



St. Thomas More

Catholic Parish & School

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 10, 2021



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3

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- ◆ New Life Baby Shower
- ◆ Fall Festival

pastor's note



Over the course of these fall months all of the priests are able to get away for their annual week long retreat. It is a tremendous opportunity to renew and refresh the faith that is central to our lives and our ministry. I have often spoken about the value for all members of our community to get away for retreat experiences. This could be one of the several youth retreats that happen every year, or the WELCOME retreats that take place in the fall and spring for men and women or other opportunities that present themselves.

I do realize that not all are inclined, or able, to get away from home, family, work and responsibilities for extended periods. That is one of the reasons we try to have regularly scheduled parish missions. The last one we had was with Casting Nets who were here prior to the pandemic shutdown in March of 2020. We are fortunate to have Paul Koleske here this week to offer a Parish Mission and renew our love for and strength in the faith we share. He will not only be presenting briefly at all the Masses this weekend, but also with sessions mornings at 10:00AM and evenings at 7:00PM, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The daily sessions are the same in the morning and evening and we are offering the two times for convenience of different segments of the parish family.

Plan now on coming and being a part of this opportunity. And as it is something other than a liturgical event, all are able to come and participate. So consider bringing that neighbor or friend that isn't Catholic. That co-worker that has asked what it is that goes on at St. Thomas More with all the cars and events. That relative who has fallen off, or away, from the practice of going to Mass but still has a bit of interest in what you are doing at church. Reach out and make this an opportunity for you and others to be blessed and renewed in that love of God we are called to live and share.

The Gospel this weekend has the young man posing to Jesus one of the most central and relevant questions one can ask. What must I do to inherit eternal life? The Lord answers with the imperative of keeping the commandments. It is essential that we pay attention to the way God calls us to live, both in relationship with God and with those around us. But the next level of awareness asks that we not just do the bare minimum. Rather, we are called to an ever deeper and more intimate relationship with God. This will take various forms and not be the same in appearance for everyone. But the calling of us to deeper commitment is always going to be there.

If you want a good point for reflection this week before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, or other times of prayer, ask yourself if God might be calling you to new and stronger expressions of both your love of God and your desire to accept His will in your life. And don't be afraid of the answer. As today's first reading reminds us, praying for God's wisdom is the first step in receiving all good things.

– Msgr. Tom



Welcome to St. Thomas More!

Go and make disciples

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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
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Sacrament of Baptism: For baptisms, contact Sandra Schwab
at sandras@stthomasmore.org no less than one month prior to the
baptism ceremony. Visit stthomasmore.org for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony: For weddings, contact Connie Wood
at conniew@stthomasmore.org no less than eight months prior to
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Sacrament of the Sick: Contact the parish office at onset
of illness. In case of death in the family, contact the parish office
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For sacramental emergencies when the parish office is closed,
call 303.370.0242.

a reflection on today's readings

Grow as a Disciple

In the Old Testament, wealth was considered a sign of God's favor. So imagine the rich young man's surprise when he approached Jesus, only to find out that he would need to sell what he had and then give to the poor in order to follow Jesus. His face fell and he walked away. His demeanor highlights the fundamental error of equating what we have, and what we do, with salvation – of relying on earthly things, rather than God, for our deepest comfort and security. In contrast, the Book of Wisdom speaks of the richness and worth of divine wisdom over that of any precious gem or gold. We understand that divine wisdom to be manifested in the person of Jesus Christ. Therefore, true wisdom means having faith in Jesus Christ rather than in our own efforts and whatever we might have earned in our lifetime. Otherwise, we are like a camel trying to squeeze through the eye of a needle. Jesus truly offers us the only way. I like to think that the young man came around eventually. After all, as Jesus says, "all things are possible for God." As we reflect, we can ask Jesus what we need to "let go of" to turn our sights, our minds and our lives over to God, knowing that following His will is the surest path to the Kingdom.

