What's Happening This Week

Fellowship Sunday
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Fr. John’s Corner
Visit Page 4 to read Fr. John's weekly reflection.

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 5:15pm
Saturday: 8:00am, 5:15pm Vigil
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:45am, 6:00pm

CONFESSION
Saturday (in the chapel) from
12:00pm - 1:00pm and
4:00pm - 5:00pm or by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

RECTORY (EMERGENCIES ONLY)
(850) 224-4887

WIFI NETWORK: STM Guest
WIFI PASSWORD: stm1967!
Fellowship Sunday
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Parish Picnic
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 12:45PM-4:30PM
Join your fellow parishioners at The Co-Cathedral of Saint Thomas More for our annual parish picnic!

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace of God be with you.

Recently, SVdP helped a family who fell behind in their bills. Both of the parents’ jobs pay on a 10-month basis, however, the husband could not find work this summer to supplement their income. SVdP paid their Aug. rent.

Consider becoming an active member of SVdP. Society meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, Room #6, Parish Center. www.facebook.com/svdptally or svdptally@gmail.com

Burse Club Collection
This year, the Burse Club has collected $4,418.93 for the education expenses of our future priests. If you did not have an opportunity to participate during our Burse Club weekend, there are still pamphlets and envelopes available at the church entrances. We are truly blessed by everyone’s generosity. Thank you.

Music Ministry News
Welcome back to all! Our choirs are back from summer break and we would love to have you join us! If you sing or play an instrument and would like to join our music ministry, contact Almira Malley at almira@cocathedral.com or at (850) 222-9630. Let’s make Psalm 100 come alive together!

Religious Education
High School Confirmation Sponsor Meeting
Sun 10/6 11:45am in Classroom 7
Contact maureen@cocathedral.com regarding faith formation registration.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
for PreK4 - 2nd grade children during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10am Mass. For 20-25 minutes our CLOW catechists discuss the Gospel message with the children, CLOW does not take the place of Religious Ed classes.

Lighthouse CD of the Week
Amazing Angels & Super Saints
Cat Chat is a Catholic Audio Show for kids ages 3-11 to help them learn and love their Faith like never before! Using prayer, great conversations, faith-filled stories, and catchy songs, each CD discusses the Catholic Faith while teaching kids powerful lessons for living out their Faith every day. Join Moses the Talking Cat, Papa, Josh, Hanna, and friends for an unforgettable experience! Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.

We pray for all our beloved departed and for those in our parish who are ill, especially Brandi Leland. Please email any prayer requests for those who are deceased or ill to: media@cocathedral.com.
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
SEPTEMBER 2019 Dates: 09/16 – 09/22
Weekly Need: $16,000
Weekly Giving: $13,110
Year-to-Date Need: $664,000
Year-to-Date Giving: $649,467

To give online, visit www.cocathedral.com and go to the “Donate” page.

CATHOLIC STUDENT UNION
Find out more info on the Catholic Student Union at FSU, TCC, & FAMU Facebook page, Twitter (@CatholicNoles), Instagram (@catholicnoles), and at fsucatholic.org

This Week at Our Parish
Sunday, September 29
8:30am Religious Ed, 1-8gr. Upstairs Classrooms
10am RCIA
11am Fellowship Sunday, O'Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts
11am RCIA Breakouts

Monday, September 30
4pm Eucharistic Adoration, Church
6:30pm Baptismal Prep Class, Lewis Conference Room

Tuesday, October 1

Wednesday, October 2
10am Amazing Parish Team Meeting, Msgr. Kerr Room
6:30 Adult Confirmation Class Msgr. Kerr Room
7pm Pastoral Council Meeting, Classroom 7
8pm Catholic Student Union Spirit Night, O'Brien Social Hall

Thursday, October 3
7:15pm Catholic Student Union, O'Brien Social Hall

Friday, October 4
11am St. Thomas More Staff Prayer, Chapel

Saturday, October 5
9am First Saturday Holy Hour
9am Council Of Catholic Women Classroom 7

“Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude” Program
Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming “Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude” Program at St. Thomas More. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Thomas More. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass, especially during our special Commitment Weekend on October 26 & 27. If you have any questions regarding the Program, please contact the parish office.

 Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse
Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.

Cover Art: The Parable of The Talents or Minas
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**Fr. John’s Corner**

“Woe to the complacent in Zion!” After the reading from Amos and our gospel about the Rich Man and Lazarus, we’re kinda feeling sorry for anyone who lives like that. I don’t know anyone who drinks wine out of bowls, but I know from my history classes that the Greeks use to do that. Seems like they would spill it on themselves. But I digress.

I think the operative word that sticks out is “complacent” or better yet, “indifference.” The author, philosopher, and Christian apologist C.S. Lewis wrote, “Indifference is the main enemy of love, not hatred.” I think that hits the nail on the head with these readings. There is an enemy with each of us and perhaps at times it reveals itself as “indifference or complacency.” Do we really care about those around us? I would be tempted to say “yes” for all of us, but the real question is “how much?”

