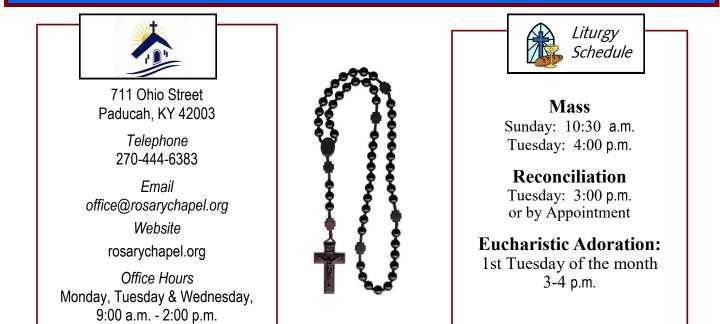
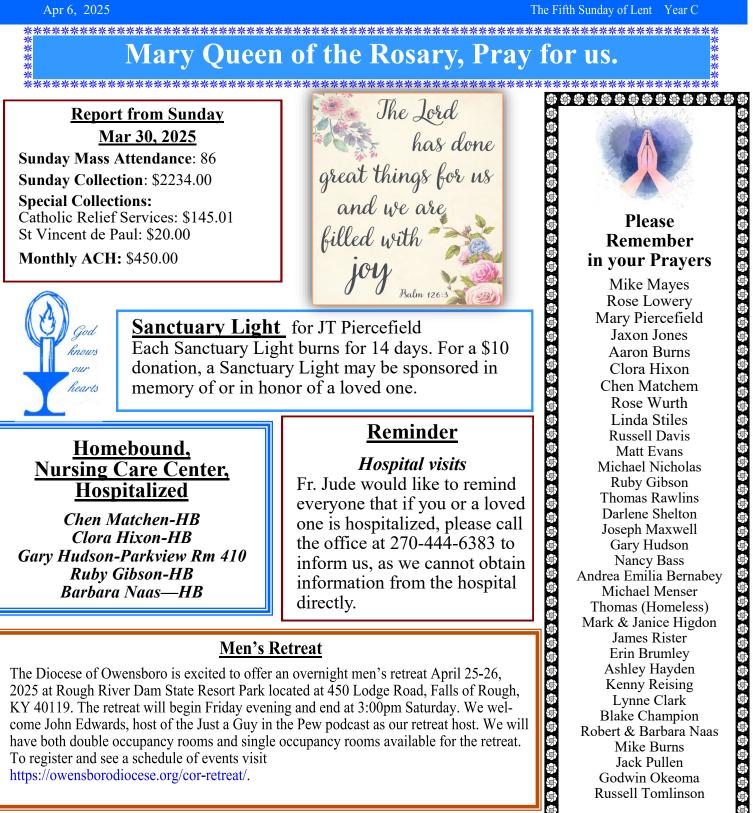


Our parish seeks to build and maintain our family through the sharing of the Good News to all people, in order to leave our world more beautiful and faith filled than when we inherited it.







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.

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

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

Please join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Schedule: Tuesday, Apr 8, communal penance service. No Mass

Mt. Carmel Cemetery is a nonprofit organization operating under the umbrella of theDiocese of Owensboro. More info at mtcarmelcemeterypaducah.org.

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts donations for this collection (usccb.igivecatholictogether.org).

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 can occur in every culture and every socio-economic demographic. Peer reviewed research, especially which of the past 30 years, repeatedly shows this to be true. This same research indicates that the vast majority of child abuse occurs at the hands of someone known to the victim. Those who seek to do harm to children will pursue opportunities that provide access to children and may even ingratiate themselves into the home. You can protect children by respecting the safe environment protocols established at youth serving organizations. More importantly, you can implement many of these protocols in your home and be ever observant and vigilant in all public and private settings.

Join us April 8 – 6 pm @ St. Stephens Cathedral for an Evening Prayer of Protection and Healing with Bishop William Medley. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of Safe Environment in our parishes, schools, and diocese.

We need at least two people to volunteer to attend the Chrism Mass in Owensboro on April 15 at 6.00 pm.

We need volunteers to sign up to have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's supper on Holy Thursday.

ROLL AWAY THE STONES!

This weekend, I am reflecting on the Scrutiny gospel, as we approach the last weeks of preparation of candidates for reception into the Church at Easter. I am sure the joy is growing among those candidates. For some of them, there is a little bit of nervousness. That is not out of place.

The story this weekend is about Lazarus who was raised from the dead, but it also describes the personality of Jesus. Jesus is all powerful. As God, with a simple command he can raise someone from the dead. On the other hand, as human, he felt the pain we feel. On this particular occasion, the pain of Mary and Martha made him shed tears in sympathy. On the cross, he wept for our sins. He shares our joys and sorrows.

Three commands given by Jesus constitute the miracle in this story: Roll away the stone; Lazarus come out; Unbind him and let him go. These are powerful commands. For me, none of them is more important than the other. They come together to form what is considered one of the most powerful stories in the gospels. However, I have chosen to center this reflection on the first command. So, at the command of Jesus, they rolled away the stone.

Like Lazarus who was lying helplessly in the grave, sometimes we look helpless and hopeless. There are times when we appear to be lying helplessly in the tomb of sin, or to have been buried in the ugly tomb of our bad habits. Sometimes, the struggles of life make us look conquered. Sometimes, we lose the joy of family, marriage and vocation, and life appears buried in the grave of misery. These situations are capable of making someone turn to an addiction as solution. Then, the unwanted voice of that addiction could take possession, and push them farther into misery. Eventually, they may or may not realize that it was never going to be a solution, but the same voice keeps telling them to remain where they are. We need to listen to the voice of Jesus saying: "Roll away the stone and come out from that grave."

Why did Jesus ask the people to roll away the stone? Could he, who raised the dead, not lift the stone with a simple command? Yes, we need the miracle of Jesus to bring us back. Jesus is ready for the miracle. He asks for our cooperation. Are we ready to cooperate with him? Are we ready to roll away the stone that stands between us and the light of Christ? Are we ready to take a bold step? He calls on all of us. let us listen to his voice and rise. Roll away the stones. Blessings.

Fr Jude Okeoma

Lenten Penance Services:

Sunday, Mar 30, Tuesday, Apr 1, Tuesday, Apr 8,

St Thomas More @ 4.30 pm. St Francis de Sales @ 6.00 pm. 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