

# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 7, 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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## Are We Good Stewards of Our Baptismal Vows?

Saint Peter plays a prominent leadership role in the first two readings, urging his listeners to be baptized and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit; and encouraging them to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We have just renewed our baptismal promises at Easter and the Holy Spirit dwells in us in a special way. Are we good stewards of those baptismal vows?

Have we renewed our commitment to follow in Jesus' footsteps? Have we opened our hearts to discern the will of God in our lives? Take some time to reflect on the importance of our baptismal renewal and our lives as disciples of the Lord.

### Mystagogia

The Easter season remains a special time for re-commitment to the Lord. One word for this period is "mystagogia," and those who were newly baptized at the Great Easter Vigil are especially familiar with this term. It literally means that we delve more deeply into the mystery of our faith. But exploring this mystery is not just an endeavor for new Christians. As we prepare for Pentecost, we prayerfully examine what the Resurrection means in our own lives.

For Christian stewards, it's a time to reevaluate how faith in the Risen Lord informs every aspect of our lives – how we labor, how we play, the way we pray, how we allocate our resources, where we spend our time, how we love, how we extend our compassion to others. If Christ is truly risen – an astounding and life-altering belief – then this Easter time brings immense joy and a continuing desire to know the Risen Lord.

We spent forty days in the penitential season of Lent. Now, we are embarking on fifty days of joyous celebration. Let us experience this joy throughout the Easter season, so that when we celebrate Pentecost on June 4, we may truly find our hearts on fire with the Spirit.



#### Saturday, May 6

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

#### Sunday, May 7 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Bill Cash (d)

11:00 am Mary Lois Hagan (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*  
Troy Schaffner (d)

#### Monday, May 8

6:00 pm Charlie Wilson (d)

#### Tuesday, May 9

7:00 am Anne Adhiambo Ajigo (d)

#### Wednesday, May 10

12:00 pm *Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*  
George Dannemueller (d)

#### Thursday, May 11

9:00 am *SMHS ~ Fr. Brad Whistle*  
Dennis Griffith (d)

6:00 pm Pearle Curtsinger (d)

#### Friday, May 12

7:00 am Wayne Hagan (d) & the Hagan Family

#### 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

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*a way of life*

### Sunday, April 30, 2017

**Regular Collection \$15,327.00**

**Online Collections \$ 4,531.00**

**Special Collections \$ 453.00**

**Total Collection \$20,311.00**

#### **Thank you for your generosity!**

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)



**Liturgical Ministers Schedule May 13/14**

	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Debbie Caspar	Yvonne Bosch	John Roof
Euch. Ministers	Sr. Lucy Bonifas David Culbertson Peggy Culbertson Jim Kallaher Vicki Kight Sam Leone Bill Murphy Marie Petrites Murphy Mary Kay Sanders David Shoulta Dolores Webber	Kurt Averill Staci Averill Valerie Kortz Jeff Mudd Jill Mudd David Roof Ron Shoulta Camilla Shumaker Lynn Thompson Craig Willett Kathy Willett	Trish Burks Michelle Dunlap Joe Hobbs Abby LaFont Karina Romero Marianna Romero Eileen Segebarth Claudia Smith Nadie Vance
Lectors	Jackie Hopper Chris Shockley	Mike Crider Amy Ridley	Brenda Greenwell Jeri Duong
Servers	Caroline Veatch Emily Veatch	Edward O'Neill Katie O'Neill	Billy Johnston Nikolay Roof
Greeter Families	Kelly Chapman Chris Hrdlicka Jeff Seay	Cathy Elliott Bill Halicks Geoffrey Newton	Bob Lang Betty McManus Lisa Zakutney
Ushers	Marcia Cochran Evan Culbertson Isaac LaBarge Matt LaBarge Mark Toren Tony Toren	Scott Babbs Craig Jones Ray Lane Maria Stuckenborg Kevin Wurth Mike Wurth	Ann Bongiolatti Keith Cash Tessa Cash Kyle Rea Mike Rea Brandon Trevathan
Children's Liturgy	Marlena Jones Ashleigh Mast	Sheri Babbs Meredith Petter	Erin Mobley Ashley Sullivan

