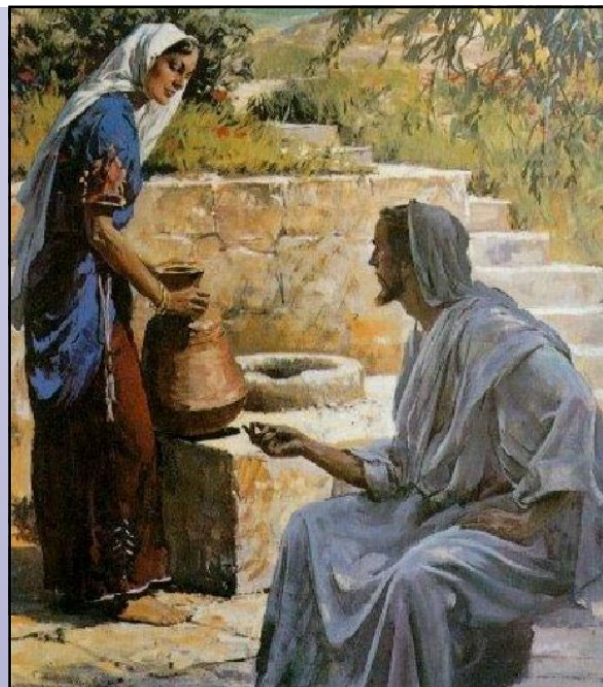


St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Lent
March 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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Jesus at Jacob's Well

In today's Gospel Reading from John, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman whom Jesus confronts at the well. Jesus and His Apostles are traveling from Jerusalem in the south to Galilee in the north. The quickest route, although inconvenient in some ways, was through Samaria. Jesus' followers went to the nearby village of Sychar to procure food while He sat tired and thirsty by what is called Jacob's Well.

It was about noon, the hottest part of the day, and a Samaritan woman came to the well to draw water. Jesus breaks three Jewish customs in His exchange with the woman. First, He spoke to a woman, something forbidden to men with strange women; second, she was a Samaritan woman, a group with whom Jews did not normally mix; third, He asked her to give Him a cup of water, which would have made Him ceremonially unclean from using her cup or jar. The woman was rightfully shocked.



However, Jesus told her that He could give her "living water." At that time some spring water was carbonated and it seemed "alive" as it bubbled up from the ground, so it was called "living water." Jesus meant that the water He offered was alive in a different way because it could both give life and quench spiritual thirst.

Although the whole situation is amazing to the woman, she is particularly struck by how much Jesus knows about her. She reports to her fellow Samaritans "He told me everything I ever did." That is not what she found so surprising though. What truly astonished her was that in spite of that knowledge, Jesus still loved her. Jesus loves us as well, despite our many shortcomings and sins.

Jesus' longest-recorded conversation with anyone is the one he has with the Samaritan woman at the well. She discovers she can be honest with Jesus and goes and tells others about him. She gives witness. She's not the most certain, thorough or even convincing witness. But her witness is enough. It is inviting, humble, non-judgmental and sincere.

What is the quality of our witness? How do our words and actions give daily testimony on behalf of Christ? During this season of Lent, how might we do a better job at proclaiming the risen Lord in word and deed?

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, March 20

6:00 pm Maria Dannenmueller (d)

Tuesday, March 21

7:00 am Christine Rodgers (d)

Wednesday, March 22

8:40 am *SMHS ~ Fr. Bruce McCarty*

12:00 pm *Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*
Susan Wurth (d)

Thursday, March 23

6:00 pm Mary Lois Hagan (d)

Friday, March 24

7:00 am Wilfred Lee Hagan (d)

8:05 am *SMES ~ Fr. Stan Puryear*

Saturday, March 25

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 26 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Susan Wurth (d)

11:00 am Thomas Brumlow (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
Eileen Brosman (d)

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Sunday, March 12, 2017

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule March 25/26			
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Barb Harris	Rose Ann Walker	Eileen Segebarth
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Children's Liturgy	Marlena Jones Caroline Veatch	Miranda Greenwell Garrett Greenwell	No Children's Liturgy

