

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 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

Jesus said:

“If you bring
your gift
to the altar,
and there
recall that
your brother
has anything
against you,

leave your gift
there at the altar,
go first and
be reconciled
with your brother.”

Matthew 5:23-24

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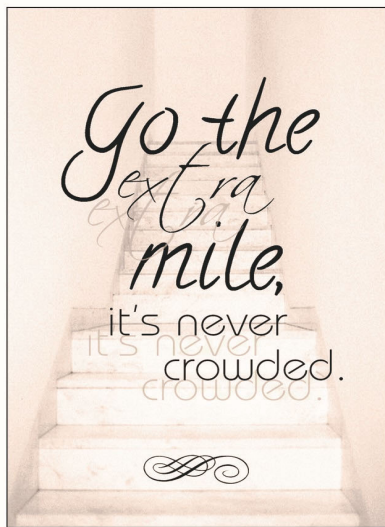
“Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

It seems to be part of our human nature to try to do the minimum rather than the maximum to enter into the kingdom of God. Jesus did not come to do the minimum required to fulfill the law and the prophets. He came to go beyond the letter of the law to live the spirit of the law, and to teach us to do the same.

The law and the prophets are presented in terms of what not to do. Jesus taught us that it is not enough to refrain from doing harm to others, we must help those who are hurting or in need. If we are the cause of such harm to others, it is not sufficient that we express sorrow for our action, we must demonstrate our sincere sorrow by correcting the harm we have done and then going the extra mile to do more. Jesus was teaching his disciples and us the true meaning of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Could that be the reason why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is so underutilized? Do we anticipate that our confessor will charge us to “go the extra mile” to return the person or persons we have harmed to health or wholeness.

We do have choices throughout our lives. One of those choices is pursuing stewardship as a way of life. One can choose to be a steward or choose not to. Nevertheless, if we look at it from the point of view of God’s wisdom rather than ours, it really is not a choice at all. It is something we should and must practice. In a homily this past June, Pope Francis said, “You cannot love God without loving your brothers and sisters; in fact, you cannot love God without being an active participant in the Church.”



Saturday, February 11

5:30 pm Deacon John Shoulta (d)

Sunday, February 12 *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am Our Parish Family

11:00 am Dennis & Buna Lowry (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
Albert Traczynski

Monday, February 13

6:00 pm Mary Lois Hagan (d)

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 am Wilfred Lee Hagan (d)

Wednesday, February 15

8:40 am SMMS ~ Fr. Stan Puryear

9:30 am Parkview ~ Fr. Bruce Fogle

12:00 pm Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle
Special Intention

Thursday, February 16

6:00 pm Lawrence Bufford (d)

Friday, February 17

7:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of the Watson & Sheehy Families

Saturday, February 18

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, February 19 *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am Christine Rodgers (d)

11:00 am Patricia Ernst (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
Virgin Rojas

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Regular Collection \$20,561.00

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule February 18/19

	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Sr. Kateri Kaufman	Yvonne Bosch	Michelle Dunlap
Euch. Ministers	Mary Carrico Mary Evans Gale Hatton Lori Hatton Vicki Kight Sam Leone Bill Murphy Marie Petrites Murphy Caroline Veatch Kelly Veatch Shayne Veatch	Frank Block Frank Burch Valerie Kortz Angie Nelson Todd Nelson David Roof Maria Stuckenberg Rose Ann Walker Craig Willett Kathy Willett Ken Wurth	Trish Burks Tessa Cash Joe Hobbs Pat Hobbs Barb Larbes Amy Miller John Roof Terry Sullivan Richard Vieitez
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Children's Liturgy	Jolie Fleming Adisyn & Claire Fleming	Renee Wurth Meredith Petter	Trish Burks Isabella York

