

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." — *Psalm 122:1*

24 November 2019

Saint Thomas More Parish

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor
Rev. Father Eugene Casserly, Priest in residence
Rev. Monsignor John Cassidy, Pastor emeritus
Lois Hicks, Parish Assistant, Office Manager
Robin Whipple, Receptionist
James White, Part-time maintenance

Finance Council

Jim Mathis, *chairperson*
Anne Bode
Joe Buehler
Mort O'Sullivan

Parish Pastoral Council

Molly Henley, *chairperson*
Ann Bode, *finance council representative*
Heidi Nees, *secretary*
Karen Buelow
Patrick Kinnell
Delia Stierwalt
Bill Janis
Carl Smith
Kathy Decker

Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Sacred Liturgy - Father Nicholas Schumm
Ushers - Charlie Dickin
Religious Education - Rita Tolbert
Youth Group - Sarah Manning
RCIA - Father Nicholas Schumm
Ladies Altar Society, CCW - Heidi Nees
Knights of Columbus - James Etheridge
Bereavement - Charlene Grant
Outreach - Lynn VanNatter
HOPE Ministry - Nelson Ortiz
Burse Club - Joyce Edgar
Book Club - Mary Williams
Prayer Chain - Walter Marsh



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY – November 23rd - 4:00 PM

ALTENBAUGH FAMILY †

Req. by: Jane C. Pearson

SUNDAY – November 24th - 8:00 AM

DENESE UEBELACKER †

Req. by: Susan Soule

SUNDAY - November 24th - 10:00 AM

PRO POPULO (PARISHIONERS)

MONDAY – November 25th - 6:40 AM

WENDY KAY DON †

Req. by: Janice, Julie and Lois

TUESDAY – November 26th - 6:40 AM

RALPH HOLTMAN †

Req. by: Cathleen Frey

WEDNESDAY - November 27th – 6:40 AM

JOHN FREY (living)

Req. by: Cathleen Frey

THURSDAY - November 28th - 8:00 AM

IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD

FRIDAY - November 29th – 8:00 AM

MARY KATHRYN GATTERDAM †

Req. by: Mary Williams

SATURDAY - November 30th - 4:00 PM

ROBERT K. VOISINET †

Req. by: Catherine Voisinnet

SUNDAY - December 1st - 8:00 AM

PHYLLIS BOWEN †

Req. by: Jim Bowen



EMERGENCY PHONE LINE

Attention parishioners of Saint Thomas More Parish! Our priests have a new phone line for Sacramental emergency only **(850) 266-5996**.

WE WELCOME YOU

New to the parish?
There are Parish Registration forms in the vestibule, please fill a form out and give it to an usher/greeter, place it in the offertory collection, or stop by the parish office to register.

Parish Events:

Parish Pastoral Council

Next meeting will be on Thursday, **December 5th** with dinner provided at 5:45 PM in the Parish Hall, meeting will start at 6 PM. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

STM Ladies Altar Society, CCW

Next Meeting will be Sunday, **January 12th** after 8 AM. Mass in the Parish Hall. They usually meet on the second Sunday. All women of the parish are welcome. For more info call Heidi Nees at (850) 384-6742.

Knights of Columbus

Father Keating Council #15836

Next business meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 10th**, at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall. For more info call Grand Knight James Etheridge at (251) 294-0505.

Book Club Meeting – The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 3rd** at 9:30 AM in the Parish Office and Activities Center. The book for November is **"The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly"**. All are welcome to attend book club.

Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be said here at Saint Thomas More Parish every **Wednesday morning** at 7:00 AM following the 6:40 AM Daily Mass.

Parish Breakfasts

First Sunday: K of C Pancake Breakfast

Second Sunday: Ladies Altar Society, CCW

Third Sunday: Molly Henley

Fourth Sunday: Salamida Family

Fifth Sunday (Occasional): Parish Council

Traditional Latin Masses:

Every First Tuesday, December 3rd at 6 PM

Every Third Sunday, December 15th at 12:30 PM

Every Friday, Eucharistic Adoration 7 - 8 AM.

First Friday, Mass at 6:40 AM with Eucharistic Holy Hour 7 - 8 PM unless otherwise noted.

First Love Adoration on December 6th, this is held every other month on the first Friday unless otherwise noted. Next one will be February 7th.

First Saturday, The Holy Rosary will be recited at 3:30 PM in the church in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her request at Fatima in 1917.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, November 23rd & Sunday, November 24th - Holiday Bake Sale in the Parish Hall. Saturday from 3 PM to 6 PM and Sunday from 8 AM to Noon.

Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th - Morning Mass will be held at 8 AM instead of 6:40 AM.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, November 27th, 28th & 29th - Parish office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sunday, December 3rd - Traditional Latin Mass 12:30 PM

Wednesday, December 4th - Adult Faith Formation at 6 PM **"Biblical Walk Through The Mass"** in the Parish Hall.

Friday, December 6th - First Love Adoration 6 PM with no reception following. We will have a few priests available to hear confessions.

Sunday, December 8th - Advent-Christmas Social 3 PM to 5 PM in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

Sunday, December 15th - Traditional Latin Mass 12:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday, December 14th & 15th - Eucharistic Miracles Display in the Parish Hall after Mass.

