SUNDAY • JULY 3, 2016

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 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Mass Schedule Weekend: Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm Weekday: Monday-Friday 8:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm, Wednesday 9:00-10:00 am or by appointment

Rosary: prayed before the 8:30 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 9:00 am Benediction, 4:00 pm

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Have a Blessed 4th of July

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MISSION STATEMENT

As Gospel stewards, grateful for what God has given, St. Thomas More Catholic Church community commits itself to the renewal of parish life through evangelization, worship, outreach to the poor, and community living.

NEWS & NOTES





RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)~2016-2017

I am looking forward to my new role as the Coordinator for the RCIA at St. Thomas More. I became Catholic by going through the RCIA program and have worked with the RCIA program for six years. I also studied the RCIA process as part of the Rockford Diocese's Lay Ministry Program.

If you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic, or was baptized Catholic as a child but never received the sacraments of the Eucharist or Confirmation, please encourage them to think about RCIA and attend our Open House. The Open House is Wednesday August 31 at 7pm in the Church and is a great opportunity to learn about the RCIA process at STM and to ask any questions you might have.

If you have questions or need more information please contact me at Imcewan@stthomasmorechurch.org



OUNG YOUNG ADULTS CATHOLIC BREW

July 8 at 7 pm

St. Peter Catholic Church, Geneva, IL. **McLoughlin Hall**

Mix & Mingle before keynote presentation at 7:30 pm. Hanging out afterwards is always welcome!

SUMMER THEOLOGY ON TAP SERIES

What is Theology on Tap? Theology on Tap is a speaker and discussion



Rest in Peace

Greg Figiel Kathleen Herold Glenn Scheitlin



We pray for those who are ill:

Marian Asplund, Christine Baczeik, Helen Baier, Gerard Barnicle, Virgil Beard, Shirley Bednarke; Margaret Brantley, Gracie Canning, Laura Christenson, Leola Christopherson, Mac Connell, Theresa Cortesi, Milagrof Daquiwag, Edna Enriquez, Federico Enriquez, Enrico Espina, Ed Frederick, James Frederick, Nadine Frett, Mary Fusek, Wilma Gabanit, Patricia Ghilardi, Linda Girardi, Cathy Hanes, Josephine Hanson, Gloria Jean, Gloria Jordan, Dennis Kittler, Karen Kurelo, Robert Larson, Carol Legenza, Reynaldo Mangila, Mike McCall, Eileen Miller, Gloria Neitzel, Bruce Newberg, Tho Nguyen, Marian Peterson, Hannah Perkins, Chuck Pruter, Lisa Pryor, Lutie Regan, Manzella Rocco, Lynn Schmidt, Cindy Schoeps, Diane Schumacher, Frank Scislowski, Dillon Smith, David Snelson, Larry Sorce, Lee Thomas, John Urquhart, Judy VanHaxleden, Dan Weiler, Carolyn Wisniewski, Sharon Wolf

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please call the parish office at 847-888-1682 if you would like to add or cancel any names on our current prayer sick list. We prayerfully welcome all names.



"The threats to religious freedom are more subtle (in the West); many people don't even perceive them...Whereas in other parts of the world...it's bloody, violent, overt, but in both cases it's a denial of the rights of conscience, it's a denial of the fundamental freedom to relate to one's own God."

-Most Reverend William E. Lori, Chairman

What:

series for young adults directed towards the needs and experiences of young adults. All young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married, Catholic or not, are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Dave Meus at david.meus@gmail.com or 224-623-9755.



Mark your calendars for the next sessions:

Where: St. Mary Church, 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL. 60142

When: Session 2-Friday, July 15 at 7 pm

Presenter is Fr. Kyle Manno and the topic will be "God's Desire" Fr. Kyle will speak about the desires of our heart, and recognizing that God wants to fulfill every single one of them, as well as the true desire of God.

When: Session 3-Friday, July 29 at 7 pm

Presenter is Fr. Keith Romke and the topic will be "What do you seek?" Fr. Romke will discuss "What do you want?", and "What do you seek?". He will propose how to ask the right questions in order to find the answers that will give direction to your life and that will lead to decisions that result in peace and joy.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment. Anointing of the Sick: By appointment.

Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third weekends of the month at 1:00 pm or during the 5:00 pm or

12:00 pm Masses. Parents need to be registered members and should be faithful in attending Mass. Participation in a baptismal preparation class is required. Please call Sharon Hall at the parish office to make an appointment: 847.888.1682 extension 16. Matrimony: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Couples must meet with a priest to set a date and must participate in a marriage preparation program.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the parish office: 847.888.1682.

