“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 22:37–39

What’s Inside:
- All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses
- All Souls Day
- Called by Name
- Christ in the City
This week contains two of my favorite days in the whole liturgical year, All Saints and All Souls. On November 1, we celebrate the fact that throughout over 2,000 years of Christianity, there has been a constant cloud of witnesses: men, women and children who have lived holy and virtuous lives. And even more important, they have been invited into the joyous hall of the heavenly banquet and are together with our Lord and His mother. We may never know their individual stories and witness in this world, but we pray that we will join them eventually in the presence of our God. We know that the only ones in heaven are saints, and so we celebrate the feast of all the saints who have gone before us, calling upon them to pray for us on our journey to be with them in heaven.

The other day, All Souls, recognizes that although only saints are in heaven, many die with the prospect of that divine reward awaiting them, but are not completely ready to enter into the perfect presence of our God. In the final preparation for their acquiring that entrée, they are in purgatory, being purged of any remaining stain of sin or selfishness that would hold them back from the ability to be in the presence of the pure light and holiness that is our God. The honor we have on that November day, and every day, is to assist them in their efforts to enter the kingdom of heaven by our prayer, fasting and almsgiving on their behalf. What a wonderful gift we can give on this special day. It is so distinctive and exceptional a day that it is one of the few in the year that priests are even allowed to celebrate three Masses, praying for the faithful departed. So take the opportunity to go to Mass, spend time in the Adoration Chapel or just make a prayerful visit to the church that day. Pray for your family, relatives and friends who have died. And remember to pray in a special way for the souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

You will hear this weekend that we are needing some new volunteers to sign up for particular hours to spend each week in the Adoration Chapel. It is important that we have at least two adorers at all times. Because we have some adorers who are dealing with sickness or other life-changing events, who have died or who have moved out of the area, we need to ensure that we have adequate coverage. This commitment not only enables us to continue the perpetual adoration here that we have had in place for nearly 25 years now, but it also is a great blessing to one’s own spiritual life. Please consider whether you can help. You may contact Rosemary Samaniego at adoration@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3392 for further information.

– Msgr. Tom
The Bible & the Sacraments

A fascinating 11-week DVD study series with discussion

Tuesdays beginning November 7:
9:45–11:45AM in St. Francis Hall

Join us for an inspiring Bible study for adults based on the work of Dr. Scott Hahn, presented by speaker and author Matthew Leonard. Journey through Scripture and discover the power of the Sacraments to transform our lives!

Register by Tuesday, October 31. Forms to sign up are available in the RE Office or the Information Cove. Materials fee will apply. Questions? Contact Ana Cruz at anac@stthomasmore.org or 303.770.0531 x5.

All Saints Day

“The saints did not all begin well, but they all ended well.”
— St. John Vianney

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation:

This Tuesday, October 31:
6:00PM (anticipatory)

This Wednesday, November 1:
6:30AM, 9:00AM*, 12:00PM*, 6:00PM*

* School children will attend this Mass
* Incense at this Mass

The relics of which our parish is the custodian will be exposed for veneration after each Mass.

On All Saints Day, we celebrate and honor all the saints, known and unknown, who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision. This great feast inspires us with tremendous hope!

All Souls Novena

All Souls Day Novena cards are available at all the church entrances. Please return the All Souls Day Remembrance envelopes in the collection baskets, to the parish office or via mail by this Monday, October 30, to have your loved ones remembered at all Novena Masses that begin on All Souls Day.

All Souls Day

“All Saints Day

Mass of Remembrance

This Thursday, November 2:
6:00PM Memorial Mass

Join us for a special evening Mass on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, in addition to the regular 6:30AM & 9:00AM daily Masses. All are invited on this day to remember and pray for our beloved dead.

Take a moment to look at the Memorial Board with photos of our deceased loved ones. The board will be in the sanctuary for the Masses on All Souls Day and in the narthex throughout November.

No Thursday Confessions

This Thursday evening, November 2:

Please note that we will NOT have evening Confessions or Holy Hour this Thursday due to the All Souls Day Mass.

Baptisms

We welcome

Briar Rose Blaha
Jack David Crane
Alanna Garcia Favre-Bulle
Blake Noel Kouzmanoff
Maya Anela Mock

who were recently baptized.
This Week’s Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 29:
- 7:00AM Aurora Datu †
- 8:30AM Marcella Rowley Parker †
- 10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
  12:30PM Fr. Greg Bierbaum
  5:30PM Beth Craig †

Monday, October 30:
- 6:30AM Dave Brown
- 9:00AM Dave Brown

Tuesday, October 31:
- 6:30AM Special Intention of Bob Benda
- 9:00AM John Kelly
- 6:00PM Julie Sedlacek †

