ST. THOMAS MORE
Catholic Parish & School

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 26, 2018

SHARE your GIFTS with OTHERS!

time & talent
We come to the end of the 6th chapter of John’s Gospel this weekend. For over a month, we have been given this powerful expression of our Lord concerning His being the Bread of Life and our need to eat His Body and drink His Blood to have true Life within us. His words and invitation were a challenge to the people of His day and often to those of our own time. And yet, this week we see that He does not attempt to soften or change His call in order to satisfy and encourage more people to stay with Him. If we cannot or will not accept what He teaches us, that is our problem, not His.

So don’t ever downplay the importance of our coming weekly to the Mass to receive the Lord of Life in the Eucharist. He was quite clear in what we are to understand about this wonderful sacrament and why it is important for us to receive Him.

As such, it is also important that we assure that we are in a proper state of grace when coming forward to receive the Eucharist. If one is not a member of the Catholic faith, they are not able to partake of Communion, as it speaks about our acceptance of that faith. If we are Catholic but not practicing as we are called, we are not to receive until we reconcile ourselves through the sacrament of Confession. For instance, if we have missed Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation Masses, we are to refrain from going to Communion until we first go to Confession and receive the mercy and absolution that sacrament gives us to put ourselves back in the state of grace.

Another situation that is good to remind people about is that if they are currently in a marriage that has not been witnessed and blessed within the Church, they are not to be going to Communion until they have that union properly blessed and put themselves back in union with the Church and its practices. If this should apply to you, I invite you to contact our parish office for Marriage and Family Life.

After a month of reflecting on the wonder and beauty of the Eucharist, I hope and pray that it might inspire many to encourage their non-Catholic friends, relatives and acquaintances to consider looking into joining our faith so that they might also come to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. We recommend a good recipe, movie or book to those we like. Why would we not invite them to consider coming to the Bread of Life? Our RCIA sessions for just this purpose will begin again next month. Bring a friend.

Last weekend, we read the letter from Archbishop Aquila regarding the recent release of the Grand Jury Report in Pennsylvania. He mentioned in that letter that he has also written a longer letter that is available on the Archdiocese of Denver website at archden.org. You can also access that letter from our parish website with the button at the top of the page.

In the letter, he asks priests to offer a monthly Mass for the reparation for the sins committed by cardinals, bishops, priests and deacons, and for all sins committed by clergy and lay people against the commandments of the Lord, as well as to pray for the victims of sin. Due to the fact that we have all our Mass intentions scheduled until next summer, here at St. Thomas More we are going to start this initiative by offering a special Mass for this intention on the First Fridays of the month, beginning next Friday, September 7 at 11:30AM. Any and all are welcome to come and participate in that Mass.

– Msgr. Tom
Change your life and the lives of others!

This weekend, August 25 & 26, we are each invited to consider our own gifts, talents, skills and abilities that God has given us. Then, with our unique talents in mind, we explore ways to share these through STM’s many ministries, serving God and bringing joy to others!

Cards full of ideas are in the pews at all Masses this weekend. Be sure to complete yours! Turn in a copy to the parish so you’ll be contacted with info. Bring the takeaway copy to the fair for reference and then home with you.

For additional ways to use your talents to serve God and others:
- Look through the new STM Guide Book, mailed in July, for descriptions and contact information for our ministries.
- Explore the directory on our website, stthomasmore.org – under “Get Involved” in menu, click “Ministries and Programs.”
- Regularly read our bulletin & More Informed newsletter!

Catholic Biblical School

Information Session
This Wednesday, August 29:
9:45AM in St. Francis Hall

Come learn more about the new class for adults, beginning this fall! With in-depth studies and dynamic instructors, the excellent class is truly a life-changing experience.

For more information about the program, visit sjvdenver.edu/laydivision or call 303.715.3195.

Final Days to Register For Religious Education Programs

The deadline to register children for religious education classes for the 2018–19 school year is this Friday, August 31! This includes Faith & Family, Shepherd’s Promise and Special Religious Education.

To register online, visit stthomasmore.org. Paper forms are available in the Information Cove and outside the Office of Catechesis. The August 31 deadline is not for sacrament preparation classes, as you may register for those until the first meeting (early October).

Embracing the Election Process to Safeguard Families

All men & women are invited for a dynamic talk

Friday, September 7:
6:15–7:15AM in McCallin Hall

Come hear a dynamic talk by Debbie Chaves, Executive Director of the CFA Foundation (Coloradoaction.org). She will discuss the important role of the election process in safeguarding families. All men and women are invited. Pastries and beverages will be provided.

