



# St. Thomas More

## Catholic Parish & School

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 17, 2021



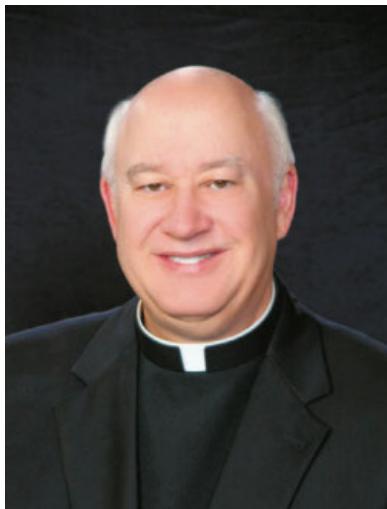
*For the Son of Man  
did not come to be  
served but to serve  
and to give his life as  
a ransom for many.*

*Mark 10:45*

### What's Inside:

- All Souls Novena
- God is Still With Us
- New Life Baby Shower
- Project 600 Toy Donations

# pastor's note



St. Thomas More Parish has been blessed for close to two decades with the presence of Carmelite priests assigned here. The Carmelite Order has many faces and forms. In the Archdiocese of Denver alone we have some Carmelite Sisters from California that are at Sts. Peter and Paul parish, helping with the school there. There are also Carmelite nuns at the cloistered community in Littleton who spend their days in prayer and work for the wider Church. And then, of course, there are the five priests from the Carmelite community in Tanzania who have been given the opportunity to come minister in the Archdiocese and share with both our parish and St. Frances Cabrini parish the richness of their spirituality and commitment.

I mention this because there have, and continue to be, great teachers of the Faith over the centuries that the Carmelite life and spirituality have helped show the world our way to follow the Lord's call. Last week, on Friday, we had the Feast of St. Teresa of Jesus, sometimes called St. Teresa of Avila as she spent much of her life there in Spain. She was also a contemporary of another great Carmelite saint, St. John of the Cross.

In this time when we find so many people, sometimes including ourselves, worried and anxious about many things, things that often are far beyond our control or influence, I find her words quite reassuring. "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all thing are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

In a similar manner, I heard a wise and holy bishop once say, in response to an inquiry of how he can remain unflustered by so many things and events, "Why spend time and energy on that which is beyond my ability to do anything about? Worry is useless." And to quote both the gospels and St. Paul, "Be not afraid." "If God is for us, who can be against?"

St. Teresa is designated as a Doctor of the Church, meaning we can learn from her writings and witness the manner of how to live our lives in this world, focused on the life we are made for with the Lord. Let us pray to her this week that she might help good and faithful children of God to trust more deeply in His care and love, and not let the worries and distractions of this world come between us and our God, and between us and one another. May God give you peace.

– 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 Sandra Schwab at [sandras@stthomasmore.org](mailto:sandras@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

What do we do best? Some of us might be math whizzes, others can send a golf ball exactly where we intend. How do we get there? Practice, natural talent and a good coach or teacher. Following Jesus, though, is another matter entirely.

As today's readings remind us, we grow as Christians not by building ourselves up but by giving ourselves away. In Isaiah, we hear about the suffering servant who "did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many."

That suffering servant is Jesus, who admonishes the Apostles as they jostle for position as His right-hand man. Ultimately, the greatest among them will be "a slave of all," Jesus reminds them. His words challenge us to put as much energy and prayer into finding ways to better serve others as we do other areas of our lives. We can look to Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph and all the saints as role models.

## Go Evangelize

I bet most of us can think of a friend who seems like a natural "giver." He shovels the neighbor's walk without being asked. She sends flowers or a meal during a difficult time. Serving others can take so many forms, from a simple hug or phone call to volunteering at a soup kitchen.

In today's readings, Jesus invites us to bear witness to His sacrifice through humble service. It may not come naturally for all of us all the time, but that's where God's grace and the Holy Spirit come in. We can ask for the strength, creativity, flexibility – whatever we may lack – to recognize the needs around us and respond.

Before we know it, our generosity will overflow and encourage others as they, too, seek to grow in Christian service.

## Action

Watching the news or even scrolling your social-media feed can be overwhelming at times. Instead of tuning out, find a small way to help – through prayer, a donation to a Catholic organization, or a phone call or card to a friend going through a difficult time.

– Written by *The Faithful Disciple*

# prayer



## This Week's Mass Intentions

**Sunday, October 17:**  
29th 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

**Monday, October 18:**  
6:30AM Lisa Shannon  
9:00AM Leroy Kudrna †

**Tuesday, October 19:**  
6:30AM Frank Cawley  
9:00AM Mary Marcuccilli †

**Wednesday, October 20:**  
6:30AM Jack Lum Lung  
9:00AM Anthony Junta †

**Thursday, October 21:**  
6:30AM Jacki McKinzie  
9:00AM Dolores Denk

**Friday, October 22:**  
6:30AM Riyah Hooper  
9:00AM Tom Marcuccilli †

**Saturday, October 23:**  
7:30AM Ian & Bre Stemper  
4:00PM Ray Elder †  
5:30PM Olivia Corpuz †

**Sunday, October 24:**  
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:00AM Jacki McKinzie †  
8:30AM Alli & Tyler Patten & Family  
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More  
12:30PM Jean Ann Giesige †  
5:30PM Ian & Breanna Stemper

## Praise and Worship

Come to an evening of music, reflection and adoration.



