

July 7, 2019

St. Thomas More Parish

Troy, Michigan



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."

— Luke 10:2



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

PARISH COUNCIL

I would like to recognize with deepest gratitude, *Mr. John DiClemente*, who is retiring from the Parish Council. Your dedication and diligence in service and care to our Parish is greatly appreciated. A sincere and heartfelt **“Thank You.”**

On Pentecost Sunday, two parishioners, *Mr. Robert Shannon and Mr. Peter Webster* were selected to fill the vacancies on the Parish Council. They will begin their service in the Fall. **Congratulations** to them and may God bless them for their willingness to serve on STM’s Parish Council.

THANKS TO OUR CHOIR

Two Sunday’s ago, the Choir sang at the 11:30 am Mass for the last time until they resume again in the Fall. I want to publicly thank them for the outstanding job they have done this year. I know they see their sharing of the gift of music and song as a special ministry to their fellow parishioners. The Choir, under the direction of Brian Foos, has added much to the worship of this community. Their consistently excellent musical leadership during the year helped make services in our parish truly spiritually uplifting. I know I speak for the whole parish when I say: Congratulations Choir, enjoy a rest, but come back and keep up the good work!

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

It’s so easy to take for granted the gift of life that God so generously gives us. In a classic column, Ann Landers printed something that made a lot of sense.

“Every morning you are handed 24 golden hours. They are one of the few things in this world that you get free of charge. If you had all the money in the world, you couldn’t buy an extra hour. What will you do with this priceless treasure? Remember, you must use it, as it is given only once. Once wasted you cannot get it back.”

Makes you think that as summer is now here, we should take even better care of these special days, and of all the irreplaceable days of our lives.

Have a wonderful week and lets remember each other in prayer.

Msgr. Tom Rice

PATHWAYS TO PEACE

BY DEACON CHRISTOPHER STARK

243 years ago...*in the blink of an eye* in comparison to the history of the ages...a brave band of colonists over here in the *new world* – managed to muster up the courage to say, *‘enough.’* No more *law of the ruler*; instead – they chose to establish a radically new form of government led by the previously unheard of concept... *the rule of law*. *The rule of law* is a rather messy and inefficient affair because it requires the consent of the governed...which is about as simple as trying to herd cats! This controversial and ingenious political experiment that we call representative democracy is also a messy business because, by its very nature... it’s competitive. Competing ideologies and competing principles. The added twist that was thrown into the mix of this new form of government...was that while the majority of opinion rules...the minority is not vanquished. Those losing the debate...still have a say. It’s not a *winner-takes-all* proposition. To be an effective form of government – *compromise* is necessary. The result of this experiment – this revolution in thought and in deed – is that the United States has become the model by which most Western-style governments measure themselves. Its net effect– when properly administered – is to elevate the dignity of the human person, and to provide for the common good. Principles that are highly favored and in communion with our Catholic social teaching and identity.

Last Thursday, July 4th – our whole Country paused, and paid tribute to our *Founding Fathers*, and all of those who have worked to bring about *a more perfect union* among these United States.

Are we perfect, yet? Nope. Will we ever be? Nope. Does that mean we should just settle and be satisfied? NOPE!

It is our civic and Christian duty to continue to strive to form a more perfect union. A more perfect union in our individual and collective relationship with our God...and a more perfect union in our individual and civil relationships with one another...our fellow human beings. Our form of government will never be perfect...but it is the best. It’s ingenious, really, when you consider the checks and balances that have been put into place – in order to necessitate cooperation and collaboration. In this country – might does NOT make right... Ideas, integrity...and yes, the rule of law wins.

