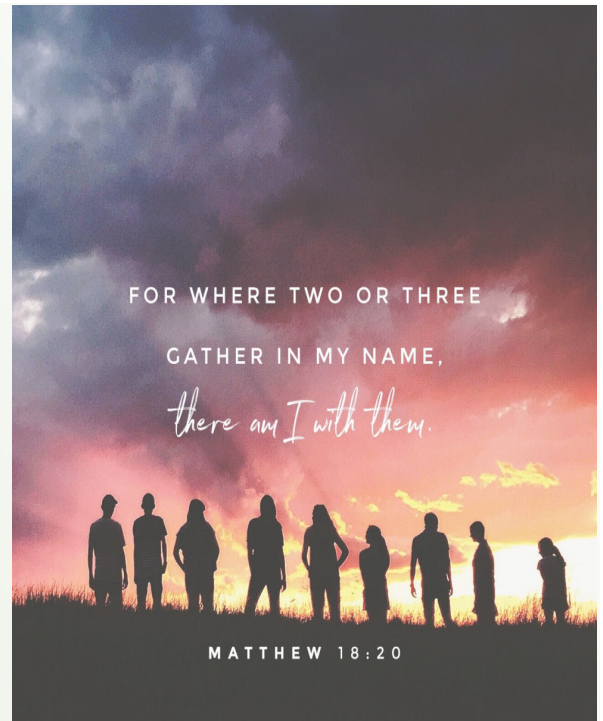


St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 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
Eucharistic Adoration - Works of Mercy Chapel



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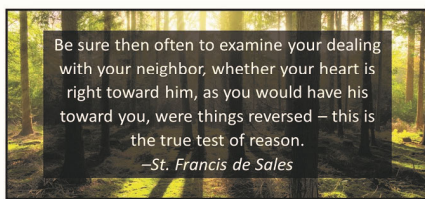
The Truth and God's Word

St. Paul echoes Christ in many ways. In the 13th Chapter from his letter to the Romans, he continues with his thoughts on how we should live to please God, and he uses a sentence which Christ often repeated. After listing several of the 10 Commandments, Paul states, "...whatever other commandments there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'."

There is always much that gets debated in that admonition, such as loving yourself, and who exactly is your neighbor? Paul's point, like that of Jesus, is simply that we are called to treat others as we may like to be treated. We need to show them the respect and caring that we may hope for and wish for. God loves us, and if we realize that, we may ultimately come to the conclusion that we are loveable.

Most of us know someone whose love is evident by how they treat others and how they live. Loving neighbor is a visible expression of everything that Jesus taught. It is a way of expressing the depth of our faith and our belief that we are Disciples of Christ.

St. Francis de Sales captured all about what this love is and who is your neighbor when he wrote,



"Examine your heart often to see if it is such toward your neighbor as you would like his or hers to be toward you in his or her place. This is the touchstone of true reason."

It is relatively basic and simple — our neighbor is everyone with whom we have contact and love is what makes it all work.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9

5:30 pm Skip & Lillie Grief

Sunday, September 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Family

11:00 am Theresa Austin (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
Andrew Clayton

Monday, September 11

6:00 pm Bill Cash (d)

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 am Bernie Herrmann (d)

Wednesday, September 13

8:40 am *St. Mary High School*

12:00 pm *Lourdes Hospital Chapel*
Kay Eckstein (d)

Thursday, September 14

6:00 pm Delphine Operle (d)

Friday, September 15

7:00 am Roscoe Shoulta (d)

8:05 am *St. Mary Elementary School*

Saturday, September 16

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, September 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Dwayne & Terry Neihoff
(Wedding Anniversary)

11:00 am Bill Cash (d)

1:00 pm *Mass in Spanish*
Carmen Hernandez (d)

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Regular Collection \$18,629.00

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Thank you for your generosity!

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule September 16/17

	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Barb Harris	Rose Ann Walker	Eileen Segebarth
Euch. Ministers	Mary Carrico David Culbertson Peggy Culbertson Beth Haas Gale Hatton Jim Kallaher Vicki Kight Sam Leone Mary Kay Sanders Elaine Stevens Caroline Veatch	Missy Eckenberg Rick Goins Lynn King David Langston Jill Langston Michael Langston Amy Ridley Ron Shoulta Herb Straub Lynn Thompson Ken Wurth	Lindsay Batts Pat Hobbs Abby LaFont Ashleigh Mast David Mast Ronnie Reil Claudia Smith Terry Sullivan Brandon Trevathan
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Altar Servers	Brett Haas Bryce Haas	Edward O'Neill Katie O'Neill	Joey Eggemeyer Volunteer Needed
Hospitality Coord.	Chris & Holly Miller	Mike Crider	Trish Burks
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Hour of Prayer

