

# Saint Thomas More Parish

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## “NEW” Mass Schedule



**FACE MASK IS  
REQUIRED**

**Saturday at 4:30 p.m.  
and  
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

**Please join us!**



## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**Bible Study Group** – 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month.  
(Sept.-June)

**Men’s Fellowship Group**—  
2nd Saturday of each month  
at 9 a.m.

**Parish Council** — 2nd Tues-  
day of January, March, May,  
September, and November, at  
7:00 p.m. All Parishioners  
are welcome!

**Religious Education** —  
**Grades K-12** classes are held  
on Sundays from Sept-May  
from at 11:00 a.m.—12:00  
p.m. == **Why Catholic (for  
Adults)** Sundays from 8:30  
to 9:45 a.m.

**Rosary Group**—after the  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.  
**PLEASE JOIN US!**

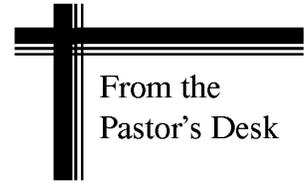
*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

Dear Parishioners,

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

“In your relations with one another. Clothe yourselves with humility, because God is stern with the arrogant but to the humble he shows kindness. Bow humbly under God’s mighty hand, so that in due time he may lift you high. Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:5b-7



Humility is an essential virtue for everyone. It helps us keep our spiritual life in proper focus.

Every ability that we have is a gift from God. We may develop our talents, but God gives them to us.

Pride, s serious vice, blocks us from doing good. When a person is full of himself or herself there is no room for God or for other people.

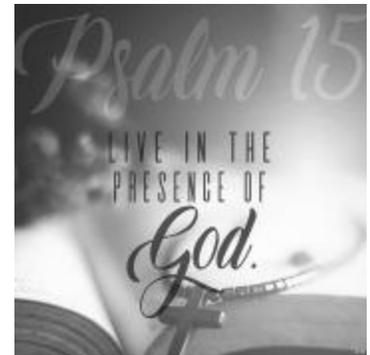
Pride destroys relationships. It wrecks marriages and families. Being stubborn is a form of pride.

Humble people are joyous and peace loving. Pride precedes the fall. People who are not humble often are humbled.

Let us thank God for all that we have!

In Christ

*Rev. Msgr. James Turner*



August 22, 2021

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends, especially: Bill Kahler, Dolores Kelly, Wayne Riesner (Suzanne LaVoie’s brother), and Karen Miller (Mike & Joyce McCoy’s niece).

**Readings for September 5, 2021**

Is 35:4-7a  
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]  
Jas 2:1-5  
Mk 7:31-37

**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Space!



We Pray in Faith that all who have died, especially Eugene Brzezinski, may be welcomed into the peace of God’s Kingdom.



<b>Monday</b>	<b>08/30</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>John Mealey</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>08/31</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Dorothy Robertson</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09/01</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Fr. John L. Kelly, Jr.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09/02</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Denny Nowak</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>09/03</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>Catherine Bittner</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>09/04</b>	
<b>4:30 p.m. Mass</b>		<b>Boniface Mbinker</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09/05</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m. Mass</b>		<b>For the Parishioners</b>



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021.

Please join us for Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**LIVE THE LITURGY -  
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are “doing” everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ. ©LPi

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEP-ER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**  
August 29, 2021 — 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



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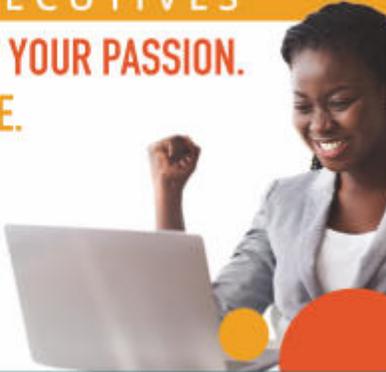
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