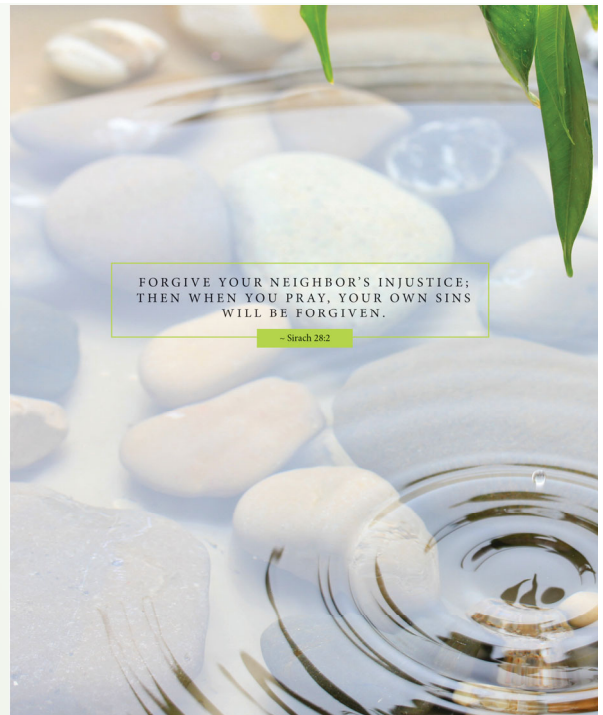


St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 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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Forgiveness: A Two Way Street

The theme throughout today’s readings from Holy Scripture has to do with forgiveness. We must always appreciate that forgiveness is a two way street. We need to seek forgiveness as all of us are likely to do. However, forgiveness is also something we need to grant to others.

Some scholars consider Matthew’s Chapter 18 from where our Gospel Reading comes today as perhaps among His most personal teachings to His disciples and others as spiritual leaders. There is no question that the Lord is in the process of preparing His followers for the time when they (we) must continue His Kingdom without His physical presence. He is trying to build up the sense of fellowship and cohesion among His flock.



Thus, He focuses on how to build up cooperation and unity in those who work to build His Kingdom. He makes it clear that for us to accomplish that requires forgiveness and reconciliation. The lesson for us is quite basic: we need to know and appreciate and understand the grace of Jesus and respond by learning how to forgive our sisters and brothers (all sisters and brothers in our Christian and Catholic fellowship).

Christ always forgives us if we come to Him with a humble and repentant heart, and He expects the same from us. We need to forgive others just as we are forgiven.

As Jesus warns us in today’s Gospel:

“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother (and sister) from your heart.”

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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)

Monday, September 18

6:00 pm Audrey McKeown & Jonah Sullivan (d)

Tuesday, September 19

7:00 am Mary Sue Withrow (b)

Wednesday, September 20

8:40 am St. Mary High School

9:30 am Parkview Nursing Home

12:00 pm Lourdes Hospital Chapel
Living & Deceased Members
of the Burch & Byrd Families

Thursday, September 21

6:00 pm Don Bell (d)

Friday, September 22

7:00 am Susan Wurth (d)

8:05 am St. Mary Elementary School

Saturday, September 23

5:30 pm Stephen Kettler (d)

Sunday, September 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Susan Wurth (d)

11:00 am Our Parish Family

1:00 pm Mass in Spanish
All Souls

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Sunday, September 10, 2017

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule September 23/24			
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
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What's Happening

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)

Tuesday, September 19

- 7:30 am** Rosary (Chapel)
- 10:00 am** Bible Study (Hospitality Room)
- 6:00 pm** Hispanic Confirmation (Sacred Heart Room)

Wednesday, September 20

- 6:15 pm** Faith Formation (SMES)
- 6:15 pm** Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Thursday, September 21

- 5:30 pm** Reconciliation (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm** Hand Bell Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 6:45 pm** RCIA (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm** Hispanic Women's Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

Friday, September 22

- 7:00 pm** Hispanic Women's Retreat (Sacred Heart Room/Parish Hall)

Saturday, September 23

- 7:00 am** Hispanic Women's Retreat (Sacred Heart Room/Parish Hall)

Sunday, September 24

- 7:00 am** Hispanic Women's Retreat (Sacred Heart Room/Parish Hall)
- 10:00 am** NO Coffee & Doughnuts

Hour of Prayer

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| Monday:
Tracy Wurth & Holly Newton | Thursday:
Skip & Lillie Grief |
| Tuesday:
Bret & Maria Avra | Friday:
Janet Colgan & Cecelia Farrell |
| Wednesday:
Jim Garrett & Phyllis Kettler | Saturday:
Sr. Kateri Kaufman & Nadie Vance |

RCIA Topic for Thursday, September 21 - Annulments

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.

