to local law enforcement (1-800-222-5555) or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

The Diocese of Owensboro wishes to assist anyone abused by a person working for the Church (paid or volunteer), either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator on the confidential phone line (270-852-8380).

The diocesan sexual abuse policy, most recently revised effective July 1, 2014, describes the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns, and can be found (in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Office) and also on the diocesan web site ([www.rcdok.org/safe](http://www.rcdok.org/safe)).

## OTHER NEWS

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

**Question:** Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

**Answer:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We never marginalize or turn our backs on those who suffer violence, oppression from unjust systems, poverty, illness, or disease. Jesus never turned anyone away, but always extended a hand of healing and compassion. He would insist on extending God's merciful and unconditional love to all, even if it meant breaking the Sabbath or civil law. Does the way we treat others, especially those who are different than us, reflect the freedom, joy, love, and good news of the Gospel?

*God never tires of forgiving.*

*- Pope Francis*



**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** J1 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**Saints & Special Observances**

**Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of the Sick; World Marriage Day  
**Monday:**  
**Tuesday:** Mardi Gras  
**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday; Day of fasting & abstinence; Valentine's Day  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:** Day of abstinence  
**Saturday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order  
**Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent

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 270-443-0295  
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**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, Ann Watkins, Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise, Noel Wise, Marge Wurth, Helen Farrell, Mary Milliano, Gary Kettler

**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, Lisa Buchanan, Billy Brown, Kellie Kissel, Randy Eckstein, Jennifer Her-cules, Delmon/Mary Ann Casey, Don Manning, Paul Fuqua, Mason Reyn-olds, 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-Nevenon, Greg Nevenon, Cameron Grueninger, Mi-chael 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 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

**Monday, February 12**

Hope Brownfield, Missy Eckenberg, Timothy Giraldo-Reyes, Joseph Jordan, Joseph Puertollano

**Tuesday, February 13**

Jason Brown, Katherine Culbertson, Betty Jones

**Wednesday, February 14**

Lexi Carter, Krista Lea, Luz Martinez, Andy Puschaver, Dan Todino

**Thursday, February 15**

Gustavo Arias, John David Baier, Ashley Conwell, Harrison Dickens, Mary Ann Graves, Nolan Mason, Amy Sullivan, Homero Velazquez, Joe Wiggins

**Friday, February 16**

Chris Carnes, Gavin Devine, Mary Farrell, Ayllie Hernandez, Allison Shockley, Claudia Smith, Lynn Thompson, Vicki Tracy, Leigh Turner, Heather Waltmon

**Saturday, February 17**

Patsy Carroll, Catherine DuPerrieu, Ken Higdon, Eric Neihoff, Beth Walker

**Sunday, February 18**

Frank Burch, Alison Gill, Maryanne Hobbs, David Riley, Abigail Thomas, Laurie Urhahn

**Sunday, February 11**

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

**Monday, February 12**

Steve & Claudia Smith 14 yrs.  
 Ronald & Joan Boyum 36 yrs.

**Wednesday, February 14**

Travis & Terri Drake 14 yrs.

**Saturday, February 17**

Stephen & Susan Ybarzabal 22 yrs.



# The Word



Mini Edition

## Thoughts on Lent *More than just "giving something up"*



Every year as Lent approaches, we tend to think, "What should I give up?" Instead, this year, think more along the lines of "What should I do?"

Below are a few excerpts from Pope Francis' addresses of past years relating to Lent.

- *Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil*

"Improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us."

- *Don't remain indifferent*

"Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation."

- *Pray: Make our hearts like yours*

"During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: 'Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum': Make our hearts like yours. In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference."

- *Take part in the sacraments*

"Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ." ⊕



## Upcoming Youth Activities

### Youth Group

Feb. 11, 2018

Middle School 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

High School 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### 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).

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