Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary

“My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord; my
spirit rejoices in
God my savior.”
Luke 1:46-47

Thursday, August 15th
WANT TO BE HAPPY?

Recently Pope Francis was interviewed by a journalist from an Argentine newspaper. He was asked about what makes people happy. Here’s what the Holy Father says are tips for happiness, or as he calls it, “for bringing greater joy to one’s life.”

1. **Live and let live.**
All of us will live longer and more happily if we stop trying to arrange other peoples’ lives. Jesus challenged us not to judge but to live with the tension and let God and history make the judgments. So live. We need to live by our own convictions and let others do the same.

2. **Be giving of yourself to others.**
Happiness lies in giving ourselves away. We need to be open and generous because if we withdraw into ourselves we run the risk of becoming self-centered and no happiness will be found there since “stagnant water becomes putrid.”

3. **Proceed calmly.**
Move with kindness, humility, and calm. These are the antithesis of anxiety and distress. Calm never causes high blood pressure. We need to make conscious efforts to never let the moment cause panic and excessive hurry. Rather be late than stressed.

4. **A healthy sense of leisure.**
Never lose the pleasures of art, literature, and playing with children. Remember that Jesus scandalized others with His capacity to enjoy life in all its sensuousness. We don’t live by work alone, no matter how important and meaningful it might be. In heaven there will be no work, only leisure. We need to learn the art and joy of leisure not just to prepare for heaven but to enjoy some of heaven already now.

5. **Sundays should be holidays. Workers should have Sundays off because Sunday is for family.**
Accomplishment, productivity, and speed may not become our most valued commodities or we will begin to take everything for granted; our lives, our health, our families, our friends, those around us, and all the good things in life. That is why God gave us a commandment to keep the Sabbath holy. This is not a lifestyle suggestion, but a commandment as binding as not killing. Moreover, if we are employers, the commandment demands, too, that we give our employees proper Sabbath-time.

6. **Find innovative ways to create dignified jobs for young people.**
If you want to bless a young person, don’t just tell a person that he or she is wonderful. Don’t just admire youthful beauty and energy. Give a young person your job! Or, at least, work actively to help him or her find meaningful work. This will both bless that young person and bring a special happiness to your own life.

7. **Respect and take care of nature.**
The air we breathe out is the air we will re-inhale. This is true spiritually, psychologically, and ecologically. We can’t be whole and happy when Mother Earth is being stripped of her wholeness. Christ came to save the world not just the people in the world. Our salvation, like happiness, is tied to the way we treat the earth. It is immoral to slap another person in the face and so it is immoral, too, to throw our garbage into the face of Mother Earth.

8. **Stop being negative.**

9. **Don’t proselyte, respect others’ beliefs.**
What we cherish and put our faith into grows “by attraction, not proselytizing.” Beauty is the one thing that no one can argue with. Cherish your values, but always act towards others with graciousness, charity, and respect.

10. **Work for peace.**
Peace is more than the absence of war and working for peace means more than not causing disharmony. Peace, like war, must be waged actively by working for justice, equality, and an ever-wider inclusivity in terms of what makes up our family. Waging peace is the perennial struggle to stretch hearts, our own and others, to accept that in God’s house there are many rooms and that all faiths, not least our own, are meant to be a house of prayer for all people.

Have a wonderful week. Enjoy these summer days and lets pray for one another. And remember this Thursday is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holyday of obligation. See you in Church!