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE & NEWS



June 26, 2016 Stewardship of Treasure......\$16,976



Prayerfully consider donating to our 2016 Diocesan Stewardship.

http://www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. It is a time to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming weekends on July 29-31 in Madison, WI; Sept. 9-11 in Crystal Lake, IL. or Oct. 21-23 in Brookfield, WI. Early registration is highly recommend. For more information visit the website at alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.

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Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or concerns.

PRAYERS & GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

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SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2016 are invited to a special

Mass celebrated by Bishop Mallov at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on Sunday, August 21st at 2:30 pm. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow.

Are you celebrating a special milestone? The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone 815-399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 5th. Commemorative certificates to

mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

LIFE MATTERS RESPECT Life

Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. She

never has to feel that abortion is an option. People anywhere in the country can find assistance at the following numbers:

WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS MORE!

The Life Center Fox Valley Pregnancy Catholic Charities National Life Center For Post-Abortion Healing **Project Rachel**

847.622.1235 847.697.0200 800.759.7626 800.848.5683 800.593.2273

> 815.387-3379 877.467.3463



Vincentians, in the name of Jesus, strive to comfort, feed, clothe, and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential

preserving dignity. ~ 24 hour answering service 847.628.5170



Donate your car to the Society of Vincent de Paul. The car will be picked up within 24 hours, the tax paperwork will be sent to you, and the donation stays in the community www.svdpusacars.com, or call (800) 322-8284.



If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Thomas More, registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space-OR-call the parish office at 847.888.1682 to request a form. Return your completed registration form via mail or place it in the Sunday collection basket.

FOCUS ON THE WORD& NEWS



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out

laborers for his harvest." Can we be counted among the

laborers? Are we ready and willing to work for the sake

Our faith is more than a personal experience. It's more

than a routine that fits into our weekly schedule. Our

requires a bit of work on our part. In today's Gospel,

faith is meant to be shared with others, even when that

Jesus calls his followers to "Go on your way," to prepare

of our faith, or are we looking for the easy way out?



"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

people for the Lord. And we are called to do the same. We are meant to go on our way-out of our homes, and even out of our churches-to share the good news of the Gospel and to serve those in need.

It can be tempting to think, "I believe, I go to church, isn't that enough?" But Jesus tells us that there is an abundant harvest out there-countless people who may just need to know that Jesus loves them or that someone is willing to help. If we don't step up to the task then those people will miss out on that word of encouragement, that personal invitation to Mass, that act of kindness that might have made all the difference in their life. God may be calling some of us to an even deeper commitment -to be a lay minister in a parish or to discern a religious vocation, for example-but there is no doubt that God is calling all of us to labor for his kingdom in some way.

This mission isn't for someone else. It's for us to carry out the work of the disciples because we are today's disciples. When we accept this mission, we will not only enjoy seeing the benefits that others receive, we will also rejoice with those whose "names are written in heaven."

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY



IN THE Declaration of Independence

PERHAPS THE ONLY PIECE OF PRACTICAL POLITICS THAT IS ALSO great literature. G. K. CHESTERTON

Dear God,

as we celebrate today with fireworks and festivals, help us never to forget the reason for our joy. Help us remember that our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness were signed into our heritage with the willing blood of American patriots. Most of all, help us remember that the rights of all people are more than words on a document, and that all people have rights because you have given us the dignity of human life. Grant freedom to all, and give us the strength to protect the rights of others. Amen.

FOR OUR CHILDREN Sharing the Gospel

Jesus sent out 72 of his followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them - no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!

Prayer

Dear God, help me to remember that you will give me what I need. Something to Draw

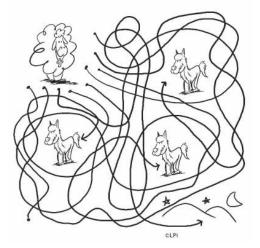
Draw a picture of yourself telling a friend about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"

ຊີຽີ Puzzle

Find the safest way to get to the mountain.







PARISH & COMMUNITY EVENTS

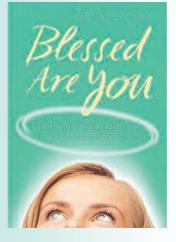


STEP IT UP SHOE DRIVE

The First Baptist Church of Elgin is excited to announce it's 8th Annual

STEP IT UP Shoe Drive. The <u>distribution</u> <u>day will be on July 30th</u>. The purpose is to give children the opportunity to start school with a new pair of tennis shoes that fit! In 2009, 408 pairs of shoes were provided; 2015, 1490 were provided and last year 1,550 pairs of shoes were collected. They are seeking assistance from our parish as the need rises every year.

A collection box is located in our STM Gathering Space. This year's goal is to collect 1,660 pairs of new shoes. New Tennis shoes (size child 10 to adult size 11) are accepted. Any monetary donation is also accepted and will be used to purchase shoes. Checks can be made out to First Baptist Church or online donations at *Ibcelgin.com*. All donations are <u>tax</u> deductible. Call Paul Brotzman at 847-707-6494 with questions.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM WHY NOT?