Monday: Monty & Peggy Thompson	Thursday: Lance Fleming & Shirley Renaud
Tuesday: Helen Farrell & Tamara Jones	Friday: Ray & Amy Lane
Wednesday: Wally & Marylou Elfen	Saturday: D. Webber & Elizabeth Edwards

What's Happening

Sunday, September 10

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts
(Parish Hall)
10:00 am BP Checks
(Hospitality Room)

Monday, September 11

5:00 pm Cemetery Committee
(Sacred Heart Room)

Tuesday, September 12

7:30 am Rosary
(Chapel)
10:00 am Bible Study
(Hospitality Room)
6:00 pm Hispanic Confirmation
(Sacred Heart Room)
6:00 pm Boy Scouts
(Parish Hall)

Wednesday, September 13

6:00 pm Stewardship Committee
(Sacred Heart Room)
6:15 pm Faith Formation
(SMES)
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
(Church)

Thursday, September 14

5:30 pm Reconciliation
(Chapel)
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus
(Library)
6:45 pm RCIA
(Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Hispanic Women's Mtg.
(Sacred Heart Room)

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

4:00 pm Reconciliation
(Church)

Sunday, September 17

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts
(Parish Hall)
11:30 am Spaghetti Luncheon
(K of C Hall)
1:30 pm Sisters of Service Mtg.
(K of C Hall)
3:00 pm Baptism Class
(Hospitality Room)

RCIA Topic for Thursday, September 14 - The Church

Meeting time: 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall. All members of the parish are welcome to attend any of this year's RCIA sessions. Each meeting will provide an opportunity for refreshment of your understanding of what the Catholic faith professes. No need to reserve. Just come in if you are interested. For more information, please contact Pat Cairney at pcairney@stmore.org.



Vocation Awareness

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts"

Each of us is called by God to a specific vocation. For some it's marriage. For others it's holy orders or consecrated life. And for some, it's the single missionary life. Discerning our vocation requires that we take time to pray and listen for the voice of the one who does the calling. When we hear his voice, may we have the courage to follow him with an undivided heart. If you feel that God might be calling you to the vocation of priesthood, contact the vocations office for resources and support. 270-683-1545, ja-son.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com.

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

St. Vincent de Paul - cereal.

PCM-spaghetti and other non-perishable goods.

Thank you for your generosity.



Recent Baptism

Blessings and congratulations to **Riley Marie Brumley**, daughter of Patrick and Erin Brumley, who was baptized here at St. Thomas More last Sunday, September 3, 2017.

BP Checks Today

Our parish nurses will hold their monthly blood pressure checks today, **Sunday, September 10** in the Hospitality Room between the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. You are invited to stop by for this free service.

Booster Club Purple Toad Fundraiser

The St. Mary Booster Club will be hosting a fundraiser at the Purple Toad Winery on Friday, September 15th from 8:00-11:00 pm. Heavy appetizers, music, dancing and complimentary wine glass included! Purple Toad will donate 20% of all sales that evening to the Booster Club!! Please text/call Kara Johnston (270) 331-1809 or Lori Meredith (270) 210-0693 if you are attending. Tickets are \$20 per person.



Join us
Saturday, September 16
 for **Trivia Night #40**
 at the
St. Mary HS Commons
 Doors open at 6:30 pm
 First question at 7:30 pm
 \$10 per person
 \$60 per table
 For reservations email
jhopper@smss.org

Join Us for Catholic Way Bible Study

Catholic Way Bible Study, led via DVD by Lavinia Spirito in Lexington KY, will be **Tuesdays 10:00am-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.

Baptism Class Next Sunday

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 **Sunday, September 17**. To register please call the office at 270-534-9000 or email lois@stmore.org.



Sisters of Service Meeting Scheduled

The Sisters of Service will have a meeting following the D of I Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, September 17** at approximately 1:30 pm at the Jefferson Street KC Hall.

St. Thomas More Youth Choir "Jubilate"

Kick-off is **Saturday, September 23** with a Pizza Party at 3:00 pm followed by rehearsal at 4:30 pm. Young musicians grades 1 through 8 are invited to sing as we "make a joyful noise unto the Lord"!



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 or Melisa Mast at mmast@stmore.org or 270-534-9000.

