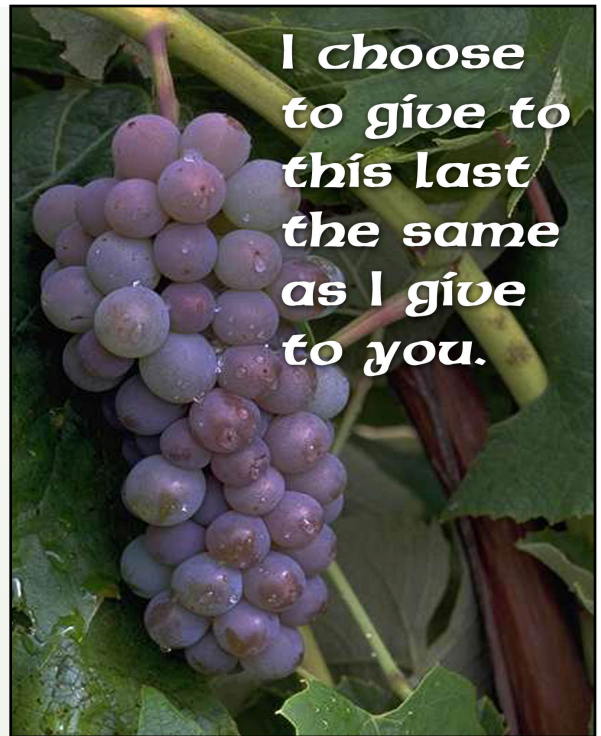


# St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24, 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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**Our Thoughts Are Not  
God's Thoughts**

In our First Reading from the Book of Isaiah, God reminds us that He does not think in the same way that we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts." That is quite clear in our Gospel today from Matthew, which relates the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard.

In the Gospel parable, God (who is represented by the landowner ) does something which from our human perspective may seem unfair and unjust. What we must keep in mind is that the landowner did not treat anyone unfairly. He may have seemed more generous to some than to others, but again that is from our perspective.



We can be absolutely certain that God will never be unfair to us. The Lord may bestow greater blessings on others, some of whom again from our perspective may seem less deserving. God is a righteous God. Through stewardship we acknowledge that everything comes to us from God. All our blessings may seem to be more or less than we deserve, but if we are grateful for what we have and what we are, we will then recognize God's generosity and His grace.

The important thing to us should not be and cannot be whether we are first or last. What is central is that we are part of the Kingdom of God. That should be sufficient for us. We get into trouble when we conclude that God should think the way we do.

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

**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

**Monday, September 25**

6:00 pm Roscoe Shoulta (d)

**Tuesday, September 26**

7:00 am Wilfred Lee Hagan (d)

**Wednesday, September 27**

8:40 am *St. Mary High School*

12:00 pm *Lourdes Hospital Chapel*  
Mary Sue Withrow (b)

**Thursday, September 28**

6:00 pm Bernie Herrmann (d)

**Friday, September 29**

7:00 am Martha Floyd (d)

8:05 am *St. Mary Elementary School*

**Saturday, September 30**

5:30 pm David M. Grief (d)

**Sunday, October 1** *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 am Our Parish Family

11:00 am Bernie Herrmann (d)

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



**Sunday, September 17, 2017**

<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$12,100.00</b>
<b>Online Collections</b>	<b>\$10,881.00</b>
<b>Special Collections</b>	<b>\$ 814.00</b>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$23,795.00</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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<b>Liturgical Ministers Schedule Sept.30/Oct. 1</b>			
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
Sacristan	Lindsay Batts	Camilla Shumaker	John Roof
Euch. Ministers	Mary Carrico David Culbertson Peggy Culbertson Gale Hatton Vicki Kight Sam Leone Bill Murphy Marie Petrites Murphy Cara Sims Elaine Stevens Kelly Veatch	Frank Block Frank Burch Tom Clinton Missy Eckenberg Bill Halicks Sheree Halicks Lynn King Ron Shoulta Herb Straub Lynn Thompson Ken Wurth	Tessa Cash Joe Hobbs Pat Hobbs Abby LaFont Ronnie Reil Terry Sullivan Brandon Trevathan Nadie Vance Richard Vieitez
Lectors	Mary Kay Sanders Mary Evans	Mike Crider Amy Ridley	Marianna Romero Martha Argotte Thomas
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Hospitality Coord.	Mary Bumpous	Mike Crider	Keith Cash
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Ushers	Steve Dannemueller Keaton Elliott Chris Miller Holly Miller Steve Wurth Volunteer Needed	Scott Babbs Josh King Matthew King Nathan King Paul King Mike Wurth	Patsy Carroll Brenda Caserta Keith Cash Kenlin Thomas Kiael Waldon Volunteer Needed
Children's Liturgy	Lauren Flint Madison Patel	Lesley Crider Megan Lorch	Sheila Rea Brandon Trevathan