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PRAYERS IN OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK'S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

- Saturday July 6**
4:30p Ann Henning
Sally Anna Ottenhoff, Birthday Remembrance
- Sunday July 7**
7:30a Michael Dosta and Family
Gina Regan, Birthday Remembrance
- 9:30a Mary Ann DeWitt
Ann Henning—6 Month
Kathleen Vuylsteke—Special Intention
- 11:30a For the People of St. Thomas More
- Tuesday July 9**
9:00a For the Poor and the Homeless
- Wednesday July 10**
9:00a Julia Dopierala—Birthday Remembrance
- Thursday July 11**
9:00a For the People of St. Thomas More
- Saturday July 13**
4:30p Jim McCown
- Sunday July 14**
7:30a For the People of St. Thomas More
- 9:30a Mary Ann DeWitt
- 11:30a Julia Dopierala—19th Anniversary

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Rosanne Bishop | Elaine Rosen |
| Emily Calkins | Florence Sebesta |
| Chris Crocker | Carol Simmons |
| Hayley Hagedorn | Kathleen Vuylsteke |
| Sharon Harte | Helen Walczak |
| Earl Knauss | |

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:

- † Jean Rusing
† Deacon Lawrence Sullivan



The St. Thomas More Intercessory Prayer Service is
Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00 pm.

Please join us to pray for intentions submitted by our
parish members and for your own personal intentions.

24 Hour Prayer Line

The Nuns of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament have initiated a 24 Hour Prayer Line. The Sisters are attentive to begin the requested prayers promptly.

You can reach the Prayer Line at 248-626-8253 or email opnunsfh@sbcglobal.net



PRAY FOR THE MILITARY



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| 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 | |

Readings for the Week of July 7, 2019

- Sunday Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or Lk 10:1-9
- Monday**
Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab;
Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**
Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15;
Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday**
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3,
10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot**
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday**
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday Saint Henry**
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7;
Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36,
37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20;
Lk 10:25-37

WORSHIP

Questions about Funerals



What are the funeral rites?

The Order of Christian Funerals (OCF) consists of a number of rituals, divided into three key times of prayer for families. **The Vigil for the Deceased** is the official prayer of the Church and should never be omitted. Taking the form of a Liturgy of the Word, the Vigil consists of scripture readings, a brief homily (or a reflection if led by a lay minister), intercessions and prayers. Its focus is on the Word of God as the family experiences death and their subsequent grief. Music is also encouraged to be a part of this prayer, which can be led by various parish bereavement ministers besides the priest or deacon. The Vigil is also an appropriate place for family and friends to offer their own words or stories (eulogy). Additional non-biblical readings or poems may be included in addition to the readings from scripture. Favorite non-liturgical music may also be played. While the Rosary is still a popular devotion, it is not a part of nor is it meant to replace the Vigil. It may be prayed by the family at any time during the visitation hours.

The center of the OCF is The Funeral Liturgy. “At the funeral liturgy the community gathers with the family and friends of the deceased to give praise and thanks to God for Christ’s

victory over sin and death, to commend the deceased to God’s tender mercy and compassion, and to seek strength in the proclamation of the paschal mystery.” (OCF 129) The clear focus in the funeral liturgy is not to keep alive the memory of the deceased but rather God’s abiding presence and the wonders of his grace in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus, in which we participate through our baptism and lives of discipleship. Perhaps more than any other rite, this liturgy distinguishes our Roman Catholic tradition from other common funeral practices. The first form of the funeral liturgy is “The Funeral Mass.” It begins recalling our baptism, when we first shared Christ’s victory over sin and death, as the casket is blessed with holy water and clothed with a white garment (the pall) and then placed by the Easter Candle near the altar. As we celebrate the Word of God as at every Mass, the homily follows. The homily “should dwell on God’s compassionate love and on the paschal mystery of the Lord, as proclaimed in the Scripture readings. The homilist should also help the members of the assembly to understand that the mystery of God’s love and the mystery of Jesus’ victorious death and resurrection were present in the life and death of the deceased” and in our present lives as well. (OCF 27) Hence the homily is never to be a eulogy. Mass continues in the usual way until after communion, when the prayers of Final Commendation and Farewell concludes the Mass, followed by the procession to the place of burial.

