

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 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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New Year, New Commitment

Making a New Year’s resolution goes back over 3000 years. A New Year gives us a fresh start, a new beginning, and new opportunities.

It is a time when people feel that they can begin their lives anew. Common New Year’s resolutions are to lose weight, exercise more and eat healthier; or to spend more time with family.

Although there is nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year’s resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. They may re-commit themselves to prayer, or read the Bible more, or attend Mass more regularly. Here are a few ideas to get you started on your New Year’s resolutions.

Practice gratitude: Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and others.

Encounter the Lord each day: Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God’s love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst. **Remember the Commitment to Prayer you completed at the beginning of Advent:** You can download the booklet of monthly prayers from our website.

Be present to others: There is much celebration and mourning, joy and sorrow in peoples’ lives. What a blessing it is to be able to share those times. The gift of your presence to others is much more valuable than you realize.

Resist overwork: There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, and be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

Nurture friendships: Our friends are those we choose to be with, those with whom we spend our evenings, with whom we vacation, to whom we go to for advice. Friends are gifts from God who give us a greater appreciation of God’s love for us. Friends need our time and love.

See next week’s bulletin for more great resolutions as we kick off 2017.

MASS  SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 23

6:00 pm John Mouser (d)

Tuesday, January 24

7:00 am Special Intention (PH)

Wednesday, January 25

8:40 am SMMS ~ Fr. Bruce McCarty
 12:00 pm *Lourdes Chapel*
 Robert Whittaker (d)

Thursday, January 26

6:00 pm Deacon John Shoulta (d)

Friday, January 27

7:00 am Alan & Bobbi Wilson
 8:05 am SMES ~ Fr. Stan Puryear

Saturday, January 28

5:30 pm Mary Lois Hagan (d)

Sunday, January 29 *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am Our Parish Family
 11:00 am Raymond Bohle (d)
 1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
 Albert Traczynski

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Sunday, January 15, 2017

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule January 28/29			
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Debbie Caspar	Camilla Shumaker	
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Children's Liturgy	Lauren Flint Abby & Maddy Hatton	Missy O'Neill Madeline Lorch	Trish Burks Kaiel Waldon

What's Happening

**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)
4:00 pm Youth Group (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Bible Study (Hospitality Room)

Monday, January 23
6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

Tuesday, January 24
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)

Wednesday, January 25
9:00 am Mother's Day Out (Nursery/Library)
6:15 pm Faith Formation (SMES)
Thursday, January 26
5:30 pm Reconciliation (Chapel)
6:45 pm RCIA (Parish Hall)
7:30 pm Hispanic Women's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

Friday, January 27
6:00 pm Hispanic Men's Group (Sacred Heart Room)

Saturday, January 28
4:00 pm Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, January 29
10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
2:00 PM Divorce Support Group (Hospitality Room)
2:00 PM Altar Society Mtg. (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Bible Study (Hospitality Room)

Hour of Prayer

Monday: Steve & Jean Berry	Thursday: Stephanie Sims & Tracy Wurth
Tuesday: Caron Carter & Emma Bourgois	Friday: Michelle Dunlap & Holly Newton
Wednesday: Marge Wurth & Lisa Suiter	Saturday: Nancy Burch & Dolores Webber

RCIA topic for Thursday, January 26
Natural Law/Dignity of the Human Person
 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.



Vocation Awareness

"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men"
 It was just another ordinary day at work for Peter, Andrew, James, and John before Jesus stopped by. Have thoughts of a religious vocation interrupted your daily routine at work or school? Jesus may be calling you to serve him in an extraordinary way. For more information on vocations to the priesthood contact the vocations office: www.owensborovocations.com, 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org.

Eternal Rest

St. Thomas More parishioner Dr. James Hennessy passed away Monday, January 16, 2017. May God welcome him home and comfort his family in this time of sorrow.



Thank You Note

The family of Susan Wurth would like to wish a special thank you to everyone who participated in the service for Susan. It was wonderful.

Religious Items Sale

Kelly Hedges from St. Maximilian Books & Gift Shop in Owensboro, Kentucky will be at St. John Church the weekend of **February 4 - 5** in the cafeteria for anyone who would like to purchase religious items or gifts. These items would make great gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, Lenten books/items, wedding or anniversary gifts. All are welcome!



Saint Meinrad

Retreat Center Information

New 2017 - 2018 retreat information for Saint Meinrad Retreat Center can be found in the Gathering Space.

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age.

—Anonymous

Confirmation Class Today

Confirmation Class 1:30-2:45 pm today. Don't forget your homework, which is to have a Saint picked out and to have written a few paragraphs about the "Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit" that your particular Saint demonstrated during their earthly lives.

Middle School Youth Group



Join middle school youth group today, **Sunday, January 22** from 4:00-5:30 pm for our very first cornhole tournament! Bring a partner and compete for a 1st place prize. As always we will have refreshments and a good time growing in our faith together.

We are in need of volunteers to send snacks and drinks each week. It doesn't have to be fancy and just needs to feed about 10 middle schoolers. You do not have to be a parent and we can arrange drop off at your convenience. Please contact Amy Sullivan at 270-210-7478 or asullivan74@gmail.com if you can help with this important and easy ministry!

High School Youth Group

Lifeteen for high school students will be from 6:00-8:00 pm this Sunday. We will be digging into the questions, of does the Devil really exist and what does that mean for us and our spiritual lives? We will also be serving salad and tacos from Taco John's.

Celebrate Your Marriage Dinner and Dance
Saturday, February 18

Prayer Service and Renewing of Vows 6:45pm STM Chapel
Dinner and Dance
7:00 - 11:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Evening is FREE!

