

# Third Sunday of Advent

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

**17 December 2017**

## **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*  
Sarah Manning, *youth group*  
Susan Henderson, *parish organist*  
Thomas More Salamida, *maintenance*  
Claudia Hill, *part-time office assistant*  
Betty Jo Tanner, *part-time data assistant*  
Kevin McCall, *missionary*

### **Finance Council**

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

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Michael Juhas, *chairperson*  
Ann Bode  
Stoney Dyson  
Becky Edmondson  
Casey Etheridge  
Molly Henley  
Patrick Kinnell  
Penny Locke  
Nelson Ortiz  
Al Sharlow  
Jane Turner

### **Other Parish Groups and Ministries**

Sacred Liturgy — Father Nicholas Schumm  
Organist & Sacred Music — Susan Henderson  
Ushers — Charlie Dickin  
Religious Education — Michele Keegan  
Youth Group—Sarah Manning  
RCIA — Father Nicholas Schumm  
Ladies Altar Society — Lynn VanNatter  
Knights of Columbus — Alan Tschirgi  
Bereavement — Charlene Grant  
Outreach — Lynn VanNatter  
HOPE Ministry — Nelson Ortiz  
Burse Club — Regina Booth  
Book Club — Mary Williams  
Prayer Chain—Stoney Dyson

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**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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY – December 16th – 4:00 PM

**Randy Williams †**

Req. by: Mary Williams

SUNDAY – December 17th - 8:00 AM

**Norman Booth †**

Req. by: Regina Booth

SUNDAY – December 17th - 10:00 AM

**Pro Populo (For the Parish)**

MONDAY – December 18th - 6:40 AM

**Phyllis Bowen †**

Req. by: Jim Bowen

TUESDAY - December 19th - 6:40 AM

**Seneca John Bowen †**

Req. by: Jim Bowen

WEDNESDAY – December 20th - 6:40 AM

**Jack Bowen †**

Req. by: Jim Bowen

THURSDAY – December 21st – 6:40 AM

**Karl & Rita Cook †**

Req. by: The Hanna Family

FRIDAY – December 22nd – 6:40 AM

**Maureen Price †**

Req. by: Jane Pearson

SATURDAY – December 23rd – 4:00 PM

**Mary Fortney †**

Req. by: Jim Fortney

## Parish Events:

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Next Meeting will be held on Thursday, **January 11th** starting at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Council members sit at the table. All parishioners are welcome to attend and sit in the row of chairs provided. For more info call Parish Office (850) 456-2543.

### **STM Ladies Altar Society**

Next Meeting will be Sunday, **January 14th** after 8 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. They usually meet on the second Sunday. All women of the parish are welcome. For more info call Lynn Vanatter at (850) 456-1070.

### **Knights of Columbus**

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

Next business meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 9th** at 6:00 PM in Parish Hall. For more info contact Grand Knight Alan Tschirgi . (850)458-2361

**Book Club Meeting** – The next meeting is Tuesday, **January 9th** at 9:30 AM in the Parish Office and Activities Center. The book for December is **Twenty and Ten** by Clarie Hutchet Bishop. All are welcome to attend book club.

**Weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** will be said here at Saint Thomas More Parish every **Wednesday morning** at 7:00 AM following the 6:40 AM Daily Mass.

### **Parish Breakfasts -**

First Sunday: Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast  
Second Sunday: Ladies Altar Society  
Third Sunday: Knights of Columbus– Coffee & Donuts  
Fourth Sunday: Shawn & Kathy Salamida  
Fifth Sunday (Occasional): Parish Council Breakfast

**Breaking Open the Word** scripture study of upcoming Sunday Gospel, **Wednesdays, 6:00–7:30 PM** in the Parish Hall.

Traditional Latin Mass at 12:30 PM. **Sunday, December 17th.** (Usually on Third Sunday)

Traditional Latin Mass at 6:00 PM. **Tuesday, January 2nd.**

Traditional Latin Mass at 12:30 PM, **Sunday, December 17th.** (Usually the Third Sunday)

**EVERY FRIDAY,** Eucharistic Adoration 7-8:00 AM.

**First Friday,** Mass at 6:40 AM with Eucharistic Holy Hour 7-8:00 AM. Unless otherwise noted. Also, **First Love Adoration on February 2nd,** with praise and prayer from 6-8:30 PM.

