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



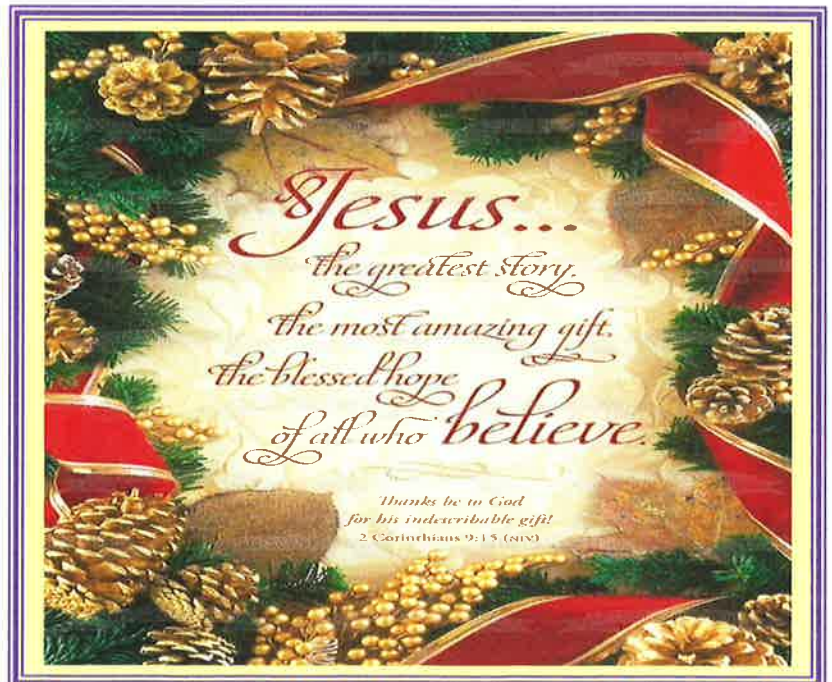
December 19th Collection: \$11,055.00
Direct Deposit: \$ 2,880.00
Online \$748.50
2nd Collection: Building Fund \$2,376.81

Upcoming Second Collections
 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, 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



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Girl's Retreat #91

December 10th-12th, 2021

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Christina Ladner (228) 216-0453 to Register

Boy's Retreat #92

MARCH 4TH-6TH,
2022

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Center
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For All 9th-12th
Grade Boys

Contact Desmond Hoda
by (228) 493-8817 or
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to Register

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.

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!

Thank you to everyone that helped decorate the inside and the outside of the church. It is a team effort, and all the help is greatly appreciated. We could not have accomplished it without your assistance in all areas, from carrying plants, statues, and Christmas trees to keeping Our Lord company in the Adoration Chapel.

May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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.

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 Schimmel by January 5. There will be a \$200 prize for the winner. Good Luck and happy designing!!!



SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER
OF GOD

January 1st

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

Adoration

Monday Adoration: hours are from 2pm – 9pm. The Patriotic Rosary is said during Adoration prior to the 5:30 Mass. After the Rosary we pause Adoration to prepare for the Mass. Adoration resumes when Mass is over and will continue until 9pm. **We need help with the 6pm hour.** Visitors are welcome. To offer your help or for information contact Pat Peterson by calling or texting 601-549-4620 or contact Patricia Burchell at 601-270-4068.

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 **Chris Brown with CB'S Tint Shop** for supporting our parish bulletin. Chris can be reached at 601-329-1823 for all your glass tinting needs.

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.

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.



Mass Intentions

M-Dec 27th Joe Lichtenhan-deaconate formation
T-Dec 28th Allen May & Charles Graves - RIP
W-Dec 29th Perfecto Santos Marcelino - RIP
T-Dec 30th Fe Froyulde - RIP
F-Dec 31st
8:15 am Shawn Irwin – RIP
11:30 Deacon Henry & Audrey Cassou – RIP
Sat-Jan 1st Martha Adams – Sp. Int.
Sun-Jan 2nd
8:00 Christmas Flower Memorial Int.
10:15 John Karlovski – Sp. Int.
6:00 Parish

December 27-January 2nd

M 1Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a & 2-8
T 1Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18
W 1Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35
T 1Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40
F 1Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18
Sat Nm 6:22-27, Lk 2:16-21
Sun Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

December Lector Schedule

26th 8am Kathy Schimel
10:15am Shelby Miserendino
31st 11:30pm Rich Mohn
January 1st 9am Renee Brett
5:30 Volunteer
2nd 8am Kathy Schimel
10:15 Italo Subarrao
9th 5:30 Elizabeth Yankay
10th 8am Rich Mohn
10:15 Renee Brett

Office Closing ~ The parish office will be closed for the **New Year on Friday, December 31st**



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