# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 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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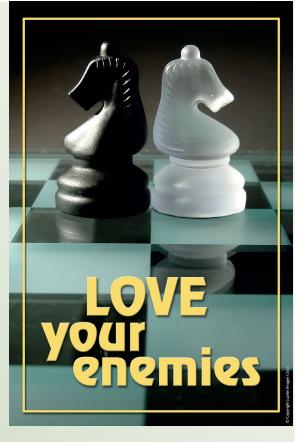
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"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

In the game of Poker "Up the ante" means the cost to play a hand is going higher. When Jesus was asked how to gain eternal life, he consistently responded by recalling what God told Moses to tell the Israelites, "Love God and love your neighbor

as yourself." For the people of

his day, loving God was a matter of following the minutia of the law and offering sacrifice. But Jesus "Ups the ante" by telling his disciples, and us, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you" and "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

It is not sufficient that we love those who love us, or even those that we perceive do not love us. To truly imitate Jesus we must love those we believe to be our enemies. We do not have to love what they do. In the words of St. Augustine, we "hate the sin but not the sinner." Difficult, yes! But the military has an expression, "The difficult we do at once, the impossible takes a little longer." That is the challenge of Jesus to us when he "Ups the ante."

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	<b>February 19, 2017</b>
MASS	SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS
<u>Saturday, Fe</u> 5:30 pm	e <b>bruary 18</b> Our Parish Family
<u>Sunday, Feb</u> 9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm	oruary 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Christine Rodgers (d) Patricia Ernst (d) <i>Mass in Spanish</i> Virgin Rojas
<u>Monday, Fet</u> 6:00 pm	<mark>oruary 20</mark> Terry Niehoff (b)
<u>Tuesday, Fe</u> 7:00 am	<u>bruary 21</u> Tanya Wade (d)
<u>Wednesday,</u> 8:40 am 12:00 pm	<u>February 22</u> SMHS ~ Fr. Michael Charles Leon Higdon (d) Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle Living & Deceased Members
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<u>Thursday, Fe</u> 6:00 pm	Mary Lois Hagan (d)
<u>Friday, Febr</u> 7:00 am 8:05 am	<u>uary 24</u> Wilfred Lee Hagan (d) <i>SMES ~ Fr. Brad Whistle</i> Louis Haas (d)
<u>Saturday, Fe</u> 5:30 pm	ebruary 25 Clancy Culp (d)
Sunday, February 26 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm	Fred & Irene Kettler (d) Our Parish Family <i>Mass in Spanish</i>



# Sunday, February 12, 2017

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Albert Traczynski

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule February 25/26			
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Sr. Kateri Kaufman	Yvonne Bosch	Michelle Dunlap
Euch.	David Culbertson	Kurt Averill	Karina Romero
Ministers	Peggy Culbertson	Staci Averill	Marianna Romero
	Mikel Fields	Scott Babbs	John Roof
	Beth Haas	Tom Clinton	Eileen Segebarth
	Barb Harris	Missy Eckenberg	Claudia Smith
	Jim Kallaher	Bill Halicks	Brandon Trevathan
	Mike Polashock	Sheree Halicks	Nadie Vance
	Mary Kay Sanders	Lynn King	Richard Vieitez
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	Mary Evans	Mike Crider	Sharon Brumlow
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	Palmer Sims	Chiara Doran	Nikolay Roof
Greeter	Chris Haas	Craig Jones	Bob Lang
Families	Chris Jones	Cathy Trussell	Jennifer Todd
	Tony Toren	Craig Willett	Bernadine Watkins
Ushers	Chris Bell	Andy Gilland	Ann Bongiolatti
	Sam Bell	Ray Lane	Trent Bongiolatti
	David Carrico	Tom Largent	Keith Cash
	Sam Leone	Geoffrey Newton	Tessa Cash
	John MacCauley	Thomas Newton	Kyle Rea
	Brian Morrow	Ken Wurth	Mike Rea
Children's	Lauren Flint	Miranda Greenwell	Erin Mobley
Liturgy	Emily Veatch	Garrett Greenwell	Hope Eason

# Hour of Prayer

Monday: Al & Mary McKeown Tuesday: Terri York & Lance Fleming Wednesday: Pat & Anna Cairney Thursday: Rose Freiseis & Caron Carter Friday: Steve & Jean Berry Saturday: Marge Wurth & Emma Bourgois

**RCIA topic for Thursday, February 23—The Eucharist, Lesson 1** 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

"for the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: God catches the wise in their own ruses"

Through the eyes of our contemporary world, it might seem foolish to live a life of prudence and simplicity, a life of prayer and service. When we realize that our final end is communion with God, living a life of virtue becomes a desire. Let us be foolish in the ways of the world and seek to become wise in the ways of God. If you have thought of serving God as a Catholic Priest, contact the vocations office: www.owensborovocations.com, 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

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# Live the Liturgy

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us. It is one of the most challenging commands of the Gospel for believers. We should consider how well we fulfill this command of the Lord.