**Hour of Prayer**

**Monday:**  
Wally & Marylou Elfen

**Tuesday:**  
Skip & Lillie Grief

**Wednesday:**  
Theresa Owens & Tamara Jones

**Thursday:**  
Pat Cvangros & Cecelia Farrell

**Friday:**  
Ray & Amy Lane

**Saturday:**  
Shirley Renaud & Dolores Webber

**Altar Society Ministry for May**

Purificators: Chris Canella      Robes & Albs: Melisa Mast

**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:**                             \$64,583.50  
**AMOUNT PAID:**                                 \$56,111.00  
**PLEDGES DUE:**                                 \$ 8,472.50  
**STM REBATE TO DATE:**                       \$ 8,329.55

*What's Happening*

**Altar Society Bake Sale  
at All Weekend Masses**

**Sunday, May 7**

- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 10:00 am** Blood Pressure Checks (Hospitality Room)
- 11:00 am** Seniors Honor Mass (Church)
- 3:00 pm** St. Mary School Concert (Church)
- 4:00 pm** Middle School Youth (Parish Hall)

**Monday, May 8**

- 5:00 pm** Cemetery Board Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)
- 6:30 pm** PC Discernment Mtg. (Parish Hall)

**Tuesday, May 9**

- 7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)
- 6:00 pm** Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)
- 6:00 pm** Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)

**Wednesday, May 10**

- 9:00 am** Mother's Day Out (Nursery/Library)
- 6:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:15 pm** Faith Formation (SMES)
- 6:15 pm** Stewardship Committee (Sacred Heart Room)

**Thursday, May 11**

- 5:30 pm** Reconciliation (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, May 12**

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

**Saturday, May 13**

- 7:30 am** Men's Prayer Breakfast (Parish Hall)
- 4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)

**May Crowning  
at All Weekend Masses**

**Sunday, May 14**

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

**Eternal Rest**

Alicia Martinez Sanchez, mother of Juan (Maria) Baraza, passed away Monday, May 1, 2017.

St. Thomas More parishioner Roscoe Shoulta passed away Monday, May 1, 2017.

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



**Saint Mary School Concert Today**

The Saint Mary Music Department will present a concert at Saint Thomas More **today at 3:00 pm** in the church. All are welcome!



**Middle School Youth Group**

**Sunday, May 7** - Join us for fun activities, prayer, snack, and growing together in our faith. Meet in the Parish Hall at 4:00 pm. 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! Contact Terry Sullivan at 270-519-1614 for more information.

Pictured are middle school youth having fun last Sunday, April 30.



**World Day of Prayer for Vocations Called by Name**

Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It has also been designated a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This year marks its 54<sup>th</sup> year. As we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, each parish in the Diocese of Owensboro has been invited to participate in **CALLED BY NAME**, a program of vocations awareness that offers an opportunity for us to pray for priestly vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood. Perhaps you know a man (high school or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest. We will follow up with them and offer resources for discernment and personally invite them to participate in our discernment programs such as, Come and See weekends, discernment retreats, and Made for More Camp. Please recommend this person by contacting the vocations office: 270-683-1545 or [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org)

**1917-Fatima-2017:100 Years**

To help celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima, **ALL ARE INVITED** to come and see the 1952 classic religious movie, **THE MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**, which will be professionally shown on a 12 foot screen at St. John's Church on **Wednesday, May 10** at 7:00 pm. This showing is sponsored by those who want to share the important message of Our Lady of Fatima even for our day, 100 years later. The evening will be free, so all can come and be inspired.

**STM Men's Prayer Group**

In Archbishop Charles J. Chaput's essay "Strangers in a Strange Land" he writes "If we want to change the culture of a nation, we need to begin by taking a hard look at the thing we call our own faith. If we don't radiate the love of God with passion and courage in the example of our daily lives, nobody else will—least of all the young people who see us most clearly and know us most intimately." Please join us for a discussion of the changing social make-up of the U.S. and a nice breakfast on **Saturday, May 13** at 7:30 am in the Parish Hall.

