



# 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

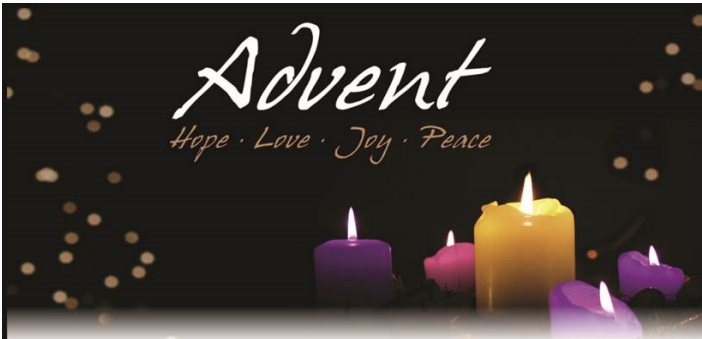
**Reconciliation** Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm & Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Works of Mercy Chapel



# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house  
is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at  
cockcrow, or in the morning.” - Mk 13:35



A New Year  
A Renewed Commitment

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. All the readings during this period of waiting and anticipation concentrate on making us aware that it is time for us to awaken our lives as Christians. Jesus opens our Gospel Reading from St. Mark by saying “Be watchful! Be alert!” and closes it with an intense “Watch!”

For many Advent and Christmas are times of light, whether it is the light of the candles on Advent wreaths or the lights on a tree or the festive lights which decorate many houses and businesses. Jesus brings light into our worlds, but we must allow this light to permeate our own lives, to enter into the dark and sinful parts of our lives to illuminate and cleanse them.

This should be a time of renewed prayer and penance which truly prepares us to “watch” for the Lord, not just at Christmas but throughout our lives. There is a natural wonder among children at this time of year, but sometimes as we age, we lose that sense as if we are sleeping. It is time to awaken. Our minds may say “Let go” but our spirituality tells us to “Awaken.” We are filled with spiritual depths. It is time to seek them, find them, and awaken them. It is Advent, time for us to awaken and become aware of the gifts of love we have received from God and others. Or as Jesus reminds us: “Watch.”



MASS  SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 2**

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

**Sunday, December 3** *First Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am Stephen Kettler (d)  
11:00 am Bernie Herrmann (d)  
1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
All Souls

**Monday, December 4**

6:00 pm Wayne Hagan (d)

**Tuesday, December 5**

7:00 am Suzanne Coomes (d)

**Wednesday, December 6**

9:30 am *Superior Care*  
Bill Cash (d)  
12:00 pm *Lourdes Hospital Chapel*  
Kay Eckstein (d)

**Thursday, December 7**

6:00 pm J. Burnie Carroll (d)

**Friday, December 8** *Immaculate Conception*

7:00 am Kathryn Sanders (d)  
9:00 am *Saint Mary High School*

**Saturday, December 9**

5:30 pm Gary Bailey (d)

**Sunday, December 10** *Second Sunday of Advent*

9:00 am Donna Morse (d)  
11:00 am Bill Cash (d)  
1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
Our Parish Family

**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$13,047.00</b>
<b>Online Collections</b>	<b>\$13,290.92</b>
<b>Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 615.00</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$26,952.92</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 December 9/10**

	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sacristan	Debbie Caspar	Rose Ann Walker	Eileen Segebarth
Euch. Ministers	Mary Carrico Mary Evans Mikel Fields Gale Hatton Jim Kallaher Sam Leone Mike Polashock Holly Shockley David Shoulta Elaine Stevens Caroline Veatch	Kurt Averill Staci Averill Yvonne Bosch Nancy Mornar Tony Mornar Amy Ridley Ron Shoulta Camilla Shumaker Herb Straub Lynn Thompson Ken Wurth	Tessa Cash Michelle Dunlap Pat Hobbs Barb Larbes Ronnie Reil John Roof Claudia Smith Nadie Vance Richard Vieitez
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Hospitality Coord.	Marcia Cochran	Mike Crider	Keith Cash
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Children's Liturgy	Laurie Straub Bailee Patel	Kathy Willett Ben Willett	April Baker Meghan Walker

*What's Happening*

**Sunday, December 3**

- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 2:00 pm** Holy Hour (Chapel)
- 3:30 pm** First Penance Class (Church)
- 4:00 pm** Advent Walk (Washington Street Baptist Church)

**Monday, December 4**

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

**Tuesday, December 5**

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

**Wednesday, December 6**

- 6:15 pm** Faith Formation (SMES)
- 6:00 pm** Ladies Night Out (MAKE Studio)
- 7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal (Church)

