

October 21, 2018

St. Thomas More Parish

Troy, Michigan

29TH

SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

Ambition of James and John

“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45





A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Our Catholic Sacramentals

I once heard a story about a little girl who visited her grandparents on their farm. In the backyard was a birdbath, and one morning the grandmother observed the girl examining it with a puzzled look on her face. She walked around it, then dipped her finger into the water and made the Sign of the Cross!

It is natural for us to find grace in ordinary things, and I'm sure that God smiled at the child's prayer. Even though the water wasn't blessed, it was good, for water is part of God's creation. And her prayer, the Sign of the Cross, was one of those especially good things we call "**sacramentals.**"

Sacramentals have long been a part of Catholic life, and they still are, as the Second Vatican Council taught in the third chapter of its *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*. Sacramentals are sacred signs that resemble the seven sacraments, but they do not convey Christ's grace in the same way the sacraments do. Instead, they symbolize spiritual effects that come about primarily through the prayer of the Church. In a special way, sacramentals dispose us to receive the grace of the sacraments and sanctify various occasions in human life when we use them with faith and devotion.

When we sign ourselves with holy water, for example, we are reminded of our baptism in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Other important sacramental objects are blessed ashes, bells, candles, crosses, crucifixes, statues and sacred images, medals and scapulars, oils, palms, and rosaries.

Many of the most significant sacramentals of the Church are not objects, but prayers of blessing. These may be found in the revised *Book of Blessings*. It is a real treasury of prayers for all Catholics, and many of the blessings may be given by any baptized Catholic.

The birdbath water that the little girl used to bless herself wasn't officially a sacramental. But water and all created things are gifts of God, made holy by the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

Have a wonderful week and let's pray for one another.

Msgr. Tom Rice



PATHWAYS TO PEACE

By Deacon Christopher Stark

*Awareness...*it's another word for wisdom. We are wise, when we are aware of our mindfulness of what's happening within us, and from outside of ourselves. A role that each of us plays within the context of being members of the Roman Catholic Church – is to help make ourselves 'aware' of the reality of God's love for His creation. God created, and therefore loves the whole cosmos...the planet Earth, and ALL of the Earth's inhabitants. God made all of it...and *He saw that it was good.*

Do we see that it is good? Do we see that all of us – and EVERYONE, by design, are good? Are we aware of the inherent goodness that exists within ourselves and in the entire world around us?

*Frustration...*it's another word for discontent, or anxiety, or... You see...we were made for greatness. Greatness! Not *good-enough*...not mediocrity...GREATNESS! Our greatness is beyond our ability. Our greatness does not come from ANYTHING of our own doing...it does not come as a result of our own achievements or personal satisfaction. Our greatness comes as a result of our Creator's handiwork, and His Son's sanctification of us. We are not the achievers of our greatness...we are the recipients of God's greatness imparted upon us.

"But, I desire to be self-sufficient!" That's impossible for us. That was Lucifer's desire, and look where it got him. We are not created to be self-sufficient. Our gestation period of 9 months, shows us this. The number of years we are physically dependent upon our parents is another example of our inability to be solely self-controlled...self-centered. Try as we do...we are not made to be self-centered. We are made like our Creator, in His divine image and likeness, we are made to be *other-centered*. We are made for love. We are made to love, because God IS love. There exists three divine persons within our one-God. The Father loving the Son – the Son loving the Father; and the love that exists between the Father and the Son IS the Holy Spirit. God IS a community. One God...Three persons.