What's Happening

- 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)
4:00 pm Middle School Youth (Library)
5:00 pm Bible Study (Hospitality Room)
- Tuesday, March 21**
7:30 am Rosary (Chapel)
9:00 am Bible Study (Sacred Heart Room)
10:00 am Bible Study (Hospitality Room)
12:00 pm Lenten Lunch (Parish Hall)
6:00 pm Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)
- Wednesday, March 22**
9:00 am Mother's Day Out (Nursery/Library)
6:15 pm Faith Formation (SMES)
6:30 pm Reconciliation (Chapel)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- Thursday, March 23**
5:30 pm Reconciliation (Chapel)
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Chapel)
6:45 pm RCIA (Parish Hall)
7:30 pm Hispanic Women's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)
- Friday, March 24**
6:00 pm Hispanic Men's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)
- Saturday, March 25**
10:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)
4:00 pm Reconciliation (Church)
- Sunday, March 26**
9:45 am Confirmation Candidates (Parish Hall)
10:00 am No Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
11:00 am Confirmation Mass (Church)
12:00 pm Confirmation Reception (Parish Hall)
2:00 pm Divorce Support Group (Hospitality Room)
3:00 pm Penance Service (Church)
4:00 pm TEC Reunion (Chapel/Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Bible Study (Hospitality Room)

Hour of Prayer

- Monday:** Barbara & Gaye Robinson
Tuesday: Sr. Kateri Kaufman & Freda Jett
Wednesday: Nadie Vance & Marty Ryan
Thursday: Ed Puschaver & Terri York
Friday: Al & Mary McKeown
Saturday: Lance Fleming & Emma Bourgois

RCIA topic for Thursday, March 23
Anointing of the Sick/Redemptive Suffering

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

"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work"
 One of the many extraordinary conversations in the Bible takes place between Jesus and the unnamed Samaritan woman. By taking the time to sit with this woman, Jesus assures her of her dignity and worth and because of her encounter with His mercy, she became an evangelist, telling others about Jesus. As we encounter Jesus during this lent, let us have the courage to go and tell others about Him. If you have ever felt that God is calling you to serve as a Catholic priest, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545.

Thank You Note

We would like to thank everyone for sharing their love, prayers, flowers, food, cards and phone calls on the passing of my mate, *Wayne E. Hagan*, the father of our three children, Mark, Shaun and Kathleen. Love and peace be with all of you here at St. Thomas More, our parish church for 27 years. Sincerely,
Margaret Hagan



Area Lenten Penance Services

St. Thomas More	Sunday, March 26	3:00 pm
St. Francis de Sales	Monday, March 27	6:30 pm
St. John	Tuesday, March 28	6:30 pm
Rosary Chapel	Thursday, March 30	6:00 pm

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.

Confirmation Next Sunday

Bishop William Medley will be here next **Sunday, March 26** at the 11:00 am Mass to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 35 of our St. Thomas More Youth. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

No Coffee & Doughnuts

We will not have Coffee & Doughnuts next **Sunday, March 26** due to Confirmation.

Easter Candy Needed

The Easter Egg Hunt Committee is in need of candy for the annual hunt on **East-er Sunday, April 16**. Please bring wrapped individual pieces of candy that can be stuffed into plastic eggs. Larger bunnies, small toys, and items for prizes to be given away at the end of the hunt are also needed. A basket is located in the Gathering Space for donations.



Rosary Group

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!

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.

Pastoral Council Discernment Process Begins

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.

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.

*We can believe what we choose.
We are answerable for what we choose to believe.*

--St. John Neumann



Faith Formation Annual Food Drive

Faith Formation's 18th ANNUAL "CARING HANDS, LOVING HEARTS" **Food Drive** benefits Paducah Cooperative Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul and River City Mission. Grocery bags will be provided and are available near the church entrance.

Please fill a grocery bag with food and return it on the week-ends of **March 25/26 or April 1/2**. Over 150,000 pounds of food have been collected from the drives of the last 17 years. This is a great opportunity during this Season of Lent to serve the Lord by serving and caring for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Monetary donations may be placed in a marked envelope and dropped in the regular collection basket at Mass. All donations, whether large or small, are greatly appreciated and important in making a real difference in the lives of hungry men, women, and children in Paducah. Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your family for your support and generosity!

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.



Lenten Day of Prayer at MSJ

A Lenten Day of Prayer will take place **Saturday, April 8** from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The event will be led by Monsignor Bernard Powers and will include Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation. The cost is \$25 which includes lunch. Monsignor Powers is a retired priest of the Diocese of Owensboro and has served as a teacher, pastor, retreat director and spiritual director. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.