**Thursday, December 7**

- 5:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm** Vigil Mass (Church)
- 6:45 pm** RCIA (Parish Hall)
- 6:45 pm** Theology on Tap (Flamingo Row)
- 7:00 pm** Hispanic Women's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

**Friday, December 8**

- 7:00 am** Holy Day Mass (Church)
- 7:00 pm** Hispanic Men's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

**Saturday, December 9**

- 7:30 am** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)

**Sunday, December 10**

- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 am** BP Checks (Hospitality Room)
- 2:00 pm** D of I Christmas Tea (Pat Gregory's Home)
- 4:00 pm** Penance Service (Church)

**Hour of Prayer**

**Monday:**

Marge Wurth & Emma Bourgois

**Tuesday:**

Rose Freiseis & Caron Carter

**Wednesday:**

Pat Cvengros & Lillie Watson

**Thursday:**

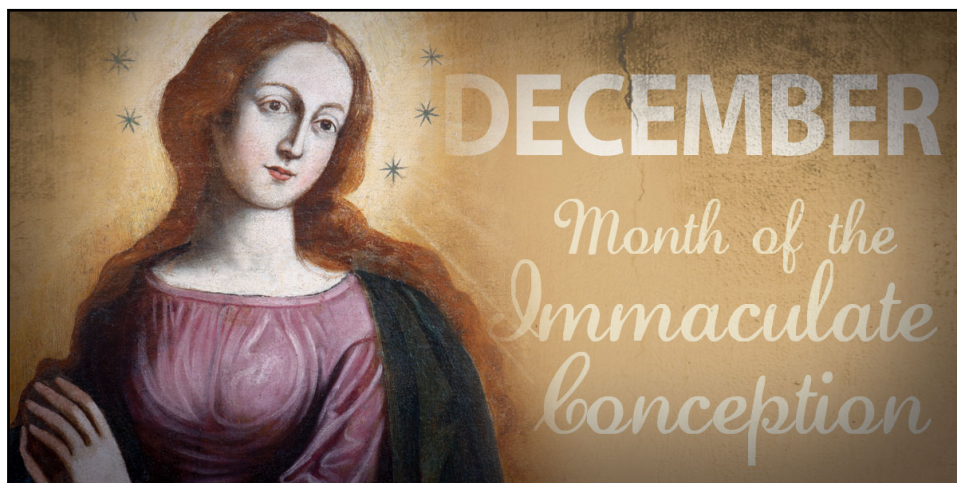
Stephanie Sims & Michelle Dunlap

**Friday:**

Pat & Anna Cairney

**Saturday:**

Steve & Jean Berry



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**Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the 6:00 pm Mass in the Works of Mercy Chapel **Monday, December 4**. It will continue on the first Monday of each month.

**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 **December 5, 6 & 7**.

**Over 50's Potluck**

The next Over 50's Potluck will be **Tuesday, December 5** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring one or two dishes of meat, vegetables, salads or desserts. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 270-534-9000.



**Ladies Night Out**

The St. Thomas More Young Adults group have planned a night at MAKE studio on **Wednesday, December 6** at 6:00 pm. Bring your own drinks and an app to share - you can do a project or just come for the company. Please RSVP if you are interested to Catherine DuPerrieu at 270-559-0483 or Hannah Wright at 270-994-2391.

**R.C.I.A**



**Topic for Thursday December 7  
Grace/Providence**

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).

**Theology on Tap**

Theology on Tap Invites all adults (aged 21-40) to join them for Mass at 6:00 pm on **Thursday, December 7** and then dinner and discussion at Flamingo Row immediately after. If you can't make it to Mass, just join up at Flamingo Row around 6:45.

**St. Thomas More Men's Prayer Group**

**Gratitude**, the virtue by which a person acknowledges, interiorly and exteriorly, gifts received and seeks to make at least some return for the gift conferred. Essentially gratitude consists of an interior disposition, a grateful heart, but when genuine it tries somehow to express itself in words and deeds. Consequently it includes three elements: acknowledgment that a gift has been received, appreciation expressed in thankfulness, and as far as possible some return for what has been freely given with no obligation on the donor's part. (Catholicculture.com) Join us on **Saturday, December 9** at 7:30 am in the Parish Hall for breakfast and a presentation by Steve Shoulta on Gratitude, a most wonderful gift of Grace.

