

# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2017

## Mass Schedule

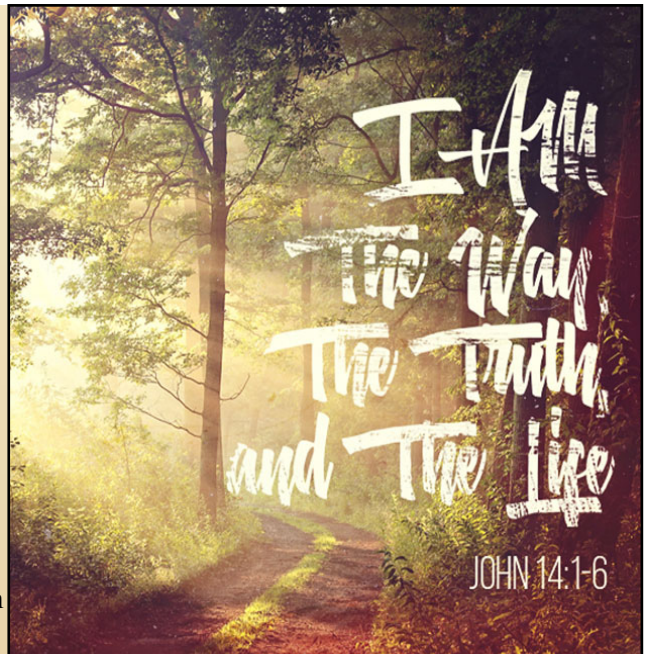
Saturday (Vigil Mass) - 5:30 pm

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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***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.***

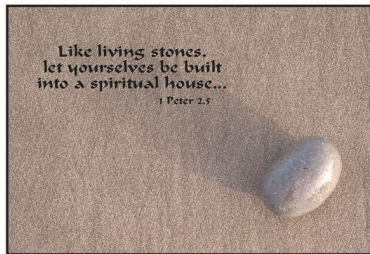
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Let Yourself be Built  
Into a Spiritual House

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each other's needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected.

In the gospel, Peter says, "... like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house," in reference to the members. He is saying in effect that we are called to build a church with living stones, namely ourselves. We all also understand that for a structure to be most effective, every element is needed to keep it strong. We, as the Church and as our parish, are no different. We need each person, each part of what is really the Church, to be like a living stone, active and involved. We are a faith community, not just a community of worshipers, but a community to reach out and serve others. To really do that we need each member to offer something of himself or herself.



Pope Francis said, "It is isolation that harms, not sharing. Being among people does not mean merely being open toward others, but also letting others get close to us." To be open, to be Church, requires each of us to do a part.

How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?

**MASS**  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 13**

5:30 pm Wilfred Lee Hagan (d)

**Sunday, May 14** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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

**Monday, May 15**

6:00 pm *5th Grade Transition Mass*

**Tuesday, May 16**

7:00 am Sharon Bartolo Dutz (d)  
6:00 pm *8th Grade Transition Mass*

**Wednesday, May 17**

9:30 am *Parkview ~ Fr. Bruce Fogle*  
12:00 pm *Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*  
Dennis Griffith (d)

**Thursday, May 18**

6:00 pm J. Burnie Carroll (d)

**Friday, May 19**

7:00 am Don Curtsinger (d)  
6:00 pm *Saint Mary Baccalaureate Mass*

**Saturday, May 20**

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

**Sunday, May 21** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Dennis Griffith (d)  
11:00 am Charlie Wilson (d)  
1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
Harry Don Sidenstricker (d)  
& Vickie Cole (d)

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*a way of life*

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**

**Regular Collection** \$22,666.00  
**Online Collections** \$ 5,231.00  
**Special Collections** \$ 1,003.00  
**Total Collection** \$28,900.00

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Did you know you can sign up for Online giving through the new St. Thomas More website ([www.stmore.org](http://www.stmore.org))? Just click the "online giving" tab (the last option on the right under the stained glass windows) and scroll down to click on the "WeShare Online Giving" button). Questions? Contact Ellen Anderson at 270-534-9000 or [ellen@stmore.org](mailto:ellen@stmore.org)



<b>Liturgical Ministers Schedule May 20/21</b>			
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sacristan	Debbie Caspar	Yvonne Bosch	John Roof
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Children's Liturgy	Lauren Flint Emily Veatch	Lesley Crider Sarah Katz	Sheila Rea Isabella York

