

# Third Sunday of Advent

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

16 December 2018

## Saint Thomas More Parish

Rev. Father Nicholas Schumm, *pastor*  
Rev. Father Eugene Casserly, *priest in residence*  
Rev. Monsignor John Cassidy, *pastor emeritus*  
Lois Hicks, *office manager & parish assistant*  
Robin Whipple, *office receptionist*  
Sarah Manning, *youth group*  
Susan Henderson, *parish organist*  
Claudia Hill, *part-time office assistant*  
Betty Jo Tanner, *part-time data assistant*  
Kevin McCall, *missionary*

### Finance Council

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

### Parish Pastoral Council

Michael Juhas, *chairperson*  
Michael Barrett  
Barbara Bibb  
Ann Bode, *finance council representative*  
Karen Buelow  
Casey Etheridge  
Brenna Gintyrapp  
Molly Henley, *secretary*  
Tony Howard  
Patrick Kinnell  
Penny Locke  
Kevin McCall  
Nelson Ortiz  
Delia Stierwalt  
Alan Tschirgi

### Other Parish Groups and Ministries

Sacred Liturgy — Father Nicholas Schumm  
Organist & Sacred Music — Susan Henderson  
Ushers — Charlie Dickin  
Religious Education — Paige Sanchez  
Youth Group—Sarah Manning  
RCIA – Father Nicholas Schumm  
Ladies Altar Society — Heidi Nees  
Knights of Columbus — Alan Tschirgi  
Bereavement — Charlene Grant  
Outreach — Lynn VanNatter  
HOPE Ministry — Nelson Ortiz  
Burse Club — Joyce Edgar  
Book Club — Mary Williams  
Prayer Chain—Walter Marsh



## MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY – December 15th– 4:00 PM  
**Angela Fishburn †**

Req. by: Joel & Becky Edmondson

SUNDAY – December 16th- 8:00 AM  
**Delores Linton †**

Req. by: Fred & Linda Faust

SUNDAY – December 16th - 10:00 AM  
**Pro Populo (For the Parish)**

MONDAY– December 17th– 6:40 AM  
**Dick Stierwalt †**

Req. by: Delia Stierwalt

TUESDAY—December 18th- 6:40 AM  
**Muriel Redmond †**

Req. by: Joe Buehler

WEDNESDAY– December 19th– 6:40 AM  
**John D. Bowen, Jr. †**

Req. by: Jim Bowen

THURSDAY – December 20th– 6:40 AM  
**Thomas Doss †**

Req. by: Delia Stierwalt

FRIDAY— December 21st– 6:40 PM  
**Karl & Rita Cook †**

Req. by: Hanna Family

SATURDAY—December 22nd—4:00 PM  
**Robin Whipple-Birthday 12/21**

Req. by: Father Nicholas Schumm

## **WE WELCOME YOU!**

New to the parish? There are Parish Registration forms in the vestibule, please fill a form out and give it to an usher/greeter, place it in the offertory collection, or stop by the parish office to register.

## **Parish Events:**

### **STM Ladies Altar Society**

Next Meeting will be Sunday, **January 13th** after 8 am. Mass in the Parish Hall. They usually meet on the second Sunday. All women of the parish are welcome. For more info call Heidi Nees at (850) 384-6742.

### **Knights of Columbus**

#### **Father Keating Council #15836**

Next business meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 8th** at 6 pm in Parish Hall. For more info contact Grand Knight Alan Tschirgi . (850)458-2361

**Book Club Meeting** – The next meeting is Tuesday, **January 8th** at 9:30 am in the Parish Office and Activities Center. The book for November is **Ordinary Grace** by William Kent Kruger. All are welcome to attend the 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 am following the 6:40 am Daily Mass.

### **Parish Breakfasts -**

First Sunday: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Second Sunday: Ladies Altar Society

Third Sunday: Molly Henley

Fourth Sunday: Salamida Family

Fifth Sunday (Occasional): Parish Council Breakfast

### **Traditional Latin Masses—**

**Third Sunday, December 16th at 12:30 pm**

**First Tuesday, January 1st—NO LATIN MASS**

Traditional Latin Masses are held every third Sunday and every first Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.

