FATHERS DAY
Celebrate his love
As I write this week’s message, I’m mindful that I will be away for the next two weeks (and weekends) that follow, as I travel for work. For the first week that I’m gone - I’m going to be traveling to Minneapolis to participate in a week of training. I’m going to learn how to become an Interventionist. An Interventionist is someone who can assist families and their loved ones who are battling addiction. So many people are battling addictions; and so from a professional development aspect – as well as my ministry as a deacon, I’m excited to be taking this next step forward. Please remember me in your prayers during the week of June 23rd, as I participate in this training.

Immediately following my training – I’ll be flying directly from Minneapolis to Dublin, Ireland. I’ll be away to The Emerald Isle for a pilgrimage that’s being facilitated by my work for friends and benefactors who support the mission of Guest House. I’ll be gone to Ireland from Friday, June 28th until Friday, July 5th. I’m looking forward to the opportunity to return to the land of my wife’s family heritage, and to experience the spirituality and beauty of the Irish people, land, and culture. Again, I ask that you remember me and my fellow pilgrims as we journey abroad.

I’m grateful to our diaconate intern, Mike Van Dyke, as he ‘covers for me’ both as a guest writer for this weekly column – and as he assists our priests with Mass. Thank you, brother!

THE HARVEST IS GREAT

On Saturday, June 8th, Archbishop Vigneron ordained three new priests for service in the Archdiocese of Detroit. This is always a special occasion for rejoicing. The Lord tells us, “The harvest is great but the laborers are few.” Our new priests will need the support of us all. Please pray for these men who have answered the call of the Lord. They are, Reverend Adam Nowak, Reverend John McKenzie, and Reverend Derik Peterman.

Please find a place for me in your prayers as well. A Happy and Blessed Father’s Day to all the Dads of St. Thomas More!

Msgr. Tom Rice
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† Rosalie Johnn Barringer
Daughter of Matthew and Christina (Vittore) Barringer
May God bless and keep this little one safe in His tender love and mercy.

THIS WEEK’S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Saturday June 15
4:30p Marjorie Arsen

Sunday June 16
7:30a Shelby Brown
Jim Lee
9:30a James Debolski
Richard LaPalm
The Mikulski Family—Special Intention
Ellis Zink
11:30a Donald Alonzo
Harry J. Kwitt—7th Anniversary

Tuesday June 18
9:00a Sharon Harte—Special Intention
Bede Sherry—Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday June 19
9:00a Eric Gregory—Special Intention

Thursday June 20
9:00a Frank Biondo—Special Intention
Jeff Jeziorski—Special Intention

Saturday June 22
4:30p For the People of St. Thomas More

Sunday June 23
7:30a For the Lonely and Forgotten
9:30a For the Poor and the Homeless
11:30a Paul Kramarz—5th Anniversary
Ann Meyers—5th Anniversary

THIS WEEK’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosanne Bishop
Chris Crocker
Sharon Harte
Jeff Jeziorski
Elaine Rosen
Carol Simmons
Kathleen Vuylsteke
Helen Walczak

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:
† Anna Bankowska
† Norman Gawronski
† Tracy Rogers
† Richard Wietnik

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

June 8, 2019

Kacey Eaton and Ronald Skala
May God grant them a lifetime of love, health, and happiness.

Father’s Day

“I ask that you have the grace to be very close to your children, letting them grow, but being by their side. They need you, your presence, to be there, your love!”
– Pope Francis to Fathers

The St. Thomas More Intercessory Prayer Service is Wednesday, June 19th at 7:00 pm.
Please join us to pray for intentions submitted by our parish members and for your own personal intentions.

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Readings for the Week of June 16, 2019

Sunday  The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

Monday  2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday  2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday  Saint Romuald, Abbot
2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday  2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b, 2-3, 4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

Friday  Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday  Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34

PRAYER FOR FATHERS
God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

MINISTERS FOR MASS—THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST— JUNE 22 & 23

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What’s Happening In Our Parish

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekday Masses
Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9a

♦ Monday, June 17
The MEN of STM, 7p

♦ Tuesday, June 18
STM Book Club, 10a

♦ Wednesday, June 19
VBS Meeting, 10a
Intercessory Prayer Service, 7p

♦ Thursday, June 20
SVdP Meeting, 7p

♦ Friday, June 21
Parish Offices Closed

♦ Sunday, June 23
Msgr. Rice Birthday Reception, 12:30p

Conversation with Catholic men...
Join the discussion!
Monday, June 17 @ 7:00pm
Church Conference Room
(Sacristy Hallway as you enter the Sanctuary)

The STM Book Club selection for June is The Nazi Officer’s Wife by Edith Hahn Beer. This is a memoir of the author’s experience as a Jewish law student imprisoned by the Nazis. She takes the identity and lives as a gentile, even marrying a German Army officer. She survives the war and its aftermath to write the memoir a few years before she died in her nineties. Please join us Tuesday, 6/18 at 10 AM in Room 2 for the discussion.

