



**D December 13, 2020 3rd Sunday of Advent**

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

1200 N. Indiana Street Mooresville, IN 46158

Parish Office Phone 317-831-4142  
Emergency Phone 317-839-4255  
Adoration Chapel 317-831-4142  
Website www.stm-church.org

**Office Hours**

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

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday Anticipation: 5:30 pm  
**Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:45 am**  
Wednesday and Friday: 9:30 am  
Holy Hour: Wed., Fri. 8:30 am  
Holy Days: Call the office

**Reconciliation**

**Thursday 7:15-8:15 pm**

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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*

**St. Ann Catholic Church**

6350 S, Mooresville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46221

Parish Office Phone 317-821-2909  
Emergency Phone 317-839-4255  
Website www.st-ann-rcindy.org

**Office Hours**

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday Anticipation: 4:00 pm  
**Sunday: 9:00 am**  
Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30 am  
Holy Hour: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am  
Holy Days: anticipation 6:30 pm other TBD  
**Reconciliation**  
**Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm**

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**Parish Mission Statement**

We, the parish family of St. Ann Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, exist to love God and one another, to grow in our personal relationships and in our Lord, and to strengthen our community through prayer and worship.

As Christians, we are committed to reaching out to those in need in the larger southwestern Marion County area; and to demonstrate our concerns for the broader universal church and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in terms of sanctity of life, social justice, peace and love.

Steeped in the traditional faith and Catholic heritage of our founding members, we pledge our individual talents to harmoniously work in Christ's image for the growth and betterment of our community.

We accept the challenge of active stewardship of both our parish programs and property with time, talent and sacrificial giving and we pledge to preserve this legacy for future generations.



**December 13, 2020 Third Sunday in Advent**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

The third Sunday of Advent is called 'Gaudete' (rejoice) Sunday. The first reading, the Responsorial psalm and the 2nd reading focus on 'rejoicing'; but it is not equivalent to the joy and revelry of Christmas. The priest/deacon wear rose colored vestments, which says a lot about this Sunday as compared to the violet of Advent and the white or gold of Christmas. The theme running through the readings is Rejoice and Witness, a joyful witnessing of our faith. John the Baptist as a forerunner of Christ shows us the way to witness in humility and joy. John the Baptist becomes a pointer towards Christ the Messiah. The world needs witnesses for Christ, the way, the truth and the life. John came to witness to the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. The Baptizer wants all the Jews to rejoice because the long-awaited Messiah, as the Light of the world, will remove the darkness of sin from the world. We rejoice because, like John the Baptist, we too are chosen to bear witness to Jesus, the Light of the world.

Our parishes have been blessed to read the entire Bible in about 100 hours. I am so grateful to every one of you who made such a great sacrifice to read the Word of God, especially during the late and early hours of the four days. My special thanks to Marianne, Dan Brock and all the readers of the Word of God. I was so impressed to see many of you on-line listening to the Word being read to us. Involvement of our Confirmation students and the little ones like Lily Clephane reading the Word of God with power was so encouraging. In the midst of darkness and uncertainty around us, God sends us beacons of hope through the Word of God.

Our Blessed Mother Mary, whose Immaculate Conception we celebrated on Tuesday the 8th, has shown us the way to listen, meditate and en flesh the Word of God in our lives.

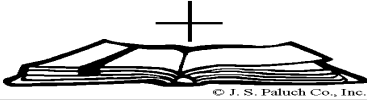
While rejoicing at the coming of the Messiah, do not forget to continue our preparation for Christmas through the repentance and conversion that John preached.

