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#### Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses—Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm in Spanish

Daily Masses— Monday at 6:00 pm, Tuesday at 8:00 am, Wednesday at noon at Mercy Health,

Thursday at 6:00 pm and Friday at 7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Thursday at 5:30 pm in the Chapel, Saturday 4:00—4:40 pm in the Church

#### Mass Intentions For January 1 — January 9

Saturday - 8:00 am — Jerry LeGrand & Peggy Stout

5:00 pm — Eleanor Crayne (d)

Sunday - 9:00 am — Bill Walker (d)

 $11:00 \text{ am} - Special Intention} - CG(d)$ 

1:00 pm (Spanish) — Parish Family

Monday - 6:00 pm — Jim Tidwell (d)

Tuesday - 8:00 am — Charlie Roof (d)

Wednesday - 12:00 pm (Lourdes) — Earl Roof (d)

Thursday - 6:00 pm — Aurora Arvelo (d)

Friday - 7:00 am — George Hanrahan (d)

Saturday - 5:00 pm — Bob Schneider (d)

Sunday - 9:00 am — Charlie Roof (d)

11:00 am - Michael Shoulta (d)

1:00 pm (Spanish) — Parish Family



Ministry Schedule for January 8/9				
	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am	
Sacristan	Vicki Kight	Rafael Velasquez	Michelle Dunlap	
Lector	Lori Meredith Mike Meredith	Pam Malast Mary Katz	Richard Vieitez Beth Walker	
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Cairney Gale Hatton Joe Hobbs Cara Sims	Scott Babbs Becky Glasby Devin Haneline Maria Stuckenborg	Trish Burks Jeri Duong Pat Hobbs Ronnie Reil	
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#### STEWARDSHIP

#### Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021

Regular Collection \$ 12,611.23
Online Collections \$ 4,839.50
Special Collections \$ 325.00
Tornado Relief \$ 8,390.00
Total Collection \$ 26,165.73

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#### Hour of Prayer (January 3 — January 9)

Monday: Rose Freiseis Tuesday: Debbie Caspar Wednesday: Phyllis Kettler Thursday: Shirley Renaud Friday: Sr. Kateri Kaufman Saturday: Pat Cairney

Prayer Changes Things

#### A Message from Fr. Brad Whistle

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More,



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! We begin this New Year by celebrating the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Since this feast falls on a Saturday this year we

are not obligated to attend Mass. But for those who did come, what a great way to begin a New Year, by looking at Mary, who models for us, what it means to say "yes" to God. Also, to pray for the grace to say "yes" to God every day of this New Year of 2022. I certainly need God's grace to be able to live this "yes" throughout this year of 2022.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, when the Wise Men visited the new born Christ child. Epiphany is word that means manifestation. Today, I have to ask myself, "How do I manifest Christ in my everyday life?" I know these days of Christmas are filled with parties, get-togethers, and perhaps lots of travel. Are you happy it's about over? Maybe I just want to get back to my normal routine. To get back to a normal routine at home, at work, maybe even at school. Somehow, in all of this I am still called to manifest Christ in this world, whether I am at home, at work, at school, or wherever I may be.

Students, welcome back to school. You've had a two week break and now it is time to return. Some are excited about this, others perhaps, not so much. College students, your break is probably a little longer but it will soon be time for you to return as well. Whatever your level is in school be assured of my prayers during this second semester.

Thank you. Happy New Year. God's blessing to all.

Fr. Brad

#### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**



The next men's prayer breakfast will be **Saturday**, **January 8th at 7:30 am.** Come join us in the Parish Hall for breakfast and conversation. A program will be planned but the hope is that we will spend the majority of the time in fellowship with each other. For more information contact

Terry Sullivan at 270-519-1614.



Have questions about the Catholic Church?

Sessions every Thursday

6:45 PM in the Parish Hall.

This week – Mary, The Mother of God

New inquirers welcome at any time.

For more information contact

Steve Shoulta, sshoulta@stmore.org

#### **Adoration During New Year's**

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed from **6:00** pm Thursday, December 30 until **8:00** am Monday, January **3**. Please contact your Adoration Day Leader or Ashley Hayden, <u>Ashley@stmore.org</u> if you have any questions! Thank you for your time and commitment to prayer!



