

May 26, 2019

St. Thomas More Parish

Troy, Michigan

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF  
*Easter*



The Last Supper  
by Benjamin West, 1786

“Whoever loves me will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him, and we will  
come to him and make our dwelling with him.”

John 14:23



## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### LITANY OF MARY OF NAZARETH

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, mother of the Lord Jesus. As Catholics we have a special place for her in our hearts and prayers. The following Litany is a beautiful expression of her special role.

Glory to you, God our Creator....  
Breath into us new life, new meaning.  
Glory to you, God our Savior....  
Lead us in the way of peace and justice.  
Glory to you, healing Spirit....  
Transform us to empower others.

Mary, wellspring of peace....**Be our guide**  
Model of strength...Model of gentleness...Model of trust  
Model of courage...Model of patience...Model of risk  
Model of openness...Model of perseverance

Mother of the liberator....**Pray for us**  
Mother of the homeless...Mother of the dying  
Mother of the nonviolent...Widowed mother  
Unwed mother...Mother of a political prisoner  
Mother of the condemned  
Mother of the executed criminal

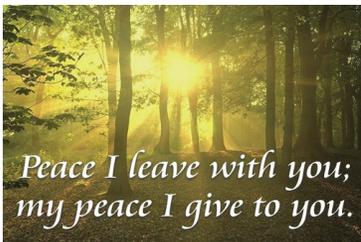
Oppressed woman....**Lead us to life**  
Liberator of the oppressed...Marginalized woman  
Comforter of the afflicted...Cause of our joy  
Sign of contradiction...Breaker of bondage  
Political refugee...Seeker of sanctuary...First disciple  
Sharer in Christ's passion...Seeker of God's will  
Witness to Christ's resurrection

Woman of mercy....**Empower us**  
Woman of faith...Woman of contemplation  
Woman of vision...Woman of wisdom and understanding  
Woman of grace and truth...Woman, pregnant with hope  
Woman, centered in God

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

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

Msgr. Tom Rice



## PATHWAYS TO PEACE

BY DEACON CHRISTOPHER STARK

When I was a boy...I had dreams of glory...glory on the gridiron...glory in outer-space...and glory on the battlefield. The books that I read and the shows that I watched all had something to do with heroic champions – winning the big game, vanquishing the enemy...and *boldly going where no one had gone before...*

Then, as a teenager and college student – I dreamt of being politically active. Saving the US from communism, and outwitting my political adversaries. I wanted to take on the world...and I wanted everyone to see things how I saw them... The question that perplexed me – all of the time – was, “*why can't people just simply see with the same clarity as me of all that is right and wrong with the world – and the obvious fixes necessary to make things right?!*”

How naïve. It's almost cute...if it weren't that it's so pathetic.

I'm still attracted to heroic glory. I get a lump in my throat when Vets march by with the flag during my hometown's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. I'm obsessed with watching my son and his teammates play football at Hope College. And...I love hearing the news that we're working to get back to the moon again in my lifetime. I was just 4 years-old when Neil Armstrong first stepped out onto the moon... I hope to see it happen again as an adult.

What's changed? Well, at least in the stream of consciousness that runs through my brain...and in my heart...I believe that I'm making the turn toward it “*no longer being about me.*” It's not about MY heroism...or MY glory. My sense of conversion is never going to be complete...I'm off on a journey, not toward any particular destination... because I'm in a constant state of change. I'm hoping to continue becoming the man that I was created to become. To be. Not to my own personal satisfaction...or to my own glory...but as a reflection of the love that I've been so freely given by my Creator. What I'm trying to outline here...is an example of my own, personal, pathway to peace.

You see, you're on a journey, too. You have been created to be just who you are. The same Creator of the universe... the Creator of every star in the heavens, of every grain of sand on all of the beaches, on ALL of the planets in the cosmos...created you. God created YOU, to be you – just as He had hoped that YOU would become.

