

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*Lord, every nation on Earth
will adore You.*

—Psalm 72—

January 7, 2024

Saint Thomas More Parish

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor
Michele Gousy, Office Manager
Michele Kenaga, Director of Faith Formation
Madeline Miller, Director of Sacred Music
James White, Maintenance

Finance Council

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

Parish Pastoral Council

Heidi Nees, *chairperson*
Gene Church
Norm Gousy
Dr. Gerry Goyins
Chris Moore
David Olson
Delia Stierwalt
Joe Trechter
Jack Williams
Michael Witt

Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Altar Servers - Joe Trechter
Burse Club—Joyce Edgar
Catholic Moms - Olga Witt
Faith Formation - Michele Kenaga
Knights of Columbus - Alex Bui
Ladies Altar Society, CCW-Lynn VanNatter
OCIA - Father Nicholas Schumm
Outreach - Lynn VanNatter
Sacred Music - Madeline Miller
Ushers - Charlie Dickin



URGENT SACRAMENTAL CARE

To request urgent care, please text
or leave a detailed voicemail at the
following number: (850) 266-5996.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 AM - DONNA SCHOPF †
Req. by: Diane Krohmaly

4:00 PM - SHIRLEY CARROLL †
Req. by: Hue & Bruce Watson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 AM - STEVE BRANDT †
Req. by: Stephen Louy

10:00 AM - PRO POPULO

7:00 PM - DARLENE MALONEY (LIVING)
Req. by: Louise Nowak

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 - 7:30 AM
DOROTHY HEPWORTH †
Req. by: Ann & Skip Bode

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 - 7:30 AM
FELICITY SCANLON (LIVING)
Req. by: Patrick & Laura Scanlon

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 - 6:00 PM
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
MONSIGNOR JOHN CASSIDY †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 - 7:30 AM
MONSIGNOR JOHN CASSIDY †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 - 7:30 AM
JUDITH PAGE †
Req. by: Diane Krohmaly

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 - 7:30 AM
DOTTIE HEPWORTH †
Req. by: Judy Pace & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
4:00 PM - LEE INGOLD †
Req. by: Mary Reedy Callahan

PARISH NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

Parish Events:

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting will be on **February 8th at 5:45 PM** and includes dinner.

Ladies Altar Society, CCW: The next Ladies Altar Society meeting will be on **Sunday, January 21st at 9:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are invited to join and attend Ladies Altar Society.

Knights of Columbus Father Keating Council #15836:

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th** in the Parish Hall after the 6:00 PM Mass. For more info about the Knights of Columbus, please call Alex Bui at (850) 261-1099 or alexanderbui@cox.net

Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Litany to Saint Joseph: 8:00 AM on **Wednesdays** following the 7:30 AM Daily Mass.

Traditional Latin Masses:

Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Low Mass).

Every Second & Fourth Sunday at 8:00 AM (Sung Mass).

Catholic Moms: Catholic Moms- All moms are welcome to join the group for monthly meetings, Night Outs, play dates, worship and prayer together. For information, please email Olga Witt at stm_momsgroup@fastmail.com.

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration:

Fridays: following the 7:30 AM Mass until Noon with Benediction

Sundays: starting at 6:15 PM before 7:00 PM Mass

First Wednesday of each month: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

First Saturday: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM on First Saturdays in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her request at Fatima in 1917. The Holy Rosary will also be recited at 3:30 PM on First Saturdays.

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:

1st Sunday of the Month: Knights of Columbus

2nd Sunday of the Month: Ladies Altar Society

3rd Sunday of the Month: Salamida Family

4th Sunday of the Month: Van Natter and Church families

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 established Victim's Assistance Coordinators to help those who have been sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or other church personnel. Louis M Makarowski, PhD, PA is the Coordinator for Pensacola. His phone number is (850) 477-7181.

CONFESSION AND MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday at 7:30 AM

SATURDAY

Confessions heard from 3:00-3:45 PM

Mass at 4:00 PM

SUNDAY

Mass at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Confessions heard from 6:15-6:45 PM

Mass at 7:00 PM

TUESDAY EVENING

Confessions heard from 5:15 - 5:45 PM

Traditional Latin Mass at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:00 AM (Sung Mass)

Every Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

Mass at 9:00 AM the First Saturday of every month



As we head into the Fall and into the flu season, please keep in mind these guidelines if you're not feeling well:

****If you're running a fever, vomiting, feeling very unwell, have a severe cough or symptoms of flu, COVID, or other illness, please stay home to heal and also to avoid spreading illness among parishioners.****

In order to best avoid illness this season, wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face when out in public to keep yourself and loved ones as healthy as possible!

Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

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

Gavin Andrews
Ray Averill
Richard Beecher
Rusty Bizzell
Tommy Bosso
Nedda Brazwell
Rusty Budde
Anna Christco
Johnnie Clopton
Dot Davis
Joyce DeVore



Beth Gutermuth
Richard Hahner
Regina Kaufman
Paul O'Donnell
Nelson Ortiz
Dan Owczarczak
Damion Rampersaud
Babe Rohan
Marie Turchi
Theresa Westcott
Jinann Wey

If someone is in need of 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 number. For an emergency outside office hours, call the emergency line at (850) 266-5996 and leave a detailed voicemail message.

