

# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

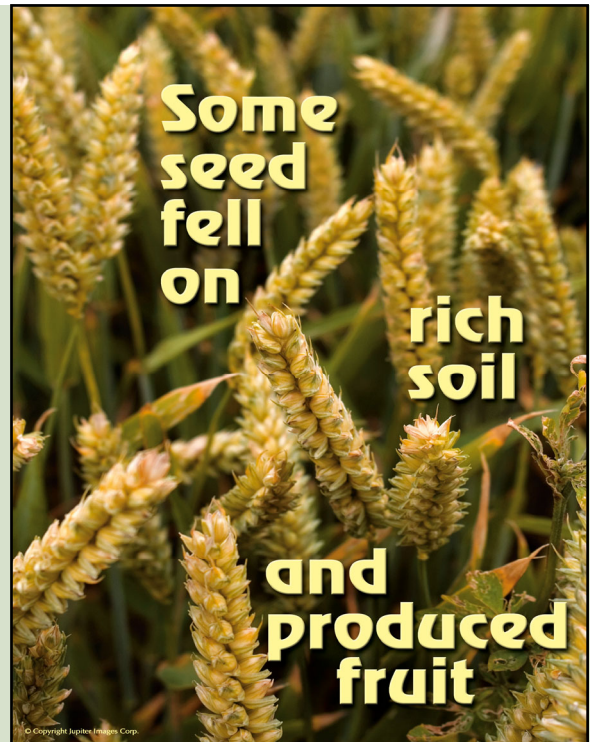
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 16, 2017

## 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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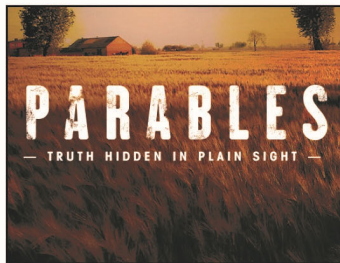
***We are St. Thomas More Parish, members of the living Body of Christ,  
born again in Baptism and strengthened through the Eucharist  
to promote the Gospel values of our Catholic faith.***

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**An Attitude of Gratitude**

In today’s Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, Christ is asked why He speaks in parables. His response in part is the statement, “To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.” Christ’s parables, of which there are many, may not always make sense to us, unless we consider them carefully.



Christ’s speaking in and relating to parables has everything to do with what we call The Word. If we listen conscientiously to the Word (represented by our readings at Masses and to the homily we hear), we may, and perhaps even should, grasp the meaning. The Word is filled with the deeper truths of the Bible. God opens our eyes and ears to these truths, but we must be amenable to them and must be willing to try to understand them. Too often we merely listen and do not hear. We go through the motions, when our total concentration should be on what we are being told. First of all we need to appreciate that only God can open the eyes and ears of each of us.

*One of the popular phrases about stewardship is “an attitude of gratitude.”* That is so important. On a bad day, even the most hardened of us can find one thing for which to be grateful, and that can adjust everything in our thought processes. Are we closed to the teachings of Jesus? If we open our minds and concentrate, the Lord’s teachings may unfold to us like nothing we have ever experienced previously.

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

**Saturday, July 15**

5:30 pm David A. Grief

**Sunday, July 16** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Family  
 11:00 am Charlie Wilson (d)  
 1:00 pm Mass in Spanish  
 Vincent San Donato (d)

**Monday, July 17**

6:00 pm Charles Miller (d)

**Tuesday, July 18**

7:00 am Wilfred Lee Hagan (d)

**Wednesday, July 19**

9:30 am Parkview ~ Fr. Bruce Fogle  
 12:00 pm Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle  
 Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, July 20**

6:00 pm Bill Cash (d)

**Friday, July 21**

7:00 am Wilfred Lee & Mary Lois Hagan (d)

**Saturday, July 22**

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

**Sunday, July 23** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Predrag Sredl (d)  
 11:00 am Thomas Brumlow (d)  
 1:00 pm Mass in Spanish  
 Carmen Hernandez (d)

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*a way of life*

**Sunday, July 9, 2017**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$16,360.50</b>
<b>Online Collections</b>	<b>\$ 8,987.00</b>
<b>Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 176.00</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$25,523.50</b>