*What's Happening*

**May Crowning  
at All Weekend Masses**

**Sunday, May 14**

**10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts  
(Parish Hall)

**Monday, May 15**

**6:00 pm** 5th Grade Transition Mass  
& Reception  
(Church/Parish Hall)

**6:30 pm** PC Discernment Mtg.  
(Library)

**Tuesday, May 16**

**7:30 am** Rosary  
(Chapel)

**6:00 pm** 8th Grade Transition Mass  
& Reception  
(Church/Parish Hall)

**Wednesday, May 17**

**6:15 pm** Faith Formation  
(SMES)

**Thursday, May 18**

**5:30 pm** Reconciliation  
(Chapel)

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

**Friday, May 19**

**6:00 pm** Saint Mary Baccalaureate  
(Church)

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

**Saturday, May 20**

**4:00 pm** Reconciliation  
(Church)

**Sunday, May 21**

**10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts  
(Parish Hall)

**3:00 pm** Baptism Class  
(Hospitality Room)

**4:00 pm** Middle School Youth  
(Parish Hall)

**Hour of Prayer**

**Monday:**

Tracy Wurth & Emma Bourgois

**Tuesday:**

Nadie Vance & Jim Garrett

**Wednesday:**

Bret & Maria Avra

**Thursday:**

Janet Colgan & Phyllis Kettler

**Friday:**

Andy & Suzy Gilland

**Saturday:**

Barb Larbes & Sr. Kateri Kaufman

**Altar Society Ministry for May**

Purificators: Chris Canella

Robes & Albs: Melisa Mast



Lord, bless our mothers.  
Draw close to them and hear their prayers  
for their children.  
Give them the grace of surrendered love-  
a love that images the love of our heavenly  
mother, Mary.

May all Mothers find daily  
the strength to love generously,  
the patience to endure graciously,  
and the grace to live their vocation of  
motherhood joyously.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ  
Amen.

**Catechists Needed**

The following volunteers are needed for the coming school year. Please prayerfully consider helping in our Church's very important ministry, the catechesis and instruction in faith of our kids and youth.

- Kindergarten Aide
- 3rd Grade Aide
- 5th Grade Catechist and Aide
- 6th Grade Aide
- 8th Grade Aide
- High School Co-Catechist

For inquiries and if interested, please email **Ging Smith** at [paducahfaithformation@smss.org](mailto:paducahfaithformation@smss.org), or call 270-443-0295.



**Bishop Medley in Paducah**

Bishop William Medley will be in his Paducah office at Lourdes Hospital on **Tuesday, May 23** from 10:00 - 3:00 pm. Appointments should be scheduled through his Owensboro office at 270-683-1545.

**Congregational Network for Health Care**

The Congregational Network for Healthcare is a collaborative partnership between Baptist Health and local congregations to disclose to the clergy or an official representative of the congregation your name, general condition (not to include specific medical information), and room number when you are admitted to Baptist Hospital. Fr. Brad and Fr. Michael Charles are happy to visit and bring communion and by signing this form when your are admitted, they will be notified.



**Register now for Mighty Fortress Vacation Bible School!**

**VBS 2017 is a victory celebration!** At **Mighty Fortress** VBS, children will learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our **Mighty Fortress**, and the victory Jesus has won for us.

Registration is open for ages **Pre-K** (aged 4 and potty trained) **through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**. VBS is from **June 5 to 9, 2017, at 9:00 am – 12:15 pm**, St. Mary Elementary School. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, learn bible verses, do crazy crafts, play awesome games, and more. Plus, kids will learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! Can't wait to see you there! To register, complete a registration form in the Gathering Space and turn it in before the **May 15 deadline**.

**Student helpers** from 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades are needed. Application forms are in the gathering space, at Faith Formation, and St. Mary. Deadline is May 12.

We also need **adult volunteers** (not a teaching role) for **Pre-K and Kindergarten**. For information, contact **Ging Smith** or **Lorie Brown** at 270 443 0295 or email [paducahfaithformation@smss.org](mailto:paducahfaithformation@smss.org).

**We appreciate your prayers** for **Mighty Fortress** VBS! Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior and **Mighty Fortress**! Ask God to provide helpers for this important mission.



**Middle School Youth Group**

**Sunday, May 14** - We will not meet today because of Mother's Day.  
**Sunday, May 21** – Last meeting before summer will be Sunday, May 21. We will play laser tag in the Parish Hall. Bring \$10 and a friend! Please RSVP to Terry Sullivan 270-519-1614.

**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 Sacred Heart Room. Our next class will be next **Sunday, May 21**. To register please call the office at 270-534-9000 or email [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org).