# February 19, 2017

*Recent Baptism* Congratulations and blessings to *Lucy Beth Hunt,* daughter of James and Claire Hunt, who was baptized on Sunday, February 12, 2017.

## **Palm** Needed

Ash Wednesday is March 1 and we are in need of old palm to burn for ashes to be distributed that day. If you have palm to donate

please bring it to the Parish Office before **Monday, February 27.** 

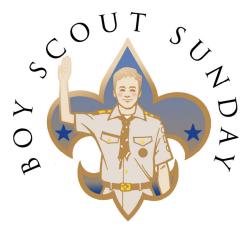


### **Eucharistic** Adoration

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament takes place in St. Thomas More Church's Works of Mercy Chapel. Make a one-hour commitment each week to come and pray before Christ in the Eucharist. To sign up or if you have any questions, please email <u>adoration@stmore.org</u> or call the Parish Office at 534-9000.

## **Couples Retreat**

The Family Life Office is sponsoring a married couples retreat titled, "Living the Gift of Marriage," at Lake Barkley State Resort Lodge in Cadiz, KY on **March 25-26, 2017**. Mario Sacasa from New Orleans will lead the retreat. The deadline to register is February 24. Please visit <u>owensborodio-cese.org/marriage-retreat</u> for more information and to register.



## 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 followed by a Parish Potluck Dinner (more information in next week's bulletin) and at 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.

## First Communion Classes to Begin

First Communion classes will begin **Monday**, **March 13** at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. All second graders and others who have not made their First Communion must attend these classes. If you have any questions, contact Melisa Mast at 270-534-9000 or <u>mmast@stmore.org</u>.

## Spiritual Direction

Sister Betty Drewes, a Benedictine Sister from Ferdinand, IN comes to Saint Thomas More Parish once a month to provide spiritual direction for anyone seeking to deepen their relationship with God. If you want to schedule an appointment with Sister Betty for spiritual direction, please email her at <u>bdrewes@thedome.org</u> or call 812-367-1411, extension 2902. She will be here at the parish **February 28, March 1 & 2**.

# High School Youth Group

### Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>

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. Join us today at 6:00 pm as we explore our own pilgrimage towards Holiness. Yes you can wear your holiest jeans! Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>

Paoli Peaks Ski trip! Must have 15 youth by February 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Congregational Network for Health Care**

The Congregational Network for Healthcare is a collaborative partnership between Baptist Health and local congregations to disclose to the clergy or an official representative of the congregation your name, general condition (not to include specific medical information), and room number when you are admitted to Baptist Hospital. Fr. Brad and Fr. Michael Charles are happy to visit and bring communion and by signing this form when your are admitted, they will be notified.



# Middle School Youth Group News

The St. Thomas More Middle School Youth Group enjoyed an afternoon of fun at the Vertical Jump Park last Sunday. All middle school youth are invited to come and take part in activities beginning at 4:00 pm each Sunday afternoon.

Join us today, **Sunday, February 19** from 4:00-5:30 pm for prayer, games, and snacks. If you haven't come in a while, we would love to have you back! Bring a friend and spend some time growing in your faith. Contact Terry Sullivan for more information at 270-519-1614.

Readings for the Week	
	Sir 1:1-10;
	Ps 93:1-2, 5;
	Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11;
	Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-
	28, 39-40;
	Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	
	Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6;
_	Mt 16:13-19
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8;
	Ps 1:1-4, 6;
	Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17;
	Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27,
	34, 35;
	Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15;
	Ps 103:13-18;
	Mk 10:13-16
Sunday:	ls 49:14-15;
	Ps 62:2-3, 6-9;
	1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34



## February 19, 2017

## **Remember in Prayer...**

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Jim Bumpous, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Elizabeth Edwards, Morgan Eggemeyer, Lance Fleming, 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 LaGesse, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Sara Beth Neihoff, 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, Opal Cooper, Rose de Leo, Elizabeth Edwards, Jeanette Elliott, Joe & Betty Falconite, Martha Floyd, Mary Galvin, Hester Geuss, Carl Harper, 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, Holly Randall, Rose Lowry, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Dennis Walsh, Ruth Davis, Bill Black, Mike Smith, Cooper Mattingly, Roger Wilson, Margaret Whitney, Don Manning, Michael Sloan

