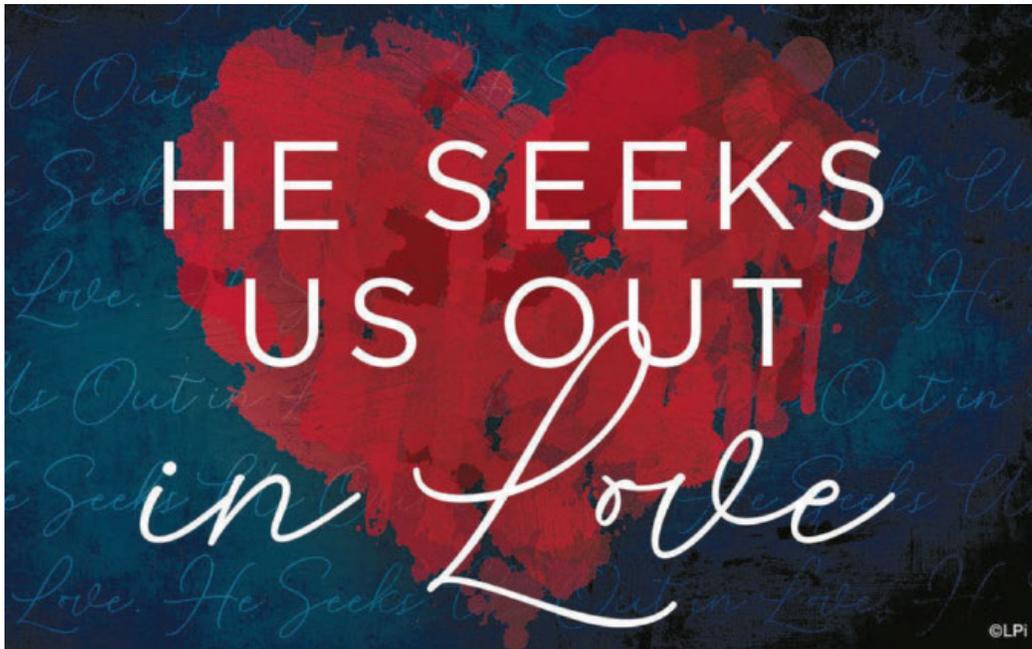


# Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



**November 14, 2021**

## **Liturgy Schedule**

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

### **DAILY MASS**

7:30 AM

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Thursdays – 4:30 PM-5:15 PM • Saturdays - 8:15-9:00 AM

### **ADORATION**

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Mon thru Fri

### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday: ..... 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bulletin items are due to the Parish Office by Monday at 4:00 PM. Please email your items to:  
[receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org](mailto:receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org).

# ST. THOMAS MORE

Website: [www.thomasmorespokane.org](http://www.thomasmorespokane.org)

November 14, 2021

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Staff

<b>Phone</b>	466-3811
<b>Pastor</b>	
Fr. Pat Kerst	Ext. 208
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Deacon Douglas Banks	Ext. 204
Deacon Tom Heavey	
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Alexis Ferrante, Religious Ed. Coord.	
Tracy Acker, Sacramental Prep Coord.	
J.J., Nazzaro, Youth Ministry Coord.	

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Jen Siira, Business Admin. & Preschool Dir.....	Ext. 201
Mary Heavey, Secretary.....	Ext. 313
Sheleis Mather, Secretary.....	Ext. 314

Oh Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words, and deeds. O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you, your grace, and your tender compassion toward us. Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

—St. Thomas More,

1478-1535



## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### Monday, November 15:

**1:00 PM** Shawl Ministry

### Tuesday, November 16:

**12:30 PM** Rosary Makers

**6:00 PM** Knights of Columbus Mtg.

### Wednesday, November 17:

**9:00 AM** Adult Bible Study

**Noon** Senior Card Group

**6:00 PM** First Reconciliation

**6:30 PM** Adult Bible Study

### Thursday, November 18:

**1:00 PM** Adult Bible Study

**6:00 PM** Religious Education Class

### Friday, November 19:

### Saturday, November 20:

**4:30 PM** Vigil Mass

### Sunday, November 21:

**Mass at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM**  
**Giving Tree Tags will be available for taking**  
**Advent Devotional Materials Available**

If you have questions about any of these events, call the Parish Office.

Hearing assistance is available during liturgies at FM 89.1

The diocese is committed to helping victims/survivors of sexual abuse and to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers who supervise other volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults **are required to report** any suspected abuse by others they supervise. Contact: Roberta Smith, Victims Assistance Coordinator (509) 353-0442 Office Phone or (509) 998-8340 Cell. You may also go to the Diocesan website. <http://www.dioceseofspokane.org/safe-environment>.



**CHURCH SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Go to our parish website to fill out the proper paperwork. After we receive your information, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment.

**Marriage:** To schedule an appointment for marriage preparation, please contact a parish priest at least four months in advance of your desired wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish Office to request a priest. If the call is after hours, you will be prompted on how to proceed.

