“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”
Luke 23:34

PURITY
There was a brief notation at the bottom of my note last week about the growing problem with email scams coming out in the parish. We used to say that if you got an email from me, check the whole address. If it didn’t have the parish’s address on my name, it wasn’t legit. Now, we are starting to see that they can duplicate our parish address.

So just be aware that I will never email you asking for you to respond to me via email and then if you do, ask for you to help get me some money by buying gift cards and then sending me the codes from them. I will never solicit financially via email. If I am asking for anything besides chocolate or fast cars, be very suspicious and ignore it!!!!

As the Lenten season gets fully engaged, we are daily being reminded of the health situation in our world with the spreading corona virus. Although there are no reported cases in Colorado, you hopefully saw the email from our Archdiocesan offices last week talking about safety precautions we can be taking now.

Don’t come to church or school, or work for that matter, if you are sick. Please be considerate.

As of this weekend we will not have communion under both species for at least the season of Lent. It is a good reminder that communion under both forms is not required in order to receive the fullness of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus. We receive that fullness even if we only receive the host.

Also, we are asking that you don’t hold hands during the Our Father with those around you. If they are your family and okay with it, go ahead. But don’t expect others to take your hand and know that it makes some feel uncomfortable if those around them are holding and they feel a sort of “peer pressure” to do the same. Be charitable.

Also, during the sign of peace, it is perfectly alright to just turn to those around you and say: “Christ’s peace be with you.” It is probably prudent to not extend your hand in case the individual again doesn’t want to feel pressured into returning the gesture.

That is what we will be doing for now. There is a chance we might take other steps if it appears the threat is more pronounced in the future. And pray for those areas of the world where they are dealing with the fallout of the health problems more directly. In parts of Italy they are not even allowing the coming together for and celebrating of the Mass. Pray for them and give thanks for our being able to still openly and lovingly celebrate our faith this Lent.

– Msgr. Tom

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STM Catholic School Office (Address: 7071 E Otero Ave) 303.770.0441 | smcatholic.org
Youth Ministry | 303.220.3388 | stthomasmores.org/youth

For the complete staff directory with contact information for all our parish staff members, visit stthomasmores.org (under “About Us”).

Sunday Masses: Saturday (Anticipatory): 4:00 & 5:30PM
Sunday: 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30AM (incense); 12:30 (ASL) & 5:30PM (Youth)

Daily Masses: Monday–Friday: 6:30 & 9:00AM. Saturday: 7:30AM
Confessions: Six days per week. Monday–Friday: 8:00AM
Thursday: 6:30PM. Saturday: 2:30–3:30PM

Morning Prayer: Monday–Friday: 8:30AM

Holy Hour for Vocations: Thursday: 6:30–7:30PM

Perpetual Adoration: 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration in Adoration Chapel. Contact: adoration@stthomasmores.org or 303.220.3392.

Sacrament of Baptism: For baptisms, contact Jo Holt at joanneh@stthomasmores.org no less than one month prior to the baptism ceremony. Visit stthomasmores.org for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony: For weddings, contact Jodi Lieske at jodiL@stthomasmores.org no less than eight months prior to the wedding for marriage preparation information.

Sacrament of the Sick: Contact the parish office at onset of illness. In case of death in the family, contact the parish office immediately at 303.770.1155. For sacramental emergencies when the parish office is closed, call 303.698.1111.
All STM parishioners are invited to participate in these five ways:

- Pray for an hour on **Saturday, March 28** or **Wednesday, April 1** from 7:00AM–5:00PM outside the local Planned Parenthood abortion facility (7155 E 38th Avenue, Denver 80207). Sign up now at [40DaysforLife.com/Denver](http://40DaysforLife.com/Denver) (then “Sign Up for Vigil Hours”) or contact respectlife@stthomasmore.org.

- Attend Mass with Msgr. Tom Fryar at 1:00PM on **Wednesday, April 1** across the street from Planned Parenthood.