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# PRAYERS IN OUR PARISH

## THIS WEEK'S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

- Saturday**    **May 25**  
4:30p          Donna Boccia
- Sunday**     **May 26**  
7:30a          Leonard J. Hall—4th Anniversary  
9:30a          In Honor and Remembrance of those who  
                    have died in Service of the United States  
                    of America  
  
11:30a         Joanne Elizabeth Christie  
                    Leonardo Fermin—1 Month
- Tuesday**    **May 28**  
9:00a          Connie McEwan
- Wednesday** **May 29**  
9:00a          For the Lonely and Forgotten
- Thursday**    **May 30**  
9:00a          Fred Burger, brother of Betsy Look
- Saturday**    **June 1**  
4:30p          For the People of St. Thomas More
- Sunday**      **June 2**  
7:30a          Carol Black—Special Intention  
                    Lynn Bonney—Special Intention  
                    Beth Miral—Special Intention  
                    The Reason Family—Special Intention  
  
9:30a          For the Poor and the Homeless  
11:30a         Joanne Elizabeth Christie

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

- |                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Rosanne Bishop  | Dennis Sheridan    |
| Jerry Calkins   | Carol Simmons      |
| Chris Crocker   | Kathleen Vuylsteke |
| Mary Ann DeWitt | Helen Walczak      |
| Elaine Rosen    |                    |

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:*

- † **Gwen Cartier**—sister of Gary Nystrom
- † **Fr. Bernard L. Pilarski**

*"Blessed are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them."*



**Banns of Marriage**

### ***Kacey Eaton and Ronald Skala—2nd***

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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God" everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us; God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. 1JN 4:7-10



## PRAY FOR THE MILITARY



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

## PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

*O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on Your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country.*

*Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of Your Son they may share in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in You with Your saints forever.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



# WORSHIP

## Readings for the Week of May 26, 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</b> Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 <b>Or Easter Weekday</b> Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr</b> Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday The Ascension of the Lord</b> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53



### DO YOU SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE?

**We are looking to use foreign languages on Pentecost June 9 at all Masses**



If you have a foreign language that you could read for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading: *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-1*, **WE NEED YOU!**

Please contact Brian Foos at [bjfoos@gmail.com](mailto:bjfoos@gmail.com), or at the parish office: 248-647-2222.

**Thank you!**

### Prayer for Selection of Parish Council Members

*O God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to guide our parish in the selection of members for our Parish Council. Bless us with people who hear the wisdom of your spirit and the needs of your people. Continue to bless our parish with joy and faith as we live out our call to Follow your Son, Jesus. Amen*



### MINISTERS FOR MASS—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD — JUNE 1 & 2

MASS TIME	4:30 PM Saturday	7:30 AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
<b>CELEBRANT DEACON</b>	Msgr. Tom Rice Michael Stach	Fr. Joseph Grimaldi Michael Stach	Msgr. Tom Rice Chris Stark	Fr. Bob Spezia Chris Stark
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Phil Kotwick	Joe Widina	John Hannigan	Chris Mann
<b>LECTOR</b>	Emma Kotwick	Brett Houpt	Katherine Mikulski	Sue Kator
<b>SERVERS</b>	Alessandra Lee Marcus Lee Amy Surowiec	Randy Skala	Rory Knauss Hudson Mclaine Noah Tanguay	Miriam Krueger Veronica Kuzdowicz
<b>USHERS</b>	Carol Glowacki Jim Hager Don McKay Cary Sheremet Ernesto Tuazon	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 Marv Olane Mark Parent Richard Schmitz Mike Tauscher
<b>MASS COORD.</b>	Carol Glowacki	Larry Jeziorski	Melinda Prucha	Tom Calnen
<b>RECEPTIONIST</b>	Margery Bruce	Mary Jo Luyckx	Joann Harrison	Donna Egerer

# IN OUR PARISH

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Weekday Masses

Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9a

◆ **Monday, May 27—Memorial Day**

Parish Offices Closed

◆ **Wednesday, May 29**

Grief Support, 6:30p

◆ **Thursday, May 30**

Bell Choir Rehearsal, 10a

Choir Rehearsal, 7p

◆ **Friday, May 31**

Wedding Rehearsal, 5p

Euchre Party, 7p

◆ **Saturday, June 1**

Wedding Ceremony, 2p

Funeral and Planned Giving Seminar, 5:30p

◆ **Sunday, June 2**

Baccalaureate Mass and Reception, 11:30a

Altar Server Meeting, 12:30p

New Eucharistic Minister Training, 12:30p



Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

### MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 27

**(Parish Offices are Closed)**

*Enjoy a safe and glorious day of Remembrance*

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



Join us on Friday, May 31  
at 7:00pm in Room 2 to play  
Euchre with your fellow parishioners

**RSVP to [stmhospitality@gmail.com](mailto:stmhospitality@gmail.com)**

**\$5.00 to play**

**BEGINNERS WELCOME!!**

Coffee  
Time



### FIRST TUESDAY COFFEE JUNE 4

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

### Catholic Services Appeal Chance to Win \$100 Target Gift Card

Chance to win \$100 Target Gift Card if you make your  
pledge **ONLINE** by June 1st at:

<http://stmtroy.aodcsa.org>.

