



# 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.

## Pastoral Staff

### Pastor

Rev. Brad Whistle  
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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



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

**MASS**  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**



**Family is Everything**

The primary purpose of The Feast of the Holy Family is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families.

In Italy there is a saying, “La famiglia é tutto,” which means, “the family is everything.” Our Holy Father Pope Francis has made families one of the focal points of his papacy. He organized a conference on families in 2015. Speaking to the gathered families, he said, “You cannot have a family without dreams. I am very fond of dreams in families. For nine months, every mother and father dream about their baby. They dream about what kind of child he or she will be... You can’t have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies. So I ask you each evening, when you make your examination of conscience, to also ask yourselves this question: Today did I dream about my children’s future? Today did I dream about the love of my husband, my wife? Did I dream about my parents and grandparents who have gone before me?”

All of today’s readings have to do with families and family life. The reading from Sirach, our First Reading, emphasized the Fourth Commandment, “Honor thy father and mother.” We are commanded to respect and love our parents. However, it is a two way street. The Gospel Reading speaks of the development of Jesus, and that should inspire parents to understand that our prayers are the same as the prayers of Joseph and Mary — that our children will become strong in spirit and filled with wisdom.

*Stewardship*

**Saturday, December 30**

**5:30 pm** Wayne Hagan (d)

**Sunday, December 31** *The Holy Family*

**9:00 am** Our Parish Family

**11:00 am** Charlie Wilson (d)

**1:00 pm** *Mass in Spanish*  
Gary Bailey

**Monday, January 1** *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

**8:00 am** Bernie Herrmann (d)

**Tuesday, January 2**

**7:00 am** Susan Wurth (d)

**Wednesday, January 3**

**8:40 am** *Saint Mary High School*

**9:30 am** *Superior Care Home*  
William Huelsenbeck (d)

**12:00 pm** *Lourdes Hospital Chapel*  
Maria Tito de Fecko (d)

**Thursday, January 4**

**6:00 pm** Suzanne Coomes (d)

**Friday, January 5**

**7:00 am** Stephen Kettler (d)

**8:05 am** *Saint Mary Elementary School*

**Saturday, January 6**

**5:30 pm** Aurora Arvelo (d)

**Sunday, January 7** *The Epiphany of the Lord*

**9:00 am** Stephen Kettler (d)

**11:00 am** Bernie Herrmann (d)

**1:00 pm** *Mass in Spanish*  
Our Parish Family

**2017-2018 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: \$40,097.73**  
**AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$41,694.00**  
**AMOUNT PAID: \$30,341.00**  
**PLEDGES DUE: \$11,353.00**

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule January 6/7**

|                    | <b>5:30 PM</b>  | <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>11:00 AM</b>   |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| Sacristan          | Sr. Kateri Kaufman  | Yvonne Bosch  | Michelle Dunlap   |
| Euch. Ministers    | Sr. Lucy Bonifas<br>Bill Graves<br>Mary Ann Graves<br>Beth Haas<br>Barb Harris<br>Vicki Kight<br>Jaclyn Meredith<br>Mike Polashock<br>Kelly Veatch<br>Shayne Veatch<br>Dolores Webber | Scott Babbs<br>Frank Block<br>Frank Burch<br>Tom Clinton<br>Lynn King<br>Valerie Kortz<br>Angie Nelson<br>Todd Nelson<br>Camilla Shumaker<br>Lynn Thompson<br>Bill Wade | Tessa Cash<br>Joe Hobbs<br>Barb Larbes<br>Ronnie Reil<br>Hannah Speis<br>Sherri Speis<br>Richard Vieitez<br>Beth Walker<br>Steve Walker |
| Lectors            | Tim Harris<br>Mary Kay Sanders  | Holly Newton<br>Ernie Mitchell  | Sharon Brumlow<br>Tracy Wurth   |
| Altar Servers      | Ryan Jones<br>Claire Carrico  | Abigail Wurth<br>Erica Wurth  | Joey Eggemeyer<br>Volunteer Needed  |
| Hospitality Coord. | Holly Miller  | Lynn King   | Trish Burks   |
| Greeter Families   | Jeff Seay<br>Bill Sturgis<br>Vicki Tracy  | Josh Ballard<br>Phyllis Teeters<br>Camille Warden   | Pat Hobbs<br>Johnathon Vaughn<br>Samuel York  |
| Ushers             | Steve Dannenmueller<br>Aidan Hrdlicka<br>Chris Hrdlicka<br>Colin Hrdlicka<br>Jennifer Hrdlicka<br>Joseph Teitloff   | Linda Carroll<br>Pat Carroll<br>Brett Quigley<br>Dennis Quigley<br>Kellie Quigley<br>Linsey Quigley   | Ann Bongiolatti<br>Trent Bongiolatti<br>Keith Cash<br>Kim Cash<br>Clayton Walker<br>Meghan Walker                                       |
| Children's Liturgy |   |   |   |