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*Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Friday, December 8** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation.  
Mass times are:

**St. Thomas More**

Thursday, December 7 - 6:00 pm  
Friday, December 8 - 8:00 am

**St. Mary High School**

Friday, December 8 - 9:00 am

*Advent Penance Services*

**St. Thomas More**

**Sunday, December 10 - 4:00 pm**

**St. Francis de Sales**

**Monday, December 11 - 6:00 pm**

**St. John the Evangelist**

**Tuesday, December 12 - 6:00 pm**

**Daughters of Isabella Christmas Tea**



The Daughters of Isabella Christmas Tea will be **Sunday, December 10** at the home of Pat Gregory (3540 Tulipwood Dr.) from 2:00-4:00 pm. Please bring 10 food items for the food baskets to donate to families of each parish. Also bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Guests are welcome, members expected. The D of I and SOS will each have a short business meeting at the Tea. Please contact Laura Gregory Shaw at 270-443-7711 or [shawlaura@yahoo.com](mailto:shawlaura@yahoo.com).

**Blood Pressure Checks Next Sunday**

Our parish nurses will hold their monthly blood pressure checks **Sunday, December 10** in the Hospitality Room between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. You are invited to stop by for this free service.

**Couples Night Progressive Dinner**

On **Saturday, December 16** starting at 5:30 pm the St. Thomas More Young Adults group will do a three course progressive dinner. The courses would be appetizers, main meal, and dessert. Please RSVP Catherine DuPerrieu at 270-559-0483 or Hannah Wright at 270-994-2391 and let us know which you would like to bring. More details about addresses to follow. We hope you will join us!



**ETERNAL REST**

St. Thomas More parishioner, **Hester Geuss**, passed away Sunday, November 26, 2017. May God welcome her home and comfort her family in this time of sorrow.



**NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

**Men's Discernment Retreat**

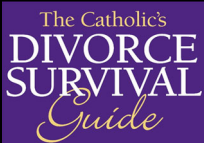
The *Men's Discernment Retreat* is a retreat for men ages 18-25 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life; receive guidance for the discernment process; learn the tools of discernment, and sharpen your discerning skills. Discernment wisdom from St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Ignatius Loyola, and St. John Paul II will guide the direction of this retreat. There will be time for prayer, reflection, and rest. The Men's Discernment Retreat will be held on **December 8-10** at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. There is no cost to attend but registration is necessary. Registration deadline is December 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to register online, contact the vocations office: [ja-son.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:ja-son.mcclure@pastoral.org), or 270-683-1545.

**Advent Evening with Bishop Medley**

An Advent Evening will take place on **Thursday, December 14** from 5:00.- 7:00 pm at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The event will be led by Bishop William Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro. The \$20 fee includes a meal. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 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 downtown Owensboro. Tickets and more information are available online by visiting [kycatholic.com](http://kycatholic.com).



The Catholic Churches of McCracken County are offering the DVD based ministry for men and women who have suffered from divorce: *The Catholic's DIVORCE SURVIVAL Guide*. The program

features 30-minute DVDs 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.

We will meet on **Tuesday evenings from January 9<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. All of the meetings will take place at St Thomas More in the Hospitality Room.

For more information contact St. Thomas More Parish office (270)534-9000 or email [deacon@stmore.org](mailto:deacon@stmore.org)

**AREA EVENTS**

**Candlelight Advent Walk**

**Today, Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 pm**



Walk begins at Washington Street Baptist Church and continues to St. Francis de Sales, Grace Episcopal, First Presbyterian, and Broadway United Methodist

**Shrimp Boil at Rosary Chapel**

Rosary Chapel Catholic Church, 711 Ohio St., will have a Shrimp Boil on **Monday, December 11**, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Price \$10.

**OTHER NEWS**

**Just a Reminder...**

if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the Parish Office at 270-534-9000 to inform us as we cannot obtain information from the hospitals directly.

**Why Do We Do That?**

**Catholic Traditions Explained**

**Question:** With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

**Answer:** Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Saints & Special Observances**

**Monday:** St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
**Wednesday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop  
**Thursday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
**Friday:** The Immaculate Conception (holy day of obligation)  
**Saturday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

**Special Care Numbers**

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 270-442-1681  
 Faith Formation (CCD)  
 270-443-0295  
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 270-575-1008  
 Paducah Cooperative Ministry  
 270-442-6795

**Bounty Baskets...**

located in the Gathering Space, are in need of:

**St. Vincent de Paul -  
 beef stew & chili  
 PCM - spaghetti.**



**Remember in Prayer...**

**Parishioners:** Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Judy Bufford, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Rebecca Crider, Pat Cvengros, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Morgan Eggemeyer, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Margaret Hagan, Carl Harper, Amy Harris, Ann Heavrin, Cleo Higdon, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Sr. Kateri Kaufman, Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Buzz LaGessee, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Ella O'Bryan, Charity Peters, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, Nancy Stearns, Monty Thompson, Ann Vaughan, Beth Walker, Ann Watkins, Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise, Noel Wise, Marge Wurth

