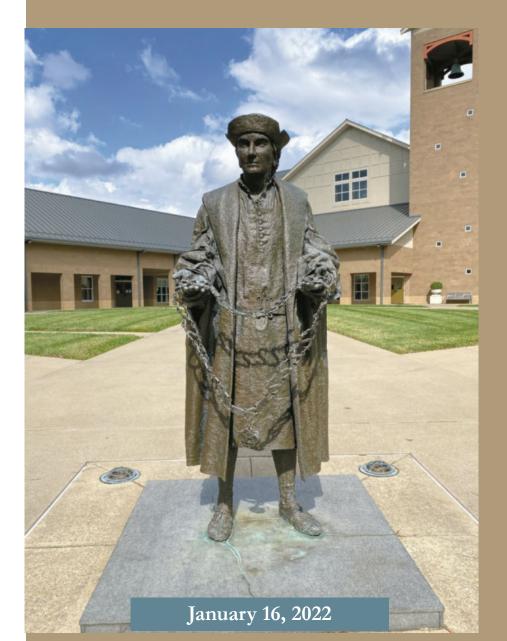
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Mass Schedule

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 14 — January 23

Saturday - 5:00 pm — Pat Brockenborough Family Sunday - 9:00 am — Susan Wurth (d) 11:00 am — Dennis & Buna Lowry (d) 1:00 pm (Spanish) — Parish Family Monday - 6:00 pm — Janice Parker (d) Tuesday - 8:00 am — Theresa Austin (d) Wednesday - 12:00 pm (Lourdes) — Earl Roof (d) Thursday - 6:00 pm — Carly Nichols (d) Friday - 7:00 am — Paula Ford (d) Saturday - 5:00 pm — Jubilarians of Sisters of St. Francis (Tiffin, OH) Sunday - 9:00 am — Greg Godec (d) 11:00 am — Special Intention—CG 1:00 pm (Spanish) — Parish Family

Mini	Ministry Schedule for January 22/23					
	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am			
Sacristan	Vicki Kight	Rafael Velasquez	Michelle Dunlap			
Lector	Mary Evans Mike Cumbie	Adam Groves Al McKeown	Sharon Brumlow Dianna Hand			
Eucharistic Minister	Bill Murphy Marie Petrites Murphy Terry Sullivan Melanie Patel	Lynn King Josh King Camilla Shumaker Frank Burch	Pat Hobbs Jeri Duong Ronnie Reil Trish Burks			
Usher	Sam Leone Greg Stevens Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Matthew King Paul King Nathan King Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed			
Children's Liturgy—Miranda Greenwell Brenda Greenwell						

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Coffee & Donuts—Camille Warden

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022

\$ 12,681.65
\$ 6,686.50
\$ 325.00
\$ 19,693.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Did you know you can sign up for Online giving through the Saint Thomas More website (<u>www.stmore.org</u>)? Just click the "online giving" tab (the last option on the right under the stained glass windows) and scroll down to click on the "WeShare Online Giving" button. Questions? Contact Ellen Anderson at 270-534-9000 or <u>ellen@stmore.org</u>.

Hour of Prayer (January 17 — January 22)

Monday: Wanda Shaw Tuesday: Ed Puschaver Wednesday: Pat Hobbs Thursday: Maryanne Hobbs Friday: Marge Wurth Saturday: James, Bridget & Walter Medley

Prayer Changes Things

A Message from Fr. Brad Whistle

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More,



I need to make one correction in my article from last Sunday's bulletin. It is the 41st anniversary of my ordination, not 42.

We have just had about six or seven weeks of two

special times in our church calendar. On the Sunday after Thanksgiving we began the season of Advent. Then three weeks ago we began our Christmas season. Because of the way the calendar was this year our Christmas season was about one week shorter than usual. But for many Christmas was probably over two days after December 25. That's when I began to see Christmas trees along the curb of the streets.

