ST. THOMAS MORE
Catholic Parish & School
Pentecost Sunday • June 4, 2017

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Note: Dcn. Steve Stemper has written this week’s bulletin letter while Father Greg is on vacation.

Is there a more shocking statement in Scripture than this: Jesus said, “... it is better for you that I go.” What? The one who can heal any disease, can multiply food if necessary, can calm the storms of nature, can do absolutely anything – and we’re better off if He goes? That makes no sense! Yet in John 16:7–13, Jesus says: “But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you ... and He will guide you to all truth.” Today we celebrate the great day of the Holy Spirit coming, the second greatest day of the year (after Easter) and considered the birthday of the Church. In today’s relativistic society, I am grateful that Jesus made it clear where we would find truth.

In 1 Cor. 12, Paul tells us we are all of the one Spirit, all part of the body of Christ even though there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, different forms of service. But “to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” We must all ask: What is that benefit for me? What form of service is God calling me to? God doesn’t lie, so we shouldn’t dismiss His words.

Remember, we all have received that same Holy Spirit that transformed the Apostles from behind locked doors for fear of the Jews into witnesses. The people heard “... them speaking ... of the mighty acts of God.” Ask yourself: Has anyone heard from me recently about “the mighty acts of God?” God is counting on us to cooperate with His Holy Spirit within us to be a light to the world. Let’s not hide ourselves under a bushel basket. May we all have Jesus’ gift of peace whenever we try to do His will. God is with us!

— Dcn. Steve Stemper
Eucharistic Procession

Saturday, June 17:
After 5:30PM Mass
On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, join Father
Rohan for a prayerful procession
with the monstrance, blessing our
community and city. The route will
take us around the STM campus.

There will not be an ice cream social this
year. Consider attending the Family Movie
Night after the procession – details below!

Family Outdoor Movie Night

Saturday, June 17:
7:30PM in front of the STM rectory
Invite your family and friends to our summer movie series! Come at 7:30PM
for free popcorn, snow cones and chalk art. Movie begins at sundown. Bring a
blanket or lawn chairs for the grass.

Future movie nights in our series are
Saturdays, July 15 & August 19. For more info, contact Sandra Schwab at sandras@ stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9235.

STM Preschool

STM Preschool is still accepting
applications for 2017–18 with new full-
day and enrichment program options!

Three-year-olds:
8:00AM–1:00PM Tues., Wed., Thurs.
1:00–3:00PM Optional Enrichment

Four-year-olds:
8:00AM–1:00PM Tues., Wed., Thurs.
1:00–3:00PM Optional Enrichment

Space is limited and filling fast! Contact
Stacey Dodge, preschool director, at
303.770.0441 x130 or visit stm catholic.org.

Mass with Father Ciucci

Sunday, June 18:
5:30PM Mass in the church
Join Fr. Daniel Ciucci, newly ordained a
priest in May, as he celebrates a Mass
of thanksgiving at STM! He was here
with us during the summer of 2015 as
a seminarian for his parish experience.

Ministry of the Sick

Bring the Lord to those who are unable to
attend Mass
We are in need of 22 extraordinary
ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs)
to serve Porter and Swedish hospitals
and 7 EMHCs for the Nursing Home/
Assisted Living nearby facilities. If you are
currently a commissioned EMHC, please
prayerfully consider serving in this
important ministry, bringing the Lord
to those who are unable to attend Mass.

Contact Judi Piccone at 720.203.8582
for the hospital ministry and Glenda Eng
at 303.683.9010 for the Nursing Home/
Assisted Living ministry or email
emhc@stthomasmore.org.

No Recycling Event This Year

Due to space limitations with the Renewing Our Heritage
renovation project, we will not be able to offer our annual
Paper & Electronics Recycling Event this year. Please
plan to make alternate arrangements this year for your
recycling needs. Thank you for your understanding!

renewing our HERITAGE

Access to the north parking lot
(behind the HS Youth Center) will not be available from Monday,
June 5 through Friday, June 30 for
the work required to relocate the
sanitary sewer line and concrete
sidewalk and curb replacement.
The Quebec entrance will still
be available, although the traffic
flow will be different and access
to the front of the church will
be impacted with this work. We
thank you for your patience with
this inconvenience while we make these improvements.

Please use the school parking lot for events scheduled in the
School and Office of Catechesis, such as Vacation Bible School,
Guppy Fest and Life With a Mission.

