

# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

First Sunday of Lent  
March 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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**MASS**  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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

**Monday, March 6**

**6:00 pm** Susan Wurth (d)

**Tuesday, March 7**

**7:00 am** Christine Rodgers (d)

**Wednesday, March 8**

**12:00 pm** *Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*  
 Charlie Wilson (d)

**Thursday, March 9**

**6:00 pm** Jon Rodabaugh (d)

**Friday, March 10**

**7:00 am** Bill Cash (d)  
**8:05 am** *SMES ~ Fr. Michael Charles*  
 Ray & Kay Eckstein

**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)

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*a way of life*

**Sunday, February 26, 2017**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$18,395.00</b>
<b>Online Collections</b>	<b>\$ 3,306.00</b>
<b>Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$22,251.00</b>

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**STEWARDSHIP**

Temptation and the First Sunday of Lent

On this First Sunday of Lent, it seems appropriate that all the readings reflect in some way on the issue of temptation. We are familiar with perhaps the most common prayer, the Our Father, in which we ask God to "lead us not into temptation."

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is interesting to note that #2846 tells us "It is difficult to translate the Greek verb used for 'lead us' into a single English word. The original Greek word means both 'do not allow us to enter into temptation' and 'do not let us yield to temptation.' Sins come from consenting to temptation."



For our Lenten missions, the issue of "temptation" would seem to have numerous facets which should influence us. Clearly we need to pray, and often, for God's help as we try to avoid sin, and attempt to change our lives during this time. Also, we must consider the importance of recognizing and confessing our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These should be part of our Lenten plans; living lives of stewardship might help us continue these efforts beyond Lent and throughout our lives.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the late and great Catholic Evangelist and television personality, devoted entire programs to temptation. On one, as he considered Lent a time to seek truth as an endeavor to resist temptation, he said, "It is easy to find truth; it is hard to face it; and harder still to follow it."

<b>Liturgical Ministers Schedule March 11/12</b>			
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sacristan	Barb Harris	Rose Ann Walker	Eileen Segebarth
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Children's Liturgy	Lauren Flint Bailee & Madison Patel	Lynn King Matthew King	Trish Burks Karina Romero

*What's Happening*

**Sunday, March 5**

- 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** Eucharistic Mission (Church)
- 5:00 pm** Parish Potluck Dinner (Parish Hall)
- 5:00 pm** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)

**Monday, March 6**

- 7:00 pm** Eucharistic Mission (Church)

**Tuesday, March 7**

- 7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)
- 10:00 am** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)
- 6:00 pm** Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)

**Wednesday, March 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, March 9**

- 5:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm** Stations of the Cross (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, March 10**

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

**Saturday, March 11**

- 4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)

**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)
- 5:00 pm** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)

**Hour of Prayer**

**Monday:**

Wally & Marylou Elfen

**Tuesday:**

Nancy Burch & Theresa Owens

**Wednesday:**

Shirley Renaud & Pat Cvengros

**Thursday:**

Skip & Lillie Grief

**Friday:**

Ray & Amy Lane

**Saturday:**

Tamara Jones & Cecelia Farrell

**RCIA topic for Thursday, March 9—Reconciliation**

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@stm.org](mailto:pcairney@stm.org).



**2016-2017 Disciples Response Fund Pledge Report**

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.

<b>PARISH TARGET:</b>	<b>\$39,451.50</b>
<b>AMOUNT PLEDGED:</b>	<b>\$64,033.50</b>
<b>AMOUNT PAID:</b>	<b>\$52,998.50</b>
<b>PLEDGES DUE:</b>	<b>\$11,035.00</b>
<b>STM REBATE TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ 6,773.30</b>

**Eternal Rest**

Wayne Hagan, husband of Margaret Hagan, passed away Tuesday, February 28, 2017. May God welcome him home and comfort his family in this time of sorrow.



**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.

**Lenten Lunches**

Join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Lenten Lunch" series on the **Tuesdays of March 14 and 21** from 12:00 to 1:00 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](http://www.stmore.weshareonline.org).



**STM Men's Prayer Meeting**

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 spouse, 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](mailto:bgsj1961@yahoo.com) if you would like to attend. Blessings!

**Recent Baptism**

Blessings and congratulations to **Aniston Rance Erickson**, daughter of Jonathan and Megan Erickson, who was baptized Sunday, February 26, 2017.



**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](mailto:mmast@stmore.org).



**TEC - Teens Encountering Christ Reunion Masses**

Join your regional TEC community for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TEC on **TEC 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.



**Join us for a special Mission focusing on the Eucharist**

**Sunday, March 5 @ 4p.m.**

The presentation will begin at 4 p.m. and include a discussion on the *Meaning of Eucharist as a Meal, Thanksgiving, Presence, Communion and Pledge*. This will be followed by the *Challenge of the Eucharist from St. Augustine and Pope Benedict XVI*. After the presentation, we will have an old-fashioned potluck. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Church will provide meats, bread and beverages.

