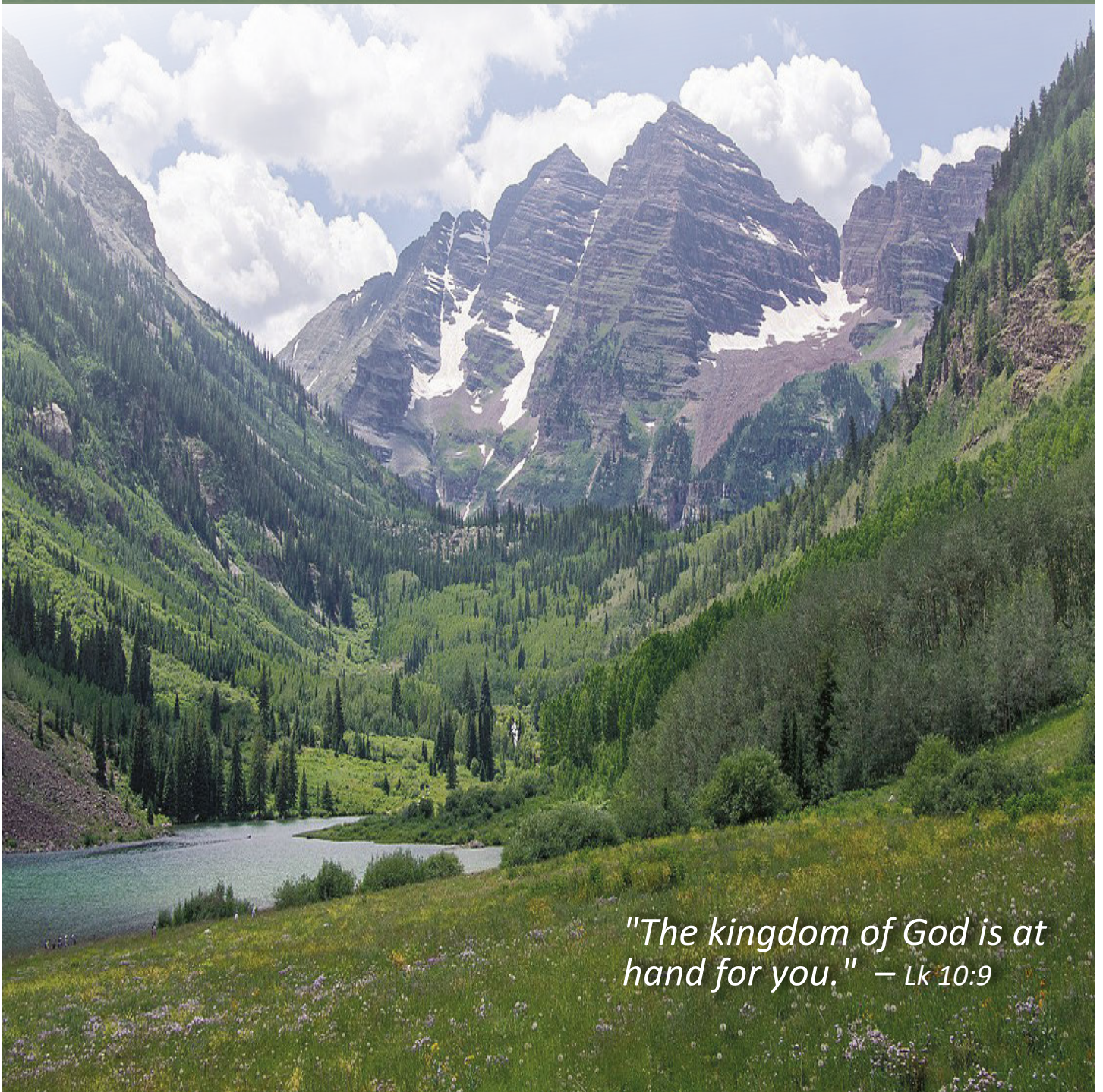


# St. Thomas More

## Catholic Parish & School

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 3, 2022



*"The kingdom of God is at  
hand for you." — Lk 10:9*



# pastor's note



In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul exhorts us to, “conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ” (Php 1:27). Later, we hear, “our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Php 3:20). The word for “citizen” shares the same root as “conduct.” Thus, it can be understood that St. Paul is linking the two sections, pointing to the dual citizenship of a Christian, earthly and heavenly. By conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of Christ, we bring the standard of heavenly citizenship to bear upon our earthly citizenship. “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Mt 6:10). This is the high duty of the Christian disciple and should serve as a focus as we commemorate the independence of our country.

