

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

3000 12th Ave. Coralville, IA 52241

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 A.M. (Except Monday)

WEEKEND: 5:15 P.M. Saturday

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Sunday

HOLYDAYS: 9:00 A.M., 6:00 P.M.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: 9:00 A.M. Monday

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight - John Kauble
319-330-3853 johnkauble@gmail.com

Sickness

Please call the Parish Office whenever someone is ill or whenever there is a need for Communion at home.

Wounded by Abortion? Project Rachel Can Help:
Helpline: 563-333-4107 or 1-888-456-HOPE



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Thomas More Parish strives to be a Parish for All Seasons. We are committed to being an inclusive parish, to help all, in whatever season of life, to grow closer to God through engaging liturgies, support of family life, strong religious education, and a keen awareness of social justice.



Sun	July 19	8:30 AM - Lupita Cruz deBuendia + 11:00 AM - For the People
Mon	July 20	No Mass
Tues	July 21	9:00 AM - John Donnelly +
Wed	July 22	9:00 AM - Johanna Sleichter +
Thurs	July 23	9:00 AM - Jean Quesnel +
Fri	July 24	9:00 AM - George Maxey +
Sat	July 25	5:15 PM - Sue Durian +
Sun	July 26	8:30 AM - For the People 11:00 AM - Sean Kelley +

Readings for the week of July 19th, 2020

Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 /Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 /Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 /Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 /Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 /Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

Stewardship of Treasure

Green Envelopes:	Last Week	Yr-to-Date
Budgeted	\$ 10,000	\$ 45,000
Received	\$ 10,152	\$ 40,490
"Loose" Offertory Basket:		
Budgeted	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,400
Received	\$ 493	\$ 791

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEED YOUR HELP WITH "STUFF"
REMINDER - The Catholic Daughter Court Craigie #94 has accounts in both STUFF locations in Iowa City and Coralville. Donations of clothing, kitchen items, sports items, and furniture can be dropped off at either location to benefit the organization. Just mention "Catholic Daughters" when you drop off the items and proceeds for sales will be contributed to Catholic Daughters. Donors must call and make appointments for item drop offs and are encouraged to contact either store directly with questions. Coralville store 319-545-8408 and www.shopstuffetc.com/coralville/ Or Iowa City store 319-338-9909 and www.shopstuffetc.com/iowa-city/
 This is an excellent opportunity to support Catholic Daughters and free your home of STUFF.

Please remember in your prayers **Richard Wagner**, father of parishioner, Joe Wagner. May he rest in peace.

In Sympathy

NEW PARISHIONERS
 We welcome you to St. Thomas More. Our parish community accepts people of all walks of life, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and gender identities. We are all on a spiritual journey, trying to find our way. All are welcome to join us. To register, please see the pastor after Mass or stop by the welcome table in the gathering space.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 The Sacrament of Baptism is arranged after Pre-Baptism Class. Baptisms celebrated monthly during Liturgy. Make arrangements by calling the Religious Education Office (319-337-4231).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
 We are honored to help you prepare for Christian Marriage and to celebrate your wedding. Please contact Fr. Adam prior to selecting a wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturday from 4:30-5:00PM or by appointment.

RCIA-Right of Christian Initiation for Adults
 Contact: Fr. Adam at the Parish Office or John & Nancy LePeau at (319-354-2304) or email at lepeau@mchsi.com

STEPHEN MINISTRY
 Stephen Ministry is confidential, one-to-one caring and listening offered to adults in our community who are grieving a loss or in need of support. Please call or email
 Cathy (319-631-0915) - nepola_fam@hotmail.com
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Procedure for Resumption of Masses at St. Thomas More

Bishop Zinkula has directed that churches in the Diocese of Davenport may begin opening with qualifications for safety met.

Daily Mass at St. Thomas More has resumed and will continue on Tuesdays through Fridays each week at 9:00AM.
 —During Mass everyone must wear face protection. Initially, seating will be limited with chairs between individuals and/or between family units six feet apart in order to maintain safe distancing.
 —Distancing should also be maintained while gathering, during the Communion procession, and following Mass.
 —Singing is omitted for the time being to reduce airborne pathogens.
 —Those who are at a greater risk of infection due to age and/or health condition should stay home.

For the safety of our staff, our offices will only be open on a limited basis. Please continue to try to conduct parish business via email and telephone. Social distancing will need to be maintained and face masks will be required.

We will be celebrating Mass on **Saturday's 5:15PM** & **Sunday's 8:30AM** & **11:00AM** with everyone staying in their automobiles and tuning radio station to **FM 91.3.**

Cars are to be parked with an open parking space between each cars. Our Knights of Columbus members have graciously agreed to help park cars facing the church.

Normally Altar and Ambo will be set up outside and used so those in cars can participate visually. However, if storms or lightening are in the area, the church will be used at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Audio will continue to be transmitted through FM car radios and communion brought to cars when safe to do so since space in church will be limited by physical distancing requirements..

Cloth face coverings are worn if car windows are opened, if someone exits the car, and for the distribution of Communion.

For Communion:

—Communion ministers approach the cars wearing face protection.

Those who wish to receive Communion extend their hands out through a window. Communion on the tongue is not allowed. The blood of Christ will not be distributed.

Throughout this pandemic, all Catholics in the Diocese of Davenport are dispensed from the obligation, so if you are not comfortable being out, please stay home. We will continue to provide a livestream or recorded Mass online.

Bulletins are not to be distributed, so please continue to read the bulletin on our web page or on the parish app.

Please continue to pray for each other, especially for those most affected by this pandemic. We have weathered hardships in the past and we will endure the present challenges if we help one another and maintain our focus on Christ.