Wednesday, November 1:
- All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
  6:30AM Beth Chatterton
  9:00AM The Lupton Family
  12:00PM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
  6:00PM The Lehman Family

Thursday, November 2:
- 6:30AM All Souls Day
- 9:00AM All Souls Day
- 6:00PM All Souls Day

Friday, November 3:
- 6:30AM Edna Rogan †
- 9:00AM All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 4:
- 7:30AM All Souls Novena
- 4:00PM Gerald Denk
- 5:30PM Ralph Voller †

Sunday, November 5:
- 7:00AM All Souls Novena
- 8:30AM Josephine & Julio Gonsalves †
- 10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
- 12:30PM Karen Smoody
- 5:30PM Dorothy Taylor †

This Week’s Prayer Intentions

Pray for our ill parish members & relatives:
- Vikki Farrow, Sharon Haney, Alice Jackson,
  Nicole Marquez, Dave Robinette, Marianne Strack

Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives:
- Patricia Crater, Patricia Funke, Alfred Griebling,
  Ralph Mroch, Len Mazzi, Thomas Neider,
  Carol Lee Van Dyke, Annette Williams

Due to the Privacy Act, only immediate family members may request a name to be placed on the prayer list. Please call the parish office at 303.770.1155.

Cancer Novena

Come pray a novena for the intercession of St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer patients, and St. Jude, patron saint of hope

Wednesday, November 1 on your own;
As a group Thursday, November 2–Thursday, November 9:
- 5:30PM in the School Room 213

Please note: Due to All Saints Day, the first night is said on your own. The group will meet starting Thursday November 2. Come pray a novena for those afflicted with cancer and for their families. Praying the novena takes about 40 minutes a day and may be said privately when attendance is inconvenient.

With questions, call Marge Chardavoyne at 303.721.7015. To submit names for the list, email peregrineandjude@stthomasmore.org.

Children’s Holy Hour

Friday, November 3: (every first Friday)
- 4:00–5:00PM in the Adoration Chapel

Come dressed as a saint for this holy hour in celebration of All Saints Day! Children of all ages are welcome.

Contact: Smita Rodrigues at 720.221.4665.

Reclaiming Hearts

A holy hour of prayer, music and reflections given by clergy

Tuesday, November 7:
- 7:00PM in the church

All are invited to pray for an end to pornography and its effect on our culture, families and personal dignity.

For questions, contact Sandra Schwab at sandras@stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9235.

Daylight Saving Time

Next Sunday, November 5 at 2:00AM:
Remember to set all your clocks back one hour as Daylight Saving Time ends!

Perpetual Adoration

Spend a prayerful hour with Jesus

Please prayerfully consider making the commitment of a regular weekly hour to adore our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in our adoration chapel!

If you’re interested, please contact Rosemary Samaniego at adoration@stthomasmore.org, 303.220.3392 or 720.490.9186.
Priesthood Sunday

This Sunday, October 29, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday! We thank our wonderful priests at St. Thomas More, Msgr. Tom Fryar, Fr. Greg Lesher, Fr. Rohan Miranda, O.C.D. and Fr. Ivan Monteiro, O.C.D., for all they do for us.

Prayer for Priests
Lord God, you have called these holy ordained priests to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire Church. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. We pray for them in all their work. Amen. — Prayer by LPI

Women’s Vocation Retreat

For women age 14-35 open to a call to religious life

Saturday, November 4:
8:00AM at Mother Cabrini Shrine in Golden (Lunch will be provided)

Come discern the Lord’s will for your life!
For more information or to register, contact Sr. Mary Hanah at 970.366.1235 or mary.hanah.rsm@gmail.com. Cost: $10.

Traveling Chalice

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

Weddings

We pray for
Brianne McGovern & Ryan Moschel
who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Called by Name

Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5:

Next weekend, each of us has the important opportunity to nominate an individual we think may have a possible vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Prayerfully consider a person you would like to nominate!
Cards will be available in the pews to make your nomination at Mass.

Over the years, quite a few of the individuals nominated in this program at STM have gone on to discern and fulfill their vocations to the priesthood and religious life!

Seminaries’ Appeal: Second Collection

Next weekend, Saturday & Sunday, November 4 & 5, our parish will conduct the annual Seminaries’ Appeal. A second collection will be taken at all weekend Masses.

As Monsignor Tom wrote in the October More Informed, as a stewardship parish, we do not typically take up second collections. In lieu of this, our Stewardship Committee approves a generous donation from our regular offertory on behalf of the parishioners of St. Thomas More. However, for the upcoming Seminaries’ Appeal, the Archdiocese of Denver has mandated that a second collection be taken.

Before determining your level of support for the Seminaries’ Appeal, please reflect upon the role our priests play in your spiritual life — from performing baptisms, marriages and funerals, to celebrating Mass and reconciling sinners to Christ — and then respond accordingly. Your gift, which will help form tomorrow’s priests, will serve as an unmistakable expression of gratitude.

