



*“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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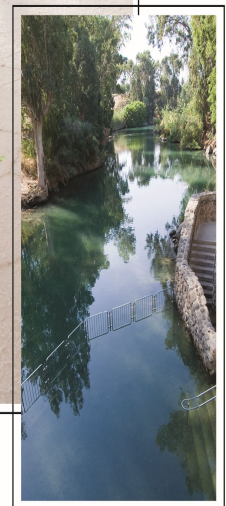
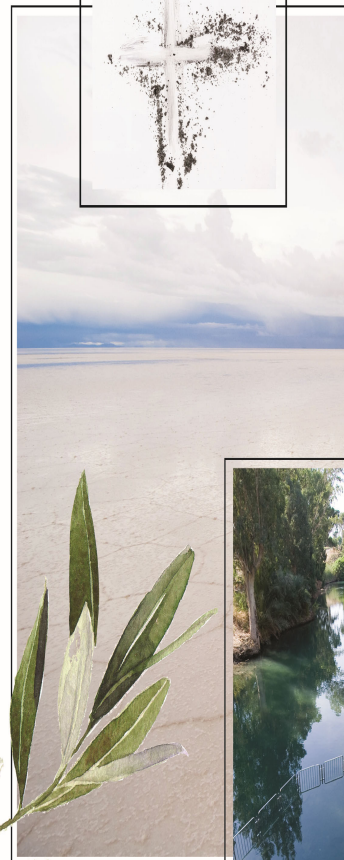
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Parish Mission Statement

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



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

~ Luke 4:1-2



1st Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With Ash Wednesday we entered into the holy season of Lent. It's definitely a time of grace for conversion. Ash symbolizes mourning, mortality and penance. Ashes are equivalent to dust or clay, and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash. When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins and that we want to use this season to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness to celebrate the joy of Easter. Why Ash on our forehead? A brief history: in the book of Esther, Mordecai, a faithful Jew, put on sackcloth and ashes when he heard of the decree of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes 685-664 BC) of Persia to kill all the Jewish people in the Persian empire (Esther 6:1). Job repented in sackcloth and ashes (Job 42:6). Prophecy of the Babylonian captivity of Jerusalem, Daniel wrote; "I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer; with fasting, sackcloth and ashes (Dn 9:3). In 5th century BC after Jonah's preaching of conversion and repentance, the town of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, and the king covered himself with sackcloth and ashes (Jon 3:5-6). These OT evidences help us understand the symbolic ash we put on our forehead today.

Jesus refers to sackcloth and ashes in Mt 11:21 in reference to the towns that refused to repent of their sins in spite of the many miracles and signs he performed in their midst: the Lord said: "If the miracles worked in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have reformed in sackcloth and ashes long ago". This practice continued in the Church from the very early part of church history. In the middle ages those who were about to die were laid on the ground on top of sackcloth sprinkled with ashes. The priest would bless the dying person with holy water saying, "Remember man, you are dust and unto dust you shall return". After sprinkling the ashes on the person the priest would ask: "Are you content with sackcloth and ashes in testimony of thy penance before the Lord in the day of judgment?" To which the dying person replied; "I am content".

As we begin this graceful season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have put on us. We mourn and do penance for our sins. Jesus gives us three weapons in this journey: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving; they are all interconnected; one flows from the other. United in prayer, the weapon of fasting helps us break the chains of the evil one (Dan 10) (II Chron 20) and bring out the fruits of conversion by almsgiving. May you all be open to the Holy Spirit and his work within in these 46 days. God Bless.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Francis J. Kalapurackal

Administrator St. Thomas More Catholic Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 11