- Sign up for an hour of prayer (available 24 hours/day) outside the Littleton Planned Parenthood office (NW corner of County Line and Broadway) that distributes the abortion pill. Sign up at [40DaysforLife.com/Littleton](http://40DaysforLife.com/Littleton) (then “Sign Up for Vigil Hours”).

- Pray and fast for an end to abortion any day during 40 Days for Life (February 26 – April 5). To sign up for a day, contact respectlife@stthomasmore.org.

- Commit to pray for one hour each month throughout the year outside Planned Parenthood through [SaversOfSouls.org](http://SaversOfSouls.org).

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**Greater Glory Tour**

Finding the Father in the Gospel of John

**Tuesday, March 17**

at 7:00PM in McCallin Hall

A presentation on “God the Father” will be given by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.

Please register to [cutt.ly/8r4HLZ6](http://cutt.ly/8r4HLZ6).

Copies of *33 Days to Greater Glory* will be available for purchase.

Book signing to follow.
second sunday of lent

What is the Penitential Rite?

For those baptized Christians seeking to enter full communion with the Catholic Church, this Rite helps them to prepare for the healing sacrament of Reconciliation.

Normally occurring on the Second Sunday of Lent after the homily, this Rite calls the candidates to a deeper repentance and a total abandonment to the mercy of the Father who sent His only Son to die for our sins.

Our prayer for these candidates, and for ourselves, is that the presence among us of Jesus who is the sum of the Law and the Prophets will transfigure all our lives with His redeeming grace, bringing us to conversion — a genuine desire to be holy as He is holy.

The Scourging at the Pillar

Matthew 27:26
Then Pilate released to them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him unto them to be crucified.

John 19:1
Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him.

Isaiah 53:5
But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed.

Lent Schedule at a Glance

Fish Fry
Fridays of Lent, now through April 3: 5:00–7:00PM in McCallin Hall

Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent, now through April 3: 3:05PM & 7:00PM in the Church

Lenten Reconciliation Service
Thursday, March 26: 6:30–8:00PM

Palm Sunday & Holy Week
Look for the schedule in future weeks’ bulletins, on our website and in our Lent & Easter mailing.

Lenten Ideas for Children

It is so important to take time at home to teach your children or grandchildren more about our beautiful Catholic faith! A few ideas for Lenten activities to do with your children to share our faith include:

- Pray with your children at home. This is a great habit to begin in Lent and continue all year long!
- Choose a few activities to do as a family within the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Children who are able to write are encouraged to participate in “Jot the Thought” (Mass journals).
- Take your kids to Stations of the Cross at STM.
- Read Catholic books with your children or your grandchildren. Visit our free STM Parish Library or the STM Gift Shop for great books.
- Watch together and discuss the free, excellent children’s programs on FORMED.org.

Lent App Features

Enrich your Lenten journey! During the holy season of Lent, grow closer to our Lord through spiritual encouragement and inspiration.

Our parish app has a button for easy access to daily readings and reflections and more!

Download it today and be inspired! For the app download link, text APP to 88202. Or, search for “myParish – Catholic Life” in your app store.

Once you download the app, follow the welcome screens to look up and select St. Thomas More Parish.
This Week’s Mass Intentions

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Praying Prodigal Hearts Home

Join us to pray for the return of our loved ones to the Catholic faith.

Thursday, March 12
7:00PM in the Cry Room

Pray the Rosary, find fellowship and support others on the journey.
Contact: Colleen Goffredi at 303.694.4864.

Baptisms

We welcome Lochlan David Brzezicki who was recently baptized.

This Week’s Prayer Intentions

**Pray for our ill parish members & relatives:**
Laurie Heath, Stella Lipomi, Roberta Marchese, Laura E. Rodriguez, Jeanne Rogers.

**Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives:**
Dcn. Ron Ansay, Stanley Cangero, Dennis Martinez, Donald Miller, Jr., Roger Semmens

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.

Questions of the Week

**Adult:** How has your faith in Jesus transformed you?

**Child:** How has the example of Jesus helped you become a better person and Christian?

Mother-Daughter Tea

All mothers and daughters are invited to this special event!