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MINISTERS FOR MASS—FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— JULY 13 & 14

| MASS TIME | 4:30 PM Saturday | 7:30 AM Sunday | 9:30 AM Sunday | 11:30 AM Sunday |
|---------------------|---|--|--|---|
| CELEBRANT | Msgr. Tom Rice | Fr. Joseph Grimaldi | Msgr. Tom Rice | Fr. Bob Spezia |
| DEACON | Michael Stach | Michael Stach | Chris Stark | Chris Stark |
| COMMENTATOR | Phil Kotwick | NOT FILLED | Joan Reddy | Barbara Lepri |
| LECTOR | Emma Kotwick | Chuck Moss | Barbara Lepri | Cindy Hansen |
| SERVERS | Susan Klein Marcus Lee | Jim Schultz Pat Schultz | Miriam Krueger Isela Mulcahy | Veronica Kuzdowicz Lucie Rosati |
| USHERS | 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 |
| MASS COORD. | Carol Glowacki | Larry Jeziorski | Melinda Prucha | Tom Calnen |
| RECEPTIONIST | Anne McAtee | Mary Jo Luyckx | Nancy White | Judith Parrott |

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekday Masses

Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9a
Rosary before Mass



- ◆ **Tuesday, July 9**
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 6p
Theology of the Body, 7p
- ◆ **Wednesday, July 10**
Baptism Class, 6:30p
- ◆ **Sunday, July 14**
Coffee and Conversation after all Masses
Baptism Ceremony, 12:30p



After all Sunday Masses

Stop in the Social Hall and enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with your fellow parishioners.
(Free will donations are greatly appreciated!)

THE FIRST OF THE MONTH COLLECTION St. Vincent de Paul—July 6 & 7

We are asking for *especially needed* items. Some suggestions include—Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towel, cleaning supplies, bath soap, deodorant, dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. These items are not covered in the Bridge Card programs that many of the needy have to purchase



Thank you for your generosity!



Conversation with Catholic men...
Join the discussion!

Monday, July 15 @ 7:00pm
Church Conference Room

(Sacristy Hallway as you enter the Sanctuary)



The STM Book Club selection for July is, *The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town* by John Grisham. This is Grisham's only non-fiction book. As the title indicates, it is the story of murder, trial, imprisonment, and exoneration in 1980s Oklahoma.

Please join us Tuesday, 7/16 at 10 AM in Room 2 for the discussion.

Grief Support

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE
Wednesday evenings, 6:30PM - 8PM
JULY 17 through AUGUST 21

"The greatest loss we can experience in life is the death of a loved. And grief is a natural, necessary response to death.

This month, we will begin a new six week grief support group here at St. Thomas More. If you have experienced the loss of a loved one through death, you are invited to register on our parish website at www.stthomasmoretroy.org or by completing the form on the Information Counter in the Gathering Area.

Join others from our faith community and learn how to grieve with great hope.

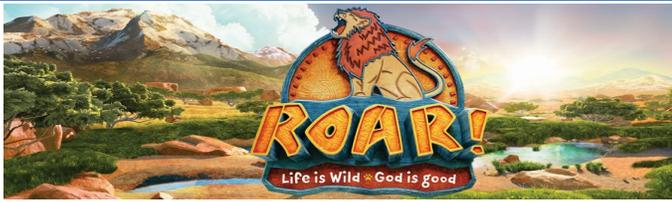


ST. THOMAS MORE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 5-9th 9:00 A.M. to Noon
For children entering Kindergarten to 5th grade

*For more information, please see page 6,
Faith Formation*

FAITH FORMATION

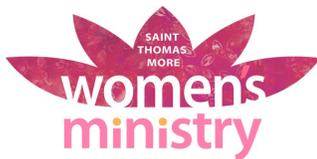


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Registration is now open! You may register **online** this year at <https://stthomasmoretroy.org/education-1>. Also registration forms are available on the information counter in the gathering space, in the Faith Formation Office or online. Completed forms may be sent in, dropped off at the Faith Formation office, or given to the Sunday Receptionist.



Please join us for our upcoming events

Summer Women's Ministry Breakfast Social

Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 8:30 AM

Kerby's Koney Island
5407 Crooks Rd, Troy

This is open to all women who want to have a connection this summer. You are welcome to join us at the last minute but it would help with planning if you could RSVP. If you are planning on attending please contact our event organizer, Laura Gabriel at z1080zee@yahoo.com.



