

St Thomas

Catholic Church Bardstown Kentucky

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

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Deacon Scott Turner

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Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

Sunday Mass Schedule:

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

Weekday Mass Schedule:

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| Thursday | 6:30pm |
| Friday | 9:00am |
| 1 st Saturday..... | Noon |

Reconciliation Schedule:

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| Thursday | 5:30-6:15pm |
| 1 st Saturday..... | 11:00-11:45am |

Mass Ministry Schedule for May 7th & 8th

| | Saturday, 4pm | Sunday, 11am | Sunday, 6:30pm |
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| Sacristan | Angela Walker | Allison Sympson | Diane Hagan |
| Server/Acolyte | Boomer Kipper & Volunteer Needed | Ava Newton & Calleigh Hays | Nathan Hamilton |
| Lector | Sharon Cecil | Kathy Mattingly (1) Taylor Gagne (2) | Terri Lear |
| Eucharistic Min. | Wanda Spalding | Rick Mattingly | Patty Willett |
| Gift Bearers | Steve Spalding | Jack Sympson | Bill Mattingly |
| Media | Jim Taylor | Jessica Leake | Will Sidebottom |
| Usher(s) | Volunteer Needed | Volunteer Needed | Volunteer Needed |

*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.

May 1, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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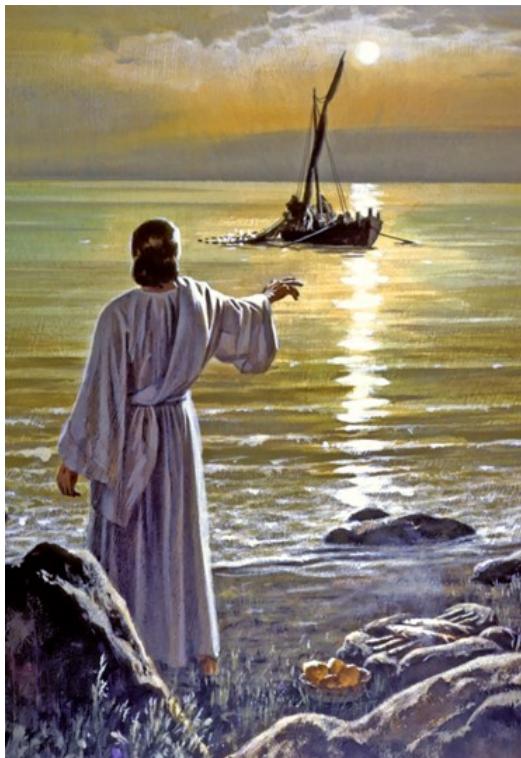
Bulletin Submission Deadline:
Noon Wednesday

Meetings, Events & Happenings This Week

- First Holy Communion Sun. 6:30pm
- Boy Scouts..... Tues. 6:30pm
- Worship Committee Mtg..... Wed. 1:30pm
- Exercise Class Wed. 5:00-5:45pm
- Men's Prayer Group Thurs. 5:30am

*"Simon, son of John, do you love me?"
Simon Peter answered him,
"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."*

— John 21:16



What We Bring To The Fire - A Reflection

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore, full of one hundred fifty-three large fish.
— John 21:10-11



One of the stories that has earned the place of legend in my family lore is "The Time Colleen Made the Johnnycakes."

A Johnnycake, if you don't know, is a thin cornmeal pancake apparently popular during colonial times, and it was the recipe I selected from my American Girl doll cookbook when I was so young I could barely read correctly, but nevertheless decided I was going to bake something on my own.

My mother was kind enough to let me, but in the chaos of a kitchen full of children fumbling with measuring spoons and seeing who could talk the loudest, she was too distracted to realize that I had mistaken the abbreviation "tsp" to mean "cup." Thus, I had decided that the " $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp salt" required by the recipe indicated that I was to put three to four cups of salt into the batter.

Those Johnnycakes were literally painful to eat. We spit them out into the sink and rinsed our mouths with cold water. When we finally realized exactly what my mistake had been, we all had a good laugh, and my mother had a big mess. I'll tell you what, though: after that, I knew what the abbreviation "tsp" meant.

I think of the Johnnycakes every time my children ask to help me with a grown-up task. When a child offers his help, it's so tempting to brush him off and tell him to go occupy himself with the work of a child and leave the work of an adult to someone who can do it properly.

But then I remember that, when he already had a fine meal cooking, Jesus invited his disciples to bring their fish to the fire.

God does not really need anything from us, does he? We do not have the ability to add to His glory, His power, His perfection or His joy. We can't really help.

But he created us, as the Catechism says so beautifully, out of His "sheer goodness," as a parent conceives a child, "to make him share in his own blessed life." So here we are, with our dead, smelly fish. And any parent will know that accepting the offering of a child is a gift to the child more than it is a help to the parent. It gives him honor. It gives him purpose. It gives him pride. It gives him knowledge.

So, what does God do, time and time again? He doesn't just allow us to drag our dead fish to his already blazing fire — he tells us to. He accepts our offering — our good works, our suffering, our praise, our love. He accepts everything we have to give, and then He sits with us, and He gives us a job to do. And for just a moment, he lets us in on the glorious mystery of the love of an omnipotent God — the happiness He allows us to give Him, happiness He did not need and can thrive without.

No, the work will never be done more quickly or proficiently with the help of the child. The dishwasher will need to be clandestinely reloaded after he runs off to play. The dust rag will be oversaturated with water, wreaking havoc on the furniture finish if you don't intercept it and wring it out. Best-case scenario, the recipe will have a little too much flour in it, worst-case scenario, it'll be totally inedible and you'll find yourself out of salt.

