St. Thomas More

Catholic Parish & School Pentecost Sunday | June 5, 2022

pastor's note



May the blessing of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, fill your life, your home and enrich your faith. This weekend we remember that the power of the Holy Spirit enabled the first apostles to lovingly share the Good News in such a way that the Church was born on that first Pentecost. Without their willingness to tell others about God and what He was doing, we would not be here today. It always makes me wonder what my own occasional reluctance to clearly and lovingly share the faith might mean, in the effect with others' faith lives, or lack thereof. Never discount the importance of letting the Holy Spirit use you as an instrument of God in the lives of those you touch.

I have said to many who are saying they will miss me when I move on from being pastor here that I am not disappearing. And in fact will be around the Church of Denver in many and varied ways. One way that I am looking forward to is in continuing to accompany individuals on spiritual pilgrimages. I have done a few in my time here at St. Thomas More and another is shaping up right now for the fall.

Jo Holt, who has also been a part of trips like the Year of the Family trip

to Philadelphia, the Year of Mercy trip we took to Poland and Italy, the Holy Land pilgrimage, and the Footsteps of St. Paul pilgrimage we were on in 2019, will be joining me in leading a trip to England and Scotland this fall, Monday, October 17–Tuesday, October 25, 2022. The tour is titled *Martyrs, Scholars and Distilleries*. We will have brochures and information on itinerary and cost available soon. Start thinking now about whether you want to travel on a journey that takes us back to some very special places, especially in the life of our parish's Patron Saint, and get away to broaden your experience and deepen your spiritual life. Watch the bulletin and parish Flocknotes for developments on this opportunity.

This past spring, both within the parishes and in the Archdiocese, we had a series of sessions for prayer, listening and preparation for the Worldwide Synod of the Church to be held in 2023. If you would like to hear about the fruit of the sessions both within our parish and in the Archdiocesan gathering, come to an informational presentation by the two members of our parish that participated in both sets of events. Lenny Laraio and Mandy Cox will be hosting this discussion on Saturday, June 11, at 10:00AM in McCallin Hall. Come and see what the Holy Spirit has inspired in the prayers and conversations that have been held.

- Msgr. Tom



Grow as a Disciple

"Peace be with you." On hearing those four simple words, the fear that had paralyzed the disciples gives way to rejoicing. We, too, can feel paralyzed at time-by fear, yes-but also indecision, conflict, negativity and perhaps even headlines that remind us how fractured our world has become. Yet here is Jesus, wishing us peace and giving us the gift of Pentecost: our Advocate, the Holy Spirit. As Jesus breathes on the disciples, he confers upon them a Spirit of peace that will allow them to push past their fears and build up the Church. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." We, too, can turn to the Holy Spirit in times of trouble to help us move forward in faith, sharing peace and reconciliation with those we encounter.

Go Evangelize

Sometimes after a tiring or stressful day, I head up to my room, kick my feet up and mindlessly scan social media or whatever other distractions might pop up on my smartphone. A friend read somewhere that doing so amounts to effectively putting your time in the shredder! Today's readings challenge me and all of us to dig deeper. Why not, instead, find a quiet place to pray, asking the Holy Spirit for a refresh as we move into the next part of our day, which is indeed the first minute of the rest of our lives. There's nothing wrong with downtime! But in the Holy Spirit, we can find a source of inspiration, energy and creativity. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Just as Jesus sent out the disciples, He sends us out to share our gifts to build up the Church.

Pray

We thank you, God, for the ways your Holy Spirit helps us see your love through the people and world around us. We thank You for the gifts of the Spirit within us and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit, open our hearts as we listen to Your word. We ask this in Christ's name.

- Written by The Faithful Disciple



Welcome to St. Thomas More! Go and make disciples

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.

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 Melanie Lauer at melaniel@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.

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prayer



This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, June 5:

Pentecost Sunday 7:00AM Connie Sirokman † 8:30AM Jayce Rastrelli 10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More 12:30PM Mildred & Nicole Marquez † 5:30PM Mass of Reparation

- Monday, June 6: 6:30AM Paul Donovan
- 9:00AM Flavio Gonzalez +
- **Tuesday, June 7:** 6:30AM William Donald
- Mohan † 9:00AM The Spresser Family

Wednesday, June 8: 6:30AM Joyce Spinazze † 9:00AM Jack Parker † Thursday, June 9: 6:30AM Tom Marcuccilli †

9:30AM Ron & Patty Winter

Friday, June 10: 6:30AM Christine Lum Lung 9:00AM Mildred Smoody †

Saturday, June 11: 7:30AM Gertrude & Harold O'Keefe † 4:00PM Brian Ellebracht † 5:30PM Michael Osberg †

& Tony Pereira † Sunday, June 12:

The Most Holy Trinity 7:00AM Connie Sirokman † 8:30AM Teresa Mannix † 10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More 12:30PM Teresa Mannix † 5:30PM Annie Sirokman †

Tesoros de Dios

Treasures of God, a bilingual prayer group.

together in both Spanish and English. Next meeting:

This Friday, June 10: 7:00–8:30PM in St. Peregrine Hall I

We pray, we laugh and we praise God

For questions, contact Rosamaria Samaniego at 303.717.4728 or leadbyfa1th.roses@gmail.com.