Msgr. Tom Rice

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holyday of Obligation
Thursday, August 15th
Mass at 9:00am and 7:00pm
THIS WEEK’S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Saturday
August 10
4:30p
- Phil Boike
- Julie Ermiger
- Michael Jarosz—Remembrance

Sunday
August 11
7:30a
- Carol Black—Special Intention
- Lynn Bonney—Special Intention
- Dr. Paul Galvin—52nd Anniversary
- Frank Kwolik—8th Anniversary

9:30a
- Ralf Crookston—Special Intention
- Antonio and Josephine DiLorenzo
- Denise Little—5th Anniversary

11:30a
- Joe Cosgrove
- Gerard Dion
- Caroline Dunleavy—Birthday Wishes
- Mason Waggoner—Special Intention

Tuesday
August 13
9:00a
- Aurora Andaya

Wednesday
August 14
9:00a
- For the People of St. Thomas More

Thursday
August 15
9:00a
- For the Lonely and Forgotten

Saturday
August 17
4:30p
- Larry Jeris—2nd Anniversary
- Ben Schwegman

Sunday
August 18
7:30a
- For the People of St. Thomas More

9:30a
- The Mikulski Family—Special Intention

11:30a
- Bill Rothwell

THIS WEEK’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosanne Bishop
Duncan Brodie
Chris Crocker
Tim Jaeger
Robert Luycx
Joe Mack
Dan Majewski
Julia Miesiak
Cynthia Nicolay
Gail Ritchie
Elaine Rosen
Carol Simmons
Diane Thomas
Kathleen Vuylsteke
Helen Walczak
Baby Edward Zielinski

PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

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Margaret Ann McMullen
Died on August 5, 2019
Buried from St. Thomas More
On August 8, 2019
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
Amen.

Assumption of Mary
August 15, 2019
A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

Erynn Stier and Jeffrey Brown—2nd

Please keep this couple in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage.
### Questions about Funerals

**Why can’t we schedule the funeral in the parish when we want it?**

Funerals are certainly important in the life of a family and also to the parish. Each parish is unique, however, in the capabilities of schedule, procedures and availability of ministers. Many parishes have set times for funerals mindful that two funerals are possible in one day in addition to the celebration of other Masses and weddings. Parishes might also have some planned activities or events that would not be suitable in providing the best or most appropriate environment for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at the same time.

**Are there some days were funerals are not allowed by the Church?**

A Funeral Mass can be celebrated any day except on Holy Days of Obligation, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter and the Sundays of the Advent, Lent and Easter seasons. On these prohibited days, the funeral liturgy outside of Mass, without the distribution of communion, is permitted followed by the Rite of Committal. In this circumstance, a Memorial Mass for the deceased may be celebrated later at the convenience of the family and local parish.

(Source: Directives for Catholic Funeral: Questions & Answers – aod.org)

### Mass Schedule—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 17 & 18

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What’s Happening In Our Parish

The Week Ahead

Weekday Masses
Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9a
Rosary before Mass

- **Tuesday, August 13**
  - First Tuesday Coffee, 9:30a
  - Christian Service Meeting, 9:45a
  - Contemporary Music Rehearsal, 6p
  - ChristLife, 6:30p
  - Theology of the Body, 7p

- **Thursday, August 15**—Assumption of Mary
  - Mass, 9a and 7p

- **Sunday, August 18**
  - Coffee and Conversation after all Masses

First Tuesday Coffee
August 13

Join us in the Social Hall following the 9:00am Mass for coffee, treats, and conversation with your fellow parishioners.

The Men of Saint Thomas More

Conversation with Catholic men...
Join the discussion!

Monday, August 19 @ 7:00pm
Church Conference Room
(Sacristy Hallway as you enter the Sanctuary)

The STM Book Club selection for August is The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict. This novel fills out the story of Albert Einstein's wife, Mileva, a physicist in her own right, who may have collaborated in formulating the theory of special relativity.

Please join us Tuesday, 8/20 at 10 AM in Room 2 for the discussion.

Parish Mission Statement

We the Christian Community of St. Thomas More, in an atmosphere of hospitality, are dedicated to proclaiming the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through excellence in worship, education, and service to others.

We believe that the nurturing of the community around the Eucharistic Table is extended through gatherings which further strengthen and support us.

We shall pursue this mission faithfully through the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.

Deacon Chris Stark’s Farewell Reception

Sunday, August 25th after the 9:30 am Mass.
Please join us in the Social Hall to wish him well!

Coffee & Conversation

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!)*

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

The St. Thomas More Intercessory Prayer Service is Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 pm.