2nd Annual Ladies Night Out Summer Luau Party

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

6:30-8:30 PM

St. Thomas More Social Hall

St. Thomas More Women's Ministry invites you to join us on the patio for an evening of fun, food and drink with a tropical theme. If you had fun last year, come again and bring a friend. If you didn't come last year, don't miss out! There is no charge for this event, but a free will offering is appreciated to help fund future events. RSVP forms are available on the gathering space counter or email angela@stmoffice.com.

Ministers Needed



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is offered here because of wonderful volunteers. During CLW, young children leave the sanctuary during the Liturgy of the Word to hear the scripture readings proclaimed and explained at an age-appropriate level. Children hear the same Mass readings as adults – but in simpler terms that are easier to grasp. We need volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year. You will be given resources to help in this ministry and not much time is required from you to prepare. Please prayerfully consider if this is where God is calling you to be a more active member of your parish community. Contact the faith formation office if you are even slightly interested.

Theology of the Body Study

By Josylin Fermin Mateus

We kicked off our study on July 25th with fourteen attendees. We began by breaking down what is *Theology of the Body*: "ology" = study of, "theos" = Greek word for God, so *Theology of the Body* is the study of God through our body.

St. John Paul the Great (JPII) discovers the real meaning of man and woman, and the reasons why we relate to one another as we do, in the Bible. His starting point is an episode from the Gospel of Matthew (19:3-9) where the Pharisees are asking Jesus a question about divorce. Jesus points to "the beginning" of creation (Genesis 1) and what God's plan is for human beings made in the "image of God" created as "male and female" (Gen1:27) "blessing them" and saying to them "Be fertile and multiply."

JPII's second reference point for understanding God's plan for human love is from Matthew 22:23-33 where the Sadducees ask Jesus about the resurrection and a woman married seven times. Here Jesus speaks of *the end*, the resurrection to eternal life after he comes again in glory. JPII frames God's unfolding plan between these two reference points—"the beginning" and "the end" of human history.

God's plan of salvation as JPII sees it is in four stages: Original humanity (Paradise), Fallen humanity (the time after Adam and Eve disobeys God), Redeemed humanity (Christ dying on the cross for our sins), and Glorified humanity (Paradise again, but not the same as in original humanity).

Come back here next week to see how we are made in the image and likeness of God and the unfolding of humanity in each stage in following weeks.

Reference: *Men and Women are from Eden: A Study Guide to John Paul II's Theology of the Body* by Dr. Mary Healy, Servant Press, OH, 2005

IN OUR PARISH

Pathways to Peace continued from page 2

I hope you were able to participate in a parade and carnival/fair. Maybe you had a family bbq, or took in a patriotic concert. I hope, too, that you were able to take a moment and praise God for the opportunity to live during this time of human history. Not 243 years ago...and not 243 years from now...but right now...here, at this moment. Now is our time to help form *a more perfect union*. Union with God, and union with our fellow inhabitants on planet Earth. May peace reign in our day...peace within us, peace at home, and peace within our community – and all about us. Thank you, God!

Happy Independence Day!

Deacon Chris

Questions about Funerals continued from page 4

The second form of the funeral liturgy is “The Funeral Liturgy outside Mass” and is celebrated when a priest is not available, when a Funeral Mass is prohibited on certain days or when it is judged it might be a more appropriate celebration due to various reasons. This ritual follows the same format of the Funeral Mass with the exception of the Eucharistic Prayer and reception of Holy Communion. It may be celebrated in a parish church, a funeral home or another chapel.

The Rite of Committal brings to conclusion the funeral rites at the grave, tomb or crematorium. These brief prayers may be led by a priest, deacon or a lay minister or by a member of the family.

(Source: Directives for Catholic Funeral: Questions & Answers – aod.org)

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.

