

St. Thomas Church 870 S. Thomas Lane, Bardstown KY 40004

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DECEMBER 11, 2016 (3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Mass: Wed & Fri – 8 AM (Funeral Cancels); Wed 7PM; /Sun 8:00 & 11 AM and 7 PM

PARISH STAFF

	FR. JASON HARRIS	Pastoral Administrator
	SAM FILIATREAU	Deacon
	SCOTT TURNER	Deacon
	LINDA LEWIS	Director of Form. & Ed.
	SUSAN WATSON	Office Manager
	GAYLE SPALDING	Business Manager
	SHARON WATHEN	Senior Ministry Coord.
	LESLIE GREEN	Housekeeper
	LOU SMITH	Kitchen Coordinator
	CHARLOTTE ROBY	Kitchen Coordinator

Office Hours: Monday-THURSDAY
7:30AM – 4:00PM

Website: www.st-thomasparish.org

Access weekly parish bulletin, monthly calendar, parish programs. Also LINK to Archdiocese of Louisville, USCCB & much more.

Fr. Jason Harris: Pastoral Needs
Deacons: Sam Filiatreau/Scott Turner
Linda Lewis: Formation & Education
Susan Watson: Parish Membership, Mass Intentions, Cemetery, Pre-Baptism Information & Rentals
Steve Tolliver, John Hutchins & Roger Downs: Grounds

PARISH CONTACTS

BAPTISM By Appointment
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Wed. 6:00 - 7:00PM & by Appointment
Sun 7:45 -8:30PM

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
(Call 6 months prior to wedding)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – By Request

WEDDING LITURGY COORDINATOR
Robin Leake (502) 836-3060

VISITATION OF SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or a member of your family is in the hospital or are home-bound, please contact the parish if you wish a visit.

PARISH COMMITTEES

Parish Council

*John Giardina (349-7740)
John Cissell (348-5208)
Roy Sunderland (348-3951)
Krista Foster (275-9562)
Eileen Jancarz (203-4515)
Joe Walker, Jr. (349-3370)
Glen Stone (507-6013)

Worship

Chair: Libby Hagan
Liturgy / Ministry Training
Music / Art & Environment

Formation – Linda Lewis

RCIA
Children's RE/Youth
Adult Formation

Bereavement

Dorothy Ballard, Marilyn Ballard, Sharon Cecil

Hospitality

Jane Cross

Admin/Finance Council

*Aaron Larue (348-7685)
Pat Filiatreau (507-4878)
Jane Cross (349-5756)
Ken Shelver (348-4850)
Megan Reynolds (507-3351)

Men's Club - Ron Corbett President; Mike Brown Vice-President

(Ex-Officio) Fr. Jason Harris, Deacon Sam Filiatreau (502-507-8598),
Linda Lewis (502-348-3717)

Dec. 11, 2016 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

“...Strengthen the feeble hands, make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not!... Your God will come and save you.” **ISAIAH 35:3-4**

St. Theresa of Avila reminds us that Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. When the weak and fearful come into our lives, it is through our hands and our works that they are healed. God works through us when we accept the challenge.

WEEKEND COLLECTION THANK YOU!

(Not available @ time of printing) \$
Needed weekly to meet budget \$5,125.00
Have you remembered St. Thomas in your will?



One Mass per weekend will be celebrated for “People of the Parish”. Multi Mass intentions will still take place on Christmas (and eve), Easter (and vigil), Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and All Souls.

Wednesday Evenings Confession and Adoration begin at 6:00pm until Benediction, followed by Mass @ 7:00PM.

**Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM; 11AM; 7:00PM
Weekday Masses: Wed 8AM/ 7PM; Friday 8AM
(St. Monica 10am Mass will be listed if St. Thomas has the scheduled Mass Intention).**

Sat Dec 10	4:00PM	Ginny Clinard
Sun Dec 11	8:00AM	Leon Clark
	11:00AM	Gary Boone
	7:00PM	People of the Parish
Wed Dec 14	8:00AM	Mary Ray
	7:00PM	Sick of the Parish
Fri Dec 16	8:00AM	Allen O’Bryan & family
Sat Dec 17	4:00PM	People of the Parish
Sun Dec 18	8:00AM	Jonathan Hutchins
	11:00AM	Jodie Smith
	7:00PM	Youth of the Parish

SANCTUARY MINISTERS FOR:

Saturday 4pm; Sunday 8am & 11am Masses only.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT BONNIE BULLOCK If you are unable to serve your designated time, please get someone to take your place. Thank you!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016; 4:00PM

Sacristan: Libby Hagan
Altar Server:
Lector: Libby Hagan
Ushers Leroy Hobbs, Joe Walker, Jr.
EMHC: Vickie & John Giardina
Media: Cheryl Hutchins
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016; 8:00AM

Sacristan: Rita Schafer
Altar Server: Julie Schafer, Nick Filiatreau
Lector: Rita Schafer
Ushers: Glen Stone, tbd
EMHC: Sharon Cecil, Pat Filiatreau, Vickie Smith
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016; 11:00AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016; 4:00PM

Sacristan: Libby Hagan
Altar Server:
Lector: Ken Shelver
Ushers: Joe Walker, Sr, Dixie Smith
EMHC: Joe Clinard, Cheryl Hutchins
Media:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016; 8:00PM

(Sign-up Sheet in back of Church. If you sign to serve, please remember, as no information will appear in the bulletin).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016; 11:30PM

(Sign-up Sheet in back of Church. If you sign to serve, please remember, as no information will appear in the bulletin).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016; 9:00AM

(Sign-up Sheet in back of Church. If you sign to serve, please remember, as no information will appear in the bulletin).

CHURCH CLEANERS / DECEMBER, 2016

(Clean church late week prior to your assigned weekend)

Dec 17-18: Worship Committee Decorates

Dec 24-25: SKIP

Dec. 30-01: Daniel, Georgia & Eva Clan



Choir Practice
Wednesday’s 4:15PM in Church. New Members Welcome!
December 14 & 21

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We will keep the **homebound & nursing home parishioners** in the bulletin for your prayers. If a loved one enters a nursing facility or becomes homebound, please contact the office.

Those in Need of Prayer

Sick will be published for 4 weeks (unless need continues). Call the office if you or a loved one is facing a need for special prayer.

*Frank Ritchie

** Jimmy Thompson

****Carl Lyvers

****Tabitha Williams Smith

****Bill Coomes

****Teddy Marshall

****Paul Vittitow

Shut-Ins

Betty Donahue Mary Greenwell
 Mary Newton

St. Simon of Cyrene Prayer and Breakfast

Are you feeling not very merry this Christmas?

Recently Lost a loved one?

Holly and Jolly not in your vocabulary this year?

Come join us at **St. Thomas** on

Saturday December 17 for the

St. Simon of Cyrene Prayer and Breakfast
starting at 9am.

We will begin in Church with a **prayer/candle service**

then go to the Thomas Center for a **Breakfast** together. Come

together and pray asking God to help you carry your cross this

tough Holiday Season. Know that you are not alone.

Questions? Call Fr. Jason (348-3717) for more details.



DONATIONS/FLOWERS

If you would like to donate toward Christmas Flowers in the name of a loved one, please place \$10 for each flower with the name(s) of your loved one. Names will be published in the Christmas bulletin. Please have money in by

DECEMBER 15th!



CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to **LAYLA SUZANNE BALL**, daughter of Brent and Deanna Ball who was baptized November 27th. Welcome!

FORMATION & EDUCATION

RCIA

Please contact Linda Lewis @ the parish office if interested in information to join the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*December Sessions continue thru the 18th.
Christmas Break: Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st.*

YOUTH GROUP

We meet 5:30-7:00pm weekly Sept-May unless otherwise noted. Contact Mary Gagne at 507-0994 with questions. All youth in 8th grade (who have been confirmed) through high school are welcome!

We will meet **Dec. 11th** at the Bread for Life Pantry for our monthly service project from 4:30-6 and grab a quick supper before returning for Mass. We will meet **Sat. Dec. 17th** at 1PM to do caroling with some parish members and will not meet on Dec. 18th. We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Kroger on **Dec.22nd** and will be caroling there from 6-8PM.

