



SAINT THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH & CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER

A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG
"Providing Catholic Campus Ministry to the Entire IUP Community"

JANUARY 8, 2012 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Anticipated Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

WEBSITES

Parish Website: www.STMUP.org
Diocesan Website: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: www.usccb.org

OTHER HELPFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Catholic Charities 724-463-8806
Birthright of Indiana County, Inc. 724-463-9118
Saint Bernard Regional Catholic School 724-465-7139
Reverend Timothy Kruthaupt, Catholic Chaplain
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays at 7:30 AM & Thursdays at 5:00 PM when daily Mass is scheduled or call Fr. Willie at 724-463-2277, ext. 112 for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office at least four months prior to the birth of your child for scheduling information.

Baptismal Preparation Sessions for 2012

February 19, May 20, August 19 and November 4

Please call 724-463-2277, ext. 113 to register.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office 724-463-2277, ext. 113 at least one year prior to your anticipated wedding date for an appointment.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office at 724-463-2277.

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Please call Fr. Willie at 724-463-2277, ext. 112

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood, please contact Fr. Willie at 724-463-2277, ext. 112 or the Diocesan Office for Clergy Vocations at 724-837-0901.

PRAYER CHAIN & PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRIES

For those in need of prayer or a prayer shawl, please contact the Parish Office for details.



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The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7

4:00 PM - Cassie Silvis - *family*

Sunday, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord

10:00 AM - Bob and Helen Petro - *family*
(Baptism during Mass)

7:00 PM - Members of the Parish

Monday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday, January 10

Wednesday, January 11

Thursday, January 12

5:00 PM - Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 PM - C.J. Hooper - *family*

Friday, January 13 - Saint Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

12:10 PM - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Brown, Sr. - *Paul and Diane*

Saturday, January 14

4:00 PM - Tracey Gaydos - *Don & Patricia Gaydos*

Sunday, January 15 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 AM - Robert and Mary Schillinger - *Joe and Cindy Schillinger*
(Baptism during Mass)

7:00 PM - Members of the Parish

This Week's Readings	Next Week's Readings
Isaiah 60:1-6	1 Samuel 3:3b-10; 19
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6	1 Corinthians 6:14c-15a, 17-20
Matthew 2:1-12	John 1:35-42

STMUP Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer shawls, scarves and coverlets are given to individuals in need of feeling God's arms wrapped around them. They are made with deep prayer, love and concern.

Those who share in this wonderful ministry meet the first and third Wednesday's of each month from September through May at 2:00 PM in the Cry Room of the Church. It is not necessary to attend the meetings to participate.

Many who receive the crocheted or knitted items have shared stories of great graces that have taken place through what is best described as "the power of prayer."

If you are interested in learning more about our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please call Carol Ferrence at 724.463.7628.

6th Annual Parish Epiphany Party & Brunch

ALL ARE INVITED to join us this Sunday, January 8, 2012, immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass for our 6th Annual Parish Epiphany Party & Brunch!

For those who are able to do so, please drop off any "covered dish" treats in the Parish Lounge / Kitchen before 10:00 AM Mass. (Your culinary contributions are deeply appreciated!)

There will be music and games for teens, special activities for younger children and Christmas caroling for kids of all ages!

Come celebrate the Christmas Season with the entire parish family as we rejoice on this great feast!

Saint Bernard Parish Liturgy Schedule Week of January 8, 2012

Monday, January 9	7:30 AM Mass
Tuesday, January 10	6:30 PM Mass
	12:00 Noon - 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, January 11	9:30 AM Mass (School Mass)
Thursday, January 12	7:30 AM Mass
Friday, January 13	7:30 AM Mass
Saturday, January 14	7:30 AM Mass
	8:30 - 10:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:30 PM Mass of Anticipation
Sunday, January 15	7:30 AM Mass & 9:30 AM Mass

FROM THE PASTOR

Some parishioners have inquired recently about my new appointment by Bishop Brandt as the diocesan Director for Pilgrimages, so, with a little extra space in this weekend's bulletin, I thought it would be a good time to explain what this role entails.

