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**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday Mass Schedule:**

Saturday ..... 4:00pm  
Sunday ..... 11:00am & 6:30pm

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Thursday ..... 6:30pm  
Friday ..... 9:00am  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday ..... Noon

**Reconciliation Schedule:**

Thursday ..... 5:30—6:15pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday ..... 11:00-11:45am

*Healthy At Worship*

Masks are required for all unvaccinated persons at Mass and other parish functions. During religious education, masks are required for all. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation does not apply to those who are sick, caring for the sick or have a serious health risk.

**Mass Ministry Schedule for March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

	Saturday, 4pm	Sunday, 11am	Sunday, 6:30pm
<b>Sacristan</b>	Angela Walker	Allison Sympson	Diane Hagan
<b>Server/Acolyte</b>	Boomer Kipper Tyson DuPuis	Zachary Sorrell Meya Thompson	Volunteer Needed
<b>Lector</b>	Catherine Bragaw (1)	Cathy Newton (1) Angie Hutchins (2)	Mike Willett
<b>Eucharistic Min.</b>	Mary Cecil	Stephen Tolliver	Patty Willett
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Wanda Spalding	Ashleigh Elmore	Volunteer Needed
<b>Media</b>	Jim Taylor	Jessica Leake	Ted Hagan

\*If you will be unable to serve please find a sub and change the online schedule.

\*\*If you are at mass and we are in need of a volunteer PLEASE let Father or the Sacristan know prior to the beginning of mass.

**February 27, 2022**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

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**Parish Office Hours:**

**Mon-Thurs. 8:30am-4:00pm**

**Bulletin Submission Deadline:**

**Noon Wednesday**

**Meetings, Events & Happenings This Week**

- Exercise Class ..... Wed. 5:00-5:45pm
- RCIA ..... Wed. 6:00pm
- Men's Prayer Group ..... Thurs. 5:30am
- Yoga Classes ..... Thurs. 8:30-9:30am
- Pizza w/a Priest ..... Thurs. 7:00pm
- Exodus 90 ..... Thurs. 7:00pm
- Stations of the Cross ..... Fri. 7:00pm
- Women of Faith Guild - Lenten Study  
Sat. 10:00am

**FOUND - Silver or White Gold Ring -**  
found in Parking Lot after mass two weekends ago. See Fr. Steven or call the office for more information.

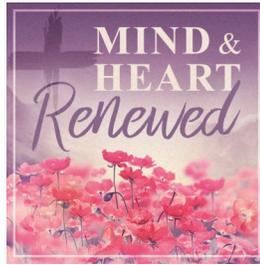
*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit."*



**What Do You Produce?**

## Give Us This Joyful Season -- A Reflection

It seems that, in many ways, we would be hard-pressed to have better readings for the Sunday before Lent begins. These teachings of Jesus—on judging others and the fruitfulness of our lives—help round out the sixth chapter of Luke and what we now know as Jesus’ “sermon on the plain.” Here, we find Jesus inviting us to reflect on the movements taking place within our minds and hearts, particularly with regard to how we relate to other people.



The Season of Lent is a time for Christians to “get back to basics,” focusing on the quality of our discipleship. This means that Lent isn’t an end in itself. Rather, Lent—which comes from an Old English word meaning “springtime”—is ultimately oriented toward our celebrations of the Resurrection at Easter and our renewal of our Baptism Promises on Easter Sunday. We are reminded of this by the words of the Mass, as we recall that God “gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ” (Preface of Lent I).

As we know, the traditional bona opera (“good works”) of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These actions focus our attention on what is most important in our relationships with God and others, while enabling us to set aside some of the “stuff” that consumes our time and energy, or which distract us from what is truly important. To that end, this Sunday’s First Reading and Gospel can help reflect on the movements of our heart that should guide these acts of penance and charity, especially as we think about what might be obscuring our spiritual vision and preventing us from recognizing the sometimes-hard truths about where we might be in our journey of faith and commitment to follow Jesus on the path of conversion.

