



# *St. Thomas More*

## Catholic Parish & School

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 18, 2021



*"His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things."*

*Mark 6:34*

# pastor's note



In just three weeks we are going to have the first of what we hope to become a frequent and ongoing event here at St. Thomas More. It will be an evening of music, prayer, adoration and reflection, often referred to as a Praise and Worship event. It will be held in the church on Friday, August 6, starting at 6:30PM. We are hoping that these evenings will provide a new and inspiring component to your spiritual life. It will be an opportunity to hear the power of the Good News as it comes through the venue of beautiful and inspiring music, timely and insightful presentations, and the glorious experience carried out in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction at the culmination of the Adoration. Plan now on setting aside time that Friday for you and your family or friends to come and be renewed and refreshed at the celebration of the wonder and awe of our good God.

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On Thursday of this week, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Mary Magdalene. She is often associated with the woman whose weeping washed the feet of Jesus and then dried them with her hair while he was dining at the home of Simon the Pharisee. She had a great devotion for the Lord and followed Him to Jerusalem on His final visit. She was the one who went to the empty tomb early on Easter Sunday, and the one whom Jesus called to, saying her name, calling her out of her grief. Being sent to inform the Apostles that Jesus had risen from the dead, she who was called to first bring this good news is often referred to as the Apostle to the Apostles!

Imagine, if you can, the joy in the heart of this humble woman, given the responsibility to be the first to share the news of the Resurrection. The wonder of what has happened, that had never happened before. The fear of not being believed with so remarkable and yet preposterous a message. The desire to serve her Master as best she could, in carrying this news to others.

We can have a little of that emotional and powerful experience whenever we too share the Good News of the Gospel with others. When we help them to know that God is truly present for them. When we offer to bring them to the Lord in our own prayers and good wishes. When we help them to know how to come to the Lord in their own lives. We can share in that powerful invitation to let others know what has and is happening as our Risen and Glorious Lord continues to come to us, and in us, to others. Jesus said that we are the light of the world. We are to let that light shine before others that they might in turn give praise to God. Mary Magdalene is known for bringing the unbelievable, yet life-changing good news to others. Let us pray that our own lives might be known for that same defining action. St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us.

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It is becoming ever more evident that our faithful desire a calm yet deliberate, prayerful and value centered opportunity to come together and discuss what is happening in the world around us, be it the educational settings, legislative venues, entertainment promotion of values and interests, etc. Sometimes the sheer amount of unchristian and oppositional disinformation is overwhelming. It would be good to come up with a reasoned response that is congruous with our call to and holy witness of the faith.

I have been talking with a member of our parish, Melissa, a mother and professional in the work force who would like to start a forum to talk about, begin taking action on, and moving out of just being observers of the dysfunction of the world around us. If you are concerned about today's societal and political culture and would like to learn strategies for preserving and defending our Catholic values, you are invited! Please join fellow, like-minded and faithful parishioners to discuss legislative initiatives and learn how you can defend the Faith. For more information, contact me at the parish office, leaving a good phone number and email for us to be back in touch with you about getting together for an initial conversation. Call me at 303.770.1155 or write me at [msgr.tom@stthomasmore.org](mailto:msgr.tom@stthomasmore.org). May the prayerful intercession of our patron, St. Thomas More, help us to be witnesses and servants in faithfulness to our country and world, but to God first.

– Msgr. Tom

# a reflection on today's readings

## Grow as a Disciple

Portrayals of Jesus as a shepherd who cares for sheep often depict Him carrying a sheep on his shoulders or holding a lamb in his arms. Those images are a source of great comfort, as is today's psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

But they don't quite capture just what hard work being a shepherd involves: tending to the flock in all kinds of weather, when the pastures are anything but verdant; waking in the wee hours to care for ewes and newborn lambs; watching some thrive and others die; not to mention being the poster child for the oft-quoted "smell of sheep."

The crowd in today's Gospel lacked such a shepherd to tend and care for them, and thus "[Jesus'] heart was moved with pity for them." There are times when circumstances and events can trick us into thinking that an earthly power or perfectly-principled worldview will save us. That is when we need the Lord as our shepherd the most. Only He can save us; only He has saved us. So, in those times when we may feel lost, we can bring it all to Jesus in prayer. He is the Shepherd who knows what we need.

## Go Evangelize

I don't know about you, but I rarely miss a meal. When I do, I get cranky. And I don't like crowds of any kind outside of Wrigley Field. So imagine how exhausted Jesus and the disciples must have felt when, because crowds followed them day and night, they had "no opportunity even to eat." Even when they tried to get away and rest awhile, a vast crowd appeared. Rather than turn away, however, Jesus began to teach them – for they were hurting and in need of his care.