**Every Friday**, Eucharistic Adoration 7 am -8 am.

**Every Wednesday**, Bible Study—Faith Formation 6 pm—7:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

**First Friday**, Mass at 6:40 am with Eucharistic Holy Hour 7-8:00 am. Unless otherwise noted.

**First Love Adoration on January 4th**, with praise and prayer from 6-8:00 pm with reception following in Parish Hall . This is held the first Friday of every month unless otherwise noted.

**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.

We are now offering free Notary Services In the Parish Office. If you need a notary, please call Lois in the office at (850) 456-2543 to set up an appointment. This is a free service.

**NOTARY**

# **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sunday, December 16th**—Traditional Latin Mass 12:30 pm.

**Wednesday, December 19th**— Parish Office will open at 8:30 am.

**Tuesday & Wednesday, December 25th & 26th**— Parish Office will be closed and will reopen December 27th.

**Monday, December 24th**—Christmas Mass Vigil 4 pm, No 6:40 Mass—this fulfills the Holy Day of Obligation

**Tuesday, December 25th**—**Holy Day of Obligation** Christmas Midnight Mass 12 am and Christmas Day Mass 8 am

**Wednesday, December 26th through Friday, December 28th**—Daily Mass will begin at 8 am. (There will be no other Masses during these days.)

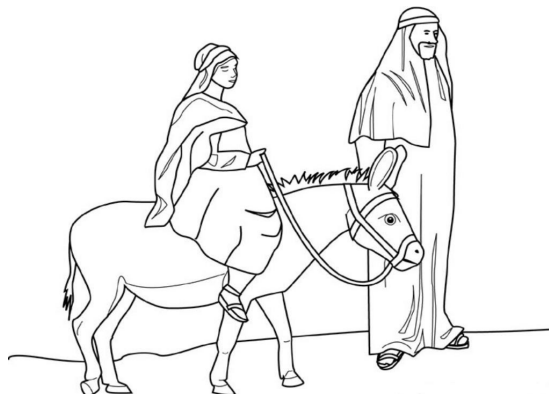
**Saturday, December 29th**—**Anticipated Feast of the Holy Family** 3 pm Confessions—4 pm Mass.

**Sunday, December 30th**—**Feast of the Holy Family** 8 am Mass—10 am Mass.

**Monday, December 31st**—New Year's Eve—**Holy Day of Obligation**—Daily Mass will begin at 8 am and 4 pm Vigil Mass for Octave Day of Nativity.

**Tuesday, January 1st**—New Year's Day—8 am Mass for the Octave Day of Nativity and Holy Mother of God. No Latin Mass at 6 pm. Parish Office is closed.

The month of December  
is dedicated to the  
Immaculate Conception and  
the Holy Christ Child



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,  
16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:  
46-56  
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;  
*Las Posadas* begins  
Tuesday: International Migrants Day  
Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

### SAINT JOHN SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

The Saint John School Alumni Committee is planning a reunion in the spring 2019 for all former students and alumni. If you are interested in more information, please send your contact information—name (including maiden name), phone, email along with the years you attended SJS and year graduated to [sjspcola@gmail.com](mailto:sjspcola@gmail.com).




### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are a practical Catholic man age 18 or above interested in actively serving Saint Thomas More Parish and the community please consider membership in Father Keating Council # 15836 of the Knights of Columbus. For further information, please call Alan Tschirgi at (850)458-2361 or (770) 298-9524.



### Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

Bill Alexander		John McKeon
Betty Appelberg		Dan Owczarczak
Richard Beecher		Sherry Peacock
Needa Brazwell		Jane Pearson
Jack Brazwell		Babe Rohan
Rusty Budde		Bob Russo
Anna Christco		Mary Teschel
Susan Henderson		Terry Teschel
Alicia Kelson		Jinann Wey
Helen Manley		Dorothy Wilkerson
Genny Manwaring		

If someone needs the *Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick*—please call the parish office. If there is no answer, please leave a message with name and phone number and the priest will call you back.