What's Happening

Sunday, February 12

Altar Society Bake Sale

- 9:00 am** KC Blood Drive (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 am** BP Checks (Hospitality Room)
- 1:30 pm** Confirmation Class (Library)
- 2:00 PM** Divorce Support Group (Hospitality Room)
- 5:00 pm** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)
- 5:00 pm** Middle School Youth (Jump Park)
- 6:00 pm** High School Youth (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, February 14

- 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, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

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

Friday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 18

- 4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)
- 6:45 pm** Celebrate your Marriage (Chapel/Parish Hall)

Sunday, February 19

- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 11:00 am** Boy Scout Sunday (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)
- 6:00 pm** High School Youth (Parish Hall)

Hour of Prayer

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| Monday:
Barbara & Gaye Robinson | Thursday:
Marty Ryan & Sr. Kateri Kaufman |
| Tuesday:
Frances O'Bryan & Janet Colgan | Friday:
Nadie Vance & Ed Puschaver |
| Wednesday:
Tim Whitelock & Barb Larbes | Saturday:
Phyllis Kettler & Freda Jett |

RCIA topic for Thursday, February 16 - Confirmation

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@stmores.org.



Vocation Awareness

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

By our baptism, we are all called to hand on the truths of our faith. Greatness in discipleship is loving God with our whole heart, mind and soul and our neighbor as ourselves. How is God calling you to reflect his great love for us? How is God calling you to love your neighbor? For more information on vocations to the priesthood contact the vocations office:

www.owensborovocations.com, 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org.

Eternal Rest

Drew Barber, stepson of Shawn Barber, brother of Faith and J Barber and nephew of Sheri (Scott) Babbs, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

May God welcome him home and comfort his family in this time of sorrow.



Middle School Youth Group

All middle schoolers are welcome to join us **today, Sunday, February 12**, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Vertical Jump Park. Please bring money for admission and concessions if desired. Contact Terry Sullivan for more information at 270-519-1614.

High School Youth Group

Sunday February 12th

Lifeteen Youth Group: The Church is "Made as One" we profess this during the creed every Sunday, come join us this Sunday at 6:00 pm as we delve deeper into this Mark of the Church and see how it is personified within our own parish.

Sunday February 19th

Lifeteen Youth Group The Church is "Made for More", it is Holy... no not like your trendy jeans or a piece of Swiss cheese. But because it has been set apart by Christ and is unified in Him. Come join us this Sunday at 6:00 pm as we explore our own pilgrimage towards Holiness. Yes you can wear your holiest jeans!

Saturday February 25th

Paoli Peaks Ski trip! Must have 15 youth by February 20th registered to go. The cost will be \$65.00 which will cover lift ticket, rentals, and help with gas money. Please text "stmpaoli" to 84576 if you would like to receive the registration forms.

Baptism Class Next Sunday

Baptism Preparation Class is required by all dioceses in the United States for first-time parents. Classes are free and are held at 3:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Room. Our next class will be **Sunday, February 19**. To register please call the office at 270-534-9000 or email lois@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, 270-534-1176.



Volunteers Needed at the St. Vincent de Paul Store

The St. Vincent de Paul store is in need of volunteers, men and women, to help on Saturdays. The store is located at 2025 Cairo Road and is open from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturdays. For more information call (270)442-9351.



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. By law these facilities are not allowed to release the names of their patients.

Recent Baptism

Congratulations and blessings to **Ellie Elizabeth Chapman**, daughter of Jay & Kelly Chapman, who was baptized Saturday, February 4, 2017.



Super Bowl Party

St. Thomas More Youth Group watched the Super Bowl together last Sunday, February 5.

Bishop Medley in Paducah

Bishop William Medley will be in his Paducah office at Lourdes Hospital on **Tuesday, February 28** from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Appointments should be scheduled through his Owensboro office at 270-683-1545.



Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Today!
9:00 am to 1:00 pm - Parish Hall
All Blood Types Are Needed



Eucharistic Mission Coming in March

Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU will be here **Sunday, March 5 and Monday, March 6** to present a mission on the historical as well as personal aspects of the Eucharist. The presentations will begin at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoon and 7:00 pm on Monday evening.

