

Rosary Chapel Catholic Church

Mar 30, 2025



The Fourth Sunday
of Lent

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A graphic for Lent featuring a purple heart with a white cross inside it, set against a circular background with a grid pattern.

Prayer Fasting Works of Love
40 Days

A graphic for the 40 Days of Lent featuring a purple cross with a white heart inside it, set against a circular background with a grid pattern.

Our parish seeks to build and maintain our family through the sharing of the Good News to all people, in order to leave our world more beautiful and faith filled than when we inherited it.



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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday,
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Liturgy
Schedule

Mass

Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Tuesday: 3:00 p.m.
or by Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Tuesday of the month
3-4 p.m.




Pastor
Fr. Jude Okeoma
 jude.okeoma@pastoral.org.



Staff

Bookkeeper:
Carol Baker

Pianist/Music:
Deidra Chandler

Parish Center Coordinator:
Charles Davis

**Baptism, Marriage,
Anointing of the Sick:**
Contact:
Fr. Jude Okeoma

**First Reconciliation and First
Communion or OCIA:**
Call the Parish Office

Finance Committee

President:
Kelley Piercefield

Members
Alisha Bobo
Lonnie Crowdus
David Roberts
Uwem Chisek

Liturgy

Mary Ann Bell

Outreach Ministry
Rose Lowery

Parish Council

President & Maintenance:
Charles Davis

VP/Secretary & Mt. Carmel Cemetery:
David Gavin

Education/Faith Formation:
Celeste Harned

Social Concerns:
Felix Akojie

Worship & Spiritual Life:
Melissa Reed

Family Life:
Sheila Matchem

Hospitality & Outreach:
Patricia Fouse

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 30
Linda Stiles

Apr 6
Angie Grief †

Apr 13
Robert Naas

Apr 20
Angie Grief †

Apr 27
Robert Naas

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR Apr 2025

Date	Lectors	Altar Server	Gift Bearer	Ushers	Eucharistic Minsters
Apr 6	Patricie Fouse (English & Spanish)	Tristan Moss-Menser Faith Moss-Menser	Matchem Family	Don Poat and Charles Davis	Kathy Roberts, Felix Akojie, Howard Grief
Apr 13	Melissa Reed	Alexander Gavin Matthew Scarpino	Moss-Menser Family	Don Poat and Charles Davis	Kelly Piercefield, Rachel Gavin, Charles Davis
Apr 17		Tristan Moss-Menser Faith Moss-Menser	Any Children Available	Don Poat and Charles Davis	Kathy Roberts, Felix Akojie, Howard Grief
Apr 18		Oliver Otu Tristan Moss-Menser	Reed Family	Don Poat and Charles Davis	Kathy Roberts, Howard Grief, Felix Akojie
Apr 20	Patricie Fouse (English & Spanish)	Levi Harned Faith Moss-Menser	Harned Family	Don Poat and Charles Davis	Howard Grief, Felix Akojie, Kathy Roberts
Apr 27	Roslin Dumas	Kingsley Out Alexander Gavin	Pastor Family	Don Poat and Charles Davis	Kelly Piercefield, Rachel Gavin, Charles Davis

Mary Queen of the Rosary, Pray for us.

Report from Sunday

Mar 23, 2025

Sunday Mass Attendance: 73

Sunday Collection: \$1252.00

Special Collections

Monthly ACH:



*Taste and see
the goodness
of the Lord!*



Sanctuary Light for JT Piercefield

Each Sanctuary Light burns for 14 days. For a \$10 donation, a Sanctuary Light may be sponsored in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

Homebound, Nursing Care Center, Hospitalized

*Chen Matchen-HB
Clora Hixon-HB
Gary Hudson-Parkview Rm 410
Ruby Gibson-HB
Barbara Naas—HB*

Reminder

Hospital visits

Fr. Jude would like to remind everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the office at 270-444-6383 to inform us, as we cannot obtain information from the hospital directly.



Please Remember in your Prayers

Mike Mayes
Rose Lowery
Mary Piercefield
Jaxon Jones
Aaron Burns
Clora Hixon
Chen Matchem
Rose Wurth
Linda Stiles
Russell Davis
Matt Evans
Michael Nicholas
Ruby Gibson
Thomas Rawlins
Darlene Shelton
Joseph Maxwell
Gary Hudson
Nancy Bass
Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Michael Menser
Thomas (Homeless)
Mark & Janice Higdon
James Rister
Erin Brumley
Ashley Hayden
Kenny Reising
Lynne Clark
Blake Champion
Robert & Barbara Naas
Mike Burns
Jack Pullen
Godwin Okeoma
Russell Tomlinson

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church in Paducah, KY, is seeking a full-time Business Manager

Description: The Business Manager equips the parish to effectively accomplish its mission by managing parish finances, facilities, and personnel. The manager works closely with the Pastor and other staff members and is directly responsible for financial reporting, budget development, and supervision of maintenance and administrative staff.

