



*“Pray for me as I will for thee
that we may merrily meet in heaven.”*



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

1200 N. Indiana Street Mooresville, IN 46158

Parish Office Phone	317-831-4142
Emergency Phone	317-374-3477
Adoration Chapel	317-834-4251
Parish Fax	317-834-2947
Website	www.stm-church.org

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday Anticipation 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am, 10:45am, 7:00pm
 Tuesday thru Friday 8:30am
 Holy Days: 8:30 am, 6:30 pm

Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday: 8:15-8:30am
 Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm Sunday: 7:30-8:00am,
 Sunday: 10:15-10:45am, 6:30-7:00pm

Adoration Chapel

Call 834-4251 to see if chapel is open

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Parish Mission Statement

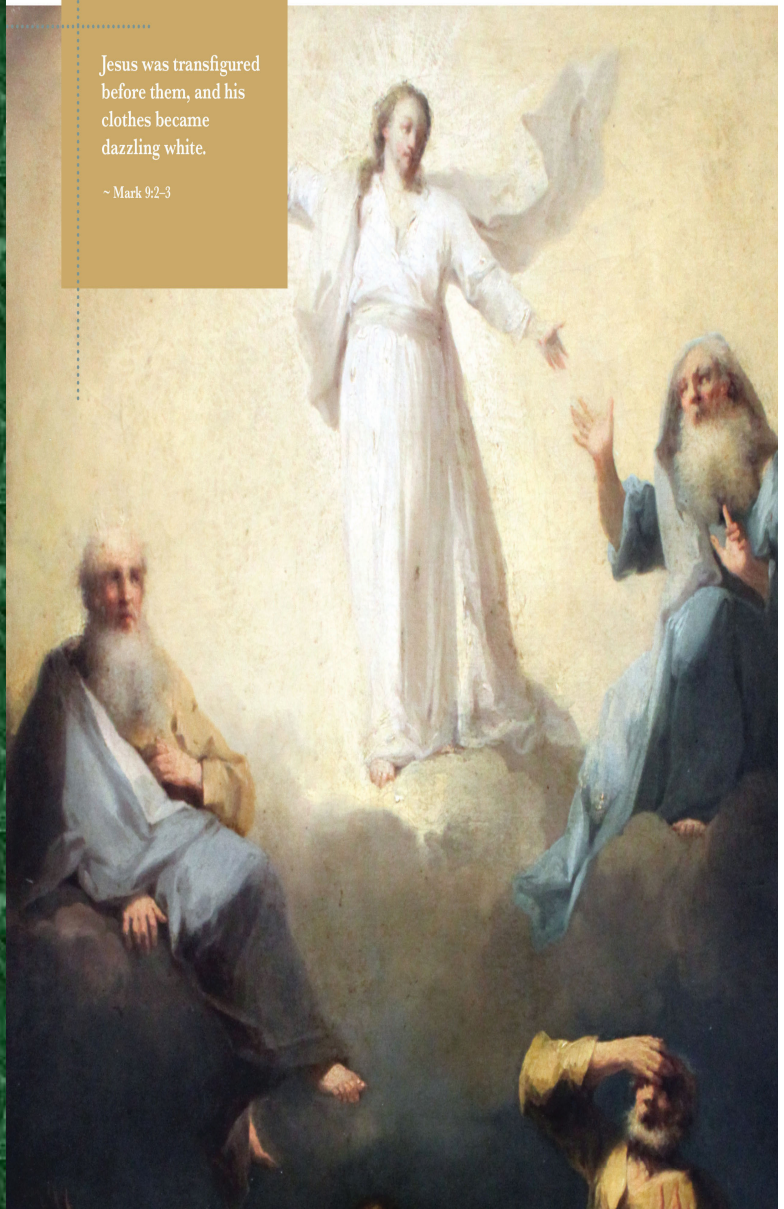
We, the parishioners of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Mooresville, IN, as members of the Body of Christ, and inspired by our patron saint commit ourselves...