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the campaign! If you have
yet to make a pledge and would like to be part of the project, visit the
parish office or call Dick Rapp at 303.770.1155.
This Week’s Mass Intentions

**Sunday, June 4:**
- Pentecost Sunday
  - 7:00AM Lois Rohleder†
  - 8:30AM Kipper & Marilyn Bell
  - 10:00AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
  - 12:30PM Larry Del Santo†
  - 5:30PM The Jeske Family

**Monday, June 5:**
- 6:30AM Midge Nickless
- 9:00AM Tim Oldani†

**Tuesday, June 6:**
- 6:30AM Poor Souls in Purgatory, especially those with no one to pray for them†
- 9:00AM Bryan Cummins†

**Wednesday, June 7:**
- 6:30AM Tom Neville†
- 9:00AM Ed & Victoria Schuster†

**Thursday, June 8:**
- 6:00AM Fr. Praveen Frank, O.C.D.
- 9:00AM Gary Meis & Family

**Friday, June 9:**
- 6:30AM Tom Marcuccilli†
- 9:00AM Joyce Spinazze†

**Saturday, June 10:**
- 7:30AM Christine Lum Lung
- 4:00PM Luis Hernandez
- 5:30PM Marge McCracken†

**Sunday, June 11:**
- The Most Holy Trinity
- 7:00AM Josephine Balfour Kulik†
- 8:30AM Fr. Selin
- 10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
- 12:30PM Marko J. Rukavina†
- 5:30PM Walter Janiczek†

Praying Prodigal Hearts Home

**This Thursday, June 8:**
- 7:00PM in the Cry Room

All are welcome to pray for the return of our loved ones to the Catholic faith.

Contact: Colleen Goffredi at 303.694.4864.

Rosary Makers

**Saturday, June 17:**
- 1:00–3:00PM in the Catacombs (in the school building) – location for June only

New members are always welcome!

Would you like to learn how to make rosaries for the many ministries in the Denver area and throughout the world? Come join other parishioners for fellowship while making a difference through beautiful rosaries.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Shirley C. at 720.488.5251 or shrilcloutier@aol.com.

Father’s Day Novena Cards

Father’s Day Novena cards are now available at all the church entrances.

Please return your Spiritual Bouquet donation envelope in the collection basket, to the church office or by mail by **Friday, June 16** to have your loved ones remembered at all Novena Masses that begin on Father’s Day.

Questions of the Week

**Adult:** What important work does Jesus ask of you at this time in your life?

**Child:** How would Jesus want you to treat your friends and family this week?

Perpetual Adoration

Spend a prayerful hour with Jesus

Adore our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our adoration chapel!

Hours in need of an adorer include:
- **Sundays** at 1:00AM and at 6:00AM
- **Thursdays** at 11:00AM
- **Fridays** at 6:00PM

Contact: Rosemary Samaniego at adoration@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3392.
We welcome
Brooks Thomas Petrelli
Carolyn Grace Plowshay
Landon Axe Young
who were recently baptized.

Friday–Sunday, July 28–30:
Bear Creek Lake Park in Lakewood

Join other STM families for our fifth
annual Family Camping Adventure.
We’ll enjoy exciting activities, Mass,
provided meals, s’mores and more!

Pick up a registration form today in the
Information Cove. For questions, contact
familycamping@stthomasmore.org.

“I have come to set the earth on
fire, and how I wish it were
already blazing!”
(Luke 12:49)

Join Joe Gohring of Catholic Charities
and the Marian Missionaries of Divine
Mercy on an inspirational journey into
living out the Hearts Afire Program!
The first evening, June 7, will focus on
“The Second Greatest Story Ever Told
& Marian Consecration.” The second
evening, June 14, will focus on “Divine
Mercy & Consoling the Heart of Jesus.”

For questions, contact Paul & Colleen Lum
Lung at 303.779.0396 or mclumlung@gmail.com.
This two-night event is designed
for those who have participated in the
Hearts Afire Program, but all are welcome!

St. Paul instructs us in his First Letter
to Timothy “…to do good, to be rich
in good works, to be generous, ready
to share …” (1 Timothy 6:18)

All parish families are asked to help those
enduring hunger, homelessness and
hopelessness by sharing a portion of
their material blessings with the Appeal.

If you have yet to donate to the 2017
Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal, please
visit www.Archden.org/GiveToday or call
303.715.3111 to make your gift today.

For all kids age four (by June 1)
through incoming fifth graders

Meet St. Paul and the Underground
Church on an exciting adventure at STM!

VBS registration is filling up fast and space
may be limited. Register today at https://
membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/739
or in the Office of Catechesis. Contact
Linda Enloe for any questions at lindae@
stthomasmore.org or 303.770.0531 x7.

During VBS, please use the school parking lot
for pick-up and drop-off (due to renovation).
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Preschool Teachers
Teach at our parish preschool
STM Catholic Preschool is seeking two part-time teachers. Candidates must have Early Childhood Teacher certification. For a more detailed job description, visit stmcatholic.org.
Interested candidates should contact Stacey Dodge, preschool director, at 303.770.0441 x130 or staceyd@stthomasmore.org.

