Pray this weekend for the safe return of the members of our community who went to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life. Pray that the message that all life is sacred and belonging to God alone might be heard again in our country and among our neighbors. Never hesitate to share the message that abortion is a sin and never encourage or turn a blind eye to anyone you hear is considering it. The greatest gift you can give them is to let them know the truth that God is the author of all life and it is sacred to Him.

And in this election year, please be aware that your not challenging candidates and parties to change and move away from their pro-choice positions is also a sin. Think about when we talk about sins of omission. If you do not correct someone from sinful values and attitudes, you might be setting the stage for that very sin to cause the lives of others to fall from God’s grace too. Not to mention the lives of the children in the womb to be lost by ignorance and selfishness.

Remember the words and wisdom of St. Teresa of Calcutta when she said: “Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.”

Then, the next time someone asks how come there is so much violence in our society now, what with shootings and hatred and all, remind them of the fact we have legitimized the killing of millions of our citizens for almost 50 years now and call it a right.

The news has been talking about it for a while now. The flu season is fully upon us and young and old alike seem to be susceptible. And as always, it is very contagious!

So the long and the short of this message is, if you are feeling under the weather stay home from Mass! Please be considerate enough to not come to church if you are not feeling well. Don’t give the germs an opportunity to visit the persons next to you in the pew, or the communion line. God knows that you are not feeling well so it is not a sin to be considerate and respectful of your fellow parishioners.

I always say, if you stay home from church because you are sick it is not a sin. But don’t then go out to the store, the restaurant, the movies or whatever. If you are too sick to go to church, you are too sick to be going out period. Be honest with yourself and with those around you.

– Msgr. Tom
Photo Directory Pick-Up

The St. Thomas More 2020 Photo Directories have arrived and are ready to be picked up!

If you had your photo taken for the 2020 directory, please pick up your copy in the Information Cove.

Screenagcers: Next Chapter

Filmmaker and physician Dr. Delaney Ruston takes the conversation around screens and teens to the next level with Screenagers Next Chapter: Uncovering Skills for Stress Resilience – a film that examines the science behind teen’s emotional challenges, the interplay of social media and most importantly, what can be done in our schools and homes to help them build crucial skills to navigate stress, anxiety and depression in our digital age.

**Tuesday, January 28:**
6:00–7:00pm in McCallin Hall

Register online at impactflow.com/event/11384. Sponsored by STM Youth Ministry and STM Catholic School.

Contact Tracie Poniatowski at traciep@stthomasmore.org and 303.221.9178 or David Tschumper at youth@stthomasmore.org and 303.220.3388 x1

Parish Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scouts Troup 770 invites you to the annual Spaghetti Dinner.

**Saturday, February 1:**
5:00–7:00pm in McCallin Hall

Dine in McCallin Hall or grab to-go orders of spaghetti (gluten free available), meatballs/sausage, mac and cheese, Italian soup (back by popular demand), spring salad mix, Big Bill’s garlic knots, desserts and drinks.

Ticket are available after all Masses this weekend and at the door.

Cost: $10 adults, $5 children (5-12, under 5 free) and $25 for a family (parents + kids).

Come for food, fellowship, 50/50 cash raffle and bid on silent auction items.

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Consider STM Catholic School for your child’s education

Open House for Prospective Families

This Wednesday, January 29:
9:30am–1:00pm (arrive at any time)

Come enjoy a campus tour! You’ll get to meet teachers and staff members, visit our technology-equipped classrooms and labs, receive information about curriculum and admissions and ask any questions.

Our wonderful parish school provides a quality Catholic education program for children from preschool through eighth grade.

For more information, visit our website at stmcatholic.org or call 303.770.0441 for questions.
This Week’s Prayer Intentions

Pray for our ill parish members & relatives:
Deacon Ron Ansay, Maggie Cadkin, Tony Marino, Devon Minshell, Kenton Mueller, Jim Rudy, Gen Siebert, Jorge Tobias

Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives:
Kim Hillen Bunker, Jeffrey Cazzanigi, Tom Flanagan, Doris Judy, Marjorie Kilbane, Suwarno Murti, Eileen Tighe, Richard Wilson

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

Join us in prayer every first Saturday of the month.

Saturday, February 1:
10:00AM at Civic Green Park in Highlands Ranch Town Center – meet in the amphitheater
Visit prayerinthesquare.com for more information (select the Highlands Ranch location).
For questions, contact Shannon at 303.886.4398 or Gloria at 303.501.9910.

