

# ST. THOMAS MORE MISSION

February 26-27, 2022



**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 27**  
**First Sunday of Lent, March 6**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil, 4:30 pm & Sunday, 10:00 am

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday-Friday, 12:00 pm & Saturday, 3:00 pm

### **Devotions**

First Friday, 12:00 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, First Friday Prayers and the Rosary.

First Saturday, 3:00 pm Mass, followed by Adoration, Marian Devotions and the Rosary

### **Sacrament of Confession**

Saturday, 3:30-4:20 pm

Sunday, 9:30-9:50 am

Thursdays, 12:45-2:00 pm

*Also, you may request an appointment for confession.*

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursdays, 12:30-2:00 pm

## THE MOTE AND THE BEAM

Fr. Scott Haynes

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A universal rule of the road seems to be: "Everyone who drives slower than you is an idiot. And everyone who drives faster is a maniac." To the speeding driver, everyone's an idiot. To the slow driver, everyone's a maniac. But one rule applies to all: "My speed is just right."

Sadly, human hypocrisy is not limited to the highway. It seems to thrive in religion. Our Lord pointed out the hypocrisy of religious leaders in His day. Such men could not give alms without blowing a trumpet to announce it (Matt. 6:1-4).

Similarly, these religious leaders would pray aloud to God standing on a street corner to advertise their "holiness" (Matt. 6:5-15). As to their "fasting," they made sure everyone knew the times of their fasts, because that would disfigure their faces to indicate their ascetic piety (Matt. 6:16-18). In short, they sought to be in the spotlight, so that all could behold their righteousness. These proud, puffed-up pillars of the community could not help judging the *hoi palloi* (Matt. 7:1-2). As these men had made their displays of righteousness practice-perfect, they were quick to criticize those others, so that they could boost their own standing.



Christ saw their hypocrisy and said it was akin to an ophthalmologist tutt-tutting about the little mote (speck) in his patient's eye – all the while a 2' x 4' beam (plank) protrudes from his own. As St. Matthew's Gospel records: "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." These hypocrites bemoan the faults of others. Rolling their eyes, they whisper to one another as they nit-pick their neighbor.

If we notice of such hypocrisy, what is the way to stop it? There are different approaches, but laughing at it can be quite effective. No. Not laughing at the hypocrisy of others. That is too easy! Laugh at the hypocrisy you see in yourself. Behold the absurdity of your own smugness. Remember those times in which you had an inflated sense of self. Burst your own bubble with a sharp dose of self-ridicule. We must try to see how ridiculous our behavior can be and realize that if we are seeing a certain fault in another person, it is probably because we have a similar problem of greater magnitude. We see it because we are expert in it.

To rid ourselves of hypocrisy we need proportion. Consider you have a beam in your eye and that your neighbor only has a mote (speck). Presume you are the bigger sinner. It is a good place to start. Knowing little of your neighbor's faults and knowing full well the laundry list of your own faults, realize you have probably more than once blown things out of proportion. Our perspective easily becomes skewed. We think everyone is to blame but ourselves. If we notice a spirit of criticism rising from our hearts, it is not usually too long before our criticisms spew from our mouths. In these moments turn away from your conceit and turn your heart to contrition.

If you notice the fault of another person, think not to condemn him, but, rather, think how your own sin is reflected in this. You notice the fault in the other person likely because you a variation on the same thing. If we have a superiority complex, we need a reality check. Do not measure yourself against another and think, "I am better than he is." Rather, the measure of holiness is Christ. Measure yourself against Jesus and you will find you have much to correct in yourself in your pursuit of perfect holiness.

Looking at our hypocrisy and sinfulness, Christ did not respond by folding His arms and shaking His head in disgust with us, saying: "Shame on you." Rather, in His amazing mercy, Our Savior stretched wide His loving arms, and He paid the price of our sins and bore the shame of the Cross. May the astonishing humility of God's grace break through our pride-filled hearts, so that we humbly love our neighbor and forsake all hypocrisy.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Parish Office

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Website address: <http://stthomasmorecatholicchurch.org/>

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday-Sunday - Closed

### Rectory

Rev. Scott Haynes, Associate Pastor

### Business Manager

Pat Lave

### Organist

Patricia Spencer

### Coordinator of Religious Ed

Debbie Ksycki

### Registration

New parishioners should register at the parish office.

### Religious Goods Store

Open on the third weekend of the month.

## SACRAMENTS

### Visitations/Sick Calls

Hospital or Homebound; Please contact the Parish Office at 773-436-4444 as soon as possible for Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick.

### Marriage

Please contact the parish office. A date should not be set until consulting with the parish priest.

### Baptism

Please contact the parish office.

### Funeral

Please contact the parish office.

### Bulletin

Please submit all requests for bulletin announcement on Mondays by 10:00 am.