**Please Keep Us Updated**

Have you moved? Changed your email address? Dropped your landline? Help us keep our database up-to-date by sending changes via email to: [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org). Please include name, email, address, city, state, zip, phone, cell phone, or any other changes. Thank you for your help.

**Elizabeth Meals Ministry**

The Elizabeth Meals Ministry provides meals on a short-term basis for those St. Thomas More parish members who are recovering from surgery/illness or shut ins who are not already being ministered to by other groups. If you have a recommendation for a parishioner in need of this service, or if you would like to volunteer in this ministry to cook and/or deliver meals, please contact Lori Meredith at [lorimeredith7@comcast.net](mailto:lorimeredith7@comcast.net), 270-534-1176.



***Passionist Monastery Vocation & Preached Retreats***

The Passionist in Whitesville, KY invite those discerning a vocation to religious life to join them for their Passionist Monastic Weekend, **June 9-11**. Please visit <https://passionistnunsblog.com/passionist-vocation-retreat/> to register. They are also hosting a preached retreat **June 23-25** entitled, "God, Whose Mercy Endures Forever," with retreat director, Fr. Lou Caporiccio, C.P.M. You can register by visiting [www.passionistnuns.org](http://www.passionistnuns.org).

***Made For More Summer Camp for High School Men***

*"The world offers you comfort.*

*But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness"*

Pope Benedict XVI



What are you supposed to do with your life? What does God want you to do with your life? This camp is for young men (high school) who have the courage to begin asking those questions and who want to give their lives to the One who first gave His life for us. Made for More is about giving your life to God. Whether

you are being called to marriage, priesthood, consecrated life, or single missionary life, this camp is for you. Seek more to life than just getting by. Refuse to settle for anything less than the greatness to which God calls you. Strive to be the best Catholic man you can be. While attending this camp, participate in all the activities Gasper River Retreat Center has to offer: Zip-line, Low elements, Vertical playground, Giant swing, Jacob's Ladder, and much more. Scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Register at [gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org). Contact the Vocations Office: 270-683-1545, [owensborovocations.com](http://owensborovocations.com), [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org), for more information.

***Inspiration for the Week***

Let yourself be built into a spiritual house." These words are found in today's second reading. Are we willing to take up this challenge? Being built into a spiritual house means that I am willing to be shaped, constructed, stretched, changed, and designed. Growth involves many challenges and a lot of pain. It is not easy allowing my humanness to be transformed into the divine, and trusting God to do the work. Life's issues can easily cause us to try to control the uncontrollable and to become overly anxious when confronted with life and death issues. Yet Jesus tells his followers, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me." For those willing to be stretched and shaped into the spiritual dwelling they are meant to be, these words can be reassuring and lead to greater trust.

***Readings for the Week***

**Sunday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

*In all your actions seek in the first place  
the kingdom of God and his glory.  
--St. Bernardine of Siena*

***Open Adoration Hours***

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a time for quiet prayer 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  
1:00 - 2:00 pm  
**Tuesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am  
2:00 - 3:00 pm  
**Wednesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am  
**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](mailto:claudia_stevesmith@comcast.net) or  
**Angie Nelson** at 270-210-6339 or [tnelson007@comcast.net](mailto:tnelson007@comcast.net).

***Help Needed  
at St. Vincent de Paul***

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of strong individuals to help move donated furniture on **Tuesdays**. Please call Norma at (270)442-9351 if you are able to help.

***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!

***Saints & Special Observances***

**Sunday:** Mother's Day  
**Monday:** St. Isidore  
**Thursday:** St. John I,  
Pope & Martyr  
**Saturday:** St. Bernardine of Siena,  
Armed Forces Day

**Remember in Prayer...**

**Parishioners:** Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Trent Bongiolatti, Judy Bufford, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Rebecca Crider, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Morgan Eggemeyer, Lance Fleming, Bill Ford, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Margaret Hagan, Carl Harper, Amy Harris, Jodi Hayden, Ann Heavrin, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Sr. Kateri Kaufman, Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Paul Kortz, Buzz LaGesse, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Cynthia Owen & her unborn babies, Charity Peters, Ronnie Reil, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, 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, Vonnie Howard, Ken McCauley, John Metcalf, Delphine Operle, Mary Riedfort, Bill Walker, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods

**Non-Parishioners:** Matthew Shoulta, Holly Randall, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Ada Cruce, Carmen Mosier, Dennis Walsh, Virgen Ramos, Martha Hardin, Ann Neely, Emily Parker Vila, Larry Weitlauf, Elizabeth Pritchett, Margaret Whitney, Jimmy Kamphammer