Respect For All Life

"It’s important for our own integrity and the integrity of our country to fight for our convictions in the public square."
– Archbishop Charles Chaput
Beacon of Hope Award

We congratulate parishioner Larry Smith who received the Beacon of Hope Award on Saturday, January 25. Thank you for your deep compassion for those in need and your wonderful example of how to live our Catholic faith.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus

“Look at this Heart which loves so much yet is so little loved.” —Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Join our study group, Consoling the Heart of Jesus. Discover the spirituality of four great saints to help you console the heart of Jesus.

Tuesdays beginning February 4:
7:00–8:30 PM in St. Francis Hall

To register, contact the Lum Lungs at mclumlung@gmail.com or 303.779.0396.

Comfort for the Divorced

For all who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage, find comfort and counsel through the Surviving Divorce program.

Mondays beginning January 27:
6:30–8:30 PM in St. Peregrine Hall

The program covers topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, finances, annulment and remarriage. Cost is $20. For questions, contact Sandra Schwab at 303.221.9235 or sandras@stthomasmore.org.

Respect Life Meeting

Join us as we pray the Rosary as well as plan and discuss many upcoming events in our parish and archdiocese.

Tuesday, January 28:
7:00 PM in St. Peregrine Hall

Contact respectlife@stthomasmore.org.

Catholic End of Life Planning

Dr. Maria Gove, a Catholic physician ethicist presents end-of-life issues from a Catholic perspective including forms and documents. Join us for this informative session!

Wednesday, February 12 at 7:00 PM or
Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 PM in McCallin Hall.

Please RSVP to patricia.mcdaniel@uchealth.org.

Questions of the Week

Adult: To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?

Child: To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?
Celebrating an Anniversary

Joe & Shari Lamb – 30 years

Happy anniversary! If you would like your anniversary to be published, send an email to bulletin@stthomasmore.org.

Vocations

Wedding

We pray for

Liz Buchholz & Brian Ward

who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Traveling Chalice

Praying for vocations this week:

The Pulido Galvan Family

To sign up for one of the available weeks, contact Karen Smoody at karens@stthomasmore.org.

Newly Married Ministry

You are invited to join us for a monthly get-together for food, fellowship and fun over dinner with other newlyweds in the parish.

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact Jodi Lieske at jodil@stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9234.

Treasure

Support for the Church in Latin America & Caribbean

The U.S. Bishops called for a national collection for the Church in Latin America to support pastoral care, faith formation and various other needs.

In lieu of a special collection, the Stewardship Committee authorized a donation of $2,000 on behalf of all STM parishioners.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!

Soles 4 Souls

Last week to donate!

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. STM Catholic students are collecting shoes for Soles 4 Souls! Help create sustainable jobs and provide relief around the world. Place donations in the bins in the Information Cove.

Now through Friday, January 31

All sizes are accepted. Questions? Please contact Abby Basile at 303.770.0441 or abbyb@stthomasmore.org.
Welcome, New Parishioners!

Barbara Glenn
Jeff Greenwald
Todd Rosenbach

The families of:
Cynthia Bennis
Dan and Stephanie Born
Mike and Maddi Donovan
Paul and Mojdeh Drobitch
Ed and Candy Duggan

Andy and Rachel Johnson
Farai and Rumbidzai Maruza
Donald Ninteman
Patrick Surcouf
Tony and Gerriann Ward

We are very glad you’re here! If you are a new member of our parish (or have been here awhile but have not yet registered), please register on our website at stthomasmore.org, at our welcome desk in the Narthex or in the Parish Office. Please see the invitation below.

Newcomers’ Breakfast

We’d like to warmly welcome all our newly registered parishioners to STM Parish!

New parishioners are invited to join us for a breakfast in your honor.

Sunday, February 2:
In McCallin Hall after 8:30AM Mass

Please RSVP by this Monday, January 27 to reserve your spot. Call Nicole Turner at 303.221.9148 or email nicolet@stthomasmore with the number of adults and children attending.

Learn about other announcements, events and ministries at our parish by liking our “St. Thomas More Catholic Parish” page on Facebook!

Donut Sunday

This Sunday, January 26:
In the Padre after the 7:00AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 12:30PM Masses

Join us for food, fellowship and fun!

New Life – Senior Singles


Tuesday, January 28 – 4:00–6:00PM Happy Hour at Angelo’s Taverna (6885 S Santa Fe Dr). Contact: Carole K. at 303.238.6873.

Protect your family with tips from this seminar!

Families and Social Media: Knowing the Limits

Join us for an in-depth conversation and Q&A session with local experts on the dangers/risks of social media and its effects on our youth today.