This past week we began what is called in the church Ordinary Time. (Notice the green vestments). We will be in Ordinary Time until the first Wednesday in March which is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. The Lenten Season followed by the Easter Season will take us to the first Monday in June. Then we will resume Ordinary Time. Throughout the Church year there is a total of about thirty-three or thirty-four weeks of Ordinary Time.

Throughout this Church year, especially on the Sundays of Ordinary Time, we will be reading from St. Luke's Gospel. Personally, I am very partial to the Gospel of Luke. Over the years I've had many people ask me where they should start reading the Bible. Without hesitation and without fail I say the Gospel of Luke. We believe that Luke was a doctor and his gospel very much supports that way of life. Luke more often than not has Jesus looking out for the underdog and/or the outcast. That approach to life will warm my heart on the coldest of a winter day. May this Ordinary Time of the church year be a time of grace as we prepare our hearts for the words in St. Luke's Gospel.

Thank you for reading my sometime words of rambling. May God bless our parish of STM.

Fr. Brad

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church



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Saint Thomas More will be participating in a two-part listening session as part of the diocesan synodal process! Synodality means journeying together and gathering in assembly as the People of God. Pope Francis has invited EVERYONE to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the

worldwide Catholic Church. Join us! We hope you will participate in the conversation. Each individual matters and each of our experiences is valid and in need of ears to listen. Nobody is excluded – all are welcome. We are all on this journey of faith together. This is an opportunity to listen to one another in a spirit of prayer and dream about the Church we are called to be. The information gathered from the listening sessions will not only help us discern how we can move forward together as a community, but also as a diocesan and universal Church. Please join us in the **Parish Hall at 6:00 pm on January 25 and February 22.** We want you to gather with us. However, if you can't make the parish listening sessions, share your input online at https://owensborodiocese.org/synod/



Is God calling you or someone you love to the Catholic Church? Sessions every Thursday 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall. This week – <u>Gifts of the Holy Spirit</u> New inquirers welcome at any time. For more information contact Steve Shoulta, sshoulta@stmore.org

Recent Baptisms

Blessings and congratulations to **Rudy Allen Wheeler** and Drew Kathleen Wheeler, children of Logan and Megan Wheeler who were baptized on January 9, 2022 at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church.

Ildefonso Alfredo Amaya Urdaneta (of Venezuela), grandfather of Gustavo (Kristen) Amaya, passed awa

grandfather of Gustavo (Kristen) Amaya, passed away on January 7, 2022. May God welcome him home and comfort his family in their time of sorrow.

Hope Unlimited Bake Sale

On **January 22-23** after all the masse we will have the annual "Hope Unlimited Bake Sale in memory of Ella O'Bryan". As

many of you know Ella, A long time Saint Thomas more parish member, passed away in 2018. Because of your generosity over the years, Hope Unlimited has been able to continue to care for unborn babies, children, parents and help fund their medical clinic. If you



are able to bake something please drop it off in the Gathering Space before Mass. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Volunteers to Serve

We are in need of servers for Mass. All youth ages 4th grade and older are welcome to join! One hour of training will be required. Great for service hours.

Contact: Ashley Hayden at 270-534-9000 ext. 214 or ashley@stmore.org





Confirmation

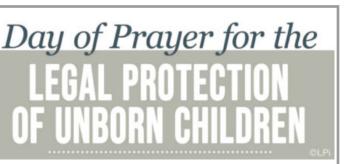
The next Confirmation session will be held on **January 16, 2022** from 2:30 pm— 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Sponsors or a substitute sponsor are required to attend the remaining Confirmation sessions. Please contact <u>kelly@stmore.org</u> with questions.



First Communion

The first session will be **Monday, January 17** from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. We are asking that everyone wear masks while inside the Parish Hall during the session. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping us prepare for your child's First Communion. For information or questions please contact <u>kelly@stmore.org</u>.

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

> "We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools."

> > Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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that God has given us. That life is present even in the unborn."

