

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 2017

*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.*

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

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - Works of Mercy Chapel



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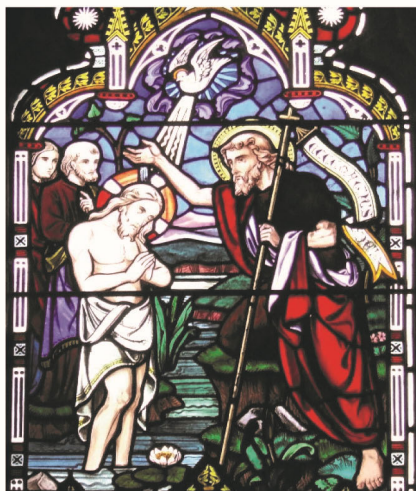
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Baptism of the Lord

Our Gospel Reading today is quite short. However, it contains an important revelation from St. John the Baptist about Jesus, our Lord and Savior. John the Baptist testifies, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him." We are fond in the Church to use the symbol of the dove to represent the Holy Spirit, but what John says is not that the Spirit was a dove, but it descended like a dove.

The Spirit descends upon us as well throughout our lives as Catholics. At our Baptism the Holy Spirit came upon us, and we received the fullness of the Holy Spirit's gifts at Confirmation. Nevertheless, we receive the Holy Spirit at every Mass and especially at the Eucharist. Just as John the Baptist spoke of seeing the Holy Spirit descend upon the Lord, that same Holy Spirit descends upon us.



You probably have never paid much attention to how a dove actually descends. It sort of hovers and floats downward. Its descent is smooth, deliberate, and in its own unique way. This Spirit has descended upon us and continues to do so. It fills us. What do we do with it? It is part of our very being, but for it to be effective we must share it and use it.

Our Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said, "No one can give that which they do not personally possess, which means we cannot transmit the Holy Spirit if we ourselves are not close to the Spirit."

MASS  SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 14

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 15 *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am Louis O'Bryan (d)
 11:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Bret & Maria Avra Family
 1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
 All Souls

Monday, January 16

6:00 pm No Mass

Tuesday, January 17

7:00 am No Mass

Wednesday, January 18

12:00 pm *Lourdes Chapel*
 No Mass

Thursday, January 19

6:00 pm Bill Cash (d)

Friday, January 20

7:00 am Louis Haas (d)

Saturday, January 21

5:30 pm Lawrence Bufford (d)

Sunday, January 22 *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am Pearle Curtsinger (d)
 11:00 am Our Parish Family
 1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
 Living & Deceased Members of the Daughters of Isabella

There will be no Masses on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday this week. Fr. Brad and Fr. Michael Charles will be attending the annual Priest's Convocation on those days.

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Sunday, January 8, 2017

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule January 21/22			
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Debbie Caspar	Camilla Shumaker	Amy Miller
Euch. Ministers	Mary Carrico Beth Haas Barb Harris Gale Hatton Lori Hatton Vicki Kight Holly Shockley Caroline Veatch Kelly Veatch Shayne Veatch Dolores Webber	Tom Clinton Missy Eckenberg Valerie Kortz David Langston Jill Langston Michael Langston Angie Nelson Todd Nelson Lynn Thompson Craig Willett Kathy Willett	Trish Burks Michelle Dunlap Pat Hobbs Barb Larbes Eileen Segebarth Terry Sullivan Brandon Trevathan Nadie Vance Richard Vieitez
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Children's Liturgy	Laurie Straub Rachel Straub	Lynn King Matthew King	Sheila Rea Ashley Sullivan

What's Happening

Sunday, January 15

- 7:00 am** Hispanic Men's Retreat (Parish Hall/Sacred Heart Room)
- 2:00 PM** Divorce Support Group (Hospitality Room)
- 3:00 pm** Middle School Youth (Ice Rink)
- 5:00 pm** High School Youth (Ice Rink)

Tuesday, January 17

- 7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)
- 9:00 am** Bible Study (Sacred Heart Room)
- 10:00 am** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)
- 6:00 pm** Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)
- 6:00 pm** Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, January 18

