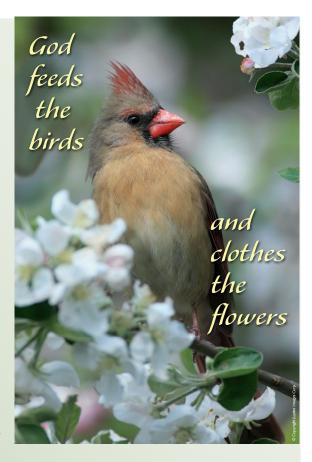
St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 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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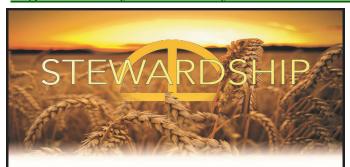
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"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

Michel de Montaigne reflects the wisdom of Jesus when he observed that "My life has been full of terrible misfortunes, most of which never happened." Jesus was not telling the people of his day not to plant and harvest crops and not to tend animals for transportation or to provide meat, wool, or skins. Nor was Jesus teaching us that we should shirk from our moral responsibility to plan and do the things that are necessary to care for ourselves and others who legitimately depend on us. And he certainly

was not encouraging us to let others do for us what we can do for ourselves.

"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." - Matthew 6:34



Jesus was trying

to teach us that "The happiest people don't have the best of everything, they make the best of everything they have" [Unknown]. He was teaching us to use all that God has given us to the best of our ability for our own benefit and for others. When we allow ourselves to become dependent on others, we give them control of our well-being and happiness.

Saint Paul reminds us as baptized Christians, as those who have shared the Eucharist with one another, that we are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." We are not to define ourselves by our age, ethnicity, gen¬der, social status, work, vocation or avocation. Our primary self-understanding should be that of servants and stewards of the Lord and all that has been entrusted to us. Can we accept this self-understanding? Do we find it encouraging?



Saturday, February 25

5:30 pm Clancy Culp (d)

Sunday, February 26 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Fred & Irene Kettler (d)
11:00 am Our Parish Family
1:00 pm Mass in Spanish
Albert Traczynski

Monday, February 27

6:00 pm Julie Anderson Pack (d)

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 am Christine Rodgers (d) Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Bill Cash (d)

9:00 am SMHS ~ Fr. Bruce McCarty

9:30 am Superior Care ~ Fr. Brad Whistle

Lawrence Bufford (d)

12:00 pm Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle

Mary Lois Hagan (d)

6:00 pm Charlie Wilson (d)

Thursday, March 2

6:00 pm David Van Dusen (d)

Friday, March 3 First Friday
7:00 am Tanya Wade (d)

Saturday, March 4

5:30 pm Living & Deceased Members

of the Watson & Sheehy Families

Sunday, March 5 First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am
Our Parish Family
11:00 am
Patricia Ernst (d)

Mass in Spanish
Michael Alexander (d)

TEWARDSHIP

Sunday, February 19, 2017

Regular Collection\$10,032.00Online Collections\$ 7,616.00Special Collections\$ 281.00Total Collection\$17,929.00

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)? 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

Liturgical Ministers Schedule March 4/5				
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	
Sacristan	Barb Harris	Rose Ann Walker	Eileen Segebarth	
Euch.	Ann Averill	Frank Burch	Lindsay Batts	
Ministers	Sr. Lucy Bonifas	Rick Goins	Tessa Cash	
	Mary Carrico	Valerie Kortz	Michelle Dunlap	
	Mary Evans	David Langston	Joe Hobbs	
	Bill Graves	Jill Langston	Pat Hobbs	
	Mary Ann Graves	Michael Langston	Ashleigh Mast	
	Gale Hatton	Angie Nelson	David Mast	
	Lori Hatton	Todd Nelson	Amy Miller	
	Vicki Kight	David Roof	Terry Sullivan	
	Cara Sims	Camilla Shumaker		
	Dolores Webber	Lynn Thompson		
Lectors	Mary Kay Sanders	Peggy Block	Melisa Mast	
	Pat Spoden	Alice Penrod	Keith Cash	
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	Emily Veatch	Nathan King	Kiael Waldon	
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Families	David Curtsinger	Brian Katz	Brian Johnston	
	Chris Hrdlicka	Dennis Quigley	Betty McManus	
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	Matt LaBarge	Craig Jones	Trent Bongiolatti	
	Sam Leone	Maria Stuckenborg	Patsy Carroll	
	Mark Toren	Benjamin Willett	Brenda Caserta	
	Tony Toren	Craig Willett	Joseph Caserta	
	Vicki Tracy	Daniel Willett	Brandon Trevathan	
Children's	Marlena Jones	Lesley Crider	Sheila Rea	
Liturgy	Abby & Maddy Hatton	Megan Lorch	Ixchel Barraza Zapata	