- *To grow in understanding and living God’s word and sacraments as defenders of the Catholic faith*
- *To be responsible stewards of God’s gifts/blessings and grow in generosity of those gifts*
- *To serve those in need and reflect God’s mercy in all our efforts*

FEBRUARY 25, 2018 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.

~ Mark 9:2-3



2nd Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The sacrifice of Abraham is an act of complete and total faith in God who is faithful to his promises. Abraham was found righteous before God because of his complete trust in the Lord. The sacrifice of Abraham and the sacrifice of Jesus by the Father are very closely related. God gave up everything to save us from eternal death by paying the price for us. Lent and Easter season remind us of the supreme sacrifice Jesus made for us. Lent is a time to walk with Jesus, who underwent the passion, suffering, death and resurrection. It is a time of conversion: the image of the Samaritan woman is a perfect story of conversion for every one of us. Conversion is an ongoing part of our Christian life. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are ways Jesus invites each one of us for this conversion. Prayer and fasting are weapons to fight the battle against the evil one who is so very active in the world. Jesus' sacrifice of Atonement, the price that Jesus paid was His Sacrifice: His Blood. St. Paul says, "you have been bought with a price" (1 Cor 6:20). "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slain and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Rev 5:9). "Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ." (1 Pet 1:18). Therefore, know the power of the blood of Jesus which resulted from his sacrifice of atonement. Whenever we participate in any form of suffering or sacrifice, we participate in His sacrifice. Suffering and sacrifice are the marks of Christian identity as Jesus invited us: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and come after me." Let this season of Lent be a time of sacrificial offering to share in His suffering for our own sanctification and for the sanctification of others. God Bless.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Francis J. Kalapurackal

Administrator

New Ministry! Praying for Vocations

Fewer men and women are answering God's call to be priests, deacons, and religious (monks and nuns). Since 1965, the total number of priests in the U.S. has dropped by 36%. This trend can only be reversed through God's grace. We must renew our efforts to pray for His grace to be poured out on a new generation of young men and women who will have the courage to answer His call.



We are starting a new ministry to encourage prayer for vocations. Each weekend, we'd like a parishioner to take home a Travelling Vocations Cross prayer kit and commit to daily prayer for a week. At the end of the week, simply bring the kit back to Mass for the next person to take home. The kit contains a small wood cross to set on your table as a reminder, prayer guides, and informational booklets and books about vocations.

A sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall, or contact John Griffin at 317-831-4210.

You can visit www.heargodscall.com for additional information and resources about vocations and discerning a call.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 26

9:00 am-No Mass

Tuesday, February 27

8:30 am- Fr. Mark Gottemoeller

Wednesday, February 28

8:30 am-Mike Shea

Thursday, March 1

8:30 am-Rebecca Early

Friday, March 2

8:30 am-Paul Jarvis

Saturday, March 3

5:00 pm-Lauretta Kurek

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am-Parishioners of St. Thomas More

10:45 am-Lois & Donald Coyne

7:00 pm- Dan Brock

Ministries for March 3 & 4, 2018

Ushers

5:00 pm-Knights of Columbus

8:00 am-Bill & Carol Keller

10:45 am-Frank Zeman, Louis Sater

7:00 pm-Volunteers

Lectors

5:00 pm-Knights of Columbus

8:00 am-John Drzakowski

10:45 am-Rachel Kenney

7:00 pm-Martha Swanson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm-Knights of Columbus

8:00 am-Rosanne Roth, Dana Noel

7:00 pm-Sharon Gerigs

Altar Servers

5:00 pm-Volunteers

8:00 am-Riley Lesh, Gehrig Rihm, Mary Reed

10:45 am-Levi Muskat, Josephine Denney,

Annabell & Emily Stephens

7:00 pm-Volunteers

SACRAMENT AND COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should contact the office at least six months in advance to allow for Marriage Preparation Program and meeting with Priest.

