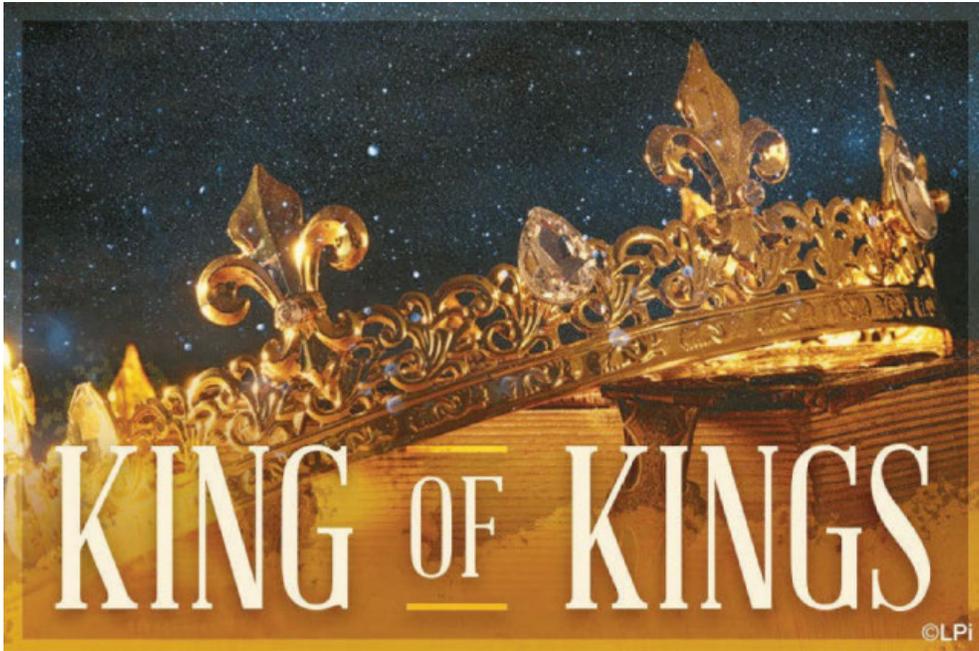


Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



November 21, 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.

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Website: www.thomasmorespokane.org

November 21, 2021

Christ the King

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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 22:

Tuesday, November 23:
12:30 PM Rosary Makers

Wednesday, November 24:

Thursday, November 25:
Happy Thanksgiving—Parish Office & School Closed
NO 7:30 AM Mass. Mass will be at 9:00 AM NO Confessions.



Friday, November 26:
Parish Office & School Closed

Saturday, November 27:
4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, November 28:
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 (11/14/21)

Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$267,300.00	\$240,122.00
Received:		
In person		\$5,721.00
Mailed In		\$1,215.00
Online		<u>\$3,681.00</u>
Total		\$10,617.00
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). 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 \$147,180.00, which is 96% 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.



Ministers of the Altar November 27-28

Thanksgiving Day, 9:00 AM:

Lector : Martin Weber
Eucharistic Minister: Paul Machtolf

Lector:

4:30 PM Suzy Donovan
7:30 AM Suzanne Abbott
9:00 AM Dan Byrne
11:00 AM Alan Shandera

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 PM Louanne Hausmann & Mary Bolka
7:30 AM Kristi Masteller
9:00 AM Ken & Sherry Oakland
11:00 AM Gary Myers & Ann Hart

You should receive the new serving schedule soon. Watch your emails.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Long Live the King

Did you know that you can become royalty, for the right price? It's true — for the low, low cost of \$50, you, too, can purchase a 12-square-inch souvenir plot of Scottish land and call yourself "Laird So-and-so." Now, this lordship or ladyship doesn't come with the ability to boss anyone around, but maybe your friends will be impressed enough to bend the knee.

My point is, we've all got our own little fiefdoms — folks or communities for which we have a feeling of responsibility. Maybe we're not their "king," but most of us have those we think of as "our people."

Now, in this world, people lay themselves down for their kings. History is riddled with the bodies of men, young and old — and plenty of women and children, too — who were casualties of wars waged by men in power, men who never had to shed their own blood. But in the next world, the King dies for his people. This is leadership par excellence — the leadership of someone whose love is greater than his ambition.