Please join us to pray for intentions submitted by our parish members and for your own personal intentions.
FALTH FORMATION

ChristLife™
IS COMING BACK TO STM!

Six Tuesday evenings
August 13th – Sept 17th
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Plus a “Retreat Day” September 7th from 8:30 am

The well-received Discovering Christ program returns next month to STM and YOU’RE INVITED!! One aim for parishes in Unleash the Gospel is to:

“build a culture of life-changing personal encounter with Jesus that permeates every aspect of parish life and that leads to a loving encounter of our neighbors.”

We are made for these relationships, with Christ and with each other! In Discovering Christ, join others as we encounter Jesus anew. Come to know more fully who He is and what He offers you. Come deepen your relationship with Him in His Church.

Ask. Seek. Knock.

Discovering Christ sessions runs six Tuesday nights beginning August 13th plus a “Retreat Day,” Saturday, September 7th. Come share a meal, offer praise in song and prayer, watch brief DVD teachings, join in small-group discussions, and ask questions. Come to Unleash the Gospel in your life. Come for the community.

The Retreat Day focuses on the Holy Spirit in our lives and includes an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and more.

There is no charge for the Discovering Christ program. To register, contact Faith Formation at 248-647-4680 or write evangelization@stmoffice.com

Follow CHIST

If you did Discovering Christ, before, you can come again and come to help. Also invite others.

Following Christ, next in the ChristLife series, will be begin in November.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

On Wednesday, July 24, the social hall was transformed into a Hawaiian Luau. The ladies of St. Thomas More and their guests were blessed with a beautiful evening filled with fun, laughter, fellowship, and delicious tropical food!! A very warm thank you to everyone who joined us and all the wonderful ladies who helped with planning, setting up, and cleaning up for this event. As always we had a great time and it was wonderful to gather with everyone to celebrate a fun summer night on the patio.

Please join us for our upcoming Event
Summer Women’s Ministry Breakfast Social
Saturday, August 17 2019 at 8:30 AM
Kerby’s Koney Island
5407 Crooks Rd, Troy

This is open to all women who want to have a connection this summer. You are welcome to join us at the last minute but it would help with planning if you could RSVP.

If you are planning on attending please contact our event organizer, Laura Gabriel at z1080zee@yahoo.com.
Readings for the Week of August 11, 2019

Sunday  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22;  
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12;  
Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday  
Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday  
Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest and Martyrs  
Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12;  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday  
Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17;  
Mt 18:15-20  
Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Thursday  
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday  
Saint Stephen of Hungary  
Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24;  
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday  
Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;  
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;  
Lk 12:49-53

Contact the Parish Office for:  
Parish Registration, Baptisms, Marriage Preparation, Mass Intentions, Prayer Lists, Communion to Sick (for a home or hospital visit)

Parish Registration Forms and Mass Intention Envelopes are also available at the Receptionist Desk in the Gathering Area

Giving from your IRA

Just a reminder that Congress made a permanent provision in the Consolidated Appropriations Act that allows those 70 ½ and older to contribute from their IRA’s without paying tax on the distribution. If you are a once a year contributor, would like to make a special donation, or during the CSA drive, your IRA contribution may be right for your situation. Please consult with your tax professional for more details.

CSA 2019 UPDATE

Goal—$200,000

Pledges - $171,303

Over (Under) Target—($28,697)

40% Response with 599 Contributors

Thank you to all who have made a pledge or donation. If you have not yet made your pledge, please drop off your CSA card in the Parish Office, in the offertory basket, or return it in the envelope provided. If we don’t make our target of $200,000, the shortage will come out of our working budget.

Thank you for your support!
Unleashing the Gospel in Our Parish
by John Hannigan

Unleash the Gospel reminds us of the mission we have from Jesus, “Go make disciples of all nations” (Matt 28:19), and calls us to act on it. Mission is both a “calling to” and a “sending forth.” We draw close to Jesus, receive Grace from Him in prayer and the Sacraments, and are sent on mission. We are also called to mission within our parish, to help “build a culture of life-changing personal encounter with Jesus that permeates every aspect of parish life and that leads to a loving encounter of our neighbors” (Unleash the Gospel, Step 2.1).