### St. Vincent de Paul First of the Month Collection June 1 & 2



*Thank you for your generosity and  
support in helping those in need!*

## the men of

SAINT THOMAS MORE



Conversation with Catholic men...  
Join the discussion!

**Monday, June 3 @ 7:00pm**  
**Church Conference Room**

(Sacristy Hallway as you enter the Sanctuary)



### Coffee & Conversation

Coffee and Conversation will continue through the summer  
thanks to St. Thomas More's St. Vincent de Paul  
Organization. The members have graciously taken on the  
task of providing delicious treats and coffee after Sunday  
Masses during June, July, and August. Thank you SVdP  
members for continuing this ministry, and thank you to the  
members of the Hospitality Committee for your work  
this past year – enjoy the break!

# FAITH FORMATION

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION– MAY 22, 2019 Congratulations to our students on this special occasion!

Alexander Basile  
 Emma Bastien  
 Natalie Bjelica  
 Elizabeth Bultynck  
 Marissa Cacanindin  
 Isabella Cook  
 Sally Craig  
 Carter Cusmano  
 Alyssa Darovitz  
 Isaac Dawkins  
 Sophia Dawkins  
 Alex Fleming  
 Mary Germilhac



Natalie Haras  
 Nevill Hargrave-Thomas  
 Max Hayden  
 Lucy Hockman  
 Abraham Kallivayalil  
 Ryan King  
 Marcus Lee  
 Riley Lennon  
 Ava Lillie  
 Avery Lynch  
 Clare Majewski  
 Matthew Matuza  
 Kyra McIntyre

Anna McManus  
 Andrew Nahat  
 Rose O’Loughlin  
 Will Paroly  
 Isabella Romero-Perez  
 Elaina Rondeau  
 Jonathan Rozek  
 Cameron Sims  
 Alexander Smith  
 Abigail Taylor  
 Ava Volpe  
 Jennifer Wojcik  
 Steven Wyniemko

**Please keep the students in your prayers.**

Thank you to our cookie bakers, volunteers and everyone who helped make this day special.



## 2019 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES

High School and College Graduates and their families are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Mass and Reception to honor our graduates at the

**11:30 am Mass  
on Sunday, June 2nd**

**RSVP Please! Drop off or mail this form along with a wallet-size picture no later than May 28**

Graduate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School graduating from: \_\_\_\_\_

School destination in the fall or other plans: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate will attend Mass

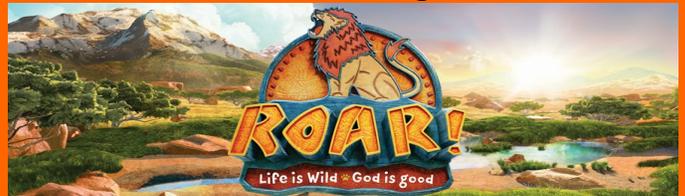
Total number of people attending reception

Drop off or Mail to:  
St. Thomas More Faith Formation Office  
4580 Adams Rd Troy, MI 48098  
or email [angela@stmoffice.com](mailto:angela@stmoffice.com)

### GOT LIFE QUESTIONS?

Ever stop and think, “There has to be more to life than chasing my ‘to do’ list.” Well, there is. Bring your questions, and discover how Jesus has a plan for each one of us individually that leads to the fullness of a life well lived. Or do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a different faith tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation and/or Communion? Call Josylin Mateus for more information at 248-647-4680 or email at [josylin@stmoffice.com](mailto:josylin@stmoffice.com).

### Vacation Bible School (VBS) SAVE THE DATE: August 5-9, 2019



*Grateful  
thankful  
blessed*

On May 26 it will be one month that my dad has passed away. I am touched by all the kind words, prayers, cards, and Masses extended to my family and me from the parishioners of St. Thomas More. They have truly helped us in this difficult time.

I am ever grateful and feel very blessed to be a part of such a caring community. Please say a prayer for my mom, as she struggles with losing her best friend. They would have been married for sixty years this December 30th.

Yours in Christ, Josylin Fermin Mateus

# IN OUR PARISH



**St. Thomas More Blood Drive**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
 to donate Blood on  
**Wednesday, June 12**  
**12:00 – 6 pm in the Social Hall**

*Together, we can save a life.....* 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code - stthomasmore or
- 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](http://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](mailto:bridget.mccormick@redcross.org)

Cookies and fruit are also needed for the Red Cross Blood Drive donors and working volunteers. Please bring donated cookies or fruit to the Parish Kitchen on Tuesday, June 11 or Wednesday, June 12. Thank you.