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

PSALM:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

GOSPEL:

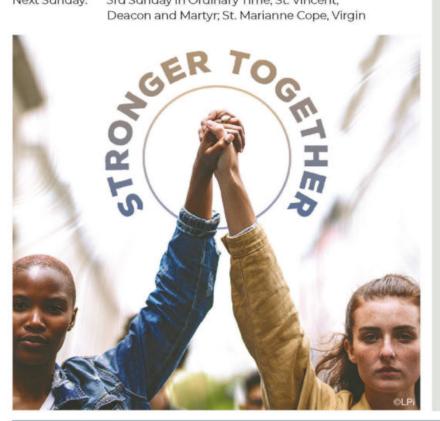
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory,

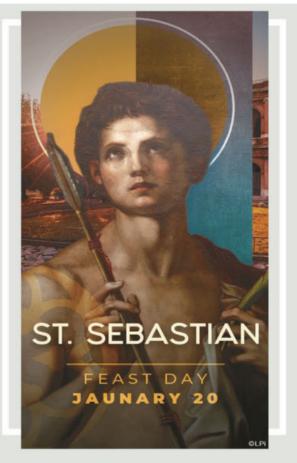
and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Monday:	Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot	
Tuesday:	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
Thursday:	St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr	
Friday:	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	
Saturday:	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent,	
	Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin	





Saint of the Week

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

Paducah, KY

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

Lazarus Retreat

We are pleased to announce a retreat opportunity for high school youth of the Diocese of Owensboro called the Lazarus Retreat. The Lazarus Retreat will be held Friday, Feb. 18-Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022 at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center. The cost is \$50 and the deadline to sign up is Monday, Feb. 7, 2022. Drop off will be at 5:00PM on Friday and pickup will be at 12:30PM on Sunday. The goal and theme of the retreat is an intentional invitation to our young people to life in Jesus Christ. To register go to https:// owensborodiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/Lazarus-Retreat-Nov-2021-Registration-Form.pdf.



SO THEY TOOK AWAY THE STONE. AND JESUS RAISED HIS EYES AND SAID. "FATHER, I THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME. I KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS HEAR ME; BUT BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HERE I HAVE SAID THIS. THAT THEY MAY BELIEVE THAT YOU SENT ME. AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS. HE CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE. "LAZARUS, COME OUT!" ~JOHN 11: 41-43

Pastoral Council

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Naomi Becker Joe Hobbs David Riley Richard Vieitez

Miguelina Young

If you have questions or concerns for any member of the Parish Council please contact the Parish Office at 270-534-9000.

Special Care Numbers

	St. Mary School System	270-442-1681			
Faith Formation		paducahfaithformation@smss.org			
	Mt. Carmel Cemetery	70-534-5593 Please leave a message			
	or (John Bufford)	270-331-1006 for plot mapping,			
	availability, certificates of Rights of Burial or burial services				
	Hope Unlimited	270-442-1166			
	Merryman House	270-443-6001			
	Inclusion Representative	(Stacy Jones) 270-210-0351			
	Opportunities for Life	800-822-5824			
	Behavioral Management	270-442-2223			
	SVdP Budget Store	270-442-9351			
	SVdP Assistance	270-575-1008			
	Paducah Cooperative Ministry	270-442-6795			

FIRTHDAYS

Saturday, January 15 Pat Cafferty, Jemma Duffey, Greg Guebert, Kaitlyn Hobbs, Emma Newton Sunday, January 16 Ana Bautista Hurtado, Todd Butts, Nick Christiansen, Steve Hagan, Blake Harrison, Quinn Kemmerlin, Lucas Lea Monday, January 17 Anita Fleenor-Ford, Alex Haas, Brad Haas, Kate Morrow, Mia Thompson Tuesday, January 18 Justin Dickens, Alexa Hart, Martha Hernandez Wednesday, January 19 Eva Johnson, Jared Morris, Clifford Paschall, Virginia Reed, Jack Roof, Cecil Smith Thursday, January 20 Rosana Anderson, Layla Beyer, John Elliott, Gio Escalera,

