

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 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

Pastoral Staff

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“Once One Chooses To Become A Disciple Of Jesus Christ, Stewardship Is Not An Option.”

With these words, the late Bishop John J. McRaith, an original member of the U.S. Catholic bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee on Stewardship, summarized succinctly the heart of the 1992 pastoral letter, “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response.”

True stewardship calls us to recognize one simple yet profound truth: everything we have comes from God. Everything we “own” is really on loan from Him. This is what makes us stewards. Stewardship is not a “program”, or a fundraising campaign. Stewardship is not a buzzword or round-about way of asking for more money. As we grow in our understanding of true stewardship we recognize everything as gift. Living stewardship allows us to use our gifts wisely, to the very best of our ability, for the good of God’s Church.



“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’”
- John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren’t going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord?

When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 1

5:30 pm Louis Haas (d)

Sunday, April 2 *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 am Tom Erickson (d)
11:00 am Our Parish Family
1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
 Dr. James Hennessy (d)

Monday, April 3

6:00 pm Charlie Wilson (d)

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 am Dennis Griffith (d)

Wednesday, April 5

9:30 am *Superior Care ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*
 Wayne Hagan (d)
12:00 pm *Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*
 Bill Cash (d)

Thursday, April 6

6:00 pm Jim Brockenborough (d)

Friday, April 7 *First Friday*

7:00 am Predrag Sredl (d)

Saturday, April 8

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 9 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

9:00 am Susan Wurth (d)
11:00 am Dennis & Buna Lowry (d)
1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
 All Souls



Sunday, March 26, 2017

Regular Collection	\$15,985.00
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Total Collection	\$20,013.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule April 8/9			
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Diana Black	Camilla Shumaker	Tim Whitelock
Euch. Ministers	Mary Carrico David Culbertson Peggy Culbertson Beth Haas Gale Hatton Lori Hatton Jim Kallaher Mike Polashock Mary Kay Sanders Holly Shockley Elaine Stevens	Yvonne Bosch Frank Burch Missy Eckenberg Bill Halicks Sheree Halicks Valerie Kortz Angie Nelson Todd Nelson Amy Ridley Lynn Thompson Ken Wurth	Trish Burks Tessa Cash Michelle Dunlap Amy Miller Eileen Segebarth Terry Sullivan Brandon Trevathan Nadie Vance Richard Vieitez
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Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy

What's Happening

Sunday, April 2

- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 12:15 pm** Stations in Spanish (Church)
- 5:00 pm** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)

Monday, April 3

- 6:00 pm** Anointing of the Sick (Chapel)

Tuesday, April 4

- 7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)
- 9:00 am** Bible Study (Sacred Heart Room)
- 6:00 pm** Over 50's Potluck (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 pm** Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)
- 6:00 pm** D of I Rosary/Mtg. (KC Hall)

Wednesday, April 5

- 6:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, April 6

- 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, April 7

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

Saturday, April 8

- 7:00 am** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)

Sunday, April 9

- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 am** BP Checks (Hospitality Room)
- 12:15 pm** Stations in Spanish (Church)
- 3:00 pm** Baptism Class (Hospitality Room)
- 4:00 pm** Middle School Youth (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 PM** Tenebrae (Church)

Hour of Prayer

Monday:

Michelle Dunlap & Lisa Muiteer

Tuesday:

Elizabeth Edwards & Stephanie Sims

Wednesday:

Dolores Webber & Helen Farrell

Thursday:

Holly Newton & Tracy Wurth

Friday:

Wally & Marylou Efen

Saturday:

Nancy Burch & Shirley Renaud

RCIA topic for Thursday, April 6 - Holy Week

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.



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.

PARISH TARGET:	\$39,451.50
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$64,033.50
AMOUNT PAID:	\$53,608.50
PLEDGES DUE:	\$10,425.00
STM REBATE TO DATE:	\$ 7,078.30

Altar Society Ministry for April

Purificators: Jean Berry
Robes & Albs: Beth Walker

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, April 3**. 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.

D of I Meeting

Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Tuesday, April 4** at 6:30 pm with the Rosary to be prayed at 6:00 pm at the KC Hall.

Baptism Class

Baptism Preparation Class is required by all dioceses in the United States for first-time parents. Classes are free and are held at 3:00 pm in the hospitality Room. Our next class will be **Sunday, April 9**. To register please call the office at 270-534-9000 or email lois@stmore.org.