#### Mass on January 3

Join us for Mass and the Anointing of the Sick on **Monday, January 3** at 6:00 pm in the Chapel. We will continue this on the first Monday of each month.



#### **Spiritual Direction**

Have you ever wondered exactly what Spiritual Direction is and why someone would seek out a Spiritual Director? Spiritual direction is the Art of Christian listening, a sacred relationship in which a director helps someone to uncover and discover the direction of God in their lives. **Sister Betty Drewes** is a Benedictine Nun from Ferdinand, IN who comes to Saint Thomas More Catholic Church once a month to provide spiritual direction. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please email her at <a href="mailto:bdrewes@thedome.org">bdrewes@thedome.org</a> or call 812-367-1411, ext. 2843. She will be at Saint Thomas More **January 3-6.** 



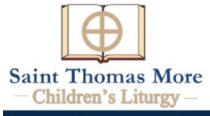
#### **First Communion**

First Communion sessions will start on Monday, January 10 from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The completion of the sacrament of First Reconciliation is required before children are able to participate in First Communion sessions. For guestions or more information contact kelly@stmore.org.

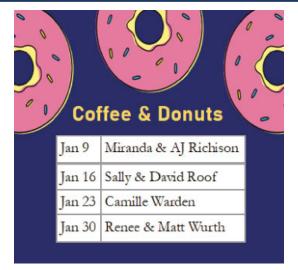


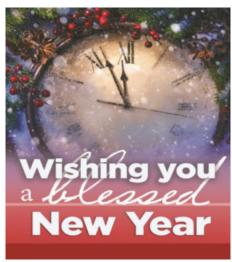
#### Confirmation

The next Confirmation session will be held on January 16, 2022 from 2:30 pm— 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Sponsors or a substitute sponsor are required to attend the remaining Confirmation sessions. Please contact <a href="mailto:kelly@stmore.org">kelly@stmore.org</a> with questions.



Dates	Leader 1	Leader 2
Jan 9	Ashley Hayden	Tyler Hayden
Jan 16	Kristen Amaya	Gustavo Amaya
Jan 23	Miranda Greenwell	Brenda Greenwell
Jan 30	Ashley Conwell	Marlena Jones





#### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### FIRST READING:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

#### PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

#### SECOND READING:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through

the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

#### GOSPEL:

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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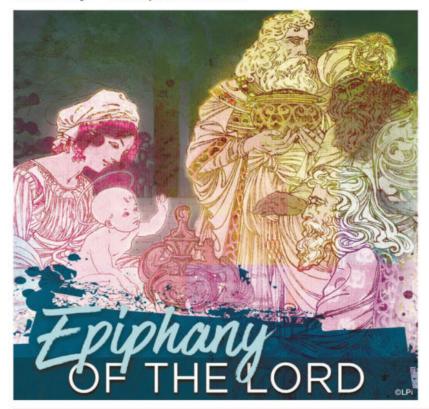
#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022**

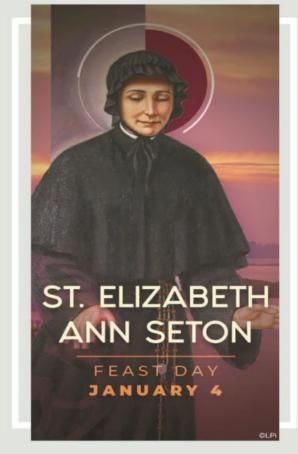
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great

and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord





#### Saint of the Week

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

## THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

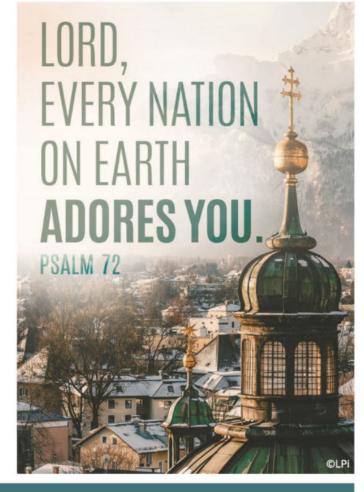
Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# WHAT HAPPENS TO A CONSECRATED HOST IF IT ACCIDENTALLY FALLS TO THE GROUND?

