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***Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ-
Answering the Call to Missionary Discipleship***

Pastoral Staff:

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Mrs. Barbara Elliott, Parish Council Chair
Ms. Diana Brown, Finance Council Chair

Mass Schedule:

Saturday	5:00 pm	(Rectorry Chapel)
Sunday	8:45 am	Youth Choir
	11:30 am	Gospel Choir
Weekdays	8:00 am	(Rectorry Chapel)

Bulletin Deadline: Items for Sunday's Bulletin must be received via email **by 12:00 pm Monday** in order to have them included in Sunday's publication. Thank you for honoring this important timeline.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office to register for classes.

Confession: After Sunday Masses, by appointment, or on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 pm in the Rectorry.

Marriage: Diocesan policy requires notification to the priest at least six months in advance. Attendance at pre-Cana classes is also required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office when a member of the parish is in the hospital, nursing home, or is otherwise unable to come to Mass and wishes to receive any of the sacraments.

Religious Education:

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please contact Fr. Raymond Moore at the Rectorry.
CCD Classes: Every Sunday at 10:30am
Bible Study: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Preparing to Hear God's Word

Reading I: Wis 7:7-11 ~ Wisdom is more valuable than anything.

Responsorial: Psalm 90 ~ Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Reading II: Heb 4:12-13 ~ The Word of God is sharper than a two edge sword.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 ~ Jesus is the Wisdom of God—no riches or possessions compare to him. When we choose to follow him all good things come to us.

Readings for Next Sunday

Isa 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday:	Rom 8:22-27	John 15:1-8
Tuesday:	Gal 5:1-6	Luke 1:37-41
Wednesday:	Gal 5:18-25	Luke 11:42-46
Thursday:	2 Tim 4:10—17 b	Luke 10:1-9
Friday:	Eph 1:11-14	Luke 12:1-7
Saturday:	Eph 1:15-23	Luke 12:8-12

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday 8:45am Those Impacted by Breast Cancer

11:30am Health of Fr. Raymond Wadas

Monday Daphne Andrews-Birthday

Tuesday Health of Clifford (CJ) Jackson

Wednesday Our Sick & Shut-in Parishioners/Loved Ones

Thursday In loving memory of Anthony B. Savoy

Friday Health of Audrey Caldwell

Saturday Peace in Our Communities

PLEASE KEEP THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Shirley Adams, Veronica Apiafi, Monique Bailey, Viola Barnes, Betty Beatty, Hilda Best, Marie Brown, Shirley Brown, Francillia Browne, Cynthia Bruce, Felicia V. Bush, John Bush, Audrey Caldwell, Jane Cannon, Dixie Clark, Elois Clark, Sheritia Clark, Odessa Curtis, Dcn. Ralph Cyrus, Frances Davies, Viola Davies, Barbara Deale, Barbara DeJesus, Renee Feliu, Diane Finley, Eric & Priscilla Fuller, Craig Fulmer, Betty Furr, Tasha Gant, David Garner, Tyrone Garrison, Brenda Green, Zynae Green, Emmanuel Greene, William Gunn, Andre Harris, Margaret Harris, Vance Harris II, June Harrison, Shant'e Hawkins, Maximillon Holland, Elizabeth Holmes, Darryl Jackson, Jimmie Jackson, Ivy John, Carolyn Johnson, Sarah Jones, Seymour & Patrick Jones, David Larison, Dennis Lucas, James Makle, Jr., Gloria & William McCaskill, Emma McEntyre, Robert Milner, Betty Moeller, Gloria Morgan, Dorothy Myrtle, Angela Neal, Tammy Peterson, Charles Queen, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Lucille Rivas, Arthur Robinson, Jean, Leroy & Robert Robinson, Daja Rogers, Yolanda Rollins, Thelma Sawyer, Robin Sescocoe, Ciara Shields, Brenda Smith, Claudell St. Julien, Edsel Swann, Jane Thomas, Kristine Vivican, Rev. Raymond Wadas, Kayla Warren, Paul Waters, Marilyn Denise Whetstone, Yvonne White, Anita Williams, Bertha Williams, Kobe M. Williams, David Wilson, Jean Wright, Marianne Young, *and all who are Sick/ Shut-In.*

~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

Your continued prayers are asked for Shirley Adams, Hilda Best, Sheila D. Brown, Audrey Caldwell, Vi Davies, Bob & Priscilla Fuller, Zynae Green, Elizabeth Holmes, Marion & Ruth Richardson, Lucille Rivas, Robert Robinson, Yolanda Rollins, our members who are on the road to recovery, sick, shut-in or grieving; and

**Pope Francis, Fr. Moore, Fr. Casmir,
Ed Poindexter & Deacon Ralph Cyrus.**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

EFFECTIVE SUPPORT OF YOUR CHURCH IS WISE STEWARDSHIP

"If it is to encourage others, we should do so. Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully." (Romans 12:8)

We are always learning how to do better what we do in your service, O God. As we bring our offerings, teach us how to give with willing and generous hearts and discover the joy of stewardship. Amen.

Stewardship Thought: "You never seem to have more money than when you are giving it away to someone who has less."

Tithes and offerings for **Sunday, October 7, 2018** amounted to **\$7,615.00.00. Maintenance-\$3,463.00.**

Attendance	5:00pm	15
	8:45am	135
	11:30am	93
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Thanks to all who have so well supported our Growing One Step stewardship program. Because of the strong commitment of many of us, we are blessed with good success thus far.

