



# St. Thomas More

## Catholic Parish & School

The Assumption of the Blessed Mary | August 15, 2021



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# pastor's note



I pray that you feel the love and grace of our Lord a little more noticeably today. On this Sunday, Peter Cardinal Turkson, the Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at Vatican City will offer Mass for the intentions of our parish. This was a gift given to us by Cross Catholic Outreach. They are one of the groups that we support through our stewardship charitable donations, made in the name of the parish community. Just another example of how your stewardship of God's generosity to you will always bring back blessings beyond imagination. God bless Cardinal Turkson and thanks to the Mass God bless you all.

Another blessing that this week brings is the beginning of a new school year here at STM Catholic. We welcome back the students, their families, as well as the teachers and staff that make our school so wonderful. As you hopefully know, due to the diligence, efforts, and faith of all concerned, our school last year had in person learning all year long, unlike most of the public schools in the region. Our students not only benefited from that opportunity, but continued to show noticeable spiritual, academic and personal growth due to the work of so many. May this year continue that positive effort. Pray for our school, those who come here and those who make this ministry of our parish possible.

Next weekend, at the 10:30AM Mass, there will be a crew from the Augustine Institute present for filming parts of the Mass and the community. We have given them permission to use our setting for a work that they are preparing for a future teaching video. If for some reason you wish to not be photographed during the filming, speak with an usher who will direct you to an area that will not be filmed or attend another Mass that weekend. Let's welcome the folks from this nationally recognized institution who are coming to us to help continue the good work that they do.

Finally, next weekend we will be participating in the annual special collection for the Retired and Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese of Denver. That will entail a second collection that will be taken up immediately following the regular offertory collection at each Mass. I would ask you to be kind and generous in helping the Archdiocese meet the challenging needs for caring for our elder priests. These men have served us well over the years and now is our chance to show our profound appreciation. Many of these men still assist us here at St. Thomas More in coming to help hear confessions on Thursdays and other occasions.

– Msgr. Tom



## 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.

# a reflection on today's readings

## Grow as a Disciple

There are very few things in this world that are perfectly united, though many attempts have been made, think peanut butter and chocolate, Batman and Robin. But there is one example, and that is the Blessed Virgin Mary is perfectly united with Jesus' life and redemptive work. Though fully human, she is completely without sin – she is, as we pray in echoing God's angel, "full of grace." Thus she shares, as we do, in Christ's heavenly destiny but with an immediacy that we do not have. Upon her death she was instantly assumed into heavenly glory, body and soul, as the first of all the faithful who will eventually join with Christ in eternity upon death and purification. In celebrating this great Solemnity, the Church celebrates what lies ahead for those of us who imitate Mary's total trust in God. She had complete faith in God and His promises, and is a living example of the power and generosity of our God. We can follow her lead, engaging in a life of witness (proclaiming God's greatness) and gratitude (have a rejoicing spirit) for the sake of the world.

## Go Evangelize

Sometimes, when hearing or talking about Mary's fiat, I first see it as a "yes" in modern, human terms. "Yes, I'll serve on that committee." "Yes, I'll organize that party." "Yes, I'll stay late to finish that project." It doesn't take long for our little "yeses" to turn into an adamant "Nooooooooo," also known as burnout. Thankfully, Mary's yes was far more than just an acquiescence to a small request – it was the commitment of her entire self to the choice God had placed before her. And she was rewarded with a special seat in heaven near her Son. In today's Gospel, Elizabeth immediately recognizes the true meaning of Mary's fiat: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." What can we learn from Mary's example? We can learn trust. We don't need to sign up for every volunteer opportunity (though volunteering is a great and worthwhile thing to do), but we can say "yes" to what God is asking of us according to the gifts and graces he has given us. Through daily prayer and seeking the intercession of Mary and Jesus, we can grow closer to the Lord and prepare ourselves for the day we meet Jesus and Mary face to face.

## Pray

A lot of misunderstanding surrounds Catholic devotion to Mary. We do not worship Mary – that is reserved for God alone. Yet we do revere her and honor her unique and important role in God's saving plan. Pray the Magnificat or the Rosary, paying close attention to their scriptural foundation and what was happening in the "stories" within those Scriptures.