Bring your family to the next STM Night of Praise and Worship. Lift your voice and your heart with uplifting music, inspiring reflection and adoration.

**Friday, November 5**  
at 6:30PM in the Church

Jacob Machado, seminarian for the Archdiocese of Denver, will offer a reflection.

We will also have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament followed by refreshments in The Padre. For more information, contact the parish office at 303.770.1155.



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



Daily readings available on our website & parish app.

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

**Pray for our ill parish members & relatives:**  
Joan Buffington, Mel Claytor, Cherrie David, Nicholas DeGennaro, Regina Fales, Loetta Gould, James Kirrane, Randy Parks, Cherie Pritchard

**Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives:**  
Danielle Nicole Acheson, Randy Darling, Jack Parker Al Pristera, Vickie Tatum Welborn, 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



Have your loved ones remembered at all Novena Masses that begin on All Souls Day, November 2.

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

Please return the All Souls Day Remembrance envelopes in the offering basket, to the parish office or via mail by **Thursday, October 28**.

## 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](mailto:leadbyfa1th.roses@gmail.com) or 303.717.4728.

# faith



## 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](http://respectlifedenver.org) for more information. Questions? Please email [life@ccdenver.org](mailto:life@ccdenver.org).

## 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](mailto:johnc@stthomasmore.org) or 303.221.9245.

## St. Joseph Workshop

Discover the second greatest saint who ever walked the earth.



Have you ever wanted to draw closer to Saint Joseph, but you didn't know how? Ever wondered why we exalt him with the titles that we do in the Litany of Saint Joseph? Don't miss out on a special event for the Year of St. Joseph!

**Saturday, October 30**  
at 10:00AM in McCallin Hall

Daniel Campbell, Director of the Lay Division at St. John Vianney Seminary, will be leading the workshop. The event will also feature a special appearance of and talk about the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Cost is \$50. Lunch included. To learn more and to register, call 303.715.3195 or visit [jvlaydivision.org](http://jvlaydivision.org).

# vocations

## Traveling Chalice



Praying for vocations this week:

**The Pearce Family**

To receive the traveling chalice, contact Karen Smoody at [karens@stthomasmore.org](mailto:karens@stthomasmore.org).

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Why is it hard to do good works if you will not be acknowledged for them?

**Child:** Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one knows that you did it? Why?



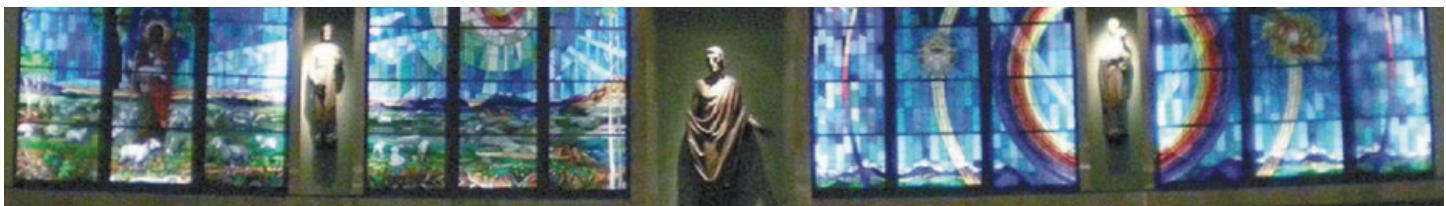
## Weddings

We pray for

**Kaitlyn Flief & Britian Halcomb**

who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

# 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 Masses this weekend.

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

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 silent auction, a live auction 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.

For questions, please contact the Mane Event Committee at [stmmaneevent@stmatholic.org](mailto:stmmaneevent@stmatholic.org).

## Winter Coat Drive

Cold weather is here.



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](mailto:tcendella@comcast.net). Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 10205.

## Christmas Wreaths

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 are 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@stmatholic.org](mailto:homeandschool@stmatholic.org).

## Giving from our Heart

Thank you STM parishioners!

Help us plan next year's parish budget and ministries by turning in your pledge card. Your gift, regardless of size, will make a difference! Please call the parish Office if you need a pledge card. Thank you for your wonderful generosity.



Find other parish announcements, get inspired and more by following or parish at [@stmcatholicparish on Instagram!](https://www.instagram.com/stmcatholicparish)

# time & talent



## Publish in our Bulletin

Let parishioners know about your ministry!



We are here to help your events, ministries and programs be a great success. Send in your bulletin announcement and website post request **14 days before publish date.**

Just click on the Promotional Submissions link on the home page of our website under Parish Links and complete the form. We will do the rest for you.

