St. Thomas More Catholic Church

3000 12th Ave. Coralville, IA 52241

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 A.M.(Except Monday)
WEEKEND: 5:15 P.M. Saturday Mass
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Sunday Mass
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

St. Thomas More Stewardship Fair!

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.

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 4:30-5:00PM or by appointment.

RCIA-Right of Christian Initiation for Adults
Contact: Fr. Adam at the Parish Office or Shannon Duffy at redirector@stthomasmoreic.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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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sun	Oct 10	8:30 AM - Mikaela Pierson + 11:00 AM - For the People
Mon	Oct 11	9:00 AM - **No Mass**
Tues	Oct 12	9:00 AM - Mike Bray +
Wed	Oct 13	9:00 AM - P & N Hitchon (In Thanksgiving)
Thurs	Oct 14	9:00 AM - Bernadette Bertrand +
Fri	Oct 15	9:00 AM - Lawrence Bobay +
Sat	Oct 16	5:15 PM - Dave Russ +
Sun	Oct 17	8:30 AM - For the People 11:00 AM - Connie Carder +

Readings for the week of October 10th, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 /Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 /Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 /Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-4

Observances for the week of October 10th, 2021

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM
Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship of Treasure

Due to early submission of the bulletin, last week's offertory update was not yet available.

Wedding Congratulations...
To Austin Weisinger & Jennifer Paulsen, married on Friday, October 1st.

Wedding Congratulations...
To Daniel Yanecek & Allyson Merfeld, married on Saturday, October 2nd.

This year of St. Joseph, come learn more about the silent father and protector of the Holy Family.
Our 33-day consecration to St. Joseph begins Monday, November 8th with five weekly group prayer/meetings on Wednesday evenings via zoom and ending December 10th, Friday. We will use Fr. Don Calloway's book called "Consecration to St. Joseph (The Wonders of our Spiritual Father), available at the Mustard Seed Bookstore, IC.
To join, please call or email Meliza at 319-351-9297, melizawise@gmail.com)

"Have extra vegetables from your garden? **Donate them to Table to Table to help in our goals to deliver fresh and healthy food to our neighbors.** We accept any fruits and vegetables harvested from backyard gardens, visit www.freshfoodconnect.org and download our partner app or email gardenrecovery@table2table.org to get started!"

Elder Services is looking for Meals on Wheels volunteers.

ELDER SERVICES
A PROGRAM OF Horizons

We deliver weekday hot lunches to homebound seniors in Coralville, Iowa City and North Liberty. Most routes take approximately 1 hour to complete. If interested, please contact Dorene at 319-338-0515. Thank you!"

Stewardship - A Way of Life
October 10th, 2021
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."
(MARK 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us!
That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

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

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.

Will You Consider a Contribution to the STO?
Donors to the STO (Student Tuition Organization) of Southeast Iowa receive a **75% Iowa tax credit** instead of an Iowa tax deduction.

In order for Regina Catholic Education Center to have the best chance of receiving its share of the donation, now is the time to donate. Contribution goals are typically met by late November, so we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity as early as possible. We appreciate your donations that help make a Catholic education more affordable for the students in our community.

Euchre/Game Night is next scheduled for Saturday, November 13th, 2021 in the lower level following Mass. Potluck meal with water and lemonade for beverages. You are welcome to bring any other beverages yourself.

Join the Young Adult Ministry!

The St Thomas More Young Adult Ministry welcomes all parishioners ages 21-39 who would like to meet and connect with one another. Single, married, parents- are all invited to attend our gatherings! Events typically occur 1-2 times a month and are open for anyone to drop in to. To learn more, join our email list by emailing Jackie at jacalyn.russ@gmail.com.

"The STM 50+ Fellowship Welcomes New Members"
We are a "young" group, having formed this past spring/ summer 2021 in response to parishioner interest. Please join us for fellowship through conversation and activities, as identified by group members. Contact Norma Ward at nkkw@mchsi.com if you are interested.

Tuesday Morning Homily Group
Group review & discussion on upcoming Sunday Readings 9:45-10:45AM. All are welcome! Coffee is on!!

Food Pantry Collection:

Food Collection items can be placed in the multipurpose room in the blue barrels. *There will be a box for checks/ cash donations. (You could also mail these to STM). Thank you for your continued contributions.

Adult Continuing Faith Formation Class
Sunday's 12:15-1:15PM in the MPR.
All are welcome!

This week at St. Thomas More

Sunday, October 10th
Baptism Weekend
Mass - 8:30AM
RE K-5 9:45-10:45AM
Adult Continuing Faith Formation Class in MPR
12:15-1:15PM
Mass - 11:00AM
Pet Blessing at 12:15PM
"Rise Against Hungry" Lower Level/Church 2:00-3:00PM

Monday, October 11th
RE Class K-5 6:30-7:30PM

Tuesday, October 12th
Mass - 9:00AM
Homily Group 9:45-10:45AM in MPR
Stephen Ministry 7:00-9:00PM

Wednesday, October 13th
Mass– 9:00AM
STM Free Lunch in Iowa City
RE Class K-5 4:30-5:30PM
RE Class 6-8 7:00-8:00PM
Finance Meeting in MPR 5:30-6:30PM

Thursday, October 14h
Mass - 9:00AM
Pastoral Council Meeting in MPR 7:00-8:00PM

Friday, October 15th
Men's Group 6:30-8:00AM
Mass - 9:00AM

Saturday, October 16th
Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:00-10:45AM
Knitting Ministry in MPR 3:30-4:30PM
Mass - 5:15PM