Math & Science Teacher
Teach at our parish school
St. Thomas More Catholic School is seeking a full-time middle school math & science teacher beginning August 2017.
Candidates must hold a valid teaching license. Experience is preferred.
All interested candidates should contact Jan Altevogt, principal, at 303.770.0441 or jana@stthomasmore.org.

Global Leadership Summit
Thursday & Friday, August 10 & 11: at Cherry Hills Community Church
Register now to experience two days of world-class leadership training!
Flyers are available in the Information Cove or contact Jo Holt at 303.221.9222 or joanneh@stthomasmore.org for more info. Since STM is an event partner, we are offering discounted tickets: $99 per person.

A/V Minister
Join our audio/visual team
STM Parish is hiring a part-time audio/visual minister to join our A/V team to assist at weekend Masses, weddings, funerals and other STM events. Knowledge of sound board and Microsoft PowerPoint a plus.
Interested candidates should contact Jeff McGarrity at jeffm@stthomasmore.org.

SOCIAL & recreational

Young Adult Summer BBQ
For all young adults in your 20s & 30s – single, dating, engaged or married
Tuesday, June 13: 6:30PM at the rectory (building to the left of the main church entrance)
All young adults are invited for fellowship and food!
Save the dates for our other upcoming BBQs on the second Tuesday of each month: July 11, August 8 & September 12.
For questions or more info, contact Brett Manero at brettm@stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9244. Join our Facebook group “St. Thomas More Young Adults.”

New Life – Senior Singles
A social, spiritual support group for single, widowed, divorced and separated persons
Saturday, June 10:
2:00-4:00PM Colorado History Museum visit followed by dinner at Dulce Vida.
Contact: Pat M. at 303.740.6919.

Wednesday, June 14:
1:30PM concert by the “First Ladies of Jazz” at the Lone Tree Arts Center.
Contact: Vicki T. at 303.773.8410.

Tuesday, June 20:
4:00–7:00PM Happy Hour at Outback (Springer Dr., Highlands Ranch).
Contact: Bernadette O. at 303.748.6338.
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Serra Club Lunch with Seminarian Josh Meier

This Thursday, June 8: 12:00PM at Piccolo’s Restaurant (3563 S. Monaco Parkway, just south of Hampden)

Join guest speaker Josh Meier, our visiting seminarian, at the Serra Club lunch! All are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP in advance to David Myhill at 214.926.9138 or Dr.Myhill@att.net or Mary McManus at 303.636.9777. Cost: $12.

Celebrating an Anniversary

Honoring the vocation of marriage

John & Mary Romano – 50 years
Ron & Patty Winter – 44 years
Kipper & Marilyn Bell – 30 years
Doug & Laurie Welch – 30 years

Happy anniversary! If you would like your anniversary to be published in the bulletin, please email bulletin@stthomasmore.org at least two weeks before your anniversary with your names, date and the number of years of marriage you will be celebrating.

Traveling Chalice

Praying for vocations this week:
The Roddy Family
To sign up, contact Karen Smoody at karens@stthomasmore.org or 720.482.3594.

Wedding

We pray for
Tiffany Iwamura & Scott Zamora
who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

OUTSIDE the parish

Priest & Seminarian Appreciation Day

All are welcome for a day of fun, food and games to celebrate our priests and seminarians!

Monday, June 19:
9:30AM registration at St. Frances Cabrini Parish; activities all day through Italian dinner starting at 5:30PM. Meals and games are at St. Frances Cabrini; Golf is at Raccoon Creek Golf Course.

This 8th annual event by the Catholic Radio Network is open to all (age 16 & older), including golfers & non-golfers.

To register or for more information about the special day, visit www.golf4priests.com or contact Karen M. at 303.523.9760.

Catholic Homeschool Conference

Learn about Catholic homeschooling!

Thursday, June 29:
12:00–6:00PM at St. Mary Catholic Parish (6853 S. Prince Street in Littleton)

If you would like to discover more about Catholic homeschooling, come enjoy an informational afternoon. Guest speakers will include Dr. Ray Guarendi.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email info@ihmconference.org.
Middle School Youth Rally: Guppy Fest

This Wednesday, June 7:
9:30AM–4:00PM (check-in begins at 9:00AM) at St. Thomas More

Registration is still open, and all STM youth may register at the door.

The Guppy Fest tradition continues as we gather together for a big day packed with fun, games, music, skits, Mass and a closer look at what it means to choose God and be chosen by Him. Don’t miss this big celebration of the Catholic Christian life. Start your summer off with this exciting, high-energy rally!