## SUNDAY, February 27

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Bob Dapkus (Dan Dapkus)  
For the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Macey &  
The Holy Souls in Purgatory (Don & Mary Tadda)  
Deceased Members of Ugochukwu,  
Ekechukwu & Madu Families

## MONDAY, February 28

12:00 pm Frank DeRoo (Burke Family)  
Fr. Tom Mescall (Carmen & Jim)  
Living & Deceased of Fowler & Siniawski Families

## TUESDAY, March 1

12:00 pm Jim Riley, Sr. (Family)  
Birthday Blessings for Erik M. Tadda &  
For the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
(Don & Mary Tadda)  
Rich Schmuhl (Family)

## WEDNESDAY, March 2

### Ash Wednesday

12:00 pm Bob Dapkus (Dan Dapkus)  
Faith O'Neill Schmit (Family)  
Poor Souls in Purgatory (Ugochukwu Family)

## THURSDAY, March 3

### St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

12:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory (Kevin Haney)  
Birthday Blessings for Alex Liceaga &  
For the Repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
(Don & Mary Tadda)  
In Honor of St. Katharine Drexel

## FRIDAY, March 4

### St. Casimir

12:00 pm Patricia & Kathleen Sheehy  
Nick & Jane Martini (Burke Family)  
Richard & Patricia Roberts (Jack Roberts)

## SATURDAY, March 5

3:00 pm For the Sick (Ugochukwu Family)  
Mary Frances & Jack (Family)

### (Vigil Mass)

4:30 pm For the Parishioners

- DePaul Center for Marriage/Family Counseling  
Fr. Bob Rohrich, 212 E. Custer St., Lemont, IL  
630-257-9235
- Catholic Charities:  
General Number 312-655-7000  
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- Catholictherapists.com
- <http://www.purityispossible.com/>
- Project Rachel (post-abortion healing): 888-456-4673
- Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR THE SICK



Janet Abramic  
Sandy Badke  
Crispin Bofinger  
Joseph Carrabotta  
Sarah Dalton  
Elaine Eberhardt  
Diane & Jim Flaherty  
Sandra Halper  
William & Theresa Jendzio

Daniel Jimenez  
Maria Jimenez  
Rebecca Jimenez  
John Kniecik  
Cathy Lahart  
Mike Lave  
Kenneth Novickis  
Celeste Phifer  
Louis & Jeanine

Tricia Quasthoff  
Walter Quasthoff  
Len Reilly  
Thomas Rose  
Phyllis Spizzirri  
Sr. Maria-Paulina  
Mary Tadda  
Ken Watterson

*Omnipotent and eternal God, the everlasting Salvation of those who believe,  
hear us on behalf of Thy sick.*



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Education announces*

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Sunday, May 1**

**10:00 a.m. First  
Communion Mass**



*Mark your calendars!*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*According to  
ST. ALPHONSUS  
LIGUORI*

**Fridays of Lent  
After 12 Noon Mass**

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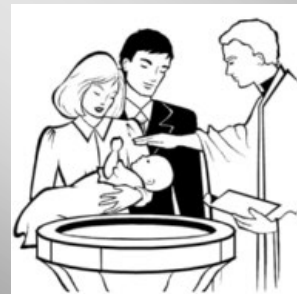
*May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Saturday, March 5**

10:00 am Wake & Visitation, St. Thomas More Church  
11:00 am Funeral Mass, St. Thomas More Church

*Burial will follow at St. Casimir Cemetery*

*Everyone is invited to a Funeral Luncheon in Donlan Hall at  
St. Thomas More Church after the burial service at St. Casimir.*



## HOLY BAPTISM

Congratulations to  
the family of Hector  
& Guadalupe  
Vargas on the  
Baptism of their  
beautiful child  
**NOAH VARGAS**  
February 19, 2022

***In the Name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.***

## FOR ALL WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY INCLUDING:



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MSG Kevin Daley  
Cpl. Brian Husum  
AZ2 Marcellus J. Lane - R.I.P.  
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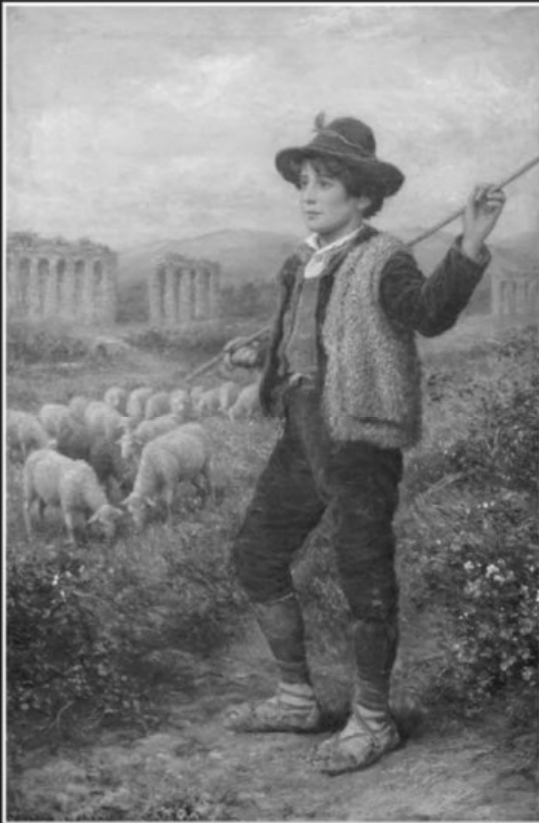
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### COLLECTIONS

2/13/22	\$2,750.00
2/20/22	\$2,332.00

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## A Flute's Song in the Night

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*A boy trapped in a war zone takes a  
rifle barrel and transforms it into a flute.*

*By the beauty of his music, the light of Christ enters in.*

I once read of a man who found himself in a very dangerous desert zone between Arab and Israeli forces one night. At one point when the fighting was heavy, he was shocked to hear a small shepherd boy playing on a flute. He called out to the boy to come to him. As the young Christian boy approached, the man saw that the flute the child was using was actually made from a rifle barrel.