**Your Brother in Christ,**

**Fr. Francis J. Kalapurackal**

**Pastor of St. Ann & St. Thomas More Churches**

## Mass Intentions



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, December 14

9:30 am: Jim Bonny (STM)

#### Tuesday, December 15

9:30 am: Bob Crocker (STA)

#### Wednesday, December 16

9:30 am: Fr. Mark Gottemoeller

#### Thursday, December 17

9:30 am: Tom Duffy (STA)

#### Friday, December 18

9:30 am: Edna Broadstreet (STM)

#### Saturday, December 19

4:00 pm: Parishioners of St. Ann

5:30 pm: Ruth Viles & Parishioners of STM (STM)

#### Sunday, December 20

7:30 am: Edna Broadstreet (STM)

9:00 am: Helen Baar (STA)

10:45 am: Paul Jarvis (STM)

**Would you like to have a Mass offered at St. Ann for someone special?**

**Whether it's to say "thank you," or for an anniversary, graduation, wedding, Baptism, or in memoriam, call the office at 317-821-2909. Suggested donation per Mass intention is \$10**

**We extend our deepest sympathy to Pat Thompson and her family on the death of her husband Jim. Please keep them in prayer.**

*Rest in Peace*

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## 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

First-time parents must attend the Baptismal Preparation Class. Please call the parish office.

### Sacrament of Holy Orders

Those considering the Priesthood or a Religious Vocation, contact Fr. Francis or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 317-236-1490.

### Religious Education

STM: Grades K to 12-Sunday, 9:15 am-10:30 am  
High School, Confirmation-Sunday 9:15 am-10:30 am  
Call 317-831-4142

STA: Grades Pre-K to 12-Sunday, 10:00 am-11:15 am  
High School, Confirmation-Sunday, 10:30 am-11:45 am  
Call 317-821-2909

### Pastoral Care

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

### New Parishioners

Welcome to our parish families! Please contact the office for registration forms and information.. STM: 317-831-4142 STA: 317-821-2909 or go online to our webpages for registration information.

### Reconciliation

See the bulletin cover page.

### 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.

### Interested in the Faith

Inquiry sessions as part of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Call Parish Office

## STM 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: Peggy Weber, 317-831-4142  
Bible Study: Marianne Hawkins, 317-831-4142  
Faith Formation Commission: Pete Majeski, 317-697-2145,  
Knights of Columbus: Ron Cacciotti, 317-727-0005  
Liturgy: Larry Janeczek, 317-919-4156  
Parish Council: Karen Houk, 317-626-0560  
Project Rachel: 317-236-1569, 800-382-9836 Abortion Healing  
RCIA: Marianne, Deacon Joe, 317-831-4142  
Respect for Life Committee: Mari Vickers, 317-831-4142  
St. Thomas More Free Clinic: 317-831-1697  
St. Vincent de Paul: Joan Maxfield, 317-946-7218  
Stewardship: Janet DeRoche, 260-433-7278  
Technology Committee: 317-831-4142  
Vocation Promotion: John Griffin, 317-554-7388  
Welcoming Committee: Janet Deroche, 260-433-7278  
Women of STM (Women's Club): Kristy Ralston, 765-623-7746  
Angie Dufour, 317-730-6590

## ***Confessions During Advent***

**During Advent confessions will be heard on Wednesday and Friday from 8:45—9:15 am and Thursday evenings from 7:15—8:15 pm at St. Thomas More And Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45-9:15 am Saturday from 3:00-3:45 pm at St. Ann**

## **\$\$\$ FINANCIAL NEWS \$\$\$**

**Saint Ann-Your Gifts Make a Difference**

December 6, 2020

Collection	\$ 3260.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 345.00
New Ministries	\$ 85.00
Capital Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 3725.00
Fiscal YTD (shortfall)	\$ (13,536.00)
Giving Tree	\$ 140.00
Seeds of Hope	\$ 10.00
St. Vin. de Paul	\$ 280.00

**HUGE THANKS TO THE MEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE AND KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR PUTTING UP THE OUTSIDE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS! GOD BLESS YOU!**

**NO CHRISTMAS CARD BOX AT ST. THOMAS MORE THIS YEAR. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.**

**NO CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S NARRATION THIS YEAR. WE'RE VERY SORRY BUT HAVE CHOSEN TO ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION.**

**CITRUS MAY BE PICKED UP IN THE BARN AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND.**



## **50/50 REPORT**

*Saint Ann -  
12/6/2020  
Pot \$200.00  
#514 Hall*

### ***DID NOT PLAY***

To be eligible to win, place your envelope containing \$1.00, with name & registered number in one of the 50/50 boxes located by the entrances. All empty envelopes will be void.

