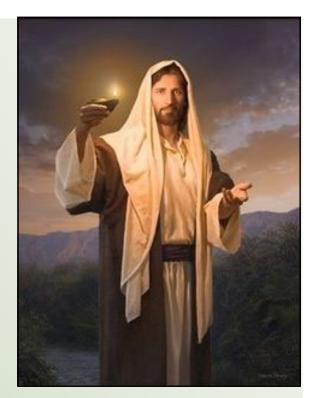
# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 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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#### Faith in Action

Stewardship is putting our faith in action through the use of the gifts given to us by God. It is becoming a true disciple of Jesus Christ. The Lord did not want us to be passive in our approach to living. He wants more from us than just being quietly holy.

Remember that stewardship is a call from God to recognize that all of our blessings and talents have been given to us for a purpose. As baptized Catholics it is our obligation to share these gifts willingly in order to serve the Church and our parish community. As we have pointed out many times, stewardship is much more than financial support. It is, as stated, putting our faith in action with the key word there is "action." The source of our "light" is the unique array of all of the talents, abilities and gifts that God has given to each of us. When we accept the responsibility to discover, accept, develop and use our unique talents, abilities and gifts to the best of our ability for our own benefit and the benefit of others, and imitate Jesus, our light is very powerful. Others can look at us and see the glory of God and have hope that they too can be all that God created them to be. In that way we can become, also as stated, a true disciple of the Lord.

In today's Gospel reading from the Book of Matthew Jesus calls us salt and then light. He tells us, for example, that we are the light

of

the world, reflecting His

light. Specifically He says to those who choose to be His disciple, "Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand."

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "To keep a lamp burning you have to keep putting oil in it." If we see ourselves as lamps as Jesus told us we should be, we need to keep the oil in it and that requires action on our part.



#### Saturday, February 4

5:30 pm Maria Bell (d)

#### Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Family
11:00 am Robert Crane (d)
1:00 pm Mass in Spanish
Diana Shaw

#### Monday, February 6

**6:00 pm** Lawrence Bufford (d)

#### Tuesday, February 7

7:00 am Charles Tidwell (d)

#### Wednesday, February 8

8:40 am SMHS ~ Fr. Brad Whistle

Kyler Hohlbein (d)

12:00 pm Lourdes Chapel

Mary Lois Hagan (d)

#### Thursday, February 9

6:00 pm Julie Anderson Pack (d)

#### Friday, February 10

7:00 am Tina Unger (d)

8:30 am SMES ~ Fr. Bruce Fogle

#### 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

# FEWARDSHIP

#### Sunday, January 29, 2017

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	Liturgical Ministers Schedule February 11/12				
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM		
Sacristan	Sr. Kateri Kaufman	Yvonne Bosch	Michelle Dunlap		
Euch.	Ann Averill	Tom Clinton	Lindsay Batts		
Ministers	Sr. Lucy Bonifas	Lynn King	Trish Burks		
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	Beth Haas	Jill Langston	Ashleigh Mast		
	Barb Harris	Michael Langston	David Mast		
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	Holly Shockley	Ron Shoulta	Claudia Smith		
	David Shoulta	Herb Straub	Nadie Vance		
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	Elaine Stevens	Craig Willett			
	Dolores Webber	Kathy Willett			
Lectors	Bill Murphy	Victor Sredl	Jeri Duong		
	Marie Petrites Murphy	Ernie Mitchell	Amy Sullivan		
Servers	Jaclyn Meredith	Abigail Nelson	Anthony Zakutney		
	Caroline Veatch	Abigail Wurth	Rocco Zakutney		
Greeter	Artie Brannon	Stan Eckenberg	Amy Miller		
Families	Lance Fleming	Geoffrey Newton	Tracy Wurth		
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	Bill Dannenmueller	Brandon Quigley	Keith Cash		
	Steve Dannenmueller	Dennis Quigley	Tessa Cash		
	Vicki Tracy	Linsey Quigley	Kyle Rea		
	Steve Wurth	Kevin Wurth	Mike Rea		
Children's		Kathy Willett	Sheila Rea		
Liturgy	Caroline Veatch	Ben Willett	Gracie York		

#### Hour of Prayer

Monday: Thursday:

Andy & Suzy Gilland Jim Garrett & Tamara Jones

Tuesday: Friday:

Cecelia Farrell & Pat Cvengros Bret & Maria Avra

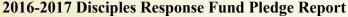
Wednesday: Saturday:

Ray & Amy Lane David & Sally Roof

#### RCIA topic for Thursday, February 9 - Baptism

pcairney@stmore.org.