Morse Elementary has again requested help with their Summer Nights Program. Summer Nights has three goals. The first goal is to give all Morse students access to a free lending library. The second goal is to provide food, both perishable and non-perishable, to students and their families. (The STM conference of St. Vincent dePaul provides the needed 90 gallons of milk per week and supplies bread products from Whole Foods and Panera.) The final goal of Summer Nights is to build community. Last year many of our parishioners volunteered for food prep and set-up. This year Morse has also asked for our help in food service set-up and clean up, activity set-up and clean up, and tending their garden. Summer Nights is every Wednesday beginning June 19th and continuing through August 21st. Each task requires only about two hours. Individuals, families, or students in need of community service are welcome to participate.

To volunteer you must use Sign-Up Genius. Email Patty Orlowski at porlow@sbcglobal.net to have the link sent to you.

Please consider volunteering one or two Wednesdays this summer. You won’t regret it!

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE

“Grieving with Great Hope” is a six week program for those mourning the loss of a loved one through death.

Wednesday evenings, 6:30PM - 8PM
JULY 17 through AUGUST 21

To register, complete and submit the online registration form found on our St. Thomas More website at www.stthomasmoretroy.org

Registration Forms are also available at the Information Counter in the Church Gathering Area.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 248-647-2222.
**Theology of the Body**

*The “Theology of the Body” is St. John Paul II's integrated vision of the human person. The human body has a specific meaning, making visible an invisible reality, and is capable of revealing answers regarding fundamental questions about us and our lives:*

- Is there a real purpose to life and if so, what is it?
- What does it mean that we are created in the image of God?
- Why were we created male and female? Does it really matter if we are one sex or another?
- What does the marital union of a man and woman say to us about God and his plan for our lives?
- What is the purpose of the married and celibate vocations?
- What exactly is "Love"? Is it truly possible to be pure of heart? (Taken from [http://www.theologyofthebody.net/](http://www.theologyofthebody.net/))

Come delve into this wonderful teaching of St. John Paul II beginning **Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 pm in Room 1**. Cost for material is ~$15 and will be facilitated by Josylin Fermin Mateus, contact info josylin@stmoffice.com or 248-647-4680.

**Who should attend?**

If you are single, newly wed, married many years, divorced, engaged, dating, parents of children who date, pretty much anyone eighteen years and older should attend. Don’t worry if you will miss one or two gatherings due to vacation.

Will meet on the following days: June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, August 13, 20 and 27.

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**Thirsting for God?**

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation and/or Communion? They may be thirsting too! The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Weekly “no obligation” inquiry gatherings are available. Call Josylin Mateus for more information at 248-647-4680 or email at josylin@stmoffice.com.

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**Faith Formation Registration**

Our mailing for fall registration will go out early July. If your children were enrolled in the program this year, you will automatically receive this information. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact Angela@stmoffice.com or call 248-647-4680. We look forward to another faith filled year together.

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**Calling All Women!**

*Ladies’ Night Out is around the corner on Wednesday, July 17*

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

*Details coming soon*
In Our Parish

ONLINE GIVING

Summertine brings family vacations, traveling, and an increase in outside activities. Mention the word “summer,” and most people begin to imagine the pool, barbeques, and anything but the “normal” routine. This is great for people looking to get out of the daily grind, but not so great for parishes that rely so much on consistent contributions. Before you leave for vacation, will you make the commitment to give to our parish through online giving?

When you choose to give your gifts online, it positively impacts the stability of our parish ministries and outreach programs by allowing us to better plan for the year. By knowing what level of commitment our members have made, we know how best to allocate our resources. At St. Thomas More Church, we are committed to using our gifts to the best of our ability.

Our online giving site allows you to set up a recurring weekly or monthly donation to our parish. It’s easy to set up once and not think about it again. You are also able to give different amounts to our various parish-wide collections and to view complete, accurate financial records at any time. It’s fast, easy, and safe!

For more information, see STM website at www.stthomasmoretroy.org.

If you have any questions about our WeShare online giving program or about setting up your account, please don’t hesitate to call the parish office. We’re here to help!