***Saint Ann License - # 002377***

## **NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING OF ST. ANN BOOK CLUB**

**WED. JAN. 18, 7:00 PM**

The January book is "39 Saints You Should Know" by Brian O'Neel

Good and used copies available on Amazon.com as low as \$7.40

New members always welcome at the St. Ann Virtual Book Club

If you'd like to join contact  
[Amanda.gilliland@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.gilliland@gmail.com)  
[stannindy@gmail.com](mailto:stannindy@gmail.com)

## St Ann & St. Thomas More Upcoming Advent News

\***Advent Conversation Jar** with several questions can be a great way for family members to talk about Advent, especially if there are middle- or high-school children in the family. Ideas for questions include:

- ✦ Where did I see God today in my family, at school, in the community?
- ✦ What did I do today to be Christ to someone?
- ✦ Was there anything that happened to me that I would like to talk about?
- ✦ How can I make tomorrow better than today?

What am I most thankful for in this present moment?

Scripture quotes can be added as appropriate with some simple sharing around the table.

**Regardless of what tradition your family engages in, it is important to set aside regular time during the Advent season as a family to talk about Advent.**

\***Advent Daily Meditations:**

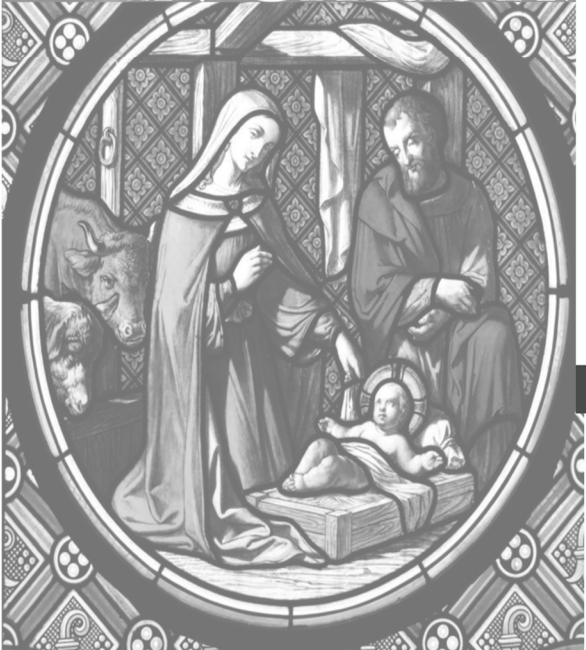


Rejoice with St. Joseph (\$5)

\***Advent Wreaths (\$10)**

\***Advent Wreath Candles (\$5)**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS <b>KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS</b>	St. Thomas More Catholic Church
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	<h3>POSTER CONTEST</h3> <p>Due: <u>December 21, 2020</u></p> <p>Sponsor: <u>St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 7431</u></p> <p>Contact: <u>Andrew Murrey 317-483-1776 or Marianne Hawkins 317-831-4142</u></p>  <p>FAITH IN ACTION</p>	 <p>5026 4/20</p> <p>FAMILY</p>
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Please contact one of the two persons listed above to have an electronic entry form e-mailed to you & learn where to drop of your child/children's completed poster(s). Submit a separate entry form for each child. **Contestants do not need to be St. Ann or St. Thomas More members**