### BLUE CHRISTMAS MASS

Saint Paul's Catholic Church Bereavement Support Ministry invites you to join us in remembering your loved ones. Mass and Candle Lighting Service Wednesday, December 19th at 7 pm, 3131 Hyde Park Road, Pensacola. This Mass is intended to comfort those who have lost a loved one or otherwise find this time of year and the expectations that go with it difficult.



### EMERALD COAST WALK FOR LIFE

The Emerald Coast Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, January 12th. Rally begins at 11 am with featured speaker Dr. Alveda King. Associated with Priests for Life, her ministries are Civil Rights for the Unborn, Silent No More, and African American Outreach. The walk follows. Rally venue is Maritime Park, 301 W. Main Street, Pensacola. A Vigil Mass on Friday, January 11th with Bishop Wack at Saint Paul's at 6:30 pm and a youth and young adult Mass at Saint Joseph's with Father Nicholas Schumm at 9 am on the 12th precede these events. See diocesan website Events page. Contact [jane@eccfl.org](mailto:jane@eccfl.org) or call 850-889-1035.



# Saint Thomas More Parish News & Noteworthy Items

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday, December 19th at 6 pm we will be starting the study of the book **“Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist”** by Brant Pitre, with Father Nicholas Schumm facilitating. All adults are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for this in-depth study of the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist and how our faith grew out of Judaism. The cost of the book will be \$10. The studies start at 6 pm and will conclude about 7:35 pm.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Regular weekly Religious Education classes will start on Sunday, September 9th. Classes take place from 8:50 –9:50 am in the parish office behind the church. The schedule is as follows:

Sundays in December: 9, 16— No class 23rd & 30th

Sundays in January: 6, 13, 20, 27

Sundays in February: 3, 10, 17, 24

Sundays in March: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

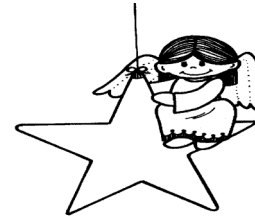
## DIRECTORY SIGN-UPS

A new pictorial directory of all REGISTERED parishioners will be created in March. This directory will help not only new comers, but also those who attend different Masses get to know their church family, therefore we ask everyone in our parish to participate! Photography sessions will start on February 26th and go through March the 1st. Sign-ups for these sessions will begin after the Masses December 22nd and 23rd. For those who are not registered, you may do so at the time of scheduling or by calling the office. VOLUNTEERS are needed to help with this process! Please contact Kevin McCall in person or [kevinmccall@hotmail.com](mailto:kevinmccall@hotmail.com) if you are able to help.



## ANGEL TREE

The annual Angel Tree will be in the church beginning the weekend of Saturday November 24th. Please take a card and show God’s love to someone this Christmas. **RECORD YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER in the book.** Return all gifts (with the cards) Saturday, December 15th or Sunday, December 16th. Gifts will be brought from the church to the hall after each Mass on the weekend of December 15th and 16th. Return the card with the gift, and please say a prayer throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons for the healing, joy, reconciliation, and peace of those who you will be blessing this Christmas. If you have any questions please contact, James or Casey Etheridge at 251-294-0505 or 573-465-1406 or by email at [jbe333@gmail.com](mailto:jbe333@gmail.com).



## ALTAR RENOVATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As most of you may know, when doing our Altar Renovations earlier this year, Saint Thomas More did not take out a loan for the renovations. We were able to borrow the money from our Savings Account and are paying it back as the donations come in.

INITIAL BUDGETED AMOUNT	\$550,000.00
GOAL (actual amount of renovations)	\$483,796.08
COLLECTED TO DATE (as of 12/7/18)	\$402,512.12
AMOUNT STILL OWED TO SAVINGS	\$81,283.96

We would like to thank all those who have contributed to the Altar Renovations Campaign! And for those who wish to contribute, there are special green “Altar Renovation” envelopes in the vestibule.

## TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive your 2018 Giving Statement, please contact the parish office at (850) 456-2543 so we can put your name on the list.