"Community Kitchen Needs Volunteers"

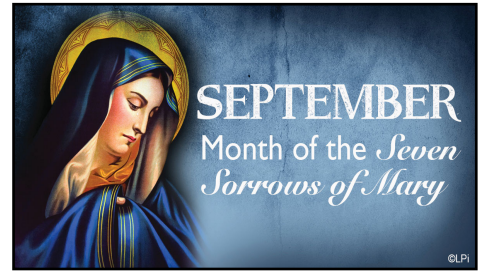
The Community Kitchen is providing meals to over 300 people on some days! They are in need of additional volunteers. Many of our parishioners here at Saint Thomas More have been faithful volunteers for years. But as the Community Kitchen has grown so has the need for help! If you are available to help out – whether its once per week, once per month or once per year – please call Melisa Mast in the office at 270-534-9000 or email at mmast@stmore.org

Mexico Pilgrimage cancelled...

The US Government has recently issued travel warnings for several coastal resort cities in Mexico due to increased crime and violence in those areas. The trip committee expressed concern that people may be hesitant to travel across the border while those warnings are in effect. It was therefore decided to cancel the trip now before any financial commitment was made. The committee will meet later this year to look at other possible pilgrimage destinations in 2018. Please pass the word!

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins October 8

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us for *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* here at St. Thomas More in the Hospitality Room beginning **Sunday, October 8** at 5:00 pm and continuing every Sunday for 8 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, call Amy Garrett at 270-519-9102 or email amydgarrett@comcast.net.



White House Retreat for Men

All men of the parish are invited to join us on our annual retreat at White House. This will be a silent, guided retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It is a peaceful break from the chaos and confusion of everyday life. It's like a 3-day vacation with Christ on their beautiful 80-acre campus high on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. All meals and private lodging are provided. **Our retreat begins noon October 9th and concludes Noon Thursday October 12th.** There is no set fee to attend a retreat at White House! White House operates on a free will offering basis, asking those in attendance to simply give what they feel they can at the conclusion of the retreat. To register call Skip Grief, 554.5699 or visit www.whretreat.org to find additional dates.

Gennesaret Retreat

Those who have a chronic or serious health issue could be a candidate for the Gennesaret retreat which is taking place **September 29 – October 1** at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The Gennesaret retreat is designed for persons whose medical conditions would otherwise hinder them from attending a weekend overnight retreat. The word Gennesaret comes from the Gospel of Mark 6:53-55. The retreat is being offered by the Diocese of Owensboro and hosted by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. Contact Tom or Amy Payne: 270-678-7739.

Inspiration for the Week

Relationships are difficult, requiring honesty, dialogue, respect, and tolerance. We can easily offend one another, even by doing the simplest of things. Feelings can be hurt and relationships can become hurtful. Sometimes, our own wounds end up wounding others. When division or discord results, rather than responding with anger, judgment, and vindication, Jesus instructs us to be compassionate, tolerant, respectful, and forgiving. We can do this even when we have to confront someone with the truth, which may not always be well received. Even with our brokenness, we are all an image of God and should do all in our power to properly resolve conflicts.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

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:** 3:00 - 4:00 pm
- Monday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
11:00 – Midnight
- Tuesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
- Wednesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
2:00 - 3:00 pm
10:00 - 11:00 pm
- Thursday:** Midnight - 1:00 am
10:00 am - 11:00 am

To participate, please contact **Angie Nelson** at 270-210-6339 or tnelson007@comcast.net.

Just a Reminder...

We would like to remind everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the Parish Office at 270-534-9000 to inform us as we cannot obtain information directly from the hospitals.

Saints & Special Observances

- Monday:** Patriot Day
- Tuesday:** Most Holy Name of Mary
- Wednesday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Friday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Saturday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life. --St. John Chrysostom

Remember in Prayer...

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Trent Bongiolatti, Judy Bufford, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Rebecca Crider, Pat Cven-gros, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Fran-cie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Morgan Eggemeyer, Bill Ford, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Margaret Hagan, Carl Harper, Amy Harris, Jodi Hayden, Ann Heavrin, Cleo Higdon, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Sr. Kateri Kaufman, Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Buzz LaGessee, Thom-as & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Mor-row, Ella O'Bryan, Charity Peters, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, Nancy Stearns, Monty Thomp-son, Ann Vaughan, Beth Walker, Ann Watkins, Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise, Noel Wise

Assisted Living:
Velma Bohle-Carlton & Terry Carlton, Opal Cooper, Myrtle Dorris

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

Nursing Home: Carol Baugh, Jean-ette Elliott, Joe & Betty Falconite, Mary Galvin, Hester Geuss, Vonnie Howard, Ken McCauley, John Metcalf, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods

Non-Parishioners: Ada Cruce, Matthew Shoulta, Elizabeth Pritch-ett, Margaret Whitney, Jimmy Kap-fhammer, 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, Margaret Whit-ney, Becky Bowling, Frances Lamar



Justin Lamb, Chris McCoy, Timothy Lowman, Kurtis McClain, Zachary Grimes, Kurt Bell, Jeremy Copeland, Eric Gast, Aaron Conover, Brian Clayton, Han-nah Wilson, John Davis, Emily Lane Rockne, Corey Carnes, Clay Mag-ers, Tyler Shumaker, Jeff Perry, Ty-ler Scott Dickson, Nathan Phipps, Kelly Scott-Nevoenen, Greg Nevo-enen, 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 Je-sus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.”



Saturday, September 9
Susan Mason, Jim Tidwell, Darla Sims

Sunday, September 10
Jack Bell, Molly Crider, Loren Jones, Lisa Logsdon-Seay, Megan Lorch, Zaira Machaen, Liam Matras, David Rainey, Amanda Wurth

Monday, September 11
Matthew Austin, Jr., Martin Carrillo, Tim Hall, Heath Ford, Debbie Lynn, Tammy O’Nan, Jed Puschaver, Leslie Scarpino, Hannah Speis

Wednesday, September 13
Pam Anderson, Beth garey, John Gee, Octavio Ramirez

Thursday, September 14
Lucy Hunt, Earl Roof, Anna Secola, Lucy Shoulta

Friday, September 15
Linda Adams, Neri Gonzalez, Ernie Mitchell, Gregory Pastor, Melanie Patel, Linda Robinson, Andee Shan-non, Delaney Smith, Elliott Straub, Jamie Zaim

Saturday, September 16
Mayra Garcia, Vina Ho Vi, Mary Katz, Matt Ramage

Sunday, September 17
Adam Holtgrewe, John Hubert, Den-nis Sanders



Sunday, September 10
Rob & Judy Milford 51 yrs.

Tuesday, September 12
David & Lori Althouse 30 yrs.

Wednesday, September 13
Jason & Christy Brown 9 yrs.

Thursday, September 14
Paul & Lynn King 15 yrs.

Steve & Julie DuPerrieu 43 yrs.

Tom & Barbara Clinton 49 yrs.

Friday, September 15
Gary & Janie Lamb 52 yrs.

Clay & Linda Robinson 38 yrs.

Saturday, September 16
Steve & Kristy Schwetman 11 yrs.

Dwayne & Terry Neihoff 39 yrs.

Paul & Merceilo Roth 11 yrs.

Michael & René Dawson 17 yrs.

Sunday, September 17
Robert & Regina Russell 34 yrs.

Sean & Jennifer Hansrote 6 yrs.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:
What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Septem-ber 14?

Answer:
Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the plac-es associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women trav-eler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus mani-fested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.



Mini Edition

Saint Thomas More Youth to Attend NCYC

The National Catholic Youth Conference is in Indianapolis in November



Every other year, Catholic young people along with youth ministers, campus ministers, parents, catechists and priests come together to pray, learn, and grow in their faith at the National Catholic Youth Conference. This year's conference will be held in Indianapolis the second week of November. The conference is held in different places throughout the country and it is not often that it is so close to home.



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In addition to the opportunity to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation, NCYC participants will attend sessions on topics relevant to living as a disciple of Christ in today's world. Attendees will be able visit with organizations that provide resources and other support to youth and youth ministry, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and engage in service to others.

In a distinctly catholic setting, the national catholic youth conference invites participants to encounter Christ, experience church, and be empowered for discipleship.

We want to thank the Knights of Columbus here at Saint Thomas More for their generous support of our youth on this journey. We also want to take a moment and thank you, our parishioners, for your support of our youth fundraising activities over the last several weeks. Without your help, the cost of the trip would be prohibitive and we want everyone to be able to experience this unique opportunity.

One of this year's featured speakers is Chris Stefanick. Chris is an internationally acclaimed author and speaker, who has devoted his life to inspiring people to live a bold, contagious faith. He is the author of the Confirmation program, *Chosen*, which is used by a 100,000 teens each week and also was used by our most recent Confirmation Class and will be used again this year. It will be very interesting for our youth to put a face with the book they just recently studied, since the majority of the youth attending were either just Confirmed or will be Confirmed.



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