## St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2016

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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### **Special Care Numbers**

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Mt. Carmel Cemetery(John Bufford)	270-331-1006
Bereavement (Cathy Trussell)	270-519-3779
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### Advent: Rejoice!

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice." Although Advent is a season of penitence and preparation, today is always set aside by the Church to relax and rejoice in the Lord. All of our

readings today deal with Christian joy. This may seem not in keeping with the overall mood encouraged for Advent, but it is most definitely in keeping with what we need to feel. and it is definitely appropriate for those who embrace stewardship as a way of life.



We invite you to pray in communion with your fellow Saint Thomas More parishioners.

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Stewardship is,

"attitude of gratitude" and today is a day to focus on the joy that results from that gratitude. Father Henri Nouwen was a well-known Catholic priest, professor, writer, and theologian. In describing the significance of this particular day, Father Nouwen clarified the difference between joy and happiness. He said, "While happiness is dependent upon external conditions, joy is the experience of knowing that we are unconditionally loved by God and nothing — not sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death — can take that love away. Joy can be present in the midst of sadness."

This "joy" that is reflected in lives of stewardship was also emphasized by Pope Francis, who said in his homily for Gaudete Sunday in 2014, "Today is a day of joy. Rather than fretting about all we have not done or accomplished to prepare for Christmas during Advent, we need to think of all the good things God, and life, has given us."



### Saturday, December 10

5:30 pm Claude & Tina Brannon (d)

### Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Otis Shaw (d)11:00 am Our Parish Family1:00 pm Mass in Spanish

All Souls

### Monday, December 12

**6:00 pm** Hazel Curtsinger (d)

### Tuesday, December 13

7:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the

Mike & Betty Polashock Family

### Wednesday, December 14

9:30 am SMHS ~ Fr. Stan Puryear

**12:00 pm** Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle

Special Intention (PH)

### Thursday, December 15

**6:00 pm** Louis O'Bryan (d)

### Friday, December 16

7:00 am Michael Mullen (d)

8:05 am SMES ~ Fr. Bruce McCarty

### Saturday, December 17

5:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the

Bret & Maria Avra Family

### Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**9:00 am** Gwenyth Leigh Rockne (b)

11:00 am Our Parish Family1:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Charles Snyder (d), Joe Snyder (d)

& Victoria Morris (d)



### Sunday, December 4, 2016

Regular Collection \$35,353.35 Special Collections \$ 241.65 Total Collection \$35,595.00

### Thank you for your generosity!

Want to write fewer checks? Sign up *for Electronic Fund Transfer*. For information or to enroll contact Ellen Anderson at 270-534-9000 or ellen@stmore.org.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule December 17/18					
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM		
Sacristan	Diana Black	Rose Ann Walker	John Roof		
Euch.	Mary Evans	Yvonne Bosch	Tessa Cash		
Ministers	Barb Harris	Frank Burch	Barb Larbes		
	Jim Kallaher	Kim Goins	Karina Romero		
	Sam Leone	Bill Halicks	Marianna Romero		
	Bill Murphy	David Langston	Eileen Segebarth		
	Marie Petrites Murphy	Jill Langston	Terry Sullivan		
	Mike Polashock	Michael Langston	Brandon Trevathan		
	Caroline Veatch	Amy Ridley	Nadie Vance		
	Kelly Veatch	Camilla Shumaker	Richard Vieitez		
	Shayne Veatch	Lynn Thompson			
	Dolores Webber	Ken Wurth			
Lectors	Mary Ann Graves	Alice Penrod	Amy Sullivan		
	Ann Averill	Ray Lane	Anita Fitch		
Servers	Aidan Hrdlicka	Brianna Doran	Isabel Roof		
	Colin Hrdlicka	Chiara Doran	Kenlin Thomas		
Greeter	Chris Haas	Stan Eckenberg	Larry Bruce		
Families	Phyllis Teeters	Kevin Wurth	Brenda Greenwell		
	Vicki Tracy	Matt Wurth	Bob Lang		
Ushers	Marcia Cochran	Scott Babbs	Ann Bongiolatti		
	Isaac LaBarge	Andy Gilland	Trent Bongiolatti		
	Matt LaBarge	Josh King	Patsy Carroll		
	Anthony Milliano	Matthew King	Brenda Caserta		
	Tony Milliano	Nathan King	Joseph Caserta		
	Pat Spoden	Paul King	Kiael Waldon		
Children's	Lauren Flint	Lynn King	Sheila Rea		
Liturgy	Madeline Lorch	Matthew King	Meghan Walker		

### Hour of Prayer

Saturday:

Monday: Thursday:

Terri York & Sr. Kateri Kaufman Barb Larbes & Freda Jett

Tuesday: Friday:

Phyllis Kettler & Ed Puschaver Al & Mary McKeown

Wednesday:

Janet Colgan & Lance Fleming Pat & Anna Cairney

### RCIA topic for Thursday, December 15 The Incarnation/Paschal Mystery

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.

