

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*To You, O Lord
I lift my soul.*

—Psalm 25—



November 28, 2021

Saint Thomas More Parish

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor
Rev. Father Eugene Casserly, Visiting Priest
Michele Kenaga, Parish Secretary and Faith Formation
James White, Maintenance

Finance Council

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Bill Janis, *chairperson*
Heidi Nees, *secretary*
Kathy Decker
Patrick Kinnell
Karen Manning
Chris Moore
Raquel Moore
Carl Smith
Delia Stierwalt
Katherine Witt
Michael Witt

Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Sacred Liturgy - Father Nicholas Schumm
Ushers - Charlie Dickin
Religious Education - Michele Kenaga
Faith Formation - Michele Kenaga
Youth Group - Sarah Manning
RCIA - Father Nicholas Schumm
Ladies Altar Society, CCW - Heidi Nees
Knights of Columbus - Al Sharlow
Bereavement - Michele Kenaga
Outreach - Lynn VanNatter
Burse Club - Joyce Edgar
Book Club - Mary Williams

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY— November 27th - 4:00 PM

GAIL LUNDY †

Req. by: Ron Lundy

SUNDAY — November 28th

8:00 AM— **PRO POPULO**

(for the people of the parish)

10:00 AM – **ALL SOULS INTENTIONS**

7:00 PM – **ALL SOULS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY — November 29th - 7:00 AM

ROBERT K. VOISINET †

Req. by: Catherine Voisinnet

TUESDAY — November 30th - 7:00 AM

MICHAEL GREGG †

Req. by: Susan Soule

TUESDAY—November 30th - 6:00 PM

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

MICHELLE BLANKENSHIP †

Req. by: Ladies Altar Society, CCW

WEDNESDAY —December 1st - 7:00 AM

NGUYEN MAI †

Req. by: Bruce & Hue Watson

THURSDAY—December 2nd - 7:00 AM

DOTTIE WILKERSON †

Req. by: Susan Soule

FRIDAY— December 3rd - 7:00 AM

RUTH VAN LIERE †

Req. by: Aline Newstead

SATURDAY — December 4th - 4:00 PM

RICHARD UEBELACKER †

Req. by: Susan Soule

EMERGENCY PHONE LINE



Attention to all parishioners of Saint Thomas More!
Our priests have a new phone line for Sacramental emergencies only. Please leave a detailed voicemail message at (850) 266-5996.

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

Altar Society



All the ladies of the Parish are invited to the Advent Morning of Reflection for Women sponsored by the Western Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at St. Thomas More on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Mass will be at 8:30 followed by a light breakfast. Father Schumm will be our Presenter that morning.

There is no cost to attend, but please register by calling Grace Amell at (850)390-1331 or emailing her at gramell@att.net. The deadline is November 30, 2021.

THANK YOU!

St. Thomas More Community Outreach wishes to thank everyone who participated in giving food, food cards, or cash donations for Warrington Emergency Aid Center (WEAC). Your generosity surpassed expectations and needy families will have a delicious Thanksgiving dinner thanks to all of you. Ya'll are great!



*The Eucharist is a fire
which inflames us.*

—Saint John Damascene, Doctor of the Church—
—Feast Day December 4th—

PARISHIONER ADDRESS UPDATES



We are in the process of updating our directory with the diocesan database to ensure Parish correspondence and the envelopes are getting to the correct addresses. After every weekend Mass the weeks of November 27-28 and December 4-5, Michele Kenaga will be in the Narthex to update your information. Please stop and check that we have your correct address, or contact the Office at (850) 456-2543. Thank you!

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

—FEAST DAY DECEMBER 3RD—

Saint Francis Xavier lived in the 16th century, and was one of the greatest missionary evangelists in the Church since the Apostle Paul. He was the best friend of Saint Ignatius, and they were two co-founders of the Society of Jesus. The final words Ignatius spoke to Francis Xavier as he set out on his mission were, "Go set all on fire!"

He spent the rest of his life doing just that, spreading the Gospel in India and Japan before eventually dying on his way to bring the Good News to the people of China.

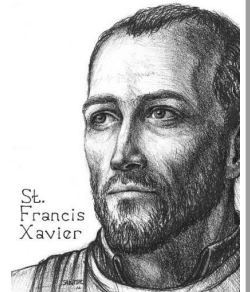
Like Saint Francis Xavier, we are called to be missionaries and evangelists. We must encounter Christ and then we must share Him with others. Each of us is well-equipped with our own story to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the words of Saint Francis Xavier:

*When trying to evangelize,
no tool is more effective than personal witness.
People can argue with points of doctrine,
but no one can argue with a personal testimony!*

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*Speak to them of
the great mercy of God.
Sometimes people are helped
by your telling of your own
lamentable past.*

**Saint Francis Xavier
Pray for Us!**



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

*Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



SAINT THOMAS MORE ANNUAL ADVENT - CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Sunday, December 5th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Saint Thomas More Parish is bringing back the Advent - Christmas Social!