Sr. Cheryl, a native of rural Grayson County, currently serves as Vice President for Academic Affairs/Academic Dean at Brescia University in Owensboro. She has twice served her community, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, in leadership, most notably as assistant congregational leader (2004-2010). As associate professor of theology at Brescia for 10 years, and as adjunct professor in the Hesburgh Sabbatical Program at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and the summer graduate theology program at the University of Dayton, Sr. Cheryl taught courses as varied as Sacraments, the Trinity, Liturgy, Catholic Faith, Women in Christian Tradition, Women's Spirituality, Theology of Grace, and New Testament. She also speaks regularly in RCIA and adult education programs on topics such as the Eucharist, the Trinity, Saints, the Paschal Mystery, the Holy Spirit, and various Henri Nouwen books. She holds a doctorate from The Catholic University of America in Washington in Historical Theology -- Systematics; her dissertation explored the Eucharistic devotion of medieval mystic St. Gertrude the Great. In her free time Sr. Cheryl enjoys nature, travel, music, and reading.

Spiritual Direction Training Offered

Applications are now being accepted for the next Spiritual Direction Training Program, which will begin the week of October 16, 2017 at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The two-year program consists of four weekly training sessions each year. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Matthias Ward at 270-229-0200 or mary.ward@maplemount.org. The registration deadline is August 31, 2017. More information can be found at ursulinesmsj.org.

Employment Opportunity

St. Mary Cathedral School, Cape Girardeau, MO is seeking an **elementary principal** for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Send resume and cover letter to frsaunders@stmarycathedral.net. The application process will commence immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Live the Liturgy ~ Inspiration for the Week

This week and next Jesus presents challenges to Christians to go beyond the strictures of the law and to engage in a deeper understanding of what it can mean to follow Christ. Are we ready to do that with our whole heart?

Act today in such a way that you need not blush tomorrow.

--St. John Bosco

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.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius;
Valentine's Day
Friday: The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25;
Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10;
Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22;
Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13;
Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15;
Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7;
Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18;
Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23;
Mt 5:38-48



Remember in Prayer...

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Jim Bumpous, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Susan Curtsinger, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Elizabeth Edwards, Morgan Eggemeyer, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Wayne & Margaret Hagan, 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

Homebound: Randy Hand, Mike & Lorna Roper, Lucienne Willett, 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, Charles Woods

Non-Parishioners: Kendall James, Virgin Ramos, Larry Terrell, Phyllis Troutman, Matthew Shoulta, Ed Kapfhammer, Holly Randall, Rose Lowry, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Dennis Walsh, Ruth Davis, Bill Black, Mike Smith, Cooper Mattingly, Roger Wilson

Non-parishioner names will be ROTATED off this list every SIX WEEKS unless a parishioner calls and extends the prayer request.



Justin Lamb, Chris McCoy, Timothy Lowman, Philip Chapman, Kurtis McClain, Zachary Grimes, Kurt Bell, Jeremy 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-Nevoen, Greg Nevoen, Cameron Grueninger, Michael Renfro, Jason Smith

"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."

Altar Society Ministry for Feb.

Purificators: Bunny Crayne Strauss
Robes & Albs: Mary Sue Withrow

Bounty Baskets Need...

St. Vincent de Paul:
Powdered Milk or Cereal

PCM:
Rice



Saturday, February 11

Joe Elliott, Jolie Fleming, Fabiola Gembe, Zoe Marshall, Kristi Schaaf

Sunday, February 12

Hope Brownfield, Missy Eckenberg, Timothy Giraldo-Reyes, Joseph Jordan, Joseph Puertollano

Monday, February 13

Jason Brown, Katherine Culbertson, Betty Jones

Tuesday, February 14

Lexi Carter, Krista Lea, Luz Martinez, Andy Puschaver, Carsyn Schick, Dan Todino

Wednesday, February 15

John David Baier, Ashley Conwell, Harrison Dickens, Mary Ann Graves, Nolan Mason, Amy Sullivan, Homero Velazquez, Joe Wiggins