**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 July 22/23**

	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sacristan	Diana Black	Rose Ann Walker	Tim Whitelock
Euch. Ministers	Mary Carrico Mary Evans Bill Graves Mary Ann Graves Barb Harris Gale Hatton Jim Kallaher Vicki Kight Bill Murphy Marie Petrites Murphy Dolores Webber	Kurt Averill Staci Averill Frank Block Tom Clinton Jim Godec Sharon Godec Rick Goins Camilla Shumaker Herb Straub Maria Stuckenberg Ken Wurth	Trish Burks Tessa Cash Michelle Dunlap Pat Hobbs Abby LaFont Claudia Smith Terry Sullivan Brandon Trevathan Richard Vieitez
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*What's Happening*

**Sunday, July 16**

**Altar Society Bake Sale at All Weekend Masses**  
**10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)  
**3:00 pm** Baptism Class (Hospitality Room)

**Tuesday, July 18**

**7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)  
**6:00 pm** Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)

**Thursday, July 20**

**5:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)  
**6:30 pm** Theology on Tap (Mellow Mushroom)  
**7:00 pm** Hispanic Women's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

**Friday, July 21**

**7:00 pm** Hispanic Men's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

**Saturday, July 22**

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

**Sunday, July 23**

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

**Altar Society Ministry for July**

Purificators: Linda Whitelock  
 Robes & Albs: Kelly Azar

**Hour of Prayer**

**Monday:**

Janet Colgan & Dolores Webber

**Tuesday:**

Cecelia Farrell & Emma Bourgois

**Wednesday:**

Skip & Lillie Wurth

**Thursday:**

Nadie Vance & Tracy Wurth

**Friday:**

Bret & Maria Avra

**Saturday:**

Phyllis Kettler & Jim Garrett

**Vocation Awareness**

*"My word should not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it"*

The promise God makes through Isaiah is that His word will achieve the end for which He sent it. Perhaps we are the instrument through which God's harvest will be fruitful and abundant. If you've ever thought you might have a vocation to priesthood, contact the vocations office for resources to assist you with your discernment: [www.owensborovocations.com](http://www.owensborovocations.com) 270-683-1545, [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org)

**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.



**2nd Grade Catechist and Aide  
 8th Grade Aide**

**5th Grade Catechist and 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.

**Safe Environment**

The Diocese of Owensboro mandates that adults age 18 and over who serve in ministry, service, or education formation which involves contact with children must receive certification from the Diocese. This includes a background check and the completion of "Shield the Vulnerable", a safe environment online class at [www.shieldthevulnerable.org](http://www.shieldthevulnerable.org), or you may access it on our website at [www.stmore.org](http://www.stmore.org) and click on Safe Environment in the lower left corner. If you are teaching Faith Formation, Children's Liturgy of the Word or take part in any other ministry that involves children, please be sure your certification is up to date. If you have questions, email [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org) or call 270-534-9000.

***Congratulations!***

Congressman James Comer has announced that St. Thomas More parishioner **Robert Bosh**, who graduated from The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Bowling Green, is a military academy appointee and will be going to the Air Force Academy with the hopes of becoming a fighter pilot. Robert is the son of Frank and Jennifer Bosh.

***Altar Society Bake Sale This Weekend***

The St. Thomas More Altar Society will have a Bake Sale this weekend at all of the Masses. Please be generous in your support of this organization which supplies hosts, altar wine and candles for our liturgies.



***Nursery Workers Needed!***



Your Help is Needed in the Nursery! Many families rely on this important ministry each week! Adult nursery workers, age 18 and up, are needed to work during Masses each weekend. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Ronnie Reil at [rreil@hollandstivers.com](mailto:rreil@hollandstivers.com) or Melisa Mast at [mmast@stmore.org](mailto:mmast@stmore.org) or 270-534-9000.