# TIME Talent Treasure

## Weekly Stewardship (11/07/21)

Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$253,935.00	\$229,505.00
<b>Received:</b>		
In person		\$9,775.00
Mailed In		\$1,450.00
Online		<u>\$3,821.00</u>
Total		\$15,046.00
Needed Weekly	\$13,365.00	

Thanks to all who offer your stewardship donations to the parish on-line! You can set up a one-time or ongoing donation online at:

<https://parish.thomasmorespokane.org/give>



Next weekend, at the Masses, we will welcome a speaker from Catholic Charities to speak about their annual collection.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

It is the time of year when our bishop asks us to support the ministry and programs of the Diocese of Spokane through donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal. This Appeal provides the majority of the revenue with which the diocese carries out its mission, administratively and pastorally. You can make your donation anytime you wish, using the envelopes you may have received in the mail or that are available in church, or using the on-line option ([www.dioceseofspokane.org](http://www.dioceseofspokane.org)). Our assessment this year for our parish is \$153,378.00, which is about \$4,000.00 more than our assessment last year. To date, our parishioners have given \$138,570.00, which is 90% of our goal. If we all give as much as we can, we will once again meet our assessed amount.

Please prayerfully consider a donation this year's ACA.



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Giving Until it Hurts

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



### Ministers of the Altar November 20-21

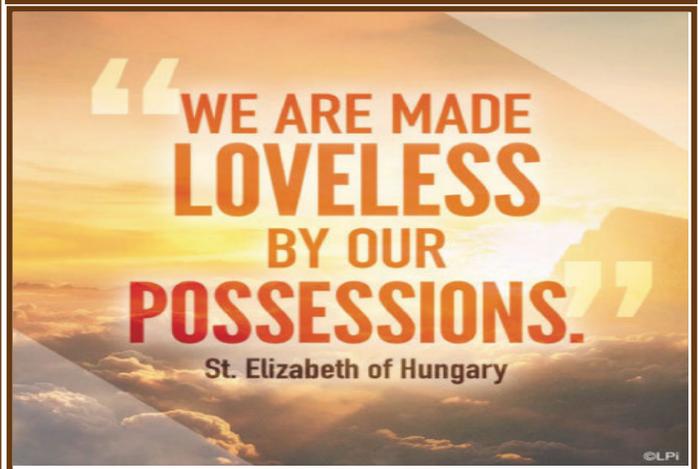
#### Lector:

- 4:30 PM Brian Mather
- 7:30 AM Leslie Stachecki
- 9:00 AM Harlan Engberg
- 11:00 AM Christine Johnson

#### Eucharistic Ministers

- 4:30 PM Sue Trautman & Katelyn Doan
- 7:30 AM Kathy Ossello
- 9:00 AM Andrew & Michelle Lutzo
- 11:00 AM Kay Doyle

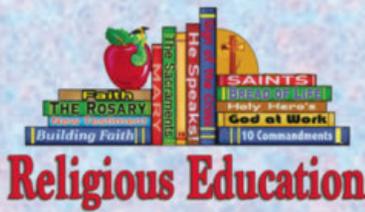
Please watch your email for a note from Traci asking for your availability to serve from 12/4-1/9, including our Christmas/New Year's Masses.



### "Put His Will in Your Will!" Clause for Christian Will

I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Thomas More Catholic Parish-Spokane, a Washington non-profit corporation (description of gift).

# Youth Faith Formation



For children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. This is a great way to fulfill your responsibility to raise your children in our Faith. We meet on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the PACC. If you are a high schooler or adult who would like to help with this program, contact Alexa at alexious13@gmail.com. Registration is online.



## Sacramental Prep—Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion

Parish families with kids in 2nd Grade and above can register through the parish website under the “Faith Formation” tab. Parents meet in the PACC, children in the school.

Classes are Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

### Upcoming Schedule:

December 15, January 19, February 16, March 2, & April 20.

Questions: Contact Tracy Acker at [tracyacker83@gmail.com](mailto:tracyacker83@gmail.com)

## Middle School and High School Youth Group

**High School Youth Group** meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the St. Charles Youth room.

On the first Wednesday of each month, we will host adoration with a message, music, and confession available from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier. That week we will not meet at our usual time at St. Charles and STM.

**Middle School students** meet on Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the St. Thomas More gym, except for the first Wednesday of each month—see above note.

For more information and upcoming events, find us online: [www.ncyspokane.com](http://www.ncyspokane.com) or JJ at [jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org). Be sure to check out the Mid-Semester Newsletter on our website.

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**Check out the following opportunities to renew and/or expand your Catholic Faith:**

**RCIA:** Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and/or joining the church. Our classes have begun, but it isn't too late to join! We meet after the 9:00 AM Mass. Contact Al or Sharon Pry at 466-5951 for more information.



Don't forget to check out Formed.org You will find bible studies, movies, documentaries, books, audio talks, and sacramental prep material from leading Catholic experts which will help you grow in understanding your faith. Parish code: 6HR79H

**Altar Society Needs Your Help!**

The ladies of the altar society are in need of 3 or 4 volunteers to assist with weekend church cleaning. The time commitment is minimal—one hour once every 10 weeks! You don't have to be a member to participate.