Monday, February 3:
6:30–8:00 pm in McCallin Hall

Questions? Contact Tracie Poniatowksi, STM Catholic School counselor, at traciep@stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9178.

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Oberammergau Pilgrimage with Msgr. Tom

Join Msgr. Tom on a pilgrimage to Germany, Austria and Northern Italy. You will attend the Passion Play that is offered only every 10 years by the people of the town of Oberammergau.

August 25—September 2:
Cost: $5,170 (includes airfare and shared room)

Please visit rtijourneys.com/oberammergau-pilgrimage to register or for more information. For questions, contact Jo Holt at 303.221.9222 or joanneh@stthomasmore.org.
Middle School: Grades 6–8

Monday, January 27: 4:00PM – Bible and Beyond
Tuesday, January 28: 6:00PM – Echofire
Thursday, January 30: 6:00PM – Echofire
Saturday, February 1: 5:00PM – Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, February 2: Souper Bowl of Caring (see info below)

High School: Grades 9–12

Thursday–Sunday, January 23–26: March for Life
Monday, January 27: 7:00PM – Boy Scouts Troop 770
Tuesday, January 28: 7:00PM – Choir Practice (grades 8+)
Wednesday, January 29: 7:00PM – Breakaway
Saturday, February 1: 5:00PM – Scouts Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, February 2: Souper Bowl of Caring (see info below)

Souper Bowl of Caring

Help tackle hunger by collecting donations for local food banks and homeless ministries! Make a difference for those in need by volunteering:

Sunday, February 2

Team A: 9:00AM–12:00PM – Help collect food at local grocery stores.
Team B: 12:00–2:00PM – Help unload the food that was collected.

Pick up a registration form from the youth board in the narthex. Questions? Contact Greg Johnson at gregj@stthomasmore.org.

Connect with Youth Ministry

Phone: 303.220.3388
Website: stthomasmore.org/youth
Facebook: facebook.com/stmyouth
Instagram: @stmyouthcentennial
Flocknote: flocknote.com/stmco
& see the youth board in the narthex!

Habitat for Humanity

The successful completion of our Habitat home for Donna, Christopher and their kids is imminent. The dedication will be on Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00PM at their new home. Thank you for your continuing support!

New Altar Server Training

Assist the priest and deacon at Mass in this special role.

All boys and girls who are 10 years old through high school and who are interested in becoming an altar server are invited to attend this training!

Thursday, January 30: 4:00–6:00PM in the church

To register, contact Karen Smoody at karens@stthomasmore.org or 720.482.3594. Register soon, as space is limited to 12 new servers per session.
Week at a Glance

Our parish school is a community of faith, academic excellence, service and virtues.

Sunday, January 26: Catholic Schools Week begins! 10:30AM – Kickoff Mass

Tuesday, January 28: 9:00AM – School Mass (dress uniform)

Wednesday, January 29: 9:30AM–1:00PM – Open House

Friday, January 31: No School – Staff Development Day

Saturday, February 1: March Hot Lunch Ordering Opens

Consider our parish school for your child’s education! To learn more about our school for preschool through eighth grade or to schedule a personalized tour, visit stmcatholic.org or call 303.770.0441.

Join our Preschool!

STM Catholic Preschool offers a safe and nurturing environment for children ages 3–5. Discover how we encourage children to become lifelong learners! We help to develop the whole child with our developmentally appropriate curriculum with an emphasis on the Catholic faith.

We currently have spots open in our 3 & 4 year old programs.

Please contact us for a tour at preschool@stthomasmore.org or 303.770.1155 x.832

Connect with STM Catholic

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Facebook: facebook.com/stmcatholic.org
Flocknote: flocknote.com/stmco

Healing After Abortion

Hope and peace for people suffering from the after-effects of abortion

Are you or someone you know suffering from a post-abortion experience? There is hope and healing! Consider attending the confidential Rachel’s Vineyard Catholic Retreat!

Friday–Sunday, February 21–23
For questions or to register, contact Lori at 303.904.7414 or lorgreg@msn.com. For more info and testimonies of healing, visit rvrcolorado.org.

Young Adult Retreat

Come to a special retreat with Fr. Jacques Philippe! We’ll be diving into the merciful love of our Heavenly Father.

Friday–Saturday, January 31–February 1 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Parish

Cost is $25. To register, visit: eventbrite.com/e/the-fathers-love-rich-in-mercy-w-fr-jacques-philippe-tickets-86072040791. Email mary.mcgeehan@archden.org with any questions!
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