***Theology on Tap***

**Thursday, July 20 6:30 p.m.**

A fun evening and great food at Mellow Mushroom  
Discussion Topic – "Pulling Up Weeds"  
For more information, contact Melisa Mast at 270-534-9000 or [mmast@stmore.org](mailto:mmast@stmore.org)



***Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Scramble***

The Knight of Columbus Holy Rosary Council 1055 of St. Francis De Sales Church is holding the 11<sup>th</sup> annual charity golf scramble at Drake Creek in Ledbetter, KY on **Saturday, July 22** at 7:30 am. Support a 4-person team for \$260.00, which includes lunch and unlimited range balls on the day of the golf scramble. Join us for an opportunity to win hole-in-one prizes including a new car from Nissan of Paducah, along with other skill prizes. If interested, please contact Jeff Warren at 270-519-9990 or email [warren1229@att.net](mailto:warren1229@att.net).

***Married Singles Lifestyle***

The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are now living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing any level of difficulty in their marriage from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the August program beginning on **August 18, 2017** call 270-852-8346 or email: [felliott3232@yahoo.com](mailto:felliott3232@yahoo.com).

***Everyone is Invited***

The St. Mary "Back to School Bash" and Alumni Soccer Game will be **Saturday, August 12** from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. There will be complimentary burgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks in the high school commons (donations are accepted for our soccer program). At 7:45 pm an alumni group picture will be taken at the soccer field and announcement of alumni and current players before the game begins. All St. Mary soccer alumni please plan to be there and text Lori at 270-210-0693 with your size for a complimentary t-shirt.



**Our Bounty Baskets, located in the Gathering Space, are in need of:**

**St. Vincent de Paul - tooth paste and easy to prepare food for the homeless.**

**PCM-spaghetti and other non-perishable goods.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**July 23 - 28**

**Totus Tuus - Totally Yours**

*Totus Tuus is a week-long Catholic summer "parish mission" program for youth in 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade that is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through Catechetical Instruction, Christian Witness, Vocational Discernment, Marian Devotion, and Eucharistic Worship.*

*All Youth 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> (2017-18 School Year) Welcome!  
Bring a friend!!*

**1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades Meet from 8:00 am-2:30 pm**

**Teen Program: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades Meet 7:00-9:00 pm**

*Location: St John Parish, Paducah*

*Cost \$30 1st child and \$15 each additional family member*

**For more information contact: Maria Korte, 270-442-1923 or email [mkorte@parishsfd.com](mailto:mkorte@parishsfd.com)**



**Office of Vocations**  
DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO


*Called by Name*

*Friends, Faith & Flip Flops*  
Catholic Women's Retreat



August 25-26, 2017  
Kentucky Dam Village Resort

Grab your friends and join us at Kentucky Dam Village! It's going to be an amazing Friday evening and Saturday with speakers such as Catholic radio personality and author, Hallie Lord, and faith and fashion blogger, Cyndi Spivey! Bishop Medley will preside over Mass Saturday morning. Paint something to hang on your door, take a hike, try out the ziplines and much more during the breakout sessions Saturday afternoon. Early registration is \$25 and the price will increase to \$40 after July 20. Visit [owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/](http://owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/) to learn more and register online.



**MapleFest at the Mount**

Mark your calendars for the first MapleFest at the Mount, which is taking place at Mount Saint Joseph on their usual picnic weekend in September. MapleFest will feature crafts, food and other items for sale over a three-day period. Admission is free. The booths are open on **Friday, September 8 from 5:00-7:00 pm; Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 am-7:00 pm, and Sunday, September 10 from 8:00 am-3:00 pm** and will be located on the former picnic grounds. How-to workshops will be offered in the gym. The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph will have their own craft and raffle booth. Grand raffle prizes are \$10,000, \$3,500, \$1,000, a handmade quilt, \$500, \$250 and \$100. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Event proceeds will benefit retired Ursuline Sisters. For questions or to order raffle tickets in advance, call 270-229-2009 or email [besy.mullins@maplemount.org](mailto:besy.mullins@maplemount.org). **Vendor applications will be accepted until July 30.** Mount Saint Joseph is located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56. You can find out more online: [ursulinesmsj.org/help-the-sisters/maplefest](http://ursulinesmsj.org/help-the-sisters/maplefest). Keep up with what's happening with the hashtag #MountMapleFest.