Dress is semi-casual
Come Comfortable!

If you would like bring your wedding album to share, it's always fun to stroll down memory lane!
Soda and water provided ~ BYOB

Invite your friends and neighbors!

(They do not have to be STM members)

You are welcome to bring an appetizer, but not necessary !



Cantors Needed!



We are in need of Cantors to minister at the 5:30 pm and 11:00 am Masses. A Cantor should

- have a pleasant singing voice
- be able to sing on pitch
- have some music reading ability
- be able to engage the Assembly in song

If you have an interest in this ministry please email the Music Office at jhess@stmore.org. Thank you!

Day of Prayer for Unborn Children



The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

Because January 22 falls on a Sunday this year, the designated observance for 2017 is Monday, January 23.

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.

Considering Adoption?

Catholic Charities of Owensboro serves pregnant women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and couples who wish to adopt. Call 270-852-8328 or visit KyCaringConnection.org to learn more!

St. Gerard Home

St. Gerard Life Home in Owensboro, KY provides free shelter and services for pregnant women age 18 and older in a crisis pregnancy. A woman may come to us at any point in her pregnancy and may stay for up to 3 months after the birth of her child. There are no limitations on race, nationality or religion. Let us help. Please call 270-852-8328 or email: stgerard@pastoral.org.

Employment Opportunity

Blessed Mother Parish located in Owensboro, KY has a job opportunity for a Full-Time Business Manager, working under the supervision of the Pastor.

Bachelor's degree in Accounting/Finance or Business preferred or an Associate's degree with equivalent accounting experience..

Blessed Mother Parish is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to:

Email: Diocese.hr@pastoral.org

Online: www.owensborodiocese.org/human-resources/

Do You Have a Family Member in the Hospital?

Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into any hospital or nursing home. Fr. Brad and Fr. Michael Charles are happy to visit and bring communion but they have no way of knowing unless a family member contacts us. By law these facilities are not allowed to release the names of their patients.

Quilt Club



Get your name into the Quilt of the Month Club raffle drawings at Mount St. Joseph! The drawings take place on the first Friday of each month.

For a \$20 ticket you get several chances to win a handmade quilt. The proceeds support the retired Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph. To order your Quilt Club tickets, contact Kris Mango at 270-229-2009 or

kris.mango@maplemount.org.

For more information, visit ursulinesmsj.org. Click on Help the Sisters, then Quilt Club.

Gennesaret Retreat

A Gennesaret Retreat is scheduled for **March 17-19** at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Those who have a chronic or serious health issue could be a candidate for the Gennesaret Retreat, designed for persons whose medical conditions would otherwise hinder them from attending a weekend overnight retreat. To find out more, contact Tom or Amy Payne of Owensboro at 270-678-7739.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

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, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Mary Ann Graves, Wayne & Margaret Hagan, Amy Harris, Jodi Hayden, Ann Heavrin, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Stephen & Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Paul Kortz, Buzz LaGesse, 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

Homebound: Randy Hand, Mike & Lorna Roper, Gertrude Yopp

Nursing Home: Carol Baugh, Rose de Leo, Jeanette Elliott, Joe & Betty Falconite, Martha Floyd, Mary Galvin, Hester Geuss, Vonnie Howard, Catherine McManman, John Metcalf, Delphine Operle, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Lucienne Willett, Charles Woods

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, Virgen Ramos, 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. Amen."

Bounty Baskets Need...

St. Vincent de Paul:
Powdered Milk or Cereal

PCM:
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.*

Saints & Special Observances

- Monday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
- Tuesday:** St. Francis de Sales
- Wednesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
- Thursday:** Ss. Timothy and Titus
- Friday:** St. Angela Merici
- Saturday:** St. Thomas Aquinas; Chinese New Year 4715



Mini Edition

Stewardship of Prayer Update

Our commitment and the next step



Saint Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Ephesians, "At every opportunity pray in the Spirit, using prayers and petitions of every sort. Pray constantly and attentively for all." (Ephesians 6:18)

An integral part of good stewardship is a commitment to be a person of prayer. With the busy lives that we all lead, sometimes daily prayer time seems to get lost. Many of us recently made a personal commitment to prayer and agreed to make prayer a priority over all the other activities that fill our lives. Daily prayer lifts us up, give our lives meaning and purpose, helps us cope with life's ups and downs, and bring us joy and peace. Stewardship of Prayer infuses our parish with God's spirit and is the cornerstone for the other two aspects of total stewardship: ministry and giving.

Beginning soon, during Mass, we will pray the monthly stewardship prayer as a parish family. Please continue to pray the monthly prayers on your own. The Stewardship of Prayer booklet is available on our website at www.stmore.org.



Next Steps...

Over 95% percent of Saint Thomas More Parishioners indicated they would attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, with another 35% adding weekday Masses to their prayer commitment.

Nearly 90% of our parishioners marked 'Prayer at Mealtimes' as part of their Stewardship of Prayer plan.

These are impressive numbers to be sure. Let us each consider how to take those commitments and live them.

Does praying at mealtime include those times when we dine out? Could we find time to add a short prayer for the family after a recited mealtime prayer?

If we are on vacation or out of town, do we still make an effort to attend Mass on Sunday? Why not give your prayer commitment a little extra thought and take it to the next level?

January

Gracious and Loving God, The old year has passed and a new year begun. We thank you for Your active presence in our busy lives, for the opportunities given, and for blessings received. As we embrace a new year, breathe freely through us and renew our spirits with fresh resolve and purpose. Give us the grace to be good stewards of all that You have entrusted to us and to serve You with generous, compassionate and loving hearts. Bless our days ahead. Give us the courage to be faithful. And show us how to proclaim the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



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