Sunday, October 17th
Mass - 8:30AM
Subcommittee Meeting in Church 9:30-10:30AM
RE K-5 9:45-10:45AM
Adult Continuing Faith Formation Class in MPR
12:15-1:15PM
Mass - 11:00AM

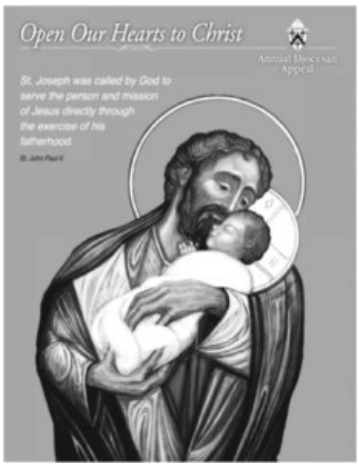
Check the Website for updates

Annual Blessings of Pets

Each year on or near the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi we celebrate and thank God for our pets with a special blessing. We will do so Sunday, October 10th, at 12:15PM, shortly after our 11:00AM Mass on the front lawn.

Annual Diocesan Appeal 2021-2022

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is an opportunity for us to be good stewards of God's gifts as we share with other Catholics our treasure and our blessings and show our love for one another. The ADA gives us the opportunity to act together as a family of faith and support the programs and services no single individual or parish can offer by themselves. Your gift is important. Every gift, regardless of size, is vital to the success of the Appeal.



Stephen Ministry

This is a time of change. School is beginning; teenage children are leaving for college. You may have specific family needs such as an ill or aging family member. We are pulled in many directions. The uncertainty of the future in the midst of the ongoing Covid situation is another cause of stress in our lives. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from having a person to visit with during a period of transition, please know that Stephen Ministers are available.
A Stephen Minister is a trained person who, through the Grace of God's Blessings, would meet with you once a week for an hour, to be a confidential, listening ear and caregiver. Please contact:

Cathy (319-631-0915) - nepola fam@hotmail.com
Lee (319-531-5620) - LJG1218@hotmail.com

Join us every Wednesday at 7:30PM via Zoom and every Saturday at 10:00AM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (behind the Altar) Please email the Parish office for zoom details. Thank you.

An Invitation for Catholic Men to Inquire About the Diaconate.
In August of 2022, a new class of candidates for the diaconate will be forming for the Diocese of Davenport. An information session for those who want to learn more about this process will be held in our area on October 24th from 1:00 - 5:00PM at St. Patrick Church in Iowa City. Please contact Fr. Chuck at St. Thomas More (adamc@diodav.org), or Deacon Frank Agnoli at 563-888-4257.

St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family, skilled carpenter, and loyal friend of God, intercede for us as we work to build up our St. Thomas More parish family and construct our new spiritual home. Through Jesus, who was given to your care, protect us from disease, from division, and from every evil. Help us follow your example of faithful, steady, and quiet service and guide us in the ways of Jesus, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Interested in learning more about how we, as Catholics, can become more actively anti-racist and better allies to people of color?

Join the STM Racial Equity Initiative in a 4-week study of A White Catholic's Guide to Racism and Privilege by Father Dan Horan, OFM.
Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings (via Zoom) beginning October 26th, 2021.
Please contact Kim Novak (Kimberly.a.novak914@gmail.com) if interested!

STM Youth News: All Jr. High and High School Youth

Oct. 10th: "*Rise Against Hunger*" food packaging in the lower Level. 2 shifts are available: Jr. High & High School youth from 1:00 to 2:00PM. Confirmation class from 2:00 to 3:30PM. Please wear a baseball cap to avoid wearing a hair net. I will need a few Confirmation students to help with cleaning up and reloading the Rise Against Hunger truck afterwards.

Rise AGAINST HUNGER

An Invitation to RCIA and to the Adult Catechesis for Full Communion

The initial class for those interested in becoming Catholic, whether you are unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination, will be on Thursday, October 21st at 7:00PM at St. Thomas More Church lower level. Please contact Fr. Chuck Adam, adamc@diodav.org, or Shannon Duffy, religious education director, redirector@stthomasmoreic.com.

Growing *MORE* in Faith Campaign

Have you seen the latest video of our plans for our new church? It was introduced before our parish picnic in late August and can be seen in the gathering space of church before and after weekend Masses and on our parish webpage, stmparishfamily.com.

We've also have restarted the Growing ***MORE*** in Faith campaign that had been halted because of COVID. If you haven't had a chance to contribute, pledge forms are available in gathering space or from the parish office. Currently 55% of parish members have participated and we are gaining on our "All-in-4-STM" goal. Please help us achieve that goal as well as our $7 million dollar goal. Currently we are closing in on $5.5 million dollars pledged. We are so grateful for everyone's generous help to us in creating our new spiritual home here at St. Thomas More.

Please pray the St. Joseph prayer as we seek his intercession for our building project in this year dedicated to him.

ALL IN for St. Thomas MORE

"Open Wide Our Hearts" Study Group

Join our parish community in a five-week study that promotes social justice, equity, and love for our neighbor. Discussion and conversation is based on the Open Wide Our Hearts Pastoral Letter: The Enduring Call to Love Against Racism
Virtual meetings begin Monday, October 11th at 7:30PM and continue for a total of five weeks.

Sign up by emailing Terry Conner at tdervrich@gmail.com or call 319-331-9749.

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