**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.*

**STM BULLETIN**

Due to an early deadline for this weeks bulletin, the Mass Intentions and names requested to be on our Prayer Lists which were received after Thursday, May 16th, were unable to be published in today's bulletin.

The CSA Update will be in next weeks bulletin, June 2nd.



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

During the summer months from **June 7th through August 30th**, the offices at St. Thomas More will be closing on Fridays to save on expenses throughout the summer.

The Parish and Faith Formation office hours will be **Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm.** (The office is closed 12:30-1:00p for lunch.)



**SERVING CHRIST THROUGH SERVICE  
 TO ST. THOMAS MORE**  
**Parish Council Open Positions**

St. Thomas More Parish is in need of 2 new members for the Parish Council. Term of service is 3 years. Parish Council is the primary consultative body to the parish pastor, working directly with him in the area of pastoral planning. To be considered for Parish Council you should be an active, practicing Catholic and parish member at least 16 years old.

Please take time to pray for those considering an active role in the parish and for yourself, to have an openness to service.

If you are interested in serving in the capacity of Parish Council Member, please complete a nomination slip available on the counter in the Gathering Space and drop in Parish Council Nomination box. New members will be drawn on Pentecost Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Mass. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

Please consider serving the parish in this very important ministry.

## EVANGELIZATION

### UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

#### Sundays: For the Lord and for Families

by John Hannigan

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, Archbishop Vigneron released a Pastoral Note, *The Day of the Lord*, expanding on *Unleash the Gospel*. (The Note is posted on the STM website.) He reminds us that “one of the clearest calls from Synod 16 was for our Church to **reclaim Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord, for family and for works of mercy.**” He asks us, as a parish, as families, and as individuals, to be “committed to setting aside this day as much as possible for God-centered pursuits.” Sunday is not just another day. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter. Sunday is first **a day for worship** as a community, “done most perfectly in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.” Of course we are obligated to attend Sunday Mass or its Saturday vigil. But our duty to keep Sunday holy goes beyond sharing the Eucharist, “the heart of Sunday.”

Sunday is **a day for rest** from work. Of course, some of us are obligated to work but, as much as possible, we are called to imitate God who also rested from His labors. Sundays are a gift made *for* us (Luke 2:27). The Note reminds us to “put aside the worldly pursuits which ... [can] too often become a distraction from what is ultimately important.” Sunday is **a day for leisure** “to be intentionally interrupted from our earthly work to call to mind the ... things of heaven.”

Yes, for some working in the yard or garden can be a leisurely time to reflect on God’s Creation, but mowing the lawn can give the impression to others that it is just another workday. Spending time with friends and family over Sunday dinner, or some other activity that raises your mind to God’s truth and the beauty of creation can refresh our souls.

The secular culture is organized as if Sunday is just another day. We, too, may fail to regard Sunday as unique. We are pressured to fill Sunday with work. Organized sports for our children regularly schedule practice and games on Sundays. It takes special effort to be countercultural, but that is exactly what *Unleash the Gospel* asks us to do as witnesses for Christ.

In *The Day of the Lord*, Vigneron declares “one particular way we are committed to this ‘strikingly countercultural way of living’” is to “cease sporting events on Sunday.” All AOD grade school and high school “competitive athletic programs ... are called to no longer play games or conduct practices on the Lord’s Day.” That includes games played against non-Catholic schools. Imagine. This can start a change in the wider culture if Catholic and other Christian families reject Sundays as ordinary and refuse to have public athletic activities on the Lord’s Day.

## STEWARDSHIP

### TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

#### Stewardship Reflection

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Preplanning...*

*The Most Important Thing  
You Can Do For Your Family.*

#### Don't be caught Dead.....Plan Ahead

We have a very worthwhile presentation planned for June 1<sup>st</sup> after the Saturday mass. A light dinner will be served then we will have speakers talking about what you can do to preplan your wishes. There are several topics that will be discussed including:

1. Planned Giving options, Charitable Foundations – Mark Steinberg, CFP, CRPC
2. Legal Documentation you need – Daniel Shirey (a parishioner)
3. What is a Catholic funeral? – Deacon Michael Stach
4. Cemetery Planning – Someone from the AOD
5. Funeral Home Planning – Desmond/Lynch

I remember when my Mom passed a few years ago and my sisters and I had to make all the arrangements. It sure would have been nice to know what my Mom specifically wanted beforehand. This presentation will give you an idea of the things you can do to preplan your wishes so that your family doesn’t have to guess at what you would have liked.