Gasper River Family Camp - April 28-30

The diocesan Family Life Office is hosting a Family Camp with the theme, **The Battle for the Family**, chosen as we are in the 100th year anniversary of the first vision of Our Lady of Fatima. There are only 8 family spots available this year. To [attend Family Camp](#), please register at owensborodiocese.org/familycamp/ by **April 14th**.

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.

Live the Liturgy ~ Inspiration for the Week

Today Jesus meets the woman at the well. After her time with Jesus she tells others about this man who is able to see into the depths of a person's life. Is Jesus that person for you? Have you allowed him into the depths of your life? Do you go out and tell others about this Jesus, as the Samaritan woman does? Do you share the good news by the way you live your life?



St. Mary School System

Trivia Night

Saturday, March 25

St. Mary High School

\$10 per person

Doors open at 6:30 PM

To make reservations

for a table of six,

email:

jhopper@smss.org

or (270) 442-1681,

Ext. 242



Readings for the Week

- Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14 -23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13 17, 34-38]

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 LaGessee, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Sara Beth Neihoff, Cynthia Owen & her unborn babies, 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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Non-Parishioners: Matthew Shoulta, Holly Randall, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Cooper Mattingly, Roger Wilson, Margaret Whitney, Don Manning, Michael Sloan, Gwen Allen, Ada Cruce

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-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: powdered milk and cereal for St. Vincent de Paul, rice for PCM and other non-perishable goods. Thank you.

Saints & Special Observances

- Monday:** St. Joseph; Spring begins
- Thursday:** St. Toribio de Mogrovejo
- Friday:** Abstinence
- Saturday:** The Annunciation of the Lord



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

Monday, March 20

Sam Crane, Vicki Kight, Ian LaBarge, Ethel O'Nan, Rosendo Pastor, Kelly Stewart, Christine Turner

Tuesday, March 21

Gus Amaya, Nancy Balmer, Lorelei Harned, Donna Johnson, Max LaFont, Pam Malast, Cash Miller, Neal Oliphant, Cheri Paxton, Evan Powell, Mal Puschaver, Chris Teitloff, Emily Teitloff

Wednesday, March 22

Brett Haas, Molly Hunt, Ashleigh Mast, Nicole Milliano

Thursday, March 23

Brenda Greenwell, Ashley Miller, Madison Patel, Tena Payne, Marta Ruiz, Megan Wurth, Madelyn Ybarzabal

Friday, March 24

McKenzie Ellingsworth, Michelle Garner, Estrella Machaen, Olivia Matras, Katie O'Neill, John Warden

Saturday, March 25

Chrissy Eastes, Parker Leet, Bob Maglasang, Humberto Prado

Sunday, March 26

Lynn Baker, Sydney Carter, Carol Crane, Paula Hubert, Banks LaFont, Idona Schipp, Jose Venegas, Josh Wadley



Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

Jeremy & Nicole North 10 yrs.

Tuesday, March 21

Jason & Gabriela Acree 9 yrs.

Friday, March 24

David & Mary Carrico 16 yrs.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:

What can I do to keep up the spirit and practice of Lent in my life?

Answer:

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services, and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown out of kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving, and charitable works. Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.



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Mini Edition

Second Lenten Lunch Set for March 21

Hear a personal story of faith

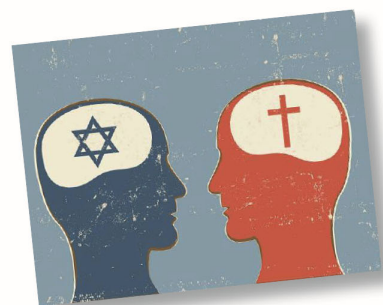


If you missed last week's Lenten Lunch with Sr. Lucy, it is not too late to sign up for the second and last of this year's series. Next Tuesday, March 21, we invite you to stop by for a light lunch and hear about a personal faith journey from one of your fellow parishioners.

Brian Katz will be our speaker and will share the story of his conversion from Judaism to Catholicism. Brian came to the faith through marriage and decided to explore this religion at that time. Brian will share his personal journey through RCIA and what his choice has meant to his overall faith life.

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!



Prayer for Lent:

As I begin another week of Lent, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins.

Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment.

Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you.

Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent.

- Amen

LIFT UP
GIVE UP
TAKE UP

We fasted for forty days and forty nights...

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)
3:30 pm ... Each Thursday (Chapel)
6:30 pm ... Each Wednesday

Lenten Lunch Series
12 pm ... Tuesday March 21 (Parish Hall)
Join us for a light lunch and spiritual presentation.

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