I’m not saying you should give money out of your window to the people on the street curbs who hold the signs that say “spare change” or “25 cents” or “homeless vet.” Maybe these people alert us to the fact that there are people out there who are worse off than we are and what part are we playing in the solution. The good people of St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Charities call out to us to remind us of our concerted efforts, by often “begging” at the doors of our parish with their blue buckets.

If we are aware of these needs, think how much God is aware. It’s imperative for us to be alert and aware, to guard against apathy, indifference, and complacency. As the story progresses Jesus paints a picture of heaven and hell and the vast chasm between then. Wow, can each see one another across this chasm? C.S. Lewis addressed these two worlds in his book The Great Divorce. A quote from that book; “There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God ‘Thy will be done’ and those to whom God says ‘Thy will be done.’ All that are in Hell (the netherworld) choose it. Without that self-choice, there could be no Hell. Those who seek find. For those who knock it is opened.”

We have a choice. We can be satisfied and choose to remain ignorant and removed from the needs around us, or we can stretch ourselves and find valid ways to love our neighbor as our conscience demands.

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**Community News**

**Trinity Catholic School**
Trinity Catholic School is now accepting enrollment applications for PK3 - 8th Grade students. Limited space available. Visit www.trinityknights.org/admissions to download an enrollment packet.

**Save The Dates!**
*Bring a Friend to School Day* - Sept. 30
*First Responders Mass/Reception* - Oct. 9
*Pre-K 3, VPK & Kindergarten Open House & Breakfast* Oct. 18th 8:30 A.M.

**St. John Paul II Catholic High School**
**3rd Annual Panther Raffle**
Tickets are $10 and give you 31 chances to win amazing prizes valued at $8,000+!
visit www.sjpichs.com/pantherraffle to get your ticket today! Drawings will be Oct. 1-31st.

**Mass on the Grass with Bishop William Wack**
Sunday, October 13th at 12:30PM
Bring your blankets and chairs and come enjoy mass outside on our beautiful campus. Fellowship picnic and games to follow. Food will be available for purchase.
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Mass Intentions

**Sunday, September 29**

8:30am † Frank Maccaro by Patricia Maccaro
10:00am Joanne Kean by Tim & Kathy Grobe
11:45am † Mason Derr by CL School of Community
6:00pm For the people of Saint Thomas More

**Monday, September 30**

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
7:00am † Jerry Mulrian by A Friend
5:15pm † Henry Eggers by A Friend

**Tuesday, October 1**

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
7:00am Megan Regan by A Friend
5:15pm Stephen Andrews by A Friend

**Wednesday, October 2**

The Holy Guardian Angels
7:00am Kevin Patrick by A Friend
5:15pm Joan Kinch by Karen Wensing

**Thursday, October 3**

7:00am Carol Rose by A Friend
5:15pm † Margaret "Peggy" Luckie by Tim McCabe

**Friday, October 4**

St. Francis of Assisi
7:00am † Laura Clark by Michael Clark
5:15pm † Monica Chung by Hyerin Bak

**Saturday, October 5**

8:00am STM CCW by Kathy Grobe
5:15pm Martha Clements by Debra Hightower

We pray for our military men and women serving overseas. Please provide the names of military service members so that they and their families can be remembered at Mass and in the prayers of our parishioners. Call the office at (850) 222-9630 to have a name added to or removed from this list.

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS**

Francis Jr. Medehue, Christopher Brian Jones, Joseph Legros, Matthew Pickles, Chase Murray, Paul Olston, Joseph Westberry, and Steven Vuis

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP: All Catholics who regularly worship at St. Thomas More should be registered as parishioners.
REGISTRATION: All parishioners are asked to return a completed registration form to the parish office and make identifiable contributions either through offertory envelopes or by personal checks.
MATRIMONY: Arrangements should be made with a priest at least six months in advance. Important guidelines for marriage at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral can be found at our website: www.cocathedral.com or by calling the office.

BAPTISM: Parents must be registered members of our parish and attend Baptism Preparation Classes. To register and obtain further information, contact the church office.

TITHING: Our parish encourages parishioners to thank God for their material blessings by returning a percentage of their income to Him through charitable donations. God in return richly blesses those who tithe. The recommended distribution of tithing is half to the parish and half to other charities, including the Bishop's Catholic Sharing Appeal and second collections. A household can begin tithing by returning 2% of their income to God, and increasing it to 10% over a period of years as household finances allow. Please make parish donations by writing checks to St. Thomas More. To give on-line, go to www.securegive.com.

PRIEST OR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER VISITATION: Those needing to have a priest or extraordinary minister visit them at home, hospital or prison, call the parish office.