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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 22 — January 30

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

Monday - 6:00 pm — Charlie Roof (d)

Tuesday - 8:00 am — Debbie Powell (d)

Wednesday - 12:00 pm (Lourdes) — John Shaw (d)

Thursday - 6:00 pm — Earl Roof (d)

Friday - 7:00 am — Living & Deceased Members of the

Daughters of Isabella

Saturday - 5:00 pm — Reese Lorraine Butterbaugh (d)

Sunday - 9:00 am — Deceased Members of the STM Altar Society

11:00 am — Bill Dannenmueller (d) 1:00 pm (Spanish) — Parish Family

Ministry Schedule for January 29/30			
	5:00 pm	9:00 am	11:00 am
Sacristan	Ed Puschaver	Rafael Velasquez	Michelle Dunlap
Lector	Kevin Segebarth Pat Spoden	Mike Crider Matt Durbin	Darrell Sharp Marianna Romero
Eucharistic Minister	Pat Cairney Gale Hatton Joe Hobbs Vicki Kight	Missy Eckenberg Pam Malast Jeff Mudd Jill Mudd	John Roof Richard Vieitez Beth Walker Steve Walker
Usher	Chris Miller Holly Miller Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Brandon Quigley Dennis Quigley Bonnie Stewart Volunteer Needed	Jack Resser Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Children's Liturgy—Ashley Conwell, Marlena Jones

Coffee & Donuts—Holly & Geoffrey Newton



Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022

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Hour of Prayer (January 24 — January 29)

Monday: Nancy Burch Tuesday: Ray & Amy Lane Wednesday: Nancy Sturgis

Thursday: Marie Wade Friday: Helen Farrell Saturday: Rose Freiseis Prayer Changes Things

A Message from Fr. Brad Whistle

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More,



Pope Francis has invited all of us to participate in what is being called a Synod for the years 2021-2023. Our Holy Father is simply asking that we "journey together" as the People of God. The theme for this

Synod is called "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." This is an unprecedented moment for us as Catholics. Pope Francis is calling for us to listen on a scale we have never seen before. All the baptized in every diocese, in every country, on every continent are asked to participate in the Synod process. As a church, we will pray together, listen to one another and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in discerning where we are being led as a parish, as a diocese, and as a universal church.

The Synod Listening sessions will provide time for us to slow down for two hours this month and next month to reflect on specific scriptures together and questions given to us by Pope Francis. Some of the questions point us to reflect on those who often get overlooked or remain unheard. The Holy Father has also asked us to reach out to someone who has left the church, rarely practices their faith, someone who experiences poverty, refugees, the excluded, and the voiceless to ask specific questions. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, much will be learned as we journey together to discern the directions of where we as a church are being called. All of this takes listening, a lot of listening! As the people of God we will be listening to the Holy Spirit, listening to each other, and listening to our Bishop and Pope as we make this journey together. Let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will mark this journey with humble listening, courageous speech and lively hope.

The first Listening Session for STM parish will be this Tuesday, January 25 from 6 to 8 pm. The second Listening Session will be Tuesday, February 22, from 6 to 8 pm. Then on Tuesday, March 22, Bishop Medley will be here at STM for a Regional Listening Session.

Thank you. May God bless our parish at STM and our upcoming Listening Sessions in preparation for the worldwide Synod.

Fr. Brad



The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! In preparation for the international Synod of Bishops in 2023, Pope Francis wants your input on the topic of "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". You are invited to join with our

parish community for a two-part listening session in the *Parish Hall on January 25 and February 22 at 6:00 pm*. Invite family, friends, neighbors – we want everyone to participate! What do you want Pope Francis to know about how we are living out our call to be a Church that listens, a Church that calls forth the gifts of all the baptized, a Church that brings everyone to Jesus Christ? 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/.



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

Hope Unlimited Bake Sale

On **January 22-23** after all the masses 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Is God calling you or someone
you love to the Catholic Church?
Sessions every Thursday
6:45 PM in the Parish Hall.
This week - Sacred Scripture
New inquirers welcome at any time.
For more information contact
Steve Shoulta, sshoulta@stmore.org



First Communion

The next First Communion session will be Monday, February 7 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. If your child missed January's session, please send make up materials to kelly@stmore.org.