But the point of letting the child help is no more to expedite the work than the point of life is having a clean house. A change occurs inside of him when he is allowed to participate in the family mission. Little seedling feelings of responsibility and fulfillment begin to take root.

For just a moment, we let him in on the glorious mystery of parenthood — all-consuming happiness that accompanies (or does it derive from?) never-ending work — perhaps the only such work since Eden to ever really bring fulfillment.

It is a gift to him, not to us.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Weekend Collection

Weekend of 4/24/22 Collection

\$ 3,979.00

Online Collections

\$ 382.50

Rice Bowls

approx. \$ 591.65

Needed to make budget

\$ 6,100.00/weekend

Year to Date Collections

\$ 226,789.68

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

Sanctuary Candle Burns in Honor of

Harold & Edna Metcalf

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 30, 2022

† Joe Walker

† Living/Deceased Members of the Ballard & Wimsett Families

Sunday, May 1, 2022

† Joseph R. Salsman - 11:00am

† Josh Pettit - 6:30pm

Thursday, May 5, 2022

† Jerry Jackson

Friday, May 6, 2022

† Joe Moore

† Christopher Rogers

† Ron Birge

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Noon

† Joe Moore

† Bobby Ballard

4pm

† Isabelle Buckman

† Bernadette Hagan

† Mary Hutchins

† Laurie Sneller

† Marion Higdon

† Ruth Mattingly

† Juanita Hagan

Remembered in Prayer

Those currently in need of ongoing prayer

Eddie Auberry
Kevin Ballard
Pat Birge
Jimmy Brady
Jessie Cross
Claudia DuPuis
Doris Firestone*
William (Ted) Hagan
Samantha Hale
Amanda Hamilton
Julie Ice
Ashley Lawrence
Nan Mills
Nick Powers, USN
PJ Shain
Judy Tannehill
Barbara Jean Thompson
Phyllis Troutman
Keta Wilke
Nancy Wimsatt

Homebound

Iona Bryan
Bertie Clark
Joe Bert King
Therese Lawson
Chester Simms
Bill Smith
Philip Burba
Mary Greenwell
Maggie Larimore
Joyce Morris
Nick Simms
Bill Willett

* New to list

Pray for Us!

Young @ Heart

Young @ ❤ Meeting Change

Please call Sharon Wathen for details of this month's meeting change.
502-507-7133



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Compassionate Friends Group will meet on Thursday, May 12th @ 7pm.



May 8, 2022 - 10:00am

Our second graders will lead the prayer service for the school and all St. Thomas families who would like to join us. Weather permitting, we will process from St. Theresa Hall to Mary's Garden (*on the North side of the Historic Church*). All second graders are asked to wear their First Communion clothes for the procession.

33 Days to Merciful Love Consecration



CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday, April 24th, those who have been working toward the Consecration to Merciful Love, made their official Consecration Prayer during the Holy Hour to Divine Mercy. Recipients were: L-R Back Row - Cheryl Ritchie, Julie Wagner, Diane Hagan, Stephanie Seeger; Front Row L-R - Teresa Roché, Joyce Spalding, Olivia Seeger (Facilitator)

Around the Parish...

"Easter Vigil - Lighting the Pascal Candle - At St. Monica



Calling All Ushers...



We will restart our Usher Collection program - *Passing the Basket*, [this weekend](#). If you were an usher prior to Covid-19 or would like to be an Usher, please let the sacristan know you are available [before](#) mass. We will begin scheduling Ushers in July.

Around the Archdiocese...

Catholic Services Appeal 2021 - Reaches Goal

Thanks to our generous Church community, we have reached the 2021 CSA goal! We have received \$4,104,214 in gifts and pledges and that number continues to rise! This is the second largest CSA ever (largest was in 2017). Gifts can still be made until 6/20/22.



Sister's of Charity of Nazareth "Super Raffle"

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth are holding a "Super Raffle" with a grand prize of \$20,000, second prize of \$5,000 and third prize of \$1,000. The drawing is Friday, July 15, at 1:00 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$25.00 each. Only 3,000 raffle tickets will be sold. All proceeds will support SCN ministries here in the United States and around the world (Belize, Botswana, India, Kenya and Nepal). You can join us for a live webcast of the Super Raffle drawing on Friday, August 27, 2021, beginning at 12:45 p.m. Tickets will go fast, so don't delay! Get your raffle tickets today! To purchase raffle tickets, please call 502-348-1519 or go to our website at <https://nazareth.org/raffle/>.



Know, always, of our gratitude to you for all of your past support! Thank you. (Charitable Gaming License #: ORG0001740)

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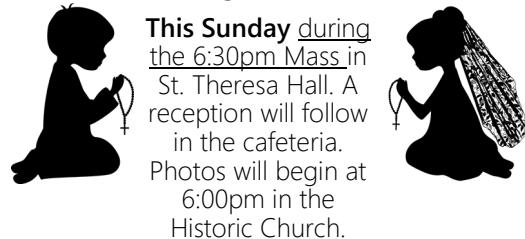

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First Holy Communion



This Sunday during the 6:30pm Mass in St. Theresa Hall. A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Photos will begin at 6:00pm in the Historic Church.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Level 1-Part 1 Week-long retreat for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Louisville from June 6th-11th. The retreat is for anyone interested in becoming a trained catechist for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. There is financial assistance for the retreat.

For additional information please pick up a brochure located at the back of the church on the credenza.