This event is co-sponsored by the South Oakland Vicariate.  
Diane Claeys, Stewardship Commission

#### Do You Have a Few Hours?

Do you have some extra hours on Monday morning that you could donate to help those in need? The St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Organization is in need of someone to pick up donated food from Whole Foods on Maple Road and deliver to Lighthouse of Oakland County in Pontiac. If a few people would volunteer, this wouldn’t be an every week commitment.

St. Vincent de Paul is also looking for new members. The role of a member is to work with those in need that contact the organization for assistance. For more information on the role of a St. Vincent de Paul member, please contact Caroline Dunleavy at 248-641-5185.

*Christian Service Stewardship*

## IN AND AROUND OUR PARISH

### ***Pathways to Peace continued from page 2***

You and me...we have a destiny. Not to remain 'satisfied' and stagnant throughout life...but to continue to reach, to stretch, to move in a direction that draws us closer to God... and to one another.

The dreams of glory that I have are no longer pre-occupied with battlefields, space-ships, or football games. They're dreams of having a strong and loving marriage. Of caring for the sick, homebound, and homeless. Welcoming the stranger, and encouraging our youth to come to know and love the same God who created, knows and loves them. They are dreams of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to this community – and allowing our community to be a beacon of hope and a witness of love to a world that is self-absorbed with aspirations of personal power, and glory.

Finally, this Memorial Day weekend...let's pay our respects to those who've sacrificed so much, so that we may have the freedom to dream dreams. Let's honor our men and women in uniform who have died in the service of freedom - by resolving ourselves to act on behalf of the common good, and the dignity of the human person. May our children not have to go off and fight any more wars; may our children no longer have to fear death in the womb; and may our children be able to go to safe schools, places of work, and live in neighborhoods, where they no longer have to fear gun violence.

Peace!

Dcn. Chris

### **The Day of the Lord: An *Unleash the Gospel* Pastoral Note from Archbishop Vigneron**

In his latest pastoral note to the faithful, entitled *The Day of the Lord*, Archbishop Vigneron encourages the faithful to "reclaim Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord, the family and for works of mercy" in recognition of Christ's resurrection, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost Sunday and the first "rest" of God after the work of creation.

In the pastoral note, Archbishop Vigneron also announced a new policy to cease youth sporting activities on Sundays. This re-commitment to honoring Sunday is rooted in Synod 16 when the faithful of the archdiocese expressed their desire to rededicate Sunday to worship, rest and family time.

To read this and earlier pastoral notes, visit [unleashthegospel.org/resources](http://unleashthegospel.org/resources).



### **CAMP SANCTA MARIA**

Camp Sancta Maria is honored to have a role in the process of forming young Christian lives.

At Camp Sancta Maria, your son will experience 1 – 2 weeks full of fun, personal growth and spiritual development in a technology free zone. Their time at camp is filled with activities for everyone: horseback riding, swimming, ropes course, sports, arts and crafts and more.

But most importantly, their time at CSM balances out the physical activities with a strong spiritual environment, with campers attending daily Mass, praying the angelus and having quiet time to reflect on their relationship with Christ.

To learn more about Camp Sancta Maria or to register, visit [CampSanctaMaria.aod.org](http://CampSanctaMaria.aod.org).



### **Geraniums for Pentecost**

In the Catholic Church red is the liturgical color for Pentecost, the altar cloth and priest's vestment will be red for the day. As depicted in Acts 2:33-36, red symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit as he descends upon the Apostles.

We would like to have red flowers on the altar and in the gathering space again this year to enhance the worship environment and make visible the joy of the Holy Spirit. Please consider making a donation of geraniums. The pots can be any size, single geraniums to bigger pots- preferably in pots that can be planted. Bring to church during the week before Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> or to Mass on Saturday and Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. People will be present to assist in placing the plants.

If you are available on **THURSDAY, June 13**, join us at 6:00pm at the parish to plant the geraniums – your donation will be part of the summer landscaping! Many hands will make light work of planting the flowers in specific areas around the parish grounds. There will also be a light dinner (hot dogs & chips) served for volunteers. Hope you can join us for planting. Let the parish office know if you will attend so we have an approximate count for dinner. If inclement weather Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> we will plant on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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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