Thursday, February 16

Chris Carnes, Gavin Devine, Mary Farrell, Ayllie Hernandez, Allison Shockley, Claudia Smith, Lynn Thompson, Vicki Tracy, Leigh Turner, Heather Waltmon

Friday, February 17

Patsy Carroll, Catherine DuPerrieu, Ken Higdon, Eric Neihoff, Beth Walker, Matthew Zakutney

Saturday, February 18

Frank Burch, Alison Gill, Maryanne Hobbs, David Riley, Abigayle Thomas, Laurie Urhahn



Saturday, February 11

Rodger & Cheryl Harrison 29 yrs.
Hilary & Ginny Hunt 23 yrs.
James & Marie Funk 50 yrs.

Sunday, February 12

Steve & Claudia Smith 13 yrs.

Tuesday, February 14

Travis & Terri Drake 13 yrs.

Friday, February 17

Stephen & Susan Ybarzabal 21 yrs.

Sunday, February 19

James & Debbie Lynn 23 yrs.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:

I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the church issue an annulment?

Answer:

The description of marriage as indissoluble is found in several places in the "Catechism of the Catholic Church." Described as required by spousal love (#1644) and as foundational to the union of marriage (#1646), this quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his church (#1647). Spouses give themselves once and forever to each other, forming a sacramental bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends upon the sacramental bond between spouses. An annulment does not destroy the bond. Instead, it shows that a sacramental bond never took place because, at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid. The ceremony itself does not bring about a sacrament, but rather the full, free, and able consent of a man and woman, one to the other. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other because they give the gift of themselves to one another. The priest is the official witness. Therefore, if the gift of self is not given, or is held back for any reason, no sacrament takes place.



'And behold, I am always with you' - *Matthew 28:20*



Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is a privilege and one that few churches are able to offer. Many parishes have adoration only one or two days a month. Some are not able to offer it all. When Saint Thomas More's parishioners set forth to build the Works of Mercy Chapel, one of the reasons was to be able to offer Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. It has certainly made a big difference for many parishioners in their faith life.

This week we start our three-part series on Adoration. One of the challenges of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is that many parishioners don't have a complete understanding of 'what to do.' We hope these questions and answers help make you more comfortable and encourage you to spend time with Christ. We also hope that you feel moved to commit to a regular hour of adoration each week or month. Of course, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is for everyone and you are welcome at anytime, day or night.



"I can't think of a place that helps me better understand Psalms 46:10 than spending time at Adoration.

What a blessing it has been!"

- Belinda Page

Saint Thomas More

Parishioner

What is Perpetual Adoration?

Adoration is continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is an expression of our love for Jesus. The Host, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Jesus is placed in a monstrance and honored with the worship of adoration. Adorers make a commitment to spend an hour a week before the exposed consecrated Eucharist. Adoration is continuous seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day except for a brief period at the end of Lent.

How does the Perpetual Adoration Chapel work?

The Works of Mercy Chapel is organized by a team of lay volunteers who schedule adorers for one hour per week.

How are the adorers' hours scheduled?

Each adorer determines which hour is best for him or her. We never assign hours to anyone and encourage people to consider the hour they choose carefully and to pray about it first. You also do not have to choose an hour that is currently empty. We realize that an hour that fits your schedule will help you keep your commitment each week. We are grateful to those who can do the more difficult hours, but realize that what is difficult varies with each person. Other options to consider when signing up for a Holy Hour include sharing an hour with another person or signing up with a group or parish ministry that rotates or assigns members each week. For example, you and three friends could commit to the same hour each week but then rotate that hour amongst each other for the month giving each person one day per month.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION OR TO SIGN UP FOR A PARTICULAR HOUR, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.STMORE.ORG/PRAYER-OPPORTUNITIES.

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