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

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

**Nursing Home:** Jeanette Elliott, Joe & Betty Falconite, Mary Galvin, Vonnie Howard, Ken McCauley, John Metcalf, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods

**Non-Parishioners:** Ada Cruce, Matthew Shoulta, Jimmy Kapfhammer, Wayne Batts, Nanette Love, Chloe Nesbitt, Dennis Walsh, Jardod Hardin, Johnetta Taylor, Margaret Whitney, Becky Bowling, Frances Lamar, Cooper & Mary Margaret Mattingly, Susan Woods, Shirley Hudson, Mary & John Papp, Karen & Robert Schopp, Kim Mosier, Jerry Mouser, Carl Pritchett, Chloe Whittaker, Lisa Buchanan, Billy Brown, Kellie Kissel, Randy Eckstein, Lyla Dotson

**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 Gruening, Michael Renfro, Jason Smith, Alec McMahon, Michael Abraham 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, December 2**  
 Marian Housholder, Angie Nelson  
**Sunday, December 3**  
 Cindy Ballard, Macey Boutwell, Greg Holtgrewe, Al Krall, Bill Murphy, Christy Pastor, Steve Shoulta  
**Monday, December 4**  
 Tom Butterbaugh, Andy Gilland, Kelley Lang, Kial Waldon,  
**Tuesday, December 5**  
 Loralee Conwell, Bill Halicks, Oscar Ibarra, Mary Pham, Emerson Vaughn, Wyatt Venable  
**Wednesday, January 6**  
 Kelly Black, Sophia Browning, Iva Court, Boston Hitchings, Bob Hoppmann, Alma Machaen, Catherine O'Rourke, Damaris Rodriguez, Matthew Scarpino  
**Thursday, December 7**  
 Allison Devine, Madison Loyd-Webster, Brady Merrill, Mark Thompson, Austin Trevathan, Rose Ann Walker, Leslie Weber  
**Friday, December 8**  
 Itzel Carmona, Alexis Eggemeyer, Hermayoni Gembe, Jim Harris, Jim Langston, Rosemary Langston, McKenzie Lynn, Al McKeown, Kelly Rejent, Mary Riedfort  
**Saturday, December 9**  
 Yvonne Bosch, Jeff Eastes, Annabelle Lea, Olivia Vaughan, Charles Woods, Miguelina Young  
**Sunday, December 10**  
 Trevor Bunte, Rece Carter, Jim Eason, Shannon Gore, Pat Kortz, Allison Machaen, Kevin Shannon

**Saturday, December 2**  
 Ignacio & Cristina Machaen 44 yrs.  
**Sunday, December 3**  
 Mitch & Kathy Barkett 36 yrs.  
**Monday, December 4**  
 Steve & Beth Walker 24 yrs.  
 Chris & Shelly Bell 7 yrs.  
**Friday, December 8**  
 Clay & Sherece Vaughan 5 yrs.



Do you know a future priest?



# Giving Tree

*Remember those who struggle at Christmas*



This weekend our annual Giving Tree is up in the Gathering Space. Each year we prepare the tree with tags of families who are having a hard time coming up with Christmas gifts for their children.

In years past, Saint Thomas More parishioners have been very generous in their giving and we hope this year is no exception. If you are able, please consider taking a gift tag and providing a gift for the child noted on the tag. ***It is important that you buy one gift per tag. If you would like to buy more than one gift, please take additional tags.*** This ensures that every child on our giving tree will have a gift Christmas morning.

Also, please make sure you ***return your gift to us no later than December 17 at 10 a.m.*** Any gifts not back by the cut off date will not be able to be distributed.

We certainly appreciate your efforts this year and we look forward to having gifts piled high under our Giving Tree again this year.



## HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DEC. 3 @ 2 P.M.

Join us for a Holy Hour of Adoration in Saint Thomas More's Works of Mercy Chapel. This special hour of Adoration also will be held at churches throughout the Diocese of Owensboro at the request of Bishop Medley.

We look forward to seeing you for this unique opportunity



*"Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you! Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."*

- Matthew 11:28-20

*"How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent with the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in trouble? Come and throw yourself at his feet."*

-Saint John Vianney



## DISCIPLES RESPONDING

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Stewardship Commitment forms for the coming year. We truly appreciate your commitment to Saint Thomas More. If you have not yet returned your form, it's not too late. Just drop it in the collection basket or stop by the parish office.



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