**Inspiration for the Week**

We are reminded today that the seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. What kind of soil do we have? God's word needs to take root in our lives so that we can remain faithful not only when life is easy but when it gets challenging and difficult. Anxiety, worldly cares and concerns, personal challenges, experiences of loss and death, and even fear and disappointment can prevent us from trusting God's promise. We can even find ourselves doubting God's fidelity and lose touch with his presence. Our soil can easily become rocky, hard, and unyielding. Open your eyes and ears today and let all that is around you lead you to God's presence. Then, do all in your power to cultivate and nurture a life that is eager to receive him and fertile for growing the seeds of God's kingdom.

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34--11:1  
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24  
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27  
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30  
 Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8  
 Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**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:

<b>Sunday:</b>	1:00 - 2:00 am 3:00 - 4:00 am 4:00 - 5:00 pm
<b>Monday:</b>	1:00 - 2:00 am 1:00 - 2:00 pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1:00 - 2:00 am 2:00 - 3:00 pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1:00 - 2:00 am
<b>Thursday:</b>	Midnight - 1:00 am
<b>Friday:</b>	4:00 - 5:00 am Midnight - 1:00 am
<b>Saturday:</b>	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).

**REMEMBER TO JOIN US!**

**Recitation of the Holy Rosary**  
**Monday-Friday, 7:30 am**  
**St. Mary Memorial Chapel**



**FATIMA 2017**  
 Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady

**Saints & Special Observances**

**Tuesday:** St. Camillus de Lellis  
**Thursday:** St. Apollinaris  
**Friday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi  
**Saturday:** St. Mary Magdalene

*I am not my own;  
 I have given myself to Jesus.  
 He must be my only love.  
 --St. Kateri Tekakwitha*



**Remember in Prayer...**

**Parishioners:** Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Pat Brockenborough, Judy Bufford, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Rebecca Crider, Pat Cvenngros, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Francie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Morgan Eggemeyer, 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, Buzz LaGessee, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Ella O'Bryan, Karen Paxton, Charity Peters, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, Nancy Stearns, Monty Thompson, Ann Vaughan, Ann Watkins, Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise

**Assisted Living:**

Velma Bohle-Carlton & Terry Carlton, Opal Cooper, Myrtle Dorris

**Homebound:** Randy Hand, Mike & Lorna Roper, Gertrude Yopp

**Nursing Home:** Carol Baugh, Jeanette Elliott, Joe & Betty Falconite, Martha Floyd, Mary Galvin, Hester Geuss, Vonnie Howard, Ken McCauley, John Metcalf, Delphine Operle, Paul Kortz, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods

**Non-Parishioners:** Ada Cruce, Matthew Shoulta, Michael Curtis Hobbs, Elizabeth Pritchett, Margaret Whitney, Jimmy Kapfhammer, Don Manning, Cody Carrico, Wayne Batts, Susie Taylor, Renate Master-son, Toni Masterson, Vickie Boggess, Jarod Hardin, Shirley Hud-son, Melanie Sisco, Dennis Walsh, Sarah Poat Stewart, John Kraus, Charlie Proctor, Joanie Cooper, Nan-ette Love



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, Kelly Scott-Nevo- nen, Greg Nevo- nen, Cameron Grueninger, Michael Renfro, Jason Smith, Alec McMahan  
*"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."*

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

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

**Question:**

July 22 is the feast of Mary Magdalene. Who was she and is it true that she was a prostitute who followed Jesus around in his ministry?

**Answer:**

Recent biblical scholarship has been trying for a long time to correct Mary Magdalene's misconstrued reputation as a prostitute. Biblical information reveals her as one of the most important disciples of Jesus, following and financially supporting him during his ministry. She is also a faithful witness both to the Crucifixion and the first to see the risen Jesus.

Her reputation as a prostitute arose from the misunderstandings of certain texts in Luke. Luke 8:2 reports Mary as being a follower of Jesus "from whom seven demons had gone out." This passage follows Luke's story of the sinful woman, a prostitute, who bathed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. Since that woman is not named, there came to be an association of that woman with Mary Magdalene, "from whom seven demons had gone out." Thus Mary became known as a prostitute. The readings and prayers for her feast day make no mention of her reputation as a sinner. Rather, they emphasize and highlight her role as the first witness to the risen Lord, and the first one commissioned by Jesus to tell of the good news to the disciples. Let us continue to be Mary Magdalene to the world.