- 9:00 am** Mother's Day Out (Nursery/Library)
- 6:15 pm** Faith Formation (SMES)

Thursday, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

- 6:00 pm** Hispanic Men's Group (Sacred Heart Room)

Saturday, January 21

- 4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)
- 7:00 pm** Couples in Christ (Parish Hall)

Hope for Life Bake Sale at All Weekend Masses

Sunday, January 22

- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 1:30 pm** Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)
- 2:00 PM** Divorce Support Group (Hospitality Room)
- 3:00 PM** Baptism Class (Sacred heart Room)
- 5:00 pm** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)

Hour of Prayer

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| Monday:
Ed Puschaver & Barb Larbes | Thursday:
Pat & Anna Cairney |
| Tuesday:
Phyllis Kettler & Lance Fleming | Friday:
Al & Mary McKeown |
| Wednesday:
Terri York & Freda Jett | Saturday:
Rose Freiseis & Ann Averill |

RCIA topic for Thursday, January 19
The Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love

Meeting time: 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall. All members of the parish are welcome to attend any of this year's RCIA sessions. Each meeting will provide an opportunity for refreshment of your understanding of what the Catholic faith professes. No need to reserve. Just come in if you are interested. For more information, please contact Pat Cairney at pcairney@stmore.org.



Saints & Special Observances

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Tuesday: St. Anthony
- Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Thursday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
- Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Saturday: St. Agnes



Altar Society Ministry for Jan.

- Purificators: Gina Fraser
- Robes & Albs: Melody Walker

Eternal Rest

Chris Reeves, brother of Loree (John) Eckstein, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2017.

Judith Lowe Milner, mother of Denise Milner, passed away Monday, January 2, 2017.

May God welcome them home and comfort their families in this time of sorrow.



A Thank You Note

A word of sincere thanks to all who contributed to Bill Cash's funeral service. We are truly grateful to be surrounded by friends like you!

God bless you,
The Cash Family

Calling All Faithful Citizens

The Diocese of Owensboro will host "Catholics @ the Capitol: Western Kentucky Gathering" **Saturday, January 21** at St. Leo Parish in Murray from 9:30 am – noon. The event is free and open to the public, but please call or email ahead so an approximate number can be anticipated. Contact Richard Murphy at richard.murphy@pastoral.org. This is only offered every two years around the state to learn about critical issues that are likely to be considered in the next legislative session in Kentucky, reflect on them in light of Catholic social teaching, and engage with your own legislators close to home.

*Some people see more
in a walk around the block
than others see
in a trip around the world.*
—Anonymous

Opportunities for Life

January 14-15 is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. Opportunities for Life is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. The OFL ministry is available 24 hours a day seven days a week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please be generous in your support of this ministry. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for the OFL volunteers and for those the ministry serves. To learn more about Opportunities for Life ministry, please call 888-496-3638.



Ice Skating Today



Today, **Sunday, January 15**, the Middle School Youth Group will have it's first family night of the semester. Bring the whole family and Join us at the Baptist Health ice skating rink at the Paducah Expo Bill and Meredith Schroeder Convention Center, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Bring \$7 for skating and rental, and extra money if you would like concessions. Don't forget to dress warmly!!!

The High School Youth Group will skate from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Link to permission form for ice skating. <http://pdf.ac/4Yx380>

Hope for Life Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale following all Masses next weekend to benefit Hope for Life. Please be generous in supporting this very important ministry.



Are You Missing Dishes?

You might find them in the Parish Hall kitchen! We have an assortment of bowls and plates left from funeral meals that need to be picked up. Take time to stop by and see if anything belongs to you. Unclaimed items will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Budget Store.



Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky

The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will take place **Saturday, February 11, 2017** at the RiverPark Center, 101 Daviess Street in Owensboro, beginning at 9:30 am.

The conference will address the subject of how to live your life as a Catholic man and will include nationally renowned and dynamic Catholic speakers such as Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Father Larry Richards, and Robert Rogers. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan.

The conference is open to men who are high school seniors or older. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, and it includes lunch.