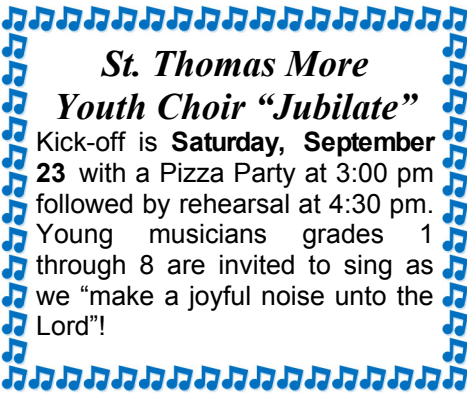


Vocation Awareness

"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself"
The death of Christ on the cross was a profound revelation of His self-giving, sacrificial love. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to imitate that love in our own vocations. Living the vocation to which God calls us leads us to love and to serve one another. 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, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com. For all those called to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, that their lives of service in charity will bear lasting fruit, we pray to the Lord.

Thank You!

Thank you to St. Thomas More parishioners for your generosity last weekend in donating to our special collection for hurricane relief. We collected a total of **\$6,797**. This money has been sent to the diocese and will go to Catholic Charities for their work in helping families rebuild their lives following the devastation of this storm.



St. Thomas More

Youth Choir "Jubilate"

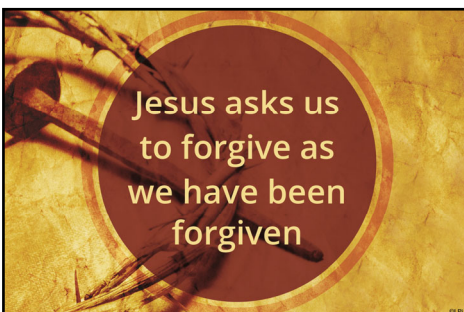
Kick-off is **Saturday, September 23** with a Pizza Party at 3:00 pm followed by rehearsal at 4:30 pm. Young musicians grades 1 through 8 are invited to sing as we "make a joyful noise unto the Lord"!

Coming Soon:

Scripture Sunday 2017

Mark your calendar for Scripture Sunday 2017 in the Diocese of Owensboro! In Pope Francis' apostolic letter, *Misericordia et misera*, he explained that the Year of Mercy reminds us that mercy isn't only for a specially-designated year, but is part of the ongoing life of the Church. He said it would be a good idea if "every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known." Following up on Pope Francis' suggestion, Bishop William F. Medley has designated the third Sunday of October as Scripture Sunday in the Diocese of Owensboro. This year it falls on **Sunday, October 15**. Stay tuned for more information, and be sure to visit owensborodiocese.org/scripturesunday.

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.



Daughters of Isabella Spaghetti Luncheon Today

Daughters of Isabella are sponsoring a spaghetti luncheon today, **Sunday, September 17** from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Jefferson St. Lunch includes Frank Bosh's famous homemade spaghetti sauce, all you can eat spaghetti, bread, salad, D of I desserts, and drink. Everyone is invited. Adult - \$10/Children - \$5 All proceeds to benefit area charities. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.



Sisters of Service Meeting

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



Confirmation Classes Beginning

All members who are 9th grade and older who have not been Confirmed are invited to attend the Confirmation Classes beginning on **Sunday, October 1** at 1:30 pm in the Parish Hall. If you have questions, please contact Melisa Mast at 270-534-9000.

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.

"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

Quilt of the Month Club

Sign up by **October 5** to get your name into the new Quilt of the Month Club drawings at Mount Saint Joseph. The drawings take place on the first Friday of each month. For a \$20 ticket, you get 12 chances to win a handmade quilt. The proceeds support the retired Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount, Ky. To order your Quilt Club ticket(s), contact Maggie Matsko at 270-229-2009 or maggie.matsko@maplemount.org. or visit ursulinesmsj.org.

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). The Gennesaret retreat is designed for persons whose medical conditions would otherwise hinder them from attending a weekend overnight retreat. 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.

Pilgrimage to Italy Scheduled

Journey through Italy with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and Father John Vaughan as they walk in the footsteps of Saint Angela Merici with the 10-day “Bella Italia” tour. From **April 9-19, 2018**, you can visit Rome, Vatican City, Assisi, Florence and Brescia, Italy. This will include two audiences with Pope Francis, guided tours of St. Peter’s Basilica, Ancient Rome and places where Saint Francis and Saint Angela lived and prayed. The cost of \$3,495 covers air fare, hotels and most meals. **A \$350 down payment is due by September 30, 2017**, so sign up today! Contact Sister Amelia Stenger at 270-229-4200 or amelia.stenger@maplemount.org for more information.

