

Welcome to St. Thomas More Parish!



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Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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Parish Staff

Pastor	Fr. Frank Coady
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Pastoral Associate/Deacon	Wayne Talbot
Music Liturgist	Kelley Smith
Bell Choir Director	Pat Bidwell
Youth Minister	Rick Smith
Rel. Ed. Coordinator (K-6)	Sherry Watts
Pre-School Coordinators	Rebecca Burton/Tammy Wildes
Nursery Coordinator	Marilyn McCormack
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Secretary/Bookkeeper	Amanda Larrabee
Director of Maintenance	Jeff Larrabee
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:	4:30 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
	(Nursery provided during the 10:30 Sunday Masses)
Monday:	5:15 p.m.
Tuesday – Friday:	7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday:	3:30-4:00 p.m. or by appointment
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon.	3/26	5:15 p.m. – Asad Esmaeily
Tues.	3/27	7:00 a.m. – +Terry Miller
Wed.	3/28	7:00 a.m. – +John Norton
Thurs.	3/29	7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper +Rogie Rogenmoser
Fri.	3/30	12:10 p.m. – Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 p.m. – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

MASS INTENTIONS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

<i>Saturday, March 31</i>	
Vigil	4:30 p.m. – For Our Parish
<i>Sunday, April 1</i>	
Easter	7:30 a.m. – +Ida Feltman
Easter	9:00 a.m. – +Talbot Family
Easter	11:00 a.m. – +Bob & Gladys Kokenge

Parish Council Members: Tim Hegarty (Chair), Christine Benne, Vernon Schaffer, Sarah Bradford, Ellen Brockson, Rod McMullen, Kevin Dhuyvetter, Rose Kreller, Bob Smith, and Tamara Moes.

Finance Council Members: Paul Dehm (Chair), George Belin, Casey Carver, Ed Polley, Therese Miller, Darren Schumacher, Betty Frank, John Moes, Lorraine Willich, Toby Marks, and Tim Hegarty.

INFORMATION PILLAR: Information regarding Parish Registration, Change of Residence, Sacraments, and more can be found on the Information Pillar in the Gathering Area.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

- 1st Reading** – Acts 10:34a, 37-43
- 2nd Reading** – Colossians 3:1-4
- 3rd Reading** – John 20:1-9





FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	General
Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 11,259.88
Average Needed Weekly	\$ 17,659.14
Actual FY to Date Collections	\$ 670,452.38
FY to Date Needs	\$ 671,047.32
FY Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 594.94)

The Fiscal Year began on July 1, 2017



MORE MUSINGS

by Sherry Watts

We are almost at the end of the journey to Easter. The most holy days of the church year are before us. Going to church on all these holy days has been a family tradition since I was a young child. I remember hearing the Gospel describing the Lord's passion and death and wondering, "What would I have done if I had lived at the time of Jesus?" Simon of Cyrene always stood out to me. That poor man was in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover—maybe it was trip of a lifetime—found himself at the wrong place at the wrong time and was pulled in by the Roman soldiers to help Jesus carry the cross. What would I have done?

Today, you do not have to look far to see people carrying heavy crosses. One of the highlights of this Lenten season for me has been a DVD from *Catholic Relief Services* that was shipped with our Rice Bowls. The DVD was appropriate for children, so several of our Religious Education classes have viewed it. It tells the story of people who have heavy crosses to bear and explains how CRS is helping them.

One of the people highlighted on the video is an eight year old boy from Iraq. His name is Majd and he and his family had to flee their home when they were attacked by ISIS. Before the attack, Majd's family had a stable life with a large home and luxuries. Now they have been displaced, without even the certainty of a bed or food. CRS stepped in and found an apartment for Majd's family and many others. They started a school for Majd and other refugee children. Majd's mother said, "Majd is so motivated to go to school. He just wants it to be morning so he can go." The school provides Majd and the other children more than education; it means a normal life now and hope for the future.

