



# *St. Thomas More* Catholic Parish & School

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | October 24, 2021

*Take courage;  
get up, Jesus  
is calling you.*

*Mark 10:49*

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# pastor's note



In the next week or two we will be receiving a priest here at St. Thomas More that we will be hosting upon his arrival to the United States. He is Msgr. Dibongue from Cameroon. Just like you welcomed and made feel at home Fr. Okeke from Nigeria this past spring, I hope you will similarly welcome and support Msgr. Dibongue when he arrives. We will be helping him to get such documents as his social security, driver's license and banking needs covered before he begins his assignment in the Archdiocese of Denver.

Speaking of clergy that come from elsewhere in the world to help in the work of the gospel here in the Archdiocese, it is good for us to be mindful of regularly praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. I remind you that every Thursday evening, during the times we are hearing confessions, we have the Blessed Sacrament in the main body of the church exposed for adoration and prayer. And as you may remember, this time of adoration is our weekly holy hour of prayer for vocations.

So, even if you are not receiving the sacrament of reconciliation, I encourage you to stop in to spend time in prayer for those who the Lord is calling to such vocations. Pray also for your family and friends that might be discerning what the Lord is calling them to in their own vocational journey. May the Master of the Harvest send abundant laborers to us.

Finally, also be praying for the soul of the youth of our world. There is an awful lot of anger, misunderstanding and even hatred that is forming the minds and hearts of many in our culture. Last Sunday we had a couple of teens caught defacing our Pro-Life banner on the street. It is so sad that in this day we find many think that destruction of that which they don't agree with is a valid and civil way to express ourselves. Pray for these young women and for their families. And pray that the message and value of all human life being sacred and valuable will again show forth in our country and world.

– 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

How often do we pray with abandon? Perhaps when turbulence makes us wonder if our plane's going down, when a friend or loved one faces a difficult diagnosis or life-threatening injury, when we face a setback, a major decision, or a heartbreak.

On some days, though, have we been guilty of just going through the motions when we pray? Not so for Bartimaeus. "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me," he repeatedly implores, ignoring the shushing of the crowd. When Jesus asks him what he wants, the blind man doesn't beat around the bush, "I want to see."

Recognizing his faith, Jesus heals him. Bartimaeus could not see, yet he had recognized Jesus as the Messiah and persisted in prayer. His example reminds us to be persistent in prayer, holding nothing back from Jesus who desires to make us whole.

## Go Evangelize

While Bartimaeus faced physical blindness, this did not prevent him from recognizing Jesus as the Son of David, the Messiah. In our modern-day world so filled with distractions, we can become blind to the face of Jesus, or simply take His abundant love for us for granted. As the psalmist reminds us, "The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy."

Looking back on our lives, we can probably see a few miracles – the birth of a child, the stunning beauty of a sunrise over the mountains or the arborvitae in our backyards, the friends who walk alongside us through each chapter of life.

Today's readings encourage us to open our eyes to the face of Jesus in our lives, and in turn to reflect his steadfast love to those we encounter.

## Action

Read today's psalm response: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Reflect on the people and experiences that have brought you closer to God – friends, family, a priest, for example. Write them a note or say a prayer of thanksgiving.

– Written by *The Faithful Disciple*

# prayer



## This Week's Mass Intentions

### 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

### Monday, October 25:

6:30AM Landon Nixon  
 9:00AM Florian Smoody †

### Tuesday, October 26:

6:30AM Genevieve Hartmann  
 9:00AM Jacob Jarman †

### Wednesday, October 27:

6:30AM Jacki McKinzie  
 9:00AM Paula Lopez

### Thursday, October 28:

6:30AM Chris Raab  
 9:00AM Cassidy Harrison

### Friday, October 29:

6:30AM Michael McGuire †  
 9:00AM Patricia Killian Smith †

### Saturday, October 30:

7:30AM Anthony Polizzi †  
 4:00PM Jason Cole  
 5:30PM Gene Kopyar †

### Sunday, October 31:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 7:00AM Kris Mossman  
 8:30AM Christopher Fleming †  
 10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More  
 12:30PM Mary Roth & Family  
 5:30PM Matt Roth †

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

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

Mel Claytor, Cherrie David, Nicholas DeGennaro, Cynthia Drew, Regina Fales, Brad Fehn, William & Sara Freeman, Dennis Gilmore, Bob Higgenbotham, Tommy Hrdlicka, Laurie & Tom Jarvis, James Kirrane, Randy Parks, Cherie Pritchard

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

Joanie Buffington, Randy Darling, Jack Parker, Vickie Tatum Welborn

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, Tuesday, 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**.