Open Adoration Hours

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. Unfilled Adoration hours are:

- Sunday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
3:00 - 4:00 am
4:00 - 5:00 pm
- Monday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
- Tuesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Wednesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
4:00 - 5:00 pm
- Thursday:** Midnight - 1:00 am
- Friday:** 4:00 - 5:00 am
Midnight - 1:00 am
- Saturday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
3:00 - 4:00 am
4:00 - 5:00 am
3:00 - 4:00 pm

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.

Nomination Process Begins for Pastoral Council

This weekend begins the nomination process for four Pastoral Council positions plus one Alternate position. Any parishioner 18 years or older may be nominated by another parishioner, by the Pastor, or by self-nomination. Nomination forms will again be available in the pews during all Masses the weekend after Easter. Forms are also available in the parish office, or nominations can be submitted by contacting Lois Bell by phone or e-mail at 270-534-9000 or lois@stmore.org. The deadline for submitting the nominations is **Monday, April 24th**. Please prayerfully consider your nomination. St. Thomas More uses the Leadership Discernment process for selecting new Pastoral Council members.



Over 50's Potluck

The next Over 50's Potluck will be **Tuesday, April 4** 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 Parish Office at 270-534-9000.

Rosary Garden Club News

The monthly Rosary Garden Club will not meet in April. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 1** at 1:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Room.

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 **April 4, 5 & 6**.

Men's Prayer Group - "The Rites of Passage"

On **Saturday, April 8** at 7:30 am in the Parish Hall, the men of St. Thomas More will meet for breakfast and discuss the rites of passage. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ (Eph. 4:15). How do we as boys to men, use the right of passage in our Christian life?"

Blood Pressure Checks

Our parish nurses will hold their monthly blood pressure checks next **Sunday, April 9** in the Hospitality Room between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. You are invited to stop by for this free service. Call the Parish Office (270-534-9000) for more information.

St. Thomas More Severe Weather Plan

An insert in this bulletin summarizes the severe weather plan being developed by the Parish Council. The steel-structure church building is actually a quite safe place during a storm, but just away from exterior windows. The severe weather plan calls for a trained person to closely monitor local weather conditions during a severe weather outbreak and, if appropriate, call for evacuation of the main sanctuary area into the church hallways and chapel away from windows. While such an evacuation is quite unlikely, please review the insert to understand what to do if such an extreme weather situation should threaten the church during a weekend Mass service.



Reconciliation Opportunities

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. **The last Wednesday for reconciliation will be on April 5.** 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.

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.



Middle School Youth Group

After a Scripture scavenger hunt, the middle school youth group enjoyed a hilarious game of charades this past Sunday.
PLEASE NOTE: We will not be meeting this Sunday, April 2. Have a great Spring Break!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* was established by the USCCB in June 2002. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of abuse of minors. The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.



Did You Know?

The Catholic Church teaches that sexual abuse is a grave moral evil. In addition to reporting incidents of sexual abuse to civil authorities, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator to report any instance of sexual abuse by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. Please use the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. A full explanation of the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns can be found in the sexual abuse policy, which can be found in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Vocation Awareness

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."
Belief in Jesus is the Way to truly living in this world, even if it takes dying from our current beliefs and ways of life. Far too often, people look elsewhere for joy and never consider the Lord as the means to the fullness of life and happiness. If you have ever felt that God is calling you to serve as a Catholic priest, contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, www.owensborovocations.com, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org.

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

As our season of Lent quickly draws to a close, we are reminded today that God's creative and life giving presence is always at work, bringing light out of darkness and new life out of death. The prophet Ezekiel reminds us that God's spirit is within us. Realizing this allows us to endure not only our eventual physical deaths but any difficulty, disappointment or crisis we may encounter. God's desire to bring all things into loving union with him is eternal.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Isidore
Wednesday: St. Vincent Ferrer
Friday: St. John Baptist de la Salle; Abstinence; First Saturday

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

*The best time to do something worthwhile
is between yesterday and tomorrow.*

—Anonymous



Remember in Prayer...