We come to find peace, when we come to an awareness of what is the root cause of our frustrations. It's not the other political party. It's not the other races or religions that make us discontented. It is rooted in our own self-centeredness. *"I have all of the answers, if only they would listen to me."* *"Why can't they come to see what is so obvious to me?!"*

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK'S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

- Saturday October 20**
 4:30p Jacinta Grooms—Birthday Remembrance
 Barbara McKay—15th Anniversary
 Carol Wrobel—Birthday Celebration
- Sunday October 21**
 7:30a For the People of St. Thomas More
 9:30a Wanda Kaptur—25th Anniversary
 The Mikulski Family
 Jack Noel
 Dr. Peter Wickens
 11:30a Philip and Joan Mannino, 33rd Wedding Anniversary
- Tuesday October 23**
 9:00a JoAnn Brinkman
- Wednesday October 24**
 9:00a Jack Brinkman
- Thursday October 25**
 9:00a Dave & Rosemary Leonard—Special Intention
 Ron Milbauer—12th Anniversary
 Elizabeth Sold—6th Anniversary
- Saturday October 27**
 4:30p Gregg Glowacki—21st Anniversary
 Karen Rybak—1st Anniversary
- Sunday October 28**
 7:30a Ron Milbauer—12th Anniversary
 9:30a Robert Lomax
 11:30a For the People of St. Thomas More

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

The Feast of All Souls is on Friday, November 2. Mass is at 9:00 am. We will remember "All Souls Intentions" during the weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 9:00 am throughout the month of November. If you wish to remember your loved ones at the All Souls Mass and daily Masses, please fill out the blue "All Souls" envelope located at the end of the pews and drop it in the offertory basket or turn it in to the Parish Office. Please make your check payable to St. Thomas More Church.



The names of those who were buried from STM this past year will be read at the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, November 3rd.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Rosanne Bishop | Bob Jermstad |
| Norm Cicone | John Olechowski |
| Chris Crocker | Carol Simmons |
| Fred Drygalski | Helen Walczak |
| Matt Gumbel | |

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:

- † **Bishop Joseph R. Cistone**—Diocese of Saginaw
- † **Nancy Fountas**—mother of Mary Beshara
- † **Jacqueline Fredrickson**—wife of Dave Fredrickson



Nancy Anne Fountas

Died on October 3, 2018
 Buried from St. Thomas More
 On October 16, 2018

*Eternal rest grant unto her
 O Lord and let perpetual light
 shine upon her. Amen.*



*Congratulations to the new member of God's family, who was welcomed into the Catholic Church through the waters of Baptism on **October 14, 2018***

† **Alexander Charles Mackenzie Oag**
Son of Gavin and Katherine (Daulerio) Oag

May God bless and keep this little one safe in His tender love and mercy.



PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

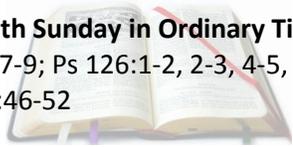


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| Major Matthew Altomari | M1st Class Megan Jamison |
| SSgt. Cory Borders | 1st Lt. Paul F. Kramarz |
| Lt. Andrew Boschert | PFC. Lane Luyckx |
| Major Phil Brule | Lt. Christopher Mitek |
| Sgt. Maj. Patrick Corcoran | OS2 Emily Muhlenbeck |
| Lt. Joel Cortright | LTjg. Bradley Pienta |
| ENS Michael Dwyer | Capt. Nick Pollock |
| Capt. Chip Evans | Sgt. Kyle Stout |
| Spc. Evan K. Fowler | Capt. Ben VanHorrick |
| 2nd Lt. Theresa Corsentino | Spc. Carl Voag |
| SSgt. Daniel F. Jamison | ENS. Adam Weisgerber |

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week of October 21, 2018

Sunday	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
Monday	Saint John Paul II, Pope Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	Saint John of Capistrano, Priest Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday	Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



Eucharistic Ministers are needed for all Masses
Thank you for serving at St. Thomas More Parish

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Thursday, November 1st

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at 9:00am and 7:00pm



Each year during the month of November, the Church invites us to remember our deceased family members and friends in special prayer. As a parish community, we will be remembering those who were buried from St. Thomas More after November 1, 2017 through October 26, 2018.