Sacrament of Baptism

Infant baptisms are celebrated the 3rd Sunday. Parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Class. Call office during pregnancy. 831-4142.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Those considering the Priesthood or a Religious Vocation, Contact Fr. Francis or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office-236-1490

Religious Education

Pre K-during 10:45 am mass,
Grades K-8-Sunday, 9:00 am-10:30 am
High School, Confirmation-Sunday 5:15-7:00 pm
Call 831-4142

Pastoral Care

Annulments, Marriage Preparation, Faith Formation, Questions and Concerns, Emergencies: Contact Fr. Francis

New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish family! Please contact the office for registration forms and information. 831-4142

Reconciliation

Tues.-Fri. 8:15-8:30 am, Saturday 4:30-5:00 pm
Sun. 7:30-8:00 am, 10:15-10:45 am, 6:30-7:00 pm or by appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

In an emergency, contact the Parish Office any time. The hospitalized, those confined to home, and nursing home residents should contact the Parish Office to receive the Eucharist and/ or Anointing. 831-4142.

Interested in the Faith

Inquiry sessions as part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Call 831-4142

ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES

Administrative/Finance: Tom Ryan

Adoration Chapel: Closing information 317-834-4251

Peggy Weber 317-695-9807, Kristina Birchler, 797-7060,

Applefest: 831-4142

Bible Study: 831-4142

Faith Formation Commission: Mary Leonard-Bohney, 317-443-4791

HOPE (Beggars for the Poor): Cheryl Hildenbrand, 996-4635

Knights of Columbus: Larry Janeczek, 919-4156

Liturgy: Mary Bednarek, 697-5117

Parish Nurse: Cathy Gray, 831-9991

Parish Council: Deb Dotson, 317-517-7327

Project Rachel: 236-1569, 800-382-9836 Abortion Healing

Respect for Life Committee: 831-4142

RCIA: 831-4142

St. Thomas More Free Clinic: 831-1697

St. Vincent de Paul: Joan Maxfield, 946-7218

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry: 831-4142

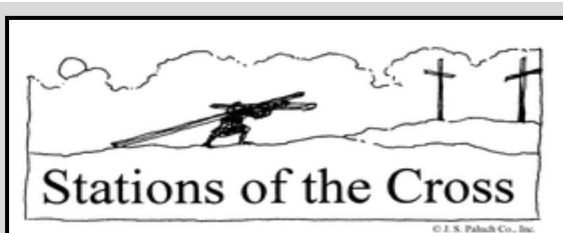
Stewardship: 831-4142

Technology Committee: 831-4142

Vocation Promotion: 831-4142

Welcoming Committee: 831-4142

Women of STM (Women's Club): Kristy Ralston, 765-623-7746



FRIDAYS OF LENT 7:00 PM

Please support our advertisers. Thanks to them we receive the bulletins free of charge.

This week's advertiser is:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Financial Report thru		
February 18, 2018 Collection by Mass		
	Budget	Actual
Saturday 5:00 PM		1,220.00
Sunday 8:00 AM		875.00
Sunday 10:45 AM		1,495.00
Sunday 7:00 PM		672.05
Other (mail in)		783.00
Ash Wednesday		476.05
Misc. Archdiocese		.00
Capital Main. Fund		25.00
FIF Campaign		2,175.00
Total	6,211.50	7,721.10
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
As of 1/31/2018		
Sunday Collections	192,558.00	179,426.12
Electronic Giving	37,919.00	59,042.40
Total	230,477.00	238,468.52
Savings Balance	as of 12/31/17	as of 01/31/17
Capital Maintenance Fund	142,973.26	143,974.95
ADLF	204,501.90	204,588.46

	
Updated as of 1/31/18	
Amount Pledged	Amount Collected
\$ 936,522	
Campaign Goal	
\$ 900,000	
800,000	
700,000	
600,000	
500,000	
400,000	
300,000	241,273.62
200,000	
100,000	
0	\$0

COOKBOOKS

Do you enjoy the delicious meatless soups available at the K of C Fish Fries? Did you know that many of those soup recipes are also available in the St. Thomas More Jubilee Cookbook? Cookbooks will be available for sale (just \$10 each) during the Friday Fish Fries during Lent, and they are also available at the parish office. Questions? Call Mary Bednarek at 317-697-5117 or mmbdnarek@yahoo.com

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

K OF C FISH FRY

FRIDAYS OF LENT 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

K OF C BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEB. 18 AFTER 8 AM MASS

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be here at St. Thomas More Catholic Church Monday, April 16. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heart-beat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. **Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAILY

8:30 am Mass-Tues.-Fri.