## 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

6:30PM – praise music and reflection  
 7:00PM – holy hour with exposition  
 8:00PM – refreshments

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

We will also have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, contact the parish office at 303.770.1155.

## Cancer Novena

Special prayers for those afflicted with cancer and for their families



Come pray a novena for cancer patients and their families for approximately 40 minutes each day.

**Daily from Wednesday, November 3 through Thursday, November 11** starting at 5:30PM in St. Peregrine Hall.

For questions, call Mark Hamouz at 303.713.9765. To submit names for the prayer list, to receive the updated list for prayers, email Mark at [jmhmah@aol.com](mailto:jmhmah@aol.com).



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# faith



## 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 St. Thomas More  
7:30AM Daily Mass in the Church  
8:15AM Check-in

Daniel Campbell, Director of the Lay Division at St. John Vianney Seminary, will be leading the workshop. The event will also feature a talk and a special appearance of 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 [sjvlaydivision.org](http://sjvlaydivision.org).

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## 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](mailto:parishlibrary@stthomasmore.org) for more information or with any questions.

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## Respect For All Life

To worship the Lord, we first have to 'lift up our eyes'... not to let ourselves be imprisoned by those imaginary specters that stifle hope, and not to make our problems and difficulties the center of our lives.

– Pope Francis

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** What have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way??

**Child:** What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?

# treasure



## Project 600 Toy Donations

Bring happiness to children this Christmas!



Please donate unwrapped, brand-new toys (for four & five year old children) in the labeled boxes at church entrances.

**Now through Sunday, November 28:**

For many of the children who attend our Project 600 Christmas Party, these donated toys are the only Christmas presents they will receive this year. Thank you for your generosity and kindness, giving excitement and fun!

For questions, contact David Tschumper at [youth@stthomasmore.org](mailto:youth@stthomasmore.org) or 303.220.3388.

## 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!

Scan the QR code with your phone's camera app to order! Orders will be delivered the week of November 21.

Questions? Contact [homeandschool@stmccatholic.org](mailto:homeandschool@stmccatholic.org).

## Mane Event Raffle

Thank you for supporting this year's Mane Event!



All parishioners are invited to support STM Catholic School by purchasing calendar raffle tickets!

**Saturday & Sunday, October 23 & 24**  
After all Masses

Tickets are \$10. Win \$100, \$500, or \$1,000 every day in November! Stop by the Narthex to purchase your ticket!

## Support STM with eGiving

STM is so grateful for the generosity of our parishioners!



Have you made the switch to eGiving? Sign up from your computer or smartphone, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Visit [faith.direct/CO739](http://faith.direct/CO739) or download the app and use our code: CO739. You can also text the word ENROLL to 720.619.8959 to get started.

## 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.

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# time & talent



## New Altar Server Training

Assist the priest and deacon at Mass in this special role.



All boys and girls who are 10 years old through high school and who are interested in becoming an altar server are invited to attend this training!

**Wednesday, November 3:**  
4:00–6:00PM in the church

To register, contact Karen Smoody at [karens@stthomasmore.org](mailto:karens@stthomasmore.org) or 720.482.3594.

## 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)

# social

## New Life – Senior Singles



Join other seniors for Game Night!

**Friday, October 29**  
at 5:00PM in the Padre

Contact Helene C. at 303.683.5238.

# vocations

## Traveling Chalice



Praying for vocations this week:

**The Bern Family**

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

## Attention Singles!

Join us for fun, competition and community!



All singles ages 35-55 are invited to come socialize and get to know other singles at STM! Bring your ideas to build a singles community in our parish!

