

# St. Thomas More

## Catholic Parish & School

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 10, 2022



*"But a samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." — Lk 10:33*

# pastor's note



When Christ sent out the apostles to bring the Good News to the world, it thankfully didn't take long for them to need help. Through the sacrament of Holy Orders, they would share the apostolic ministry with many more bishops, priests and deacons. Today the Catholic Church has about 5,600 bishops, 414,000 priests, 49,000 deacons and 1.2 billion faithful.

It is the duty of a bishop, as a successor to the apostles, to be the pastor of everyone in the territory of his diocese; to carry out the functions of teaching, sanctifying and governing. The Archdiocese of Denver spans 25 counties, operates 149 locations where a stable Sunday Mass is celebrated and has about 600,000 baptized Catholics. The entire Archdiocese is one local church but we know that it is not humanly possible for the Archbishop to pastor such a vast enterprise. Thus, he has delegated his pastoral ministry to 108 priests who serve as pastors of parishes.

This Sunday, Archbishop Aquila will celebrate our 10:30AM Mass and he and I will perform the ceremonial rites of my installation as pastor. While we are just one of the 149 locations, we all know that we are one of the largest and the most complex parishes in the Archdiocese. I am at the same time excited, humbled and nervous to take on such a mantle.

In the Code of Canon Law (the universal set of laws which governs the entire Catholic Church), it says:

Whenever it is necessary or opportune in order to carry out the pastoral care of a parish fittingly, one or more parochial vicars can be associated with the pastor. As coworkers with the pastor and sharers in his solicitude, they are to offer service in the pastoral ministry by common counsel and effort with the pastor and under his authority. (CAN. 545 §1.)

While it is my desire to be present to the parish as much as possible, the archbishop has asked that I split my time between the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center and our parish. Understanding the expansive pastoral work that exists here at St. Thomas More, the archbishop has assigned four parochial vicars, or assistant priests, to help in Christ's mission: Fathers Chris, Ivan, Matt and Rohan. I am grateful for their assistance.

As a parish, we are going to go through a time of transition. Msgr. Fryar is a great priest and I know you all will miss him. So, may I ask your prayers for the following intentions?

- Please pray for me and for the four vicars that we will have a holy fraternity among us that will enable us to be excellent in our ministry.
- Pray for the staff that they be given the graces to continue to serve the people of God in charity and fellowship and that they will have patience with me
- Pray for the entire parish to have patience and graciousness with me and with one another as we progress through this transition, and that we may be a city on a hill, i.e., a beacon of hope amid the darkness that we find in these challenging times in which we have been called to live out our mission as disciples.

– Fr. Randy



# prayer



## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 10:

Fourteenth 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 †

### Monday, July 11:

- 6:30AM Megan & Tyler Sandt
- 9:00AM Justin & Tess Pallasch

### Tuesday, July 12:

- 6:30AM Carol Hunter †
- 9:00AM Joe Spresser †

### Wednesday, July 13:

- 6:30AM Elsie Hooper †
- 9:00AM Joe Denk

### Thursday, July 14:

- 6:30AM Esperanza Carrasco†
- 9:00AM Michael Osberg † & Tony Pereira †

### Friday, July 15:

- 6:30AM Mary & Dewey McKinzie †
- 9:00AM Michael Osberg † & Tony Pereira †

### Saturday, July 16:

- 7:30AM Mildred Bruning †
- 4:00PM Jean & John Fitzmartin †
- 5:30PM Catherine May McCarthy †

### Sunday, July 17:

- Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 7:00AM Eric Daeke †
- 8:30AM Edward H. Leede †
- 10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More
- 12:30PM Carole Visocky †
- 5:30PM Charles & Denise Jeske †

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

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

Stephanie Baker, Dale Butler, Joan Campbell, Bonnie Brown and Jan Zapapas.

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

Ron Bryan, Ron Garofalo, Mary Ann Gheem, Doris Higgins, Bud Jenks, Don Klee, Claire Lane, Brian Mahoney, Tammy Meier 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.

## 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).



## 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.

# faith



## Faithful Citizenship

Come to a meeting and learn more about our mission and ministry.



**Saturday, July 16:**  
9:00–10:00AM in St. Peregrine Hall I

Join the STM Faithful Citizenship ministry to discuss our responsibility as Catholics and to help plan upcoming events. We typically meet once a month.

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life.

For questions or more information, contact Melissa Ogburn at [Faithfulcitizenship@stthomasmore.org](mailto:Faithfulcitizenship@stthomasmore.org).