Kyle Johnson, Kay Puertollano, Sophie Schoot Friday, January 21 Joan Boyum, Terri Drake

Saturday, January 22

No Birthdays Sunday, January 23 Karson Ballard, Payton Barabas, Nathan Durbin, Mike Elliott, Colin Hrdlicka, Ashley Jenks, Mary Beth Lea, Alice Penrod, Kirsten Tomes, Zoe Wadley

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, January 15	
No Anniversaries	
Sunday, January 16	
Bill & Lisa Muiter	23 years
Monday, January 17	
No Anniversaries	
Tuesday, January 18	
Bob & Carolyn Murphey	49 years
Wednesday, January 19	
No Anniversaries	
Thursday, January 20	
No Anniversaries	
Friday, January 21	
No Anniversaries	
Saturday, January 22	
No Anniversaries	
Sunday, January 23	
Kurt & Staci Averill	34 years
Trent & Ann Bongiolatti	51 years
Gary & Cecelia Reside	40 years

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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 Rhonda Chambers **Bobby Condit Christy Condit Opal Cooper** Carol Crane Celine Crane

Carlene Dannenmueller John Davis Teresa Davis Pat Dotson Ann Driver **Emily Dulworth** Bob Dunlap **Betty Falconite** Clete Felts Bill Ford Kerry Frazier **Rose Freiseis** Chris Green Jana Green Carol Harper Cheryl Harrison Diane Hayden Rose Hayden Ann Heavrin Connie Herrmann

Remember in Prayer... Kristyn Hobbs Mollie Huber **Terrie Hummes** Tanya Jones Terry Jones, Jr. Sr. Kateri Kaufman David Kimble Asher King Frances Kirchhoff Ron Kupper Buzz LaGesse Justin Lamb Sam Leone Golda Manning Cody Marshall Stacey Marshall Mary Margaret Mattingly Anna McAlister Anna Lou McNeill Ken Merges Alice Miller Janet Montgomery Steve Montgomery Thomas Montgomery

Charity Peters Judy Ray Larry Ray Nancy Ray Angela Reed David Reed Shirley Renaud Gaye Robinson Peggy Rodeghero Carrick Roof Sheila Roof Lorna Roper Mike Roper Jim Sanders Lexie Shoulta Matthew Shoulta **Caroline Simpson** The Singler Family **Tanya Spalding**

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

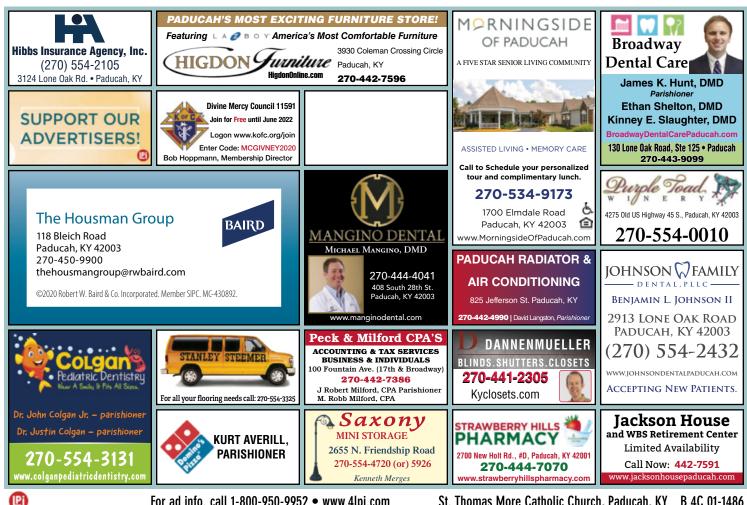


Prayer for our Military

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.

Corey Carnes Brian Clayton Cameron Grueninger Timothy Lowman Nathan Phipps Michael Renfro **Corey Spates** Brandon Trevathan Hannah Wilson-Spates Collin W. Travis







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