Today's Gospel encourages us to be shepherds to one another, keeping others close. Pope Francis said it well during Holy Week 2013: "Following Jesus means learning to come out of ourselves ... to be the first to take a step toward our brothers and our sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help." As we ourselves have been led by the Shepherd, we reach out to others who are in need of care.

## Accompany

Find ways, large or small, to "tend the flock" of your family, parish, workplace or community: Write a note to a person who is grieving, invite a quiet co-worker to lunch, provide a listening ear to children or aging parents, introduce yourself to a newcomer at your parish.

– Written by *The Faithful Disciple*



# prayer



## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 18:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:00AM Mike McNulty  
8:30AM Msgr. John Slattery †  
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More  
12:30PM Johanna Champine  
5:30PM Patricia Gilmore †

### Monday, July 19:

6:30AM Bus & Doris Schoeny  
9:00AM Fr. Martin Whealen †

### Tuesday, July 20:

6:30AM Lucas Henry †  
9:00AM Beverly Martin †

### Wednesday, July 21:

6:30AM Nelson Rodriguez †  
9:00AM Kirk Davidson

### Thursday, July 22:

6:30AM Carol Marie Carroll †  
9:00AM Lulana Joy Patten † & Family

### Friday, July 23:

6:30AM Mary Polsfoot †  
9:00AM Linda King-Pear †

### Saturday, July 24:

7:30AM Bob McPhillips †  
4:00PM Maddux Winter-Cole  
5:30PM Sean O'Neill †

### Sunday, July 25:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:00AM Richard Maher †  
8:30AM Michael B. Hilger †  
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More  
12:30PM Bryant Armistead †  
5:30PM Alex Hoosz †

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

### Pray for our ill parish members & relatives:

Bishop Richard Hanifen, Rita Malsch, Catherine McCarthy, Socorro Sarabia, Pete Wilcox

### Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives:

Ann Marie Cahill, Bonita Des Rosiers, Bill Doyle, Kathy Griffiths, Carole Visocky, Brian Wells

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.

## Perpetual Adoration

Participate in this 28 year old tradition!



Many graces flow from Perpetual Adoration at STM. Those who have committed to weekly adoration have been blessed in countless ways. Join the 400+ faithful utilizing our chapel and sign up for an hour as a regular adorers.

Visit our website: <https://centennial.weadorehim.com> to see the schedule and sign-up. Please call 303.220.3392 with questions. Thank you!



For prayer requests, please visit our website or use our parish app.



Daily readings available on our website & parish app.



## Welcome to St. Thomas More!

*Go and make disciples*

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### Clergy

**Pastor:** Msgr. Thomas Fryar

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Matt Hartley, Rev. Rohan Miranda, O.C.D., Rev. Ivan Monteiro, O.C.D.

**Deacons:** Dcn. Tim Hathaway, Dcn. George Morin, Dcn. Alan Rastrelli, M.D., Dcn. David Simonton, Dcn. Steve Stemper, Dcn. George Brown (retired), Dcn. Bob Cropp (retired), Dcn. Tim Walsh (retired)

### Parish Office

303.770.1155 | Hours: Monday–Friday: 8:00AM–5:00PM

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

**Daily Masses:** Monday–Friday: 6:30 & 9:00AM. Saturday: 7:30AM

**Confessions:** Monday–Friday: 8:00AM, Thursday: 6:30PM, Saturday: 8:30AM

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

**Perpetual Adoration:** 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel. Contact: [adoration@stthomasmore.org](mailto:adoration@stthomasmore.org).

**Sacrament of Baptism:** For baptisms, contact Sandra Schwab at [sandras@stthomasmore.org](mailto:sandras@stthomasmore.org) no less than one month prior to the baptism ceremony. Visit [stthomasmore.org](http://stthomasmore.org) for more information.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** For weddings, contact Connie Wood at [conniew@stthomasmore.org](mailto:conniew@stthomasmore.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 303.370.0242.

# faith



## Registration for 2021 – 2022 Children's Catechesis

Sign up now for our wonderful faith-building programs



It's time to register your children for Catechesis and for sacrament classes for this fall. To register online, visit [stthomasmore.org](http://stthomasmore.org).

The Office of Catechesis will also be available in the narthex after all Masses on the weekends of August 8 and 15 for families to sign up their children for classes and to answer any questions parents may have. Registration closes Saturday, August 31 at 12:00 midnight.

## Night of Praise and Worship

Join us for an evening of prayer, beauty, and community.



Bring your family to the STM Night of Praise and Worship Kickoff and lift your voice and your heart with uplifting music, inspiring talks and adoration.

**Friday, August 6:**  
6:30PM in the Church

Chris Stefanick, host of Augustine Institute's THE SEARCH, will offer a brief reflection. We will also have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the church followed by refreshments in the Padre Plaza.