Golf Tournament

All proceeds benefit the St. Thomas More Endowment Fund for our parish school

Friday, September 7:
Shotgun start at 8:00AM at Raccoon Creek Golf Course with lunch to follow

Register now to join us for the annual St. Thomas More Golf Tournament, “Around the World in 18 Holes!”

For more information or sponsorship inquiries, contact Joe Espinosa at 303.324.4508 or joe.espinosa@comcast.net.
This Week’s Prayer Intentions

Pray for our ill parish members & relatives:
Bob & Joan Campbell, Crissy Cicarelli, Monica Espinoza, Rosalie Espinoza, Terri Lilly, Dale Malburg, Mike Rawling, Fr. John Slattery, Ricardo Anorga Zamudio

Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives:
Arthur Ronald Briggs, Mike Dixon, Fredrick Lenora, Jim Rapp

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

Prayer in the Square

We would love to have you join us!

Saturday, September 1:
10:00AM at Civic Green Park in Highlands Ranch Town Center (every first Saturday)

Come pray a rosary for our Lady’s intercession for our country and world.

Visit prayerinthesquare.com for details. Contact: Dana Trenovich at 720.383.1224.

Cancer Novena

Special prayers for those afflicted with cancer and for their families

Daily, Wednesday, September 5–Thursday, September 13:
5:30PM in St. Peregrine Hall 2
(except for September 6 and 13, when we will meet in St. Joseph Room)

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

Questions of the Week

Adult: In what way has the example of Christian marriage (your own or that of another couple) helped you understand the relationship between Christ and His church?

Child: What can you do for your family to show them Jesus’ love and care?

Masses of Reparation for Sins

All are welcome to come and participate in the monthly Masses to pray for reparation and to pray for the innocent victims

First Fridays of each month, beginning Friday, September 7: 11:30AM

Our archbishop has asked all parishes to offer a monthly Mass of reparation for the sins committed by cardinals, bishops, priests and deacons, and for all sins committed by clergy and lay people against the commandments of the Lord, as well as to pray for the innocent victims of sin. This is part of the response to the release of the report of clerical abuse in Pennsylvania. Read Monsignor Tom’s Pastor’s Note on page 2 for additional information.

“The Holy Father understands well how much these crimes can shake the faith and the spirit of believers and reiterates the call to make every effort to create a safe environment for minors and vulnerable adults in the Church and in all of society.”

– On Pope Francis’ response to the report of clerical abuse in Pennsylvania, CNA/EWTN News, August 16, 2018

This Week’s Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 26:
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM Vernon Dede †
8:30AM Paul Cazzanigi †
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
12:30PM Peter Farrelly †
5:30PM Jeff McGarrity and Family

Monday, August 27:
6:30AM Delaney Herzberg
9:00AM Richard Maciupa †

Tuesday, August 28:
6:30AM Rev. James Spahn and Family
9:00AM Dennis Desparrois †

Wednesday, August 29:
6:30AM Jason Robert Hillstrom †
9:00AM Bev Denk †

Thursday, August 30:
6:30AM John Stott †
9:00AM Frank Welch †

Saturday, September 1:
7:30AM Jude Rodrigues and Family
4:00PM Michael Haney †
5:30PM Joseph Swiental †

Sunday, September 2:
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM Jason Robert Hillstrom †
8:30AM Donald P. Stoeckel †
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
12:30PM Dcn. Alan and the Rastrelli Family
5:30PM Mary H. Smith †
Men’s Welcome Retreat

Saturday–Sunday, September 8–9:

Join us for our Welcome Retreat to help make sense of life, develop friendships and fill you with energy and purpose.

For more information or to register online, please go to stthomasmore.org and search for “Welcome Retreat.” Contact Sandra with questions at 303.221.9235 or sandras@stthomasmore.org. Cost: $45.

“My faith has strengthened.”
– A past Welcome Retreat participant

Deepening the Interior Life To Follow Christ

A series of classes on the spiritual life

Mondays beginning September 10:
7:00–8:30PM in McCallin Hall

In Ipso offers three eight-week sessions designed for adults who feel a call from Christ to follow Him more closely and serve Him actively throughout the day. Fr. Chris Hellstrom, former Director of the Spirituality Year at St. John Vianney Seminary and currently serving the archdiocese, will lead this great series.

For details and registration, visit in-ipso.org.

