



*“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, **5:00pm**
 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, 4:30-5:00pm

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



Fourth Sunday of

Advent

December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
 cried out in a loud voice and said,
 “Blessed are you among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

Christmas! God Reveals Himself as one of us

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are on the eve of Christmas. Jesus Christ, the beloved son of the Father takes the form of one of us and reveals the face of God's love to us. The God who loves us unconditionally couldn't find a better way to reveal himself than taking the shape of one of us. "God so loved the world that he sent his only son...so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but might have eternal life." The greatest gift at Christmas therefore is Jesus Christ, the gift of the Father to us. The Father in his generosity and mercy gave us his Son Jesus as answer to the cries of the fallen humanity, after years of longing and waiting. We know for sure this is the busiest time of the year but the most joyful time too. Interestingly, early Christians actively rejected the celebration of Christ's birth as they saw birthdays as pagan rituals, followed in the Bible by figures like the Pharaoh. Easter and Pentecost were the only two main celebrations in the ecclesiastical calendar until midway through the fourth century when Christmas and Epiphany were added to the calendar. December 25 was then established as the Nativity feast day and the official "Nativity Mass" was the first Mass of the day. Christmas Mass became a central fixture in the church calendar, which led to the day becoming known as Christ's Mass by the 11th century. Whatever that history reveals, the reason for Christmas is Jesus himself, although we know many in the business world make a fortune out of this feast and yet do not know Christ or love him. But we celebrate Christmas because He loved us and we love Him. Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!

May the Babe in the manger of Bethlehem bring you the good tidings of peace, joy and hope.

Blessings.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Francis J. Kalapurackal

Administrator St. Thomas More Catholic Church

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

MON. DEC. 24-DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

MON. DEC. 24-5:00 PM, CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS-MUSIC 4:00 PM

MON. DEC. 24-10:00 PM, MASS-MUSIC 9:15 PM

TUES. DEC. 25-8:30 AM, CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

MON. DEC. 31-HOLY DAY MASS, 6:30 PM,

MON. DEC. 31-ADORATION 6:00 PM,

TUES. JAN. 1-HOLY DAY MASS, 8:30 AM



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 24

5:00 pm-the Yates Family

10:00 pm-Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Tuesday, December 25

8:30 am-deceased of Thomas Clinard Family

Wednesday, December 26

8:30 am-No Mass

Thursday, December 27

8:30 am-Mike Shea

Friday, December 28

8:30 am-Sandy Zeman

Saturday, December 29

5:00 pm-Mary Clinard

Sunday, December 30

8:00 am- Rick Vada

10:45 am-Leonarda Schubert

5:00 pm- Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Ministry Schedule for Dec. 29 & 30, 2018

Ushers

5:00 pm-Louise Ash, Dan Roy

8:00 am-Volunteers

10:45 am-Amy Griffin

5:00 pm- Volunteers

Lectors

5:00 pm-Sign Up

8:00 am-Sign Up

10:45 am-Sign Up

5:00 pm-Sign Up

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm-Larry Clements

8:00 am-Volunteers

10:45 am-Denise Kraemer, John Griffin,

Alicia Garcia-Paul, Theresa Gomez

5:00 pm-Volunteers

Altar Servers

5:00 pm-Volunteers

8:00 am-Parker & Makenna, Gehrig

10:45 am-Annabell & Emily, Baylor

5:00 pm-Volunteers

5th Sunday - if you serve the 4th weekend
you're scheduled Dec. 29 & 30.

Things to look forward to in

January:

Prayer Shawl Prayer Group

Can recycling

Mom's Day Out

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-12-Sunday, 9:15 am-10:30 am

High School, Confirmation-Sunday 9:15-10:30 am

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, 4:30-5:00 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: Rosanne Roth, Tom Ryan