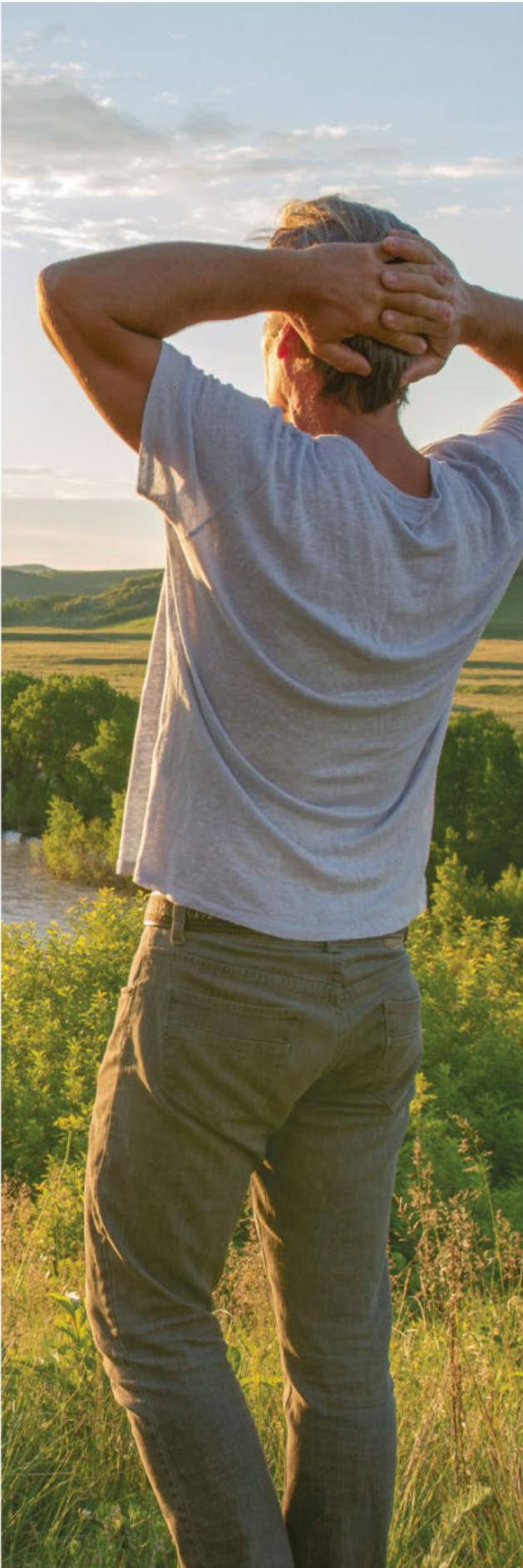
Go Evangelize

Just a few days ago, we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The behavior of the rich young man in today's Gospel – daring, enthusiastic, confident – brings the young Francis to mind. Born into wealth, he relished his carefree lifestyle and sought to become a knight. His dreams of glory, however, quickly became a nightmare as his comrades fell and he was imprisoned in a dank cell for a year. After his release, he fell seriously ill, and God spoke to him. He cast aside the trappings of wealth, choosing instead to seek God's will in all things. His example invites us to pray about our priorities: What things or attitudes get in the way of our relationship with God and one another? What is the Lord asking of us and how can we respond? How can we give witness to our belief that all things are possible with God? "

Action

Perhaps try a "consumption fast" for the next couple of weeks, purchasing only what you need – food and other necessities. Use time and energy spent shopping to deepen your relationship with God and others through practices such as Eucharistic adoration, confession, visiting an elderly relative or writing/calling an old friend.