American Heritage Girls cordially invites girls and their mothers, grandmothers and aunts to join us for an afternoon tea.

**Saturday, April 4**
12:00PM in STM Catholic School Gym

We will be hearing from the Director of the US Patent Office for the Rocky Mountain Region on women in leadership.

Cost is $10 per person. Registration and payment are due to the RE Office by Friday, March 27.
Traveling Chalice

Praying for vocations this week:

The Allen Family

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

For Those Grieving the Loss of a Loved One

C.S. Lewis once said, “When people ask me, ‘How long does grief last?’ I often answer, ‘As long as it takes.’”

Grieving and mourning the death of a loved one is a different process for each individual. God never intended that we suffer alone.

Tuesdays beginning March 10:
7:00–8:30pm in the STM school library (second floor, above main entrance)

The Bereavement Support Group invites you for a 12-week program to help you cope with your loss.

To sign up, please contact Bill Ross at billross303@gmail.com or 303.522.1092.

Oberammmergau Pilgrimage with Msgr. Tom

Join us for this unique pilgrimage opportunity!

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:

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.

Welcome, New Parishioners!

Renee Carter
Sean Turley
Ginny Young

The families of:
Alexander and Barbara Bernardo
Mark and Linda Boka
Vicotor and Jacqueline Bonney
Bobby and Laura Burling
Reed and Rachel Cupps
Jim and Margaret Enterline
Tommy Frangella
Bradley and Claire Grimes

Tom and Laurie Jarvis
Michele Lande
Anish and Kamila Prasad
Don and Coletta Rosby
Zachary and Chelsie Schuster
Allen and Gerri Sigman
Charles and Steffi Agnes Thomas
Carlos and Berta Wong

Is the Priesthood For You?

What is God calling you to do?

High school boys discerning the priesthood are invited to a FREE retreat for prayer, Mass and brotherhood.

Sunday, March 15:
9:30AM–4:00PM at St. John Vianney Seminary

Register at archden.org/vocations.

For prayer requests, please visit our website or use our parish app.
Second Sunday of Lent

Time & Talent

New EMHC Training

We will have two training sessions for those interested in the EMHC ministry.

**Sunday, March 8:** 2:00–3:30PM
**Monday, March 9:** 6:00–7:30PM
in the church

EMHCs are needed for:
- Various Mass times
- Nursing home and assisted living and hospital ministries.

RSVP to Steve and Tiffany Franzuebbers at emhc@stthomasmore.org and specify which session you will attend.

Now Hiring

We are looking for a part-time IT Support Technician, who will be responsible for the support and maintenance of the various communications infrastructure and computer processing functions at St. Thomas More parish and school.

BS or BA in computer or information processing field or related experience. Solid background in IT systems support and maintenance.

Further details are on our website. Please send all resumes to IreneL@stthomasmore.org.

Treasure

Loose Checks In the Basket

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!

In order to ensure that your donations are being properly posted, please use your envelopes or put your envelope number in the memo line of your check. If you do not know your envelope number, please contact Cindy Shinners at 303.221.9241.

Also, please do not fold your checks more than one time. Multi folded checks are difficult to process through our scanner. Thank you for helping us keep your records accurate.

Thank You Blood Donors!

Total donors from our January 18 blood drive was 107. Thank you to all who participated in this very important event. Let’s continue our commitment to save lives. Next blood drive will be in June. We hope to see you then!

Lenten Diaper Drive

Help babies in need this Lent with diapers!

As part of your almsgiving efforts this Lent, help families in need in Denver by donating diapers to the collection bins at the main church entrance and the school entrance throughout Lent.

We will also have a big collection weekend on **Saturday & Sunday, March 21 & 22.**

Archbishop’s Catholic Appeal

Your kindness rekindles hope for those in need and deepens their faith.