For questions, call 303.220.3388.

Due to our renovations, please use the school parking lot for pick-up and drop-off.

Middle & High School Retreat: Life With a Mission

Sunday–Friday, June 11–16:

Middle and high school youth are invited to a week-long, on-site discovery of how to live with meaning, purpose and witness to our faith. We open the retreat with Youth Mass and Dinner on Sunday night. We will have “Theme Nights” throughout the week. We close with our optional day-long trip to Elitch Gardens on Friday.

Visit the youth table in the narthex to sign up today! For questions, call the youth staff at 303.220.3388.

Due to our renovations, please use the school parking lot for pick-up and drop-off.

Beach Bash

All middle school & high school youth are welcome!

Wednesday, June 28:
4:00–8:00PM at Cherry Creek Reservoir

Incoming 6th–12th grade youth and their families are invited to soak in the sun with us. Bring some food to share; we will have burgers, hot dogs and drinks. Join us for volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, or swimming. Invite your friends!

Please provide your own transportation. Call the Youth Office in advance if you need a ride or for questions at 303.220.3388.

Girls’ GRACE and Guys’ Sports Group

All middle school youth (incoming 6th–8th grade) are invited

Groups meet bimonthly for incoming 6th–8th graders. See the youth calendars online and on the youth table for the specific dates. Both groups meet in the STM narthex by 8:50AM to attend 9:00AM Mass together. Pickup is in the Catacombs at 11:00AM.

Guys’ Sports Group: Middle School boys are invited to Guys’ Sports Group to learn about athletes who demonstrate a Christian life and to play various sports with one another.

GRACE: Middle school girls are welcome to come together, study scripture and grow in fellowship with each other twice a month in the summer in GRACE small group ministry.

For Guys’ Sports Group info, contact Greg Johnson at greg@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3388 x2.

For GRACE info, contact Yifat Shahrabani at yifats@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3388 x4.

Summer Dances

Save the dates for these fun events celebrating summer & Independence Day

High School Dance (incoming 9th–12th grade): Wednesday, July 5: 7:00–9:30PM

Middle School Dance (incoming 6th–9th grade): Thursday, July 6: 6:00–8:00PM

Questions? Call youth staff at 303.220.3388.
### High School Events

**Grades 9–12**

**Sunday, June 4:**
YDisciple (Small Group Ministry): 7:00–8:30PM

**Tuesday, June 6:**
Guppy Fest Setup Day: 2:00–5:00PM
St. Pius Youth Choir Practice: 7:00–9:00PM

**Wednesday, June 7:**
Guppy Fest Youth Rally: 9:30–4:00PM
Softball Practice: 5:00–6:45PM
Breakaway: 7:00–9:00PM
(Scatterball [optional] 9:00–9:30PM)

**Sunday, June 11–Friday, June 16:**
Life With a Mission: On-site Retreat
See the info box on page 8 for details.

### Middle School Events

**Grades 6, 7 & 8**

**Monday, June 5:**
Bible and Beyond: 4:00–6:00PM

**Tuesday, June 6:**
Guppy Fest Setup Day: 2:00–5:00PM

**Wednesday, June 7:**
Guppy Fest Youth Rally: 9:30–4:00PM
See the info box on page 8 for details.
Softball Practice: 5:00–6:45PM

**Saturday, June 10:**
St. Elizabeth’s Sandwich Line: 9:00AM–12:30PM

**Sunday, June 11–Friday, June 16:**
Life With a Mission: On-site Retreat
See the info box on page 8 for details.

### Co-Ed Youth Softball Team

For guys & girls, incoming 8th graders through graduating seniors

**Starts June 7** Practices held at STM Wednesdays: 5:00–6:45PM. Games take place Sunday afternoons at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Westminster.

If interested, contact Greg Johnson at greg@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3388 x2.

### ECHO Switches to Tuesdays

**Beginning Tuesday, June 20:**
7:00–9:00PM in the Catacombs

Join us for scripture study, games, adventure, friendships and more as you develop as a disciple of Christ and ECHO Christ to the world!

### ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Thank You for a Great School Year!

Have a safe and fun summer vacation!

Our school’s summer office hours will be Monday–Friday through **June 16** from 8:00AM–1:00PM. The office will then be closed until August 1.

To learn about our excellent parish school or for questions, visit stm catholic.org or call 303.770.0441. See also the preschool information on page 3 of this bulletin.

### Archdiocese Contest Winners

**Celebrating our students’ great work!**

This year, students at our own STM Catholic School took first, second and third place in the Archdiocesan Respect Life essay contest!

The winners are:

- **First Place:** Janina Eddy
- **Second Place:** Will Fete
- **Third Place:** Lauryn Skoruppa

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