



The 2nd Collection this weekend is for the Diocese of Owensboro in Kentucky, which was hardest hit by the tornadoes of December 10-11.

St Thomas' second collection for Eagle Catholic has been moved to the weekend of February 5-6th.

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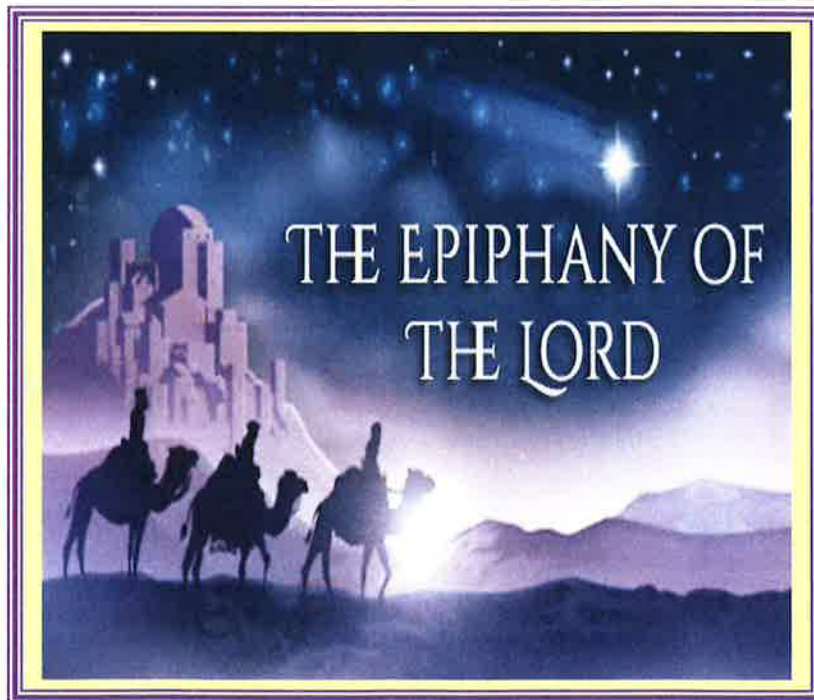
December 26th Collection: \$ 6,880.26
Christmas \$15,551.93
Direct Deposit: \$2,880.00
Online \$237.50

Upcoming Second Collections
 January 2nd Kentucky Tornado Victims
 January 9th Aged & Infirm Priests
 January 16th Building Fund
 January 23rd Saltillo/Church in Latin America
 January 30th St Vincent de Paul

Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.
 Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8:00, 10:15 AM, 6PM
Weekday Masses:
 Mon. – 5:30 PM, Tues. 8:15 AM, Wed. – 6:00 PM,
 Thur. & Fri. – 8:15 AM

Sacred Heart Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 AM & 4:00 PM; 1:30 PM in Spanish
Holy Rosary Mass Schedule: Sunday: 9:00 AM
St. Fabian Mass Schedule: Vigil: Sat. – 4:00 PM,
 Sunday: 10AM



Adoration

Monday Adoration: We will begin the New Year with Adoration on this coming Monday, January 3rd. The Hours will be the same as 1st year; 2pm – 9pm. Starting at 4:45pm the Patriotic Rosary will be said during Adoration. After the Rosary we will pause Adoration to prepare for the 5:30pm Mass. Adoration will resume when Mass is over and will continue until 9pm. St. Pope John Paul has stated “Jesus awaits us in this Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet Him in Adoration.” Currently we need help with the 3PM hour. To offer your help for an hour or for more information contact Pat Peterson at 601-549-4620 either by phone or text. Visitors are always welcome.

Tuesday Adoration is from 9:00 AM after daily Mass until 12:00 noon. Please consider spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please be sure to sign in so we know the hours are covered.

Thursday Adoration begins after the 8:15 AM Mass and goes until 9:00 PM in the church. At that time Our Lord is moved into the Adoration Chapel and adoration continues through the night until Friday Mass.

Hospital Visits ~

Fr. Mark or Fr. James visit both hospitals every week. However, there is no way of knowing you are there unless you let us know. If you or a family member, are in the hospital, and no one from the church comes to see you, it means we do not know about it. Please call the church office and let us know.



Business Sponsor Spotlight

We would like to thank 1st Dental, LLC for supporting our parish bulletin. They are located at 313 S. 40th Avenue, right in the middle of town and ready to meet all your dental needs. Joseph Daho has been practicing dentistry for over 15 years. Joseph does all procedures and loves seeing members of our church family in the office.