Pope Francis says, "Jesus teaches us a different path. Do not classify others in order to see who is a neighbor and who is not. You can become neighbor to whomever you meet in need, and you will do so if you have compassion in your heart. That is to say, if you have that capacity to suffer with someone else. You must become a Samaritan." During this Holy Week, when we are concentrating on the cross of salvation, think about how you can help others with the burdens they carry. Fill up your Rice Bowl with coins and return it on Holy Thursday. Help *Catholic Relief Services* give the gift of hope and joy.



OF THE
WEEK

ADULT QUESTION:

What is one way that you personally "die in Christ"?

CHILDREN'S QUESTION:

What is one thing you can do every day as a reminder that Jesus died and rose for you?

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COMING UP...

- **Communal Penance**—Sunday, March 25, at 3:00 p.m.
- **Walk for Life**—Sign-up in the Gathering Area after Masses this weekend to participate in the Walk for Life. More information can be found in the InforMore.
- **INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS:**
 - Tuesday, March 27 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, March 28 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- **Thom’s Moms**—Tuesday, March 27, Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. in Room A. All moms are welcome. Contact: Elaine Mick (913-244-0963) or Allison Furasek (402-560-8753)
- **NO “Walking Utopia,” Tuesday Basketball, & Card Group**—Tuesday, March 27.
- **NO K-6 & Junior YM**—Wednesday, March 28.
- **Adult & Bell Choir Rehearsal**—Wednesday, March 28, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- **Holy Thursday “Mass of the Lord’s Supper”**—March 29 at 7:00 p.m. Adoration following Mass until 10:00 p.m. in the DMC. (Rice Bowl Collection)
- **NO “Walking Utopia,” Men’s Bible Study, & RCIA**—Thursday, March 29.
- **Good Friday Services**—March 30 at 12:10 & 7:00 p.m. (Holy Land Good Friday Collection)
- **Office Closed & NO “Walking Utopia”**—Friday, March 30.
- **Art & Environment**—Saturday, March 31, at 8:00 a.m. in the church to prepare for Easter.
- **RCIA Morning Prayer**—March 31 at 10:00 a.m. followed by RCIA & RCIC Rehearsal.
- **Mass Server Vigil Rehearsal**—March 31 at 11:15 a.m.
- **Easter Vigil**—March 31 at 8:30 p.m. Reception following in Utopia.
- **NO PK, Senior YM, Children’s Lit, & Adult Ed**—Sunday, April 1.



	7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday (March 29)	12:10 p.m. Good Friday (March 30)	7:00 p.m. Good Friday (March 30)
Extraordinary Minister	1) Darren Schumacher 2) Harry Hardy 3) Kathy Bellinder 4) Therese Miller 5) Christine Benne	1) Harry Hardy 2) Kathy Bellinder	1) Josefina Gantt 2) Christine Benne
Lector	1) Dionne Greif 2) Shelley Carver	V&1) Rob Riforgiate 2) Sally Irwin N) Darren Schumacher	V&1) Steve Jurgensmeier 2) Sally Irwin N) Dionne Greif
Usher	1) Casey Carver 2) Sherry Watts 3) Kathy Jones 4)	1) Sherry Watts 2)	1) 2)
Mass Server	1) Sarah Talbot 2) Meredith Baumann	1) Sarah Talbot 2) Maddy Signore	1) Roman Talbot 2)
Organist	Geralyn Tracz	Cathy Harmes	
Music Min	Adult Choir & Bell Choir	Adult Choir	Adult Choir
Lit Coord	Nancy Hardy		Duane McKinney

If you can help, please sign up using the Online Ministry Scheduler or by contacting the parish office!