Adoration Chapel: Closing information 317-834-4251

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

Applefest: 831-4142

Bible Study: 831-4142

Faith Formation Commission: Mary Leonard-Bohney, 317-440-5976

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

Knights of Columbus: Larry Janeczek, 919-4156

Liturgy: Myron Cassidy, 317-258-6889

Parish Nurse: Cathy Gray, 831-9991

Parish Council: Karen Houk, 317-626-0560

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, 317-946-7218

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

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ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH COLLECTIONS As of December 9, 2018		
		Actual
Saturday 5:00 PM		1,765.00
Sunday 8:00 AM		695.48
Sunday 10:45 AM		1,146.00
Sunday 5:00 PM		785.00
Other (mail in)		568.00
Other (Holy Days)		611.50
Electronic Giving		3,361.65
Total		8,932.63
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
As of 11/30/2018		
Weekend Collections	122,452.80	105,263.37
Electronic Giving	39,433.90	50,874.49
Total	161,886.70	156,137.86
		Actual
Other Collections		
Disaster Aid: India		0.00
St. Vincent de-		82.00
Misc. Archdio-		459.76
ocese		
Criterion		0.00
Capital Maint.		103.65
FIF Campaign		10,489.32
Total		11,134.73
Savings Accounts	10/31/2018	11/30/2018
FIF Campaign Fund	1,258.58	30,533.44
Capital Maint.	35,686.16	36,750.48
ADLF FIF	479,242.56	479,821.57
ADLF Capital	100,259.15	100,384.85



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\$510,412.90**

BUILD YOUR OWN PRAYER SPACE

Dec. 30 (the Feast of the Holy Family) Fr. Francis will lead us in a prayer of consecration to the Holy Family and pass out prayer cards for us to pray as family.

Jan. 5, 6 we'd like each commission to set up a sample prayer table in the social hall to give families ideas what they can do at home. We'll have religious articles for donation (crosses, pictures, icons, etc.) if families need them.

**2nd collection Dec. 29 & 30
For St. Vincent de Paul**

Snow Skiing has been changed to Jan 4
The West Deanery is planning a ski trip to perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg on Jan 4
The itinerary is as follows:
7:30am Meet at STM and load bus
9:30am Arrive at Perfect North/ get gear
10:00am Hit the slopes
6pm Our 8 hour pass has expired
6:30pm Stop for fast food dinner
8:30pm Arrive back at STM
Cost: \$65
Bring: Money for supper and sack lunch and any snacks
Children under high school age must be accompanied by an adult.
Please contact Marianne asap if you wish to go. A google doc will come out soon.

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, Good Shepherd Room
Wed. 6:30 pm-Bible Study, 6:30 pm Social Hall
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
3rd Sat. -6:30 pm-Euchre, Social Hall



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Once again, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster contest.

You do not have to be an artist to win. Content can be as important as the picture.

Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups-ages 5-7, 8-10. And 11-14. Each local, district, regional or jurisdictional competition may have up to 3 winning entries-a first and second place winner in each age group. Rules:

Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.

Paper will be provided in the social hall

Deadline: December 23

Judging: Slogan-30points Visuals-30 points

Overall Impact-40 points

CONFIRMATION

Are you over 18 years of age and never been confirmed??

We are beginning our Adult confirmation classes on Wed Dec 19 and will run them until Easter. Adult Confirmation will be June 2. Please contact Marianne Hawkins at 317-831-4142 or mhawkins@stm-church.org for more details.

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 22, 2019 marks the 46th anniversary of the legalization of abortion through the Roe vs Wade decision. Every year, people gather on the Washington DC Mall to march down Constitution Ave to the Capitol Building. This year, St. Thomas More youth and chaperones will be part of the half million marchers!!!

We will travel by bus the evening of January 17 and return January 20th Cost is \$200/Person
The Christmas Cookie/Candy Sale (Dec 7,8,9) proceeds will go toward helping defray the cost.
Deadline to sign up is Dec 14. This is a first come/first serve so please notify immediately before we fill up.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED CHILDREN

**CAYDEN ANDREW COMPARATO
DESTOL JAMES STEPHENS**

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

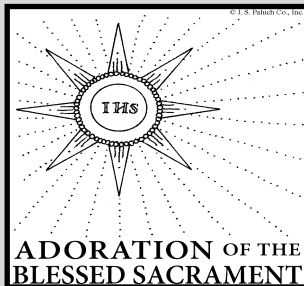
Vocations Ministry

Each weekend, we'd like a parishioner to take home a Traveling 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. This week George & Patty Poteet will take the basket. A sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall, or contact John Griffin at 317-831-4210. Visit www.heargodscall.com for additional information and resources about vocations and discerning a call.

**CHRISTMAS CARD BOX
IS IN THE SOCIAL HALL TO SHARE
GREETINGS WITH FELLOW PA-
RISHIONERS**

ADORATION CHAPEL

All are welcome to stop in and sit at the feet of Jesus. The following hours are open: Monday 4-5 pm; Tuesday 3-4 pm; Wednesday 12-1pm; Thursday 2-3 am, 3-4am, 1-2 pm, 4-5 pm; Friday 3-4 am, 8-9 am; Saturday 3-4 am, 4-5 am, 10-11 am, and the hour before or after 5:00 pm mass. If you can help with any of these hours, please call Kristina at 317-797-7060, Peggy at 317-695-9807, Maureen at 317-490-2383 or call the office 317-831-4142. Thank you & God Bless. Please call 317-834-4251 to see if chapel is open before you come in in bad weather.