**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.

# dates to Remember

**Sunday, December 17th**—Latin Mass at 12:30 pm.

**Monday, December 25th**—Merry Christmas!

**Tuesday, December 26th**—The Parish Office will be closed.

**Thursday, December 29th**—The Parish Office will be closed.

**Sunday, December 31st**—There will be **No** Parish Council Breakfast due to holiday.

**Tuesday, January 2nd**—The Parish Office will be closed. We will re-open on Wednesday, January 3rd.

**Thursday, January 4th**— Epiphany Concert in the Church at 6:00 pm, reception to follow with hors d'oeuvres.

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



### **Religious Education Classes**

There will be **No** Religious Ed on the following days -  
Sunday—December 17th  
Sunday— December 24th  
Sunday - December 31st

## *Saint Thomas More Parish News & Noteworthy Items*

### **Calling all Catholics who need Confirmation**

In the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee Confirmation is received in the 9th grade (age 15 or older). If you know someone who is baptized Catholic but needs Confirmation please call the Parish office at (850) 456-2543 to be placed on the list. We will have these sessions in preparation for Confirmation, which will be on March 11, 2018 at the 10:00 am Mass.

### **Confirmation Preparation Sessions Schedule**

Saturday, January 20th	9:00—11:00 am
January 26th—28th	Youth Conference
Saturday, February 17th Lunch will be provided	9:00 am—12:30 pm
February 14th Ash Wednesday	Mass at 6:00 pm
Saturday, March 3rd	9:00 am—11:00 am
Saturday, March 10th Retreat and Rehearsal Lunch will be provided.	9:00 am—12:30 pm

**You must be pre-registered by January 14th. Please call the parish office at (850) 456-2543 to register.**

### **RCIA**

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 3rd**. We will join Bible Study in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm.



“Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'...”

*-Alfred Tennyson*

### **37th Annual Catholic Renewal Conference February 23-25, 2018**

The 37th Annual Catholic Conference will be held at the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church Parish Life Center in Niceville, Florida. Speakers include Bishop William Wack, Jim Murphy, Father Nicholas Schumm, Michelle Benzinger and Father Will Ganci. Missionary Kevin McCall will host a “Prophetic Prayer” workshop. You can pre-register online at [www.pt-dccr.org](http://www.pt-dccr.org). Pre-registration must be received by February 9, 2018. Cost is \$25 per person, \$45 family, Youth under 18 are free. At the door registration is an additional \$10.00.

### **Youth Group Events**

Please join the youth group and their families to attend the Epiphany Concert on January 4th, at 6:00 pm. We will attend the reception in the hall following the concert. Please contact Sarah Manning at (850) 266-4799 if you have any questions.

### **January Events**

January 12th—Youth Group will gather for the Mass of Life at Saint Paul Parish with Bishop William Wack at 6:30 pm. More details to come.

January 13th—Walk for Life at Seville Square at 10:30 am. More details to come.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;  
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;  
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;  
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Thursday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

Saturday: St. John of Kanty

## 2018 Epiphany Concert "A Journey to the Manger"

Join us on Thursday, January 4th at 6:00 pm for "A Journey to the Manger" featuring Libby Hargrave, Mitzi Holt, Jennifer Taylor, Herb & Brenda Boutwell, Laura Young, Ty LoVette, Jordan Benson, Sam Waite and Dennis Gossman. A reception will follow in the parish hall. This is a free event and all are welcome!



Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of heaven.  
—Georg C. Lichtenberg

## Please, pray for our sick parishioners:

John Clark  
Bill Alexander  
Richard Beechaer  
Regina Booth  
Needa Brazwell  
Jack Brazwell  
Rusty Budde  
Anna Chrisco  
Chipley Clopton  
Tommy Clopton  
Charles Hanson  
Marylee Hanson  
Regina Kaufman  
Patrick Kelly  
Alicia Kelson  
Helen Manley  
Genny Manwaring  
Carolyn Merritt  
Dan Owczarczak  
Babe Rohan  
Bob Russo  
Chris Russo  
Mary Teschel  
Terry Teschel  
Coreen Singh  
Jinann Wey



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

## Tax Season

If you would like to receive a 2017 letter of giving for tax purposes, please call the front office at (850) 456-2543. We will be sending them out the second week in January.



## 2018 Mass Intentions Book

Our 2018 Mass Intentions Book is open for the month of January. The rest of the months will be available after January 1. Stop by and see Lois to get your intentions scheduled today.

**Saint Thomas More** is looking for weekly and Feast Day Sponsors for Altar Flowers. \$150.00 donation will ensure the 4 vases on the Altar. In addition to your donation, an "In Honor Of" or "In Memory Of" will be printed in the weekly bulletin. If you are interested, please call the office at (850) 456-2543.