Their names will be read at the at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, November 3rd.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Friday, November 2nd

Mass at 9:00am



MINISTERS FOR MASS—THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —OCTOBER 27 & 28

MASS TIME	4:30 PM Saturday	7:30 AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
CELEBRANT	Msgr. Tom Rice	Fr. Bob Spezia	Fr. Bob Spezia	Msgr. Tom Rice
DEACON	Michael Stach	Michael Stach	Christopher Stark	Christopher Stark
COMMENTATOR	Cindy Hansen	Jim Schultz	Bridget Kavanaugh	Joan Reddy
LECTOR	Cindy Hansen	Pat Schultz	Keith Knauss	Craig Como
SERVERS	Jake Foley Leo Foley Samantha Foley	Christine Temple	Rory Knauss Miriam Krueger Isela Mulcahy	Reagan Feld Susie Klein Veronica Kuzdowicz
USHERS	Carol Glowacki Jim Hager Dan McKay Cary Sheremet Ernesto Tuazon NOT FILLED	John Gielniak Dan Hayden Tom Hemak Mike Morrison Frank Sikorski Ron Wlosinski	Norm Cicone Jim Duhart Gerry Gostomski George Halter Andy Olson Jim Ward Greg Wise	Zach Azzam Frank Biondo Marvln Olane Mark Parent Richard Schmitz Mike Tauscher
MASS COORD.	Carol Glowacki	Larry Jeziorski	Melinda Prucha	Tom Calnen
RECEPTIONIST	Nancy Frawley	Francie Rose	Jean Dasch	Lynn Eschrich

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

THE WEEK AHEAD

- ◆ **Weekday Masses, 9:00am**
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
(Rosary before Mass)
- ◆ **Monday, October 22**
The MEN of STM, 7p
- ◆ **Tuesday, October 23**
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 6p
RCIA Meeting, 6:30p
Bible Study, 7p
- ◆ **Wednesday, October 24**
STM Blood Drive, 12:00-6:00p
Walking with Purpose, 7p
- ◆ **Thursday, October 25**
Walking with Purpose, 10a
Children's Choir Rehearsal, 6:30p
Choir Rehearsal, 7p
- ◆ **Friday, October 26**
Euchre Party, 7p
- ◆ **Sunday, October 28**
Coffee and Conversation after all Masses
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd—8:15a, 9:30a
Faith Formation Program, 8-11:30a; 6:30-8:30p
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 11:30a
Youth Group Retreat, 5p
Sharing Christ Program, 6:30p



Coffee and Conversation after all Sunday Masses
(Free-will offering is greatly appreciated!)



Conversation with Catholic men...
Join the discussion!

Monday, October 22 @ 7:00pm
Church Conference Room

(Sacristy Hallway as you enter the Sanctuary)

Children's Christmas Choir

Rehearsals are on Thursday's, 6:30 to 7:15pm:
October 25, November 8 and 29
December 6 and 20



Please Contact Josylin Mateus, DRE, at
josylin@stmoffice.com for more information



IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK!

Daylight Saving Time begins on
Sunday, November 4

COMING SOON!!

NOVEMBER 3rd & 4th

NAME TAG SUNDAY
STM MINISTRY FAIR

Green Thumbs Wanted

Have an interest in the environment of the
church and gathering space??

Please see page 9



The Parish Offices will be closing
at 4:00pm on
Wednesday, October 31st



LOVE TO PLAY EUCHRE?? LOVE TO WIN MONEY??

Join us on Friday, October 26
at 7:00pm in Room 2 to play
Euchre with your fellow parishioners.

RSVP to stmhospitality@gmail.com
\$5.00 to play

BEGINNERS WELCOME!!



FAITH FORMATION

FIELD TRIP TO THE SEMINARY- Our 7th and 8th grade attended Vocation Awareness Day on October 10th at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit. Fr. Joe Horn, Director of Vocations, spoke to the boys about being open to the call to the priesthood. A religious sister addressed the girls on her vocation and the joy that she has received in her ministry. Discussion of the merits of priesthood and consecrated life hopefully will create a lasting impression with our students. Hopefully our students will begin to discern a vocation to the religious life, priestly life, married life or single life. We pray, the Holy Spirit will guide our 7th and 8th grader to a vocation that will bring them true happiness.