*What's Happening*

**Sunday, December 31**

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

**Monday, January 1**

Office Closed

**8:00 am** Mass (Church)

**Tuesday, January 2**

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

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

**Wednesday, January 3**

**6:15 pm** Faith Formation (SMES)

**Thursday, January 4**

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

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

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

**Friday, January 5**

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

**Saturday, January 6**

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

**Sunday, January 7**

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

**Hour of Prayer**

**Monday:**

Happy New Year!

**Tuesday:**

Janet Colgan & Sr. Kateri Kaufman

**Wednesday:**

Jim Garrett & Tracy Wurth

**Thursday:**

David & Sally Roof

**Friday:**

Marge Wurth & Caron Carter

**Saturday:**

Emma Bourgois & Stephanie Sims

**Vocation Awareness**

*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word"*  
In today's Gospel, Simeon and Anna, after a lifetime of saying "yes" to the Lord, were privileged to meet the Christ Child when Mary and Joseph presented Him in the Temple. May we have the courage to imitate Simeon and Anna in our "yes" to the Lord. If you think God might be calling you to the vocation of priesthood, contact the vocations office for resources to help you with your discernment: [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org), [www.owensborovocations.com](http://www.owensborovocations.com).

*We cannot see Christ and remain as we are.  
-Père Jacques*



STM NEWS

Office New Year's Schedule

The office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 for the New Year's holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:00 am.



R.C.I.A

Topic for Thursday January 4 The Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love

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.

Elizabeth Meals Ministry

The Elizabeth Meals Ministry provides meals on a short-term basis for those St. Thomas More parish members who are recovering from surgery/illness or shut ins who are not already being ministered to by other groups. If you have a recommendation for a parishioner in need of this service, or if you would like to volunteer in this ministry to cook and/or deliver meals, please contact Lori Meredith at lorimeredith7@comcast.net, 270-210-0693.

Bounty Baskets...

located in the Gathering Space, are in need of: St. Vincent de Paul - dry beans, rice & cereal PCM - spaghetti. Thank you for your generosity.



Do You Know a Future Priest?

Do you know a faithful young man who may have a vocation to the priesthood? We believe that our future priests will come from our own parishes and schools, but we need your help to identify them. We're looking for high school students or older.

Any man you recommend will receive information from the Vocations Office and will be invited to participate in our discernment opportunities such as retreats and our vocation camp. Recommendations may be made online at vocations website: http://www.owensborovocations.com/called-by-name/.

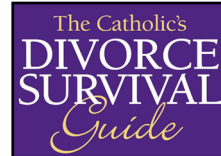


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Welcome New Administrative Assistant



Join us as we welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Jill Langston, to the St. Thomas More staff. Many of you know Jill as she is a long time member of St. Thomas More parish and was formerly a secretary for the St. Mary School System. She will be replacing Lois Bell who is retiring on January 31 after 11 years in the parish office. Please make Jill feel welcome as she begins her new ministry.