Hour of Prayer

Monday: Thursday:

Monty & Peggy Thompson Lisa Muiter & Holly Newton

Tuesday: Friday:

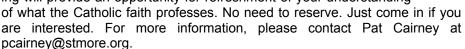
John & Wanda Shaw Stephanie Sims & Dolores Webber

Wednesday: Saturday:

Michelle Dunlap & Elizabeth Edwards Tracy Wurth & Helen Farrell

RCIA topic for Thursday, March 2—The Eucharist, Lesson 2

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



Vocation Awareness

"Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."

What do you seek? Or more importantly, who do you seek? Jesus reminds us that we can only serve one master and when we give our lives to him, he will provide for us today, tomorrow, and into the fullness of life everlasting. If you think God might be calling you to give your life to him as a Catholic priest, contact the vocations office: www.owensborovocations.com, 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org.

What's Happening

Sunday, February 26

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts

(Parish Hall)

3:00 pm Rite of Election followed

by a Reception (Church/Parish Hall)

4:00 pm Middle School Youth

(Library)

5:00 pm Bible Study

(Hospitality Room)

Monday, February 27

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.

(Sacred Heart Room)

Tuesday, February 28

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)

Wednesday, March 1

7:00 am Mass/Ashes

(Church)

9:00 am Mother's Day Out

(Nursery/Library)

6:00 pm Mass/Ashes

(Church)

Thursday, March 2

5:30 pm Reconciliation

(Chapel)

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

(Chapel) RCIA

6:45 pm RCIA

(Parish Hall)

7:30 pm Hispanic Women's Mtg.

(Sacred Heart Room)

Friday, March 3

(RCIA)

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

Saturday, March 4

4:00 pm Reconciliation

(Church)

7:00 pm Couples in Christ

(Parish Hall)

Sunday, March 5

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts

(Parish Hall)

4:00 pm Eucharistic Mission

(Church)

5:00 pm Parish Potluck Dinner

(Parish Hall)

5:00 pm Bible Study

(Hospitality Room)

Altar Society Ministry for March

Purificators: Melody Walker Robes & Albs: Mary McKeown

Eternal Rest

Dr. Felix Albert Olash, Sr., father of Kay (Carl) Marshall, passed away Friday, February 17, 2017.

May God welcome him home and comfort his family in this time of sor-

Celebrate Your Marriage

Over 100 people joined in celebrating their marriage on Saturday, February 18. Great food, great music and great fellowship. Congratulations to Bill and Carlene Dannenmueller the longest married couple in attendance (61 years) and Eric and Heather Butterbaugh the shortest married couple in attendance (18 months).

Congratulations!



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 bdrewes@thedome.org or call 812-367-1411, extension 2902. She will be here at the parish February 28, March 1 & 2.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time **Wednesday**: Ash Wednesday;

Fast and Abstinence

Friday: St. Katharine Drexel;

Abstinence; First Friday;

World Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Casimir;

First Saturday

Lent Begins this Week

Ash Wednesday is March 1 and Masses with the distribution of ashes will be at 7:00 am and 6:00 pm here at St. Thomas More. Masses will also be at St. Mary high School at 9:00 am and at the Lourdes Hospital Chapel at 12 noon.

Ash Wednesday Collection for Mandeville

The Ash Wednesday Collection March 1 will again be for our Sister Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!" Our Diocese is in partnership with the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica to make those words a reality. We have a 15 year history together in this wonderful work. Your contributions to the Ash Wednesday Collection aid the Mandeville Diocese to share the Gospel with all the people in their region in both word and deed. Thank you. Please consider a generous response to this collection again this year.

Stations of the Cross

For Catholics throughout the world, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent, Holy Week and especially Good Friday. Join us **every Thursday** during Lent, following the 6:00 Mass in the Works of Mercy Chapel, for Stations of the Cross.