CANCELLED Trunk and Treat scheduled for October 27th is cancelled due to lack of volunteers.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS
Sunday 8:00am – 11:30am
Monday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Tuesday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Friday and Saturday – Closed

- UPCOMING FIRST COMMUNION EVENTS**
- **Sunday, October 21**—Parent meeting in Room 2 during your child’s class time 8:15 a.m. OR 10:15 a.m.
 - **Sunday, October 28**—Parent and student meeting in Room 2 during your child’s class time 8:15 a.m OR 10:15 a.m.

#STMYG INVITING ALL 9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS
Sunday, October 21: Regular Session (Trivia Night) 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the Social Hall
Sunday, October 28: Retreat 5:00-9:00 p.m in the Social Hall and Church
Contact: stmygroup@gmail.com

#STMYG – Youth Group Retreat

Sunday, October 28, 2018

- **Who:** All high school students are welcome, you do not need to be registered for the Youth Group.
- **Place:** St. Thomas More **Time:** 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$25 per student– pizza, bonfire with s’mores, all material and concludes with Mass at 8 pm with Father Alex Kratz

Note: Your timely response with the registration form will greatly help us with the planning. Sign up through pobrien@catholiccentral.net

Registration Form (Please return registration and money by **October 23**, 2018)

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____
Parent Name: _____ Parent Phone Number: _____
Parent Email: _____
Parent Signature: _____

Your child’s picture may be taken while at the retreat for use in the *St. Thomas More* bulletin, Facebook page or website.

Please make all checks payable to St. Thomas More. Cash payments must be brought to the Faith Formation Office during regular business hours.

For Parish Use: Cash: _____ (non refundable) Check _____ Date Received: _____

CHRISTIAN SERVICE



DONORS NEEDED

to donate Blood on

Wednesday, October 24

12:00-6:00pm in the Social Hall

It's not too late! Please volunteer to be a donor at the STM American Red Cross Blood Drive.

To sign-up to be a Donor:

- Visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code - stthomasmore
- Sign up on the schedule at the Information Counter

RapidPass offers donors a way to complete the pre-reading and donation questions online from the comfort and privacy of your home or office the day of the blood drive, thus reducing the time spent at the blood drive by as much as 15 minutes.

To complete the pre-reading online:

- Please visit www.redcrossblood.org:
- Go to the Light Blue Box on the left hand side that says Access **RapidPass**; click "Start Now" (you may have to scroll down a little bit to see the box)
- Get Started - Answer the questions
- Print the pass or email it to yourself

For more information, or if you have any questions, please call Chris Reynaert at 248-645-2663.

For more information about using the American Red Cross online sign-up process, please contact Bridget McCormick at 313.549.7017 or bridget.mccormick@redcross.org

Thank you for your commitment to saving lives and for making the world a better place!



Cookies and fruit are also needed for our Red Cross Blood Drive donors and working volunteers. Please bring donated cookies or fruit to the Parish Kitchen on Monday, October 22 or Tuesday, October 23. Thank you for your kindness!

St. Vincent de Paul Bike Drive

Members of your Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to pass on a heartfelt "thank you" to all of you who donated bikes during our recent collection. We collected 20 bikes that will be repaired and donated to our neighbors in Pontiac who are in need them for their basic transportation.

Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!



SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, November 11, after all Masses. The St. Vincent de Paul Society and the STM Youth Group have joined forces to host this event. It's an all you can eat pancake feast and don't miss out on the assortment of baked goods!



Giving Thanks With Grocery Gift Cards

Every year at Thanksgiving the parishioners of St. Thomas More generously assist those in need. Last year the grocery gift card program was a huge success so this year the Christian Service Commission decided that we would continue to meet the needs of those we serve, by asking for gift cards in lieu of food donations.