***Holy Day Mass Schedule  
and Other Events  
December 2020—January 1, 2021***

**St. Ann**

**St. Thomas More**

**Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas**

Thurs., December 24	3:30 pm	5:00 pm
Thurs., December 24	8:00 pm	10:00 pm
Fri., December 25	9:00 am	7:30 am

**Mary, Holy Mother of God**

Thurs., December 31			
Adoration 3:30 pm	Mass 4:00 pm	5:30 pm	
Fri., January 1		9:30 am	<i>(combined)</i>

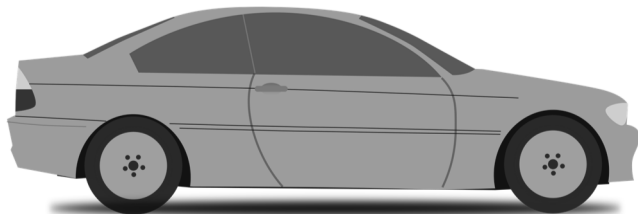
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**NEED A RIDE?**

If anyone needs a ride to church or for an important errand, see our volunteer drivers below. Preferred Mass time is listed. God bless!

Larry Janeczek	317-919-4156	on call
Jerry Weber	317-697-4914	on call
Rich Weihler	319-383-9723	Sat 5:30, 10:45
Mike Tessmer	317- 777-2052	10:45 am
Richard Hoying	317-752-7230	7:30 am
Dan Brock	765-243-1017	Sat 5:30 pm



Please keep our seriously ill parishioners and immediate family in prayer: Theresa Jarvis, Peggy Palmer, Don Drewenski, Ken Fetsch, Marvin Stidham, Kim Cipriani, Shawn Collier, Brian Laurenz, Norman Rexing, Jameson Dolan, Frances Mead, Eileen Edge, George Callies, Marie Baldwin, Larry Schubert, Carol Pikosz, Mary & Gene Bednarek, Judy Haynes, Alice Comstock, Irmgard Fischer, Ron Gall, Carole Grindstaff, Jim Wade, Susie Rexing, Barbara Besso, Jessica Kyle, Ken Brockus, Rosemary Albright, Brian Wesolowski, David Bruner, Arline Jervis, Gloria Lamourex, Nancy James, Carl Miller, Chris Griffin, Jim & Jan Musters, Yvonne Tom, Phyllis Seger, Francis O'Connor, Raju Mathew, Kevin O'Farrell, Neil Wagner, Jim Griffin, Londyn Logsdon, Kayla Carlisle

**WINTER IS COMING!** As much as we are enjoying the leaves turning color, our thoughts at St. Vincent de Paul are turning toward our homeless neighbors. We currently find ourselves completely out of men's clothing ... warm coats, parkas, jeans, hoodies, sweatshirts, sweaters, hats and gloves (gently used), winter boots ... socks and underwear (new) ... to get them prepared to withstand the winter season. And then there's blankets, sleeping bags and shower curtains (gently used) to protect them from the wet ground.

It's so easy to donate these items to SVdP: 1) drop them off at our Distribution Center dock, 1201 E. Maryland Street or 2) drop them off at one of over 30 SVdP blue boxes across the city. To find a box near you click here <http://www.svdpindy.org/i-want-to-help/find-a-clothing-bin/>.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR BAGS "FOR THE HOMELESS."** For you parents of high schoolers, did we mention we now have boxes at Bishop Chatard, Brebeuf, Cardinal Ritter, Cathedral, Guerin, and Roncalli?

Our homeless neighbors need our help more than ever. There are over 1,500 homeless in our community and we need to do everything in our power to keep them warm and safe in the months ahead. Questions? Linda Clodfelter [ldac1117@gmail.com](mailto:ldac1117@gmail.com). Thank you so much.

"Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ~ Luke 3:10-11



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH COLLECTIONS As of December 06, 2020		
		<b>Actual</b>
Saturday 5:30 PM		692.00
Sunday 7:30 AM		190.00
Sunday 10:45 AM		1,276.00
Other (mail in)		1,510.00
Electronic Giving		5,670.00
<b>Total Sunday Collections</b>		<b>9,338.00</b>
	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>
<b>As of 11/30/2020</b>		
<b>Weekend Collections</b>	141,666.65	158,274.15
		<b>Actual</b>
<b>Other Collections</b>		
Other-Giving Tree		1,865.00
St. Vincent dePaul		473.85
Misc. Archdiocese		239.59
Christmas & Flowers		368.00
Capital Maint. Fund		165.73
FIF Campaign		2,266.25
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,378.42</b>
	<b>10/31/2020</b>	<b>11/30/2020</b>
<b>Other Parish Funds</b>		
FIF Campaign Fund	534,236.57	545,458.54
Capital Maintenance Fund	139,879.35	140,694.27
General Fund	175,105.21	175,176.97



**CAMPAIGN RESULTS THROUGH 11/30/20**

**AMOUNT PLEDGED**  
\$940,202.00

**Amount Received**  
\$861,863. 21



## We Can Reach Our Goal Together

This weekend we would like to share with you the status of our Forward In Faith Capital Campaign. Gaudete Sunday is an excellent time to share JOY concerning the successes of our campaign and facilities upgrades. It is hard to believe that it has been over three years since we set out together on this journey to move our parish forward! Today, we celebrate the progress of this campaign and thank you for your amazing generosity as the campaign comes to a close.

We want to thank each and every one of you for your contributions over the past three years to help us achieve the objectives of the campaign. Projects already completed include construction of the rectory, the hearing device system, and electrical upgrades to the barn. As you hopefully saw in the letter from Fr. Francis a few weeks ago, we expect to begin work on the remaining projects very soon - the handicap-accessible doors to the church, the restroom renovation, the kitchen upgrades, and the classroom project. As with all major building projects, some projects will be under budget and others over budget. However, the total budget has stayed the same.

The end of this month will mark the end of the three-year pledge period. It's been inspiring to see the progress on the "thermometer chart" that shows our progress toward the goal of \$900,000. However, as we near the end of this journey, we estimate that we will end up short of our goal by up to \$40,000.

There are several reasons for this shortfall. Over the past three years, some of our parish family members have passed away, some have had their income reduced or even lost their jobs, and some have moved out of the parish. And of course, this past year has been extremely challenging due to the Covid-19 pandemic which has had a significant impact upon our daily lives and the life of our church. Unfortunately, these are tough times for many people in our community.

But it's also important to realize that even with all of the issues that we have faced, we are still very close to achieving our goal. Each of our parishioners has been affected differently, some more so than others. Some of our parish members, due to circumstances beyond their control, have not been able to continue their pledges as planned. Others have been able to complete their pledges and still others have been able to exceed their original pledge. We have all sacrificed as we have been able for the future of STM.

During this pandemic, there have been numerous examples of people rallying together to help their neighbors. We are asking all of our parishioners to prayerfully consider how they may be able to contribute during the final weeks of this campaign to achieve our goal.

We hope that those who have not been impacted as greatly may be able to step up and contribute a little bit more to help fill this gap. Although the formal pledge period ends on December 31, we plan to leave the collection period open into January. You may continue to contribute electronically, with envelopes, or by sending money to the office. Be sure to identify these additional contributions as intended for the FIF campaign. If you have additional questions, please contact Fr. Francis or the parish office.

It's never easy to ask for money, especially this time of year, and especially when everyone has already been so generous over the past three years. But we'd like you to think about what it would mean to achieve our goal - to be able to record in our history and celebrate that we, as St. Thomas More Parish, set a goal to make major improvements to move our parish Forward in Faith, and despite all the challenges including a pandemic, that we did it, and we did it together!

The Forward in Faith Leadership Team



See me for all your family insurance needs.



**PETER V. MAJESKI, AGENT**

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