An instrument of destruction had been made into an instrument for making beautiful music. By the beauty of his music, the light of Christ entered in. Men with hardened hearts dig their heels in to war-trenches, but the children of God transform darkness by the Light of Christ, turning obstacles into opportunities, and weapons into flutes.

*You shall have a song as in the night of the sanctified  
solemnity, and joy of heart, as when one goeth  
with a flute, to come into the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Mighty One of Israel. (Isaiah 30:29)*

### SOMETIMES THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO FOR THE PRO-LIFE CAUSE IS JUST TO "SMILE AND WALK OUT INTO THE WORLD."

Sherry Antonetti

I've been to marches; I've prayed at clinics. I've written articles and letters to the editor. And I have 10 children. Yet the most effective witness I ever gave to the pro-life cause was when I wasn't trying to do anything other than find a way to not be lonely. Back in 1993, I became a mother and I felt the walls of the world close in. So I went out — out seeking connections and adult conversations and anything to help distinguish one day from the next as I worked to recover from pregnancy and adjusted to being a full-time mom. One day, I saw the receptionist at our apartment and it looked like she'd been crying. I asked her what was up. She told me, "You."

I didn't understand, but she invited me in to sit with her. It turned out she'd just broken up with her boyfriend and found out afterward that she was pregnant. Two girlfriends already offered to drive her to get an abortion, but she said seeing my son every day, holding him as he smiled and kicked, she couldn't. She just couldn't. Her reaction to me actually echoed my own reaction to someone else: I'd become a stay-at-home mom because I'd seen a baby boy in the daycare and witnessed his smiles. I couldn't not be with my son, I just couldn't. That unknown baby's smiles led to my staying home and being desperately lonely ... and that led to sharing my son's smiles with this pregnant receptionist. I hugged her and we cried over her worries. We talked about what she could do. I'd never counseled anyone before, but we created a plan. It involved calling a doctor to get herself checked, calling her folks to get support and calling her boyfriend to let him know. I didn't know what would happen, but told her we'd be there for her regardless. She gave my son a kiss and dried her eyes. I left thinking that the loneliness of being a new stay-at-home mother was nothing compared to hers. It rained hard for the next week, so I didn't get out for my daily walk. The few times I made it by the office, she wasn't there. I worried.

However, the next time I saw her, she threw open the door and hugged me. Everyone had rallied for her. Her boyfriend and her parents. Now instead of the loneliness, there was a family fully engaged and fired-up alive, eagerly anticipating the child's birth. They married and before I moved away, they'd had a son and a daughter. My son's smiles allowed another two children's smiles to be known to the world and a whole host of smiles for the mom, the dad, and the grandparents. It wasn't marching or protesting or lobbying that won a heart in a crisis pregnancy. It was presence. So while we march for all those who weren't given the opportunity of life, or who were wounded by abortion (fathers, mothers, siblings and everyone else), and while we hope for a defunding of Planned Parenthood, we should recognize the other part of being pro-life. We have to be more pro-life and pro-living than protesting. So smile and walk out into the world, and know God will put you where you can be most effective.





# HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

## **Palm Sunday**

Saturday, April 9, 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. Mass

## **Daily Mass**

Monday-Wednesday, April 11-13, 12:00 p.m. Mass

## **Holy Thursday**

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

## **Good Friday**

Friday, April 15, 3:00 p.m.

## **Easter Vigil**

Saturday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.

## **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.

## **Join Fr. Scott A. Haynes on a 10-day pilgrimage to Bavaria and Austria!**

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## **FIRST FRIDAY**

**March 4, 2022**

*The church will  
open at 11:00 am*

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**11:15 Holy Rosary**

**11:45 First Friday Prayers to  
The Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**12:00 pm Mass**

**12:30 pm Stations  
of the Cross**

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*The church closes  
just after  
Stations of the Cross.*



## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

### **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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**Wednesday, March 2**

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*Join us for Mass and the  
Imposition of Ashes  
at the beginning of Lent.*

**12:00 p.m. Mass**

**6:30 p.m. Mass**



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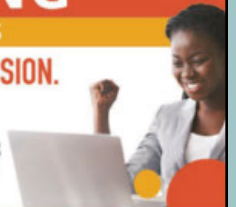
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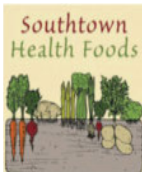
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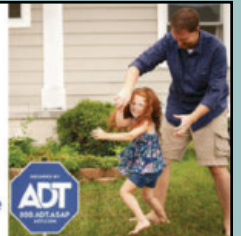
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