

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Second Sunday of Lent
March 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

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"To be a disciple, we must follow Jesus' example and teachings. His way of life literally becomes our way of life."

Our Gospel Reading on this Second Sunday of Lent recounts the Transfiguration as reported by Matthew. All three of the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) give an account of this. St. Thomas Aquinas called the Transfiguration Jesus' "greatest miracle" in part because it is a miracle performed on Jesus Himself.

Jesus was transfigured in the presence of three of His Apostles: Peter, James, and John. To be "transfigured" implies that the Lord was completely transformed, not just in how He appeared but absolutely, inwardly as well. Jesus became so dazzlingly bright that it was difficult to look on Him. It was like looking directly at the sun.



During our time in Lent, we are called to a type of transformation, as well. In our cases it is more inward than outer. God asks us to try to seek conversion of mind and heart. Yet, only God can truly cause this type of conversion; however, we must be open to it for it to occur.

Stewardship is closely associated with conversion. People who give of themselves to build the Kingdom of God are disciples of the Lord. To be a disciple, we must follow Jesus' example and teachings. His way of life literally becomes our way of life. For that to happen we must be transformed. That transformation can present challenges, but it also offers extreme joy. Stewardship challenges us to make conscientious decisions about our lives. Stewardship calls each of us to account for what God has given us, not only for the sake of knowing how much we have and how God has blessed us, but also to know how much God is calling us to share what He has given us with others.



Saturday, March 11

5:30 pm Mary Lois Hagan (d)

Sunday, March 12 *Second Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Our Parish Family

11:00 am Dennis & Buna Lowry (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
Michael Alexander (d)

Monday, March 13

6:00 pm Norma Avra (d)

Tuesday, March 14

7:00 am David Tidwell (d)

Wednesday, March 15

9:30 am *Parkview ~ Fr. Bruce Fogle*

12:00 pm *Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*
Otis Shaw (d)

Thursday, March 16

6:00 pm Living & Deceased Members
of the Watson & Sheehy Families

Friday, March 17

7:00 am The Rodabaugh Family

8:05 am *SMES ~ Fr. Bruce Fogle*

Saturday, March 18

5:30 pm Zoe Bartolo (d)

Sunday, March 19 *Third Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Christine Rodgers (d)

11:00 am Our Parish Family

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
Aurora Arvelo (d)



Sunday, March 5, 2017

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule March 18/19

	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Barb Harris	Rose Ann Walker	Eileen Segebarth
Euch. Ministers	Sr. Lucy Bonifas Mary Carrico David Culbertson Peggy Culbertson Mary Evans Mikel Fields Gale Hatton Jim Kallaher Mary Kay Sanders David Shoulta Dolores Webber	Scott Babbs Frank Burch Tom Clinton Missy Eckenberg Bill Halicks Sheree Halicks Angie Nelson Todd Nelson Amy Ridley David Roof Lynn Thompson	Lindsay Batts Tessa Cash Joe Hobbs Ashleigh Mast David Mast Claudia Smith Terry Sullivan Brandon Trevathan Richard Vieitez
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Children's Liturgy	Laurie Straub Rachel Straub	Missy O'Neill Madeline Lorch	Erin Mobley Ashley Sullivan

Hour of Prayer

Monday:

Bret & Maria Avra

Tuesday:

Jim Garrett & Frances O'Bryan

Wednesday:

Andy & Suzy Gilland

Thursday:

David & Sally Roof

Friday:

Barb Larbes & Phyllis Kettler

Saturday:

Janet Colgan & Tim Whitelock

What's Happening

Sunday, March 12

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts
(Parish Hall)

10:00 am BP Checks
(Hospitality Room)

12:15 pm Stations in Spanish
(Church)

1:30 pm Confirmation Class
(Parish Hall)

2:00 PM Divorce Support Group
(Hospitality Room)

4:00 pm Youth Group (Library)