It is fundamental to the Christian life that we are not sent alone. Jesus sent His disciples in pairs (Luke 10:1). We, too, are sent together as a parish. As our mission statement has it, “We” are a “Christian Community ... dedicated to proclaiming the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.” In other words, we are dedicated to unleashing the Gospel together!

How can we best participate in the communal life of our parish? The mission statement points to one answer: “We shall pursue this mission faithfully through the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” We pray and worship together on Sundays. Yes, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life” (Lumen Gentium, 136). But there is more. Jesus said, “I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). There is a more abundant life in sharing our time and talents with and for others in the parish. Accept Christ’s invitation to become more active in your parish. You and everyone will get more out of your participation: fellowship, friendship, and fun!

Take a good look at this Bulletin every week. Go online (www.stthomasmoretroy.org) to see what’s going on under the Education and Get Involved tabs. Folks gather in Bible studies, book clubs and prayer groups. Many are involved in Worship as readers, servers or ministers of communion.

Your mission may be to go forth in Christian Service as part of St. Vincent de Paul. Perhaps you are called to share the Faith with our parish youth as a catechist.

Something missing? Do you think more ought to be offered in the parish? Social and family activities? Devotions? Neighborhood programs? Maybe you think so because Jesus is calling you to lead the way! Drop me a note to talk about it, or call the office to connect with a Commission member who might help. Reach me at unleashSTM@gmail.com to comment or to learn more about Evangelization at STM.

Stewardship Reflection
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whether you are just beginning your stewardship journey or have been living a stewardship way of life for years, today’s readings invite us to ask ourselves an important question to ponder.

The questions is this: “What do you treasure?” Of course, we all know the “right” answer: we treasure our faith, our family, and our friendships. But Jesus tells us in the Gospel passage from Luke how we can discover the real answer to this question. He says, “For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

To discern what we really treasure, we need to do a check on our hearts. We can each ask ourselves, “Where do I spend the majority of my energy? Where do I find my thoughts dwelling? How do I choose to spend my time when I find myself with a few spare moments? What do my spending habits reveal about my what is important to me? As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in grateful response to all that God has given us. Do I recognize and treasure these gifts?

A PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Almighty and eternal God, who hast taken up into the glory of Heaven, with body and soul, the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of thy son: grant us, we pray, that we may always strive after heavenly things and thus merit to share in her glory. Amen.
Community

Catholic Corner at the Woodward Cruise

During the 2019 Woodward Dream Cruise, be sure to visit the Catholic Corner at the National Shrine of the Little Flower “Shrine Community Parish Party” on Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18.

Among the many participating organizations there will be Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. Stop by our table and say hello!

National Shrine of the Little Flower
2100 Twelve Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI

Catholic Night at Comerica Park

September 10

Come join us for a relaxing night of faith, fun and fellowship at the ballpark! The Archdiocese of Detroit is hosting a Catholic Night at Comerica Park and all are welcome.

On Tuesday, September 10th, the Tigers will take on the Yankees at 6:45pm and we’d love to see you there.

All parishes and parishioners in the archdiocese and beyond are invited for a night of fun and fellowship.

Each ticket purchased includes a donation to Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan and also a limited-edition Detroit Tigers + Unleash the Gospel hat.

Don’t miss this great event, get your tickets today at mlb.com/tigers/tickets/specials/catholic-night.

National Collections

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal fund our local Church’s annual contribution to six national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The bishops in the United States created national collections so dioceses could combine resources and more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics. Each collection represents our community of faith at work in our country and around the world.

CSA gifts are given to the collections for the Catholic University of America, Catholic Communication Campaign, Holy Land, Church in Latin America, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, and Black and Indian Missions.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.

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.

2019 Weekend Dates
September 27-29—Troy, MI
November 15-17—Adrian, MI

For information call 888-322-9963 or encounterdetroit.org

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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**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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