St. Thomas More Catholic Parish & School Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | June 26, 2022

"Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." – Lk 9:60

pastor's note



As I wind down my time here at St. Thomas More, I want to offer a sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to all who helped make last weekend's goodbyes such a blessed and memorable experience. Your warmth, kind words, gracious prayers and care helped make it a Sunday that means a lot to me and will carry on in my heart and memory for some time to come. And for the many who submitted pieces for the book about Blessings, I am so grateful for your kind and generous words and memories. I pray that the Lord grace you richly for your kindness shown to me. Be assured of my ongoing prayers and good wishes for you all.

Now, keep up that same kindness, charitable and supportive presence for your new pastor, Fr. Randy Dollins. Help him to feel welcome and an important part of the goodness and grace that God is doing here at St. Thomas More. Give time to get to know and appreciate him for his own style and approach in bringing you the presence and care of the God whom you all serve. Similarly, with Fr. Chris Marbury. Help him to be welcomed and to adjust to being in a parish full-time now as an associate pastor and a fellow worker with all the priests in serving the people of God at St. Thomas More.

As part of that welcoming, plan on being at this Friday's Fabulous Fun

Festival. You can start with Mass, continue with dinner and activities, listen to live music and spend time with friends, new and old. And you will get to reacquaint yourself with the staff members of our parish, as well as welcome the two newest priests. Come and share in the fun.

As I mentioned in my Masses last weekend, I am not disappearing. And in fact, if you would like to spend time with me in the fall, you are invited to come on the special pilgrimage being planned for England and Scotland in October. It is titled Martyrs, Scholars and Distilleries. You can find more information about it and a link to see the itinerary on page 9 of the bulletin this weekend. You can also find pamphlets about the trip in the information cove. It should be a fun and special time and I encourage you to consider coming along.

I also mentioned last week that I am going to be in the area, in Denver to be precise. And I hope to stay connected in whatever ways I can. I would love the opportunity to come and share a meal with you and your family (save me from eating my own cooking) when I can. You can reach me at msgr.fryar@archden.org or by phone at 303.282.3374. Stay in touch, and know that you are in my heart and prayers daily. God bless and keep you.

- Msgr. Tom



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For the app download link, text APP to 88202. Or, search for "myParish – Catholic Life" in your app store.

Once you download the app, follow the welcome screens to look up and select St. Thomas More Parish in Centennial.

a reflection on today's readings

Grow as a Disciple

Members of our family joke that saying goodbye after a family gathering needs to begin about an hour before we plan to leave. Good-byes mean hugs for every family member and there are many of us! We are aware of how precious our loved ones are to us, and so Jesus' response to the person who asks if he can first say farewell to his family may seem perplexing to us.

But in this reading, Luke presents Jesus as "resolutely" headed to Jerusalem because "the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled." Jesus is ready to complete the mission He came for and anyone who wants to follow Him can't be distracted by indecision. His matter-offact answers are directed at newcomers who seem to hesitate when He invites them to follow Him. He wants His disciples to know that being a disciple will have an impact on personal comfort and that everything one does—for family, loved ones or whomever—must flow from this discipleship first.

It is not about ignoring other responsibilities but carrying them out in light of who we are and whom we follow. Jesus calls us to make our relationship with Him our highest priority. Doing so will bring life to all the relationships we value as we grow to live and love like Him.

Go Evangelize

How do we commit to answering God's call without hesitation? Like the first apostles, the prosperous farmer Elisha in today's first reading willingly responded to the call from Elijah. But he didn't just leave everything and go: He first burned his plow as fuel in order to cook the oxen and leave it for his people to eat. In following the Lord, his first act was to ensure that those for whom he was responsible were not left without. Answering God's call is not often easy. But like Elisha and the apostles, we are called to listen and respond to the ways God calls us and to trust in His Spirit to guide us. As Paul tells the Galatians, we are to "live by the Spirit." By trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit and turning to Him for strength and guidance, we can be Christ's presence wherever He leads us and doing whatever it entails.

Pray

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern who needs the gift of your presence in their life right now. Schedule time with this person, just listening, affirming their gifts and assuring them of your belief in them and God's love for them.

- 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 26:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00AM Charles H. Harris † 8:30AM Tyler Patten & Family 10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More 12:30PM Ray Woods †
- 5:30PM Father's Day Novena
- Monday, June 27: 6:30AM Father's Day Novena 9:00AM Joel Peterson †
- **Tuesday, June 28:** 6:30AM Robert Martin † 9:00AM Beth McNellis †
- Wednesday, June 29: 6:30AM Caroline Lum Lung 9:00AM Karen Plank

Thursday, June 30: 6:30AM Sheryl Perri † 9:00AM Art Hut †

Friday, July 1: 6:30AM Chris & Lauren

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Saturday, July 2: 7:30AM Father's Day Novena

4:00PM Anthony & Melissa Ojile

5:30PM Bill Doyle + Sunday, July 3:

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM Charles H. Harris † 8:30AM Tyler Patten & Family 10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More 12:30PM Ray Woods † 5:30PM Father's Day Novena

Independence Day Mass & Celebration

Join us to honor our great nation!