5:00 pm Bible Study
(Hospitality Room)

Monday, March 13

5:00 pm Cemetery Board Mtg.
(Sacred Heart Room)

6:30 pm 1st Communion Class
(Parish Hall)

Tuesday, March 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, March 15

9:00 am Mother's Day Out
(Nursery/Library)

6:15 pm Faith Formation (SMES)

6:30 pm Reconciliation (Chapel)

Thursday, March 16

5:30 pm Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
(Chapel)

6:30 pm Theology on Tap
(Hospitality Room)

6:45 pm RCIA (Parish Hall)

7:30 pm Hispanic Women's Mtg.
(Sacred Heart Room)

Friday, March 17

7:00 pm Couples in Christ
(Parish Hall)

7:30 pm Hispanic Men's Mtg.
(Sacred Heart Room)

Saturday, March 18

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
(Parish Hall)

4:00 pm Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, March 19

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts
(Parish Hall)

12:15 pm Stations in Spanish
(Church)

2:00 PM Divorce Support Group
(Hospitality Room)

3:00 pm Baptism Class (Sacred Heart)

4:00 pm Youth Group (Library)

5:00 pm Bible Study
(Hospitality Room)

RCIA topic for Thursday, March 16—Matrimony

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

"Rise, and do not be afraid"

Over and over again throughout the Sacred Scriptures, God instructs us to have no fear. Yet, fear is such an overwhelming force, often causing us to resist the call to follow Him in our specific vocation. If you have ever felt that God is calling you to a vocation to the priesthood, rise up, respond and do not be afraid. contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, www.owensborovocations.com, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org.

Eternal Rest

Ruth Ann Davis, sister of Barbara (Tom) Clinton, passed away Monday, January 30, 2017.

Phillip Morse, Sr. father of Phil (Donna) Morse, passed away Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

May God welcome them home and comfort their families in this time of sorrow.



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.

Pray the Rosary

The St. Thomas More Rosary Group meets **every Tuesday morning** after the 7:00 am Mass. Come and join us as we pray the Rosary together for the needs of our parish. It's a wonderful way to start your day especially during Lent!



***Live the Liturgy ~
Inspiration for the Week***

The transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel serves as a foretaste of the Resurrection. Each Lent we are given this vision on the second Sunday to encourage us in our penitential practices so that we may come to celebrate Easter joy.

Bishop Medley in Paducah

Bishop William Medley will be in his Paducah office at Lourdes Hospital on **Tuesday, March 28** from 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm. He will have Mass at St. Mary Middle School at 10:00 am that day. Appointments should be scheduled through his Owensboro office at 270-683-1545.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Girl Scouting Sunday
Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Reconciliation Opportunities

The sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Opportunities for confession will be in our Works of Mercy Chapel **every Wednesday evening during Lent** from 6:30 - 7:00 pm, or until all confessions are heard. Other times for Reconciliation are every Thursday 5:30 to 6:00 pm in the Works of Mercy Chapel and on Saturday afternoons 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Church.

Middle School Youth

Come join the middle school youth today, **Sunday March 12**, as we play soccer with a 6 foot soccer ball!! We are welcoming all current 5th graders to join us! Meet at the field below the church from 4:00-5:30 pm!



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 mmast@stmore.org.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will celebrate March Madness on **Thursday, March 16** at 6:30 pm in the Hospitality Room. More information and the complete schedule are available on the website at www.stmore.org/young-adult-ministry.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

On **Saturday, March 18**, at 7:30 am in the Parish Hall the Men's Prayer Group will be hosting a breakfast honoring our wives. All men are welcome along with their spouses, we will enjoy a nice breakfast along with a short discussion of our matrimonial love. There will be a ten minute video presentation from Bishop Barron on marriage and how God's love must always be our focal point in the relationship. Please email Glynn at bgsj1961@yahoo.com if you would like to attend. Blessings!

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.

