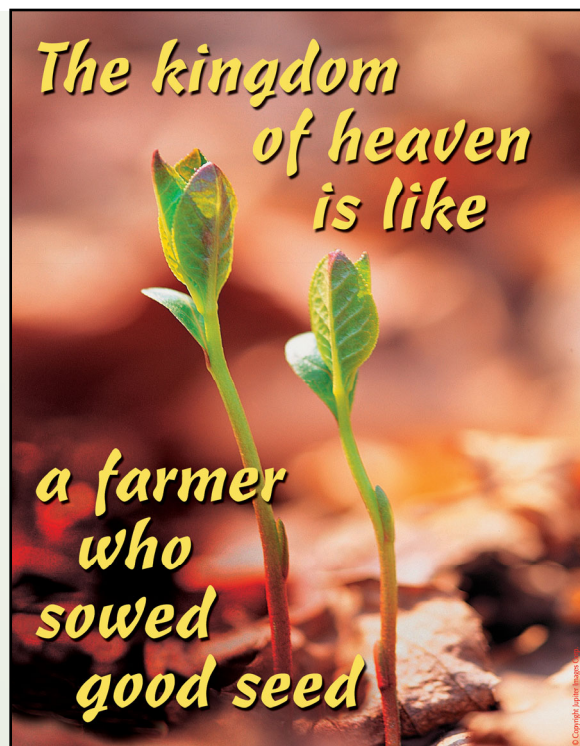


# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23, 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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to promote the Gospel values of our Catholic faith.***

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God Guides Us

Today’s readings remind us of the fact that it is God who guides us, and it is God who influences our decisions through the Holy Spirit. Today’s Gospel is again a series of parables shared by our Lord Jesus to teach us and to explain Holy Scripture.

Jesus tells the Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat, which is relatively clear to us in terms of the



facts. However, there is an important point within it that we must acknowledge. When the decision is made to allow the weeds to grow with the wheat, it is clear the separation will occur later, not at that moment. When the decision is made as to what will be harvested and kept and what will be destroyed, that is a decision made by God.

It is somewhat a reflection of another point made in scripture. Today’s Gospel comes to us from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 13; however, in just a few chapters prior to that (Chapter 7) we are told “Stop judging, that you may not be judged...for as you judge, so will you be judged.” There is no question that there are “weeds” among the flock, but it is not our place to identify them and sort them out. That is the work of God.

As Catholics and Christians we must take care not to be self righteous and judgmental. Before we call into question someone else’s walk with God, we need to scrutinize and take care of our own.

**Stewardship is what we do, not what we necessarily think others should do.**

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**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)

**Monday, July 24**

6:00 pm Bill Cash (d)

**Tuesday, July 25**

7:00 am Stephen Kettler (d)

**Wednesday, July 26**

12:00 pm Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle  
Vincent San Donato (d)

**Thursday, July 27**

6:00 pm Steve Lawson (d)

**Friday, July 28**

7:00 am Bishop John J. McRaith (d)

**Saturday, July 29**

5:30 pm Wayne Hagan (d)

**Sunday, July 30** 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Phillip Morse, Sr. (d)

11:00 am Our Parish Family

1:00 pm Mass in Spanish

Roscoe Shoulta (d)



**Sunday, July 16, 2017**

**Regular Collection \$13,283.00**

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**Liturgical Ministers Schedule July 29/30**

	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sacristan	Diana Black	Rose Ann Walker	Tim Whitelock
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*What's Happening*

**Sunday, July 23**

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

**Tuesday, July 25**

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

**Thursday, July 27**

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

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

**Friday, July 28**

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

**Saturday, July 29**

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

**Sunday, July 30**

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

**REMEMBER TO JOIN US!**

**Recitation of the Holy Rosary**

**Monday-Friday, 7:30 am**

**St. Mary Memorial Chapel**



**Hour of Prayer**

**Monday:**

David & Sally Roof

**Tuesday:**

Sr. Kateri Kaufman & Barb Larbes

**Wednesday:**

Lillie Watson & Marge Wurth

**Thursday:**

Andy & Suzy Gilland

**Friday:**

Freda Jett & Ed Puschaver

**Saturday:**

John & Wanda Shaw

**Vocation Awareness**

*"I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world"*

When we respond to our vocation, what has lain hidden becomes visible. Others come to know Jesus through us when we live our lives for Him. 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, or [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 Aide**