– Written by *The Faithful Disciple*



# prayer



## This Week's Mass Intentions

**Sunday, August 15:**  
The Assumption of Mary  
7:00AM Msgr. John Slattery †  
8:30AM The Aguirre Families,  
Living and Deceased  
10:30AM Mass for the People  
of St. Thomas More  
12:30PM Betty Doyle †  
5:30PM Charles & Denise  
Jeske †

**Monday, August 16:**  
6:30AM Brendan Moran  
9:00AM Allan Steinke †

**Tuesday, August 17:**  
6:30AM June Polakovic †  
9:00AM Fran Burnside

**Wednesday, August 18:**  
6:30AM Mike McNulty  
9:00AM Cris Jeffords & Family

**Thursday, August 19:**  
6:30AM Christine Finneman †  
9:00AM Peyton Marie  
DePinto †

**Friday, August 21:**  
6:30AM Jan Potts †  
9:00AM Geri Craven †

**Saturday, August 21:**  
7:30AM Anthony Polizzi †  
4:00PM Dr. Harold & Jeanette  
Link †  
5:30PM Helen Swindler †

**Sunday, August 22:**  
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:00AM Dwaine Thompson †  
8:30AM Sheila Kava  
10:30AM Mass for the People  
of St. Thomas More  
12:30PM Judy Trzebiatowski †  
5:30PM Tanya Swegler

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for our ill parish members & relatives:**  
Esther Mussa, Annie Sirokman, Elena Sluder

**Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives:**  
Keith Scott

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.

## Mass in McCallin Hall



Next weekend is the last weekend for Mass broadcast in McCallin Hall!

We invite you to join us inside of the church to celebrate Mass!

To assure a seat of your choice, we recommend coming a little early and sit near the front of the church as the pews are not often full.

## Perpetual Adoration

Participate in  
this 28 year old  
tradition!



We are blessed to have Perpetual Adoration at STM. Those who have committed to weekly adoration as well as our entire parish have been blessed in countless ways. Are you ready to join the 400+ faithful utilizing our chapel? We have many hours in need of at least one regular adorer.

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

## Respect For All Life

In the United States, the abortion drug mifepristone has been linked to at least 24 women's deaths and more than 4,000 serious complications."

— LifeNews.com

## Welcome Retreat

You are invited  
to come enjoy a  
Welcome retreat  
weekend!



Come to the next Welcome Weekend for an incredible experience that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it.

**Women: Saturday–Sunday,  
September 25–26**  
**Men: Saturday–Sunday,  
October 9–10**



Register online! Visit [stthomasmore.org/welcome-retreats](http://stthomasmore.org/welcome-retreats) or scan the QR code. Cost is \$55. For questions, contact Melanie Lauer at [melaniel@stthomasmore.org](mailto:melaniel@stthomasmore.org) or 303.221.9234.



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available on  
our website  
& parish app.

# faith



## Curious About Catholicism?

Come look deeper into the Catholic faith!



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Come and join us for summertime barbecue and learn steps about becoming Catholic!

**Sunday, August 22:**  
11:30AM at the church rectory

For more information, please contact John Cox at [johncox@stthomasmore.org](mailto:johncox@stthomasmore.org) or 303.221.9245.

## Study the Sacred Scripture and the Catechism

Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church this fall!



Has anyone asked you why you believe what you believe? Are you currently teaching the faith to children, family members, friends or in a faith group?

It's time for you to be fed "solid food" (1 Cor 3:1-3), so that you can feed others!

The Denver Catholic Biblical and Catechetical Schools will offer classes in-person and online this fall to supplement your parish formation!

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.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** How does Jesus' promise of eternal life affect the way you live today?

**Child:** How often do you think about Heaven? Does it make a difference in the choices you make?

## Register Your Kids for 2021 – 2022 Catechesis

Sign up now for our wonderful faith-building programs



It's time to register for Children's 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 this weekend!

Families can sign up their children for classes and get answers for questions they may have. Registration closes **Saturday, August 31** at 12:00 midnight.

## Be More Informed!

Read all the interesting articles in the new edition!



Watch your mailbox for the August edition of our parish newsletter, *More Informed*, mailed to all registered parishioners. This great resource is full of compelling articles and information to inspire and enrich your faith!

Read the August *More Informed* online at [stthomasmore.org](http://stthomasmore.org) (scroll down to the *More Informed* green box, under Parish Bulletin).

## Jeff Cavins' Bible Timeline

Discover God's plan for humanity



Join us for a Bible study where you will gain a comprehensive understanding of all the major people and events in the Old Testament and how they are a foreshadowing of Christ.

**Beginning Tuesday, September 14:**  
9:30AM in St. Francis Hall  
Workbooks cost \$40.00 which can be purchased at the first class.