**Saturday, October 30**  
at 4:30PM at Pindustry  
(7939 E Arapahoe Rd)

For questions or more information, please contact Melanie Lauer at 303.221.9234 or [melaniel@stthomasmore.org](mailto:melaniel@stthomasmore.org).

## Celebrating an Anniversary



**Ken & Rita Brott – 62 years**  
**Tom & Carol Ford – 25 years**

Happy anniversary! If you would like your anniversary to be published, email [bulletin@stthomasmore.org](mailto:bulletin@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.

# youth: middle & high school



## Middle School: Grades 6–8

- Monday, October 25:** 7:00PM – Boy Scouts Meeting
- Thursday, October 28:** 6:00PM – Echofire Halloween Party
- Friday, October 29:** 4:00PM – Bible and Beyond on Zoom

## High School: Grades 9–12

- Monday, October 25:** 7:00PM – Boy Scouts Meeting
- Wednesday, October 27:** 7:00PM – Boo Dance

## 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](mailto:kellywestover@msn.com) for more information.

## High School Boo Dance

Come for a night of fun!



All high school teens are invited to dress up and come to our Halloween Boo Dance and Party!

**Wednesday, October 27:**  
7:00PM in the Youth Center

Questions? Contact Christina Hale at [christinah@stthomasmore.org](mailto:christinah@stthomasmore.org) or 303.220.2288.

# parish school

## 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 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).

## Sam's Club Fundraiser

Stock up on food and support our school!



Looking to stock up for the winter? Getting bored with the same-old snacks? Grab a Sam's Club membership before **Sunday, November 14**, and 33% will be donated back to STM Catholic!

To sign up for exclusive savings and perks and support our amazing school, visit <https://grouprai.se/sams432s>. Sam's Club memberships are \$45, with the option to upgrade to the "Plus membership" in-store.

Please contact STM Catholic Home and School with any questions, [homeandschool@stmatholic.org](mailto:homeandschool@stmatholic.org). As always, thank you for your continued support!

# assisting families with fatal prenatal diagnoses

Families presented with a fatal prenatal diagnosis may not be immediately prepared for how to proceed with their pregnancy or the choices that will need to be made.

Laura Huene, BSN, RN, CPLC, is the Executive Director of String of Pearls ministry, based in Littleton, Colorado which stemmed from her own personal story.

According to Huene, it also inspired her desire to “help someone else as they walk the painful journey of saying goodbye to their child.”

String of Pearls “offers practical guidance and compassion as parents make plans to honor their baby’s precious life.”

Laura and her husband, Joshua, were faced with an unexpected fatal diagnosis for their baby girl in 2006. However, they knew they did not want to terminate baby Pearl’s life. Without much help, the Huenes were left to navigate a path for the remaining time with their precious daughter.

Pearl Jean Huene was born on June 5, 2006, weighing 4lbs., 1 oz. and measuring 17½ inches. Laura recounts that, at the time of her baby’s birth, the moments they had with Pearl were “unforgettable.”

Through their preparation, they felt ready “to lovingly launch her into the arms of Jesus. It was not an easy thing to do, but a decision without regrets.”

Fatal diagnoses can be attributed to a wide range of chromosomal abnormalities and other cardiac, bone or brain disorders.



Some of the more common fatal diagnoses are Trisomy 18, Trisomy 13, Anencephaly, and Potter’s Syndrome. Sadly, the family is often offered the hopeless choice of terminating the pregnancy through abortion.

This important ministry offers various support services, without cost to families faced with a fatal prenatal diagnosis. They can assist with: coordinating care with doctors, nurses and chaplains, collecting keepsakes, providing referrals to community resources and assisting with birth plans, grief support and funeral information.

Although a bit similar but not the same, families facing the loss of a baby through stillbirth can be referred to other organizations for support.

The goal of String of Pearls “is to help sort through the confusion and offer hope for the journey.” To contact Laura or to learn more about her story and her ministry, visit [www.stringofpearlsonline.org](http://www.stringofpearlsonline.org). ♦

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