To order tickets or obtain more information, visits their website - www.kycatholic.com or call Randy Clemens at (270) 316-5067.

To those planning a Wedding in 2017...

The Priests and Staff at Saint Thomas More Parish are available to assist you in preparing for your upcoming wedding. Please be advised that, before you make ANY other arrangements, you must:

- Schedule the date by contacting the Administrative Assistant, Lois Bell
- Schedule an appointment with one of the Parish Priests or Deacon
- Contact the Director of Music and Liturgy, James Hess
- Familiarize yourself with the Parish Wedding Guidelines Booklet (available at the Parish Office)





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Gasper River is celebrating it's 10th year as our diocesan Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center. Registration is now underway for the 2017 summer camps. For information or to register, call 270-781-2466 or visit www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org or call 270-781-2466. Gasper River is located at 2695 Jackson Bride Road, Bowling Green, KY.



Opportunities for Life Volunteers Needed

Opportunities for Life, the Kentucky Catholic Bishop's life-affirming ministry to women and families dealing with untimely pregnancies, is welcoming new volunteers. OFL will be offering training workshops in our diocese. OFL volunteers offer hope, compassion, options counseling and resources to callers who find the courage to seek help. Volunteers are needed to staff the 24 hour helpline from their homes. If you have a heart for life affirming ministry service, you are invited to contact OFL for more information. Please call 888-496-3638 to learn more about this ministry and the upcoming training workshops.

Women's Retreat: Called by Name


"Called by Name: Jesus and the Unnamed Women of the Gospels" is the theme of a spring women's retreat the **weekend of March 10-12** at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Some women needed physical healing. Others needed spiritual healing and forgiveness. Still others wanted to give instead of receive, offering resources of money, support, encouragement and understanding to Jesus and his male companions. The gospels indicate that many women were part of Jesus' life and the gospels written afterwards; however, most of them remained unnamed. During this weekend, retreatants will be invited to walk along the dusty roads of Gospel lands and the concrete sidewalks of today, reflecting on the power and mystery of being named. They will be invited to listen for the voice of God calling their own name in love. The retreat leader is Ursuline Sister Cheryl Clemons, who serves as Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean for Brescia University, Owensboro. The Center is located in Maple Mount (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$130. Take 10 percent off the cost if paid in full by February 10, 2017. To register, contact Kathy McCarty, 270-229-0206 or e-mail kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.

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 darkness, and the darkness
 has not overcome it."**
- John 1:5

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Let Us Remember in Prayer...

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Elizabeth Edwards, Morgan Eggemeyer, Martha Floyd, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Mary Ann Graves, Wayne & Margaret Hagan, Sheree Halicks, Amy Harris, Jodi Hayden, Ann Heavrin, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Stephen & Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Paul Kortz, Buzz LaGessee, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Sara Beth Neihoff, Ella O'Bryan, Charity Peters, Ronnie Reil, Barbara Robinson, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, Carolyn Shockley, Nancy Stearns, Monty Thompson, Ann Vaughan, Ann Watkins, Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise

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Non-Parishioners: Lucy Adams, Vickie Arellano, Andy Arliskas, Joseph Arant, Beverly Barnhill, Irene Barralle, Sue Belt, Paul Birk, Tim Bishoff, Bill Black, Marshall Blevins, Britney Boyd, Laura Boyd, Christy Brandon, Joe Bratton, Dr. Danny Butler, Brandon Canada, Robin Halicks Carlino, Teri Carlino, Rita Chi, Bryan Chovancek, Keith & Dina Clark, Jeff Clark, Charles Clem, Jaycie Closs, Hillary Coltharp, John Conelly, Ronald Connor, Susan Conway, Christa Cook, Andrea Culp, T.J. Davidson, Cara Davis, Ruth Davis, Gail Dierols, Chelsea Duncan, Penny Dunn, Shanna Durbin, Haley Eck, Jake Edminston, Max Ennis, Randy Erickson, Barbara Felts, Jim Flippen, David Fowlkes, Richard Gates, Christi Gearheard, Charlotte Giannini, Cathy Gibb, Sis Gies, Ella Gilbert, Anne Gill, Joanie Giordano, Mike Girth, Joseph Gobel, Carson Goode, Theresa Grana, Karen Graves, Barbara Greer, Mark Grief, Katie Grimes, Sabrina Hale, Angela Eaton Hamilton, Diane Han, Marilyn Hayden, Earl Henderson, Hannah & Lisa Hills & Kathy, Rick Hinton, Billy Hite, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Carolyn Holf, Hank & Mary Nell Holtermann, Steven Hood, Lucy Howe, Jean Hughes, Kendall James, Noah James, Gilbert Johnson, Ed Kapfhammer, Diane Karnages, Mike Lane, Romano Lee, Rose Lowery, Charles Loyd, Brady Magsig, Carol Ann Marazniack, Lindsey Martin, Alicia Martinez Sanches, Linda Massey, Frankie Masterson, Richard Masterson, Joan McCarty, Brandi McDermott, Pat McGrady, Amber McKinley, Carol Miller, Dominic Miller, Julie Miller, Krista Mitchell, David Moehle, Julie Montgomery, Nicole Moore, Jeff Mues, Morgan Nave, Larry Neihoff, Catherine Neihoff-Webb, Randy Newton, Dana Nichols, Michael O'Daniel, Al Olash, Clay Parker, Janice Parker, Reba Parrish, Emily Perrin, Melody Pugh, Abigail Puleo, Holly Randall, Suzie Reaney, Ray Robertson, Rylee Robinson, Frank Roe, Shirley Rogers, Danny Selts, Laura Shaw, Matthew Shoulta, Mike Smith, Jane Sparks, Kim Street, Gayle Strehl, Kim Swartz, Jay Swinford, Susie Taylor, Larry Terrell, Nancy Thomas, Devin Thomas, Patty Thomas, Corey Thompson, Ricky Thompson, John Todd, Julie Travis, Phyllis Troutman, Tracy Underhill, Pauline Vieta, Kenneth Vogler, Lucille Voytas, Myra Walker, Tom Walker, Madalyn Wallace, Whitney Wallace & Family, Barbara Warner, Tommy Watson, Helen Weiss, Gayle White, Nancy Whitney, Edward Williams, John Willis, Donna Wills, Wade Wood, Sylvia & Raymond Yoon, Dr. Michael Younker



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"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."

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Rice



**Important
Prayer List News**

As you can see the Non-Parishioner Prayer List has gotten very long. People call to add names but often forget to call back when that person can be removed.



Beginning the **first weekend of February** all names will be cleared. Please call the Parish Office (270-534-9000) or email lois@stmore to have a name added to the new list. In an effort to keep the list current, names will be **ROTATED** off this list every **SIX WEEKS** unless a parishioner calls and extends the prayer request.

Prayer for the Sick

*Father God,
we lift up all those
who are facing illness today.
We ask that you would bring
healing, comfort and peace
to their bodies.
Calm their fears and
let them experience
the healing power
of your love!
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.*

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21



Mini Edition

Register for an eight part bible study

First class begins Jan. 22



As Catholics, many of us are not as well versed in the Bible as we should be. Of course, the Mass, sacraments and the entire doctrine of the Church are rooted in the Bible, but we sometimes forget the proper book or chapter.

Each part of the bible is unique from Old Testament to New - from the Psalms to the Gospels. And, each book of the Bible and every story is there to bring us closer to God.

This unique Bible Study takes the Gospel of John and uses it as a guide to a personal encounter with Christ and invites us to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Jesus.

The first meeting is set for the evening of January 22. For more information or to register to attend, contact Amy Garrett at amydgarrett@comcast.net or by phone at 270.519.9102.



Gathering Space Addition

You may have noticed the addition of our new message board in the Gathering Space. This video board serves two purposes.

First and foremost, the board is loaded with a computer software program that constantly monitors the weather. In the event of a weather

alert, such as a tornado warning, the board will display this information so parishioners can take the necessary precautions.

When there is not a weather alert, the board will present informational slides with St. Thomas More news, announcements and upcoming events.

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