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the minsters respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).



#### **Christmas Flower Offering**

Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Flower Offering to help decorate the church for Christmas. Donations were made in Honor/Memory of: Carol Newman, David Nance, Jon Matthew Newman, Jon Paul Newman, Jon Spicer, Martin DeRolf, Charles DeRolf, Margie Bojarski, Angelique Engebretsen, Lee Goff, Rev. Daniel Goff, Jeremy Clary, Vonnie Howard, Joe Howard Family, Bill Lawton Family, Chip Houston, J. Burnie Carroll, Harold Edward Travis, James B. Hornbeak, Mildred R.

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# They were overjoyed at seeing the star. Matthew 2:10

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#### Saturday, January 1

Hilda Brewer, Mary Cecilia Chappell, Rita Hemmerich, Christian Miller, Sandra Soto

#### Sunday, January 2

David Fraser, Perrie Halverson, Avery McCoy

#### Monday, January 3

Marcus Baker, Kathie Covich, Mike Crider, Emilio Dominguez, Celia Garcia, Nicholas Giraldo-Reyes, Krista Vance

#### Tuesday, January 4

Lane Fossett, Emma Klimek, Siena Matuszczak, Rafael Molina, Edward O'Neill, Caden Skaggs, Madelyn Waltmon

#### Wednesday, January 5

Susan Curtsinger, Margaret Grueninger, Carter Venable

#### Thursday, January 6

Lois Bell, Matthew Durbin, Henry Mulhall, Karen Smith, Robert Wheeler, Luis Zamora

#### Friday, January 7

Mandy Balfantz, Karen Ferrara, Mike Meredith, Eileen Segebarth, Sonia Yewell

#### Saturday, January 8

Claudia Burrus, Savannah Guebert, Veronica Holtgrewe, Patty Hughes, Kara Johnston, Marlena Jones, Kyan Leggs, Jose Velazquez Ramirez

#### Sunday, January 9

Jeffrey Berry, Karen Coronado, Vivi Dossey, Joseph Duncan, Joshua Lang, Lily Watson

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, January	1
No Anniversaries	

#### Sunday, January 2

23 years

Shiraz & Melanie Patel

Monday, January 3

Melchor & Roselina Geronimo 19 years
James & Camilla Shumaker 43 years
Mark & Janet Vannatter 24 years

#### Tuesday, January 4

No Anniversaries

#### Wednesday, January 5

Nicolas & Aurora Carmona 27 years

#### Thursday, January 6

Michael & Tina Elliott32 yearsSandra Morrow & Daniel Hage43 years

#### Friday, January 7

Julio & Maria Rodriguez 27 years

#### Saturday, January 8

Jerod & Cassie Belford17 yearsRay & Amy Lane45 yearsRobert & Kay Lawler19 years

#### Sunday, January 9

Michael & Alexandria Louk 13 years

#### Remember in Prayer...

Jeanne Abell Mary Jane Albert Mark Anderson Mary Gertrude Barkett Jennifer Dickey Chris Bell Kurt Bell Leslie Bigham Allyssa Hall Binkley **Bob Bouldin** Carol Bouldin **Emma Bourgois** Jane Brown Lisa Buchanan Jeannie Buckland Judy Bufford Velma Bohle-Carlton Sharon Brumlow **Corey Carnes Rhonda Chambers Bobby Condit Christy Condit Opal Cooper** Carol Crane Celine Crane

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Nancy Stearns Terry Joe Taylor George Thompson Tony Toren Leigh Ann Turner M Bernadette Villamor Kelly Curtis Walker Vanessa Walsh Ann Watkins Robin Webb Amelia Wilson Bobbi Wilson Hannah Wilson Linda Wilson Jerry Wurth

#### **Prayer for our Military**

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. We ask this in the name of Jesus. our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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