### 2016-2017 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.

PARISH TARGET: \$39,451.50 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$63,193.50 AMOUNT PAID: \$45,521.00 STM REBATE AS OF 11-28-2016 \$3,034.55

### What's Happening

### Sunday, December 11

10:00 am No Coffee & Doughnuts

10:00 am BP Checks

(Hospitality Room)

10:00 am Giving Tree

(Parish Hall)

**4:00 pm** Youth Group

(Parish Hall)

4:00 pm Penance Service

(Church)

5:00 pm Bible Study

(Hospitality Room)

7:00 pm Rosary in Spanish

(Church)

### Monday, December 12

6:00 pm Bi-lingual Mass for

Our Lady of Guadalupe

(Church)

### Tuesday, December 13

7:30 am Rosary

(Chapel)

6:00 pm Hispanic Confirmation

(Sacred Heart Room)

6:00 pm Boy Scouts

(Parish Hall)

### Wednesday, December 14

9:00 am Mother's Day Out

(Nursery/Library)

**6:15 pm** Faith Formation

(SMES)

**6:15 pm** Stewardship Committee

(Sacred Heart Room)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

(Church)

### Thursday, December 15

5:30 pm Reconciliation

(Chapel)

6:45 pm RCIA

(Parish Hall)

7:30 pm Hispanic Women's Mtg.

(Sacred Heart Room)

### Friday, December 16

**7:30 pm** Hispanic Men's Mtg.

(Sacred Heart Room)

### Saturday, December 17

4:00 pm Reconciliation

### Sunday, December 18

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts

(Parish Hall)

3:00 pm St. Mary School Concert

(Church)

4:00 pm Middle School Youth

(Library)

### Altar Society Ministry for Dec.

Purificators: Maria Stuckenborg Robes & Albs: Janie Lamb

### NO COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS



THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF THE GIVING TREE



### Recent Baptism

Congratulations and blessings to Lillie Jane Withrow, the daughter of Katherine

Withrow, who was baptized Sunday, November 27, 2016.

### **Donations Needed**

Merryman House is in need of blankets, towels, new or gently used coats and sweat shirts. Donations may be dropped off at the St. Thomas More Church Office.

### Job Opportunity

The Diocese of Owensboro has a job opportunity for a Chief Financial Officer in the Office of Administration. This position is located at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro, KY. The Diocese encompasses 78 parishes and 17 schools in western Kentuckv.

Position Summary: The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the overall financial management of the Diocese and the fiscal resources in support of the mission and goals of the Diocese.

### **Contact Details:**

The Diocese of Owensboro 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/

### THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like? It has feet to go to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. -St. Augustine

### **Advent Communal Penance Services**

St. Thomas More Sunday, December 11 4:00 pm St. Francis de Sales Monday, December 12 6:00 pm Tuesday, December 13 6:00 pm St. John the Evangelist Wednesday, December 14 St. Mary (LaCenter) 6:00 pm Rosary Chapel Thursday, December 15 6:00 pm

### Theology on Tap

The next Theology on Tap will be held Thursday, December 15 at Paducah BeerWerks at 7:00 pm. Joe Bland, Director of Family Life with the Owensboro Diocese, will discuss the topic "God Wants to Marry You." Invite your friends and make plans to attend.



### Christmas Concerts

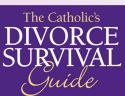
The Saint Mary Middle/High School Choirs will present a Christmas Concert at St Thomas More on Sun-

day, December 18, at 3:00 pm. All are invited!

The Saint Mary Elementary (grades PreK thru 5th) Christmas Concert will be Monday, December 19, at 6:00 pm. in the St Mary High School gym.



### NEW! Catholic's DIVORCE HEALING Program



The Catholic Churches of McCracken County are pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, new DVD ministry to men and women who have suffered from divorce: The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide. The 12-week program features 30-minute DVD shows each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the courts, the kids, the ex-spouse,

annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, remarriage or staying single, and much more. Whether you got divorced ten days ago or ten years ago, the program offers valuable insight for everyone. January 8-March 28, 2017, 3:00-5:00 pm at St. Thomas More's Hospitality room. For more information, call the St. Francis de Sale Parish office (270) 442-1923 or St. Thomas More Parish office (270)534-9000.

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### Middle School YM - Sunday December 11th

4:00-6:00 pm "White Elephant Christmas Party (gift exchange)" please bring a gift to exchange (\$5 minimum, \$20 maximum). Don't worry if you can't bring a gift we will have some extras just in case!