**Job Opening**

Paducah Faith Formation is in need of a part time office assistant (10-15 hours/week). Previous experience preferred, but not required. Interested individuals must be a practicing Catholic, highly organized and competent, have the ability to perform duties with minimal supervision; possess knowledge of computers and programs especially Word and Excel; strong interpersonal skills, creative and dynamic, proficient in both oral and written communication skills. The office assistant is responsible to assist Director and volunteer catechists in program and class activities, takes care of registration records and office files, and shares info with parishes. Reply with cover letter, resume, and references to Ging Smith at 377 Highland Blvd, Paducah KY, 42003 or email to [paducahfaithformation@smss.org](mailto:paducahfaithformation@smss.org).



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*Called by Name*

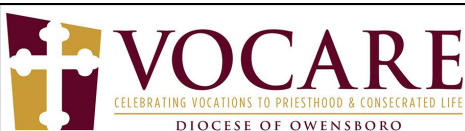
Do you know a future priest?

**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.

**Room Reservations**

All meetings and events must be scheduled through the Parish Office. Please call the office at 270-534-9000 or email [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org) before planning a meeting or event to avoid conflicts with meeting space.





**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**.

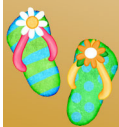
**Student helpers** from 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades are needed. Application forms are in the gathering space, at Faith Formation, and St. Mary. Deadline is May 12.

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.

***Catholic Women's Retreat:***

***Friends, Faith & Flip Flops | Aug. 25-26***



Join women from around the Diocese of Owensboro for a women's retreat at Kentucky Dam Village. This is an opportunity to be spiritually and emotionally refreshed. Speakers are Hallie Lord and Cyndi Spivey and Mass with Bishop William F. Medley. Register before July 20<sup>th</sup> for \$25 and after July 20<sup>th</sup> for \$40. Learn more and register at [owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/](http://owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/).

***Inspiration for the Week***

Did you ever wonder why so many images of a shepherd show him with a sheep around his neck? When sheep wander, they need to learn who to follow. A good shepherd realizes that in order for the animal to do this, there must be a bond so tight that they then "smell" like each other and the sheep can recognize the scent. Jesus has us around his neck. He wants us to follow him; not just his teachings, but in the relationship with his Father. Jesus shows us, by his life, suffering, death, and resurrection what we ought to do to be fully human and live as children of God. By bonding with those most poor and vulnerable, Jesus calls us to do the same and desires to be our Good Shepherd. As you worship here today, keep in mind an image of Jesus carrying you around his neck. He wants you to recognize him so that you can follow, especially when we find ourselves wandering away.

***Readings for the Week***

- Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
- Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday:** Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20
- Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

***Help Needed at SVdP***

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.

***2nd Friday Fish Fry***



Rosary Chapel Catholic Church, 711 Ohio St., Paducah, KY 42003, will be hosting their 2nd Friday Fish Fry's beginning **May 12**, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and will continue on the 2nd Friday of each month through November 10, 2017. Baked or fried fish with trimmings included in dinners. Price \$10. Dine in or carry-out. Call 270.444.6383.

***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  
10:00 - 11:00 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](mailto:claudia_stevesmith@comcast.net) or  
**Angie Nelson** at 270-210-6339 or [tnelson007@comcast.net](mailto:tnelson007@comcast.net).