WOMEN LIVING WELL

Plan to participate in an evening of Bunco,

Wednesday, December 14th.

The fun begins at 6:30PM. Please bring an **appetizer** or **snack** to share. Also, bring **\$10.00** to play...money will be given as prizes. *(At the time of this printing no one has called to attend. Please don't wait until the last minute...the evening has to be planned. Thanks for your cooperation.*

MENS CLUB

Men's Club meets each 3rd Sunday; 6PM in the Thomas Room. Any questions contact Ron Corbett



@ 348-3540. **The Men's Club** will be volunteering to help at the "Feeding America" @ the Nelson Co. Fairgrounds on **WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21st; 9:00AM-Noon**. If you can help, please join us!

YOUNG @ HEART

We meet the first Sunday of the month; 12:30 pm in the Thomas Room with pot luck unless otherwise noted. Contact Sharon Wathen at 507-7133 if you have any questions.

"ST. THOMAS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES"

In the Parish Center Exercise Room

EXERCISE SESSIONS

Wednesdays 5:00 – 5:45PM; **Fridays** 8:30-9:15AM
Vicki Smith (348-3717)

YOGA SESSIONS

Thursdays 8:30-9:30am Jennifer Hurst (348-3717)
*(Follow your instructor's direction for
December exercise & yoga classes)*



Room in The Inn

Thanks to everyone for your overwhelming support in donating money, supplies and food for Room In The Inn. Presently we have sufficient supplies and food. **Renee** has the evening meals scheduled thru December. She will be calling for January meals toward the end of December. You may call her to sign up for a night if you wish. Jesus has blessed us with caring parishioners who are fulfilling His call to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Any questions call Sharon Cecil 348-2321 or Sharon Wathen 507-7133.

Food questions Renee Kehm 507-4208

Meetings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, Dec. 11th; 9:15-10:45AM; Parish Center

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, Dec. 11th; 5:30-7:00PM; Youth Room

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS (Candlelight)

Sunday, Dec. 11th; 7:00PM; Thomas Room

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday, Dec 14th; 4:15pm; Church

ADOR/BENE/CONFESSION/MASS

Wed, Dec 14th; 6-7PM; Mass @ 7:00PM

EXERCISE CLASS

Wednesday, Dec 14th; 5:5:45pm; Exercise Room

YOGA

Thursday, Dec. 15th; 8:30AM; Exercise Room

EXERCISE CLASS

Friday, Dec. 16th; 8:30-9:15AM; Exercise Room

ST. SIMON PRAYER/BREAKFAST

Saturday, Dec. 17th; 9:00AM; Church/P.Center

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, Dec. 18th; 9:15-10:45AM; P. Center

REGIONAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 18th; 2:00PM; ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, Dec. 18th; 5:30-7:00PM; Youth Room

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ST. THOMAS MAINTENANCE POSITION

- **15-20** hours per week

Responsible for all the building and grounds associated with the campus of St. Thomas parish. Included buildings are the Church, Rectory, Parish Hall, Parish Center, Log House and Barn.

- If interested you may pick up a job description & application in the office.
- With questions call Fr. Jason @ 348-3717 or 502-373-1251.



The parish has (2) opportunities to help families in need during the upcoming Christmas season.

1) Toy/Clothing Drive

- a. For children ages infant – 16 years.
- b. The value of the gift is the choice of the purchaser.
- c. No need to wrap gifts, or designate specific age, sizes, sex, etc.
- d. Donations will be picked up by community Action and distributed throughout the County.

Donation **DEADLINE** is December 11th. Bring items to the Parish Center or the Sacristy of the Church

2) Monetary Donation

St. Thomas will distribute donations to St. Vincent de Paul Mission Store

& Food Pantry

Donation **DEADLINE** is December 11th. Bring money to the Parish Center during business hours or drop in the mailslot at the front door of the Parish Center.

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

The Archdiocese of Louisville requires the following records be published annually in the parish bulletin:

January – December, 2016

- 16 Baptisms
- 14 First Communion
- 02 Marriage
- 00 Confirmation
- 14 Deaths