

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2017

Mass Schedule

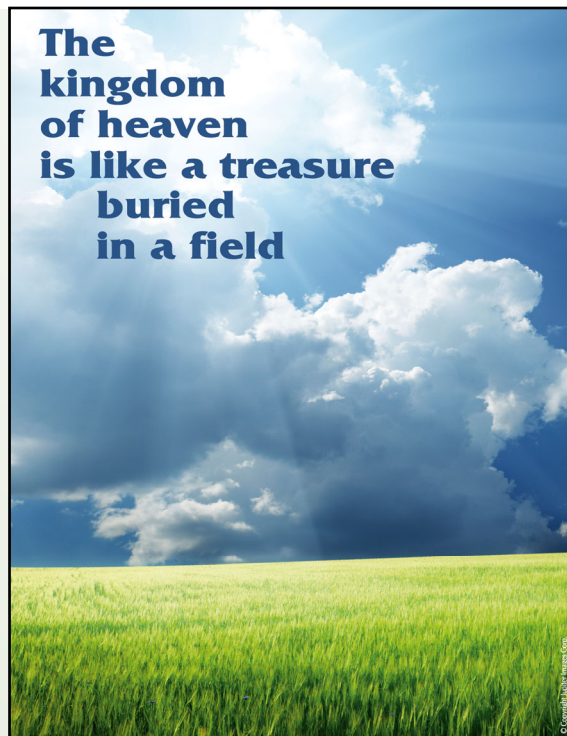
Saturday (Vigil Mass) - 5:30 pm

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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A Treasure in a Field

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young king Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong.

An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that can adversely affect the lives of others.

Do we exercise good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Do we share our compassionate hearts with others?

In the Gospel from St. Matthew today, Jesus presents us with more parables. He opens the first one with "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."



According to most biblical scholars in this particular parable, the field is the world. The Man Who gave all to buy this field was Jesus Himself. And it is with joy that He gives all to buy the field, to save the world and each of us. Jesus gave everything to redeem the whole world. He gave all because we His people are the treasure.

Do we understand that? Do we consider that every time we approach the gift of the Eucharist? We should. St. Paul may have put it best in his letter to the Romans: "You are loved more than you will ever know, by someone who died to know you." (Romans 5:8)

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, July 31

6:00 pm Ann Smith Ford (d)

Tuesday, August 1

7:00 am Don Bell (d)

Wednesday, August 2

9:30 am Superior Care ~ Fr. Brad Whistle
Bill Cash (d)

12:00 pm Lourdes Chapel ~ Fr. Brad Whistle
Bishop John J. McRaith (d)

Thursday, August 3

6:00 pm Kay Eckstein (d)

Friday, August 4 First Friday

7:00 am Stephen Kettler (d)

Saturday, August 5

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am Susan Wurth (d)

11:00 am Thomas Brumlow (d)

1:00 pm Mass in Spanish
Gary Bailey (d)

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Sunday, July 23, 2017

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| Online Collections | \$ 4,825.00 |
| Special Collections | \$ 451.00 |
| Total Collection | \$17,215.00 |

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| Liturgical Ministers Schedule August 5/6 | | | |
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| | 5:30 PM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
| Sacristan | Debbie Caspar | Sharon Godec | Amy Miller |
| Euch. Ministers | Mary Carrico Bill Graves Mary Ann Graves Barb Harris Gale Hatton Vicki Kight Mary Kay Sanders David Shoulta Cara Sims Caroline Veatch Dolores Webber | Frank Block Missy Eckenberg Lynn King David Langston Jill Langston Michael Langston Amy Ridley David Roof Ron Shoulta Herb Straub Rose Ann Walker | Trish Burks Joe Hobbs Pat Hobbs Eileen Segebarth Claudia Smith Terry Sullivan Brandon Trevathan Richard Vieitez Tim Whitelock |
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What's Happening

- Sunday, July 30**
10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- Tuesday, August 1**
7:30 am Rosary (Chapel)
6:00 pm Over 50's Potluck (Parish Hall)
- Thursday, August 3**
5:30 pm Reconciliation (Chapel)
7:00 pm Hispanic Women's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)
- Friday, August 4**
7:00 pm Hispanic Men's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)
- Saturday, August 5**
4:00 pm Reconciliation (Church)
- Sunday, August 6**
10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)

Hour of Prayer

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| Monday: Pat Cvengros & Marty Ryan | Thursday: Terri York & Caron Carter |
| Tuesday: Nancy Burch & Lisa Muiter | Friday: Steve & Jean Berry |
| Wednesday: Barbara & Gaye Robinson | Saturday: Rose Freiseis & Stephanie Sims |

Altar Society Ministry for August
 Purificators: Gina Fraser
 Robes & Albs: Sharon Brumlow



Vocation Awareness

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field"
 Seeking the kingdom of heaven means that we seek more for our lives than this world has to offer. 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 or 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

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, or you may access it on our website at 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 or call 270-534-9000.