Marian Retreat Day at Mount Saint Joseph

A Marian Retreat Day will take place on **Saturday, October 14** at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The retreat will be led by Monsignor Bernard Powers, a retired priest from the Diocese of Owensboro who holds a master’s degree in spirituality. The retreat includes opportunities for solitude, communal prayer and the Eucharistic liturgy. Retreat hours are from 9:00 am - to 2:30 pm. The fee is \$25 which includes lunch. Contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0269 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.

Inspiration for the Week

Relationships are the focus of our reflection again this week, calling us to practice forgiveness unconditionally. This is a difficult thing for us to do. Forgiving someone does not mean that we necessarily tolerate or condone their behavior. Rather, it has to do with letting go of the anger and the hurt that really is more self-destructive than productive. We are called to recognize the brokenness and sinfulness of each other. We may, at times, have to walk away from an abusive or destructive relationship. However, keeping in mind the lessons it taught, we can free ourselves from its hurtful grasp by learning how to forgive as God forgives. It’s a tall order

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

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.

8 WAYS TO PRAY DURING ADORATION

1. Pray Spontaneously
2. Ask the Saints for Help
3. Read the Scriptures
4. Meditate
5. Read Spiritual Books
6. Ask for Intercessions
7. Offer a Holy Hour
8. Write a Prayer Journal



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Catechetical Sunday
Tuesday: St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
Wednesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; First full day of autumn

Pray, hope and don't worry.
 --St. Padre Pio

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

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 Lam-mar, Cooper & Mary Margaret Mat-tingly



Justin Lamb, Chris McCoy, Timothy Low-man, Kurtis McClain, Zachary Grimes, Kurt Bell, Jeremy Copeland, Eric Gast, Aaron Conover, Brian Clayton, Hannah Wilson, John Da-vis, Emily Lane Rockne, Corey Carnes, Clay Magers, Tyler Shu-maker, Jeff Perry, Tyler Scott Dick-son, Nathan Phipps, Kelly Scott-Nevenon, Greg Nevenon, Cameron Gruening, 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 Je-sus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."



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

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

Monday, September 18
Dixie Childers, Holly Miller, Richard Schoot, Palmer Sims

Tuesday, September 19
Abigail Nelson

Wednesday, September 20
Teresa Eckstein, Jake Gilliam, Fel-icia LaBarge, Cash Mayo, Terry Nunn, Emily Perry

Thursday, September 21
Vernon Arboleda, Adriana Fitch, Jazmine Lemus, Connie Leone, Den-ise Nelson, Shayne Veatch

Friday, September 22
Faye Alexander, Tina Eggemeyer, Tasha Kimble, Marilyn Melugin, Rob-in Mowers, Frances O'Bryan, Amy Roof

Saturday, September 23
Bill Adams, Judy Bufford, Geri McMunn, Jeff Mudd, Marie Petrites Murphy

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.

Monday, September 18
Scott & Sheri Babbs 24 yrs.
Larry & Miranda Farris 42 yrs.

Tuesday, September 19
Chris & Holly Shockley 25 yrs.
Eric & Heather Butterbaugh 2 yrs.

Wednesday, September 20
Donald & Tricia Durrett 25 yrs.

Thursday, September 21
Glynn & Ging Smith 15 yrs.
Shannon & Mari Lurtz 21 yrs.

Friday, September 22
James & Nadie Vance 39 yrs.
Chase & Kelly Venable 5 yrs.

Saturday, September 23
Robert & Kathleen Wheeler 28 yrs.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?

Answer:

The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer. On this Sunday, we recognize those who are called to be teachers and ask for God's blessing and grace.

Sophia Award Winner Named *Jim Sanders selected by Saint Thomas More*



Each year, parishioners throughout the Diocese of Owensboro nominate a fellow member of the parish who is sixty-five or older and who embraces and lives a life of stewardship – giving of their time, talent and treasure to the parish.

The Diocese of Owensboro created the Sophia Award, which is an award to celebrate someone from each parish who exemplifies this level of stewardship in their life.

On Sunday, September 10, Bishop Medley celebrated Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral with recipients from across the diocese and presented the award to each of them.

We were pleased to have Jim Sanders nominated for his tireless work on our Grounds Committee. From stringing Christmas lights to planting spring bulbs, Jim is always ready to meet the challenge of keeping our campus lovely. Further, his efforts leading the board of Mt. Carmel Cemetery and his overall commitment to Saint Thomas More and a stewardship way of life made him an easy choice for the nomination. We look forward to many more years of Jim leading the way and keeping our parish grounds beautiful.

Jim traveled to Owensboro for the Mass with the Bishop last week and was thrilled to accept the award. We congratulate Jim and hope his dedication leads others to live stewardship in their every day lives.



Without Jim Sanders and his dedicated group in the Grounds Ministry, photos like this of our beautiful church campus would not exist!



Save the Date

Sunday
October 22, 2017

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Games
Beer Garden

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