Consider Adoration for Your Lenten Journey

As Catholics, we are encouraged to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving as part of our Lenten journey. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a great opportunity for quiet prayer time and also a great service to our community to help keep Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We hope you'll consider adding an adoration hour to your schedule during Lent. To participate, please call:

Claudia Smith at 270-443-4913 or claudia_stevesmith@comcast.net or Angie Nelson at 270-210-6339 or tnelson007@comcast.net.

Encounter Lent

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl

from the Gathering Space this weekend and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

Little Black Books Available

Little Black Books for daily prayer and reflection during Lent are available in the Gathering Space. These books are a great Lenten resource for daily prayer and meditation. Little Purple Books for children are also available.

Lenten Lunches

Join us for our 5th annual "Lenten Lunch" series on the **Tuesdays** of **March** 14 and 21 from 11:30 am–12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy a complimentary soup and salad lunch and listen to



spiritual presentations. Kindly RSVP if you plan to attend; you are welcome to attend one or both presentations. To RSVP, call the Parish Office at 270-534-9000 or visit the website at www.stmore.weshareonline.org.

First Communion Classes

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 mmast@stmore.org.

Guidelines for Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence; in the United States, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

Abstinence means eating no meat. (Milk, eggs, and FASTING fish are fine.)

Fasting means eating only one normal-sized meal and two small meals, with no snacks.



Middle School Youth Group News

Please join us for middle school youth group today, Sunday, February 26 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Library for prayer, fun, food, and games. Bring a friend!

Couples in Christ

All couples are invited for Pizza and a movie on Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 pm in Parish Hall. Please rsvp to Lori at 270-210-0693 in case time/place changes you can be notified.

Daughters of Isabella Meeting Scheduled

The Daughters of Isabella monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7 at the KC Hall. The Rosary will be prayed at 6:00 pm with the meeting starting at 6:30. All members are expected.

TEC - Teens Encountering Christ Reunion Masses Join your regional TEC community for the 40th anniversary of TEC on Sunday, March 26. Masses will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes in Owensboro, Holy Spirit in Bowling Green, and St. Thomas More in

Paducah. The event includes Mass at 4:30 pm with food and games to follow in the Parish Hall. If interested and need more details please contact Diane Hicks McIntyre at (270) 970-3241 or Abby Thomas at (270) 903-2125.

Living and Leading with Love (L^3) Youth Theology Institute

Through the generous grant support of the Lilly Endowment, Brescia University will once again begin a youth theological institute for high school students beginning in August, 2017. Twenty students will participate in a year-long program that will include theological reflections, online learning, service opportunities, retreats, prayer experiences, and a five-day, intensive on-ground experience at Brescia University during the summer to conclude.

To apply, visit www.brescia.edu/L3 and fill out the online application. Applications received by April 1, 2017 will be given first priority.

Contact Program Director, Dr. Emily DeMoor, for more information at emily.demoor@brescia.edu.



St. Mary School News

Congratulations to our St. Mary seniors for achieving an overall ACT composite score of 25! We are proud of our students and the academic excellence at St. Mary.

You are welcome to celebrate the system-wide Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:00 am, at St. Mary High School. Please join us.

Registration for 2017-2018 Preschool and grades K-12 has opened. To register or to access registration information, please visit www.smss.org and click on the Admissions tab.

KC Fish Fry

The St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus Holy Rosary Council 1055, located at 3028 Jefferson Street in Paducah, will be hosting Lenten fish fry's (baked or fried fish/shrimp and trimmings) each Friday night from 4:00 pm. Dine-in or call ahead for drive thru carry-outs at (270) 3480. The last Friday night fish fry will be on April 7.

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.

Readings for the Week

Sir 17:20-24; Monday:

> Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12:

Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;

Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: JI 2:12-18;

Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;

2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2;

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6;

Lk 9:22-25

Is 58:1-9a: Friday:

Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;

Mt 9:14-15

Is 58:9b-14; Saturday:

Ps 86:1-6;

Lk 5:27-32

The only known cure for fear is faith.

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, Gave 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

<u>Non-Parishioners:</u> Kendall James, Virgin Ramos, Larry Terrell, 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.



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."

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Bounty Basket Needs...

Our Bounty Baskets, located in the Gathering Space, are in need of: cereal for St. Vincent de Paul, rice for PCM and other non-perishable goods. Thank you.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained Question:

Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast, and abstinence. What are the connections between these events? Answer:

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house. So in order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday.