The month of November
is dedicated to the
HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY



**We must
empty
Purgatory
with our
prayers.**

-St. Padre Pio

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

Campaign for Human Development
November 23rd & 24th

Morning Star Collection
November 30th & December 1st

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
 Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;
 Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;
 Mt 24:37-44; 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
 Lk 23:35-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Catherine of Alexandria
 Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
 Saturday: St. Andrew

COLLECTION FOR THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the U.S., one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.uscch.org/cchs/collection.



The annual Morning Star Collection, which benefits our two (2) Morning Star programs, is scheduled for November 30 - December 1st. Your sacrificial contribution will help pass on the light of faith to future generations. Thank you.

Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Bill Alexander		Susan Henderson
Kayda Andrews		Regina Kaufman
Betty Appelberg		Genny Manwaring
Richard Beecher		Nelson Ortiz
Rusty Bizzell		Dan Owczarczak
Dottie Bosso		Jane Pearson
Needa Brazwell		Babe Rohan
Rusty Budde		Bob Russo
Carolyn Sue Cadora		Arvin Singh
Jan Marie Caruso		Mary Teschel
Anna Christco		Terry Teschel
Beth Gutermuth		Jinann Wey

If someone needs the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 850-456-2543. If there is no answer, please leave a message with name and phone number and the priest will call you back.

CHRIST THE KING

Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* to respond to growing secularism. The Holy Father saw that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations.

The Solemnity reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as king of the entire world forever, and it encourages Catholics to respond to this reality. Pope Pius XI notes: "The kingship and empire of Christ have been recognized in the pious custom, practiced by many families, of dedicating themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; not only families have performed this act of dedication, but nations, too, and kingdoms" (*Quas primas*, 26). Let us rededicate ourselves this year to bearing witness to the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart.

"WAITING WITH MARY"



The DCCW invites all women to the Advent Morning of Reflection on Saturday, December 7th at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, Pensacola. The presenter will be Bishop Martin D. Holley. Registration is from 8:30 AM to 8:50 AM, there is no cost, but please register with Mary Bailey at (850) 293-6334 or king157@bellsouth.net before Saturday, December 3rd. Bring a "Brown Bag" lunch, drinks and dessert will be provided.

Saint Thomas More Parish News & Noteworthy Items

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

Saint Thomas More Outreach will have the annual Holiday Bake Sale on November 23rd & 24th in the parish hall, after each Mass. There will be cookies, cakes, pies, and candies from the **greatest bakers in the parish**. Please plan to visit the hall and buy your favorite baked goods. All proceeds go to provide the Happy Birthday Jesus bags for the needy children at Warrington Elementary School.



ANNUAL ANGEL TREE

Beginning the weekend of Saturday, November 30th, the annual Angel Tree will be in the Church Narthex. Saint Thomas More parishioners have generously provided Christmas gifts for those in need of support in our parish and in our community for many years. Please take a card and show God's love to someone this Christmas. RECORD YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER IN THE BOOK. Return all gifts (with the angel tree cards) Saturday, December 14th or Sunday, December 15th. Gifts will be brought from the church to the parish hall, so please bring them directly to the hall after each Mass on that weekend. You may return gifts before that date if you will be out of town on December 14 and 15. If you are unsure as to the size, color, or style for a particular gift, please ask for a gift receipt at the time of purchase, and place it in the bottom of the bag or package. Return the angel tree card with the gift, and please say a prayer throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons for the healing, joy, and peace of those who you will be blessing this Christmas. If you have any questions please contact James or Casey Etheridge at (251) 294-0505 or (573) 465-1406 or by email at jbe333@gmail.com.



Adult Faith Formation

Saint Thomas More invites you to a new Bible Study of the book "A Biblical Walk Through The Mass" by **Edward Sri**. The donation for each book is \$10. This study will be held the following Wednesdays, December 4th and 11th in the Parish Hall from 6 - 7:30 PM. All adults are welcome.



The Saint Thomas More Parish Blood Drive was a huge success! They were able to collect 17 units which they said was far beyond AWESOME for a first-time blood drive. Each unit is separated into 3 different patients, as platelets, plasma and red blood cells, so that would mean 57 people will benefit from this blood drive! It has already hit the shelves of one of our local hospitals. Thank you to all the donors for making our first drive a huge success!

THANKSGIVING DINNER DONATION

Saint Thomas More Community Outreach is supporting Warrington Emergency Aid Center (WEAC) in their request to provide Thanksgiving dinner to needy families. They are doing \$15 gift cards from Greer's (cards will be marked "Food Only") and used for a turkey or ham. The grocery buggy will be placed in the Narthex to collect sides such as boxes of stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned baked beans, canned sweet potatoes, gravy mixes, etc. We are hoping to collect at least ten gift cards. If you buy a card, please get it to Cathy Lipham (850) 453-5636 (usually 4 PM Mass), Lynn VanNatter (850) 456-1070 (usually at 8 AM Mass) or call either to arrange connections. Your support is greatly appreciated.



*** REMINDER ***

STM Parish office will be closed Wednesday, November 27th, Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will re-open on Tuesday, December 3rd.