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



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:
 \$39,451.50

 AMOUNT PLEDGED:
 \$63,993.50

 AMOUNT PAID:
 \$51,728.50

 PLEDGES DUE:
 \$12,265.00

 STM REBATE TO DATE:
 \$6,138.30

# What's Happening

Sunday, February 5

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts

(Parish Hall)

2:00 PM Divorce Support Group

(Hospitality Room)

5:30 pm Youth Super Bowl Party

(Parish Hall)

Monday, February 6

**6:00 pm** Anointing of the Sick

(Chapel)

Tuesday, February 7

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, February 8

**9:00 am** Mother's Day Out

(Nursery/Library)

**6:15 pm** Faith Formation

(SMES)

6:15 pm Stewardship Committee

(Sacred Heart Room)

Thursday, February 9

**5:30 pm** Reconciliation

(Chapel)

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus

(Library)

**6:45 pm** RCIA

(Parish Hall)

7:30 pm Hispanic Women's Mtg.

(Sacred Heart Room)

Friday, February 10

**6:00 pm** Hispanic Men's Mtg.

(Sacred Heart Room)

Saturday, February 11

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

(Parish Hall)

4:00 pm Reconciliation

(Church)

Sunday, February 12

9:00 am KC Blood Drive

(Parish Hall)

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts

(Parish Hall)

10:00 am BP Checks

(Hospitality Room)

2:00 PM Divorce Support Group

(Hospitality Room)

5:00 pm Bible Study

(Hospitality Room)

#### Altar Society Ministry for Feb.

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

#### Eternal Rest

Dennis Griffith, husband of Rita Griffith, passed away Thursday, January 26, 2017. May God welcome him home and comfort his family in this time of sor-

> Recent Baptisms Congratulations and blessings to Wyatt Alan Venable, son of Chase & Kelly Venable and to

Lottie French Mangino, daughter of Michael & Lindsey Mangino, who were both baptized on Sunday, January 29, 2017.

#### 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 on Monday, February 6. It will continue on the first Monday of each month. The sacrament may be administered to those who are chronically ill, who are facing major surgery, the elderly, to those who suffer from depression and anxiety, those in danger of death or to anyone who truly feels a deep need for the gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit.

#### 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.

#### Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: World Day for

Consecrated Life:

St. Paul Miki and Monday:

Companions

Wednesday:St. Jerome Emiliani;

St. Josephine Bakhita

Friday: St. Scholastica;

Tu B'Shvat (the Jewish

new year of trees) begins at sunset

#### Important Sisters of Service Meeting

The Sisters of Service will have a very important meeting today. Sunday. February 5, at 2:00 pm at the KC Hall on Jefferson Street to discuss the future of SOS. ALL SISTERS AND PARENTS PLEASE ATTEND.

#### Daughters of Isabella Meeting Scheduled

The Daughters of Isabella will have their regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday**. February 7 at 6:30 pm with Rosary prayed at 6:00 pm at the Jefferson Street KC Hall. Please note change in times.

#### Over 50's Potluck

The next Over 50's Potluck will be Tuesday, February 7 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 Par-

ish Office at 270-534-9000.

#### Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky

The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will take place Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the RiverPark Center, 101 Daviess Street in Owensboro, beginning at 9:30 am.

The conference will address the subject of how to live your life as a Catholic man and will include nationally renowned and dynamic Catholic speakers such as Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Father Larry Richards, and Robert Rogers. The sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. The conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan.

The conference is open to men who are high school seniors or older. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, and it includes lunch.

To order tickets or obtain more information, visits their website www.kycatholic.com or call Randy Clemens at (270) 316-5067.