Ladies, <u>it's not too late</u> to join the Summer Reading Program! There is still time to purchase a book and join a group Books can be purchased at the parish office or online at your favorite on-line book source. Also, please consider hosting a group. Invite friends, family & neighbors to gather and discuss this book. Set your own schedule. This book is an easy read and one you will really enjoy!

If you decide to be a hostess for a group, please send Sharon Hall an email at *shall@stthomasmorechurch.org* or contact her at 847-888-1682. for more information.

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS (FOR POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS, EMT'S, PARAMEDICS AND MILITARY) ALL FAITHS WELCOME



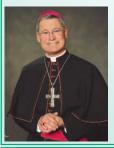


recognition of those who stand in harms way for our Safety and Protection. When: Saturday, August 27, 2016

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill

Assembly #2381 cordially invite you to join us in prayer and

Time: Where: Saturday, August 27, 2016 1:30 pm Mass St. Mary Huntley, 10307 Dundee Rd. Huntley, IL.



Mass Celebrant: The Most Reverend David J. Malloy DD, JCL. S. T. D Bishop of Rockford

<u>RSVP</u> to: Bill Wenzloff at <u>demodude@hotmail.com</u> or call 847-915-9214 or Ken Labuda at <u>kennethlabuda@gmail.com</u> or call 224-856-1017.

There is a hospitality gathering directly after the Mass.

CAMP **WOW** WEEKEND



This past weekend, 186 members of our youth from grade 6 to college level enjoyed a spiritual and memorial weekend at Camp WOW at the Dickson Valley Camp & Retreat Center. Our youth participated in 4 days and 3 nights which included the following churches; St. Thomas More, St. Patrick, St. Gaul, St. Mary, St. Rita, St. Laurence, St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Victory.



CALENDARS & SCHEDULES

FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 4 8:30 am Patrick Walsh -special intention Josefina Bagadiong

Tuesday, July 5 8:30 am Robert Chapski Josefina Antonio

Wednesday, July 6 8:30 am Ruth & Robert Evans

Thursday, July 7

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8:30 am George Gaston Mercedes Rocha -special intention

Friday, July 8

8:30 am Socorro Rocha - special intention Gerie Johnston

Saturday, July 9 5:00 pm Fred Taeyaerts

Virginia Mille	er

Sunday, July 10

8:00 am	Bill Molitor
	Philip Pellicore
10:00 am	Viateur & Emilie Saindon
	Mary Lesniak
12:00 pm	People of St. Thomas More
-	Roberto Manlingit

If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, please call the parish office to schedule the date and time. The contribution for reserving the intention of a Mass is \$10.00.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, July 5 2:00 pm Book Club-Westminster Room

Wednesday, July 6

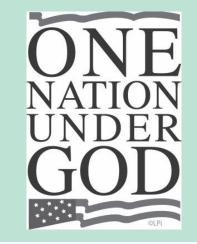
9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
4:00 pm	Benediction-Chapel
4:00 pm	Bible Study
-	-Canterbury Room

Thursday, July 7

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group -Tudor Room

Saturday, July 9

7:00 am Men's Fellowship-Canterbury Room



Readings for the Week of July 3

Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115: 3-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday:	Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 or Ps 19:8-11 Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



WEEKEND: JULY 9/10

Presiders

5:00 pm Father Louis 8:00 am Father Louis 10:00 am Father Rich 12:00 pm Father Rich

Altar Servers

5:00 pmI Burnett, K A Tiu, J von Rohr8:00 amM & L Jackson, J Lococo10:00 amA Meyer, F & G Thompson12:00 pmM Astudillo, C Short, J Utanes

Lectors

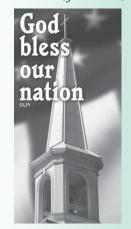
5:00 pm	O Tiu
8:00 am	J Hanschmann, M L Poyer
10:00 am	K Thompson, A Santarromana
12:00 pm	M Joseph

Musicians

5:00 pm	K Davis Flannery, D Malesky,
	J A Aukofer
8:00 am	K Lockard, S Bestler,
	J A Aukofer
10:00 am	J Tendy, C Powers, J A Aukofer
12:00 pm	J Garza, C Olson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm	E Reckamp, M Suire, G McGann, J McCreight,
	C Voris, B Newton, F Celarek
8:00 am	
0.00 411	P Lopatowski, M Beckman,
	L Heuer, J Roder, M Beyer
10:00 am	
	A & S Hall, R Calara, J Radcliffe,
	Z Rodriguez, E Rafael, C Flores
12:00 pm	B Burchill, J Gutierrez, G Stevens







St. Thomas More, Elgin