For more information, call Pat Martin at 468-7358.



**Senior Card Group**  
Our senior parishioners are now playing bridge and pinochle. We meet on Wednesdays at noon in the Library.



**Immaculate Heart Retreat Center**  
Private Directed Retreats at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center are

always available: Ignatian or Scriptural Spiritual Direction retreats. We can tailor a retreat to your spiritual and emotional needs. For more information or to register in advance, please call 448-1224 or visit [www.ihrc.net](http://www.ihrc.net)

The Immaculate Heart Retreat Center is also looking for volunteers to help with their various ministries—help with the kitchen, Christmas decorating, yard and garden maintenance, and help in preparing rooms for their retreats. Contact Sr. Bernadette Pederson, Volunteer Coordinator.

**Upcoming events:**

**Nov. 19-20: 24-hour Illumination Retreat, "Holy Family Manuscript Retreat"**, Hanna Charlton, \$145

**Men's Discernment Retreat**

**St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA  
February 25-27, 2022**

Key note speaker, Bishop Thomas Daly  
Limited to single men 21 years of age and older  
If interested, contact Rev Kyle Ratuiste at [kratuiste@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:kratuiste@dioceseofspokane.org)

**Parishioners:** Did you know our bulletin is printed free of charge thanks to the parishioners or business owners who advertise on the back of our bulletin. Please support and thank them by using one of their services.

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**Knights' Corner**

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**cancelled this year. Instead the Knights will hold a Breakfast Turkey Burrito takeout on Sunday, November 21. Watch for a Flocknote on how to order.**



Please pray for those who are ill in our Parish and for those who are dying or who have died. Never doubt the power of prayer! If you would like to add someone to our prayer chain, call Mary at 466-0531.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK		
Week of November 14		
Sat.	4:30 P.M.	Teresa Hoa Nguyen
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	Lambert & Joan Sanders
	9:00 A.M.	Joan Tiarks
	11:00 A.M.	STM
Mon.	7:30 A.M.	Nicholas Cencich
Tues.	7:30 A.M.	Samuel Anulacion
Wed.	7:30 A.M.	Terry Reilly
Thurs.	7:30 AM.	Greg Jones
Friday	7:30 A.M.	Nicholas Cencich
	7:30 A.M.	Donna Abel
Sat.	4:30 P.M.	Joseph Hong Duong
	7:30 A.M.	STM
Sun.	9:00 A.M.	Greg Jones
	11:00 A.M.	Donna Abel



**ADORATION**  
*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta has stated, "The fruit of silence is Prayer, the fruit of prayer is Faith, the fruit of faith is Love,...the fruit of love is Service, the fruit of service is Peace." St. Padre Pio's words, "Confide your needs to Him, along with those of others."*

**Adoration is open Mon. thru Fri.  
 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**



Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died.

Sheryl Cooney  
 Bill Zehner, Jr.



The STM Giving Tree will be up and decorated with tags for your taking next weekend. This year, we will be providing each adult one gift card for \$25 and each child with two gifts—one toy and one clothing item. Please stop by and take a tag or two to help someone less fortunate. Gifts will be due back by Sunday, December 5.

**St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Collection**

We are ready to deliver our Thanksgiving Food Baskets this coming Saturday morning, November 20. We are thankful to return to the Library for this year's delivery of our Thanksgiving dinner. **We welcome volunteers to meet at 9:00 AM Saturday and help us deliver.** Many families have made this their Thanksgiving tradition! We appreciate all who can help and please remember to wear masks!



Thank you to everyone who donated food for this special cause!

Please remember, if you are unable to attend Sunday Mass it is livestreamed on Sunday mornings.



Dear St. Thomas More Community,

We have been very busy this fall at St. Thomas More!

We had a very successful Fund Run on October 1<sup>st</sup>! We had overwhelming support and generosity from our St. Thomas More Community to ensure that all students can receive a Catholic education.

Following Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*, our students have been busy caring for our earth and community in our C-STEM garden. We were able to harvest a bountiful crop to support our local St. Vincent de Paul ministry. St. Thomas More students are learning the value of gardens, caring for the earth, and supporting our community. Mrs. Barnes worked many hours and with many students to bring the harvest to fruition.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are hard at work earning money for the end of the year Washington DC trip. With the help of Jack Louie and an army of volunteers, we had a successful take-out Chinese Dinner. Remember if you need help with fall cleanup, we have 8<sup>th</sup> graders that would love to work to earn money for their Washington DC trip.

Thank you for the ongoing support of the Parish and St. Thomas More community to ensure students can receive a Catholic education.

Humbly,

Jim McCollum



Need Help With Your Fall Yard Clean Up?  
 Don't forget about our 8th Graders who are now busy earning money for their DC trip next May. If you need help with cleaning or yard work, contact Jennifer Onzay at: [STMDCTRIP@gmail.com](mailto:STMDCTRIP@gmail.com)





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