Monsignor Tom recently received a thank you letter from Archbishop Aquila congratulating our parish for exceeding our ACA 2019 goal, which has assisted the Archdiocese of Northern Colorado to advance its charitable, educational and pastoral works of mercy. We thank all our parishioners who helped to make and exceed our parish goal!
Middle School: Grades 6–8

Monday, March 9: No Bible and Beyond
Tuesday, March 10: 6:00 PM – Echofire
Friday, March 13: 7:00 PM – Avalanche Outing
Saturday, March 14: 9:00 AM – St. Elizabeth Sandwich Line

High School: Grades 9–12

Monday, March 9: 7:00 PM – Boy Scout Troop 770
Tuesday, March 10: 7:00 PM – St. John Paul II Youth Choir Practice
Wednesday, March 11: 7:00 PM – Breakaway
8:45 PM – Core Team Meeting
Friday, March 13: 7:00 PM – Avalanche Outing
Sunday, March 15: 4:00 PM – Summer Road Trip Meeting

Avalanche Outing

Go Avalanche!

Join us for a night out at the Avalanche game! The Avs will be taking on the Vancouver Canucks.

Friday, March 13
We will meet at the Park Meadows Mall Food Court for dinner at 4:30 PM and return to the County Line Rail Station at 11:00 PM.

Cost is $40 for ticket and lightrail pass. Please bring money for dinner. Contact Greg Johnson at gregj@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3388 x2

High School Lenten Retreat

High School youth are invited to come to "Watch and Pray" a powerful retreat!

Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5
All High School students are invited to join us for our Lenten Retreat. Cost is $30.

Contact Cheyenne Secor at 303.220.3388 x.3 or cheyennes@stthomasmore.org or David Tschumper at youth@stthomasmore.org.

Middle School Lenten Retreat

“Be Thou MY Vision” an amazing weekend for all middle school youth!

Enrichen your Lenten experience with this retreat and Cross Walk at STM! Grades 6–8 are invited to join us on this journey through Jesus’ Passion.

Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5
Cost is $40. Please register by Friday, March 27. Contact Greg Johnson at gregj@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3388 x2

Online: stthomasmore.org (youth tab)
Facebook: facebook.com/stmyouth
Instagram: stmyouthcentennial
Phone: 303.220.3388
(See the youth bulletin board in narthex)

ASB 2020 – Puerto Rico

Join us on this incredible mission trip opportunity!

We have two spots available on our Alternative Summer Break mission trip to Puerto Rico! Join us for this transformative opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in need!

Sunday–Saturday, July 5–11, 2020
We will be providing disaster relief and living out God’s call to serve those in need.

Contact Cheyenne if you are interested at cheyennes@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3388 x.3.
Week at a Glance

Tuesday, March 10:
9:00AM – School Mass (dress uniform)
6:00PM – Home and School Meeting
7:00PM – SAC Meeting

Friday, March 13:
No School – Teacher Inservice Day

Sunday March 15:
April Hot Lunch Ordering Closes

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

Outside the Parish

Universal Education Supporters

Need help paying for Catholic education?

Universal Education Supporters is a Catholic non-profit where members volunteer at large sports venues in Colorado. UES Scholarship recipients direct their grants to the Catholic Institution for tuition (pre-school–college) and other costs associated with Catholic education. You can even use it to pay for educational trips or donate it to Catholic non-profits!

An informational meeting will be held Saturday, March 14 at 8:00AM at Bishop Machebeuf High School (458 Uinta Way).

Questions? Contact Laurie at 720.308.7924 or Laurie@uesdenver.org, or visit uesdenver.org.

Mullen Senior Citizens Prom

Don’t miss this fun event featuring the Mile High Big Band!

Senior Citizens are invited to the Mullen Senior Citizen Casino Royale Prom!

Saturday, March 28 at 6:30–9:00PM
at Mullen High School
(3601 S Lowell Blvd)

Non-alcoholic refreshments and light food will be served. Please RSVP to Mary Ann O. at 303.941.8723 or familyoswald@msn.com.

Servite Mass

Join Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s for their monthly Indonesian Community Servite Mass!

Saturday, March 28 at 5:45PM
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
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