

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts"
Psalm 95

January 31, 2021

Saint Thomas More Parish

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, Pastor
Rev. Father Eugene Casserly, Priest in Residence
Rev. Monsignor John Cassidy, Pastor Emeritus
Michele Kenaga, Parish Secretary and Faith Formation
James White, Maintenance

Finance Council

Jim Mathis, *chairperson*
Anne Bode
Joe Buehler
Mort O'Sullivan

Parish Pastoral Council

Bill Janis, *chairperson*
Ann Bode, *finance council representative*
Heidi Nees, *secretary*
Kathy Decker
James Etheridge
Molly Henley
Patrick Kinnell
Karen Manning
Carl Smith
Delia Stierwalt

Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Sacred Liturgy - Father Nicholas Schumm
Ushers - Charlie Dickin
Religious Education - Michele Kenaga
Faith Formation - Michele Kenaga
Youth Group - Sarah Manning
RCIA - Father Nicholas Schumm
Ladies Altar Society, CCW - Heidi Nees
Knights of Columbus - James Etheridge
Respect Life - Karen Manning
Bereavement - Michele Kenaga
Outreach - Lynn VanNatter
Burse Club - Joyce Edgar
Book Club - Mary Williams



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY — January 30th - 4:00 PM
PHYLLIS BOWEN †
Req. by: Jim Bowen

SUNDAY — January 31st
8:00 AM— **RICHARD McBAIN †**
Req. by: Jim and Gerry Pence

10:00 AM - **PRO POPULO**
(for the people of the parish)

7:00 PM - **BENJAMIN JOSE DIONISIO †**
Req. by: Raquel Confiado

MONDAY — February 1st - 7:00 AM
**MR. & MRS. STEPHEN KAZYAK
AND FAMILY (living)**
Req. by: William Kazyak

TUESDAY — February 2nd - 7:00 AM
LANCE LUN SMITH †
Req. by: Smitty Smith

TUESDAY — February 2nd - 6:00 PM
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
MISS GABRIELA KAZYAK (living)
Req. by: William Kazyak

WEDNESDAY — February 3rd - 7:00 AM
LT (JG) JACQUELINE McCABE (living)
Req. by: William Kazyak

THURSDAY — February 4th- 7:00 AM
VALERIE SCHUMM (birthday)
Req. by: Father Nicholas Schumm

FRIDAY— February 5th - 7:00 AM
ANN (Nina) ROSASCO †
Req. by: Angela Maria and Mary Rosasco

SATURDAY — February 6th - 4:00 PM
SUSAN BECKHEM †
Req. by: Susan Soule

EMERGENCY PHONE LINE



Attention to all parishioners of Saint Thomas More!
Our priests have a new phone line for Sacramental
emergencies only. Please leave a detailed voicemail
message at (850) 266-5996.

2021 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL



The 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) will begin the weekend of February 6th-7th. There will be brochures and pledge cards in the pews and in the Narthex. CSA raises money for all diocesan offices, programs, and ministries.

Saint Thomas More Parish is assessed annually by the diocese. The annual pledge drive goal is only half of that total, with the other half being paid by the parish throughout the year. Our total parish assessment is over \$72,000, so our CSA pledge goal is approximately \$36,000. This amount is raised through money pledged from parishioners. Whatever is not raised of this amount is still assessed by the diocese.

Saint Thomas More is blessed with over 250 registered households. Less than half pledged to CSA in 2020, and we are hopeful to increase those numbers this year. Please prayerfully consider your yearly pledge to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Bishop, Pastor, and fellow parishioners!

SAINT THOMAS MORE MEMBER GUIDELINES

To be considered an active parishioner:

1. Fill out a Parish Registration Form, and turn it in to the Parish Office or the offertory.
2. Attend Mass regularly (if not presently sick, vulnerable or quarantining).
3. Give a traceable offertory to Saint Thomas More Parish. Traceable means using checks with your name on them or using the preprinted envelopes sent to you after you register with the parish.
4. Prayerfully discern and give something to Catholic Sharing Appeal.

Benefits of doing these things:

- * You are prayed for daily and remembered in Masses offered for parishioners.
- * Discount on rental of Parish Hall.
- * School subsidy.
- * Hold weddings and funerals at Parish.

welcome

Are you new to the parish? There are Parish Registration forms in the vestibule. You can place it in the offertory collection, give it to an usher or greeter, or you can bring it by the Parish Office at 11 Broadmoor Lane.

FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION: The second required class for Confirmation is on **Saturday, February 6th in the Parish Hall from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.** Lunch will be provided. Please bring your Confirmation Registration, baptismal certificates, and sponsor information with you!

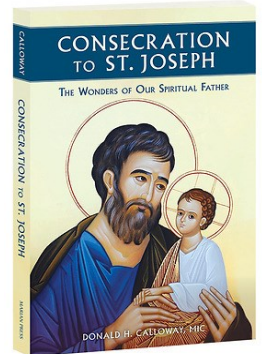
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The classes for 1st - 8th graders this semester will be held from 8:50 - 9:50 AM at the 412 Bayshore Drive Parish Office location. The February classes will be held on **February 7th and 21st.**

CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

Pope Francis declared 2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph. In anticipation for the Solemn Feast of Saint Joseph on March 19th, Father Nicholas and the Parish Council are encouraging parishioners to participate in 33 days of preparation for consecration to Saint Joseph.

The parish has ordered copies of the book by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father.* It will be offered to parishioners for a \$10 donation. Books will be available in the Narthex after the weekend Masses on February 6-7. You can also stop by the Parish Office for your book.