Have a wonderful summer!
Lois Sokolowski
Business Manager

STM Monthly Giving Report

May 2019 Offertory
Monthly Goal ($16,680 x 4) $66,720
Envelope Total $53,513
Loose Donations $4,648
Electronic Giving $5,710
TOTAL RECEIVED $63,871
Monthly Overage/(Shortfall) ($2,849)

FISCAL YEAR TOTALS 2018-19
(Includes Holy Day)
Offertory Budget to Date $770,934
Actual Offertory Received to Date $752,010
Over/(Under) For Fiscal Year 2018-19 ($18,924)

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Envelopes Issued 1364
Electronic Contributors 55

REMINDER—SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the summer months of June, July, and August, the Parish and Faith Formation office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Congratulations
Ms Judith Parrott
Winner of our CSA Target Gift Card

STM BULLETIN

Due to an early deadline for this week’s bulletin, Mass Intentions and names requested to be on our Prayer Lists that were received after Thursday, June 6th, were unable to be published in today’s bulletin.

The CSA Update will be in next week’s bulletin, June 23rd.

After all Sunday Masses
Stop in the Social Hall and enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with your fellow parishioners.

(Free will donations are greatly appreciated!)
Commentators are discussing the Document on Human Fraternity by Pope Francis and Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, a leading Sunni theologian who heads Al-Azhar University and speaks for about 80% of Islam. The Document (posted on the STM website under the Unleash the Gospel tab) speaks against terrorism, the breakdown of morality and “blind extremism” and for the family, religious freedom and tolerance. The declaration is made “in the name of God” and “all persons of good will,” based on “upright religious teachings” and “the truth of religion,” and espouses laudable values. Francis and Al-Tayyeb aspire to change hearts and eliminate violence and terrorism, especially that motivated by misguided “religious sentiment.” For this we fervently pray.

Controversial is a section on “freedom of belief.” The Pope and Imam write that “pluralism and the diversity of religions … [is] willed by God.” Is it? This raises deep questions about the nature of God, His active vs. permissive will, and our free will. But how are we to understand this simply? We who are called to unleash the Gospel, to share with all people the Good News of Christ’s life, death and resurrection, and who are commanded by Jesus to “Go make disciples of all nations” (Matt 28:19)? Yes, we must love and live peacefully with Muslims and all our neighbors. Yet the Pope’s message can be confusing in treating all religion as equivalent. Catholics and Muslims both profess one true faith, but both cannot be true even if we do share certain values. Both profess one God, but Allah is not the triune Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Muslims do not believe Jesus crucified on the cross is God.

Every time we say the Our Father we pray that God’s “will be done.” Jesus came to make known the Father’s will, to show how He loves us and desires to flood us with His Mercy. Jesus prayed on behalf of all of us, all His brothers and sisters, “Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one” (John 17:11).

In a real sense we are called to be extremists, to profess the Creed and “believe in one God” without compromise, and to live our faith fully, knowing that fraternal unity with Jesus Christ saves. This is not the “blind extremism” Francis warns against. With eyes wide open to the Truth, we propose (not impose) the Catholic religion and by our lived example witness to all our brothers and sisters the Gospel of love and life.
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**
*A Weekend of Discovery ....A Lifetime of Love!!*

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes Weekend experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better.

It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

2019 Weekend Dates
- June 21-23 — Troy, MI
- August 16-18 — Petoskey, MI
- September 27-29 — Troy, MI
- November 15-17 — Adrian, MI

For information call 888-322-9963 or [encounterdetroit.org](http://encounterdetroit.org)

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**Encore Remarriage Workshops**

Considering getting married again? Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) can help you and your future spouse welcome Christ into your union, improve your communication skills, and position your relationship to grow stronger over time! The session is led by CCSEM therapist Dr. Janusz Wrobel. Encore remarriage workshops focus on replacing communication styles from the previous relationship with new ones based on trust and friendship. Couples bringing children into their new union will benefit from additional content on talking with children about the pending marriage and issues that can arise in a blended family. Workshops will take place on September 7 and December 7. All sessions are at CCSEM in Royal Oak at 1424 East 11 Mile Road.

To learn more, email blaulw@ccsem.org. To register, call 248-548-4044 ext. 3100

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**Catechesis**

“Encountering the Risen Christ: Forming Joyful Missionary Disciples” is the theme of the June Catechist Topics 2019, offered at Sacred Heart Major Seminary over the course of the next two weeks.

Your CSA gifts help fund the 27 catechist topics, which are open to anyone seeking catechist certification, as well as Catholics throughout the Archdiocese who are seeking personal enrichment. Topics include “Catechesis and the Call of the Catechist,” “Forming Christian Community,” and “Exploring and Using Sacred Scripture.”

Father Joe Horn, director of the Office of Priestly Vocations, will lead the “Encountering the Risen Christ Retreat” on June 21.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).

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### MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9:00 a.m. - Rosary before Mass  
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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