With this in mind, we can also look to our Second Reading, taken from St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians as a reminder that the grace of conversion called for by the Season of Lent comes to us only through the victory of Christ and it is by this grace that we know “that in the Lord [our] labor is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58). As Pope Francis reflected in his 2019 Message for Lent: “Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus’ Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all creation.”

In essence, these readings are inviting us to look at our lives and on the realities of the world around us with clear eyes (see Luke 6:41-42) and to reflect on the fruit of our lives.

- Are there areas in our lives that need to be more carefully nurtured and tended?
- Are their “branches” that need to be pruned, so that other areas of our lives — including our prayer and ministry — can be more fruitful?
- How can we more effectively respond to the needs of those around us, sharing our time, talent, and material goods to help others to bear greater fruit in their own lives?

—Br. Silas Henderson

## Old Blessed Palms Disposal

We are collecting old blessed palms. If you have any palms in your home/office/car that you wish to dispose of, please bring them to church and deposit them in the boxes by the entrances of the church. These palms will be burned and the ashes used next year on Ash Wednesday. Our collection program will end on April 10, 2022.

Please remember you must not throw away old palms in the trash. Because they have been blessed, the proper disposal is burning them and returning them to the earth; that is if you do not want them included in church’s palm collection



## Weekend Collection

### Weekend of 2/20/22 Collection

\$ 3,606.00

#### Online Collections

\$ 577.50

#### Needed to make budget

\$ 6,100.00/weekend

#### Year to Date Collections

\$ 179,745.15

#### Annual Budgeted

\$305,000.00

## On-line Giving at St. Thomas



Scan the above QR code with your mobile device. For common questions please go to our website:

[www.saintthomasbardstown.org/give](http://www.saintthomasbardstown.org/give)

## Sanctuary Candle Burns in Honor of Mike & Roger Downs

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, February 26, 2022

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

✠ Richard & JoAnn Greenwell

#### Sunday, February 27, 2022

✠ The People of St. Thomas & St. Monica

✠ William Owen Bradley

#### Wednesday, March 2, 2022

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

#### Thursday, March 3, 2022

Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel

✠ Jerry Jackson

#### Friday, March 4, 2022

Memorial of Memorial of St. Casimir

✠ Emma, Glenn, Em, Roger Ballard & JB Boone

✠ Joe Moore

✠ Roberta Rivard

#### Saturday, March 5, 2022

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

✠ Deacon Sam Filiatreau

✠ Bobby Cecil

✠ Jaimie Cecil

✠ Joe Walker

The People of St. Thomas & St. Monica

## Remembered in Prayer

Those currently in need of ongoing prayer



Eddie Auberry  
 Ron Birge, RIP  
 Pat Birge  
 Jimmy Brady  
 Jessie Cross  
 Evan Douglas, RIP  
 Claudia DuPuis  
 Samantha Hale\*  
 Amanda Hamilton\*  
 Lt. Cmdr. Max Hayden - USN  
 William (Ted) Hagan  
 Julie Ice  
 Ashley Lawrence  
 Nan Mills  
 Seamen, Nick Powers - USN  
 PJ Shain  
 Keta Wilke\*  
 Nancy Wimsatt  
Homebound  
 Iona Bryan  
 Philip Burba  
 Bertie Clark  
 Mary Greenwell  
 Joe Bert King  
 Maggie Larimore  
 Therese Lawson  
 Chester Simms  
 Nick Simms  
 Bill Smith  
 Bill Willett

\*New to list

*Pray for Us!*

## In Loving Memory



### Evan R. Douglas, 28

Passed away suddenly Sat., Feb. 19, 2022. Evan leaves behind his parents Ann and Greg Douglas, two brothers Kerry (Miranda) and Justin (Brandi) Douglas his beloved nieces, nephews and many friends. Evan and his family are members of our St. Thomas Family and we feel deeply his loss. The Funeral Mass was held Thursday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Internment followed at St. Thomas Cemetery. Please keep Ann and Greg and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Ash Wednesday Services