Bishop Kihneman is asking for a special collection this weekend January 1-2, 2022, for the Diocese of Owensboro in Kentucky, which was hardest hit by the tornadoes of December 10-11. The Diocese is also setting it up so that you can give to this special collection online. If you go to the website, www.biloxidiocese.org, and select ‘online giving’, a link will be available. Along with our financial support, let us also remember those who died, the survivors, and recovery efforts in our prayers.

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Catholic in Recovery: Are you suffering from any addictions, or do you have a family member or friend that is? St. Thomas Aquinas will begin having meetings for anyone that is looking for some help, or if you are looking for ways to help someone else, you are welcome to attend the meeting. **The date of the first meeting will be February 7th** and will continue to be held weekly. Catholic in Recovery is a community of men and women finding freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. There is a one-time cost to St Thomas of \$500 to offer this program, if anyone is interested in donating to offset this cost, or if you have any questions, please call Kathy.

Mass Intentions

M-Jan 3rd Isabella Dominco-healing
T-Jan 4th Shawn Irwin- RIP,
/Valerie Irwin-Healing
W-Jan 5th Will Hinman – Sp. Int.
T- Jan 6th Mark Newman – RIP
F-Jan 7th Charles Hosey – RIP
Sat-Jan 8th Victims of Dec 11th
tornados
Sun-Jan 9th
8:00 Parish
10:15 Ethel Acocella – RIP
6:00 In Memory of Harrison Mc
Clain

January 2nd – 9th

M 1 Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
T 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44
W 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52
T 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22
F 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16
Sat 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30
Sun Is 42:1-4,6-7, Acts 10:34-38,
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

January Lector Schedule

2 nd	8am Kathy Schimel 10:15 Italo Subarrao
8 th	5:30 Elizabeth Yankay
9 th	8am Rich Mohn 10:15 Renee Brett
15 th	5:30 Roger Smith
16 th	8am Reggie Blackledge 10:15 Silvia Preston
22 nd	5:30 John Perry
23 rd	8am Kathy Schimel 10:15 Shirley Hendricks
29 th	5:30 Patricia Sherman
30 th	8am Laurie McCarthy 10:15 Valerie Acocella

Boy's Retreat #92

MARCH 4TH-6TH,
2022

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Retreat Opportunities for our Teenagers.

Registration forms can be found
near the church entrances.

SEARCH - Jan. 14th - 16th, 2022
February 4th - 6th, 2022

Boy's Retreat - March 4th - 6th, 2022

**Our Next Family Formation is
Sunday, January 9th from
11:30am-1:30pm.** Families with
children 4-18 (nursery open for the
littles) come join our religious
education program for all ages, even
Mom and Dad.

2022 Mass Intentions

One of the greatest gifts you can
give is the Mass. Have one said for
deceased loved ones, birthdays,
anniversaries & special occasions.
Come into the church office or put
your offering in the envelope
provided at the back of church.
The usual offering is \$10.

T-Shirt Design Contest:

Would you like to design the t-shirt
for the Irish Italian Festival
scheduled for March 19, 2022?
If so, please submit your design to
Kathy Schimel by January 5.
There will be a \$200 prize for the
winner. Good Luck and happy
designing!!!

Mini-Library: We have put out
Christmas books and stories for
children on the children's table at
the Mini-Library. There will be a
special new book there called "*The
Friendly Beasts: An Old English
Christmas Carol*" by renowned
author and illustrator Tomie
dePaola. In this old carol the friendly
stable beasts tell of the gifts they
each have given to the newborn
baby Jesus.

Library Movies: In the main
Library upstairs, we have on display
our Christmas DVDs. These include;
It's a Wonderful Life (Fr. Mark's
favorite Christmas Movie), The
Nativity Story, The Bells of St.
Mary's, Little Town of Bethlehem,
and The Star of Bethlehem (This is
an amazing documentary on the Star
produced by Stephen McEveety
(The Passion of the Christ).
Presenter Rick Larson walks you
through the Biblical and historical
clues revealing the incredible
significance of the Star as well as the
vastness of God's creativity.

Merry Christmas

from

St. Thomas, Fr. Mark &

Fr. James

Please pick up your gift,
"Life is Messy"

by Matthew Kelly, on your way
out of church. One per family
please.



A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things *new*
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts

and *new beginnings*.

Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen

First Friday is January 7th

Mass is at 8:15 am
Adoration 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
Please help by signing up for an
hour of Adoration. Sign-up sheets
are on the tables at the back of
church and in the foyer.

Volunteers Are Needed ~

We would like to begin our
Hospitality Host Ministry again
and need people that are willing
to greet everyone as they come
in to mass. Please call the office
if you are interested in either of
these ministries, or if you have
any questions.

2022 Calendars are available.

Please take one per family. They
are on the table in church and in the
office.

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