## Curious about Becoming Catholic?



**Sunday, July 24:**  
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](mailto:johnc@stthomasmore.org) to answer any questions.

## Moms and Tots

Meet other moms in faith and fellowship!



**Begins Friday, September 9:**  
9:00–11:30AM in St. Francis Hall

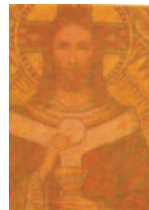
Join other moms of young children to grow in your faith and meet new friends!

We meet twice monthly on Friday mornings from September through May. Babies stay with mom during the meetings and supervised childcare is available for toddlers and preschool-aged children.

Register by scanning the QR code. Registration is open and runs through the end of August. For more information or questions, contact [momstots@stthomasmore.org](mailto:momstots@stthomasmore.org).

## Denver Catholic Catechetical School

Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church this fall!



**Begins Wednesday, September 14:**  
9:45AM–12:00PM in St. Francis Hall

Want to learn more about the Denver Catholic Catechetical School coming to the parish on Wednesday mornings in September? Then join us for a free talk about the program on Wednesday, July 20th at 9:45AM to hear a sample lecture!

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

## Baptisms



We welcome

**Finley Collette Burke  
Emma Katherine Bergeron**

who were recently baptized.



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



Daily readings available on our website & parish app.

# 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!

## Reflections at Your Fingertips

Download our parish app!



Our FREE parish app can give you easy access to daily readings, worship guide, reflections and more.

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.

## Are You On Flocknote?



All parish email communications are sent through Flocknote. You have the ability to choose what information you would like to receive through email or text message, from your various ministries and programs.

Signing up is easy and you can unsubscribe at any time. Simply text STMCO to 84576 or all 303.770.1155. Thank you!

## Perpetual Adoration

Spend time with our Blessed Lord.



Many graces flow from Perpetual Adoration at STM. Those who have committed to weekly adoration have been blessed in countless ways. Join the 400+ faithful utilizing our chapel and sign up for an hour as a regular adorers.

Visit our website: <https://centennial.weadorehim.com> to see the schedule and sign-up. Please call 303.220.3392 with questions. Thank you!

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** When have you gone out of your way to help a stranger in need?

**Child:** Would you help a new student who needed help? Why or why not?

## Respect For All Life

“In the past, in certain circumstances, the death penalty made sense, since society struggled to protect itself from people who committed murder. But our prison system has improved to the point that we are able to respect the dignity of human life and to protect society.”

– Archbishop Samuel Aquila



Learn about other announcements, giving opportunities, events and ministries at our parish by liking our “St. Thomas More Catholic Parish” page on Facebook!



Please pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Visit [sjdenver.edu/seminariandivision](http://sjdenver.edu/seminariandivision).



# treasure



## School Supply Drive

Thank you for helping a child in need!



### Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17:

Be part of our annual School Supply drive to help school children. The children who will receive a backpack full of supplies are from a homeless or low-income family served by Catholic Charities. Pickup a bookmark with a list of supplies next weekend in the Narthex. Return your school supplies to the Narthex by Sunday, July 31.

For questions, contact Irene Lindemer at irenel@stthomasmore.org.

## Church in Africa Collection

Your generosity in support of those around the world is appreciated!



Assisting the growing Church in Africa with support for social justice, evangelization, catechetical and institutional development programs through the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The Fund provides grants to finance pastoral projects including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

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

## Online eGiving

Your generous online gifts help those in need.



With eGiving, you can help sustain and build our parish ministries that reflect the promise of God's love.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/C0739](http://faith.direct/C0739) or text the word ENROLL to 720.619.8959. Thank you!

## Stewardship – A Way of Life

“One man is lavish yet grows still richer; another is too sparing, yet is the poorer. He who confers benefits will be amply enriched, and he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. – Proverbs 11:24-25

# vocations

## Traveling Chalice



Praying for vocations this week:

### The Scelza Family

If you would like to bring the chalice into your home to pray for an increase in vocations, just scan the QR code for availability.

For questions, contact Karen Smoody at [karens@stthomasmore.org](mailto:karens@stthomasmore.org) or call 720.482.3594.

## Celebrating an Anniversary

Honoring the beautiful vocation of marriage



Happy Anniversary!

**Tom & Gigi Kaiser – 35 years**

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

# youth: middle & high school



## High School Garden of the Gods Road Trip

Enjoy the beauty of Garden of the Gods!



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

All high school students are invited to 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.