**Monday, March 6 @ 7p.m.**

Part two of the presentation will continue to give you a unique perspective on the Eucharist with Sr. Cheryl sharing historic and personal aspects of the Living Body of Christ.

The mission will end with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and time for personal prayer in the Works of Mercy Chapel.



**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](mailto:lois@stmore.org) or 270-534-9000. Nominations will be accepted through Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**Save the Date!**

The Catholic Women's Conference for the Diocese of Owensboro will take place Friday evening **August 25** and all day Saturday, **August 26, 2017** at Kentucky Dam Village. 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.

**Altar Society Ministry for March**

Purificators: Melody Walker  
Robes & Albs: Mary McKeown

**Saints & Special Observances**

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Lent  
**Tuesday:** Ss. Perpetua & Felicity  
**Wednesday:** St. John of God  
**Thursday:** St. Frances of Rome  
**Friday:** Abstinence  
**Saturday:** Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

**Middle School Youth Group News**

"Middle school youth are shown below learning to work as a team by tossing eggs to each other.



Middle school youth group will not meet this Sunday due to the Mission, but we will meet at our regular time (4:00-5:30) on Sunday **March 12th**. We are inviting the current 5th graders to join us to play soccer with a 6 foot ball!"

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



**St. Mary School Registration**

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

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

We have begun Lent, entering into a season of conversion and repentance. Like us, Jesus was subject to temptation, but he resisted with all his heart. As we celebrate our Eucharist today, let us ask God to give us the perseverance to avoid sin.

**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, 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, 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



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-Nevoen, Greg Nevoen, 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.**



**Saturday, March 4**

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

**Sunday, March 5**

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

**Monday, March 6**

Rachel Coronado, Kelly Halverson, Phyllis Kettler, Ion Kight, Glenn Puertollano, Davis Sims

**Tuesday, March 7**

Elizabeth Dominguez, Ashlee Jordan, Ella Mobley, Zane White

**Wednesday, March 8**

Caroline Curtsinger, Cesar Garcia, Traci Mayo, Tim Sheppard, Levi Toren

**Thursday, March 9**

Kirt Langston, Jim O'Rourke, Ashley Shever, Mitchell Stegman,

**Friday, March 10**

Blanca Alvarez

**Saturday, March 11**

Carolyn Davis, Laurie Mahan, Linda Whitaker

**Sunday, March 12**

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



**Tuesday, March 7**

Randy & Jackie Froehlich 20 yrs.

**Thursday, March 9**

Stan & Missy Eckenberg 10 yrs.

**Friday, March 10**

Jeff & Jill Mudd 27 yrs.

**Saturday, March 11**

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

**Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained**

**Question:**

At times, temptation seems so powerful that is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

**Answer:**

Temptation is powerful because it appeals to our human weakness and our desire for power, wealth, or personal satisfaction. Evil disguises itself as something good and we are enticed to make a choice. Our will is weakened each time we give in to something for selfish reasons, especially things we do not wish to choose. It is not something we can totally avoid, because temptation is not something we create or even recognize sometimes, but rather it comes from evil. But it would be a mistake to think of temptation only in terms of things that are really sinful. Temptation gains its strength by wearing down our will to choose good. If we fail in the small choices, we are all the more likely to fail in the bigger ones. Herein lies the wisdom of the Church in encouraging us to make small sacrifices and to do Lenten penance. In these practices of self-denial, we strengthen our will to choose, our ability to recognize good, and our desire to avoid evil. We then overcome evil in the small struggles of daily life and are more attuned to the prompting our conscience to choose good.

*God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them. —St. Teresa of Avila*



## Lent: A Time to Prepare



During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy that remind us faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit.

Take inspiration for your Lenten journey from prayer and to the reading of Scripture, to fasting and to giving alms. The fasting that we all do together on Fridays is a sign of the Lenten discipline. Fasting for certain periods of time or from certain foods are what most of us think of regarding fasting. However, you also can fast from other things and activities.

Similarly, the giving of alms is an effort to share this world equally - not only through giving of our treasure, but also through the sharing of our time and talents.

The key to fruitful observance of these practices is to recognize their link to baptismal renewal. During Lent, we are called to renew our baptismal commitment. We are called not only just to abstain from sin during Lent, but also to a true conversion of our hearts and minds as followers of Christ. We recall those waters in which we were baptized into Christ's death and began new life in Christ.

We encourage you to visit our website and like us on Facebook for Lenten reflections and prayer opportunities throughout the season.

*(Portions adapted from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops website)*

*"Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ."*

-- Pope Francis



*Three of our faithful Sacristans, Diana Black, Debbie Caspar and Marie Petrites-Murphy, prepare for Lent.*

## LIFT UP • GIVE UP • TAKE UP

*"He fasted for forty days and forty nights."*

**Ash Wednesday - March 1**  
 7 am & 6 pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
 8 pm Mass & Distribution of Ashes (Spanish)

**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)

**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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