May we be blessed as we bless our ministry and commitment to the Lord! **Your on-going contributions are most appreciated!**

FAITH DIRECT! Fall Into e-Giving with Faith Direct! This is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your tithes and offerings to St. Thomas More. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save for you. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, **DC773.**

ENLISTING WITNESSES FOR JESUS CHRIST

Youth Religious Education

Our Religious Education Program for children in pre-kindergarten through Confirmation formally began last Sunday. It is not too late to register students. Classes are held Sunday mornings in the school from 10:30 to 11:30.

All families are encouraged to participate.

Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry Program, for youth who have received the sacrament of Confirmation through the twelfth grade, meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the rectory living room.

All youth are encouraged to participate.

Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation Program is designed for adults preparing to become Catholics, and for those Catholics who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. The group meets on Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Red Room.

All adults are welcome.

Adult Bible Study

Our Adult Bible Study will resume on Tuesday evening, October 9th at 7:30pm in the rectory living room. *All adults are invited to participate in our lively and interesting discussions.*

OUR STM FOOD PANTRY IS EMPTY!!

As of this week our Food Pantry Shelves Are BARE! We are unable to provide for those who are hungry. **You can help by supporting the Harold Holmes Food Drive.** Please bring your contributions of food to church starting next Sunday. **Your support is both needed and appreciated!**

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Please permit me to briefly reflect on how we are embracing a growth mindset as we deal with the many issues that currently confront and challenge us in our country and in our church and in our families. I would suggest that a growth mindset is based and developed with these fundamental ideas:

1. God's will is to bless us abundantly.
2. Today's blessings will be greater than yesterday's and tomorrow's will be even greater than today's.
3. God's plan for my life is perfect and purposeful.
4. To receive God's blessings requires me to:

*Listen to God
Obey God
Thank God
And Praise God*

The growth mindset requires us to have that "childlike" attitude that Jesus invites us to in the Gospel when he teaches us: "Amen, I say to you whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Remember that "childlike" does not mean "childish." The childlike qualities Jesus is referring to are:

1. Childlike curiosity. Do we ask questions? Are we open to new things?
2. Childlike dependence. Are we dependent on God as a child is dependent on a parent? After all, God is our Father!
3. Childlike Wonder and Awe. Do we have a spirit of expectancy and wonder in the mighty and ever new works of God? Do we still get "excited" about what God can do in our lives? Can we still shout "WOW!"

We have experienced the effects of the growth mindset in a phenomenal way last week in our 29th East of the River Revival. Our preacher, our prayer and the praises we sang reflected our theme—*Jesus Heal Our Land, What We Must Do*. With all that we are dealing with in our nation, church and families, Father Speaks truly revived us. The spectacular singing and praying moved us all to higher spiritual heights, a deeper faith and a quickening of the Holy Spirit.

The spirit of revival is one that is not limited to a particular time and place. The spirit of revival transcends all our human limitations and enables us to transform our lives, families and churches for the greater glory of God and the building up of his Kingdom right here where we are. Let us hold fast to the revival spirit as we venture forth into the future, confident that God is still in control.

May God continue to strengthen us with his grace that we keep a growth mindset and a childlike trust that is able to shout WOW for the wonders of his blessings.

In the Spirit of Revival,

Father Moore

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE:

We have increased participation from 56.9% to 66%. We have pledged \$24,433.00 from a total of 94 pledges, with an average pledge of \$260.00! Let's all do our part to reach this goal. Simply fill out the appeal envelope in the back of the church and place in the collection or give to an usher. Be sure to make your checks payable to the "Cardinal's Appeal". Thanks to all who have sown the seeds of generosity by supporting this year's appeal.



WELCOME VISITORS!

*We warmly welcome our visitors to
St. Thomas More Church!*

*We invite all who are seeking a church home to
join our St. Thomas More church family. Please
encourage visitors to sign our Guest Book!*

A PRAYER FOR HARD TIMES, AND GOOD

Recently, we have experienced a number of losses through death and sickness, and other life disappointments. To help those who are grieving, the following prayer might be helpful.

Father, there is never a good time for Sorrow,
or the pain of uncertainty that comes with tomorrow.
We pray for your goodness to see us through,
when life is the hardest, and when times are good.

Father, we pray for all those in need,
All my friends and my family.
We pray for your strength to see us through,
when life is the hardest, and when times are good.

Father, when life seems to throw us a curve,
when we are unsettled, upset, unnerved and cannot pray.
We pray for your wisdom to get us through,
when life is the hardest, and when times are good.

Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I thank you for Jesus who showed us he cared.
We pray for your Spirit to see us through,
when life is the hardest, and when times are good.

We pray, AMEN!

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Self-Exams are Important! Screening Can Save Lives!

SPECIAL MASS

On Sunday, October 28, 2018, we will be **Celebrating Life** at the 11:30am Mass in recognition of the closing of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. EVERYONE is asked to wear something PINK to show your support. In anticipation of this Mass a **PINK BOX** is located in the church. *Please list the names of Warriors who are fighting this battle, and those who have succumbed to this disease*, and place them in the box by Sunday, October 21st, so that we may acknowledge and pray for these courageous warriors during this Special Mass.

SAVE THE DATE!

"Women of the Spirit" Concert!

St. Thomas More Church

Sunday, November 11, 2018 Time: 3:00pm

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**\*\*Special Invitation... All Women's Choir\*\***

*Current and former female members of any STM Choir- and interested women from the congregation- are invited to join a special Women's Choir now forming to sing for this concert under the direction of our own Charnetta Dobbins.*

**Rehearsals** will take place in the church at 7:00pm on the following Mondays: October 22, 29 & November 5, with a Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, November 10, 2018! For more details please speak to Margaret Chambers or Barbara Elliott.