The gift cards should be from Kroger, Meijer, or Hollywood Market. The preferred denomination is \$25. If you wish to give cash or a check, please note on the envelope or on the check that it is a Thanksgiving Basket donation.

Your generosity will assist needy families at Morse Elementary School in Troy, as well as families helped by our own St Vincent de Paul Conference. The collection will begin this weekend and continue through the weekend of November 10/11. Please use the donation box by the Thanksgiving display in the Gathering Area or leave your donation at the Parish Office. For questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued support of those less fortunate in our community.



Halloween is here again!

Sacred Heart Seminary is collecting candy for the Annual Halloween in the Neighborhood Outreach. The seminary holds a Halloween Party on October 31 to evangelize the community and provide a safe and fun 'trick-or-treat' experience for the neighborhood children. If you could donate a bag of candy to help the event it would be greatly appreciated. **Please leave in the Church Gathering Space by October 25th.** Your prayers for the seminarians and the event are also welcome!

Thank you from the Seminarians!

EVANGELIZATION

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

SERVANT DISCIPLES

by John Hannigan

It is remarkable how frankly the Gospels portray the human failings and unfaithfulness of the Apostles. Matthew was a dishonest tax collector when Jesus called him. Peter denied Jesus three times and tried to keep Him from His Passion. In today's Gospel, two of Jesus' closest friends come across as self-serving "corporate climbers." James and John were trying to manoeuvre themselves into high political positions in Christ's kingdom, one to sit at His right, the other at His left (Mark 10:36). Never mind that such positions could never be theirs, when the other Apostles caught wind of it they were indignant (Mark 10:41). Imagine the name-calling and shouted accusations. Imagine James defending himself against charges of disloyalty. Imagine one faction promoting John (as his mother had in Matt 20:20) and another faction supporting Andrew instead. From our perspective, that all seems petty. After all, Jesus was right there with them, at that moment, in that place. Yet out of pride, their focus was not on Jesus but on a much smaller prize.

Sadly, over the last few weeks some of our bishops, successors to the Apostles, are doing the same things, arguing in public about who knew what when regarding sexual abuse and cover-ups. It is hard to keep track of the conflicting personal attacks. We just want the truth and to be free of this scandal. This is why bishops, priests and all Catholics seek an investigation and transparency and accountability.

Ultimately, it is not about Church leaders, either the Apostles in the first century or the clergy today. Jesus teaches His disciples then and now that true disciples must be servants. Leaders must not "lord it over" people or "make their authority over them felt" (Mark 10:42). We need Church leaders who are humble servants, who know that "we have," as today's Letter to the Hebrews says, "a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God" (Heb 4:14). We need our clergy to focus on Jesus and lead us to Him, at this moment, in this place, through the sacraments, their preaching, and their example. We need to focus on Jesus because, as Msgr. Rice reminded me last week, He is the Truth (John 14:6). And Jesus said, "if you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

Comments or questions? UnleashSTM@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 20 & 21

Today, Jesus professes in St. Mark's Gospel, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant. The Book of the Prophet Isaiah and the Letter to the Hebrews also indicate examples of Christ's humility for us to model. In other words, glory in God's Kingdom is not achieved through high status or rank, like the secular world proclaims, but through being a humble servant to all. This includes service to the poor among us. In a spirit of evangelization, expressed through stewardship, we strive to offer our time, talent, and treasure in thanksgiving to God to our parish and other worthy causes. Every parish community is always in need of readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Parish Pastoral Council members, Finance Council members, Evangelization and Stewardship Committee members, and school volunteers, to name a few ways to in which we can serve God through the Church. God graces everyone with at least one unique gift to use to build up the Kingdom that no one else can do. To discover your gifts, attend a Called and Gifted seminar in your area.

A good way to share your gifts is to volunteer at your parish. There are many opportunities for you to engage with our STM community. Attend the Ministry Fair on November 3-4th and see how you can make a difference and share God's graces with others.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year on World Mission Sunday we listened to the gospel account of Jesus reminding His disciples that "*the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.*"

That is what the Lord is asking us today as we reach out to those servant-missionaries who are giving their lives for the spread of the gospel and the support of the "Young Churches" they have established.

Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel" asked us all to become a "Band of Joyful Missionary Disciples." We observe the annual day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions today. We unite ourselves also with our fellow Christians all over the world who with us attempt to share our faith with others, especially those who have not yet heard the name of Jesus. Today offers us the opportunity to join our missionaries in the "*holiest and greatest work of the Church.*"

IN AND AROUND OUR PARISH

Pathways to Peace continued from page 2

“Why don’t they – fill in the blank: Vote like me, pray like me, speak English, like me?! Why don’t they look like me?” We sound like a choir warming up “Me, Me, Me, Me, Me...”

This week...be mindful of those reactions that you have when you see a political ad on TV. Pray for the candidate with whom you disagree with the most. Note how you feel when you see someone salute the flag...or take a knee during the National Anthem. Pray for the person(s) that disagrees with what you would most prefer. Don’t pray – “Lord, change them to be like me!” Rather, make your prayer to be “Lord, help me to see through their eyes.”

We are great. We are called to be great. We are called to love. We love God and our neighbor *BEST*, when we love (take action on behalf of!) those who are the least like ourselves. LOVE the other political party. LOVE the other race, religion, ethnicity...culture. LOVE THE OTHER!!!

This is a pathway to peace. When we love God...and we love one another. Truly love, the other. We’ll know that we’re there...when ‘other’ is erased from our lexicon. When we think, speak, act...and love ‘as one.’ Today, we pray for *the other*...in anticipation of the day, when we are grateful to pray for *us*.

Peace!
Deacon Chris



Priesthood Sunday October 28, 2018

This year, Priesthood Sunday will be on October 28, 2018! Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the central role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. It was designed to be an event led by the laity, but your parish priest can participate by talking about how he experienced and answered his own calling, the need for vocations to keep the priesthood vital, and about priests who have inspired him.

Visit our website for more information on how you can be involved in strengthening the future of our Church in the AOD and our resource page for ideas on ways to promote vocations: www.detroitpriest.com.

Follow us on Facebook: Detroit Priest /Twitter: @DetroitPriest/Instagram: @detroitpriest

Gather them Home

All Souls Day Community Memorial Service November 2nd
The final expression of our faith as Catholics is the blessed and sacred burial in a Catholic Cemetery. It is our opportunity to rest among fellow believers, awaiting the Resurrection to life everlasting. By burying the bodies of the faithful, we confirm our faith in the resurrection of the body - that death is not the end.

Gather Them Home is a no-cost mission of the Archdiocese of Detroit to help those looking for a final resting place for a loved one’s remains they currently have at home or in safe keeping.

There will be three locations for the All Souls Day Community Memorial Services:

- 9:00am Mass at Holy Sepulchre in Southfield
- 11:00am Mass at Our Lady of Cemetery in Bronwstown
- 2:00pm Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery in Monroe

For more information and to register please visit www.gatherthemhome.org.

Green Thumbs Wanted



We are looking for parishioners that have an interest in the environment of the church and gathering space. Volunteers would be involved in decorating for the major holy days of the church (Christmas & Easter) and also keeping the church decorated on a weekly basis. Time would also involve weekly watering of plants and making sure there are fresh plants when necessary. The goal is to set a schedule for volunteers so no one is overtaxed. The more volunteers, the less any one person would be called on. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Lois Sokolowski at 248-647-2222 or email lois@stmoffice.com.

Visit Aquinas College



Aquinas College in Grand Rapids is hosting two AQDays for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting our beautiful 117-acre campus. You’re invited to come and discover what life at AQ is all about. Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more.

Friday, November 2: STEM & Health Sciences AQDay
Friday, November 9: General AQDay (open to all academic majors). Please visit aquinas.edu/aqday for more details or to register.

St. Thomas More Parish Directory

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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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