– Written by *The Faithful Disciple*



prayer



This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 10:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM Irene Sloan †
8:30AM Brooklyn Accolla
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
12:30PM Beverly Martin †
5:30PM Msgr. John Slattery †

Monday, October 11:

6:30AM Tamara Callstrom
9:00AM Jose & Inez David †

Tuesday, October 12:

6:30AM Karen Burke †
9:00AM Kerry Welch

Wednesday, October 13:

6:30AM Cathy Stemper
9:00AM Patricia Gilmore †

Thursday, October 14:

6:30AM Charles Chapman †
9:00AM Kim Martin

Friday, October 15:

6:30AM Gustavo Escalante †
9:00AM Anna Dooling †

Saturday, October 16:

7:30AM Geoffrey Goral †
4:00PM Joey McClure †
5:30PM Dean & Dorothy McConnell †

Sunday, October 17:

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM Mary McAleer †
8:30AM Mass of Reparation
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
12:30PM Riyono Wonoadi †
5:30PM Sheila Storey

All Souls Memorial Display

Remembering and honoring our loved ones



In November, we remember our loved ones whom we have lost this past year.

We will be creating a virtual Memorial Collage this year, to be shown at the All Souls Mass on Tuesday, November 2 and posted on our website. We will also have a display in the Narthex.

If you your loved one passed between October 1, 2020 and October 1, 2021 and you would like to include them, please upload their photo to stthomasmore.org/memorial-submission by **Friday, October 15**.

If you do not have an electronic image, please bring a picture to the parish office and we will scan it to be included.

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for our ill parish members & relatives:

Jim Carter, Loetta Gould, John Marostica, Randy Parks, Gen Siebert

Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives:

Danielle Nicole Acheson, William Edward Huffabaugh, Al Pristera, Pete Wilcox, Cloe Young

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.

All Souls Day Novena



All Souls Novena cards are available at all the church entrances.

Please return the All Souls Day Remembrance envelopes in the offering basket at the back of the church, to the parish office or via mail by **Thursday, October 28**, to have your loved ones remembered at all Novena Masses that begin on All Souls Day.

Baptisms



We welcome

Carter James Nollen
Andrew Victor Ratini

who were recently baptized.

Praying Prodigal Hearts Home



Join us to pray for the return of our loved ones to the Catholic faith. Pray the Rosary, find fellowship and support others on the journey.

Thursday, October 14
7:00PM in McCallin Hall 2

Questions? Contact Colleen Goffredi at chgoffredi@gmail.com.

faith



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MONDAY–WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11–13
Morning Session: 10:00AM
McCallin Hall
Evening Session: 7:00PM
Church Sanctuary

For your convenience, the daily topic is offered both in the morning and evening.

<p>DAY 1 Living the Light of Christ</p> <p>Miracles are possible and in fact happen every day. Learn about the miracle of you!</p>	<p>DAY 2 Experience the Light of Christ</p> <p>Learn how to break the mental cycles of anxiety, fear, doubt, worry and guilt and hear about four very essential tools for spiritual growth.</p>	<p>DAY 3 Connect with the Light of Christ</p> <p>Find out why limitations and the trials we all face can be the great source to greater good.</p>
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God is Still With Us!

Three talks – three topics.



Learn how the Holy Spirit works in our lives, how the Lord's healing touch impacts us and how miracles are present today, not just in the Bible.

Saturday, October 23
10:00AM–2:00PM in the Church

Dr. Mary Healy, who will be presenting, is professor of Sacred Scripture and an international speaker on topics related to Scripture, evangelization, healing and the spiritual life.

Questions? Contact John Cox at johnc@stthomasmore.org or 303.221.9245.

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Gospel of Life Conference

Learn the truths about human sexuality.



Come learn how to protect the health and innocence of our children as we hear from Cathy Ruse, J.D. on sex education in public schools and the sexualization and indoctrination of our youth.

Friday, October 22
7:00PM in McCallin Hall

Visit respectlifedenver.org for more information. Questions? Please email life@cddenver.org.

Visit the Parish Library

Come see our wide selection of books in the library!



Discover more about your faith. Pick up a book in the parish library! Our 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 for more information or with any questions.

time & talent



Tesoros de Dios Prayer Group

Join us for a brand new bilingual prayer group!



Are you searching to belong within our St. Thomas More community, while celebrating our rich, Catholic traditions? A new prayer group is meeting once per month. We pray in English and Spanish. All ages are welcome!