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

## Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained Question:

Is it true that Friday is still a day of abstinence? If so, why do we eat meat? Answer:

Church law and practice is universal, but some things can be changed or modified by a conference of bishops with Rome's approval. Abstaining from meat is a good example. Canon 1251 says, "Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities." The bishops in the USA obtained permission from Rome to do penitential and charitable works in place of abstinence on Fridays. Friday should still maintain its penitential character through our personal sacrifices and good works. Our personal practices are not limited or defined by church law.

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry. Anonymous



Justin Lamb, Chris McCoy, Timothy Lowman, Philip Chapman, Our Military 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-Nevonen, Greg Nevonen, 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



# HDA

Saturday, February 18 Frank Burch, Alison Gill, Maryanne Hobbs, David Riley, Abigayle Thomas, Laurie Urhahn

#### Sunday, February 19

Shelly Bell, Clarice Elliott, Rodger Harrison, Brian Johnston, Jennifer Nettles, Amy Ridley, John Stevens, Greg Stewart, Emma Waltmon, Samuel Wilson, Nicholas Zaim

Monday, February 20 Grace Babbs, Clare Froelich, Sr. Kateri Kaufman, Jason Kinsey, Andrew Medley, Terry Neihoff

Tuesday, February 21 Ellie Chapman, Erica Clark, Allan Greenwell, Gary Reside, Laurie Straub, Stephen Walker

Wednesday, February 22 Jenny Adams, Carol Baugh, Paul Housholder, Madox McKendree, Meredith Paxton, David Roof

Thursday, February 23 Stan Eckenberg, Connie Herrmann, Clavton Johnson, Michael Smith

Friday, February 24 Martha Cash, Thomas Crouch, Kathryn de la Rosa, Hope Eason, April Shoulta, Molly Thompson, Joan Wientjes, Linda Wilson

Saturday, February 25 Cindy Butterbaugh, Raymond de la Rosa, Tina Elliott, Adison Sheppard, Abe Tomes, Emilee Vieitez

Sunday, February 26 Patrick Fitch, Melanie Gambill, Brianna Hayes, Aryanna Vieitez



Sunday, February 19 James & Debbie Lynn 23 yrs, Thursday, February 23 Al & Mary McKeown 54 yrs. Saturday, February 25 Robert & Karen Petter 22 yrs. Jonathan & Jonna Neihoff 28 yrs. Calvin & Cindy Ho 14 yrs. Sunday, February 26 Matthew & Mary Austin 18 yrs.

## February 19, 2017



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



ast week we began a three-part series on Eucharistic Adoration. We hope you enjoyed it and learned a few things about Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. This weeks column has even more questions and answers to help you feel more comfortable if you

choose to participate in Adoration.

We hope that after you read this series you feel moved to commit to a regular hour each week or month. Of course, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is for everyone and you are welcome at anytime, day or night.

### How do you get people to volunteer their time during the overnight hours?

You would be surprised! Many of our overnight adorers enjoy the extra solitude of the late night hours. Some work a late second or third shift and then spend an hour in the chapel on their way home. We do still have several overnight hours that are not regularly scheduled. If you aren't comfortable committing to an hour every week or every month, consider being included on the substitute list and perhaps taking an overnight hour if asked to do so.

#### What if I cannot be there for my scheduled hour?

You will receive a list of substitutes and we ask that you make an attempt to find someone from that list. If you are unable to find a substitute, please contact on the Adoration Coordinators for assistance.

#### Why is it so important that someone is always present?

The Eucharist is not just an item that reminds us of Christ, but it is the physical body of Christ himself. The exposition in the monstrance leaves Christ vulnerable and must be properly attended at ALL times. Just as a Marine would never leave the body of another fallen Marine behind, faithful Catholics would never leave Christ's Body unattended, EVER.

#### How long does this commitment last?

It lasts as long as you want it to last. Many people have had the same hour since Perpetual Adoration was started. We just ask that you not stop coming without calling us to let us know to take your name off the schedule.



Adoration is a time to clear my head of any distracting thoughts. It is where I can focus solely on Jesus and talk to Him, pray for everyone and everything that comes to my mind, and sit in silence to find out what He has to say to me in return. If I have the opportunity to spend time with Jesus, why wouldn't I want to as often as I could?

- Toni Hatton, Saint Thomas More Parishioner

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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