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.



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| 2nd Grade Aide | 5th Grade Catechist and Aide |
| 8th Grade Aide | High School Co-Catechist |
| For inquiries and if interested, please email Ging Smith at paducahfaithformation@smss.org , or call 270-443-0295. | |

Eternal Rest

Former St. Thomas More parishioner **Don Holifield**, husband of Lana Holifield, passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2017 **Ginger Bass**, daughter of Faye Alexander, passed away Sunday, July 23, 2017. May God welcome them home and comfort their families in their time of sorrow.



Coffee & Doughnuts for NCYC Today

Donations received for Coffee & Doughnuts today will benefit the fundraising efforts of our Youth Group for their trip to **the National Catholic Youth Conference** in Indianapolis in November. This fundraiser is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus. **Your generosity is very much appreciated!**



Thank You!



A special thank you goes out to all who came last Saturday morning to help clean the church. We appreciate your helping us keep our worship space looking clean and beautiful!

Ministry Changes

All Hospitality Ministers - Greeters and Ushers - will be asked to stay after Mass the weekend of **August 19 and 20 or August 26 and 27** to hear about some changes within this ministry.



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.

Daughters of Isabella to Meet

The Daughters of Isabella regular monthly meeting is **Tuesday, August 1**. The Rosary will be prayed at 6:00 pm with the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Sisters of Service Ceremony Planned

The Sisters of Service annual alumni sending ceremony and officer installation will be held **Sunday, August 6** at 2:00 pm at the home of Ashleigh Mast. Please contact Sheri Babbs at 270 832 0958 or sbabbs@comcast.net for directions.

Join Us for

Catholic Way Bible Study

Catholic Way Bible Study, led via DVD by Lavinia Spirito in Lexington KY, will begin Tuesdays 10:00 am-12 noon from **September 12th through November 14th**. The nine lessons will cover the Apostolic letters of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1,2,3 and 4 John and Jude. We will watch the video then have discussion. Please consider joining us! Text or email Lori to register or for more info: 270-210-0693 or lorimeredith7@gmail.com.

RCIA Inquiry

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? We invite you, as Jesus invited the first disciples, to "come and see." Inquiry sessions will begin **Thursday, August 10** from 6:45-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Child care and refreshments will be provided. We ask parishioners to please invite others and/or submit the names of interested persons. Also, we would welcome any parishioners interested in assisting with RCIA, especially as sponsors or with refreshments. For more information, contact Pat Cairney (pcairney@stmore.org) or 270-534-9000, ext. 21.



50+ and Going Strong!

Wouldn't you like this said about you? Learn how to be the best version of you, healthier, active, and enjoying your Golden Years. Participate in the Aging Mastery Program for yourself or to see about bringing it to your parish! **This program starts on Tuesday, September 12, 1:30 – 3 PM at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.** for 10 weeks and will include ways to make small changes that will have a big impact on your health, financial security and overall well-being. A non-refundable deposit of \$30 is required with registration. For additional information contact: Richard Murphy at 270 -683-1545.

Men's Prayer Group

On **Saturday, August 12** at 7:30 am the Men's Prayer Group will host a breakfast discussing "Catholic Prayer in Poetry: From Thomas Aquinas to Thomas Merton." Michael Leach in The National Catholic Reporter writes, "Poetry evokes what is good, beautiful and true. It imagines the unimaginable, describes the indefinable, and unveils what our senses cannot know or our intellect figure out. Poetry is theology leaping out of the file cabinet and into the heart. It is the Word or words that stir our souls." Please join us for a hearty breakfast with fellowship and discussion to discover prayer in poetry, where we will be introduced to Joseph Mary Plunkett, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and other Catholic poets in measures of verse.

Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out Program is in need of a director and assistants. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Melisa Mast at 270-534-9000 or mmast@stmore.org.



Second Friday Fish Fry

Rosary Chapel Catholic Church, 711 Ohio St. in Paducah, will be hosting their next Friday Fish Fry on **August 11**, 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.

15th Annual Rural Life Celebration

You are invited to a celebration of rural life in the air conditioned comfort of the **Owensboro Convention Center** on West Second St and Locust St on **Sunday, August 13**. A **free meal** will be served at 5:00 pm with a short program. This year, special recognition will be given to the lives of service of Bishop John McRaith and Rick Kamuf both of which we lost earlier this year. Come help us honor their contributions to our community. Event sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro Rural Life Committee.



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 or **Angie Nelson** at 270-210-6339 or tnelson007@comcast.net.



Several members of the Sisters of Service recently volunteered their time cleaning at Project Hope, the no-kill animal shelter in Metropolis.