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 5th from 3:00-5:00 PM. Food, fellowship, and fun will be provided. All parish members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend, but please call the Parish Office at (850)456-2543 or send an email at office@stm.ptdiocese.org to let us know how many will be attending. We hope to see everyone there!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-3
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins
Tuesday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Wednesday:	World AIDS Awareness Day
Friday:	St. Francis Xavier; First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday; St. John Damascene

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sacristans and Readers for all Mass times, especially for the Sunday, 10:00 AM Mass. Help prepare the Church before Mass or read during Mass. This would be usually one Mass per month. Call the office at (850) 456-2543 if you are interested in volunteering your time.

Welcome!

For everyone new to or visiting Saint Thomas More Parish, we welcome you and encourage you to consider making Saint Thomas More your Parish home. To register, please fill out a form (located in the narthex) and place it in the offertory, or bring it to the office. Welcome!

SAINT THOMAS MORE ANGEL TREE

St. Thomas More Angel Tree is up and filled with names of seniors who are in nursing homes and in need of some basic items. If you decide to shop for one of these folks, please

RECORD your selection on the Record Sheets, wrap your gifts, label with your selection's name and number, and **return on or before Dec 12, 2021.** All gifts will be delivered to Catholic Charities at 8:30 AM on December 13th. Thank you so very much for all of your participation.



Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Gavin Andrews	Regina Kaufman
Richard Beecher	Genny Manwaring
Rusty Bizzell	Nelson Ortiz
Needa Brazwell	Dan Owczarczak
Rusty Budde	Damion Rampersaud
Anna Christco	Babe Rohan
Dot Davis	Mary Teschel
Beth Gutermuth	Theresa Westcott
Richard Hahner	Jinann Wey



Please contact the Parish Office at 850-456-2543 to add a parishioner to the list.

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)



The next RCIA meeting will be **Wednesday, December 1st, at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Hall.

1st-8th GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The last two Sunday morning RE classes in 2021 will be **December 12th and December 19th.**

Students are encouraged to attend the Advent Christmas Social on **Sunday, December 5th!**

CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be an informational meeting regarding Confirmation. Those students seeking Confirmation must be in at least 9th grade or 15 years of age.

The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on **Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 PM.** Confirmation will take place in March 2022, and students must attend all sessions. Please call the office to register for the Confirmation class, (850) 456-2543.



MASS INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS for January and February 2022 are available now.

MASS INTENTIONS for the rest of 2022 will be made available starting Tuesday, January 4th, 2022.

SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWS & NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

Parish Events:

Parish Pastoral Council - The next meeting will be on **Thursday, December 2nd**, in the Parish Hall. Dinner will be provided at 5:45 PM; the meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

Ladies Altar Society, CCW— The next Ladies Altar Society meeting will be on **Sunday, December 12th** after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join and attend Ladies Altar Society. For more information, please call Heidi Nees (850) 384-6742.

Knights of Columbus Father Keating Council #15836 - The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 14th** at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. For more information about the Knights of Columbus, please call Albert Sharlow at (850) 525-2799 or Asharlowjr@gmail.com.

Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be said here at Saint Thomas More Parish at 7:30 AM on **Wednesday mornings** following the 7:00 AM Daily Mass

Traditional Latin Masses:

Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)

Every First and Third Sunday at 8:00 AM (Sung Mass)

Book Club - The next book club meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 7th** at 9:30 AM. The book this month is *LA Requiem* by Robert Crease. All are welcome!

Every Friday, Eucharistic Adoration follows the 7:00 AM Mass, Benediction at 8:00 AM.

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.

Parish Breakfasts - These families or groups of the parish volunteer to bring treats to share in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses on the following Sundays:

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| 1st Sunday of the Month: | Knights of Columbus |
| 2nd Sunday of the Month: | Ladies Altar Society |
| 3rd Sunday of the Month: | Ensley Family (8am) |
| | Salamida Family (10am) |
| 4th Sunday of the Month: | Wyatt Family (8am) |
| | Church Family (10am) |
| 5th Sunday of the Month: | Parish Council |

VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse survivors and has established Victim's Assistance Coordinators who are available to help persons who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel. The Coordinator for Pensacola is Dr. Louis Makarowski, PhD, PA, 850-477-7181.

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday at 7:00 AM

Saturday

Confessions at 3:00 PM

Mass at 4:00 PM

Sunday

Mass at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 7:00 PM

Traditional Latin Mass

Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)

First and Third Sunday of every month at 8:00 AM
(Sung Mass)

LATIN MASS ADDITION

Beginning in Advent, Saint Thomas More will offer the Traditional Latin Mass **at the 8:00 AM Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month**. The 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 5th will be a Latin Mass.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 5th

Christmas-Advent Social from 3:00-5:00 PM

Wednesday, December 8th

SOLEMNITY OF

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM Mass

Saturday, December 11th

MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:00 AM Mass

Potluck in the Hall after Mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24th

4:00 PM Mass for Children

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25th

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

8:00 AM Mass

****There are no 3:00 PM Confessions or 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 25th****