For more information, please contact John Cox at [johncox@stthomasmore.org](mailto:johncox@stthomasmore.org) or 303.221.9245.

# time & talent



## Be a Catechist

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).



## 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).



*Shepherd's Promise 5th Grade leads the Stations of the Cross in 2013*

## American Heritage Girls

Faith, Family, Service and Leadership.



All families with girls ages 5-18 are invited to learn more about our American Heritage Girls community, a place where girls thrive because Christ is at the center of everything we do.

Join us for an information night to learn more about our AHG Troop.

**Monday, August 30:**  
6:30PM in St. Francis Hall

AHG is a character development scouting program dedicated to building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.

For more information, please contact Troop Coordinator Liz Janousek at [thejanousekfamily@gmail.com](mailto:thejanousekfamily@gmail.com) or 303.882.9809.

## Come Learn About the Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts

Come start your next adventure in Scouting!



Cub Scouts (boys in grades K-5)  
"Join Event" – **Monday, August 30:**  
7:00PM in STM school large cafeteria

Boy Scouts (boys in grades 6-12)  
**Any Monday evening** at 7:00PM in the Youth Center – Come see what we do!

Contact Debbie Sears at [tiggerz\\_4u@yahoo.com](mailto:tiggerz_4u@yahoo.com) or 303.522.6291.

## Don't Miss Out

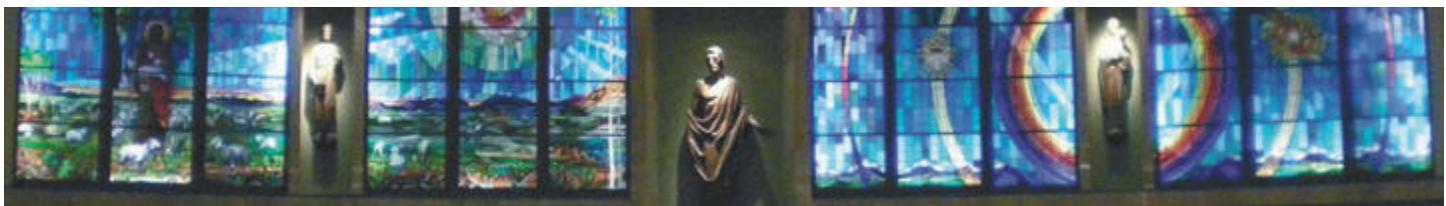
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If you are not receiving regular updates from STM via text or email, you may not be signed up for Flocknote.

To make sure you are signed up, please contact Nicole Turner at 303.221.9148 or [nicolet@stthomasmore.org](mailto:nicolet@stthomasmore.org) for help.

# treasure



## Palisade Peach Orders

Thank you for your support of Knights Council #10205



The Knights of Columbus are now accepting orders for delicious peaches!

To order your peaches, contact Dr. Dave Randolph at 303.514.5554. or Lloyd Taylor at 630.849.7012.

An 18-pound box is \$40.

Pick up your peaches and pay on **Friday, August 20:** 12:00–7:00PM or **Saturday, August 21:** 8:00AM–1:00PM at the Padre loading dock in the youth parking lot.

## Support Our Retired Priests!

Support the retired priests of our diocese by helping provide for their retirement needs.



Next weekend is our Retired and Infirm Priests Second Collection!

This collection is used to directly support all retired priest's welfare including assisted living and memory care, medical costs and much more.

Please make all checks payable to St. Thomas More with "Retired Priests" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers & support of our priests!

## Community Food Drive

Help people in need during this difficult time.



Donate non-perishable foods to families in need! All food will be donated to Northwest Family Assistance Center's Bienvenidos Food Bank!

**Saturday, August 21:**  
10:00AM – 2:00PM  
in the Church parking lot

For questions, please contact John Lunn at 303.419.7164.

## Broncos Raffle Tickets



**Next Weekend**, the Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for Broncos games in the narthex after all Masses! The drawing will take place on **Tuesday, August 31**.

For \$10, there are nine chances to win two club level tickets for each of the home games and one VIP parking pass. For more information or for tickets, contact Bobby Rogers at 303.549.0950.

## Support STM with eGiving

STM is so grateful for the generosity of our parishioners!



Summer is almost over – have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support St. Thomas More and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

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## Discover Financial Freedom!

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7:00PM in The Padre

Questions? Email [financialfreedom@stthomasmore.org](mailto:financialfreedom@stthomasmore.org) or call Fabiola Roll at 720.364.7300. To register, scan the QR code with your phone camera app.