The supreme quality of a patriotic citizen is a sacrificial love that has its origin not in a territory, but rather in a love and respect for God, which extends to a love of our neighbor, and then continues with the holding up and defending of a country's social and political values that are worthy of Christ.

The ideals found in our nation's Declaration of Independence are worthy of our allegiance and our prayers. These ideals have been fought for and defended for the past 246 years and deserve our prayers of thanksgiving for those who came before and gratitude for those who serve to preserve them today.

In an early defense of the faith (probably 2nd century), an unknown author wrote a letter to a Roman official explaining the life of Christians in the world. One part that is fitting for our reflection is:

And yet there is something extraordinary about their [Christians'] lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives (Letter to Diognetus).

The source of our identity as citizens is Jesus Christ, not any political party or ideology. We ought to be the best citizens of the United States of America, playing our full role in both words and deeds and yet, at the same time, we must remember that we are pilgrims here on earth, journeying toward our ultimate homeland in heaven, mindful that our task includes helping others to get there as well.

– Father Randy



## Welcome to St. Thomas More!

8035 S Quebec St | Centennial, Colorado 80112

### Parish Office

303.770.1155 | Hours: Monday–Friday: 8:00AM–5:00PM

### Clergy

**Pastor:** Rev. Randy Dollins

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Matt Hartley, Rev. Chris Marbury, 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)

**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 Melanie Lauer at [melaniel@stthomasmore.org](mailto: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.

**Sacramental Emergencies:** Call 303.370.0242 when the parish office is closed.

# prayer



## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 3:

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM Donna Rood & Family  
8:30AM Carole & Sonny Visocky †  
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More  
12:30PM Jenia Steikunas †  
5:30PM Finley Burke

### Monday, July 4:

6:30AM No Mass  
9:00AM United States Of America

### Tuesday, July 5:

6:30AM Chris McKinzie  
9:00AM Frank Breslin †

### Wednesday, July 6:

6:30AM Minnie Bruning  
9:00AM Jeri Koskovich †

### Thursday, July 7:

6:30AM Yvonne Eckels †  
9:00AM Jack Parker †

### Friday, July 8:

6:30AM Anne Benda †  
9:00AM John Wells †

### Saturday, July 9:

7:30AM Russ & Lucy Pitrone  
4:00PM Joe Spresser †  
5:30PM Nick Kripakov †

### Sunday, July 10:

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM The Dilger & Markey Families  
8:30AM The Kim Family  
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More  
12:30PM Carole Visocky †  
5:30PM Lorraine Powner Waterman †

## Welcome Our New Priests



We welcome Father Randy Dollins this week as our new pastor at St. Thomas More!

We also welcome Father Chris Marbury who will serve as a parochial vicar.



Please help Father Randy and Father Chris feel at home as they get to know our wonderful parish and meet our parishioners. We are blessed to have them both with us!

## 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 our annual flag-raising ceremony after Mass.

Includes music and prayer followed by refreshments on the Padre Plaza.

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

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

Dale Butler and Jan Zapapas

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

Ron Garofalo, Ron Bryan, Doris Higgins, Don Klee, Claire Lane, Brian Mahoney and Dorothe Swan

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.

## Happy Fourth of July!

We celebrate and pray for our country



The clergy and staff of St. Thomas More wish you a happy Independence Day!

Our parish office will be closed on **Monday, July 4**, in observance of the holiday.

There will be no 6:30AM Mass but we will have 8:00AM confessions and 9:00AM Mass.

## Cancer Novena for July

Special prayers for people afflicted with cancer and for their families



### Daily from Wednesday, July 6 through Thursday, July 14:

5:30–6:30PM in St. Peregrine Hall I

Come pray our novena which is about 40 minutes each day. You may pray privately when attending is inconvenient.

For questions or to submit names to our prayer list, email [jmhmah@aol.com](mailto:jmhmah@aol.com).

# prayer



## Mary's Rosary Warriors

All are welcome to join us in prayer.



### **Mondays–Fridays:**

Daily after 6:30AM and 9:00AM Mass in the Sanctuary

### **Saturdays:**

After 7:30AM Mass in the Cry Room

Our Mother Mary tells us to “Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the World.” Become one of Mary’s Rosary Warriors and join us in prayer following daily Mass.

## Tesoros de Dios

*Treasures of God*, a bilingual prayer group.



We pray, we laugh and we praise God together in both Spanish and English.

### **Friday, July 8:**

7:00–8:30PM in St. Peregrine Hall I

For questions, contact Rosamaria Samaniego at 303.717.4728 or [leadbyfa1th.roses@gmail.com](mailto:leadbyfa1th.roses@gmail.com).