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

## BYOT Campout after Breakaway!

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



**Wednesday, July 13:**  
6:00–9:00PM in the H.S. Youth Center  
9:00PM–9:00AM BYOT Campout!

Come for a fun night of games, faith and fellowship! We will meet at 6:00PM to play frisbee before Breakaway begins at 7:00PM. BYOT campout follows immediately after Breakaway so bring your own tent and stay for s'mores, prayer and sleeping under the stars!

For questions, please contact 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 14:**  
6:00–8:00PM in the Catacombs

If you're not away on the Winter Park Mission Trip, join us tonight. Come make new friends and more!

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

## Life with a Mission

This retreat is for both Youth Ministry's, Breakaway and EchoFire!



Life with a Mission is a four-day (non-sleep over) retreat in the summer. Experience fun theme nights, games, talks, faith and so much more!

**Sunday, July 24:**  
5:30–9:00PM the Kick Off!

**Monday–Wednesday, July 25–27:**  
6:00–9:00PM  
Each night we will have a different theme. Stay tuned!

**Thursday, July 28:**  
11:30AM–4:00PM Boondocks optional. Drop off at Raising Cane's in Parker and pick up from Boondocks.

If you can't make it everyday, no problem, come when you can!

Pricing is \$20.00 without Boondocks and \$60.00 with Boondocks on Thursday. Scan the QR code to register. For questions, call the youth office at 303.220.3388.

## Middle and High School Water World Trip!



**Tuesday, July 19:**  
8:30AM–6:00PM drop off and pick up will be at STM Youth Center parking lot.

All middle and high school students can attend! Cost is \$35.00 and you can sign up by scanning the QR code. **Registration deadline is this Monday, July 11.**

For questions, contact anyone in the youth office at 303.220.3388.



### Connect with Youth Ministry!

303.220.3388 | [stthomasmore.org/youth](http://stthomasmore.org/youth)  
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# our parish school



## social

### New Life – Senior Singles



**Tuesday, July 12:**  
4:00–6:00PM Happy Hour at Blue Spruce Brewery located at 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.

### 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 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.



### 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."

## outside of our parish

### Respect Life 5K

Race for life!



**Saturday, July 23:**  
Light of the World Parish in Littleton

Proceeds from the race will be used to assist in the purchase of an ultrasound machine for a pregnancy crisis center in Colorado as part of the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative Program.

For details of this event taking place in Littleton, go to [respectlife5k.com](http://respectlife5k.com) or email [respectlife5k@gmail.com](mailto:respectlife5k@gmail.com).



# a reflection on today's readings

## Grow as a Disciple

My favorite line in “The Wizard of Oz,” in the climactic scene when Dorothy realizes “there’s no place like home,” comes from Glinda, “You’ve always had the power to go back to Kansas,” she tells Dorothy. In the first reading today, Moses tells the Israelites something similar about wisdom and power. He tells them the secret to peace and prosperity isn’t “mysterious” or “remote.” He says “it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts.” In the Gospel, when the scholar asks Jesus about the secret to eternal life, he answers his own question by reciting the two great commandments: love God with all your heart, being, strength and mind, and your neighbor as yourself. “You have answered correctly,” Jesus tells him. At our baptism, the Holy Spirit placed the wisdom and power to have the fullness of life in our hearts. The key is to “carry it out,” as Moses advises the Israelites. Jesus echoes this message: We must “do this”—love God and our neighbor—to enjoy the life God wants for us today and eternal life with Him in the future.

## Go Evangelize

One of the most heartbreaking things about being a parent is seeing children set limits for who’s in and who’s out. My daughter was in Kindergarten when she came home in tears excluded from playing with her friends because she didn’t color a picture exactly as directed by another classmate. Our loving Father also sees our pain when we are excluded from being loved, and so when the scholar asks Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus refuses to set boundaries for who to include and who to exclude. In using the parable about the Samaritan, Jesus tells us that we are to treat everyone as neighbor, even our enemies. The Samaritans were enemies of the Jews and those listening to Jesus would have been shocked that a Samaritan was the compassionate hero. This parable challenges us to consider the boundaries we set for who we consider neighbors. Those worthy of our compassion and help and perhaps those we consider “other,” or whom we feel we can ignore or reject. And to recognize how the boundaries we set prevent us from sharing the Good News of God’s mercy to those He seeks to heal.

## Pray

Ask the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to discern who you may be excluding as a neighbor. Pray these words from Dorothy Day: “Dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend.”

– Written by *The Faithful Disciple*



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