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-Nevenon, Greg Nevenon, 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.**

**Does Your Marriage Need Help?**

Visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)  
 or call 270-683-1545 ext 357



**Saturday, May 13**

Kim Cash, Kevin Hernandez, Rosa McCoy, Chad Woeltz, Cindy Wurth

**Sunday, May 14**

David Barabas, Lane Hohlbein, Buzz Lagesse, Marielena Romero

**Monday, May 15**

Frank Bosh, Noah Elliott, Joe Goff, Dave Krueger, Tyler Leet, Judy Milford, Anna Pham, Elizabeth Shaw, Alan Wilson

**Tuesday, May 16**

Margot Mangino, Leigh Ann Paxton, Will Reed, Nicole Stegman

**Wednesday, May 17**

David Althouse, Pat Hobbs

**Thursday, May 18**

Sheri Babbs, David Clark, Riley Howell, David Vaughan

**Friday, May 19**

Wendy Anderson, Nicki Falconite-Roof, Kathy Wheeler

**Saturday, May 20**

Matthew Brown, Adley Ferguson, Michael Langston, Marcella Romaneck

**Sunday, May 21**

Mackenzie Bruce, Emily Hite, Lucienne Willett, Katherine Withrow



**Sunday, May 14**

Matt & Mary Evans 12 yrs.

**Tuesday, May 16**

Bob & Marylou Caron 47 yrs.

Randy & Marilyn Teitloff 36 yrs.

Chad & Kati Woeltz 2 yrs.

**Wednesday, May 17**

Gary & Kristi Schaaf 20 yrs.

Jay & Kelly Chapman 15 yrs.

**Thursday, May 18**

Charles & Jean Blackston 32 yrs.

Landen & Van Meeks 4 yrs.

**Friday, May 19**

Sam & Helen McNeill 10 yrs.

**Saturday, May 20**

Chad & Tara Hite 11 yrs.

Patrick & Erin Mobley 12 yrs.

David & Karen Smith 29 yrs.

**Sunday, May 21**

Cletus & Connie Poat 40 yrs.

Joe & Lori Wiggins 41 yrs.

Nicholas & Jamie Zaim 20 yrs.

Ed & Linda Sanders 23 yrs.

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

**Question:**

I learned recently that the first hospitals were founded by the Church. Why? What other things have their origin in the Church?

**Answer:**

Many social institutions have their origin in early church life. Meeting the needs of people was the most basic expression of faith. Not only did God make people in his own image and likeness, but Jesus had given the command of love: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). The apostles had appointed the first deacons to look after the needs of the poor widows. It wasn't long afterwards that hospices, hospitals, soup kitchens, and orphanages appeared. Universities came later, based on monastery and cathedral schools that had been ordered to provide education to young boys by Charlemagne. As the needs of society became more complex, the Church would champion the needs of the poor, the oppressed, the sick, and the needy. All of this was done out of respect for the dignity of each person and the need to prepare them to hear and embrace the Gospel. Organizing social institutions made for a more efficient use of resources, and a more visible sign of the ongoing work of the Church in preaching and teaching the Gospel.





Mini Edition

# May Crowning

*This year's Crowning will bring young and old together*



At each Mass this weekend, we will bring our youth together with some of our oldest parishioners to take part in our May Crowning tradition.

Members of this year's First Communion class will join some of our oldest parishioners to jointly crown our Mary statue in the back of Church.

To include the oldest members of parish with this year's First Communion class seemed one of the best ways to demonstrate the family aspect of our parish as we honor the divine family of Mary.

The Crowning will be part of the Vigil Mass on Saturday night at 5:30 and at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses and the 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon Spanish Mass.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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](http://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!

William Bell  
Michael and Sherry Cumbie  
Liz Domé  
Don Higdon  
Josh and Katie Smith  
Ryan Timmons

# Our Communion Cups Project

*Thank you so much for your support*



At the end of last month, we shared with you our plan to purchase new Communion Cups for use at weekend Masses. We again want to thank our Parish Knights of Columbus who have already made a generous donation toward the purchase of these cups. We also want to thank those of you who have decided to purchase a cup. Because of your generosity, we only have two cups remaining that need to be funded.

The cups are custom designed and made of hand-hammered silver with a gold inlay interior. The cups are \$295 each. If you are interested in purchasing one of the last two of these cups as a gift to the parish or would like more information, please contact the parish office by calling 270.534.9000 or emailing [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org).





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