Inspiration for the Week

As human beings, we desire to find happiness. This desire is so strong that we often go to great lengths to discover and obtain it. Unfortunately, our search sometimes brings us to the wrong places. We mistakenly think that money, certain possessions, social status, popularity, and even power and control can satisfy the longing that exists in our hearts. Time and again, one after another, these things come up empty and we find ourselves with the same unfulfilled longing gnawing at us deep within. It is only the kingdom of God that can satisfy our desire and that ache. We are made and hardwired for this. When we discover it, we know that we have found something very special --a pearl of great price. Then, everything comes together and is put in proper order: our relationship with God, others, ourselves, and even the universe in which we live.

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Saints & Special Observances

- Monday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola,
- Tuesday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- Friday:** St. John Vianney, Priest
- Saturday:** Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. --Romans 8:28

Remember in Prayer...

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Trent Bongiolatti, Pat Brockenborough, Judy Bufford, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Rebecca Crider, Pat Cvengros, 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 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, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods

Non-Parishioners: Ada Cruce, Matthew Shoulta, Elizabeth Pritchett, Margaret Whitney, Jimmy Kaphammer, Don Manning, Wayne Batts, Susie Taylor, Renate Master-son, Toni Masterson, Vickie Boggess, Jarod Hardin, Shirley Hudson, Melanie Sisco, Dennis Walsh, John Kraus, Charlie Proctor, Joanie Cooper, Nanette Love, Chloe Nesbitt, Dennis Walsh, Jardod Har- din, Johnetta Taylor, Marvin Willett, Margaret Whitney, Becky Bowling



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 Shu- maker, Jeff Perry, Tyler Scott Dick- son, Logan Hatton, Nathan Phipps, Kelly Scott-Nevoenen, Greg Nevo- nen, Cameron Gruening, 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 Je- sus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."



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 Za- ninovich

Monday, July 31

Lucas Bremer, Jim Godec, Randy Hand, Connie Hayden, Priscilla Hollow- ell, Hanna Lurtz, August Newman, Rob- ert Russell

Tuesday, August 1

Mike Bosch, Phil Hunt, Elizabeth Katz, Justin Lang, William Parker, Angela Reed, Chris Sims, Joseph Teitloff

Wednesday, August 2

Alan Hughes, Steve Wurth

Thursday, August 3

Paul Byrne, Bonnie Carrigan, Ann Criswell, Celeste Harned, Isaac Hart, Brian Lea, Annabelle O'Neill

Friday, August 4

Marylou Effen, Missy Galloway, Kelley Johnson, Tanya Jones-Escalera, David Langston, Marina Singler, Beau Withrow

Saturday, August 5

Trista Bryant, Opal Cooper, Jennifer Hodges

Sunday, August 6

Emily Curtsinger, Earl Sanders, Heather Wurth



Sunday, July 30

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

Tuesday, August 1

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| Phil & Donna Morse | 47 yrs. |
| John & Carrie Roach | 25 yrs. |

Wednesday, August 2

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| Buzz & Gail LaGessee | 32 yrs. |
| Larry & Tena Payne | 42 yrs. |

Thursday, August 3

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| Tony & Cecilia Toren | 54 yrs. |
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Friday, August 4

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| James & Bonnie Carrigan | 27 yrs. |
| Gene & Pam Whelan | 27 yrs. |
| Rich & JoAnne Miller | 56 yrs. |

Sunday, August 6

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| John & Cathy Elliott | 41 yrs. |
| Dean & Tammy Cowell | 40 yrs. |
| Pat & Sandy Lipford | 40 yrs. |
| James & Bridget Medley | 6 yrs. |

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, "tempus ordinarium," conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.



Some Quiet Updates

A few things that may have gone unnoticed



If you haven't been paying close attention you may not have noticed a few things that have been accomplished here at Saint Thomas More in the last few weeks. Some are a little more obvious than others.

Most everyone is aware that we recently completed the upgrade to our Baptismal Font. We installed the beautiful railing depicting the Sacraments in copper, as well as the granite foundation for that railing. This project was one that had been on the "to do" list for quite some time but was certainly worth the wait.



We also recently completed renovations in the Parish Hall Kitchen. It was a long overdue project and the new configuration, along with the new stove and warmer, have made the kitchen much more user friendly and a lot easier for the preparation of food for funeral meals and other events.



In addition to the Parish Hall Kitchen, we also have completed the replacement of the air conditioning unit in the parish offices. The unit is actually located above the ceiling in what would be considered the attic. It was not an easy task by any means, but the unit had been on it's last leg for quite some time.

Finally, through several generous gifts, we have been able to replace our Communion Cups. Obviously, these cups are used at every Mass and they had become tarnished and were leaking. Saint Thomas More Parishioners were asked a few weeks ago to purchase a cup as a memorial for a loved one or simply as a gift to the church. Within two weeks time, every cup had been pledged to be purchased.

In the coming months, other projects will be undertaken as we work through a list of items that have been needing to be done but have been on the back burner. We appreciate everyone's commitment and continued stewardship to Saint Thomas More and look forward to other projects in the fall as the Lenten and Christmas seasons begin.

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