SMILE - It's Amazon

St. Thomas More Parish participates with Amazon Smile. What is Amazon Smile? Amazon Smile is a program from Amazon which rewards non-profit organizations. St. Thomas More, as a church, qualifies to be part of the program. It's an easy **TO DO** on your part. Use this link to access Amazon: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1722441>. Follow the prompts and continue to shop. You use your Amazon account, but using the **Smile** link makes sure that St. Thomas More receives credit for your purchases. St. Thomas More will receive donations from Amazon, based on what is purchased using the Amazon Smile Program. It costs you nothing more than your regular purchase.

Thank you for your continued support of STM!



Help Needed

St. Thomas More, St. Vincent de Paul is looking for a person who has some financial background to help the conference. There is an opening for a volunteer position as treasurer. If you can help, please contact Carol Dunleavy, President of the SVdP Conference caroldunleavy@aol.com or 248-641-5185. Thank you!

CSA 2019 UPDATE

Goal—\$200,000

Pledges - \$151,768

Over (Under) Target—(48,232)

35% Response with 527 Contributors



Thank you to all who have made a pledge or donation. If you have not yet made your pledge, please drop off your CSA card in the Parish Office, in the offertory basket, or return it in the envelope provided. If we don't make our target of \$200,000, the shortage will come out of our working budget.

Thank you for your support!

EVANGELIZATION

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

Prayer for the Next Phase of *Unleash the Gospel*: Sent on Mission

by John Hannigan

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for the abundant graces of Synod 16: for
awakening in us the vision and resolve
to become again your Church on mission,
eagerly working together
to “make disciples of all nations,” according to our
commission from the Lord Jesus.

Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit,
as a new Pentecost,
to guide us in our next phase
in our movement to *Unleash the Gospel*.
By his power at work in us,
transform our parishes
into bands of joyful missionary disciples.

Come Holy Spirit:
Set our hearts on fire to share the Good News of Jesus with
all those who stumble in darkness,
who hunger for hope,
who thirst for eternal life.
Above all, grant us
the boldness and courage of the apostles
to put the mission above all else,
so that our community becomes the spark
to ignite the fire of divine love
that transforms this time and this place
into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray through the intercession of
Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelization,
and her mother, our Patron, St. Anne;
and in the spirit of Blessed Solanus
we thank you ahead of time for
“accomplishing in us far more
than all we ask or imagine.”

We ask all of this in the all-powerful name of the Lord
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.



STEWARDSHIP

TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

Stewardship Reflection

Volunteerism, what is your heart calling you to do?

How did I come about being the Stewardship Commission lead? At my first South Oakland Vicariate meeting, all the various required commissions were discussed, and I noticed that Stewardship was not a commission that St. Thomas More had. Being the Volunteering kind of person that I am, I suggested starting this commission. Many years later here I am still leading this commission.

When I started the commission, I requested assistance from AOD, Tom Scholler. He came out and provided a presentation to the few people who showed an interest in joining the commission along with Monsignor Rice. Monsignor encouraged me to build the commission to 12 disciples. Unfortunately, I haven't been able to meet that challenge yet, but I'm still trying.

Why is it some people do lots of volunteering and others do not? I'm not sure if that question will ever be answered, but for me, as I age and now am retired, I am more available to give back of my time and talent. I have to say every time I do, it gives me such a warm feeling that I am doing God's will for others. After our busy child rearing and working years where there is little time to volunteer, our older years are perfect when we are still youthful enough to do what we love for others.

Each person is different, some like gardening, some like working with children, some like leading bible studies, some like working with men or women, some like being a lector, in the choir or Eucharistic ministry, I could go on and on with the various volunteer opportunities we have available. The Holy Spirit calls each of us individually.

For me, I lead the Stewardship Commission and with the help from Lois our Business Manager, I have supported the various Volunteer Ministry Sundays, organized the Planned Giving presentations, helped plan the Oktoberfest with the Usher team, I'm on the South Oakland Vicariate and support the STM Parish Council. I started over 3 years ago, the Monthly Intercessory Prayer Group that meets every 3rd Wed. of the month. My new opportunity is to help create our new STM parish directory. All these things are near and dear to my heart and I had the Holy Spirit calling me to stand up and volunteer to make a difference in our parish.