Josh Meier, a seminarian from the Archdiocese of Denver who is here with us at St. Thomas More this year, will be speaking at all Masses next weekend as part of the Appeal.

For more information, please visit sjvrm.org. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful support of our seminarians!
Stewardship of Treasure

We would like to give a blessed thank you to all who have participated in our annual Stewardship of Treasure program. This kind generosity is a positive indicator that we as parishioners are willing to share a portion of our blessings to ensure greater fiscal stability and a hope-filled future.

If you have yet to return your commitment card, please try to do so next weekend or return it to the parish office this week. Your additional support will be a gift to our family...your parish family!

Join Us For the Mane Event!

This year’s exciting theme is “Saints on Safari: An Expedition for Excellence!”

Saturday, November 11:
6:00PM at Wildlife Experience, Lone Tree

All parishioners are invited to an evening of fun, delicious dinner, entertainment and support for our parish school!

For more information and tickets, visit the website at Mane2017.gesture.com. For parishioner tickets, click the “Buy Tickets” button and select “STM Supporter.”

To learn more about the Mane Event, read the article in the October More Informed (mailed to all parishioners, in Information Cove & at stthomasmore.org). For questions, email STMManeEvent@yahoo.com.

SOCIAL & recreational

New Life – Senior Singles

A social, spiritual group for single, widowed, divorced & separated persons

Saturday, November 18:
9:30AM: Breakfast at the View House. (2680 W. Main Street in Littleton)
Contact: Helena S. at 303.979.8188.

Saturday, November 25:
2:00PM: “Her Paris: Women Artists in the Age of Impressionism” at the Denver Art Museum. (tickets: $24)
Contact: Jackie K. at 303.791.8417.

World Meeting of Families

Join us on a pilgrimage to Ireland from August 18–27, 2018. This international event is a celebration of marriage, family and the Catholic faith!

For interest and questions, please pick up a flyer in the Information Cove or contact Jo Holt at joanneh@stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9222. Registration is now open at rtjourneys.com.

Questions of the Week

Adult: In a practical sense, what is one thing that would change in your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

Child: Why is it hard sometimes to love your neighbor? How can you do a better job of following Jesus’ commandment?

Divorced Ministry

Are you divorced? Would you like to gather with others going through the same experience? Find comfort and counsel through the Surviving Divorce program by Ascension Press.

If interested, contact Sandra Schwab at sandras@stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9235.
The book of Genesis showed that even those who commit a serious crime have the opportunity for redemption and reconciliation. Cain committed the first murder by killing his brother Abel. God severely punished Cain by sending him out to live like a wild beast. Yet, God spared Cain’s life. In Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life), St. John Paul II explained, “God, who preferred the correction rather than the death of a sinner, did not desire that a homicide be punished by the exaction of another act of homicide.”

Questions & Answers on the Death Penalty

Aren’t some crimes so evil the offender deserves to die?

No sin is a barrier to God’s immense and merciful love, and nothing diminishes how much God cherishes each person and his or her life.

Didn’t the Old Testament allow the punishment of death?

When Jesus came, He fulfilled the Old Testament law and deepened our understanding of both justice and mercy: “I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” (John 13:34) We see the law fulfilled every time we participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Although justice does require remorse and action of reparation on our part, at the same time, because of God’s mercy, our penance is medicinal, helping to restore us to union with God.

So, is the death penalty always wrong?

Non-lethal means are in better keeping with the sanctity of every human life and the common good, and must be used unless public safety cannot be achieved otherwise.

What is the position of the U.S. bishops?

The bishops have long opposed the death penalty. There are other non-lethal means of defense against unjust aggressors that should be used instead. “Our faith tradition offers a unique perspective on crime and punishment, one grounded in mercy and healing, not punishment for its own sake. No matter how heinous the crime, if society can protect itself without ending a human life, it should do so.”

Let us work to defend the dignity of all human life, made in the image and likeness of God, through prayer, education and advocacy. Be not afraid; God is with us.

This is the final installment of our series by STM’s Respect Life ministry during October, Respect Life month. The series is based on St. John Paul II’s teachings in his encyclical Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life). Excerpted from Respect Life Program, © 2017, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved. For info, visit www.usccb.org/respectlife.
Journey to Life
All high school youth are welcome for a life-changing retreat weekend!

Friday–Sunday, November 3–5:
at St. Jude Catholic Church Youth Center

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with Christ and transform your life into a life with and for Christ? Join us for our Journey to Life retreat, featuring a theme of “Metamorphosis.”

The registration deadline is coming up, so turn in your forms as soon as possible! Sign-ups and permission slips are at the Youth Table in the narthex. For questions, contact Hannah Smith at 303.220.3388 x5 or hannahs@stthomasmore.org.