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 Haves, Arvanna Vieitez

Monday, February 27

Wes Averill, Dianna Hand, Amy Harris, Graclyn Largent, Ellie Puschaver, Mary Sherron, Rachel Straub, Isaac Turner, Ann Vaughan

Tuesday, February 28

Claire Fleming, Colin Marshall, Luis Manuel Perez, Tessa Smith, Truitt Webb, Yareli Gembe, Joseph O'Bryan, Gina Smith

Wednesday, March 1

Sheree Halicks, Carl Harper, Octavio Machaen, Grant Stoerger

Thursday, March 2

Keith Cash, Jamie Crouch, Sarah Katz, Heather Largent, James Medlin, Heath Schipp, Chris Shockley

Friday, March 3

Benjamin Amador, Carrie Bell, Bob Caron, Ivette Cope, Eleanor Crayne, Caitlin Hodges, Cindy McWaters, Andrew Shever, Erica Wurth, Terri York

Saturday, March 4

Johan Carbajal, Matt Conwell, Olivia Duong, John MacCauley, Kay Marshall, Connie Overstreet, Sally Roof, Dawn Wienties

Sunday, March 5

Gabriela Acree, Vicki Brantley, Chris Hodges, Lupita Holifield, Jack Howard, Kay Lawler, Betty Polashock, Ed Sanders, Leslie Shockley, Cindy Zaninovich



Saturday, February 25

Robert & Karen Petter 22 vrs. Jonathan & Jonna Neihoff 28 vrs. Calvin & Cindy Ho 14 yrs.

Sunday, February 26

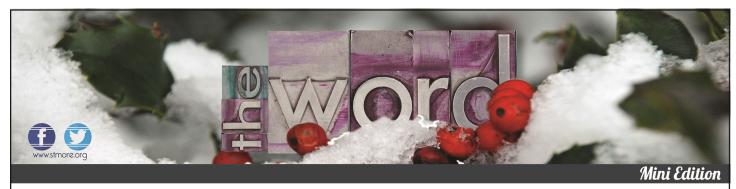
Matthew & Mary Austin 18 yrs.

Wednesday, March 1

Marcus & Opal Cooper 60 yrs.

Thursday, March 2

Richard & Cheryl Grana 47 yrs.



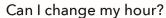
And behold, I am with you always - Matthew 28:20



ast week we published part two of our three-part series on Eucharistic Adoration. We hope you have enjoyed the series 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. More detailed information is available at our website.

We hope that after you read this series you feel moved to commit to a regular hour each week or month.



Yes! We change hours of adorers all the time. We are always in need of new people as schedules change, people move and some people just want a different time.

How do I spend my hour each week?

Let the Holy Spirit guide you. The Chapel has a bookshelf with books that are available for you to read while in the Chapel. We ask that you return any book you were reading to the shelf before leaving the Chapel. Please take all materials you bring into the Chapel home with you when you leave.

What benefit is Perpetual Adoration to me?

No matter what our vocation in life is, we are all called to holiness. Spending time with Jesus will lead you in that direction. Don't expect everything in your life to suddenly change and everything to be perfect. Jesus never promised to take away our sufferings, but He did promise to be there with us in our sufferings. As we spend time with Jesus we come to trust Him and rely on Him more and more.

What safety measures are in place? Will everyone have access to the Church?

During the day, everyone will have access to the Works of Mercy Chapel. At night, once the doors are locked, the door to the chapel can be accessed with a code. This will allow adorers to enter the chapel securely. A restroom is available. Adorers are asked to carry a cell phone with them.

Adoration has made a wonderful impact in my spiritual life. Devoting an hour each week to prayer and reflection in such a beautiful setting helps to better frame my perspective of the world. I often

make the comment to other parishioners that I am always in a better mood after an hour of Eucharistic adoration. In the short amount of time that I am there, I gain a renewed sense of peace and appreciation for my faith, my family, and our wonderful parish.

- Andrew DuPerrieu, Parishioner

Going from a substitute to having a regular hour, I have prayed the rosary, blessed each member of Saint Thomas More in our directory, developed an appreciation for our Church's namesake and his commitment to our Catholicism, understood how a young woman met every obstacle to become a Carmelite nun and what strength God can provide to anyone, including a young woman known as Joan of Arc. The hour of Eucharistic Adoration flies by in minutes and provides an eternal gift. I encourage you to embrace the opportunity and experience all its wonder for yourself. - Dave Mast, 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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