Please email Hannah Crites at [hannahc@stthomasmore.org](mailto:hannahc@stthomasmore.org) with any questions.

## 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 10:00AM in St. Peregrine Hall

Contact Melissa Ogburn at 303.908.7129.  
or [melissaogburn@aol.com](mailto:melissaogburn@aol.com)

# out of parish



## Life-Giving Wounds Retreat

Healing for adults whose parents have divorced or separated.



Come to the Life-Giving Wounds, a retreat that will be a significant turning point in the ongoing healing journey for adult children of divorced parents.

**Friday–Sunday, November 12–14**

Explore how life-draining wounds can be transformed into life-giving resources of faith, hope, love and joy, even in the deepest suffering. For more information, visit [archden.org/acod](http://archden.org/acod).

## Year End Giving Webinar

Learn more about year end giving and tax preparation.



Join The Catholic Foundation for a discussion on end of year giving and tax savings strategies.

**Thursday, October 28**  
at 2:00PM via Zoom

Steve Paolucci, Founder of Paulucci Financial Services will be presenting. Visit the QR code to register. Visit [TheCatholicFoundation.com](http://TheCatholicFoundation.com) for more information.

# youth: middle & high school



## Middle School: Grades 6–8

**Thursday, October 21:** 6:00PM – Bronco Watch Party for Teens and Parents

**Friday, October 22:** 4:00PM – Bible and Beyond

## High School: Grades 9–12

**Wednesday, October 20:** 7:00PM – Breakaway

**Thursday, October 21:** 6:00PM – Bronco Watch Party for Teens and Parents

**Friday–Sunday, October 22–24:** Journey to Life Retreat

## 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](mailto:youth@stthomasmore.org) or 303.220.3388.

## Project 600 Toy Donations!

October 23 through November 28

Help make this year's Project 600 Christmas Toy Drive extra special by donating toys to children in need! STM Youth Ministry sponsors & hosts this annual Christmas party for more than 600 preschoolers in Denver

Please donate unwrapped, brand-new toys (for 4- & 5-year-old children) in the labeled boxes in the Narthex.

For many of the children these donated toys are the only Christmas presents they will receive this year.

Questions? Contact David Tschumper at [youth@stthomasmore.org](mailto:youth@stthomasmore.org) or 303.220.3388 x1.

# in our community: 40 days for life in littleton

Paula Bieshaar, a parishioner at St. Mark Catholic Church in Highlands Ranch, has led the Littleton 40 Days for Life prayer vigil since the fall of 2019. The abortion pill is distributed to our young women at the Planned Parenthood office on County Line and Broadway.

Before feeling called to lead the prayer vigil, after a day in reflection, she felt the Lord was graciously reminding her that no one is beyond redemption. And that all those who perpetrate this great evil of abortion need our prayers and our love, not our condemnation.

"What would you like me to do, Lord?" she wondered. Jesus did not delay in answering! There was an identifiable progression - one thing after another - that led her to take on the task of organizing the first 40 Days for Life prayer vigil in Littleton that fall.

"We need only look to the Passion of our Lord and the suffering of Paul and all the Apostles to know that conforming our lives to the will of God will not be easy and will involve suffering. Rather than shirk away from the task and the responsibility, the only proper response is to thank God for counting us worthy to serve Him and pray for the strength to serve Him faithfully. In the last two years, Jesus has blessed me with many new friends who are willing to walk beside me in this work. I am so grateful for all the help and support!" claims Paula.

One particular encounter Paula shares was when this towering, burly man who owns the CBD store next door to the Planned Parenthood office first approached her. She initially was a bit intimidated, but soon was blessed to discover he is pro-life. A while back, one of his five daughters was planning on having an abortion until she realized she was having TWO babies.

Miraculously, his daughter chose life for her twins! He also recounted with frustration how he stands in his store



*Paula Bieshaar outside of the Planned Parenthood Littleton location during a 40 Days for Life campaign.*

day after day and watches as young women get out of their cars, crying as they walk into that clinic. He even contributed all the cash he had on him that day they met for Paula to purchase diapers to support women with unexpected pregnancies. This only goes to show that we never know who else might be on our side!

We would be honored if you would join us in this work to save moms, dads, babies, families and yes, even clinic workers and their families from the destruction of abortion.

We have embarked on our next vigil this fall, which continues through Sunday, October 31. Prayer is conducted on the sidewalk along Broadway.

It's a lot of work, and it's hard, but with the grace of God, our prayers can make a difference. Important information and the fall sign-up calendar are available at [www.40daysforlife.com/littleton](http://www.40daysforlife.com/littleton). Contact [respectlife@stthomasmore.org](mailto:respectlife@stthomasmore.org) with any questions. ♦

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

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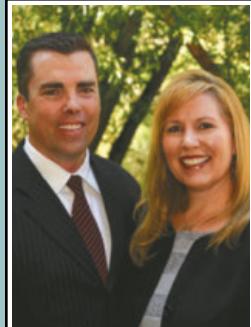


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