

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

3000 12th Ave. Coralville, IA 52241

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2020

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

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

WEEKEND: 5:15 P.M. Saturday **Drive up Mass**

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Sunday **Drive up Mass**

HOLIDAYS: 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	Aug 9	8:30 AM - For the People 11:00 AM - Andrew & Ann DiMaggio +
Mon	Aug 10	No Mass
Tues	Aug 11	9:00 AM - Bolle Bollinger +
Wed	Aug 12	9:00 AM - Bud Adam +
Thurs	Aug 13	9:00 AM - Dan & Geneva Shannon +
Fri	Aug 14	9:00 AM - Gary Lanoue +
Sat	Aug 15	5:15 PM - Manuel Cruz +
Sun	Aug 16	8:30 AM - For the People 11:00 AM - Dennis Saeugling +

Readings for the week of August 9th, 2020

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 /Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22
Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 /Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 /Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 /Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 /Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 /1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 /Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Stewardship of Treasure

Green Envelopes:	Last Week	Yr-to-Date
Budgeted	\$ 32,000	\$ 95,500
Received	\$ 27,808	\$ 89,113
"Loose" Offertory Basket:		
Budgeted	\$ 1,200	\$ 6,000
Received	\$ 628	\$ 1,989



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.

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
 Due to COVID-19 please call 319-337-2173 or email Adamc@diodav.org to schedule an 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
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Tracy Earl Welliver
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The young adult ministry will be hosting a virtual book study beginning Wednesday, August 12th at 7:30PM with the book "No Greater Love" by Mother Teresa. This is an easy read to begin our series. We will meet virtually every two weeks reading two chapters per event. We will do a bulk order of the book, priced at about \$5-8, so if you are interested, please email Jackie at jacalyn.russ@gmail.com as soon as possible.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO **DISCOVER REGINA** - We are IN the CLASSROOM STARTING AUGUST 24! Regina Education Center is committed to providing an excellent educational experience that will serve your child well into the future! Our highly trained and caring staff know your child as an individual and help them to achieve success. Give us a call today - in-person classes start Aug. 24th! For more information on enrolling at Regina, please contact our Admissions Director, Pam Schowalter at 319-499-9006 or pam.schowalter@regina.org.

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



Note: August 22nd Euchre/Game Night Canceled due to the Coronavirus

Next Euchre/Game Night is scheduled for October 10th, 2020



Wondering about the Christ Our Life Conference?

At this time it is on! Due to the Coronavirus there is limited seating at Wells Fargo Arena **OR** you have the option of viewing the conference virtually. Buy your ticket online, \$25 for the whole conference Saturday & Sunday, September 26th & 27th. You will receive a code to enter the conference virtually. Here is where you can order your ticket and check out the great speakers - <https://www.christourlifeiowa.com/tickets/> Hope you can make it! Questions you can call Sue Waterman at 319-400-5882.

**Stewardship - A Way of Life August 9th, 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"He said, "Come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."

MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

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.

The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Car Raffle (2020 Kia Soul)** 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.



Couples Celebrating 50 year Wedding Anniversary:

Taking into consideration the safety concerns of holding a diocesan-wide liturgical gathering this fall with a high-risk population, Bishop Zinkula has decided to postpone celebration of this year's Diocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Liturgy until fall of 2021.

Do you want to connect daily with God's word in a deep and intimate way?

Does your faith need a "jumpstart"? Are you looking for a group of fellow Catholics with whom you can share your faith? If so, The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study might be for you. Cornerstone is not your typical "bible study in a box". It has a unique approach that emphasizes growing in relationship with God through exposure to His Word at home as well as in sharing with small groups and listening to talks at weekly meetings.

Contact JoAnn Miller (joannmiller16@gmail.com or 319-325-4640) or Sue Waterman (smwaterman28@gmail.com or 319-400-5882) to find out how you can be a part of The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study here at STM. Check out the website at : <http://thecornerstonescripturestudy.org/member-login/members/>



St. Peter Church of Cosgrove's annual Pork Day has been cancelled for 2020. However, we will have the \$5000 Raffle, as usual. If you would like to purchase a \$100 ticket for the Raffle, please send your check to "St. Peter Church", P.O. Box 175, Oxford, IA 52322 and your ticket will be sent to you. We will draw for the \$5000 prize on August 23rd (Pork Day) & the winner will be contacted. While we have to forgo our Pork Day social gathering and fellowship this year, we pray that all will join us and we will have an even bigger and successful 43rd annual Pork Day in 2021.

STM High School News

"Jesus and Java" will meet 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 this date: Jesus and Java Aug.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.



Update:

K-8 Family Faith Formation Registration

Due to COVID-19, we're offering a *family-based faith formation program* for families with children in grades K-8. This program is designed to be completed as a family unit, led by the parents at home. If you're new to St. Thomas More, have a child wanting to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist, or wish to register for our family-based faith formation program, you may visit our parish website at www.stmparishfamily.com. You may also contact DRE Shannon Duffy with questions or request a registration form at 319-337-4231 or by email at redirector@stthomasmoreic.com. All registrations & payments are due by Monday, August 31st.

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.*

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ACT OF LOVE
MAKES THE SOUL
RETURN TO LIFE.

—St. Maximilian Kolbe

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

There is something very sacred about silence. Silence connects us. It is where the heartbeat of all of creation — and its life blood and source — are embraced and where oneness is experienced. When in the presence of an environment that is silent, the worries, tribulations, struggles, and challenges of life seem to fade away, and we can experience a peaceful whisper. We can call that whisper God. Through the practice of contemplative prayer, we can find our way to that inner place of silence even in the midst of great distraction, busyness, and noise. The silence becomes one with us and grounds us. When we become friends with silence, friends with God, we can hear the gentle whisper of God's voice saying, "Come, stay here. Trust me and you will not fall."

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