***Saints & Special Observances***

- Sunday** World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Wednesday:** St. Damien de Veuster
- Friday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Fatima

**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 LaGessee, 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 Kampthamer



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.**

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



**Saturday, May 6**

Joanne Clark, Peggy Denkins, Nicholas Giraldo-Reyes, Claudia Reyes, Glynn Smith

**Sunday, May 7**

Robert Elder III, Bill Ford, Shannon Wathen

**Monday, May 8**

Lesley Crider, Steve DuPerrieu, Marie Funk, Freda Jett

**Tuesday, May 9**

Terry Carlton, Deacon Terry Larbes, Darlene Mazzone

**Wednesday, May 10**

Gustavo Amaya, Morgan Cope, Allison Hart, Patrick Hayden, Jessica Jones, Myiah Sherron, Stacey Swift

**Thursday, May 11**

Jose Dominguez, Nathan Harris, Maximo Martinez, Jeremy North, Olga Robles, Carrie Singler, Kairo Velaquez

**Friday, May 12**

Hillary Hollowell, Reese Kupper, Steve Lindsey, Carrie Roach, Connor Speis, Alyssa Todino

**Saturday, May 13**

Kim Cash, Kevin Hernandez, Aliah Lemus, Rosa McCoy, Mary Ellen Newcomb, Chad Woeltz, Cindy Wurth

**Sunday, May 14**

David Barabas, Lane Hohlbein, Buzz Lagesse, Marielena Romero



**Sunday, May 7**

Frank & Jennifer Bosh 20 yrs.

**Monday, May 8**

Kevin & Eileen Segebarth 35 yrs.

**Tuesday, May 9**

David & Susan Curtsinger 25 yrs.

**Wednesday, May 10**

Mark & Jane Wolf 37 yrs.

Joe & Clarice Elliott 14 yrs.

Terry & Amy Roof 3 yrs.

**Thursday, May 11**

Mark & Carole Schwarm 15 yrs.

**Friday, May 12**

Jim & Kate Rudd 14 yrs.

**Sunday, May 14**

Matt & Mary Evans 12 yrs.

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

**Question:**

A pastor recently mentioned the need for deacons. It is something I am considering. How do I know if I have a vocation? What steps should I take next?

**Answer:**

Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the body of Christ, what one member does affects all; what the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service. If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply.





# Congratulations!

*Join us in congratulating our newly Confirmed and our First Communion recipients*



Spring is a busy time at Saint Thomas More with Lent coming to an end and the joyous celebration of the

Easter season getting underway. We also welcome new members to the church at our Easter Vigil Mass and then we share in the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion with our youth.

Join us in congratulating those who were recently Confirmed. They are: J Barber, Ixchel Barraza, Cody Browning, Margaret Butts, Ryan Chua, Abigail Cope, John Ryan Curtsinger, Jerome de la Rosa, Chiara Doran, Grant Eckstein, Joey Eggemeyer, Keaton Elliott, Abby Hatton, Marshall Johnson, Billy Johnston, Andrew Katz, Emma Kerr, Madeline Kerr, Josh King, Isaac LaBarge, Jaelyn Meredith, Will Muter, William Seay, Sophia Shibben, Allison Shockley, Hannah Speis, Alyssa Todino, Abby Tyson, Samuel Whelan, Elliott Straub, and Benjamin Willett.



We also would like to congratulate our First Communion class who were able to take part in Holy Communion for the first time last weekend at the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass. The First Communion recipients were: Emily Adams, Payton Barabas, Gavin Belford,

Madison Bicking, Josephine Brown, David Burrus, Alyssa Carter, Ellie Chapman, Thomas Crouch, Chanel Cumbie, Abigail Dawson, Lana Flint, Ryan Goins, Aibhlinn Hennesy, Emily Hite, Rowan LaFont, Parker Leet, Lucero Lopez, Gregory Pastor, Angelina Perrault, Madelyn Pobst, Drake Rogers, Carsyn Schick, Lauren Schipp, Sophie Schoot, Audrey Sims, Cadence Todd, Olivia Vaughan, Alondra Velasco Gomez, Aryanna Vieitez, Brooke Von Bokel, and Truitt Webb.



A special thanks goes out to all those who helped these students learn about the Sacraments in the classes leading up to their First Communion and Confirmation. There are several months of preparation before these big days and we are very grateful to those who have committed their time to help instruct these students.



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