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Trent Bongiolatti, Judy Bufford, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Morgan Eggemeyer, Lance Fleming, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Margaret Hagan, Amy Harris, Jodi Hayden, Ann Heavrin, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Sr. Kateri Kaufman, Stephen & Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Paul Kortz, Buzz LaGessee, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Cynthia Owen & her unborn babies, Charity Peters, Ronnie Reil, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, Roscoe Shoulta, Nancy Stearns, Monty Thompson, Ann Vaughan, Ann Watkins, Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise

Homebound: Elizabeth Edwards, Randy Hand, Mike & Lorna Roper, Lucienne Willett, Gertrude Yopp

Nursing Home: Carol Baugh, Opal Cooper, Rose de Leo, Jeanette Elliott, Joe & Betty Falconite, Martha Floyd, Mary Galvin, Hester Geuss, Carl Harper, Bernie Herrmann, Vonnie Howard, Ken McCauley, Catherine McManman, John Metcalf, Delphine Operle, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods

Non-Parishioners: Matthew Shoulta, Holly Randall, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Cooper Mattingly, Roger Wilson, Margaret Whitney, Don Manning, Michael Sloan, Gwen Allen, Ada Cruce, Tom Butler



Justin Lamb, Chris McCoy, Timothy Lowman, 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, Alec McMahon
 "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, spaghetti for PCM and other non-perishable goods. Thank you for your generosity.

Non-parishioner names will be ROTATED off this list every SIX WEEKS unless a parishioner calls and extends the prayer request.



Saturday, April 1

James Hunt, Camdon Wheeler

Sunday, April 2

Luis Amador, Colin Bryant, Patrice Hoffman, Debbie Nevels, David Winfield

Monday, April 3

Robert Bosh, Melchor Geronimo, Patrick Howell, Hannah Hunt, Tom Largent, Patrick Sanders, David Shoulta, Irene Smith, Nancy Smith

Tuesday, April 4

Melissa Alcantara, Jenny Halvorson-Johnson, Aaron Harned, Elizabeth Hernandez, Tristan Hitchings, Patrick Jones, Lori Meredith, Jackson Olsen, Kayla Speis, Daniel Tritle, Isabella York

Wednesday, April 5

Kristen Amaya, Elizabeth Brown, René Dawson, Hai Duong, Gianna Roth, Vince Scarpino, Ben Von Bokel

Thursday, April 6

Wesley Burchett, Mary Jo Campbell, Patricia Case, Abigail Clark, Jose Lopez, Nicole North, Pam Whelan

Friday, April 7

Scott Babbs, William Barabas, Hailey Froehlich, Michelle Gordon, Jeanette Hobbs, Matthew Rea

Saturday, April 8

Sharlyne Dominguez, Grace Loyd-Webster, Justin Mason, Erin Mobley, Abby Powell

Sunday, April 9

Gary Kettler, Maddie Lynn



Sunday, April 2

David & Gina Winfield 29 yrs.
 Jose & Liliana Venegas 1 yr.

Tuesday, April 4

Steve & Earline Wurth 53 yrs.
 Jim & Mary Bumpous 53 yrs.

Wednesday, April 5

Jonathan & Megan Erickson 3 yrs.

Thursday, April 6

Terry & Amy Sullivan 15 yrs.
 David & Whitney Riley 3 yrs.

Friday, April 7

Paul & Marian Housholder 38 yrs.

Saturday, April 8

Ariel & Aris Tomes 12 yrs.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:

Lent always helps me renew my relationship with God. What can I do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year-round keeps us in spiritual shape!



Tenebrae

Join us Palm Sunday, April 9 at 7 p.m.



For the last several years, during Lent, we have held a special service called Tenebrae. The service of Light, Scripture and Music. The word Tenebrae is Latin meaning shadows or darkness.

Originally Tenebrae was the combined service of Matins and Lauds of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Modern services can take different forms – either singing the psalms and texts from the office or using a selection of scripture readings followed by a hymn or other musical reflection.

The common elements, in whatever form the service may take, are the use of seven candles, one extinguished after each of the readings. The seventh candle is re-lit after the strepitus, a Latin word meaning “loud noise”. The seventh candle represents the Risen Christ. The service ends in silence.

We invite you and your family to come to the church on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 7 p.m. The celebration is beautiful and moving. At the end, when there are no lights left in church, it is a very powerful moment of reflection. What a great way to begin Holy Week.



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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 9
 5:30 pm Vigil Mass and Procession (Saturday)
 9 am Solemn Blessing & Procession of Palm
 11 am Mass and Procession
 1 pm Mass and Procession (Spanish)
 7 pm Tenebrae
A Service of Light, Scripture and Music

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