

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

3000 12th Ave. Coralville, IA 52241

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 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



KEEPING THE FAITH

Dick Hakes photo, Iowa City Press-Citizen

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	Oct	4	8:30 AM - Ken Geyer + 11:00 AM - For the People
Mon	Oct	5	No Mass
Tues	Oct	6	9:00 AM - Michael Bray +
Wed	Oct	7	9:00 AM - Jan Wilkerson +
Thurs	Oct	8	9:00 AM - Donald Jedlicka +
Fri	Oct	9	9:00 AM - Bolle Bollinger +
Sat	Oct	10	5:15 PM - Ron Haight +
Sun	Oct	11	8:30 AM - For the People 11:00 AM - Finnley Robert Schneider +

Readings for the week of October 4th, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 /Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

Observances for the week of October 4th, 2020

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday

Monday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Thursday:

Friday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship of Treasure

Green Envelopes:	Last Week	Yr-to-Date
Budgeted	\$ 8,000	\$ 168,000
Received	\$ 5,763	\$ 190,917

"Loose" Offertory Basket:		
Budgeted	\$ 600	\$ 6,500
Received	\$ 300	\$ 6,082

Please remember in your prayers **Howard Haubeil**, father of Barb Lopez.
May he rest in peace.

In Sympathy

Please remember in your prayers **Dolores Ann Sullivan**, wife of Dan Sullivan.
May she 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
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 Cathy (319-631-0915) - nepola_fam@hotmail.com Lee (319-331-5620) - LJG1218@hotmail.com

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For the Feast of St. Francis, October 4th

St. Francis's Canticle of the Sun

O most High, almighty, good Lord God,
to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord God with all creatures;
and especially our brother the sun,
which brings us the day, and the light;
fair is he, and shining with a very great
splendor: O Lord, he signifies you to us!



Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon,
and for the stars,
which God has set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind,
and for air and cloud, calms and all weather,
by which you uphold in life all creatures.

Praised be my Lord for our sister water,
which is very serviceable to us,
and humble, and precious, and clean.

Praised be my Lord for brother fire,
through which you give us light in the darkness:
and he is bright, and pleasant, and very mighty,
and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the Earth,
which sustains us and keeps us,
and yields divers fruits, and flowers of
many colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those who pardon
one another for God's love's sake,
and who endure weakness and tribulation;
blessed are they who peaceably shall endure,
for you, O most High, shall give them a crown!

Praised be my Lord for our sister,
the death of the body, from which no one escapes.
Woe to him who dies in mortal sin!
Blessed are they who are found walking by your
most holy will, for the second death shall have no power to
do them harm.

Praise you, and bless you the Lord,
and give thanks to God, and serve God
with great humility.

(*St. Francis*, 1182-1226)

*"American Catholics... are learning more, caring more,
and doing more about the environment and threats to it.
As a community of faith, we are also seeking to
understand more clearly the ethical and religious
dimensions of this challenge."* (U.S. Catholic Bishops,
Renewing the Earth).

**Stewardship - A Way of Life October 4th, 2020
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"The stone the builders rejected has become the
corner stone..."*

MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of
his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship
lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in
today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal
in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from
some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

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

QUOTES TO REFLECT ON

"America" magazine asked its readers: "What do you miss
about church that surprises you?" (June 8, 2020)

Here is one of the responses:

The Eucharist. I know it sounds obvious, but it hit me like
a tone of bricks. I can hardly watch a streamed Mass
without crying when the priest and only the priest, is able
to partake in the Eucharist. I don't care how many times I
say that "spiritual Communion prayer. It's not the same."
(*Nicole LeBlanc, Dallas, Texas*)

**CALLING ALL COMMON VENTURE
FORMER VOLUNTEERS**

The Franciscan Common Venture (FCV) service program,
sponsored by the Dubuque Franciscans, will celebrate 50
years next year. In preparation, we are calling on all
former FCV volunteers to help make this a great
celebration! **SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, July 17th,
2021.** More information will be coming. **SEND IN A
PHOTO OR TWO:** If you have a photo from your FCV
experience, send it to us. Let us know the date/year and
service site and name anyone in the photo. Email photos
to Sr. Shell (balekm@osfdbq.org) or send them to her at
the FCV office, 3390 Windsor Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001.

Ten Thousand Villages Iowa City has a new
e-commerce site to provide safe shopping during this
pandemic. Villages Iowa City is providing free local
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contact, and support fair trade artisans whose livelihoods
have also been affected by the pandemic. Check
out: <https://www.tenthousandvillagesiowacity.com> or
call 319-519-2104 for your safe shopping.

**Ten Thousand Villages will be financially
empowering Pakistani women by hosting their
4th Annual Fair Trade Rug Event** October 7th-11th at
the Iowa River Landing, Ste 110. Approximately 300
rugs, each handmade in Pakistani homes by fairly paid
adult artisans, will be available in a variety of unique
designs and sizes ranging from 2' x 3' to 10' x 14' and
runners. Wednesday-Saturday 10:00AM-7:00PM,
Sunday 11:00AM-5:00PM.

**Note: October 10th Euchre/Game Night
Canceled due to the Coronavirus
Next Euchre/Game Nights is scheduled
for January 16th, 2021**



Thank You!

Your Social Justice Commission would like to thank parishioners yet again for the second donation carload of blankets, warm socks and adult Depends that will be delivered by members of our parish this week to the immigrants in Cedar Rapids whose housing was devastated by the derecho.

We are now collecting housewares for kitchen and bathroom use. Donations are being accepted next to the food collection bins in the multipurpose room off the narthex. God blesses us all for caring for His children!

Food Pantry Collection:

Every Saturday & Sunday before and after Mass the Knights of Columbus will be collecting for the Food Pantry. 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)



Regina High School 11th & 12th graders will be continuing with Service Day this year on Friday, October 30th.

