

Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



January 9, 2022

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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January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

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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, January 10:

1:00 PM Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, January 11:

12:30 PM Rosary Makers

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 12:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study

Noon Senior Card Group

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Thursday, January 13:

1:00 PM Adult Bible Study

6:00 PM Religious Education

Friday, January 14:

Saturday, January 15:

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 16:

Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

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 — 1/2/22		
Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$360,855.00	\$339,004.00
Received:		
In person		\$6,060.00
Mailed In		\$2,502.00
Online		<u>\$6,155.00</u>
Total		\$14,717.00
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>




**Ministers of the Altar
15/16
New Schedule unavailable
At Press Time**

LECTOR
4:30 PM
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
4:30 PM
7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

You should have all received your new schedule by now. If you haven't received one, email Traci at receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org or call the Parish Office.

Please remember to wear your mask when serving. Thank you.



Catholic Charities Christmas Collection
“Extraordinary Love for Extraordinary Times”
 Please remember this important ministry during the Christmas season. There are envelopes in the back of the church or you may give online at cceasternwa.org.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
I Hope I Am Like Him
“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered.
 “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan? — *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>

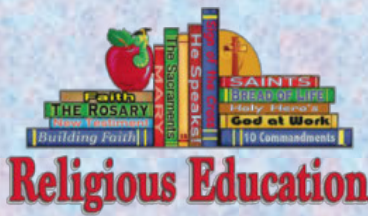
The STM Parish Pastoral Council is discussing how best to facilitate the participation of any parishioners who wish to be involved. These opportunities will be scheduled for February/early March of 2022. The diocesan website (www.dioceseofspokane.org) will also have an on-line vehicle for receiving feedback 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:

January 19, February 16, March 23, & 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.ncymspokane.com or JJ at jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org. Be sure to check out the Mid-Semester Newsletter on our website.

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**ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CONTEST
AT STM GYM
FRIDAY, FEB. 4, 2022
SIGNUP STARTS AT 5:30 PM
CONTEST STARTS AT 6:00 PM
BOYS & GIRLS AGES 9-14 ARE ELIGIBLE
TO PARTICIPATE
Age as of Jan. 1, 2022**

NO COST TO PARTICIPATE
For questions contact Al Pry 466-5951 or alpry@comcast.net





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. We meet after the 9:00 AM Mass. Contact Al or Sharon Pry at 466-5951 for more information. **We are currently taking names for our classes that will begin next Fall.**



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

Attention Senior Explorers: We may still have a few openings for our trip to Nashville and New Orleans in October of 2022. If you are interested in going, please call Traci in the Parish Office.

Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels

We are in need of drivers county wide. This need is particularly desperate in the north and central areas of the City of Spokane. As a Meals on Wheels volunteer, you are delivering much more than a hot meal-you are providing a human connection. A typical volunteer route takes about an hour to an hour and a half to complete. For many of the homebound, a MOW volunteer will be the only person they will see or speak with all day. If you have an hour or two a week or a month to spare, please consider helping out. Contact Donna Ennis at 924-6975 or go to <https://gscmealsonwheels.org/volunteer>



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 II

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 842-8373. She can arrange to meet you to pick up a shawl. **Our next meeting will be Monday, January 10 at 1:00 PM in Conference Room 1.**



Bishop Daly is asking Catholics in Eastern Washington to support this campaign. The Vatican will soon announce new requirements for formation before men begin seminary. Bishop White seminary is one of the first seminaries in the country to respond to these new requirements. They have purchased a new building one block from the current seminary that has been renamed McGivney Hall. McGivney Hall will be the new home for our future seminarians and the new Cor Christi program. For more info visit bishopwhitesem.org.

**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

Thank you to our advertiser of the week: Andrews Mechanical Please support this business as well as all of the other businesses listed on the back of our bulletin. Because of their generosity, we are able to print our bulletin free of charge.

Also, we still have a few spaces open for new advertisers. Please call Shannon Miller if you would like to advertise. Her number is on the back of the bulletin.



Knights' Corner

Membership Drive next weekend—

January 15-16! Stop by after Mass and visit with one of members of the Knights. Learn how you can join this great ministry of service and fellowship.



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.



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

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Week of January 9:

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Intention. Rows include Saturday (4:30 P.M. Teresa Hoa Nguyen), Sunday (7:30 A.M. STM, 9:00 A.M. Mark & Sally Young & Fam, 11:00 A.M. Bruce & Claudia Young & Fam), Monday (7:30 A.M. Eilleen & Jim Krueger), Tuesday (7:30 A.M. Joseph Hong Duong), Wednesday (7:30 A.M. Colleen Burchill), Thursday (7:30 A.M. Maureen Kirby), Friday (7:30 A.M. Martin Weber Family), Saturday (4:30 P.M. Chester & Veronica Bonk), and Sunday (7:30 A.M. STM Parishioners, 9:00 A.M. Larry & Debbie Risoldi & Fam, 11:00 A.M. Chris Young).

Thank you to Fr. Ed as he will celebrate all the weekend Masses the next 2 weeks while Fr. Pat goes to cover Masses in the parishes in Brewster and Twisp.



New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

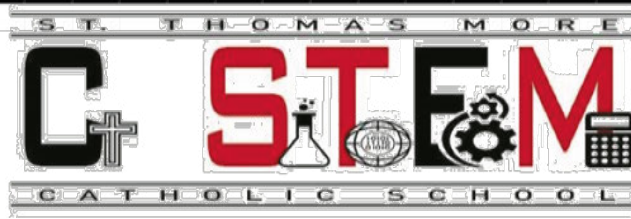
Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

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



Dear St. Thomas More Community,

Our students came to live out our mission statement to “Know, Love, and Serve God” over the Advent Season. We worked on our annual Advent food drive to help stock the shelves of the local St. Vincent de Paul food bank.

The challenge was for students to bring in the needed items from the St. Vincent de Paul group to replenish the reserves. We set the goal of 2,000 food items for the school or about 225 per class.

Well, our community generosity shined through again. Our students brought in over 3,500 items (Sorry to overwhelm you again St. Vincent’s). It was an outpouring of Advent love in the shape of food to feed the community for months. In addition, we will again provide fresh produce in the summer from our garden.

I am very proud of our students, families, and community to support those in need all year. Our teachers taught the students that one item of food may seem small, but when we all do little things, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of others.

Great job Rebels!!!

Peace and Blessings,

Jim McCollum



Need Help Shoveling?
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:
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