In the past, the Pilgrimage Director was one who spent a large segment of time planning, coordinating and leading pilgrimages to sites in Europe, the Holy Land and shrines of the United States, Mexico and Canada. (If anyone is interested, I am currently planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for June, 2012 which will be an amazing experience. Please contact me by phone, email or in person if you would like more information on this opportunity!)

Bishop Brandt continues to see great value in pilgrimages that encompass travelling a far distance, so that component remains in my "job description." Additionally, Bishop Brandt wisely recognizes that making "shorter" journeys with that same pilgrim spirit can help build a strong identity among the faithful of the Diocese while allowing a greater segment of the population, especially those with families, to have a "pilgrim" experience.

Therefore, a new component of the role of Director for Pilgrimages in our diocese now includes the planning of a series of pilgrimages within the Diocese of Greensburg, especially the planning of prayerful excursions from our parishes and regions to our recently renovated Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

In short, I have an exciting task ahead in my new role (as well as in my roles as the Diocesan Director for Planning and, of course, Pastor here at STMUP).

Please keep me in your prayers as I do my best to wear the multiple "hats" I have been given and know that I appreciate the offers of assistance and support that I have received from parishioners. I may just take them up on their generous offers!"

God bless and have a happy Epiphany! *Fr. Willie*

PARISH NOTES

Catholics Come Home" Evangelization Initiative

We joyfully welcome back to the Catholic Faith those who are returning "home" after being away (for perhaps a long period of time) and those who may be exploring Catholicism for the first time.

We especially embrace and pledge our ongoing support to those who have been away from the Church and have decided to return, seek healing and hunger for the truths we offer. We have missed you!

Some deciding to come "home" may be doing so because of television commercials they have seen through the effort called *Catholics Come Home*.

Catholics Come Home commercials are running on major television networks from December 16, 2011 - January 9, 2012 and will encourage people to return if they have drifted away.

The goal of this advertising effort is to bring a message of hope and invitation to the population at large and to rekindle a desire to participate in the Catholic Faith by those who may be moved by the Holy Spirit to deepen their faith.

We encourage you to contact Father Willie or any parish staff member at 724.463.2277 if you have questions on how you can make the journey "home" one that is both rewarding and inspirational.

Saint Thomas More's 2012 Community Day at IUP

Our 5th annual *Saint Thomas More Community Day* at IUP is scheduled to coincide with the 7:30 PM Men's Basketball game on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

If you would like to submit (in writing) a nomination for our 2012 recipient(s), please do so no later than January 15, 2012. Call Father Willie at 724.463.2277, ext. 112 for details.

Free tickets will be available for parishioners, IUP students and friends of the parish. During the game's half-time festivities, our 2012 Saint Thomas More Community Leadership Award will be presented.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Epiphany Celebration

Children and Youth are invited to celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord with us from 6:00 – 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 12. Please bring something for everyone to enjoy:

- Last Name “A-H” - fruit
- Last Name “I-P” - veggies
- Last Name “Q-Z” - cheese and crackers

This celebration will replace our regularly scheduled Atrium sessions this week. Please plan to attend. Regularly scheduled sessions will resume on Monday, January 16.

Sacramental Preparation Families & STMUP Parishioners

There will be a session for parents of children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and any parishioner interested in learning more about the history of the Sacrament and the process involved for those preparing to receive this Sacrament. Join us on Sunday, January 15 from 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM in the Cardinal Newman Room.

It is **very important** for parents of children preparing for the Sacrament to attend.

Child care will be provided in the Saint Cecilia Room. Please RSVP to the Parish Office at 724.463.2277.

Reconciliation Retreat for Sacramental Preparation

The *Reconciliation Retreat* for children preparing to receive sacraments this year and their families will be held on Saturday, January 21 from 9:30 AM - 12:00 Noon.

Please RSVP to Mary Beth Palko at 724.463.2277, Ext 125 or mpalko@dioceseofgreensburg.org by January 19.

Do you have questions about becoming Catholic?