### High School YM - Sunday December 11th

6:00-8:00 pm "White Elephant Christmas Party (gift exchange)" please bring a gift to exchange (\$5 minimum, \$20 maximum). Don't worry if you can't bring a gift we will have some extras just in case! Feel free to wear your uglv/awesome Christmas sweaters!

### Men's Discernment Retreat

The Men's Discernment Retreat is a retreat for men ages 18-25 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life; listen to inspiring talks and guidance for discernment process; learn the tools of discernment, sharpen your discerning skills and have a one-on-one visit/spiritual direction with a priest. There is no cost to the participants. The Men's Discernment Retreat will be held on **December 16-17** at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Registration deadline is December 12<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com

### Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing the Wounds of Abortion will be offered the weekend of **January 13-15**, **2017** in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. Participation in this retreat is open to any woman or man who has been involved, or touched by, abortion. If you have lost a child or grandchild, or a sibling, nephew or niece, to abortion, or if you have at any time in your life been involved in an abortion, then the Lord Jesus would like to offer you both healing and peace! Both Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to participate, and our retreat is conducted with absolute confidentiality. For more information, visit our website: <a href="HopeAfterAbortionKY.com">HopeAfterAbortionKY.com</a>, or call Debbie at (270) 570-4717 or Jennifer at (931) 242-5506.

### Catholic Men's Conference

The Diocese of Owensboro is pleased to welcome Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, along with Fr. Larry Richards and Robert Rogers to the **February 11, 2017** Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky. This year's conference will take place at the RiverPark Center in downtown Owensboro. Tickets are available at kycatholic.com.

### Marriage Retreat

The Diocese of Owensboro's Family Life Office is hosting "Living the Gift of Marriage," a diocesan-based marriage retreat, on **March 25-26, 2017** at Lake Barkley.

This marriage retreat is being led by Mario Sacasa, a licensed marriage and family therapist and director of counseling services at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA. Sacasa uses humor, story and lecture to engage couples to see the great gift God has given them in their marriage and practical ways to love their spouse in their day-to-day encounters.

Whether you are looking for something to bolster your marriage or need tangible skills to help through some troubled times, this is the event for you. Register online at <a href="https://owensborodiocese.org/marriage-retreat/">owensborodiocese.org/marriage-retreat/</a>.

### **Vocation Awareness**

"Be strong, fear not!"

During the Advent season, the Church invites us to reflect upon the lives of such great figures as John the Baptist, St. Joseph, and our Blessed Mother. Each of these stories shows how courage overcame fear in order to respond to the Call of our Lord. In the words of Pope Francis, "Be courageous!" Don't be afraid to give your lives to Christ. To learn more about discerning your vocation, contact the Vocations Office at <a href="mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org">jason.mcclure@pastoral.org</a> or <a href="mailto:www.owensborovocations.com">www.owensborovocations.com</a>.

### Saint Meinrad Retreats

December 16-18, 2016

Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB

Spiritual Themes in the Gospel of Luke. (\$255 single, \$425 double)

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### February 10-12, 2017 & February 24-26, 2017

Fr. Noël Mueller, OSB (Married Couples Only - Retreatants limited)

Almost Paradise – Living together in great love is the secret to human happiness – something we'll enjoy completely only in heaven. But here on earth, giving oneself in love to others (spouse, children, friends) is the stepping stone to great joy. In this retreat, we'll explore creative steps to such living in love. Audio-visual materials will enhance our study. Celebrate an early Valentine's Day at Saint Meinrad. (\$425 double)

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### March 17-19, 2017

Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB

Contemplative Living - This retreat will explore the topic of deep prayer, as gleaned from the mystical tradition of the Church. Contemplation is a mode of prayer rooted in one's inmost self - the simple and quiet center - the abode of deep prayer described by the mystics and characterized not by strange experiences so much as by an inner tranquility and silent resting in the presence of God. Contemplative prayer opens the senses to greater awareness and generates a grace-illumined capacity to observe reality more intensely, thus perceiving more readily a vision of things as they truly are. (\$255 single, \$425 double)

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### March 24-26, 2017

Fr. Vincent Tobin, OSB

I am with You Always, Even to the End of the World: The Sacraments of the Church – The sacraments guarantee those words of Jesus' empowering presence in our lives from the cradle to grave. (\$255 single, \$425 double)

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the

Common of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, nos.

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Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;

Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25;

Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6,

11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8;

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;

Jn 5:33-36 Gn 49:2, 8-10;

Saturday: Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6;

Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### Eucharistic Adoration



Come and spend an hour § with Jesus... Listed below are permanent hours that need to be filled in Adoration Ministry. Volunteer as a substitute or possibly take an

hour each week.