Men For All Seasons

Fridays beginning September 14:
6:20–7:20AM in McCallin Hall

We welcome all men to join more than 100 STM men meeting on Friday mornings for breakfast, fraternity and deepening your faith. This fall, we will be presenting a new video series entitled “The Vision of a Man Fully Alive,” featuring eight different speakers on a variety of topics designed to meet you wherever you are in your spiritual life.

Please join us! For questions, contact Steve Bell at 303.886.1844 or Deacon Steve Stemper at 303.850.9470.

Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays, September 11–October 16:
9:45–11:30AM in St. Francis Hall

Join us for a new Lectio Bible Study series on St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians.

Study books will be available for purchase. For questions, contact Brett Manero at brettm@stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9244.

For Those Mourning the Loss of a Loved One

Support and encouragement for the healing process with Christ’s love

Tuesdays beginning September 11:
7:00–8:30PM in the STM school library (second floor, above main entrance)

To help you cope with the pain of your loss, to encourage emotional healing and to provide support, the STM Bereavement Support Group invites you to join us for a 12-week series.

For more information, questions or to register, please contact Bill Ross at 303.522.1092 or billross303@gmail.com or Deacon George Morin at 303.221.9239 or dcngeorgem@stthomasmore.org.

Restored Order Registration

A two-year program for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (year 1) and Confirmation and First Eucharist (year 2)

We invite you to register your second graders now for our Restored Order Sacrament Preparation program!

For more information or to register, visit stthomasmore.org/restored-order-of-the-sacraments/. For questions, contact Cheyenne Secor at 303.770.0531 x7 or cheyennes@stthomasmore.org. Your child must be concurrently enrolled in a Catholic school or religious education. The enrollment deadline for Shepherd’s Promise and Faith & Family is this Friday, August 31 (see page 3 for details).
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* = This ministry is at the Time & Talent Fair this weekend. Come visit their table in McCallin Hall to learn more!

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**Become a Catechist**

Being a catechist is a wonderful way to share the gift of faith with children in our parish. You’ll also grow deeper in your own faith, knowledge and personal relationship with our Lord. Catechists teach in pairs and receive training, curriculum and guidance.

If you’re interested, contact Megan O’Neill, the new coordinator of Faith & Family and Shepherd’s Promise, at megano@stthomasmore.org or 303.770.0531 x5.

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**New Altar Server Training**

Register soon, as space is limited to 12 new servers per session.

**Thursdays, September 6 or October 4:**
4:00–6:00PM in the church

Youth age 10 years old or older who are interested in becoming an altar server are invited to attend a training!

To register, contact Karen Smoody at karens@stthomasmore.org or 720.482.3594.

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**Blood Drive: 40th Anniversary**

Celebrating 40 years of STM Blood Drives!

**Saturday, September 15:**
7:30–11:30AM in STM school gym

Loyal donors, new donors & volunteers are needed for the STM Blood Drive.

Sign up online now at donors.bonfils.org and use site code 0225. Or, call the Bonfils appointment center at 303.363.2300. For eligibility questions, call 303.363.2202.

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**EMHC Ministry of the Sick**

Current EMHCs: Bring our Lord to people in nursing homes, assisted living or hospitals

“I was sick and you visited me.” (Mt 25:36)

If you are currently an EMHC at St. Thomas More Parish, please consider bringing our Lord to those who are unable to attend Mass as they reside in a nearby nursing home or assisted living facility or are in the hospital.

Please call 303.221.9181 for details.

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**Habitat Helpers**

The Habitat Helpers will soon embark on our 14th annual home-building project. Please watch for upcoming announcements. The Habitat Helpers Committee is grateful to the STM community for your past and continuing support to provide permanent, decent and affordable housing to hard-working families.

For questions or more information, contact Jay Busch at jrbbusch@gmail.com.

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**Respect Life Meeting**

Outreach and prayer for life

**This Tuesday, August 28:**
7:00PM in St. Peregrine Hall 2

Join us to pray the Rosary & plan events.

Contact: respectlife@stthomasmore.org.

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**Come Learn About the Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts**

Come start your next adventure in Scouting!

**Cub Scouts** (boys in grades 1–5)
**"Join Event"** — **Monday, September 10:**
7:00PM in STM school large cafeteria

**Boy Scouts** (boys in grades 6–12)
**Any Monday evening** at 7:00PM in the Youth Center – Come see what we do!

For Cub Scouts information, contact Debbie Sears at tiggerz_4u@yahoo.com or 303.522.6291. For Boy Scouts info, contact Sam Kennedy at sakennedy@yahoo.com.