# SOCIAL



## Moms and Tots

Join this community of women!



Join other moms with young children to grow in your faith, make new friends, and find support in your vocation as a mother.

We meet in St. Francis Hall two Fridays per month from September through May. Childcare is provided!

To sign up or ask questions please email [stm.momsandtots@gmail.com](mailto:stm.momsandtots@gmail.com)

## New Life – Senior Singles

A social, spiritual group for single, widowed, divorced & separated persons.



**Wednesday, August 18** – 4:00–6:00PM  
Come to Happy Hour at Old Blinking Light! The address is 9344 Dorchester St. Highlands Ranch.

**Sunday, August 22** – 4:00PM  
Join us for our New Life 42nd Anniversary Dinner! We will be going to the Cheesecake Factory at Southwest Plaza (8501 W Bowles Ave) Contact: Vicki Turner 303.773.8410.

## ENDOW Small Group

Join this community of women!



Looking for women in the local area who want to connect in a small group with other women.

Join us for an ENDOW small group every other Tuesday night at 7:00PM (no homework). It's a great way to get to know other authentic Catholic women, many are mothers with kids of varying ages. For more information, contact Betsy Poell at 303.915.9366.

## STM Catholic Golf Tournament

Come support our school!



Join us for an exciting day of Golf and Fellowship at the STM Catholic Golf Tournament!

**Monday, September 8**  
8:00AM shotgun start, lunch to follow.  
at the Raccoon Creek Golf Course

Questions? Contact Joe Espinosa at [joe.espinosa@comcast.net](mailto:joe.espinosa@comcast.net) or 720.979.6173.



Learn about other announcements, giving opportunities events and ministries at our parish by liking our "St. Thomas More Catholic Parish" page on Facebook!

## Support for Single Parents

A community of single parents coming together with Christ.



Find balance and support in your role as a parent as we cover topics such as prayer, finance, achieving balance, and dating with our Single & Raising Saints program.

**Mondays beginning September 13:**  
6:00PM in St. Peregrine Hall

Cost \$15. To register, use the QR code or visit [membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/7295](http://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/7295)

Childcare is available. To reserve a spot, please email Amy West at [amyw@stthomasmore.org](mailto:amyw@stthomasmore.org) by Sunday September 5.

For questions, contact Melanie Lauer at [melaniel@stthomasmore.org](mailto:melaniel@stthomasmore.org).

## Download our Parish App



Our parish app can give you easy access to daily reflections, Mass readings, online giving and more! Text APP to 88202. Or, search for "myParish – Catholic Life" in your app store. Follow the welcome screens to look up and select St. Thomas More Parish.

# vocations



Take home a special memento celebrating our 50th Anniversary!

This beautiful ornament is a replica of the crucifix in the sanctuary and our special 50th anniversary logo!

Visit the STM Gift Shop or the parish office to preorder this keepsake Christmas ornament!



Cost is \$10. Ornaments will arrive in November, in time to decorate the tree! Questions? Contact the Gift Shop at [joaniez@stthomasmore.org](mailto:joaniez@stthomasmore.org).



## Celebrating an Anniversary

Honoring the beautiful vocation of marriage



**Don & Shirley Brown** – 64 years  
**Mike & Sandi Green** – 52 years  
**Bill & Betty Doyle †** – 50 years  
**Jeff & Joan Craig** – 48 years  
**Bruce & Janet Robinson** – 35 years  
**Terry & Caroline Peltes** – 33 years  
**Tony & Paula Lopez** – 30 years  
**Caleb & Laney Meyer** – 18 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.

## Traveling Chalice



Praying for vocations this week:

**The McGarrity Family**

Please consider signing up for one of the available weeks! To receive the traveling chalice, contact Karen Smoody at [karens@stthomasmore.org](mailto:karens@stthomasmore.org).

## Priest & Seminarian Appreciation Day



Join our priests for a round of golf at Raccoon Creek, a tour of the Cherokee Castle or games (poker, pickleball, tennis or racquetball) followed by a homecooked Italian dinner.

**Monday, August 23**

Start times vary and pre-registration is required at [Golf4Priests.com](http://Golf4Priests.com).

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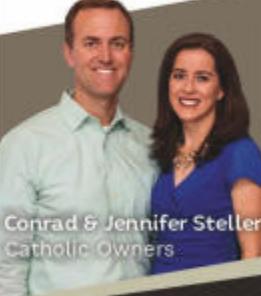


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