Sunday ~ 1:00 to 2:00 am

3:00 to 4:00 am

4:00 to 5:00 pm

Monday ~ 1:00 to 2:00 am

Tuesday ~ 1:00 to 2:00 am

Wednesday ~12:00 to 1:00 am

1:00 to 2:00 am

4:00 to 5:00 pm

Thursday ~ 12:00 to 1:00 am

1:00 to 2:00 pm

Friday ~ 12:00 to 1:00 am

1:00 to 2:00 pm

4:00 to 5:00 pm

Saturday ~ 12:00 to 1:00 am

1:00 to 2:00 am

3:00 to 4:00 am

Contact:

### Claudia Smith

claudia stevesmith@comcast.net 270-443-4913

### Angie Nelson

tnelson007@comcast.net or 270-210-6339

### LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER ....

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Michael 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, Sheree Halicks, Amy Harris, Jodi Hayden, Ann Heavrin, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Stephen & Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Paul Kortz, Buzz LaGesse, Janie Lamb, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Sara Beth Neihoff, Ella O'Brvan, Charity Peters, Ronnie Reil, Barbara Robinson, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Carolyn Shockley, Shaw. Nancy Monty Thompson, Ann Stearns. Vaughan, Ann Watkins, Charlie & 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, James Hennessy, Vonnie Howard, Catherine McManman, John Metcalf, Delphine Operle, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Lucienne Willett, Charles Woods



Justin Lamb. Chris Remember McCoy, Timothy Low-man, Philip Chapman, Kurtis McClain, Zachary Grimes. Kurt Bell. Jere-

Copeland, Eric Gast, Aaron Conover, Brian Clayton, Hannah Wilson, John Davis, Emily Lane Rockne, Corey Carnes, Clay Magers, Tyler Shumaker, Jeff Perry, Tyler Scott Dickson, Logan Hatton, Nathan Phipps, Sam Herrmann, Charles Soward, Kelly Scott-Nevonen, Greg Nevonen, Cameron Grueninger, Michael Renfro, Jason

"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

### Bounty Baskets Need...

St. Vincent de Paul: Cereal

PCM: Rice





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Non-Parishioners: Lucy Adams, Vickie Arellano, Andy Arliskas, Joseph Arant, Beverly Barnhill, Irene Barrale, Sue Belt, Paul Birk, Tim Bishoff, Bill Black, Marshall Blevins, Britney Boyd, Laura Boyd, Christy Brandon, Joe Bratton, Frances Brush, Rebecca Brush, 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, 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, Fr. Severin Mesick, 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, Janis Phillips, 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, Nancy Thomas, Devin Thomas, Patty Thomas, Corey Thompson, Ricky Thompson, John Todd, Julie Travis, 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, Roger Wilson, Wade Wood, Sylvia & Raymond Yoon, Dr. Michael



### Saint Thomas More Launches New Website Easier navigation, latest news, schedules and more

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aint Thomas More strives to make sure parishioners have the information they need and can get in touch with the parish in ways that are most convenient.

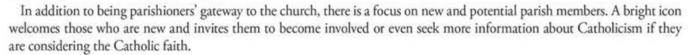
For years, the church has had a strong presence on the web. Staff members can be easily reached via email and much

of Saint Thomas More's volunteer and ministry coordination is done electronically.

Because Saint Thomas More relies so heavily on the church's Internet presence, Saint Thomas More has undertaken a complete redesign of the parish website. The new website is not only more visually appealing, it also adds a great deal of functionality.

First and foremost, the site is designed with parishioners in mind. It is easy to find information, with the most requested information on the front page. For example, the weekly bulletin is easily accessed by a large icon on the home page.

Deeper in the website you will find redesigned ministry pages, volunteer schedules and more. There is a detailed Calendar of Events along with several prayer opportunities scattered throughout the site.



The new website is available now but is still under development. There are a few pages that are not yet complete. However, content is added daily and will continue to be added until the entire site is finished. Further, news items and important information will always be added regularly.

The redesigned website is part of a larger effort to make sure parishioners have the information they need when they need it, and can get that information in a way that is convenient. In the spring, Saint Thomas More will launch a phone app that mirrors the website and puts all that information in the palm of parishioner's hands on their smart phone screen. The phone app also will add the ability to send notifications about important church events or reminders about ministry meetings, schedules and more. Much like a weather alert or a news headline, Saint Thomas More will be able to send information to anyone who has installed the app, regardless of whether or not the church office has current email or phone number information. Of course, parishioner privacy is of the utmost concern and no personal information is shared outside the parish office and parishioners will have to "opt-in" to specific messaging and of course choose to download the app in the first place.

Look for more information about Saint Thomas More's upcoming phone app in the spring. In the meantime, visit the redesigned website at www.stmore.org. Parishioners are encouraged to use the 'contact us' screen to send comments about the site or requests for something new to be included.

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