

December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Call to register. Next class is November 30th
This is the last class this year.



December 12th Collection: \$11,254.76
Direct Deposit: \$2,860.00
Online \$710.50
2nd Collection: Retired Religious \$3,765.00

Upcoming Second Collections
December 19th Building Fund
December 26th No Second Collection
January 2nd Kentucky Tornado Victims

Mass Schedule

Confessions: Sat. 4:45 – 5:15 PM or by apt.

Vigil: Sat.–5:30 PM Sunday 8:00, 10:15 AM

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



Christmas Message from Fr. Mark

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, May the peace and joy of the Holy Family be with you this Christmas season. Christ's triumph on the cross started over 2000 years ago in a manger at midnight in piercing cold. Jesus came not with a marching band but in silence. Today He wants to come into the silence of our hearts. I pray you and your family will have the opportunity to ponder this great mystery and have the opportunity to share this celebration with family and friends!

Merry Christmas

Fr. Mark

BECAUSE OF GOD I AM!

Girl's Retreat #91

December 10th-12th, 2021

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Boy's Retreat #92

MARCH 4TH-6TH,
2022

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*For All 9th-12th
Grade Boys*

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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

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. The cost to St Thomas is \$500 per year to offer this program, if anyone is interested in donating to offset this cost, or if you have any questions, please call Kathy.



Congratulations to St Thomas' newest Cursillistas, Valerie Acocella, Julie Calvetti, Shirley Hendricks, Rachel Hewitt, Jessica Ramer, Michele Williams, and Elizabeth Yankay who attended Cursillo #287 at the Kelly Retreat Center December 9-12th. Also attending the Men's Cursillo #286 from St Thomas was Mark Acocella. DeColores!

Year End Giving ~ As the year 2021 draws to a close we have had questions about "charitable giving". Many people enjoy using Christmas and Years' end as a special time to give to their Church. Celebrate this Holy Season by giving in the true spirit of the season and make a special gift to St. Thomas and/or the St. Thomas Building Fund! Don't forget donations dated before Dec. 31st are tax deductible for the year!

Mini -Library: We will be putting 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.

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!!!

Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 20th

immediately following the 5:30pm Mass

St. Thomas Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:
4:00 PM & 6:00 PM
12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day: 10:15 AM

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
December 31st: 8:15am & 11:30 PM
January 1st: 9:00 AM

Adoration

Monday Adoration:

This Monday (December 20th) we will have Adoration from 2pm – 5pm. The Patriotic Rosary will be led by Noelanne Bennett beginning at 4:45. Adoration will end after the rosary and then the 5:30pm Mass will begin. Our Advent Penance Service will start immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.

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.

Just a Reminder:

With the holiday season upon us, we wanted to remind everyone that Adoration will continue as normal. If you can't attend your scheduled hour, please get someone to cover for you, contact those who share your hour, or contact the captain for that hour. All names and phone numbers are in the front section of each sign-in notebook. Please remember that Our Lord should never be left alone in the Chapel. Thank you for your faithfulness to Adoration!

St. Peter Church in Bassfield is looking for a part-time music minister. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kathy in the office for more information.

2022 Calendars are available. Please take one per family. They are on the table in church and in the office.



Business Sponsor Spotlight

We would like to thank Dr. John Guillot with Pine Belt Dental for supporting the parish bulletin. They are located at 49 Cross Creek Parkway. Phone# 601-264-5800.

Bishop Kihneman is asking for a special collection the weekend of the Epiphany, 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. **St Thomas' second collection for Eagle Catholic will be moved to the weekend of February 5-6th.**

Mass Intentions

M-Dec 20th Josefina Flores – RIP
T-Dec 21st Ric de los Santos- Sp. Int.
W-Dec 22nd Sue Marquardt – RIP
T- Dec 23rd Ty Cannon – RIP
F-Dec 24th:
4PM Frosh & Swan Family – Sp. Int.
6PM Richard Chrosniak – RIP
12PM Fernandez family –
Thanksgiving
Sat-Dec 25th 10:15 Parish
Sun-Dec 26th:
8:00 Charles Hosey -RIP
10:15 Parish
6:00 Al & Sherry Harrington - RIP

December 20-26th

M Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
T Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45
W 1Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56
T Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66
F 2Sm7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16,
Lk 1:67-79
Sat Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18
Sun Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk

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.



December Lector Schedule

18th 5:30pm Carmen Robinson
19th 8:00am Reggie Blackledge
10:15am Valerie Acocella
24th 4:00pm Elizabeth Yankay
6:00pm Noel Anne Bennett
Midnight: Carol Soriano
25th 10am Malia Lewis
26th 8am Kathy Schimel
10:15am Shelby Miserendino
31st 11:30pm Rich Mohn
January 1st 9am Renee Brett

Office Closing ~ The parish office will be closed for
Christmas on Wed., Thur. & Fri. Dec 22nd, 23rd, 24th.
For the **New Year** it will close on **Fri., Dec. 31st.**



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