Questions of the Week



Adult: What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it right now?

Child: What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others?

This Week's Prayer Intentions

Pray for our ill parish members & relatives: Dale Butler, Becca Carter, Connie Quinnan and Helene Sherman.

Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives: Dr. Clyde Smith

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.

Incense at Mass



Please note that incense will be used at the following Masses, Saturday 5:30PM; Sunday 10:30AM and 5:30PM on each of the following weekends:

The Most Holy Trinity: Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12

Corpus Christi: Saturday & Sunday, June 18 & 19

For alternate seating, please see an usher.

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, June 9: 7:00PM in St. Peregrine Hall I

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



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



Daily readings available on our website & parish app.

faith

Corpus Christi Sunday

We invite you to this special event!

Sunday, June 19: After the 10:30AM Mass in McCallin Hall I & II



Please join us for a farewell reception for Msgr. Tom after Mass.

Mass and Corpus Christi Procession:

Please join us for the 5:30PM Mass which will be followed by the Corpus Christi procession and ice cream social in McCallin Hall, the Padre and the Padre patio.

Father's Day Novena Cards



Father's Day Novena cards and donation envelopes are available at all church entrances.

To have your loved ones remembered at all Novena Masses that begin on Father's Day, please return your Spiritual Bouquet donation envelope by noon on Thursday, June 16, by mail, collection basket or parish office.

Faith & Finances



7:00-9:00PM in McCallin Hall I

All are welcome to join us for this new comprehensive Catholic finance program and learn how these lifechanging strategies can benefit you.

Registration is open through Tuesday,

Curious about **Becoming Catholic?**



11:30AM-1:30PM in the parish rectory

Are you curious about Catholicism, thinking about becoming Catholic or possibly know someone who is interested? Come enjoy a barbecue with us at the rectory. We can meet, answer your questions and help you discern your next step along your faith journey.

Contact John Cox at 303.221.9244 or johnc@stthomasmore.org to answer any questions.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia



Mondays, June 20-August 8: 6:30–7:30PM in St. Peregrine Hall II

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us for this seven-week program to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's.



To register, scan the QR code. For questions, contact Deb Wells at dwells@alz.org or 720.699.9278.

Baptisms



We welcome

Amaya Mia Harrison Adalynn Lily Kane Elijah Robert Logan **Reagan Janelle Morehead Benjamin Matthew O'Donnell** James Patrick O'Donnell **Natalie Sharon Strubel**

who were recently baptized.



Tuesdays, June 21: (Ten-week series)

To register, scan the QR code. 14. There will be a \$20 fee for registration and materials.

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Support STM with eGiving

Thank you for your kind consideration. When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support St. Thomas More and the ministries you cherish.

You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet by visiting faith.direct/CO739, or text "Enroll" to 720.619.8959. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Give Your IRA a Vacation

IRA Rollover Reminder.



Rather than take an RMD (required minimum distribution) and pay income tax, use the IRA charitable rollover to support our parish.

Ask how by reaching out to our friends at The Catholic Foundation. Call Deacon Steve Stemper, Lisa Kukura or Joshua Gideon at 303-468-9885 or visit TheCatholicFoundation.com for more information.



Help the poor and needy of our community. Donations from our two poor boxes are used to purchase King Soopers gift cards to be given to people who come to us with an immediate need for assistance.

vocations

Honoring Our Clergy



"And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring [the] good news!"" – Romans 10:15

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Friday, June 10: Ordination Anniversary of

> Dcn. George Morin Dcn. Steve Stemper

We thank all our clergy for all they do for our parish and wish Dcn. George and Dcn. Steve a blessed anniversary!

Traveling Chalice

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Praying for vocations this week:

The Ogburn Family

Bringing home the chalice is a meaningful opportunity to enjoy a special week praying for priests and for an increase in vocations.

If you would like to bring the chalice into your home, just scan the QR code to see which weeks are available to sign up. For any questions, please contact Karen Smoody at karens@ stthomasmore.org or call 720.482.3594.

time & talent



Discover

how you and your spouse

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our parish.

difference at

New Altar Server Training

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



Wednesday, June 8: 4:00–6:00PM in the Church

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.

To register, contact Karen Smoody at karens@stthomasmore.org or 720.482.3594.

Register soon, as space is limited per training session.

Opportunity for Couples

Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12: in the Narthex

Are you and your spouse looking to volunteer for the parish? The Dedicated Disciples ministry is seeking couples to coordinate and assist in parish events.

If you would like more information about this ministry, please stop by the Narthex to speak to a couple after Mass or send us an email at dedicateddisciples@stthomasmore.org.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)



Monday–Friday, June 20–24: 9:00AM–12:00PM

Our Vacation Bible School classes are filling up and we have limited openings. Reserve your spot today by scanning the QR code. We hope you can join us as we celebrate God's greatness.

For questions, please contact Donna Engel at donnae@stthomasmore.org.