Scripture Readings
For the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 8 - Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9;
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13

Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

JANUARY 8, 2024

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



This day commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by Saint John the Baptist. On this occasion, Jesus entered into His ministry, and acquired His first disciples, Saint John proclaimed Christ the Lamb of God, whose way he had prepared, and the Triune nature of the Godhead was manifested.

The Church generally celebrates the Baptism of the Lord on the Sunday after January 6th. In 2024, the Baptism of the Lord is observed on Monday, January 8.

***taken from ewtn.com*

TRAINING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS

When: Saturday, January 13th from 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Where: Saint Thomas More Church

The focus of the training will be on the Novus Ordo Mass. Light refreshments will be provided.



RSVP Joe Trechter. His contact information is available through the Parish Office at (850) 456-2543 or office@stm.ptdiocese.org.



The next OCIA (formerly RCIA) sessions are:

♦ **6:00 PM Wednesday, January 10th, 2024**

♦ **6:00 PM Wednesday, January 17th, 2024**

Sessions are held in the Parish Hall

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Sister Cecilia will be at Saint Thomas More Parish on January 6-7 to share about the good works of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Mobile, Alabama. There will be a collection taken to support their efforts. Please prayerfully consider your donation to help the Little Sisters!



**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

The January classes for Religious Education for students in 1st-5th grade will be on **Sunday, January 14th and Sunday, January 21st** in the Parish Office from 8:50-9:45 AM.

If your child will be receiving First Communion in May 2024, please come and register them at the January 14th class.

Religious Education is open to all students in 1st - 5th grade at Saint Thomas More Parish.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION 2024

UPCOMING DATES FOR CONFIRMATION

January 20 - class from 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Baptismal Certificates Due

February 3 - 9:00 AM Mass and class until 11:00 AM

Sponsor Information Due

February 17 - class from 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Confirmation Saint Name and Information Due

March 2 - 9:00 AM Mass, then Rehearsal & Retreat

Sponsors should be at this Mass & Retreat

March 3 - Confirmation Mass at 10:00 AM

Reception will follow in the Parish Hall

If you have any questions, please email Michele Kenaga at: faithformation@stm.ptdiocese.org.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF THE FLORIDA MARTYRS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Chesterton Academy of the Florida Martyrs invites all interested parents and members of the community to an information meeting Saturday, January 13 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Giri Room at the Saint Paul Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Chesterton Academy is a new, classical high school in Pensacola. Grounded in the Catholic tradition, it seeks to give young people a broad, liberal arts education with an emphasis on the development of Christian virtue and an appreciation of truth, beauty, and goodness.

To RSVP, please visit:

ChestertonPensacola.org
or call 850-378-1303.



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF THE FLORIDA MARTYRS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Start the New Year Right!

Give the gift of time to each other this year! During the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, you'll learn to prioritize the important things. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage!

Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 16-18 in Tallahassee, or May 5-8 in Winter Park. For info, please visit our website at wwme.org, email: Applications@FLCNwwme.org, or contact Walt & Viv Paskowski through email at waltviv.wwme@gmail.com.



WHY DO WE "CHALK" OUR DOORS ON EPIPHANY?

The Chalking of the Doors:

The crosses stand for Christ

20 + C + M + B + 24

The calendar year

The letters have a two-fold significance:
C, M and B are the initials for the traditional names of the Magi

Caspar Melchoir Balthazar

but they are also an abbreviation of the Latin blessing:
CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT
"May Christ bless the house."

There is blessed chalk in the Narthex for you to bring home to chalk your doors at home. Please take one piece of chalk per family!



2024 ACTS RETREATS!

The upcoming 2024 ACTS Retreats at Camp Baldwin are exciting three-day and three-night Catholic lay retreats hosted by St. Paul Catholic Church parishioners. These retreats are a wonderful opportunity to feel God's love. Have you heard a quiet voice suggesting you get closer to the Lord? Act on this opportunity! The focus of the weekend is Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. These four themes play out in the scheduled activities. An ACTS weekend is designed to help you enter into a new or deeper relationship with our Lord and build a closer parish community.

The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends the following Sunday at a Mass at St. Paul, celebrated with the parish community. Retreats for men and retreats for women are given separately. Teams from St. Paul Catholic Church have planned and will execute the Women's Retreat on January 18-21 and the Men's Retreat on February 1-4.

Open your mind to the Holy Spirit while on the retreat. Many people have experienced a transformation. Please consider signing up for these list-changing weekends. If you have any questions about the Women's Retreat contact Becky Siegel at bssiegel@att.net or text her at 850-516-9890 and for the Men's, Jim Clark at Jam6rv@yahoo.com or 850-426-5595. The fee for the retreat, transportation, lodging and meals for three nights is \$225. For more information or to register type in www.stpaulcatholic.net and look for ACTS.



*Everything that happened to Christ
lets us know that,
after the bath of water,
the Holy Spirit swoops down upon us
from high heaven and that,
adopted by the Father's voice,
we become sons of God.*

—Saint Hilary of Poitiers—
Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Doctor Divinitatem Christi
(Doctor of the Divinity of Christ)
Feast Day January 13