Mountain Madness 2018
Encounter God at this archdiocesan retreat open to all 6th–8th graders!

Friday–Sunday, February 16–18, 2018:
at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park

All middle school youth are invited for an exciting annual retreat! We’ll gather together for a “mountaintop” experience. This archdiocese-wide, huge retreat features APeX Ministries.

Spots are limited and fill very quickly. Please find registration packets at the Youth Table in the narthex, outside the Office of Catechesis or via Flocknote. Cost: $180 total; includes a non-refundable $50 deposit required with registration due Thursday, November 30. Contact Yifat for questions at 303.220.3388 or yifats@stthomasmore.org.

All Souls Movie Night
A fun evening for all 6th–8th graders!

This Thursday, November 2:
6:00–8:00PM in the Catacombs

Sometimes we just need a low-key night to chill with our friends in front of a good movie. Join us and bring a friend. Feel free to wear street clothes or pajamas!

*Note: NO ECHO/Crossfire youth groups this week due to Holy Day of Obligation.

For questions, contact Greg J. or Yifat S. at 303.220.3388. Sign-up not required.

GNO: Craft Night for Girls
A fun evening for all girls in 6th–8th grade (& your friends)!

This Friday, November 3:
6:00–8:00PM in the Catacombs

Our November Girls’ Night Out (GNO) is all about exploring our artistic side! Whether you’re an art prodigy or you don’t consider yourself an artsy person, there’s something here for ya! We have a special guest instructor coming to teach you a variety of different crafts. Bring a friend!

Sign up by Wednesday, November 1 so we have an idea of how many supplies are needed. Sign-up is ONLINE ONLY at https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/1187. No permission slip required as we are in the Catacombs.

Contact Yifat S. at 303.220.3388 or yifats@stthomasmore.org for questions.

Project 600 Toy Donations
Help spread Christmas joy and cheer to children!

Beginning Saturday, November 11:
Please donate unwrapped, brand-new toys (for 4- & 5-year-old children) at the labeled boxes at church entrances for our big annual Christmas party bringing happiness to children in need.

Read next weekend’s bulletin for more details. For questions, contact David Tschumper at youth@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3388 x1.

Gobble, Grub & Game Night
A fun evening for all 6th–8th graders!

Tuesday, November 14:
6:00–8:00PM in the Catacombs

Enjoy a night of games, food and giving thanks! Your friends are welcome too.

For questions, contact Greg J. or Yifat S. at 303.220.3388. Sign-up not required.
Our Week at a Glance

**Middle School Events**

- **Monday, October 30:**
  - Bible & Beyond Halloween Party: 4:00–6:00 PM
- **Tuesday, October 31:**
  - NO Challenge due to Halloween
- **Wednesday, November 1:**
  - NO ECHO due to All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) – See page 3
- **Thursday, November 2:**
  - MS All Souls Day Movie Night: 6:00–8:00 PM – See page 8

**High School Events**

- **Wednesday, November 1:**
  - NO Breakaway due to All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) – See page 3
- **Friday–Sunday, November 3–5:**
  - Journey to Life High School Retreat
- **Saturday, November 4:**
  - Vocation Retreat for young women (age 14–35) at Mother Cabrini Shrine – See page 5 of this bulletin for details
- **Saturday, November 11:**
  - Project 600 Toy Collection Begins

**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Our Special Guest Speaker**

- **Tuesday, October 31:**
  - Grades K–8: Halloween Parties: Starting with a parade at 1:30 PM, followed by parties and indoor dismissal
- **Friday, November 3:**
  - The middle school drama program will be performing *The Princess King*, by Jeff Fluharty, produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, CO, on Friday, November 3 at 1:30 PM for the student body and at 6:30 PM for family and friends.

**Bible Studies**

- **Every Wednesday evening:**
  - 6:30–8:30 PM (contact for location)

  Are you interested in joining a Bible study to grow in faith and fellowship?

  *If so: Men, please contact Brett Manero at brettm@sthomasmore.org; Women, please contact Theresa Francis at theresa@catholicyoungadultsports.com.*

**Prayer, Penance & Pub Night**

- **Thursday, November 9:**
  - 6:30 PM in the church at STM

  Enjoy adoration, confession, a reflection by Fr. John Riley followed by fellowship.

  *For more info, contact Theresa Francis at theresa@catholicyoungadultsports.com.*

**A Special Guest Speaker**

- **Last month, the 2nd & 5th grade classes attended a presentation by Mr. Chris Buck, the great-uncle of one of our STM families. Mr. Buck works for Walt Disney Studios and is the co-director for several major films! He has also worked as a character designer and animator, key animator and supervising animator for films. We were blessed to listen to his story and watch him in action!**

  To learn more about our parish school, visit stm catholic.org or call 303.770.0441.