*What's Happening*

**Sunday, September 24**

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

**Monday, September 25**

- 6:30 pm** Pastoral Council Mtg. (Sacred Heart Room)

**Tuesday, September 26**

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

**Wednesday, September 27**

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

**Thursday, September 28**

- 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 29**

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

**Saturday, September 30**

- 4:00 pm** Reconciliation (Church)

**Sunday, October 1**

- 10:00 am** Coffee & Doughnuts (Parish Hall)
- 1:30 pm** Confirmation Class (Parish Hall)

**Hour of Prayer**

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| <b>Monday:</b><br>Barb Larbes & Freda Jett    | <b>Thursday:</b><br>John & Wanda Shaw       |
| <b>Tuesday:</b><br>Marge Wurth & Ed Puschaver | <b>Friday:</b><br>Pat Cvengros & Marty Ryan |
| <b>Wednesday:</b><br>Andy & Suzy Gilland      | <b>Saturday:</b><br>David & Sally Roof      |

**RCIA Topic for Thursday, September 28 - Sacred Scripture**

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@stmores.org](mailto:pcairney@stmores.org).

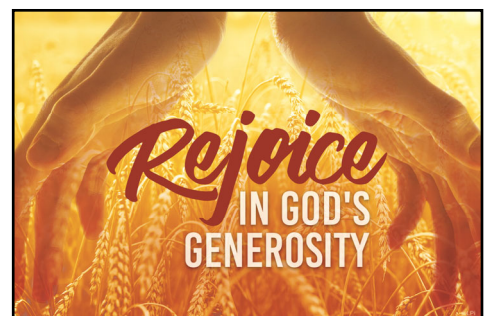


**Altar Society Ministry for Oct.**

Purificators: Sharon Brumlow  
Robes & Albs: Stephanie Sims

**Vocation Awareness**

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near." What do you seek? What are you looking for? What do you desire? While the world may attempt to fill our deepest longing with that which does not last, we know that our greatest desire is Heaven and only God can fulfill that desire. Our vocation is God's plan to get us from earth to Heaven. If you feel that God might be calling you to the vocation of priesthood, contact the vocations office at [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org), [www.owensborovocations.com](http://www.owensborovocations.com).



**Confirmation Classes**



All members who are 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thank You!**



The St. Thomas More Rosary Garden Keepers wish to thank all those who donated to the garden in memory of Maria Tito de Fecko (Ana Sredl's mother) and Kay Eckstein.

**Men's Prayer Meeting Welcomes Fr. Al Bremer**

On **Saturday, October 7** at 7:30 am in the Parish Hall, the Men's Prayer Group welcomes Fr. Al Bremer to St. Thomas More Church! Please join us to thank Fr. Bremer for joining us, where we will enjoy a wonderful breakfast with the Holy Spirit! Fr. Bremer will discuss his journey to the vocation and his special works with the Spanish speaking community and prison ministries. Please take this opportunity to reach out and share your journey to Christ with us!

**White House Retreat**

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](http://www.whretreat.org) to find additional dates.

**"I Have Chosen You..." (John 15:16) 2017-2017 Disciples Response Fund**

The 2017-2018 Disciples Response Fund campaign has begun with a mailing to all registered parishioners from Bishop Medley. All are asked to give generously in support of the important items funded by your contributions. Support the work of our Diocese is important. There are many things that even the largest parishes cannot do on their own. For example, the Disciples Response Fund puts money into an endowment for the care of retired priests. Also, the fund assists with the expenses for the education of our seminarians and provides operating income and scholarship funds for the Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp. The Gospel of John tells us that each of us has been chosen by the Lord to go forth and bear fruit that will remain. A significant contribution to the DRF is one way to reach out to many who will bear fruit. In the last year's campaign (2016-2017), the Diocese began a system of returning 50% of the dollars received, over target, to the parishes for their use. Our parish received \$9,848.30. Five thousand dollars was sent to help build a Catholic church in Todd county. The remaining money will be sent to charities here in Paducah. If you received a letter from Bishop Medley asking for your support of the DRF, please make a generous gift today.