Beginning **Wednesday, October 20** at 7:00PM in the Cry Room

Questions? Contact Rosemary Samaniego at leadbyfa1th.roses@gmail.com or 303.717.4728.

Concerned Catholics

Join us for this discussion on how to protect our families and our Faith.



Join us for a discussion on social, political, and cultural issues at odds with our Catholic Faith and how to defend the teachings of the Church.

Saturday, October 30
at 7:00PM in St. Peregrine Hall

Contact Melissa Ogburn at 303.908.7129. or melissaogburn@aol.com



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



Daily readings available on our website & parish app.

social

Fall Festival

Don't miss out on this afternoon of autumn fun!



Come spend a day of fall fun together! Celebrate the season with games, food and fun for all ages.

Saturday, October 16:
12:00PM at STM School Lawn

Food, crafts, cake walks, mini pumpkin decorating and even more fun activities will be available.

Bring your already carved pumpkin for a chance to win prizes at our pumpkin competition, the categories are: scariest, silliest, most adorable and best overall.

This event is free, but please register using the QR code for a chance to win a prize!

Questions? contact Melanie Lauer at melaniel@stthomasmore.org.

out of parish

White Mass and Conference

Learn about the connection between medicine, faith and ethics.



Denver Catholic Medical Association invites you to a White Mass, followed veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLOG) image, dinner and a talk on OLOG by Fr. Eric Zegeer, Parochial Vicar of The Risen Christ Catholic Parish.

Sunday, October 17:
4:30PM at Our Lady of Loreto Parish

Our White Mass is an opportunity for Catholic healthcare providers to join in celebration and renewal of their professional oaths guided by the wisdom and moral teachings of the Church. Cost is \$10 for dinner. Register at www.denver-cma.com.

treasure



New Life Baby Shower

Help care for babies in need in Denver!



Please bring donations of new or gently-used items for babies to support the annual Baby Shower.

Saturday & Sunday, October 16 & 17:
Drop off donations in the Narthex before & after all weekend Masses.

The wish list includes baby clothes, blankets, onesies, bottles and diapers for ages newborn to nine months. We cannot accept furniture, car seats or large items. Donations this year will benefit St. Joseph's Baby Boutique, helping women living in poverty here in Denver. THANK YOU for your generosity!

Sponsored by the STM New Life.
For questions, contact Helene C. at 303.683.5238

Our Loving Trust... a response to God's love

We are made to love and share our blessings in response to God's bountiful generosity. We thank those of you who have participated. It is truly a blessing to St. Thomas More parish. It is our hope to receive a decision from all our parish families for our stewardship of treasure offertory renewal.

We trust that, through prayer and reflection, those of you who have yet to respond, will come to a meaningful response to the graces that God has bestowed on you and your loved ones. If we act together as members of one family united in Christ's love, we can do great things!

vocations

Winter Coat Drive

Donations are being accepted now!



Please donate clean, gently-used winter coats to help our local homeless population stay warm this winter.

Now through Sunday, October 31:
Drop your donations off into the barrel located in the Information Cove.

Thank you for your generosity to our brothers and sisters! For questions, please contact Tony at 720.670.8826 or tcendella@comcast.net. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 10205.

Traveling Chalice



Praying for vocations this week:

The Dodero Family

To receive the traveling chalice, contact Karen Smoody at karens@stthomasmore.org.

Christmas Ornament

Take home this special memento!



Ornaments are here! Enjoy a replica of the crucifix in the sanctuary and our special 50th anniversary logo! Visit the Gift Shop to purchase this keepsake!

Cost is \$10. Questions? Contact the Gift Shop at joaniez@stthomasmore.org.

Is the Priesthood For You?

"He went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted, and they came to him."
— Mark 3:13



Are you a man 18 or older open to discerning a vocation to the priesthood? Come to a FREE retreat for prayer, Mass and brotherhood.