We will celebrate a special Mass on the Fourth of July!

Monday, July 4: 9:00AM Mass followed by ceremony

Our annual flag-raising ceremony after Mass includes music and prayer followed with refreshments on the Padre Plaza.

There will be no 6:30AM Mass but there will be 8:00AM Confessions.



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: Jennifer Bredehoeft, Yolanda Chisholm, Sam Hambright, Bambi Lyons, Kenton Mueller and Gen Siebert.

Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives: Ron Garofalo, Doris Higgins, Dorothe Swan and Rita Venerable.

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.

Praise & Worship

Join us for a night of fellowship and spiritual reflection.



Come for an evening of prayer, uplifting music, inspiring reflection by Fr. Randy Dollins and Eucharistic adoration.

Friday, July 8:

7:00PM – Praise Music and Reflection 7:30PM – Holy Hour with Exposition, Benediction and Procession with the

Blessed Sacrament 8:30PM – Refreshments in the Padre

Details: visit our website or contact the parish office at 303.770.1155.

Perpetual Adoration



Spend time with Our Blessed Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Visit centennial. weadorehim.com to see our schedule and sign up to be a regular weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or substitute adorer.

Contact adoration@stthomasmore.org or call 303.220.3392 for questions.

Questions of the Week



Adult: When have you faltered or looked back during your journey of faith?

Child: What can you do to be a stronger follower of Jesus this week?

faith



Curious about Becoming Catholic?



This Sunday, June 26: 11:30AM–1:30PM in the parish rectory

Are you curious about Catholicism? Come enjoy a barbecue with us at the rectory where we can meet 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.

Spiritual Mothers Apostolate



A spiritual mother, on her part, stands with Mary at the side of the priest to give him support. The idea of this apostolate is to support a priest throughout his life, through prayer and small sacrifices.

To learn more about the Spiritual Mothers Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Denver, contact Sandra Miley at sandra.miley@archden.org or 303.715.3129.

Visit Our Parish Library

June, the month of Jesus, is a wonderful opportunity to stop by the parish library.

We have so much that will inspire and enrich your knowledge and love of our Blessed Lord and our Catholic faith.

Respect For All Life

"We see time and time again that the abortion industry not only kills preborn children, but also victimizes women and girls." – Lila Rose, LiveAction.org

STM Fabulous Fun Festival

Friday, July 1

5:00PM Mass in the Church 6:00PM Dinner & Games in the School Sports Park

Enjoy a great barbecue, ice cream and beverages, live music, games galore including carnival games, miniature golf and the gigantic corn toss! And a special drawing for great prizes!

You will also be able to welcome our new pastor, Fr. Randy Dollins and Fr. Chris Marbury, our new parochial vicar!

> So put on your red, white and blue and come join the fun!

> > **SEE YOU THERE!**

time & talent



Sacred Heart of Jesus, Summer Course

Learn about this beautiful devotion and "God's boundless and passionat love for mankind." **Begins Tuesday, August 2:** On Tuesdays & Thursdays through September 8.

This is a six-week online class and will be presented by Daniel Campbell, Director of the Lay Division at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary. The Sacred Heart class is open to anybody.

The class is \$100 and registering for the class gets you a \$100 tuition credit for the Catechetical School.

Visit sjvlaydivision.org or call 303.715.3195 to learn more and to register.

Meet A MORE Minister

Meet Bob Shalvey, long-time Eucharistic Minister and Perpetual Adoration adorer at St. Thomas More. Bob originally became an Eucharistic Minister to serve others who are ill. He said since he was unable serve Communion to his mother when she was ill, he would serve others. He



serves as the EMHC Coordinator for the 12:30PM Mass as well as serving in the Ministry of the Sick.

As a member of his 12:30PM Mass team, John Ark commented, "Bob's enthusiasm and energy has really helped get us back to normal from the last two years."

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, contact Tiffany Franzluebbers at emhc@stthomasmore.org.

Helping Hands Ministry

Comfort those who mourn.



Helping Hands provides a meal for the family and friends of a deceased loved one following a funeral Mass. We are looking for volunteers to help drop off a salad or dessert prior to the day of the funeral. We also need volunteers to help set up and serve the meal.

If interested, please contact JoAnn Giglio at 303.771.8632.

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.

Eyeglass Collection for Sight

Time to recycle your old eyeglasses and eyeglass parts.



Friday, July 1–Monday, July 18: in the Information Cove

Your used eyeglasses can help someone see better! Gather up your used and outdated eyeglasses, non-prescription sunglasses, even broken glasses and eyeglass parts. Drop them off in the basket to be recycled. We are partnering with a local Lions club to provide eyeglasses for less fortunate children and adults. Thank you!