**KC's to Work at Barbecue on the River**



Our Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy Council 11591 of St. Thomas More is again thankful to be working with J-Mack Cookers at Barbecue on the River. This is our major fundraiser for the year. Last year with your help we netted over \$7,000. We were able to apply these funds in our church and in the community. We again will be needing lots of volunteers to assist in this effort. We will be needing volunteers on September 24, 27, 28, 29, and 30. We are also doing a delivery preorder on 9/27 for your office. You can pick up the preorder sheet at the sign up table after Mass. You can sign up to volunteer at the Masses on 9/23 and 24, online at the links listed, or call Frank Block 270/217-2311 or AJ Richison 618/638-3798.  
 9/27 and 28 <http://signup.com/login/entry/927012300286958022>  
 9/20 and 30 <http://signup.com/login/entry/607025754633924038>

**Director of Family Life and Youth Ministry**

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church has a job opportunity for a Full-Time Director of Family Life and Youth Ministry that seeks to help every family with children make steps toward a deeper maturity in Christ, by building a ministry that fulfills the mission and values of St. Thomas More. The Director of Family Life and Youth Ministry oversees the strategic vision for families and youth throughout the parish. Candidates must be a practicing Catholic in good standing, involved in a parish community, and have had previous experience working with youth and/or young adults. Must be able to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Bachelor's Degree in Theology, Catholic studies or equivalent experience is Preferred.  
**Contact Details:**  
 Saint Thomas More Catholic Church Parish is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to: [fr.brad@stmore.org](mailto:fr.brad@stmore.org) Please contact Father Brad Whistle at 270-534-9000 with any questions.

**Over 50's Potluck**



The next Over 50's Potluck will be **Tuesday, October 3** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. For more information call 270-534-9000.



**FALL FESTIVAL & PICNIC** Sunday, October 22, 2017  
 Food • Games • Beer Garden

**Join us for our new Fall Festival and Picnic!**

Lunch will be served at 2 p.m.  
 The church will provide barbecue chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and soft drinks.  
 Please help us out by bringing a dish to share!  
 Plan on a dish to serve at least 15 people.  
 According to your last name, please bring...

- A-L: Salads or Vegetables
- M-S: Fruit
- T-Z: Dessert

**Great Food, Games and Inflatables for the Kids!**

New This Year...  
 Join us in our Fall Beer Garden.  
 Sample local and national craft beers.

Plus Crafts, Balloon Artist, Hay Ride, Cornhole and BINGO!  
 See you Sunday, October 22.

**Fr. Lew White**  
**Tuition Assistance**

Our deanery parishes take Fr. Lew White (FLW) Tuition Assistance offerings through the year to support K-12 Catholic students and families who choose to attend St. Mary. In the 2016-17 school year, thirty families/forty-nine students received FLW assistance. Families apply to a third party system which provides an unbiased source for assistance to be awarded.

Your generous gifts through the parish offerings and our Annual Fund support a strong Catholic education to those who choose, and sacrifice, to attend St. Mary. Thank you for ensuring the choice is available to all our Catholic families who desire their children to practice learning and living their faith daily.

**New Parishioner Registration**

If you are new to the parish and would like to be a registered parishioner, please complete the parish registration form that may be found on the parish website ([www.stmore.org](http://www.stmore.org)), in the Gathering Space or in the Parish Office. The completed form may be dropped off in the office, mailed in, or placed in the collection basket. Call the office 270-534-9000 or email [lois@stmore.org](mailto:lois@stmore.org) for more information.

**100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Events**



**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. The retreat includes opportunities for solitude, communal prayer and the Eucharistic liturgy. Retreat hours are from 9:00 am - to 2:30 pm. Contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0269.

**“The 13th Day”**

All are invited to the showing of the movie, **THE 13TH DAY**. This can be a way for all to prepare for the 100th Anniversary of October 13th apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. Relics of the two shepherd children, St. Francisco and St. Jacinta will be available for veneration.

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

**St. Joseph Church, Mayfield, KY  
 In the Parish Hall at 6:30PM**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

**St. John the Evangelist Church, Paducah, KY  
 In the Church at 7:00PM**

**Fatima 2017**

Diocesan Shrine of Mary  
 Bowling Green, KY  
**October 13 ~ 6:00 - 9:00 pm**  
 Presentation by Bishop Wm. Medley  
 Crowning of Statue of Our Lady  
 Candlelight Procession

**Public Square Rosary**

**October 14 ~ 12 Noon**

Dolly McNutt Plaza  
 Paducah, KY  
 Contact Kitty Anderson  
 at 270-554-0886  
 For more information.

*Remember in Prayer...*

**Parishioners:** Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, 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, Cleo Higdon, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Sr. Kateri Kaufman, Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Buzz LaGesse, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Ella O'Bryan, Charity Peters, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, Nancy Stearns, Monty Thompson, 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, Jeanette 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 Pritchett, Margaret Whitney, Jimmy Kapfhammer, Don Manning, Wayne Batts, Dennis Walsh, John Kraus, Charlie Proctor, Nanette Love, Chloe Nesbitt, Dennis Walsh, Jardod Hardin, Johnetta Taylor, Margaret Whitney, Becky Bowling, Frances Lamar, Suzanne Coomes, Cooper & Mary Margaret Mattingly



Justin Lamb, Chris McCoy, Timothy Lowman, Kurtis McClain, Kurt Bell, Zachary Grimes, 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, Nathan Phipps, Kelly Scott-Nevonen, Greg Nevonen, 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:** Who is St. Jerome and why is he so significant that we honored him with a feast on September 30?