Men's Discernment Retreat | March 31-April 2

The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Men's Discernment Retreat for men ages 18-25 who are seriously thinking about their vocation and who have the desire to courageously give their lives to Christ. This retreat is an opportunity to set some time out in silence to listen to the voice of God in your life, hear talks and guidance for discernment process, learn the tools of discernment, sharpen your discerning skills, and have a one-on-one visit/spiritual direction with a priest. The Men's Discernment Retreat will be held **March 31-April 2, 2017** at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. There is no cost to attend. **The Registration deadline is March 27th.**

To Register visit our diocesan website:

<https://owensborodiocese.org/mens-discernment-retreat/>

Pastoral Council Discernment Process to Begin

Please give prayerful consideration to the upcoming **Pastoral Council Nominations** to be held in **April**. Nomination forms will be placed in pews during Masses on the weekends of **April 1-2 and April 22-23**. The completed nomination forms may be placed in the collection baskets, or nominations may also be submitted by email or phone to Lois Bell in the Parish Office at lois@stmore.org or 270-534-9000. Nominations will be accepted through Monday, April 24th.

The **Discernment Process** will be used to select four new members. Please consider the following personal *qualities* when considering nominating someone for the parish council. Any parishioner 18 years or older may be nominated by another parishioner, by the Pastor, or by self-nomination.

Willing to give their time, talents, and energy throughout a three year term on the council.

Effective communication skills.

Exhibits an excitement about our Parish.

Respectful of others.

Has a strong faith in Jesus and is an active member of St. Thomas More.

Ability to work effectively in a group.

Ability to reach decisions and then follow through.

Is eager to help the Parish articulate its vision and direction.

Understands how the Parish is related to the Diocesan and universal church.

Prayer by the entire St. Thomas More community is integral to the success of this discernment process.

Maryland to Kentucky Genealogy Conference

The 2017 Maryland to Kentucky and Beyond Genealogy Conference will be held **June 22-25, 2017**, at Brescia University in Owensboro. To learn more or to register for the conference, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/mdtoky3/>, follow the conference at Facebook.com/MDtoKYandBeyondInc or contact president of the board of directors, Jane Hagan Smith, at marylandtoken-tucky@gmail.com or (502) 366-4962 or (502) 552-8087 (cell).

Women's Conference

The Catholic Women's Conference for the Diocese of Owensboro will take place Friday evening on **August 25** and all day Saturday, **August 26, 2017**. The conference will feature [Cyndi Spivey](#), a Christian faith and fashion blogger, and [Hallie Lord](#), Catholic blogger, speaker and author of *On the Other Side of Fear: How I Found Peace*. Bishop William F. Medley will preside over Saturday morning Mass. This conference is coordinated by St. Jerome Parish and is sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro. More information will be coming.

Living and Leading with Love (L³) 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.

Trip to San Antonio, Texas

The Bunk-o-babes of Fancy Farm have scheduled a bus trip to San Antonio, TX September 17—23. Cost is \$569 (double occupancy) and includes motorcoach transportation from St. Jerome Church, six nights lodging, 10 meals, guided tour of San Antonio, cruise at San Antonio's famous River Walk District, visit to the famous Alamo and IMAX Theater presentation: "ALAMO ... The Price of Freedom", visit to the Institute of Texan Cultures and San Antonio Mission, tour of the LBJ Ranch. On the way back they will stop at "The Sixth Floor" Museum located in the former Texas School Book Depository in Dallas, TX (dedicated to President John F. Kennedy). \$75 due upon signing and final payment due July 10. Contact Barbara Sue Wilson at 270-623-6990 or Judy Thomas at 270-623-8462 for more information and to make your reservation.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

—Anonymous

Remember in Prayer...