For more information, contact the parish office at 303.770.1155.

## A Man for All Seasons

Come see the play of St. Thomas More's life and trial



In honor of the 50th anniversary of our parish's founding, STM Youth Ministry and Office of Catechesis presents special performances of *A Man for All Seasons*!

**August 12, 13 and 14** at 7:30PM  
**or August 15** at 2:00PM  
in the Stage Room at the Catecombs

Cost per ticket is \$5. Please visit [stthomasmore.org](http://stthomasmore.org) to get your ticket! Questions? Contact David Tschumper at [youth@stthomasmore.org](mailto:youth@stthomasmore.org) or 303.220.3388.

## Denver Catholic Catechetical School

Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church this fall!



Registration for the new 2021-22 Seminary Lay Division Classes, including Biblical and Catechetical School classes, are open!

This is your opportunity to grow towards a deeper knowledge and love of our Lord and His Church through an unforgettable adult study of the Catechism and/or Scriptures with others or in the comfort of your own home online!

We will offer online classes for all Coloradans, and some limited in-person classes.

Pick up a brochure at one of the parish entrances for a list of locations and information sessions. You can also call 303.715.3195 or visit [sjvlaydivision.org](http://sjvlaydivision.org) for more details.

## Visit the Parish Library

Come see our wide selection of books in the library!



Grow in faith and pick up a book in the parish library! The parish library furthers the parishioners' knowledge of Christ and the Church with the provision of educational resources for all ages with new and gently used books, DVDs and CDs donated by St. Thomas More parishioners. Contact [parishlibrary@stthomasmore.org](mailto:parishlibrary@stthomasmore.org) for more information or with any questions.

# time & talent



## Catechists Needed

Share your faith and lead others closer to Christ!



We are looking for generous parishioners to give of their time and talent as a teacher or co-teacher for one of our children's faith formation programs.

Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to share the gift of faith with children in our parish.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can spread the Gospel to our children here at St. Thomas More, please contact John Cox at 303.770.0531 x111 or [johnc@stthomasmore.org](mailto:johnc@stthomasmore.org).

## School Supply Drive

Help a child in need during back to school season!



Can you "adopt" a student in need of school supplies? During the weekends July 24-25 and July 31-August 2, take a bookmark with a student's name and list of supplies to purchase.

Return them to the information cover by **Monday, August 2** for pick up!

Questions? Call or text Brett Manero at 303.656.9416 or email [bmanero@ccdenver.org](mailto:bmanero@ccdenver.org).



## memories from our parishioners

We are so excited to share these photos and reflect on half a century of STM ministry! If you have photos or memories you would like to share, email them to [bulletin@stthomasmore.org](mailto:bulletin@stthomasmore.org).



*A young parishioner is baptized by Msgr. Tom in August of 2017.*



*Parishioners participate in a Jericho March around Planned Parenthood in 2009.*

# social



## Tune Up Your Marriage



We are due for a tune-up in our marriage. Let's grow in deeper intimacy with our spouses.

**Saturday, July 24**  
at 9:00AM in McCallin Hall

Matt and Mindy Dalton will be presenting. Cost is \$50 per couple. Use the QR code to register. For questions, contact Sandra Schwab at [sandras@stthomasmore.org](mailto:sandras@stthomasmore.org) or 303.221.9235



## Mother-Daughter Tea

Join the American Heritage Girls for tea!



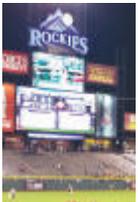
Enjoy an afternoon tea, as we prepare for another school year! We will have tea, lemonade and light refreshments, along with some crafts and lawn games.

**Saturday, August 8** at 2:00PM on the lawn outside of the school gym.

Cost is \$10 per person. All mothers, aunts, sisters, cousins and friends are welcome! Pick up a registration form in the Information Cove and return it to the Office of Catechesis.

## Faith Day at the Rockies

Gather together with people of faith throughout Colorado for fellowship at the ballpark



Bring your family and friends to the Rockies game verses the Miami Marlins!

**Sunday, August 8:**  
1:10PM at Coors Field

The entertainment includes special interviews with Rockies players and a post game concert featuring MercyMe. It's all included in your ticket!

For tickets through STM please contact Greg Johnson at [gregj@stthomasmore.org](mailto:gregj@stthomasmore.org) or 303.220.3388 x2.

# treasure

## Support STM with eGiving

Thank you for your generosity!



St. Thomas More depends on online donations from individuals like you for those who turn to our parish for help. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving and setting up your recurring donation.

To enroll, go to [faith.direct/CO739](http://faith.direct/CO739) or download the free app and use our church code: CO739. You can also text the word ENROLL to 720.619.8959.

## Attention Ministry Leaders!

Thank you for leading our parish ministries!