**Answer:** St. Jerome (345-420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366-384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality. Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day.



**Saturday, September 23**

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

**Sunday, September 24**

Shelby Browning, Peyton Ford, Cleo Higdon

**Monday, September 25**

Carla Garcia, Esteban Gembe, Jonah Lamb, Robert Newman, Edith Salazar, Aris Tomes, Trina Vaughn

**Tuesday, September 26**

Jean Charlot, Alejandro Gembe, Kati Gregory, Kevin Headrick, Luke North, Gary Schaaf, Bernadine Watkins, Clayton Williams

**Wednesday, September 27**

Patrick Brumley, Chiara Doran, Larry Stovesand

**Thursday, September 28**

Gary Ballard, Story Anne Hobbs, Charity Peters, John Phelan, Ron Shoulta, Kim Smith, Peggy Thompson, Jill Weglarz

**Friday, September 29**

David Carrico, Justin Eckstein, Mike Farrell, Mike Fossett, Pam Heavrin, Juan Jaramillo, Doris Lisenbee Miguel Oblea, Miguelina Sunderland, Chase Venable, Alex Wright

**Saturday, September 30**

Jean Blackston, Julie DuPerrieu



**Saturday, September 23**

Robert & Kathleen Wheeler 28 yrs.

**Sunday, September 24**

Dennis & Kellie Quigley 29 yrs.  
Jim & Miguelina Sunderland 17 yrs.  
Ed & Missy O'Neill 12 yrs.  
Clayton & Ashley Baker 12 yrs.

**Monday, September 25**

Tim & Rosemary Shiben 26 yrs.  
Lance & Jolie Fleming 18 yrs.

**Tuesday, September 26**

Tomi & Cindy Zaninovich 2 yrs.

**Wednesday, September 27**

Art & Kelly Azar 26 yrs.  
Richard & Cheri Paxton 32 yrs.

**Friday, September 29**

Ryan & Allison Devine 5 yrs.

**Saturday, September 30**

David & Gina Fraser 17 yrs.



# Word

Mini Edition

## Sophia Award Winner Shares Thanks

### *Jim Sanders thoughts on receiving the Sophia Award*



ast week we shared the news that Jim Sanders was selected as the Sophia Award Winner from Saint Thomas More at the Dioceses.

The Diocese of Owensboro created the Sophia Award, which celebrates someone from each parish who exemplifies an overwhelming level of stewardship in their life.

Recognizing no one person can "do it alone" Jim wanted to share his award and gratitude with those who work with him in the Grounds Ministry and at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Below is a letter we received from Jim and he asked that we share it with the parish. We are happy to do so! Congratulations again!



*Dearest Saint Thomas More Parishioners:  
In late August, I received a letter from Kevin Kauffeld at the Diocese of Owensboro, sharing with me the news that I had been selected as the Sophia Award Recipient from Saint Thomas More Parish this year. I was immensely overwhelmed and humbled. Never in my 80 years of life, have I ever received anything that meant so much to me. I want to thank everyone that had anything to do with my receiving this award.*

*Many thoughts went through my mind from that time until last week when I traveled to St. Stephan's Cathedral in Owensboro to receive the award. During the long walk, down the aisle to meet Bishop Medley, some 18 plus years flashed through my mind.*

*Wow! There really have been at least 65 members of the Grounds Ministry and I have served on the Mt. Carmel Board for 7 years coordinating many volunteers. I then realized, this award was not for me only but all of those folks that had worked with me in these endeavors. I am happy to say, David Langston, Mike Rea joined me 18+ years ago and are still active on the Grounds Ministry! Frank Burch, Noel Wise and Chris Haas have 16 years. Ken Wurth has 14 years and Karen Petter 13 years. Mary Kay Sanders has 10 and Robert Russell, Trent and Ann Bongiolatti and Rich Miller have eight years each. Bryan Laczko has six years. Dwayne Wurth, Steve and Melody Walker, Chris Jones, Pat Spoden and Andrew Thompson have four years. Our newest member, Regina Russell has two years. There are three others that served 16 years that are no longer a member of this ministry, Bill Maddox, Mike Wurth and Mike Meredith. All of these folks share in this award and have made it possible.*

*I am so happy the Father has given me this opportunity and given me the good health to accomplish it! Looking back, nothing has meant more to me than to share my lifetime of knowledge and experiences and grow' such strong friendships with my fellow parishioners. My lifelong belief has been that working with God's beauty is as close as you can get to God. As I have said to the group many times, when the work was a little tougher than expected, 'Don't forget - we are gaining points for our get out of purgatory free card!'*

*May St. Thomas More and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel bless and guide us all.  
All my thanks,  
Jim Sanders*

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