March 2, 2022 - Ash Wednesday

8:00am - St. Monica *Please note earlier start time.*  
 1:00pm - St. Joseph — Bethlehem High School  
 6:30pm - St. Thomas — St. Teresa Hall



St. Thomas Historic Church  
 Fridays of Lent @ 7pm

St. Monica Church  
 Fridays of Lent @ 7pm

## Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend, we will take up the *Annual Black and Indian Mission Collection*. This Collection exists to help diocesan communities preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native people of God. Your donations help fund parish-based catechetical programs, support teacher and catechist professional development, encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and create diocesan structures, such as our own archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry, that support ministry and evangelization in these diverse cultural communities. Please be generous.

## It's Not too Late Lenten Study Begins SAT. 3/5 @ 10AM



We are about to begin our Lenten Journey in preparation for the Resurrection of our beloved Lord - **Jesus Christ**.

What are you doing to prepare - prayer, fasting, alms-giving? All great options, but have they brought enrichment to your personal relationship with Jesus in the past? Not sure?

You know as women our lives are hectic (*no matter what stage of life we are in right now*), we are pulled in many directions and often times Jesus takes a backseat to other things. Sad but true, when was the last time you just stopped amidst the noise, took a deep breath and spoke to Jesus from your heart? Life is chaos, Jesus is waiting. He is our peace, let's stop for just a few minutes and sit in his presence and let Him into our chaos?

You are encouraged to begin this Lent with a plan and a commitment to draw closer to Jesus through scripture, meditation, prayer and fellowship. Sign up and join us for this journey to Calvary and beyond.

Registration: \$10.00 (*offsets cost of book*).

*Sign-up Sheet on the credenza in St. Theresa Hall!*

## Spring Cemetery Clean Up



Cemetery clean up on March 12, 2022 from 9am-Noon. Please **remove** any items that are not securely attached to the monument *before this date*. ANY items remaining will be removed in preparation for mowing season.



## Upcoming Dates to Remember

Young at Heart Young @ ❤️ Group will meet NEXT Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.

Compassionate Friends Group will meet on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.



LENT  
 A SEASON OF REFLECTION  
 RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

## Lenten Reminders

**Days of Fasting and Abstinence:**  
 Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. Additionally, all the Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat.

The discipline of abstinence from meat applies to all Catholics from the age of 14 onwards. The discipline of fasting applies to Catholics from the ages of 18 to 59. *When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.*

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (*on Holy Saturday night*) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.



**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**  
**Mellwood Art Center**  
**5:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

Presented by:  
**PASSPORT HEALTH PLAN**  
BY MOLINA HEALTHCARE

Can't be there in person?  
 Bid on our silent auction online!  
[www.cclou.org/rouler22](http://www.cclou.org/rouler22)

*Laissez les bons temps rouler!  
 Let the good times roll!*

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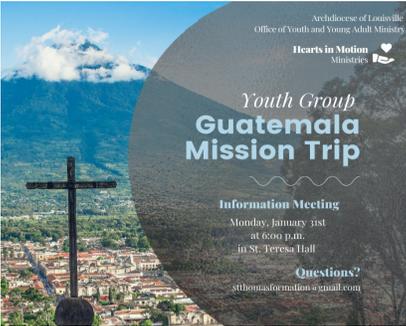
I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN



Bins will be available from Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> through Easter Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Group Mission Trip!**

The Youth Group is preparing for a mission trip to Guatemala, they will present information about the mission trip and how the parish can support the students the weekend of Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> after all the Masses.



Archdiocese of Louisville  
 Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

**Hearts in Motion Ministries**

**Youth Group Guatemala Mission Trip**

Information Meeting  
 Monday, January 31st  
 at 6:00 p.m.  
 in St. Teresa Hall

Questions?  
[stthomasinformation@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasinformation@gmail.com)

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**Black History Months**

**Featured Leader**

**Venerable Henriette Diaz DeLille**



Born: 1813  
 Died: 1862  
 Venerable: 2010

"the first US native-born African American whose cause for canonization has been officially opened by the Catholic Church."

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