5:00 pm-No Mass

Tuesday, March 12

8:30 am-Harry & Edna Flauaus

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 am-Gloria & Felis Hedden

Thursday, March 14

8:30 am-Robert Brock

Friday, March 15

7:30 pm-Bob Vickers

Saturday, March 16

5:00 pm-Nancy Lydick

Sunday, March 17

8:00 am-Richard & Connie Tomaszewski

10:45 am-Pat Sturrock

5:00 pm-Parishioners of St. Thomas More

Ministry Schedule for March 16 & 17, 2019

Ushers

5:00 pm-Jim Griffin, Connie Giovanoni

8:00 am-John & Kathy Phillips

10:45 am-Michael Tessmer

5:00 pm-Sue Willison

Lectors

5:00 pm-Yvonne Tom

8:00 am-Rosanne Roth

10:45 am-Jim Muskat

5:00 pm-

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm-Lauri Griffin, Norma Bangel

8:00 am-Katie & Ryan Lowe

10:45 am-Brian & Tracy Disney, Patti C.

5:00 pm-Donna Love, Andrea Woodson

Altar Servers

5:00 pm-Volunteer

8:00 am-Mary Reed, Parker & Makenna Reese

10:45 am-Tim Voi, Emily & Annabell Stephens

5:00 pm-Volunteers

Screens

5:00 pm-Carol Ammann

8:00 am- Striegels

10:45 am-Connor Cassidy

5:00 pm-Woodson family

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 or go online to webpage for registration

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 March 3, 2019		
		Actual
Saturday 5:00 PM		1,184.00
Sunday 8:00 AM		1,273.50
Sunday 10:45 AM		1,235.36
Sunday 5:00 PM		318.00
Other (mail in)		330.00
Other (Holy Days)		72.50
Electronic Giving		2,880.37
Total		7,293.73
As of 1/31/2019	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Weekend Collections	172,547.14	149,495.89
Electronic Giving	55,566.00	71,435.95
Total	228,113.14	220,931.84
Other Collections		Actual
Easter Flower		14.50
St. Vincent de Paul		30.85
Misc. Archdiocese		634.50
Criterion		440.00
Capital Maint. Fund		205.24
FIF Campaign		1,719.20
Total		3,044.29
Savings Accounts	12/31/2018	1/31/2019
FIF Campaign Fund	27,578.12	2,600.83
Capital Maint. Fund	38,232.97	39,279.54
ADLF FIF	480,117.35	519,315.90
ADLF Capital Maint.	100,446.73	100,816.73

ANNUAL SPRING GARAGE SALE

April 4 - 5 - 6, 2019

Start cleaning out those closets and storage areas! This is always a great big sale, so we need lots of clothes, books, toys, tools, etc. You may start leaving your items in the gym (come through the back doors) on March 25th Let's keep the sale a huge fundraiser to the church!! Thanks everyone.

COLLECTION FOR BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS

**THIS WEEKEND MARCH 10
PLEASE PLACE YOUR SPECIAL ENVELOPE IN THE REGULAR COLLECTION BASKET.**

LENT ACTIVITIES

March 10: 9:15 am-gym-Pivotal Players film series-St. Francis of Assisi
RCIA Rite of Sending: 10:45 am Mass
March 15: Fish Fry, Stations, Mass
March 17: 9:15 am-gym-Pivotal Players film St. Thomas Aquinas
Confirmation-Rite of Enrollment; 10:45 Mass

You are invited to Harvest House!

At St. Joseph's Wednesday, March 13

We will begin with Mass at noon.

Followed by lunch in Elford Hall.

Corned beef and cabbage.

There will be other things to eat if you don't like corned beef and cabbage.

After lunch we will play Euchre.

To join us please RSVP to Linda Hinsley at 317-201-8187.

We'd love to have all our over 50 friends join in the fun with us.

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day so don't forget your green.