I challenge you to listen to the Holy Spirit for what he is calling you to do or contribute to the well being of our parish, your life and the life of others. Consider helping in the various areas within our parish. Some suggestions are the Morse Elementary school needs, gardening our grounds, Catechists, joining a commission, Mass ministers... the list could go on and on. This summer please pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit for your calling to volunteer.

Diane Clays
Stewardship Commission
claeydsl@aol.com

COMMUNITY INTEREST



Catholic Night at Comerica Park September 10

Come join us for a relaxing night of faith, fun and fellowship at the ballpark! The Archdiocese of Detroit is hosting a Catholic Night at Comerica Park and all are welcome.

On Tuesday, September 10th, the Tigers will take on the Yankees at 6:45pm and we'd love to see you there.

All parishes and parishioners in the archdiocese and beyond are invited for a night of fun and fellowship.

Each ticket purchased includes a donation to Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan and also a limited-edition Detroit Tigers + Unleash the Gospel hat.

Don't miss this great event, get your tickets today at mlb.com/tigers/tickets/specials/catholic-night.

Aquinas College Open House Friday, July 19

Aquinas College invites any high school students interested in getting the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad and more! Our next AQDay is Friday, July 19th from 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM

Details/registration can be found at aquinas.edu/aqday.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Terra Sancta Pilgrimages with Franciscan Friar, Fr. Alex Kratz will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **December 2-16, 2019**. This life-changing experience walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass and Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer and spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians. Cost is \$4,299 (all expenses included, round trip from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and taxes). \$500 deposit due at registration.

Orientation Meeting is **August 25** at St. Joseph Chapel our headquarters (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48331). Next pilgrimage: April 20-May 4, 2020. Contact Fr. Alex at (313) 727-9784 or abunaalex@yahoo.com.

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan

*Ever wonder about the Biblical roots of the Catholic faith?
Looking for in-depth, live teaching on the entire Bible?*

Join "Created for Covenant," a Catholic Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM) class starting this September in St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Park, Novi, or online. Through donations, CBSM classes are accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial assistance met. Find out more at cbsmich.org, by attending an Information Night on Tuesday, July 16, 7:15 pm at St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park, or by contacting info@cbsmich.org / 586-438-3085.



Looking for a great camp along the shores of a great lake? The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) for the Archdiocese of Detroit offers a traditional summer camp opportunity for kids and families with an infusion of the Catholic faith right along the shores of Lake Huron. The CYO boys and girls camps start June 30 and run through August 3.

This summer's theme is 'Be His Light,' and through programs and events campers will learn how to be a light in the world for Jesus Christ and how faith impacts their lives, their relationship with God, and each other.

For more information on the Catholic Youth Organization camps, including registration information, visit the CYO Camps website <http://www.cyocamps.org>.

Detroit Catholic Young Adult Summer in Detroit Series

Young adults are invited to downtown Detroit for a four-week series inspired by beauty, goodness and truth. Each weekly event will focus on one facet of our Catholic faith and offer time for formation and fellowship. Visit facebook.com/groups/aodyoungadult/ for more information.

**Art: Wednesday, July 10 | 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. |
Ste. Anne Church | 1000 Ste. Anne Street**

Mary Dudek, a sacred artist working in metro Detroit, will provide an interactive step-by-step guide for beginning a clay portrait sculpture. Participants will try their hand at the process and come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of how sacred art is made. Free food and drinks will be provided.

St. Thomas More Parish Directory

4580 Adams Rd., Troy, MI 48098

PARISH OFFICES: 248-647-2222

FAX: 248-647-8192

FAITH FORMATION: 248-647-4680

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Closed for lunch 12:30 to 1:00 pm

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www.stthomasmoretroy.org

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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248-647-2222 x. 1111

Weekend Mass Assistance

Fr. Robert Spezia

Christopher Stark, **Deacon**
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