**Saturday, July 15**

Claire Carrico, Angela DiCicco, Mark Ebelhar, Barb Harris, Jodi Hayden, Janessa Mills, Dylan Nevels, Joey Perrault

**Sunday, July 16**

Jamison Nunn, Mark Wolf

**Monday, July 17**

John Colgan, Abigail Cope, Doris Stone

**Tuesday, July 18**

Staci Averill, Antonio Barraza, Maria Charlot, Kindra McCoy, Matthew Riffe, Samantha Riffe, Alexa Rodriguez, Andrea Rodriguez, Jim Sanders, Matt Whittaker, Susan Ybarzabal

**Wednesday, July 19**

Brian Katz, Bonnie Kepf, Rob Milford, Denise Milner, Jill Mudd, Nancy Stearns

**Thursday, July 20**

Dwayne Burrus, Chanel Cumbie, Andrea Eastes, Bonnie Stewart

**Friday, July 21**

Amelia Lamb

**Saturday, July 22**

Luis Concepcion

**Sunday, July 23**

David Carrico, Loree Eckstein, Fiona O'Bryan, Tanner Sanders



**Saturday, July 15**

Bill & Nancy Sturgis 56 yrs.

**Sunday, July 16**

Mike & Betty Polashock 57 yrs.

Keith & Mary Jo Campbell 34 yrs.

**Monday, July 17**

Doug & Mary Ann Niewoehner 36 yrs.

**Tuesday, July 18**

Shayne & Kelly Veatch 19 yrs.

**Wednesday, July 19**

Jason & Cecilia Kinsey 9 yrs.

**Thursday, July 20**

Steve & Jean Berry 42 yrs.

Scott & Debbie Powell 26 yrs.

Rick & Stephanie Kupper 21 yrs.

Derrick & Erica Ferguson 5 yrs.

**Saturday, July 22**

Michael & Connie Perry 45 yrs.

Earl & Christy Sanders 11 yrs.

**Sunday, July 23**

John & Lena O'Nan 57 yrs.

Will & Jenny Adams 12 yrs.



## Be Good Stewards of Your Family

*Relax, slow down and enjoy the summer*



uly is the heart of summer, and summer is an exciting and challenging time for stewardship of the family.



Everything turns a little upside down for the family in summer. Kids out of school, grandparents visiting, teens with a first job, road trips and those big family reunions: Sometimes it seems summer dashes by in a flurry of wet bathing suits and backyard barbecues. How does the Christian steward make summer a special time for “the domestic church” of family?

Relax!... No, really!... Relax! ... Slow down! The world often spins around us and we are caught up in work, social media, activity. Gift yourself and your family with time this summer. Be truly present. When Pope Francis addressed a homily to families in 2013, one word he used often was “simplicity.” Make time for family meals, but make them simple and nutritious. “We need simplicity to pray as a family,” the Holy Father said. Let each family member take a turn praying a simple grace at family meals. Linger over good food and good conversation. Make family your focus. Listen to your children. Take time for a night out with your spouse. Make a commitment to fun and presence.

The Holy Father also asked families, “How do we keep our faith as a family?” We don’t keep it for ourselves, he said, “as a personal treasure like a bank account.” No, we share it. We witness it. How can we witness faith during the summer months? “Christian families are missionary families,” Pope Francis said. Summer is a good time to plan a field trip to a shelter or a food bank. Call ahead and ask what you can bring and how your family can help. Many agencies plan summer picnics and presentations by refugees during the season. Let your kids experience this diversity. Attend a vacation bible school or help with one. Invite a priest from your parish, or perhaps a lonely neighbor, to dinner. Spread your family joy.

The summer readers in your family might benefit from finding Catholic periodicals or books on heroes of our faith. Visit new parishes during the summer. If you are on a road trip, never miss Sunday Mass and take advantage of a side trip to a shrine or an historic Catholic church.

Most of all, relax and enjoy. Pope Francis says, “The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally.”



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