Father Nicholas will begin the 33 days of Preparation on Sunday, February 14th at 6:00 PM with a Eucharistic Holy Hour, Vespers (Evening Prayer), and a talk about Saint Joseph.



SAINT ANSGAR

Feast Day, February 3rd

Saint Ansgar was born in France, was a bishop in Germany, and lived from 801-865 AD. He is known as the "Apostle of the North."



The first missionary in the area of what is now Scandinavia, he was given the mission to evangelize the pagan people of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

From an early age and throughout his life, Ansgar experienced visions - as a student, monk, bishop, and missionary. He is known for his visions, his preaching ability, his love of the poor and sick, and his humble and prayerful life. He is the patron saint of Scandinavia.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23; Mk 1:29-39

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles; Groundhog Day
Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats;
Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions;
First Saturday

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 31—February 6, 2021

National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. During this week, Catholic schools around the country will mark this week with Mass, assemblies, and activities for students, families, parishioners, and community. The theme for the 2021 Catholic Schools Week is Faith. Excellence. Service.

In February, Catholic schools will begin the registration and enrollment process for the 2021-2022 school year. Grants and scholarships are available at every school, and parish subsidies are available for active parishioners of Saint Thomas More! If you are interested in Catholic Education for your family, please contact the principal or office of any Catholic School for more details about academics, for other information particular to that school, or in order to plan a school visit or tour.



Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Richard Beecher	Dan Owczarczak
Rusty Bizzell	Jim Pence
Dottie Bosso	Damion Rampersaud
Needa Brazwell	Babe Rohan
Rusty Budde	Mary Teschel
Anna Christco	Terry Teschel
Beth Gutermuth	Catherine Voisinet
Richard Hahner	Theresa Westcott
Regina Kaufman	Jinann Wey
Genny Manwaring	Dorothy Wilkerson
Nelson Ortiz	



If you would like the name of a parishioner or immediate family member added here, please contact the Parish Office at 850-456-2543.

If someone needs the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please call the Parish Office at 850-456-2543. If there is no answer, please leave a message with name and phone number and the priest will call you back.

CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES

1. If you or someone in your home has a positive test result, is sick, or has an underlying health issue, please stay home to keep yourself safe.
2. Always practice good hygiene. Wash your hands frequently, and avoid touching your face.
3. The church is sanitized daily, and professionally cleaned on Friday evenings.
4. At this time, we are still dispensed by Bishop Wack from attending Mass on Saturday evenings and Sundays.
5. **Bishop Wack encourages the wearing of masks.** To support this goal, the parish has facemasks available in the Narthex. Please wear masks in enclosed spaces such as the restrooms, narthex, and traveling to/from seats.
6. **Masks are required at the 4:00 PM Saturday Evening Mass for the duration of Mass.**
7. **COME TO MASS AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Your activities can increase the risk to yourself or others.

SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH NEWS & NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

Parish Events:

Parish Pastoral Council - The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 11th**, with dinner provided starting at 6:00 PM. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Ladies Altar Society, CCW— The next meeting will be on **February 14th** in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 AM Mass. All women of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Heidi Nees at (850) 384-6742.

Knights of Columbus Father Keating Council #15836 - The next meeting is **Tuesday, February 9th** at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call James Etheridge at (251) 294-0505.

Book Club Meeting – The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 2nd** at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall. The book this month is *House of Trelawney* by Hannah Rothschild. All are welcome at book club.

Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be said here at Saint Thomas More Parish every **Wednesday morning** at 7:30 AM following the 7:00 AM Daily Mass.

Parish Breakfasts
At this time there are no Parish Breakfasts.

Traditional Latin Masses:
Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Low Mass)
Every Third Sunday at 8:00 AM (Sung Mass)

Every Friday, Eucharistic Adoration follows the 7:00 AM Mass, Benediction at 8:00 AM.

First Saturday, The Holy Rosary will be recited at 3:30 PM in the church in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and her request at Fatima in 1917.



*"I want to give you the formula for sanctity.
First, be happy; Second, study and pray;
Third, do good to everyone."*

Saint John Bosco
Founder of the Salesians
Feast day, 31 January



THE MONTH OF JANUARY
IS DEDICATED TO
THE MOST HOLY NAME
OF JESUS.

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday at 7:00 AM, unless otherwise noted.

Saturday

Confessions at 3:00 PM

Mass at 4:00 PM - Face masks are mandatory at this Mass

Sunday

Mass at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 7:00 PM

Traditional Latin Mass

Every Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Third Sunday of every month at 8:00 AM

Bishop Wack extended the dispensation of the Obligation to attend Mass on the Lord's Day. One does not have to go to Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday until further notice.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS AND LOCATION

Our Parish Office has moved! We are now located at 11 Broadmoor Lane, very close to the Parish Hall and the Church.

Office hours are 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Our phone number remains (850) 456-2543.

Religious Education classes will continue to be held at the 412 Bayshore location for the remainder of the school year.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, and in parishes the weekend of February 6-7, 2021. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and thank them on their special day!



SAINT BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS



Ordinarily, there is a traditional blessing of throats on February 3rd in honor of St. Blaise. This year, due to COVID-19, Bishop Wack has instructed all parishes to forgo the use of crossed candles or the touching of individual throats. Instead, a communal blessing will be given to the people.

"If, for pastoral reasons, each individual cannot be blessed in the manner described...a priest or deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing." (Book of Blessings, n. 1628)