Are You On Flocknote?



All parish email communications are sent through Flocknote. You chose what info you would like to receive —via email or text message—from your various ministries and programs. Signing up is easy and you can unsubscribe at any time. Text STMCO to 84576 or all 303.770.1155.

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Thank you for your kind consideration.



Online donations through Faith Direct help sustain our parish ministries and keep our offertory consistent during the busy summer vacation months, even while you're out of town.

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



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.

STM Guidebook Support

If you own a a local business consider advertising in our STM Ministry Guidebook.



Our parish is in the final stages of completing our annual STM Ministry Guidebook that you will receive in the mail in July. The booklet will provide information about the parish along with descriptions of the many ministries and programs offered. In addition, it will be given to all new parishioners and families who join our parish throughout the year.

Guide Book Publishing develops, publishes and mails the booklet at no cost to our parish! We thank the local business who have previously advertised in this publication to cover the costs. Guide Book account manager, Vicky Boudreaux, will be contacting businesses to see if they would like to participate. If you own a business and would like to take part, you can reach her at 225.264.0569.

vocations

Traveling Chalice



Praying for vocations this week:

The Schlipman 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.

Celebrating an Anniversary

Honoring the beautiful vocation of marriage



Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Sharon Ryno- 62 years

D.C. & Maureen Hoffman – 40 years

If you would like your anniversary to be published, please send an email to bulletin@stthomasmore.org.



Please pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Visit sjvdenver.edu/ seminarians for more information.

youth: middle & high school



Cheyenne Moutain Zoo

Spend the day with friends and God's amazing creatures! **Tuesday, June 28** 8:30AM–6:00PM meet in the H.S. Youth Center

First road trip of the summer! All middle and high school youth are invited to join us for a day at the zoo. Cost is \$25 and a sack lunch or bring money for lunch. Scan the QR code to register.

For questions or to register, contact David Tschumper at youth@ stthomasmore.org.



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



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 Greg Johnson at gregj@stthomasmore.org.

Guy Sports Group

All middle school boys are invited! Friday, July 1: 9:00–11:00AM meet in the Catacombs

Join us as we dive into our faith, play super cool sports and make new friends!

For questions or more information, contact Greg Johnson at gregj@ stthomasmore.org.



Connect with Youth Ministry! 303.220.3388 | stthomasmore.org/youth facebook.com/stmyouth | flocknote.com/stmco

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Castle Rock Outlet Mall

Enjoy a day shopping at the outlets!



Tuesday, July 5: 8:30ам–2:00рм

H.S. Youth Group is taking a day trip to the Castle Rock Outlet Mall! We will attend the 9:00AM daily Mass, eat lunch, shop and have fun! Bring money for shopping and lunch. The deadline to register is **Thursday**, **June 30**.

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

Faith Day at the Rockies

Colorado Rockies vs Arizona Diamondbacks!





Sunday, August 14: 1:10PM at Coors Field located at 2001 Blake St, Denver

Join us for a fun day of baseball! Ticket includes Rockies Game plus postgame concert featuring We The Kingdom! Tickets are \$18.00 per person and you can pay online by scanning the QR code.

For questions and ticket pick up, please contact Sandra Schwab at sandras@stthomasmore.org or call 303.221.9235.

our parish school



Join Our School Family

STM Catholic is deeply rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Consider our parish school for your children's education! In the spirit of Catholic tradition, STM Catholic excels in academic excellence and brings the whole person to formation through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

To learn more about our school for preschool through eighth grade, please visit stmcatholic.org or call 303.770.0441. Thank you!

Connect with our School



Phone: 303.770.0441 Website: stmcatholic.org Facebook: facebook.com/stmcatholic.org.

stm is hiring

Job Opportunities

We have employment opportunities available for the STM Parish, STM Catholic School and Preschool. Come join our team!

Full Time: Digital Media Coordinator

Part Time:

Marriage and Family Life Ministry Coordinator STM Catholic School M.S. Administrative Assistant STM Catholic School Teachers Assistant STM Preschool Lead Teacher STM Preschool Administrative Assistant

For a full description of all available positions, please visit stthomasmore.org and search under "Job Opportunities."

outside of our parish

Martyrs, Scholars and Distilleries

All adults are welcome to join Msgr. Tom on this pilgrimage in the fall!



Monday, October 17 through Tuesday, October 25: Pilgrimage to England & Scotland

Monsignor Tom has planned a pilgrimage for this week in October.

Pick up a flyer in the Information Cove. For more information, call 866.468.1420 or visit ctscentral.net.

Saint Bernadette Relic Tour

Come and venerate this great saint while on display in Denver.



Sunday–Tuesday, June 26–June 28: at Our Lady of Lourdes, Denver

Relics of Saint Bernadette will be on display for viewing and prayer.

To learn more about the Relics schedule while on display in Denver, please visit lourdesdenver. org or call 303.722.6861.





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