	8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil (Saturday, March 31)	7:30 a.m. Easter (Sunday, April 1)	9:00 a.m. Easter (Sunday, April 1)	11:00 a.m. Easter (Sunday, April 1)
Lit Coordinator	Duane McKinney	Kris Aspen	George & Alice Ham	Claire Beck
Extraordinary Ministers	1) Josefina Gantt 2) Christine Benne 3) Bob Weber 4) Mary Guttieri 5) Larry Brockson 6) Darren Schumacher	1) Mary Guttieri 2) Donna Erpelding 3) Eugene DeDonder 4) Megan Beran 5) Ryan Beran 6) Mike Kleinhenz	1) Harry Hardy 2) Kathy Bellinder 3) Cheryl Sigle 4) Rose Howe 5) 6) Brian Geisbrecht	1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6)
Lectors	1) Darren Schumacher 2) Charles Pottorff 3) Sherry Watts 4) Thomas Place 5) Tyler McNamee	1) Katie Kleinhenz 2) Kris Aspen	1) Shelley Carver 2) Elaine Mick	1) Hanna Zerr 2) Adam Zerr
Ushers	1) Kelly Adams 2) Brad Fagan 3) 4)	1) 2) Allen Schwartz 3) 4)	1) Casey Carver 2) 3) 4) 5) 6)	1) 2) 3) 4) 5) 6)
Mass Servers	1) Roman Talbot 2) 3)	1) 2)	1) 2)	1) Maddy Signore 2) Joel Signore
Music Ministers	Adult & Bell Choirs Geraldyn Tracz	Gloria Holcome Pat Gaschler Cathy Harnes	Kelley Smith Pat Bidwell Geraldyn Tracz	Youth Choir Kelley Smith
A&E	Marjorie Devlin			
N2N Ogden	D Erpelding	S Simonson	J Zelko	N2N Meals Carver Team
All Liturgical Ministers: Please be at church 20 minutes prior to Mass!				

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 25

Walk for Life Sign-ups in GA
 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Scriptures – Rm A, B
 9:35 a.m. – Oremus – Zimmerman
 10:30 a.m. – PK Classes
 3:00 p.m. – Communal Penance – Church
 3:30 p.m. – Senior YM – Parish Commons
 4:30 p.m. – Youth Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm
 6:00 p.m. – Seder Meal – 7D
 6:30 p.m. – Youth Choir Rehearsal (Easter) - Church

Monday, March 26

Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11
 9:30 a.m. – US Catechism – Zimmerman
 7:00 p.m. – Communal Penance – 7D

Tuesday, March 27

Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33, 36-38
 7:00-9:00 a.m. – NO “Walking Utopia”
 8:00 a.m. – Book Study Group – Ninemire
 9:00 a.m. – Thom’s Moms – Rm A
 5:00-6:30 p.m. – Individual Confessions
 6:15 p.m. – Prayer Group – DMC
 7:00 p.m. – NO Card Group & Tuesday Basketball

Wednesday, March 28

Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25
 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Individual Confessions
 4:10, 5:30, 7:00 p.m. – NO K-6 Classes
 6:30 p.m. – Adult & Bell Choirs – Choir Rm & Church
 7:00 p.m. – NO Junior YM

Thursday, March 29

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15
 7:00-9:00 a.m. – NO “Walking Utopia”
 7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday “Mass of the Lord’s Supper”
 Adoration following Mass until 10:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m. – NO Men’s Bible Study & RCIA

Friday, March 30

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42
 7:00-9:00 a.m. – NO “Walking Utopia”
 12:10 p.m. – Good Friday Service
 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service
 Office Closed

Saturday, March 31

Genesis 1:1-2:2 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Isaiah 54:5-14
Ezekiel 36:16-28 Romans 6:3-11 Mark 16:1-7
 8:00 a.m. – Art & Environment – Church
 10:00 a.m. – RCIA Morning Prayer – DMC
 10:15 a.m. – RCIA & RCIC Rehearsal – Church
 11:15 a.m. – Vigil Mass Server Rehearsal – Church
 8:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil (Reception following in Utopia)

Sunday, April 1

7:30 a.m. – Easter Mass
 9:00 a.m. – Easter Mass
 9:30 a.m. – NO Sunday Scriptures & Oremus
 10:00 a.m. – Youth Choir Rehearsal – Choir Rm & Church
 10:30 a.m. – NO PK Classes
 11:00 a.m. – Easter Mass
 3:30 p.m. – NO Senior YM