Sunday, October 17:
9:00AM–5:00PM
at St. John Vianney Seminary

Register at denverseminarians.org.

youth: middle & high school



Bible and Beyond

All middle schoolers are invited to join us for this special group!



Come see how to keep your traditional Catholic faith alive in today's world. We are a co-ed group of Middle School kids.

Every Friday
at 4:00PM on Zoom

Please contact Kelly Westover at kellywestover@msn.com for more information.

Journey to Life Retreat

Be challenged, make new friends and thrive in your faith!



High School Youth are invited to a life-changing weekend retreat experience.

Friday–Sunday, October 22–24:

Explore how each of us relate to each other in light of the Scriptures, the Church and the life of Christ.

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

parish school



Christmas Wreath Sales

Brighten your home this holiday season and support our school!



The holidays are fast approaching. Add some Christmas spirit to your home! STM Home & School will be selling fresh evergreen wreaths and garland to support our school.

The fresh Fraser fir wreaths will be classically decorated with a red Christmas bow and pinecones. We will also have 12-inch rounds that can be used on your dinner table with your Advent wreath and fresh garland for your fireplace or staircase!

Orders will be delivered the week of November 21. To order, contact STM Home & School at homeandschool@stmccatholic.org.

Mane Event 2021

Thank you for supporting our parish school at the Mane Event!



Saturday, November 6:
at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

The evening will consist of cocktails, a plated dinner, a silent auction, a live auction presentation and a paddle-raiser.

Best of all, the evening will conclude with dancing to live music! All parishioners are welcome!

Buy your tickets or sign up to sponsor today at <https://aesbid.org/elp/stm21> or scan the QR code.

Watch upcoming bulletins and our school website for more details.

better choices than planned parenthood

Did you know that pro-life pregnancy centers across the United States provide much needed services without referring clients to an abortion?

It is a common misconception that Planned Parenthood provides much-needed services to vulnerable populations.

However, the primary goal and money-maker for Planned Parenthood is abortion. Pro-life pregnancy centers will not refer clients for abortions. Catholic and some Christian centers will also not provide birth control to keep in line with Church teachings.



STM Parishioners outside of the Planned Parenthood Littleton location during a 40 Days for Life campaign.

Some may offer fertility-awareness based methods for women instead of birth control. An online search shows pro-choice businesses call them “anti-abortion centers” or “fake health centers.”

Charlotte Lozier Institute conducted a study titled, “Pregnancy Centers Stand the Test of Time.” The study found that approximately 2,700 pro-life U.S. pregnancy centers provided vital services to almost two million people in 2019, at an estimated value of nearly \$270 million. Services are usually provided at no charge to almost no charge.

Its president, Chuck Donovan states, “Pregnancy centers exist to serve and support mothers in the courageous decision to give their children life, even under the most difficult circumstances. Each year they provide a multitude of free services, including excellent medical care, for millions of women and men. Eight in 10 people involved at pregnancy centers are volunteers, an extraordinary example of igniting points of light in the darkness. Their selflessness deserves to be affirmed and celebrated.”

Charlotte Lozier Institute also provides research and information on many different life issues.

America’s pregnancy centers are at the heart of the pro-life movement, offering a crucial lifeline directly to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies.

An overwhelming majority of Americans consider pregnancy centers a valuable community resource – yet the centers are constantly under attack from the profit-driven abortion industry (like Planned Parenthood), because they provide alternatives to abortion.

Heartbeat International has an international pregnancy helpline called Option Line that 1,100 men and women contact daily via phone or text. It is a bilingual pro-life contact center. Over 4 million women and men seeking answers in an unexpected pregnancy have been assisted.

Another organization, Care Net assists abortion-minded clients with options and assists in finding local pregnancy centers. They also provide information, training, education and support.

Pregnancy Decision Online also offers a pregnancy hotline. They offer confidential support and information to anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy. ♦

Reference: www.LozierInstitute.com

During Respect Life Month, a series of local efforts and organizations in our community will be highlighted.

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