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 9th to March 20th 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@stm.org

SVdP Assistant Manager Job Opening

St. Vincent de Paul Society's Budget Store has an opening for an assistant manager. The hours are from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Tuesdays through Fridays, and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays. On-the-job training is available. Part time, \$8.00/hour. Need a person with a pleasant personality and a willingness to help others. It's a friendly atmosphere and you'll be working with a great team of people who support one another in their effort to help those in need and enhance their own spirituality. Send resume to 2025 Cairo Road, Paducah, KY 42001; or call Suzanne Warren at 270-210-4748 if you have questions.

Help Needed at St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of strong individuals to help move donated furniture on Tuesdays. Please call (270) 442-9351 if you are able to help.

Trip to Savannah, Charleston & More

Join the Bunk-o-babes on this 6 day, 5 night trip April 30 - May 5. Cost is \$565 pp with a \$75 deposit due upon signing. Enjoy Motor coach transportation, 8 meals, a guided trolley tour of Savannah, a visit to historic Charleston, SC and a harbor cruise in Charleston, SC, a guided tour of St. Simons Island and a tram tour of Jekyll Island plus much more! Contact Barbara Sue Wilson at 270-623-6990 or Judy Thomas at 270-623-8462.



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

A *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing the Wounds of Abortion* will be offered the weekend of **January 12-14, 2018** in the Diocese of Owensboro. 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: [HopeAfterAbortionKY.com](http://HopeAfterAbortionKY.com), or call Debbie at (270) 570-4717 or Jennifer at (931) 242-5506.

**2018 Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky**

February 17 | RiverPark Center  
Downtown Owensboro



Christopher West



Doug Barry

Tickets and conference information available at [kycatholic.com](http://kycatholic.com).

OTHER NEWS

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|  <p><b>RECOGNIZE HOW OLD YOUR SOUL IS</b></p> <p>Ask yourself if you experience internal fire or fatigue. Just acknowledge it.</p>            |  <p><b>5 TIPS TO REJUVENATE YOUR SOUL</b></p>   |  <p><b>REMEMBER THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE YOUNG AGAIN</b></p> <p>You have the possibility to live intensely, like a young person who wants to change the world.</p> |
|  <p><b>REMEMBER YOUR DREAMS AND MISSION</b></p> <p>Look inside you and find those essential things that touch your soul and motivate you.</p> |  <p><b>RENOVATION IS IMPORTANT</b></p> <p>Don't let obligations consume you. Look for opportunities to renew your spirit.</p> |  <p><b>ASK THE LORD TO REJUVENATE YOU</b></p> <p>Remember Psalm 103: "The Lord fills your days with good things, so your youth is renewed like the eagle's"</p>     |

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?**

Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. To register for the January program beginning with a weekend on **January 12, 2018**, call 270-852-8346 or email: [felliott3232@yahoo.com](mailto:felliott3232@yahoo.com).

**A Contemplative Weekend**

Slow down...Catch your breath...Find your calm. This weekend on **February 9-11** allows personal time to journey with God and with self. Spiritual direction is available for those who wish it. Relax and spend time at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Take 10% off if paid in full by **January 9**. Contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org).

**Inspiration for the Week**

Families face many challenges. All of the demands of work, school, and society can easily put a strain on even the best intentioned of families. Hurt, anger, and bitterness can grow in our families especially when conflicts are not properly resolved or relationships nurtured. Human beings require time, patience, love, and nurturing. We need to take time to celebrate the gift of family and not allow other demands to rob us of the time we need to spend together. Life is short. The Holy Family stands before us today showing us that love, commitment, and perseverance can see us through any difficulty or challenge life can bring. May we learn from their example!