## Perpetual Adoration

Spend time in Adoration with our Blessed Lord, Jesus.



Consider making a weekly commitment to pray in our Adoration Chapel as part of our Perpetual Adoration ministry.

Please consider signing up for one of the following:

Sundays: 2:00AM, 1:00PM, 3:00PM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM

Mondays: 1:00AM, 2:00AM

Tuesdays: 2:00AM

Wednesdays: 2:00AM, 8:00PM

Thursdays: 12:00PM

Saturdays: 4:00AM, 2:00PM, 7:00PM, 9:00PM

You will find our schedule on our website at [centennial.weadorehim.com](http://centennial.weadorehim.com) or scan the QR code. Questions? Contact 303.220.3392 or [adoration@stthomasmore.org](mailto:adoration@stthomasmore.org). Thank you.

## 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, July 14:**

7:00PM in St. Peregrine Hall I

Questions? Contact Colleen Goffredi at [chgoffredi@gmail.com](mailto:chgoffredi@gmail.com).

## Spiritual Mothers Apostolate

Learn more about this uplifting ministry and how you can be a part of it!



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 or for questions contact Sandra Miley at 303.715.3129 or [sandra.miley@archden.org](mailto:sandra.miley@archden.org).

## Respect For All Life

“Yours is the one great nation in all history which was founded on the precept of equal rights and respect for all humankind, for the poorest and weakest of us as well as the richest and strongest.”

— St. Teresa of Kolkata



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



Daily readings available on our website & parish app.



# faith



## 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.

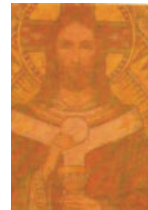
### Friday, July 8:

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.

## Sacred Heart of Jesus Summer Course

Learn about this beautiful devotion and "God's boundless and passionate 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 class is \$100 and registering for the class gets you a \$100 tuition credit for the Catechetical School.

Visit [sjvlaydivision.org](http://sjvlaydivision.org) or call 303.715.3195 to learn more and to register.

## Baptisms



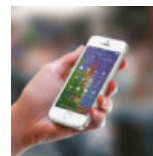
We welcome

Everly Monroe Alexandres  
Otto Grey Chmelik  
James Stephen Cox  
Brooklynn Jane Hegarty  
Rebecca Jennifer Maini  
James Cooper MacDonald  
Andrew Jinu Rementer

who were recently baptized.

## Reflections at Your Fingertips

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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.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Where do you see the message of Christian faith being rejected in the world today? What is your response to that?

**Child:** What can you do when you are generous with others and they do not want what you give them?



Please pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Visit [sjvdenver.edu/seminarians](http://sjvdenver.edu/seminarians) for more information.

## 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.

# time & talent



## 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!

## More Ministers

Who is your *More Minister* in your ministry?



STM has many ministries filled with dedicated people faithfully serving others with their time and talents. We want to highlight your ministry members and the ministry they serve. Please let us know about them.

Simply email Irene Lindemer at [irenel@stthomasmore.org](mailto:irenel@stthomasmore.org) with the individual's name and a description of what they bring to your ministry. Thank you!

## Electronics Recycling Event

We are good stewards of the earth and its precious resources.



**Saturday, July 9:**  
9:00–11:00AM  
in the Church parking lot

The electronic portion of our recycle event has been rescheduled. METech will be here to recycle your electronic devices. The limit is one TV (no larger than 36") and one computer per car. There is no limit to small electronics.

For questions, contact Bob Lehto at [bobl@stthomasmore.org](mailto:bobl@stthomasmore.org) or 303.221.9147.

# vocations

## Traveling Chalice



Praying for vocations this week:

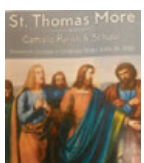
### The Scelza Family

This 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 for availability. Questions, please contact Karen Smoody at [karens@stthomasmore.org](mailto:karens@stthomasmore.org) or call 720.482.3594.

## 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 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 Heidi Peterson at [heidip@stthomasmore.org](mailto:heidip@stthomasmore.org) with any questions.

## Celebrating an Anniversary

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Happy Anniversary!

**Jim & Yvonne Gorman** – 40 years  
**Dave & Jacqueline Muir** – 25 years

If you would like your anniversary to be published, please send an email to [bulletin@stthomasmore.org](mailto:bulletin@stthomasmore.org).

# treasure



## Peter's Pence Collection

Support for our brothers and sisters around the world.



Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission for the universal Church and the entire world. It is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father.

In lieu of a second collection, the STM Stewardship Committee authorized a donation of \$2,000 on behalf of STM parishioners. Thank you!