Reconciliation-Tues.-Fri. 8:15 am

WEEKLY

Wed. 11:30 am, Rosary, Meadow Lakes

Wed. 12:30 pm-Rosary, Meadow Lakes Asst. Living

Wed. 6:30 pm-RCIA,

Sat. 5:00 pm-Mass, Reconciliation, 4:30 pm

Sun. Masses-8:00 am, 10:45 am, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation 7:30 am, 10:15 am, 6:30 pm

MONTHLY

2nd Tues.-6:00 pm, Women of STM, Social Hall

2nd Thurs.-6:00 pm, Faith Formation Commission

3rd Sun.- Baptisms

3rd Tues.-4:00 pm, St. Vincent de Paul

3rd Wed.-6:30 pm, Pastoral Council, Library

3rd Thurs.-6:00 pm, Liturgy Committee

PLEASE NOTE *Do you or someone you know need a ride to church or for important errands? Please note our new ministry with a list of volunteer drivers and their contact information below. Others wishing to volunteer to drive, please call the office to have their names added.* Here is the list;

Fred Cipriani 317-831-5253

Larry Janeczek 317-919-4156

Jerry Weber 317-697-4914

Rich Weihler 319-383-9723

Thank You!

OPEN ADORATION

CHAPEL HOURS:

Tues. 3-4 pm,

Wed. noon-1, 2-3 pm

Thurs. 2-3 am; 3-4 am; 4-5 am; 3-4 pm (until April); 4-5 pm

Friday: 3-4 am; 11am- Noon

If you can help, please call PEGGY 317-

695-9807 or KRISTINA 317-834-2719

Please call 317-834-4251 to see if chapel

is open before you come in in bad

weather. Call 317-834-4251



Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men dedicated to promoting Families, Concepts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. If



you're 18 or older and want to know more about the Knights, contact Dave at 831-1935. Here is activity schedule:

**** Business Mtg. 2nd Mon. 7 pm Library**

**** Social Mtg 4th Mon. 7 pm, Social Hall**

**** Breakfast, 3rd Sun. after**

8 am Mass, Oct-May

**** Ministry at 1st Sat. 5 pm Mass**

Women of all ages: Mark your calendars for March 10, 2018; The Marian Center of Indianapolis and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are hosting the **13th Annual Indiana Catholic Women's Conference**, which will be held in the 500 Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center! Please check out www.indianacatholicwomen.com to register, get a mail-in registration form or find out more about the great line-up of National and International speakers, as well as all the events the day offers. You may also call 317-888-0873 for more information. Group, student and early registration pricing are available. **Beth Brock 765-243-1018** is coordinating for St. Thomas More. She'll arrange car-pool, rides, etc. & seats together.



**FIRST FRIDAY MASS, ADORATION
AND DEVOTION TO
THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.
FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 8:30 AM**



The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
1400 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367
317-236-1403

12 February 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Archdiocese will take The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) on March 11, 2018. Your support of this collection serves **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. Proceeds from this national collection provide services for immigrants and refugees, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Please join in this collection to support those suffering on the margins around the world.

For example, in Central America, there are more than 1 million young people, aged fifteen to twenty-five years old, who are out of school and unemployed. Throughout the region, crime and violence run rampant. Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador have some of the highest murder rates in the world. The escalating violence stifles investment and economic growth, further limiting opportunities for jobs. These factors push young people, already discouraged by a lack of opportunity, to emigrate in record numbers. Economic opportunities are limited, and most education and employment programs do not reach the most at-risk youth, nor are the programs linked to real jobs in the market.