**8th Grade Aide**

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

**5th Grade Catechist and Aide**

**High School Co-Catechist**

**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.

### 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) or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### Yarn Spinners Weekend

All those who enjoy yarn spinning, weaving, rug hooking, knitting or crocheting are welcome to attend the **August 11-13** Arts at the Mount spinning weekend at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro, Ky., on Hwy. 56). All skill levels are welcome. The weekend will include workshops and relaxing time to work on your projects. For information on room rates or costs and to register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206.

### VOCARE 2017

Tables and tickets are now on sale for VOCARE 2017, which takes place the evening of **September 22** at the Owensboro Convention Center. VOCARE is an annual event which raises awareness and funds for vocational discernment and education in the diocese. Mrs. Rhonda Gruenewald, author of *HUNDREDFOLD, A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry*, will be this year's keynote speaker. To reserve a table or ticket(s), visit [owensborodiocese.org/vocare/](http://owensborodiocese.org/vocare/).

### Greece Pilgrimage

Bishop Medley is leading a pilgrimage to Greece from **October 25-November 4, 2017**. If you'd like to travel to Ephesus, Patmos, Athens, Corinth, Philippi and other places, then call 1-800-206-TOUR or visit [pilgrimages.com/bishopmedley](http://pilgrimages.com/bishopmedley). The cost is \$4,299 from Louisville.

### Coffee & Doughnuts for NCYC

**Next Sunday, July 30**

all donations received for Coffee & Doughnuts will benefit the fundraising efforts of our Youth Group for their trip to the

### National Catholic Youth Conference

in Indianapolis next November.

Support our young people by attending Coffee & Doughnuts next weekend.

This fundraiser is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus.

Your generosity is very much appreciated!

### Over 50's Potluck

The next Over 50's Potluck will be **Tuesday, August 1** 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.



### "Back to School Bash"

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.

### Parish Missions in Aurora & Cadiz

St. Henry (Aurora) and St. Stephen (Cadiz) parishes will host Michael Cumbie next month as part of their Parish Mission event. St. Henry's parish mission is **August 13-15** from 6:30 until 8:00 pm. This same mission will be at St. Stephen on **August 16-18** also from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Michael Cumbie's focus will be to help understand our Protestant brothers and sisters and how we can share with them about our faith. You can see him on Youtube if you search "**The Journey Home Michael Cumbie.**" All are invited!

### 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. Registration is \$40. Learn more and register at [owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/](http://owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/).

### Save the Date!



The Saint Thomas More Picnic has been moved to the Fall!! Join fellow parishioners for a **FALL FESTIVAL** on **Sunday, October 22** from 2:00-5:00 pm. More details will follow closer to time!







**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 [betsy.mullins@maplemount.org](mailto:betsy.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.

**Important Notice!**

To help protect our children, anyone aware of the abuse of someone under age eighteen is required by law to report this to local law enforcement (1-800-222-5555) or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

The Diocese of Owensboro wishes to assist anyone abused by a person working for the Church (paid or volunteer), either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator on the confidential phone line (270-852-8380).

The diocesan sexual abuse policy, most recently revised effective July 1, 2014, describes the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns, and can be found (in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Office) and also on the diocesan web site ([www.rcdok.org/safe](http://www.rcdok.org/safe)).