CHAPEL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 4 PM CHRISTMAS EVE TO 9 PM CHRISTMAS DAY

PLEASE NOTE: IF THERE IS A WEATHER ADVISORY WE WILL CLOSE THE CHAPEL. PLEASE CALL 317-834-4251 TO VERIFY WHETHER IT'S CLOSED OR OPEN. WE WILL NOT CALL EVERYONE.



Council 7431 Saint Thomas More Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men dedicated to promoting Families, Concepts of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism all while supporting the church. If you're 18 or older and want to know more about the Knights, contact Larry at 317-919-4156. You may also join online at: KofC.org/joinus

Primary activity schedule:

- ** Ministry at 1st Sat. 5 pm Mass**
- ** Business Mtg. 2nd Mon. 7 pm Library**
- ** Breakfast, 3rd Sun. after 8 am Mass**
- ** Social Mtg. 4th Mon. 7 pm, Social Hall**
- ** Lead Rosary, 5th Sun. prior to 10:45 am mass**

Please keep our seriously ill Parishioners and immediate family in prayer:

Theresa Jarvis, Mary Wacker, Peggy Palmer, Martha Kalapurackal, Karen Pikosz, Ruth Griffin, Brian Cassidy, Helena Rudolf, Ken & Martha Fetsch, Frank Cardinali, Marvin Stidham, Kim Cipriani, Shawn Collier, Danny McDaniel, Nancy Lydick, Brian Laurenz, Patricia Allen

Father, we come to you through your Son, Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We place before you all the prayer requests given to our parish family. We have complete trust and confidence that you have heard our prayer. Thank You Lord. Amen

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: Thank You!

Larry Janeczek	317-919-4156
Jerry Weber	317-697-4914
Rich Weihler	319-383-9723
Michael Tessmer	317- 777-2052
Richard Hoying	317-752-7230

St. Thomas More Free Clinic, 1125 North Indiana, PO Box 935
Mooresville, IN 46158, Clinic Phone: 317.831.1697

St. Thomas More Free Clinic, located across from St. Thomas More Church, provides medical, dental, and vision care, for both acute and chronic medical conditions. Individuals must have no Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance, meet specific income criteria (such as a level of income for a family of four at \$50,200), and show proof of Morgan County residency.

Call 317.831.1697 with questions or to schedule an appointment on the first or third Saturday of each month between 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Patients receive a medical exam from a Nurse Practitioner or Physician, lab tests, radiology tests, and medications as necessary, all at no charge.

Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. Specific positions include:

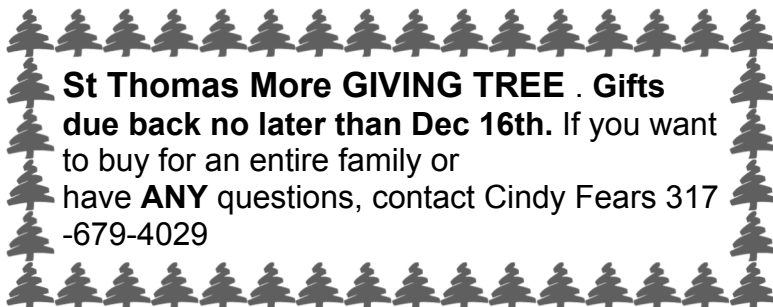
- ✦ Physicians
- ✦ Nurse practitioners
- ✦ Registered Nurses/Student Nurses
- ✦ Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- ✦ Dietitian and/or Nutrition specialist

People with office administrative skills, fund raising and/or marketing skills, and organizational skills with supplies & materials

CHURCHES IN MISSION NEEDS

BLANKETS-queen, full, twin
SHEETS-queen, king, twin
BATH TOWELS & WASH
CLOTHS

All items may be new or
gently used.



St Thomas More GIVING TREE . Gifts

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to buy for an entire family or

have **ANY** questions, contact Cindy Fears 317
-679-4029

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you for your support and kind-
ness!**



St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection December 29 and 30

- How we help those in need...
 - Person to person contact
 - Utility bill payments
 - Food from our pantry
 - “Changing Lives Forever” program
 - Connecting with local assistance resources
- Last year we handled 395 cases helping 1,149 people.
- Our caseload illustrates the continued needs of people within our surrounding area.
- We thank you for your generosity.



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