Additional information is available at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/flu>

Food Pantry Collection:

Every Saturday & Sunday before and after Mass there will be a pickup truck in the circle drive for drop off until further notice, weather permitting. This will continue each Saturday & Sunday.

In order to keep everyone safe and respect social distancing:

*Place your donation in the bed of the truck.

*There will be a box for checks/cash donations.

(You could also mail these to STM).

*Please keep yourself and others safe by ordering items for donations.

Some stores have pick up if you prefer not to go in.

*Most needed items: toddler diapers in larger sizes, rice, pasta, paper goods

Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

St Thomas More Knights of Columbus



Congratulations to the following on their Baptisms:

Aidan James Dlouhy
Parents: Brian and Kathleen Dlouhy

Adelyn Naomi Dorman
Parents: Brady and Emily Dorman

Grace Elizabeth Majerus
Parents: Aaron and Emily Majerus

Madelyn Ann Slaubaugh
Parents: Daniel and Brittany Slaubaugh

Theodore James Schieltz
Parents: Timothy and Kelly Schieltz



Save the Date:
Euchre/Game Night
August 22nd, 2020.



JULY

Stewardship - A Way of Life July 19th, 2020
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."

MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

From the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Mo
(Office of Stewardship)

From Bishop Zinkula July 8th, 2020

Parish Events

I have received several calls about holding parish and school events such as fundraisers, celebrations and gatherings.

According to the current Step 2 of our reopening plan, gatherings may take place indoors for up to 30 minutes provided that social distancing (6') and face protection protocols are followed. Gatherings may also take place outdoors with proper social distancing and face protection.

The date for moving to Step 3 cannot be estimated due to the uncertainty of the pandemic situation. In Step 3, indoor gatherings may take place for up to 60 minutes with proper social distancing and face protection. Outdoor gatherings require social distancing but face protection is not required.

Other considerations for hosting a gathering include evaluating the risk to older participants and those with medical conditions, and the ability to serve food safely within indoor time constraints.

Christ Our Life

Some parishes have asked about promoting the Christ Our Life conference. The diocese will not be promoting this event due to safety reasons as it does not follow our policy for gatherings.

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Car Raffle** with proceeds going toward our "Growing More In Faith" expansion campaign. Tickets are \$25 each or a book of 5 tickets for \$100. For ticket information call the Parish Office at 319-337-2173.



Note to our Free Lunch Volunteers: With the closing of the Free Lunch dining room in April, we now offer our guests a sack lunch, which they pick up at the door and eat elsewhere. We four are able to manage this on our own, while masked, gloved and socially distant, so we have not needed to recruit more help, But we will continue to call for food donations, as the dining room will be closed through August. We are grateful to all of you who have generously responded to our requests so far, and your willingness to drop donations at our homes. If you haven't been called yet, stay tuned! We miss seeing all of you on a regular basis - you help make it a fun time for us - but we understand the need to be safe, while still feeding the hungry. We look forward to the time when we can all get together again. Until then, thanks again - and stay safe!

Colleen Schilling, Linda Sondgeroth, Mary Kelley, Gale Kolbet

STM High School News

"Jesus and Java" will meet every other Wednesday in the STM parking lot at 10:00AM for an hour. Bring your own java drink or pop and we will sit on the hood of your car or bring a lawn chair and stay 6ft apart and wear a mask. Park your car in a circle to the far left side of the parking lot closest to the north Dempster Street entrance and come ready to share stories, love and prayers for our world!! Remember you can bring your friends with you but make sure you are well and healthy as "Safety comes First" I am so pumped to see you again and share stories!!

Save these dates: Jesus and Java July 22nd, Aug. 5th & 19th Time: 10:00AM to 11:00AM.

Blessings to you all!
Michelle

It's that time again for "Early Bird Registration" Confirmation class and Youth Groups registration

Emails have been sent to all incoming Confirmation class students and High School/Jr. High youth groups. To receive the early bird discount please return all forms with permission/health release waiver by August 1st to: St. Thomas More 3000 12th Ave. ATTENTION: MICHELLE Coralville, IA 52241

If you have not received an email please contact Michelle Montgomery at michelle4youth@gmail.com You can also go to the website for the registration forms.



K-8 RE Registration/Calendar for 2020-2021 Now Available!

You're invited to register your child(ren) in our K-8 religious education program at St. Thomas More! Registration forms & calendar may be found on the parish website at www.stmparishfamily.com under the "Youth" & "Religious Education" tabs. ***For STM registered parishioners to receive the special discounted tuition, registration with payment is due by July 31st.*** All registrations with payment are due by August 31st. Please contact the RE Office with questions at 319-337-4231 or DRE Shannon Duffy by email at redirector@stthomasmoreic.com.

BOLT Summer Vacation Bible School

Since we can't bring you to our summer VBS, let's bring our summer VBS to you! During this time of social distancing, ***we're pleased to offer a 3-day, online/virtual VBS program, "Backyard BOLT toward Faith in Jesus."*** During BOLT, your family will have the opportunity to participate in fun games, crafts, bible stories & songs that illustrate what it means to listen to, focus on and follow Jesus. With minimal preparation, easy-to-follow instructions, and a video that leads you & your children step-by-step through each of the 3 days, BOLT is designed for you to participate with your family at home. It's great for kids, ages 5 & up and you or your older children {middle school & high school} may enjoy leading others through the BOLT VBS experience! The best part is that it's FREE! There is no need to register & it allows your family to experience BOLT at any time this summer, that fits into your busy schedules! *For more information, please check out our website at www.stmparishfamily.com, by contacting DRE Shannon Duffy at redirector@stthomasmoreic.com or by phone at 319-337-4231.*



All parishioner's photos are welcome!

**Pictures of Grace Elizabeth Majerus
Baptized on July 12th**



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