Qualifications: Must be a practicing Catholic with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting or Business (preferred) or an Associate's degree with equivalent accounting experience; minimum of three to five years of prior professional experience; previous management experience preferred; knowledge of budgeting principles, accounting principles, and financial reporting; excellent organization, interpersonal skills, verbal and written communication skills; strong computer skills; ability to relate to a variety of persons who are part of the Parish and Parish staff and complete a criminal history and background check.

Salary and Benefits: Negotiable contingent on experience. The benefit package includes retirement, health, dental, and disability through the Diocese of Owensboro.

Contact Details: Saint Thomas More Catholic Church is an equal opportunity employer. All interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter to Fr. Mike Clark – mike.clark@pastoral.org. No phone calls, please.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Meetings will be held on the Third Saturday of each month.

Please join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Schedule: Tuesday, Apr 1, Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation at 3:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m. and Mass 4:00 p.m.

Your tax-deductible donations and gifts to Mt. Carmel Cemetery are used for general operations, ground maintenance and special projects like the Garden of Angels. For more information visit mtcarmelcemeterypaducah.org. You may purchase as many plots as you need at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. All of God's children are welcome. Contact John Bufford for assistance at 270-331-1006

The Special Collection This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church is having their annual Quilt Show and Luncheon Thursday, April 24th and Friday, April 25th from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm. Come enjoy a delicious meal, browse our Quilt display, and take a chance to win a beautiful hand-made quilt!

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (270-575-1008) so that together we can help the suffering and poor. Mailing Address: PO Box 8433, Paducah, KY 42002

Did you know —Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing, and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offence against the human dignity.

THE FATHER'S MERCY

I love the story in the gospel this weekend, one of the most practical stories in the gospels, by my estimation. It is generally called the story of the prodigal son, but you would agree with me that it wasn't the second son that took the most important action in that gospel passage. It was their father. That is why some people prefer to call it the story of the Merciful Father. That also explains why the story is being read to us in this season of lent, a special time to forgive and be forgiven.

It presents two sons who were “lost” in the real sense of it. One realized that he was lost and started to find his way back. The other never realized that he was lost. Believe me, it is worse for one to be lost, and not realize that they are lost. Then they would get lost and lost.

So, the first son was just as lost as his brother, or maybe worse. Pope Francis described the situation of the two brothers more vividly in the following paraphrased lines: The second son was lost in sin, but the first was lost in self-righteousness; the second son travelled and got lost in debauchery, the first son stayed home but got lost in anger; the second son was lost in disobedience, but his brother got lost in his complaints; the second son was lost in wastefulness, but the first was lost in jealousy and judgementalism.

Friends, the good news is that no matter how far away we are lost, God receives us if we return. Every time I read this story, something in me tells me to work harder not to be like that younger son. Now I realize that it doesn't matter which of those two sons I think I am, because both of them were lost anyway, but it matters a lot if I cannot be like their father.

Fr Henri Nouwen called the story of the prodigal son “*A Story of Homecoming*”. Have you ever considered that every time we gather as a people of God, we are coming home to our father? And we are coming home dressed in the garment of that second son, unless we have decided to assume the self-righteousness of the older son, who was lost and did not know he was lost. Nevertheless, we have to agree with Fr Nouwen that our mistake lies in our failure to realize that we are called to become the father. Countless times, we fail in this duty. That is why we return to God during this season to say Lord have mercy. Blessings.

Fr Jude Okeoma

Lenten Penance Services:

Sunday, Mar 30, St Thomas More @ 4.30 pm.
 Tuesday, Apr 1, St Francis de Sales @ 6.00 pm.
 Tuesday, Apr 8, Rosary Chapel @ 4.30 pm
 St John the Evangelist @ 6 pm.
 Wednesday, Apr 9, La Center @ 5.30 pm.



Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 6:00 pm
 Good Friday: Service of the Lord's Passion: 6:00 pm
 Easter Sunday: Mass of the resurrection: 10.30 am