**Campaign
Results through
1/31/19**

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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, 5:00 pm
Reconciliation 7:30 am, 10:15 am, 6:30 pm

MONTHLY

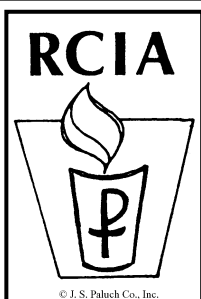
2nd Sun.-12:30 pm, St. Vincent de Paul
2nd Tues.-6:00 pm, Women of STM, Social Hall
2nd Thurs.-6:00 pm, Faith Formation Commission
3rd Sun.- Baptisms 3rd Wed.-6:30 pm, Pastoral
Council, Library
3rd Thurs.-6:00 pm, Liturgy Committee
3rd Sat. -6:30 pm-Euchre, Social Hall



The 2nd Step in Christian Initiation into the Catholic Church is the Liturgical Rite of Sending & Election. This marks a final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Catechumens and Candidates will inscribe their names in the Book of Elect as a pledge of fidelity.

CONGRATULATIONS

JESSICA BROWN, ISABELLE SULLY & ANGIE DUFOUR



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**FRIDAYS OF LENT
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS AT 7:00 PM
MASS FOLLOWING AT
7:30 PM**

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who were there for us during the final weeks and passing of our father and husband, James Fulkerson. Thanks to Franciscan Visiting Nurse Service, Madison Township paramedics, Franciscan Hospital and Hospice House, To Fr. Francis and Fr. Rob Hanke, the mass servers, Maureen and the choir and the Women's Club, To Hope Johnson, who covered our chapel hour for 2 months, To my children and grandchildren who spent every night and sent me home. Thanks to my brothers and sisters for being there for me. Thanks to the American Legion post and Carlisle/Branson. To all for thoughts, prayers, cards, visits & kind inquiries.

Love, Mary Fulkerson, Martin, Kathy, Julie, David & Paul

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.

ADORATION CHAPEL

All are welcome to stop in and sit at the feet of Jesus. The following hours are open:

Monday 3-4 pm, 4-5 pm;

Tuesday 3-4 pm; Wednesday 12-1pm; Thursday 2-3 am, 3-4am, 4-5 am, 4-5 pm; Friday 3-4 am, 8-9 am; Saturday 5-6 am, 9-10 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 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**

INDIANA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER SAT. MARCH 23 8:30 am-4:45 PM

A bus will be provided to and from the Conference. Bus will leave STM at 7:30 am and return by 4:30 pm (in time for 5 pm Mass)

Juice and breakfast snacks on bus. Free will donation will be taken for gas for the bus.

Cost is \$45.00 (includes handouts, box lunch, Mass, reconciliation, adoration & Benediction. Sign up in Social hall and pay at church office, put in envelope in collection or mail check to STM 1200 N. Indiana St. Memo Women's conference

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

Theresa Jarvis, Mary Wacker, Peggy Palmer, Martha Kalapurackal, Karen Pikosz, Ruth Griffin, Ken & Martha Fetsch, Marvin Stidham, Kim Cipriani, Shawn Collier, Danny McDaniel, Brian Laurenz, Patricia Allen, Brian Bomaster, Norman Rexing, Jameson Dolan 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

CAN RECYCLING

The Kindergarten/1st Grade class are collecting cans to recycle. Please help them with this endeavor. There will be a container in the social hall to put the cans in (aluminum only). All proceeds will go toward a needy family in our own parish. Thanks for your help

**K OF C FISH FRY
FRIDAYS OF LENT
5:00-6:45 pm (except Good Friday)**

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

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: Thanks!

Larry Janeczek 317-919-4156
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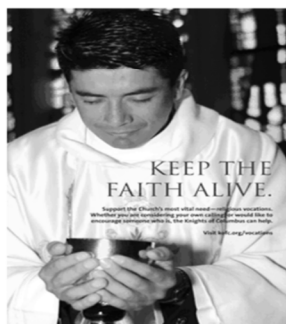
Vocations Ministry

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 Jim & Mary Bohney will take the basket. A sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall, or contact John Griffin at 317-554-7388. Visit www.heargodscall.com for additional information and resources about vocations and discerning a call.

*join Us for our SEMINARIAN VISIT and
vocations Awareness Event*

Monday, March 25th, 2019 in Social Hall

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. seminarian introductions & presentations to follow



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

**Families with Faith Formation Students
and All Youth
are especially encouraged to participate**



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