#### Altar Society Bake Sale Next Weekend

The St. Thomas More Altar Society will have a Bake Sale next s weekend at all of the Masses. Please be generous in your support of this organization which supplies hosts, altar wine and candles for our liturgies.

#### Give Blood, Get an Amazon Gift Card!



The Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy Council #11591 will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, February 12th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the Parish Hall. This is an EMER-GENCY appeal; ALL blood types are needed. You may sign up SAVE LIFE to give whole blood or double red blood cells before and after mass in the Gathering Space. In response to this Emergency

appeal, the Red Cross is teaming with Amazon for a special donor incentive. All presenting donors are eligible to receive a \$5 Amazon gift card claim code via email.

Donors MUST give their email address to the Red Cross staff while donating to receive their code via a follow-up email. Gift cards are available only through email. Once you receive your code, use it at Council #11591's Ama-(https://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/ zon shopping link AmazonShoppingPage.asp?CNO=11591).

Whether you download a video or purchase a camera or an iPhone, etc., dollars that otherwise would stay with Amazon will go back to fund our K of C council. For more information, call Steve Schwetman at 270-331-2616 or steve@wkyg.com.

#### From Our Youth Director...

It is with bittersweet emotions that I am writing this letter. Almost exactly four years ago we moved to this wonderful parish. Becca was still pregnant with Gemma and our little Addie hadn't even turned 2 years old yet. Over the past four years we have been met with so much love and generosity, we have been welcomed into your homes and invited to be a part of the lives of your families and children.



But alas, through much prayer and discernment, Becca and I have decided that it is time to move our family back to Maine in order to be closer to our immediate families. I have accepted a position with the Air Force, serving our great country with the Air National Guard unit in Bangor, Maine. I plan on continuing to volunteer with youth ministry at the local parish there, St. Paul the Apostle.

It has been my great honor to get to know the youth of this parish. Since the moment we first visited here I have been in awe at the level of respect, kindness, and dedication that they display in all that they do. The youth of this parish have taught me much over the past four years and I hope that I have been able to have, at least, a small impact on their spiritual lives during my time here. Please know that we will keep the families of St. Thomas More close to our hearts and prayers as we move back to Maine.

The Youth 2000 youth retreat from March 10th - 12th will be my last youth event, and we are planning to depart on the following Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Thank you all for making our sojourn here to Paducah a great experience that we will never forget. Please keep our family in your prayers as we prepare to embark on this next adventure where Our Lord is calling us.

Peace in Christ,

Mathieu Rochette and Family

#### Middle & High School Youth Super Bowl Party Today!

Middle and high school youth are all invited to a Super Bowl evening at the Parish Hall from 5:30 to 8:00 pm today. Appetizers will be provided.

The game will be played on the big screen. Kickoff is at 5:30 pm. Even if you don't want to watch the game, come enjoy the food, the atmosphere, and board games. Bring a friend! Any parents who would like to make an appetizer, please contact Amy Sullivan at 270-210-7478 or <a href="mailto:asulli-van74@gmail.com">asulli-van74@gmail.com</a> Please RSVP for food planning.



Middle School youth play beach towel volleyball at their January 29th meeting. They had a fantastic time!

#### From Our Pastor...

On behalf of St. Thomas More parish I wish Matt Rochette and his family many blessings as they prepare to leave Paducah and return to their families in the state of Maine. I wish to thank Matt for his ministry to the youth of our parish these past four years. Working with youth can at times be rather frustrating. Matt has demonstrated a tremendous amount of patience and I have personally benefited from this gift of his. Thank you Matt for all you have done. May God bless you and Becca and your girls.

A search will soon begin to find a new youth minister for St. Thomas More.

Fr. Brad

#### **Vocation Awareness**

"You are the light of the world"

To be a light of the world is to let the love and mercy of God shine in often dark circumstances. Is God calling you to bring the light of Jesus Christ into the world as a Catholic priest? For more information on vocations to the priesthood contact the vocations office: <a href="www.owensborovocations.com">www.owensborovocations.com</a>, 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

Petition: That young people may show generosity to Jesus' call and make wise decisions in choosing their vocation in life, we pray to the Lord.

Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19;

Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20 — 2:4a;

Ps 8:4-9: Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17;

Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,

29bc-30: Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25;

Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8;

Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;

Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24;

Ps 90:2-6, 12-13;

Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20;

Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;1 Cor 2:6-10;

Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-

28, 33-34a, 37]

#### Remember in Prayer...

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Jim Bumpous, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Susan Curtsinger, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Dun-Elizabeth Edwards. Morgan Eggemeyer, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Mary Ann Graves, 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, 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

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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 Low-Remember man, 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."

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

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

#### Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental; a reminder of the life of the church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. By blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church, we are reminded of our own baptism and our call to conversion. Much as we are baptized and then journey through life, we bless ourselves and move through the church, symbolizing again the guiding presence of the Lord, which comes to us through baptism. We especially use holy water during Easter when the priest sprinkles the people. It serves to remind us that we are indeed on a journey of faith that makes us one with Christ. So blessing ourselves not only reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, but also helps us renew our own baptismal promises to reject sin and to believe in God. It is the heart of Christian belief to turn from sin and toward God. Holy water and baptism make it a visible sign for all of us to follow.



When you give, see that you give that which multiplies in giving.



Wednesday, February 1 Veronica Garcia, Joyce Holliday, Michaela Jones, Betty Kettler

Thursday, February 2

Collin Drake, Jonathan Garcia, Melanie Pastor, Billy Phelps, Jamie Von Bokel, Haley Wathen

Friday, February 3

Ryan Cruse, Calvin Ho, Mari Lurtz, Donna Morse, Phil Morse, Justice Williams

Saturday, February 4

Eddie Crouch, Brandi Davis, Jeff Staley, Dana Tyrrell

Sunday, February 5

Lilia Alcantara, Matt Cope, Robert Dunlap, Joe Falconite, Joe Hobbs, Chloe Hohlbein, Michael Largent, Taylor Mudd, Blake Vaughan, Reed Vaughan

Monday, February 6

Emily Adams, Chad Hite, Dan Merges, Guadalupe Molina

Tuesday, February 7

Will Adams, Lockie Herrold, Matt Medina, Connie Poat, Sheila Rea, Cecelia Reside, Charlotte Riedfort, Susan Skipworth

Wednesday, February 8

Tim Bray, Barbara Clinton, Artemio Romero, Rosemary Shiben, Sharon

Thursday, February 9

Mitch Barkett, Andrew Byrne, Brian Johnston, Lucy Kellerman, Greg Overstreet, David Wallace, Renee Wurth

Friday, February 10

Jason Acree, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Martha Ibarra, Jennifer Todd, Lillian Tritle



Wednesday, February 1 Esteban & Fabiola Gembe 19 yrs. Friday, February 3 Jose & Claudia Hernandez 27 yrs.



## www.stmore.org

### Tons of information



ust before Christmas, we launched our newly redesigned website. The site is full of information about Saint Thomas More as well as news from the Catholic Church,

daily scripture readings, contact information for Saint Thomas More staff and so much more.

We wanted to remind you to bookmark our site at www.stmore.org. The answer to most any question you have can likely be found on our website. Plus, we will be the website more and more to share information with parishioners. We also will be taking advantage of some of the new website features to do things we could not do before. For example, you can register online for the upcoming Youth 2000 conference coming up in March. You can reserve your spot and even pay the registration fee all securely from our website.

In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more about our website and some other exciting new ways to make sure all Saint Thomas More parishioners get information about special church events and activities.



Each month in the Mini Edition of *The Word* in this space, we will recognize the newest members of our parish.

And, just a reminder for those families that are new to Saint Thomas More - stop by the parish office



during business hours and pick up a welcome bag.

We also invite you to visit our website at www. stmore.org. There you will find Mass schedules, ministry opportunities and more.

Saint Thomas More is glad to have you as part of our faith family!

Mr. and Mrs. Jose and Juana Lopez Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Bekke Ragle Mr. Kelly Rejent

# February

Merciful Lord, As we embark on our journey of renewal toward the great paschal feast of Easter, teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others. Give us the strength to bear witness to you at all times, even in times of stress and adversity. And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate his resurrection. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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