With your support of the CRSC, thousands of young people can participate in YouthBuild, a program that provides them necessary life skills and opportunities. YouthBuild, a part of the YouthBuild International network, provides job skills and entrepreneurship training, school re-entry, job placement, and social services. More than 5,000 young people have participated in YouthBuild, and 80 percent of its participants have found work, gone back to school, or both.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Support the collection, and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archbishop of Indianapolis

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church Applefest 2018 Friday and Saturday September 21 – 22, 2018

Once again, it is time to start thinking about our parish Applefest. As always, we need lots of help to run this event, **but right now** we need just your thoughts and ideas on how we can improve on the festival.

We have scheduled a **Strategy Meeting on Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 in the Social Hall**. Please come and listen, talk and get to know more of your fellow parishioners. We are open to, and hope you bring, any ideas you have. We hope to see you there! **THANKS!**

Norma Bangel, Jerry Weber, & Peggy Weber Co Chairs

Lent.

a season of spiritual preparation



Visit our Lending Library in the Breezeway to pick up a Lenten Reflection Book, Stations



of the Cross Booklet or Lenten Calendar for your family!

Sun. Feb 25

K-8 Faith Formation 9:00 am - 10:30 am

1st Communion Parent Meeting 9:00 -10:15

Library- Fr. Francis

PK Faith Formation 10:45 am - 11:45am

9th-12th Youth Ministry 5:15pm-7:00pm

Missions talk with Sr. Loretta

**Confirmation Candidates Turn in Binders to Resource Room next to printer*

Sun. March 4

K-8 Faith Formation 9:00 am - 10:30 am

(9:15 2nd-4th Grade Reconciliation)

PK Faith Formation 10:45 am - 11:45am

9th-12th Youth Ministry 5:15pm-7:00pm

Grade 2-4 Reconciliation 9:00-9:45 Church

Parents Welcome



Sun. Mar 11

K-8 Faith Formation 9:00 am - 10:30 am

(9:15 5th-6th Grade Reconciliation)

PK Faith Formation 10:45 am - 11:45am

9th-12th Youth Ministry 5:15pm-7:00pm

Grade 5-6 Reconciliation 9:00-10:00 Church

Parents Welcome



Sun. Mar 18

K-8 Faith Formation 9:00 am - 10:30 am

(9:15 7th-8th Grade Reconciliation)

PK Faith Formation 10:45 am - 11:45am

9th-12th Youth Ministry 5:15pm-7:00pm

Grade 7-8 Reconciliation 9:00-10:00 Church

Parents Welcome



Sun. Mar 25 Palm Sunday

K-8 Faith Formation 9:00 am - 10:30 am

PK Faith Formation 10:45 am - 11:45am

9th-12th Youth Ministry No Class: See you at 10:45 Mass

***10:45 Children's Participation Mass**

Thank you St. Thomas More for being such a Spirit filled and passionate parish! May the Lord Bless you and protect you in all you do. Continue to spread the word of God to all those you meet in words and deeds. To Jesus, Through Mary, Stacie Hocker

STM PreK- 12th Grade

Faith Formation answer God's Call to serve

The Youth of St. Thomas More are actively involved in their faith through, prayer, thanksgiving, almsgiving, serving in various ways during Mass and for one young man making the choice to become Catholic.



Our Youth Group led Stations of the Cross on February 16 for our entire parish. Please join STM this Friday at 7pm for Stations of the



I got this text from Renay Muskat who has the TH afternoon Holy Spirit group. This is awesome....

I wanted to tell you that the evangelization training has really helped our group as well! We have two ladies who have been evangelizing and brought two people now back to the church! Sharon G. invited someone she randomly met at a restaurant and they are coming!

Do something
life-changing.

Sign up for FREE at
BestLentEver.com

Dynamic Catholic

Stop by the exits of the church to pick up a small card with directions on how to Sign up for an amazing and life changing

St. Thomas More Church

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February 25, 2018

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