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wondering how an adult can join the Catholic Church? We would be glad to talk with you and tell you about the process for adults called RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Please contact Fr. Willie or Mary Beth Palko or call Theresa Marcus at 814.446.6794 for more information.

SCHOOL NEWS

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast - Coming Soon

Saint Thomas More University Parish will again host a “Pancake and Sausage Breakfast” in the Lounge to benefit the Saint Bernard Regional Catholic School on Sunday, January 29, 2012 immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass.

We have a number of families who are parishioners of STMUP who opt to have their children participate in this formal Catholic Educational setting. We support them in this decision and applaud all who have prayerfully discerned to have their children and teens be a part of any of our Faith Formation programs that strive to enhance the faith of our youth and build the Kingdom here in Indiana.

Come enjoy a great breakfast of pancakes and sausage and help support our regional Catholic School!

OUT AND ABOUT

Knight of Columbus January Schedule

- January 11 - 7:00 PM - Council meeting [Lodge]
- January 22 - Pig Roast [Lodge]
- January 25 - 7:00 PM Fourth Degree Assembly meeting [Lodge]

March for Life, 2012

Please reserve, Monday, January 23, 2012 and plan to join us for the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Buses will leave the CMA Church parking lot at 6:00 AM and return by approximately 10:00 PM. The cost is \$25.00 for adults, \$15.00 for children, with scholarships available for those needing them.

For reservations, or to donate money for scholarships, please call Ray Yarnell at 724.349.2966.

Catholic Charities offers Natural Family Planning Session

CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective Natural Family Planning method that can be used to plan pregnancy while following the teachings of the Catholic Church. The next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning instruction is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Catholic Charities Office in Greensburg.

Participants need only to attend one session. The instruction, continued support, and follow-up are provided by a medically certified CM-BBT professional. Pre-registration is required.

Contact Catholic Charities at 724.837.1840, ext. 658 for additional information or to register for an upcoming session.

Magnificat Breakfast

The Magnificat Greensburg Chapter is holding a breakfast at the Four Point Sheraton, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg on Saturday, January 28. Please call Judy at 724.420.5000 or Kathy at 724.832-1701 for more information or to register. Cost is \$18.00.

If you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position - clergy, volunteer or paid staff - please contact Bishop Brandt’s delegate for matters of sexual misconduct. He may be reached at 724.837.0901, extension 221.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY PARISH

Sunday, January 8

Liturgy of the Word for children during the 10:00 AM Mass. Join us in the Lounge after Mass as we celebrate our 6th Annual Epiphany Party & Covered Dish Brunch.

Monday, January 9

CGS Level I & III - No Sessions so that all may attend the Epiphany celebration on Thursday, January 12.

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 - 11:00 AM - Coalition for Equity [Cardinal Newman Room]
 9:15 AM - Staff Meeting
 CGS Level II No Sessions so that all may attend the Epiphany celebration on Thursday, January 12.
 6:30 - 8:00 PM - RCIA [Library]

Wednesday, January 11

2:00 PM - Prayer Shawl Ministry [Cry Room]
 CGS Level I & II - No Sessions so that all may attend the Epiphany celebration on Thursday, January 12.

Thursday, January 12

6:00 - 7:30 PM - ALL CGS sessions will meet in the Lounge for the Epiphany celebration.

Sunday, January 15

Liturgy of the Word for children during the 10:00 AM Mass. Join us in the Lounge after Mass for coffee and donuts.
 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM - Parent Session [Cardinal Newman Room]

Just a reminder that YOU can be a sponsor for
 “Donation for Donuts”
 Contact Cindy at 724-463-2277, ext. 113

OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 25, 2011

Adult: \$14,229.00 Children: \$15.00 Loose: \$2,618.00
PledgeConnect: \$605.00

Total Regular Weekly Collection: \$17,467.00

Utilities: \$65.00 Christmas Flowers: \$55.00
 Children & Family Services Appeal: \$2,262.00

GATHER HYMNALS: \$130.00

Envelopes Issued: 650 Envelopes Returned: (50%)

PledgeConnect Enrollment: 29 Households

Thank you for your GENEROUS support of STMUP!