We are all leaders of a sort. On the parish level, you have the obvious roles — serving on pastoral council, spearheading the capital campaign, leading the Altar Guild. But you also have the quiet ones who lead from the wings — the janitor who can always be relied upon to do his job, or the volunteer librarian who puts in extra hours on the weekends.

There is a saying — find your people. I say, find your people, and find a way to lay yourself down for them, in imitation of the greatest King that ever was. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

Synod

Pope Francis has convoked the Church in Synod. "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" is the title of this synod. This process of "walking together" begins in parishes throughout the world through listening and consulting all who wish to participate in the next few months. If you wish to read the preparatory document, it can be found at <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2021/09/07/0541/01166.html>

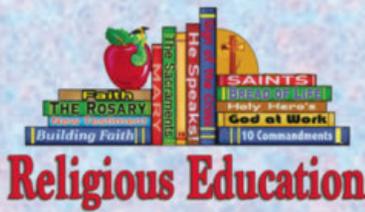
The STM Parish Pastoral Council is discussing how best to facilitate the participation of any parishioners who wish to be involved. These opportunities will be scheduled for February/early March of 2022. The diocesan website (www.dioceseofspokane.org) will also have an on-line vehicle for receiving feedback after December 2, especially from those who will not yet be comfortable gathering in person.

The Synod is a marvelous opportunity to reflect upon the experience of the Holy Spirit in our lives, with whom each of us has been blessed, and in this reflection share together our life as church to see where the Spirit is leading us. Please keep the Synod in your prayers in the months to come!

"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
 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

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 or JJ at jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org. Be sure to check out the Mid-Semester Newsletter on our website.

Facebook: NCYSpokane
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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 466-7358.



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

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.



We have Shawls !!

If you need a shawl for someone who is ill, or in need of a warm blanket during a difficult time, please call Helen Durgan at 467-3147. She can arrange to meet you to pick up a shawl. Also, if you would like to give a shawl as a gift at Christmas, you can purchase a shawl for a minimal fee.

**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

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.

If you are a business owner and would like to have an ad in our bulletin, contact Shannon Miller. Her number is listed on the back page.



Knights' Corner

Thanks to all who bought breakfast burritos and raffle tickets! We appreciate your support!



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 21		
Sat.	4:30 P.M.	Joseph Hong Duong
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	STM
	9:00 A.M.	Greg Jones
	11:00 A.M.	Donna Abel
Mon.	7:30 A.M.	Nicholas Cencich
Tues.	7:30 A.M.	Donna Abel
Wed.	7:30 A.M.	Martin & Jane Weber 59th Wedding Anniversary
Thurs.	9:00 AM.	Martin Dineen
Friday	7:30 A.M.	Tripolina Gardner
Sat.	7:30 A.M.	Michael Strong
	4:30 P.M.	Chester & Veronica Bonk
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	Shelia Sullivan
	9:00 A.M.	Jean Keiffer
	11:00 A.M.	STM



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



Happy Thanksgiving

The Parish Office and School will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no 7:30 AM Mass on Thanksgiving and NO confessions. Mass will be at 9:00 AM.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of our Parishioners!
We are thankful and blessed by all of you!



Giving TREE

The tree is up and decorated with tags! 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 Christmas Food Collection

Thanksgiving Thank You and Christmas Food Collection

Last weekend, we delivered food baskets to families in our community. May God bless all of our parish families who helped us in different ways including making food and "spare change" donations, and helping with deliveries.

We are now collecting food for our Christmas Baskets. Food items can still be dropped off in the vestibule at our SVdP container next week. If you would like to donate a **Ham**, you may drop it off in the Parish Office between 8:00 AM and Noon PM, M-F.

GROCERY LIST

- Jell-O
- Canned Cranberries
- Canned Fruit Cocktail
- Canned Peas
- Bagged Marshmallows
- Canned Yams
- Salad Dressing
- Boxed Snack Crackers

(One or two of each please)



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 1st! 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 8th 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 8th 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



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