## 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  
STM Preschool Floater

For a full description of all available positions, please visit [stthomasmore.org](http://stthomasmore.org) and search under "Job Opportunities."

## Online eGiving

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# social

## New Life – Senior Singles



**Friday, July 8:**  
6:00PM meeting in Peregrine Hall I

Join us for our monthly meeting and enjoy coffee and cookies after.

**Tuesday, July 12:**  
4:00–6:00PM Happy Hour at Blue Spruce Brewery (4151 E County Line Rd, Centennial)

Questions? Contact Helene Carter at 303.683.5238.

## Men for all Seasons in July

All men are welcome to come!



**Friday, July 15:**  
6:00-7:20AM in McCallin Hall I & II

Join us for our summer once-a-month men's gathering. Continental Breakfast starts at 6:00AM and program begins at 6:20AM.

For questions, call Dcn. Steve Stemper at 303.867.0610.



# youth: middle & high school



## Castle Rock Outlet Mall

Enjoy a day shopping at the outlets!



**Tuesday, July 5:**  
8:30AM–2:00PM meet in the H.S. Youth Center

Breakaway Youth Group is taking a day trip to the Castle Rock Outlet Mall! We will attend the 9:00AM Mass, eat lunch, shop and have fun! Scan the QR code to sign up and bring money for shopping and lunch.

For questions, please email Christina Hale at [christinah@stthomasmore.org](mailto:christinah@stthomasmore.org).

## Join us for Breakaway!

All high school youth are welcome to enjoy a night of fun!



**Wednesday, July 6:**  
6:00–9:00PM in the H.S. Youth Center

Come for a fun night of games, faith and fellowship! We will meet at 6:00PM to play Corn Toss before Breakaway begins at 7:00PM

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

## EchoFire – Summer Fun!

All incoming sixth-eighth graders are invited to join us!



**Thursday, July 7:**  
6:00–8:00PM in the Catacombs

You are invited to EchoFire this week to play fun games, make new friends and learn more about your Catholic faith.

For questions, please contact Greg Johnson at [gregj@stthomasmore.org](mailto:gregj@stthomasmore.org).

## Connect with Youth Ministry



**Phone:** 303.220.3388

**Website:** [stthomasmore.org/youth](http://stthomasmore.org/youth)

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/stmyouth](https://facebook.com/stmyouth)

**Instagram:** @stmyouthcentennial

# outside of our parish

## High School Garden of the Gods Road Trip

Breakaway Youth Group is invited on this day road trip!



**Tuesday, July 12:**  
8:30AM–3:00PM meet in the H.S. Youth Center

All high school students are invited on a day trip to the Garden of the Gods! See gorgeous views and explore nature.

Drop off and pick up will be at the H.S. Youth Center. Sign up by using the QR code. **Registration deadline is Thursday, July 7.**

For questions, email [youth@stthomasmore.org](mailto:youth@stthomasmore.org) or call 303.220.3388.

## Martyrs, Scholars and Distilleries



**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 scan the QR code.





# a reflection on today's readings

## Grow as a Disciple

So what comes to mind when you imagine your dream road trip? A well-planned route with scenic stops, nice hotels, good restaurants and quirky sights along the way? Jesus may be my copilot but given His words in today's Gospel I'm not sure I'd want Him to be my travel agent! As He sends the seventy-two ahead of Him, He gives them no illusions about the mission that lies ahead: "Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals." Settle for the first house that welcomes you, regardless of the amenities. Eat and drink whatever they offer. Give those you encounter a greeting of peace and remind them the kingdom of God is at hand. As always, Jesus gives these travelers all they will need to share the Good News with others. They return rejoicing! The early disciples refute my "travel agent" doubts, as they show us by example to place our trust in God and take nothing for the journey except our faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, we can rest assured that our "names are written in heaven."

## Go Evangelize

I'm a planner. When we went to Disney World, my sons split off from me after I unveiled an app that would show us exactly which ride or attraction to hit based on crowd numbers, time of day and other variables. I loved that app! So had I been one of the 72 we read about today appointed by Jesus to spread the Gospel in pairs, hopefully my companion would not have abandoned me because of my insistence on planning. Ultimately, our journey of faith, as we share it with others and walk toward the kingdom ourselves, is not something we can choreograph. The more we plan and the more baggage we carry, the less likely we are to hear God's voice cutting through the noise. By stripping away the nonessentials, we can place our trust in the Lord who will show us the right path. When we place our lives in the service of the Lord, the harvest will be abundant.

## Pray

Many U.S. dioceses will be welcoming newly ordained priests this month. Pray for them as they begin their ministry and pray for more vocations.

– Written by *The Faithful Disciple*



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