Remaining Schedule

Classes February 7, March 14 6:30 pm—7:30 pm Parish Hall Rehearsal/Reconciliation April 30 9:00 am Church First Communion April 30 5:00 pm Mass Church

All Group Classes are intended to be held in person in the Parish Hall. One parent is required to stay during the classes. Please check your emails for schedule updates and changes that could occur.



Confirmation

The next Confirmation session will be held Sunday, February 20, 2022 from 2:30 pm— 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please submit your saint projects before or during this session. You may email them to kelly@stmore.org. Sponsors or a substitute sponsor are expected to attend the remaining sessions.

Remaining Schedule

Classes February 20 , March 20 2:30 pm—4:00 pm Parish Hall
Confession/Rehearsal April 23 9:00 am Church
Confirmation April 23 5:00 pm Mass Church

Group Classes are intended to be held in person. Please check your emails for schedule updates and changes that could occur. Additional assignments will be requested such as **The Saint Project due on February 20** and **Your Confirmation Letter to Bishop Medley due on March 20** in order to complete the Confirmation preparation program.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

PSALM:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

GOSPEL:

He said to them.

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent,

Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

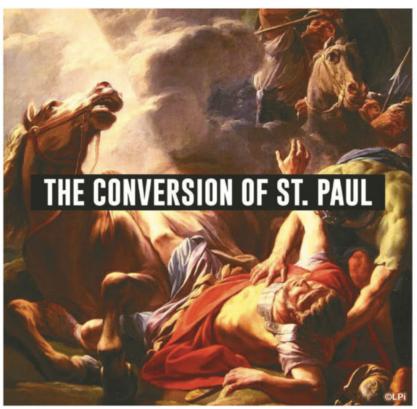
Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

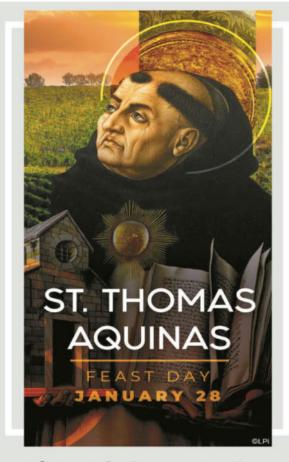
Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week





Saint of the Week

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

PLANT YOUR WORKS IN THE WORD

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IS IT RIGHT TO SUE SOMEONE? ISN'T IT A WAY OF GETTING REVENGE?

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a

tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

God Is Writing Your Story

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system

to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 23, 2022—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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Saturday, January 22No 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

Monday, January 24

Cecelia Farrell, Miranda Greenwell, Robert Lawler, Jason Mayo, Theresa Medlin, Jacob Rainey, Ging Smith

Tuesday, January 25

Steven Eddy, Jaqueline Fabian, Jackie Froehlich, Maria Romero

Wednesday, January 26

Robin Carrico, Linda Ciallella, John Ellis, Diane Jordan, Fowler Martin, Lucia Reyes, Aimee Vaughan, Lucas Wadley

Thursday, January 27

Samuel Dominguez, Jr., Jim Garrett, Roselina Geronimo, Arnold Hernandez, Sue Homra, Lakyn Largent, Ellie Roof, Hannah Wright

Friday, January 28

Jared Anderson, Cassie Arboleda, Julie Brigance, Michelle Dunlap, Christian Escamilla, Mary Ellen Wurth

Saturday, January 29

Samantha Becker, Ansley Ellis, Sandy Lipford, Juana Lopez, Gretchen Roach, Natalia Turner, Lucie Tyrrell, Samuel Tyrrell, Brandon Velazquez Garcia, Carol Welsh

Sunday, January 30

Kallan Cobb, Hannah Dawson, Violet Dee, Clara Elliott, Jennifer Goddard, Lillie Grief, Jane Manning, Jacqueline Roof, Regina Russell, Danielle Schoot

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, January 22

No Anniversaries

Sunday, January 23

Kurt & Staci Averill34 yearsTrent & Ann Bongiolatti51 yearsGary & Cecelia Reside40 years

Monday, January 24

No Anniversaries

Tuesday, January 25

No Anniversaries

Wednesday, January 26

No Anniversaries

Thursday, January 27

No Anniversaries **Friday, January 28**

William & Shanna Barabas 16 years
Chris & Jennifer Hodges 34 years
Jose & Victoria Romero 28 years

Saturday, January 29

John & Jackie Roof 28 years

Sunday, January 30No Anniversaries

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

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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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