Volunteer for VBS



Monday–Friday, June 20–24: 8:30AM–12:30PM

Join the fun at VBS and be a part of our adult leadership team. Ages 18+ are welcome to take part in a variety of leadership opportunities.



If you are interested in helping us this summer, scan the QR code to see what we have available. If you should have any questions, please contact Donna Engel at donnae@stthomasmore.org.

The Synod Discussions

"Come and see what the Holy Spirit has inspired in the prayers and conversations that have been held." - Msgr. Tom



Saturday, June 11: 10:00AM in McCallin Hall

Join us to hear about the fruits of the Archdiocesan and parish discussions in preparation of the Worldwide Synod of the Church from two members of our parish that participated in both.

For questions, please contact John Cox at johnc@stthomasmore.org or 303.770.0531.

Volunteer Photographers



Do you enjoy photography of people and events? We are looking for volunteer photographers to capture the vibrant life of our parish.

If interested, contact Irene Lindemer at irenel@stthomasmore.org.

youth: middle & high school



Breakaway

Make new friends and grow in faith!

Wednesday, June 8: 6:00–7:00PM Ultimate Frisbee! 7:00–9:00PM H.S. Youth Center



All incoming freshmen through graduating seniors are invited!

For questions, please contact David Tschumper or Christina Hale at youth@ stthomasmore.org.

Movie Night

Join us for fun, fellowship and entertainment!



Who doesn't love a good movie and snacks! We will be watching one that has been a popular request.

For questions, please contact Christina Hale at christinah@stthomasmore.org.

EchoFire

Thursday, June 9: 6:00–8:00PM in the Catacombs

Hey middle schoolers and incoming sixth graders—you are invited to EchoFire! Enjoy making new friends, grow in faith and simply have fun!

For questions, please contact Greg Johnson at gregj@stthomasmore.org.

Youth Ministry Beach Bash at Cherry Creek

All youth group, Breakaway and EchoFire, are welcome to come!

All middle

schoolers and

incoming sixth

graders are

invited!

Wednesday, June 29:

4:00–8:00PM Reservoir East Side Beach

All incoming sixth graders through graduating seniors are welcome to join us for an afternoon of sun and fun!



Drop off and pick up is at the beach. Please bring snacks and drinks to share. There is a \$10 fee for park entrance.

For questions, contact David Tschumper at youth@stthomasmore.org or Greg Johnson at gregj@stthomasmore.org.

Sports Camp Mission Trip

Share your time and talent this summer!



All incoming seventh and eighth grade youth are invited to attend a middle school mission trip. We will help lead a Bible Sports Camp in Winter Park for grades K-5.

Wednesday – Saturday, July 13–16:

Cost is \$200. Includes transportation, meals, lodging and Boondocks on the final day of the retreat.

Contact Greg Johnson with any questions at gregj@stthomasmore.org.

Join us for a night with

friends or a date night!





Friday, June 17: 6:30PM in the Padre

social

Wine Tasting

Does wine taste better in different glasses? We will do a tasting in different glassware and learn more about the science behind which glasses are the best for savoring wine.

This is a free event but please register by scanning the QR code so we can plan accordingly. For more information or questions, please contact Sandra Schwab at sandras@stthomasmore.org or call 303.221.9235.

our parish school



Have a Great Summer!



We hope you have a blessed, safe and fun summer vacation with your families!

The school office will close on Friday, June 17, for the summer and will reopen on Monday, August 1.

To learn more about our excellent parish school, please visit stmcatholic.org.

Connect with our School



Phone: 303.770.0441

Website: stmcatholic.org

Facebook: facebook.com/stmcatholic.org.

stm is hiring

Digital Media Coordinator

The ideal candidate will be a creative, energetic team player with outstanding communication, organizational and technical skills with a passion for the Catholic faith.

This is a full-time position. Individual will be responsible for videography and photography, website maintenance as well as managing and executing the online and social media communication for St. Thomas More.

Must be proficient in Adobe Creative Suite including Premier Pro, Photoshop, Adobe After Effects and Illustrator with strong expertise in WordPress. Send resume to Irene Lindemer at irenel@stthomasmore.org.

STM Catholic School is Hiring

Join our team of fabulous educators and learn how you can make a difference.



STM Catholic School is currently seeking qualified individuals to join our team for the upcoming 2022–2023 school year.

- Middle School Administrative: Full-time position that will work with both the Assistant Principal and middle school students. Requires a faith-filled, committed person that enjoys a busy pace.
- Teachers' Assistant Grades 2–3: Part-time position for a responsible, committed and faith-filled individual.

If interested, please contact Gretchen DeWolfe at gretchend@stthomasmore. org for more information.

STM Catholic Preschool is Hiring

We are seeking two dynamic and creative candidates.



STM Catholic Preschool is seeking two part-time Early Childhood teachers for the 2022–2023 school year.

The ideal candidate will be Early Childhood Teacher qualified by Colorado Department of Human Services and familiar with CDHS and Tri-County rules that govern the preschool.

Must be able to develop and implement daily instructional programs according to the needs of the students and established curriculum. In addition, the candidate(s) will remain current with 15 hours of continuing education per year.

If interested, please contact Mary Tellus at maryt@stthomasmore.org for more information.





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