Due to COVID, they will be restricted to outdoor raking only. A small group of teens are available to rake leaves/sticks to curbs. They will bring their own gloves/rakes

If you are interested in adding your name & address to the list, please contact Kara Batchellor in the Regina Office at 319-338-5436 or Kara.batchellor@icregina.com.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Who has authority over God's kingdom? While we know that the obvious answer is Jesus, that is not the answer our lives always reveal. We struggle with wanting control over God's kingdom. We wrestle with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. However, at the end of the day nothing in this world or in the one to come belongs to us. All that we see and know to be true belong to God, and Jesus is the only one who has any authority. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? We often conduct our business as if we are the owner, lord and master of it all, but sadly we are not. God gives us the means and the potential to bear good Gospel-centered fruit. This desire and capacity exist within each individual. Unless we really acknowledge and accept who is ultimately in charge, the type of love, justice, peace, and other good fruits God desires for the world will never be realized.

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Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

We strongly urge all parishioners to register to vote, to become informed on key issues, and to vote. The Church does not support or oppose any candidate, but the church does seek to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. We do not authorize the distribution of partisan political materials on parish property. Furthermore, because it is impossible to control what is published and distributed, we ask that you disregard any mailed material, advertisement, or internet post that claims any candidate to be the preferred candidate for Catholics. The Catholic Church does not endorse candidates in any election.

As the US Bishops Pastoral, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" tells us:

In light of Catholic teaching, the bishops vigorously repeat their call for a renewed politics that focuses on moral principles, the promotion of human life and dignity, and the pursuit of the common good. Political participation in this spirit reflects not only the social teaching of our Church but the best traditions of our nation.

**"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."
- Pope Francis, 9/16/13**

For more information, please go to <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>

STM Young Adult Ministry | Theology on Tap

Join us for a virtual Theology on Tap on Friday, October 23rd at 7:00PM. Our topic this month is Voting your Conscience and our guest speaker is Tom Chapman from the Iowa Catholic Conference of Des Moines. Please see the Young Adult Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/YAMatSTM> for more information on the event. Also, if you'd like to learn more about the Young Adult Ministry, please visit our web page on the parish website or email Jackie or Karen at jacalyn.russ@gmail.com or kgrajczyk@gmail.com.



Annual Diocesan Appeal 2020-2021

Thank you to all who responded so generously to the 2020-2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal last weekend. Each year the success of the campaign depends on you. Once more this year, you have done a wonderful thing; your pledges and gifts have helped to assure that the ADA will be able to continue building the faith community throughout the Diocese of Davenport. For those of you who were not here last weekend, or for other reasons have not yet made your pledge to this year's diocesan Annual Appeal, please consider a pledge by picking up a flier/pledge in the gathering space in the church. You may return the completed form to the parish office or mail it directly to the Diocese of Davenport.

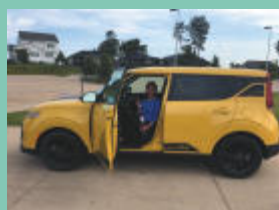


**Three Prizes to Win!!
St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Car Raffle**

Raffle Drawing Date Extended- Due to Covid-19 curtailing the Knights of Columbus ability to sell a sufficient quantity of raffle tickets, the drawing for the car has been moved to Sunday, December 20th, after the 11:00AM Mass.

The Knights of Columbus from St. Thomas More Parish in Coralville want you to have an opportunity to win a beautiful Hawkeye designed 2020 Kia Soul. Raffle tickets are \$25 or five for \$100. Second Place Drawing \$750, Third Place Drawing \$250. Proceeds support the *Growing More in Faith* church expansion project at St. Thomas More. To get your tickets, send your name, address and phone number with your payment to STM KC Raffle, 3000 12th Ave., Coralville, Iowa 52241.

St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus 2020 Raffle Scan QR code. Use your phone to register and purchase tickets online



Pet Blessing

Next weekend marks the Feast of St. Francis. In honor of the patron saint of creation and animals, we will hold our annual pet blessing on Sunday, October 4th at 12:00PM. Plan to bring your pet to the driveway at the main entrance of St. Thomas More Church. Please wear your face covering and plan to practice social distancing with your pets.



RCIA and Adult Sacramental Formation Classes

Are you baptized in another Christian denomination and wanting to become a member of the Catholic Church? Are you looking to be baptized? If interested, please contact DRE Shannon Duffy at 319-337-4231 or by email at redirector@stthomasmoreic.com. At this time, we are deciding what form this process will take (on-line vs. in person). We will gauge interest from prospective participants. Our hope is to begin sessions this fall.



STM High School News

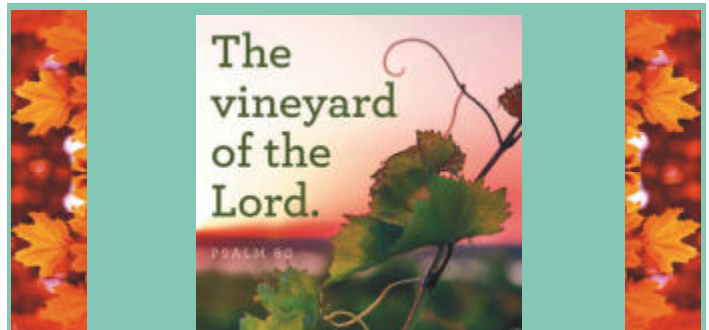
Register for Confirmation class and Youth Groups registration

Emails have been sent to all incoming Confirmation class students and High School/Jr. High youth groups. Please return all forms with permission/health release waiver to: St. Thomas More 3000 12th Ave. Coralville, IA 52241 ATTENTION: MICHELLE. 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 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.



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