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saints & Special Observances**

**Sunday:** The Holy Family; New Year's Eve  
**Monday:** Mary, the Holy Mother of God (not a holy day of obligation in 2018); Octave of Christmas; World Day of Peace; New Year's Day  
**Tuesday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church  
**Wednesday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
**Thursday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
**Friday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop  
**Saturday:** St. André Bessette, Religious

**Special Care Numbers**

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 270-443-0295  
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 270-442-6795

**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, Elizabeth Edwards, Morgan Eggemeyer, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Carl Harper, Amy Harris, Ann Heavrin, 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, Cathy Trussell, Leigh Ann Turner, 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:** Norita Clements, Jeanette Elliott, Joe/Betty Falconite, Vonnie Howard, Ken McCauley, John Metcalf, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods

**Non-Parishioners:** Ada Cruce, Matthew Shoulta, Jimmy Kapfhammer, Wayne Batts, Nanette Love, Frances Lamar, Cooper/Mary Margaret Mattingly, Susan Woods, Shirley Hudson, Mary & John Papp, Karen & Robert Schopp, Kim Mosier, Jerry Mouser, Chloe Whittaker, Lisa Buchanan, Billy Brown, Kellie Kissel, Randy Eckstein, Lyla Dotson, Jennifer Hercules, Delmon/Mary Ann Casey, Don Manning, Paul Fuqua

**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-Nevonen, Greg Nevenon, Cameron Gruening, Michael 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, December 30**

Hugo Cerda, Columba Gomez, Maria Haley, Mike Jones, Seth Powell, Brenden Wielgos, Natalie Wielgos

**Sunday, December 31**

William Babbs, Sr. Lucy Bonifas, August Comer, Jack Elliott, Paul Harris, Gale Hatton, Bob Lang, George McMinn, Sr., Riley Richison, Camilla Shumaker, Cecilia Toren, Susan Tyson

**Monday, January 1**

Hilda Brewer, Mary Cecilia Chappell, Rita Hemmerich, Christian Miller

**Tuesday, January 2**

David Fraser, Perrie Halverson

**Wednesday, January 3**

Marcus Baker, Kathie Covich, Mike Crider, Emilio Dominguez, Celia Garcia, Nicholas Giraldo-Reyes, Annakate Smith

**Thursday, January 4**

Lane Fossett, Emma Klimek, Rafael Molina, Edward O'Neill, Madelyn Waltmon

**Friday, January 5**

Susan Curtsinger, Carter Venable, Margaret Gruening

**Saturday, January 6**

Luis Carrillo, Pat Cvengros, Eduardo Palomino, Karen Smith, Robert Wheeler, Luis Zamora

**Sunday, January 7**

Matthew Austin, Sr., Mandy Balfantz, Mike Meredith, Eileen Segebarth



**Saturday, December 30**

Glenn & Kay Puertollano 17 yrs.  
 Luke and Lesley Crider 11 yrs.

**Tuesday, January 2**

Shiraz & Melanie Patel 19 yrs.  
 Tim & Stephanie Sheppard 10 yrs.

**Wednesday, January 3**

James & Camilla Shumaker 39 yrs.  
 Melchor & Roselina Geronimo 15 yrs.

**Friday, January 5**

Nicolas & Aurora Carmona 23 yrs.

**Saturday, January 6**

Michael & Tina Elliott 28 yrs.

**Sunday, January 7**

Julio & Maria Rodriguez 23 yrs.



Mini Edition

# Another Amazing Year for Our Giving Tree

## *Parishioners Show Their Love for Others*



Christmas is a special time of year and most of us are fortunate that we have the means to celebrate with family and friends and buy gifts for our loved ones. Many in our area are not so fortunate.

Every year we put up our Giving Tree and ask parishioners to take a tag or two and help make a child's Christmas a little brighter.

We are always amazed by the generosity of Saint Thomas More's parishioners. Once again, everyone dug deep and not a single tag was left on the tree. What was left under the tree, were dozens of presents for children. Everything from bicycles to toys to coats were piled high and ready to be distributed.

We can't thank you enough for your continued support of this annual tradition.



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