**Inspiration for the Week**

Today we are presented with the parable of the weeds and the wheat. We struggle with the imperfection that exists in our world. This imperfection shows itself in human sinfulness with its consequences--disease, natural disasters, suffering, and even death. We wonder why God did not simply make everything perfect right from the beginning so that harmony, peace, and tranquility would be the norm. God builds free will into us and into our world so that we can learn to freely love him. Anything less than this would not provide the freedom to choose to acknowledge and develop our relationship with our Creator. For now, the weeds and the wheat must coexist. Our faith teaches us that we live and walk in hope that when the harvest comes only the wheat of God's love will remain.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42  
**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28  
**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9  
**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17  
**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**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  
11:00– Midnight
- Tuesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am  
2:00 - 3:00 pm  
6:00 - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
- Thursday:** Midnight - 1:00 am
- Friday:** Midnight - 1:00 am  
4:00 - 5:00 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**

- Monday:** St. Sharbel Makhlof,
- Tuesday:** St. James, Apostle
- Wednesday:** Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday:** St. Martha



*The word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the will. --St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

**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, Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Buzz LaGesse, 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, 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, Chloe Nesbitt



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-Nevoenen, Greg Nevoenen, 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."*



**Saturday, July 22**

Luis Concepcion

**Sunday, July 23**

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

**Monday, July 24**

Kayla Boutwell, Damaris Carbajal, John Cecil, Brooks Corlew, Maria Machaen, Adan Phelps, Kristen Ranzenberger, Linda Sanders, Kristy Schwetman, Sarah Teitloff

**Tuesday, July 25**

Olivia Ellison, Lorena Escamilla, J. Bernard Hayden, Hugo Hernandez, Drew Tritle, Richard Vieitez

**Wednesday, July 26**

Hugo Cerda Diaz, Hal Ford, Jose Ge-ronimo, Clay Gottschalk, Blake Haas, Brian Morrow, Gloria Romero

**Thursday, July 27**

Nathan Lamb, Moriah Medlin, Mary Milliano, Molli Olsen, Warren Shep-pard

**Friday, July 28**

Wanda Carnes, Stephanie Kupper, Erika Maglasang, Amanda Pham, Vin-cent Shiben

**Saturday, July 29**

Mary Carrico, Hazel Collier, William Johnson, Joshua Moore, Missy O'Neill

**Sunday, July 30**

Mary Jane Albert, Bill Conyer, Holden Hagan, Connie Johnson, Scott Powell, Sebbie Shoulta, Kelly Veatch, Tom Zaninovich



**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.

**Monday, July 24**

David & Robin Carrico 41 yrs.  
Rick & Idona Schipp 41 yrs.

**Tuesday, July 25**

Corey & Charity Peters 21 yrs.

**Wednesday, July 26**

Kane & Tammy Roberts 9 yrs.  
John & Rachel Phelan 5 yrs.  
Nathan & Jessica Lamb 14 yrs.

**Sunday, July 30**

Mark & Karen Edwards 41 yrs.  
Jim & Amy Garrett 32 yrs.  
Bruce & Margie Bunte 34 yrs.  
Gustavo & Kristen Amaya 8 yrs.

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

**Question:**

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

**Answer:**

Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story? Their names are found in an apocryphal gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden, gospels consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. The fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life. Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human!





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If you haven't downloaded the St. Thomas More App yet, don't worry. You can download the app anytime.

Downloading the app is as easy as sending a text message. Simply text stm1 to 555888 if you have an iPhone or text stm2 to 555888 if you have an android based smart phone such as a Samsung Galaxy.

You will immediately receive a text back with a link to download the app from your smart phone's app store.

After you have downloaded the app, please be sure to turn on notifications for ministries and groups you are involved with to ensure you get messages sent directly to your phone.

Just tap the three horizontal lines in the upper left corner, choose "notifications" and then tap the groups you want to follow for news and information.

With our new app, you can follow along with the daily readings, find common prayers, contact office staff and more.

You also can fulfill your Stewardship of Giving commitment directly through the app. Just select "giving" on the home screen of the app and follow the instructions. You can even set up recurring gifts so you don't have to worry about remembering to bring your envelope to Mass each weekend.

We hope you enjoy our new app as well as our updated website. The website and the app are the two easiest ways for us to keep you up-to-date on church happenings.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Every quarter 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!

*Clayton and Ashley Baker*  
*Michael and Sherry Cumbie*  
*Laura Duffey*  
*Don Higdon*  
*Erick and Robin Mowers*  
*Taelor Orazine*  
*Jake Gilliam and Dr. Kristen Ranzenberger*  
*Samuel and Maria Soto*  
*Daniel Thomas*



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