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**Pictured below: An STM parishioner volunteering for a past project!**
**New Life – Senior Singles**

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

**Saturday, September 1:**
10:00AM Walk at Clement Park (7306 W. Bowles) & lunch at Sweet Tomatoes.
Contact: Mary Jo N. at 303.683.3037.

**Support for Single Parents**

Join us for a new nine-week series

**Mondays beginning September 10:**
7:15PM in St. Peregrine Hall 2

All single parents looking for balance and support in their role as a parent are invited to our Single & Raising Saints program. Topics include prayer, finances, achieving balance and dating.

For questions, contact Sandra Schwab at sandras@stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9235. Cost: $10 for resources.

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**Preschool Teacher Position**

STM Catholic Preschool is seeking a part-time ECT-qualified preschool teacher for the 2018–19 school year. Enjoy a fun, faith-based preschool program where you can truly make a difference in a child’s life.

For information, please contact Stacey Dodge, preschool director, at 303.221.9256.

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**Part-Time Childcare Position**

Do you love children and enjoy playing and giving them loving care? We are looking for a childcare provider who can work varied shifts including weekdays, weeknights and weekends. This is a paid position, and hours are limited.

Candidates must be 18 years old or older. If you are interested, please send your resume to pattyh@stthomasmore.org.

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**Piano Accompanist Position**

STM School is looking for a Mass piano accompanist for our Tuesday school Masses. A small stipend is provided.

Please contact jana@stthomasmore.org if you are interested.

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**Men’s Steak Night**

All men of STM are welcome for food, fun and fellowship!

**Friday, September 14:**
6:00–9:30 pm in the Padre

Men, come enjoy our 7th annual dinner of big steaks grilled to order with all the trimmings. Our guest speaker will share inside insights on Denver sports!

RSVP required to bobby.rogers1@gmail.com. Cost: $35. Proceeds benefit widows and orphans. Cash bar. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (this event is open to all men).

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**OUTSIDE the parish**

**You Can Help Your Marriage**

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples at all stages of difficulties in marriage.

For confidential information or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend experience on September 7–9, contact 720.257.9106 or retrouvaille.co@gmail.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.
High School Events

Grades 9–12

Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26: Time & Talent Weekend! (see page 3)

This Monday, August 27:
7:00–8:00PM: Boy Scouts Troop 770

This Tuesday, August 28:
7:00–9:00PM: Youth Choir Practice

This Wednesday, August 29:
6:00–10:00PM: Core Team Meeting

Middle School Events

Grades 6, 7 & 8

Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26: Time & Talent Weekend! (see page 3)

This Tuesday, August 28:
7:00–9:00PM: Youth Choir (grade 8 & up)

This Wednesday, August 29:
6:00–10:00PM: Core Team Meeting

Religious Education

Classes are available for middle school and high school youth! The final registration deadline is this Friday, August 31. See page 3 for details.

YOUNG adults ages 18–39

High School YOUTH

Labor Day Camping Trip

In partnership with Catholic Young Adult Sports (CYAS)

Friday, August 31–Monday, September 3: Annunciation Heights in Estes Park

Come to our annual young adult (and young adult family) camping trip for a spectacular way to spend your holiday weekend!

For all the important information and to register, visit https://goo.gl/mhYtwh
For questions, contact Theresa Francis at theresa@catholicyoungadultsports.com.

H.S. Men’s Vocation Retreat

Sunday, September 9: 9:00AM–4:00PM at St. John Vianney Seminary, John Paul II Campus, Denver

All young men in grades 9–12 are invited to learn more about discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood!

Visit DenverSeminarians.org to register.

Connect with Youth Ministry

Phone: 303.220.3388
Website: stthomasmore.org/youth
Facebook: facebook.com/stmyouth
Flocknote: flocknote.com/stmco

And visit the youth table in the narthex!
Our Week at a Glance

Monday, August 27:  
Back-to-School Check-in Day: 8:00AM–12:00PM. Welcome back!

Tuesday, August 28:  
8:15AM: Kindergarten Parents’ Party

Friday, August 31:  
11:30AM: Early Dismissal

To learn about our excellent parish school for preschool through eighth grade, visit stm catholic.org or call 303.770.0441.

A New School Year Begins

We wish all our STM Catholic students, teachers and staff a happy, healthy and blessed 2018–19 school year.

A Prayer for the Start of the School Year:  
God of wisdom and might, be with our children as they begin a new school year. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom, understanding and knowledge in their minds; and peace and zeal in their hearts. Bless them and their teachers and staff. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.
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