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Elizabeth Edwards, Morgan Eggemeyer, Lance Fleming, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, 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

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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, Ken McCauley, Catherine McManman, John Metcalf, Delphine Operle, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods
Non-Parishioners: Kendall James, Virgin Ramos, Matthew Shoulta, Holly Randall, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Dennis Walsh, Bill Black, Mike Smith, Cooper Mattingly, Roger Wilson, Margaret Whitney, Don Manning, Michael Sloan, Gwen Allen



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-Nevenon, Greg Nevenon, 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."

Bounty Basket Needs...

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

Altar Society Ministry for March

Purificators: Melody Walker
 Robes & Albs: Mary McKeown



Saturday, March 11

Carolyn Davis, Laurie Mahan, Linda Whitaker

Sunday, March 12

Paul Kortz, Sawyer Leet, Ana Lucia Mariscal, James Paxton, Jr.

Monday, March 13

Gavin Belford, Jay Chapman, Laura Garcia, Emily Harris, Tina Pastor, Andrew Thompson

Tuesday, March 14

John Halicks, Lois Hammet, Lisa Kupper, Matilde Parsons, John Roof

Wednesday, March 15

Mike Canella, Russell Carter, Abbey Duong, Natalie Eastes, Patrick Hubert, Isaac LaBarge, John Shaw, Terry Sullivan

Thursday, March 16

Marcia Cochran, Lana Flint, Pat Gottschalk, Cassie Rogers, Jon Turley, Zachary Ybarzabal

Friday, March 17

Lori Hatton, Cece Thompson

Saturday, March 18

Bruce Bunte, Marliese Dawson, Tonya Hohlbein, Knox Shoulta

Sunday, March 19

Jennifer Hansrote, Betty Higdon, Cate Kupper, Antonio Lopez, Jada Stuckenberg, Kenlin Thomas



Saturday, March 11

Michael & Christine Canella 45 yrs.
 Bob & Lisa Hoppmann 27 yrs.

Wednesday, March 15

Joe & Betty Falconite 62 yrs.
 Tim & Barb Harris 42 yrs.
 Warren & Tonie Hatton 20 yrs.

Thursday, March 16

Jim & Martha Kallaher 26 yrs.

Friday, March 17

Deacon Terry & Barb Larbes 45 yrs.
 Patrick & Kelly Howell 10 yrs.

Saturday, March 18

Jeff & Arris Brownfield 17 yrs.
 Vince & Leslie Scarpino 4 yrs.

Sunday, March 19

Jeremy & Nicole North 10 yrs.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:

What are some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer:

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Cizek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" to learn more about the Church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are powerful and interesting reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.



Mini Edition

Lenten Luncheon Series Kicks Off March 14

Sr. Lucy explains what a nun does after retirement



For the last several years, Saint Thomas More has held a Lenten Luncheon series during the season. The lunches are a great way to have a quick, light lunch and enjoy fellowship with other parishioners. The first of two

luncheons in our series will be this Tuesday, March 14 at noon.

This week, Sister Lucy Boniface, OSF, will talk about what it is like to be retired after 46 years serving with warmth and compassion at Lourdes Hospital. She will talk about what called her to work in healthcare and, now that she has retired, what that has meant for her religious and spiritual life.

We look forward to hearing Sr. Lucy's story and we hope you will consider attending the luncheon.

There is no cost for the lunch but we encourage you to RSVP. You can register online at www.stmore.org by clicking "Events/Events Registration" under the "Get Involved" tab.

We look forward to seeing you!



Sr. Cheryl Clemons shares her personal experiences along with some history of the Eucharist at the parish Eucharistic Mission last weekend.

LIFT UP • GIVE UP • TAKE UP



Stations of the Cross

- 6:30 pm Each Thursday Following Evening Mass (Chapel)
- 12:15 pm Each Sunday (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- 4 pm Each Saturday (Church)
- 5:30 pm Each Thursday (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm Each Wednesday

Lenten Lunch Series

- 12 pm Tuesday March 14 and 21 (Parish Hall)
Join us for a light lunch and spiritual presentation

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