As we return to STM, many of us are seeking ways we can serve others. If your ministry is currently meeting, or planning to begin, and you are open to new members, please let us know. We want to help bring our parishioners together in serving others in our parish and in our community.

Please contact Irene Lindemer at [irenel@stthomasmore.org](mailto:irenel@stthomasmore.org) or 303.221.9181 if you would like help in promoting your ministry.

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# vocations



## Traveling Chalice



Praying for vocations this week:

### The Scelza Family

If you are interested in receiving the traveling chalice, contact Karen Smoody at [karens@stthomasmore.org](mailto:karens@stthomasmore.org).



Please pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Visit [denverseminarians.org](http://denverseminarians.org) for more information & a prayer list.

## Celebrating an Anniversary

Honoring the beautiful vocation of marriage



**Laurence & Rose Marie Dumais** – 58 years  
**Ron & Jean Brink** – 28 years

Happy anniversary! If you would like your anniversary to be published in the bulletin, please send an email to [bulletin@stthomasmore.org](mailto:bulletin@stthomasmore.org) at least two weeks before your anniversary with your names, anniversary date and the number of years you will be celebrating.

# young adult

## Young Adult Road Trip

Come meet other YAs at STM!



Join us and explore Corwina Park and Red Rocks!

**Saturday, July 31** at 12:00–8:00PM

Questions? Contact Cheyenne Secor at [cheyennes@stthomasmore.org](mailto:cheyennes@stthomasmore.org).

## Narnia Book Study

"When Aslan shakes his mane, spring will come gain."



Join other college students and young adults for this book study and movie viewing about C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia series!*

Book Study:  
**Thursday, July 22** at 7:30PM

Movie Viewing:  
**Saturday, July 24** at 12:00PM

Questions? Contact Cheyenne Secor at [cheyennes@stthomasmore.org](mailto:cheyennes@stthomasmore.org).

## Pilgrimage to Ireland

Come to Ireland with other young adults!



If you are a young adult or young at heart, come and find out about our pilgrimage to Ireland in June of 2022!

**Thursday, August 5:**  
at 6:30PM  
in the High School Youth Center

Questions? Contact David Tschumper at [youth@stthomasmore.org](mailto:youth@stthomasmore.org) or 303.220.3388

## Connect with YA Ministry



Cheyenne Secor, YA Coordinator  
**Phone:** 303.220.3388 x3  
**Email:** [cheyennes@stthomasmore.org](mailto:cheyennes@stthomasmore.org)  
**Instagram:** @stm\_college\_ya

# youth: middle & high school



## Middle School: Grades 6–8

**Monday, July 19:** 7:00PM – Boy Scout Troop Meeting

**Tuesday, July 20:** 10:30AM – Boondocks Food and Fun

**Thursday, July 22:** 6:00PM – Echofire  
8:00PM – BYOT Campout

**Friday, July 23:** 11:00PM – Guys Sports Group  
2:00PM – Girls G.R.A.C.E

## High School: Grades 9–12

**Monday, July 19:** 7:00PM – Boy Scout Troop Meeting

**Tuesday, July 20:** 10:30AM – Boondocks Food and Fun

**Wednesday, July 21:** 7:00PM – Breakaway  
9:30PM – BYOT Campout

## life with a mission

All middle and high school youth are invited to join us for a great event that might just change your life. Meet new friends and experience a brand new Catholic adventure!



**Sunday, July 25:** 5:30–9:00PM  
Kick-off! Includes Mass, barbecue and yard games.

**Monday, July 26, Tuesday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 28:** 6:00–9:00PM  
Theme Nights: Includes games, Sacraments, videos, talks, music and more!

Please register by Wednesday, July 21!

For questions, contact David Tschumper at 303.220.3388 or youth @stthomasmore.org

## Fun Day at Boondocks

Come for fun and competition!



All middle & high school youth are invited to join us for a day of fun at Boondocks!

**Tuesday, July 20:**  
11:30AM–4:30PM

Cost is \$28. Please bring extra money for lunch! Contact David Tschumper or Greg Johnson with any questions at youth@stthomasmore.org, gregj@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3388.

## ASB Peru 2022

Join us for a life changing trip to Peru!



Attention all high school students! Are you interested in joining us next summer on mission trip to Peru? Come with your parents to an informational meeting!

**Tuesday, August 3**  
at 7:00PM  
in the High School Youth Center

Questions? Contact David Tschumper at youth@stthomasmore.org or 303.220.3388



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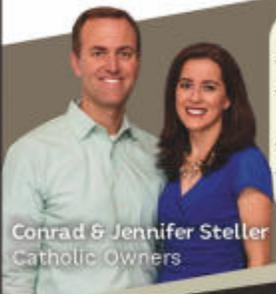
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