

January 26, 2020

St. Thomas More Parish

Troy, Michigan



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  
At once they left their nets and followed him.

*Matthew 4:19-20*



## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

### DR. KING'S LEGACY

This past week we celebrated the birthday of **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, an eloquent spokesman for the profound Christian principles of peace, justice, and nonviolence; principles for which he was willing to give his life. In the early 1960's, Dr. King forced many people to revise the way we think about one another. He demonstrated that nonviolence could not only be the right thing to do but that it could actually work! He insisted that in the long run, love would conquer hate. Dr. King's philosophy and message flowed from his deeply held religious traditions. As a disciple of Jesus, he could find no acceptable alternative to the nonviolent struggle against discrimination and injustice. Jesus saw himself as one who would "bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and release to prisoners." (Luke 4:18) Dr. King insisted that, if we are not committed to the struggle against injustice, selfishness, and greed, we have not understood the meaning of the gospel. Furthermore, he not only taught nonviolence, he practiced it; and even though the victories were costly, with many arrests and trials, he showed that it could produce abundant fruits. In facing hatred and violence directed toward him, he would point out how the chain of hate reacting to hate, and violence responding to violence, could only be broken by someone willing to respect and even to love the hating person, even at the risk of being physically violated and abused.

Many things that Dr. King worked for have become law, especially in the areas of voting rights, job opportunities, and education. Opponents argued that you cannot legislate morality; you cannot **make** people be good. His response was: "The law can't make the white man love me. But the law can keep the white man from lynching me and I think that's pretty important." Current laws, of course, do more than protect against lynching; but the real impact of Martin Luther King will not be in the area of legislation; **it will be on the spirit of his message, the need to change the social structures of our society that perpetuate prejudice, and the need to change the human hearts that create and are shaped by those structures.** We will not change one without changing the other, but we will change neither unless we work simultaneously on both.

Have a wonderful week and please find a place for me in your prayers.

Msgr. Tom Rice

### Sunday of the Word of God



Today we celebrate the first ever Sunday of the Word of God. Today we let Jesus open our minds to the beauty of the Scriptures, so we can proclaim the truth of the Good News that they contain. The Scriptures are not dead letters on a page, but living words that have been given life by the Holy Spirit, who also gives light to our minds when we read them. Nor is the Word of God a list of rules, but an invitation to share the life of the living God, their author.

In his letter establishing today's celebration, Pope Francis shares, "It is fitting, then, that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness" (*Aperuit illis*, 2). Every story told in the Scriptures, even the most challenging, reminds us that God loves his people and will always be faithful to the covenant he has made with us. God sent us his Son, the Word Incarnate, not only to *spea*k these words of faithful love, but also to *show* us the depths of faithful love by dying on the cross and rising from the dead. Every word of Scripture points to this message of love enacted in the person of Jesus Christ, who is the Word himself.

In honor of today's celebration, thank the lectors at your parish who proclaim the Word of God and the priests and deacons who preach it. With your family or other parishioners, find a time today to re-read today's Gospel (Matthew 4:12-23) and plan a time this week to read next Sunday's Gospel (Luke 2:22-40). What does God need to teach you and cure within you so you can proclaim the Good News of his kingdom to others?

Written by Reverend Brian Meldrum

### 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.*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## THIS WEEK'S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

- Saturday January 25**  
 4:30p For the People of St. Thomas More
- Sunday January 26**  
 7:30a Carol Black—Special Intention  
 Lynn Bonney—Special Intention  
 Arthur Schmaltz—18th Anniversary  
 Mary B. Whiting—Special Intention
- 9:30a Tom Jensen—Special Intention  
 Marie Liposky  
 Michael VanLoon—Special Intention
- 11:30a Thomas V. Aylward  
 Patty Dahmen
- Tuesday January 28**  
 9:00a Jerry & Emily Calkins—Special Intention  
 Ann Jarboe—5th Anniversary  
 The Jeziorski Family—Special Intention
- Wednesday January 29**  
 9:00a Jerry & Emily Calkins—Special Intention
- Thursday January 30**  
 9:00a Jerry Honemann—Special Intention
- Saturday February 1**  
 4:30p Tom Jensen—Special Intention  
 Michael VanLoon—Special Intention
- Sunday February 2**  
 7:30a For the People of St. Thomas More
- 9:30a Larry Jeris—Birthday Remembrance  
 Linda Kurtz
- 11:30a Jim Dunleavy  
 Mr. Abe Kincannon—Special Intention

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Rosanne Bishop       | Karson Otto     |
| Cindy Byrne          | Ben Riss        |
| Chris Crocker        | Elaine Rosen    |
| Herbert Foos         | Carol Simmons   |
| Mildred Hannigan     | Rick Vuylsteke  |
| Collin Jones         | Helen Walczak   |
| Arthur Miller        | Mary B. Whiting |
| Leonard Noppenberger | Mark Widawski   |

## PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

- † **Msgr. John F. Schweder**
- † **Rev. Paul Larry Siroiskey**

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

## Catholic Schools Week Scripture

*1 John 4:19-21. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.*



**Banns of Marriage**

## Heather Matschikowski and Bryan Winnega-1st

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



## PRAY FOR THE MILITARY



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| Major Matthew Altomari     | Lt. Christopher Mitek       |
| SSgt. Cory Borders         | OS2 Emily Muhlenbeck        |
| Lt. Andrew Boschert        | Airman 1st Class Calen Nido |
| Major Phil Brule           | Senior Airman Grant Pensa   |
| Sgt. Maj. Patrick Corcoran | LTJg. Bradley Pienta        |
| Capt. Joel Cortright       | Capt. Nick Pollock          |
| ENS Michael Dwyer          | Pfc. Jack Steinhauer        |
| Capt. Chip Evans           | Sgt. Kyle Stout             |
| Spc. Evan K. Fowler        | Capt. Ben VanHorrick        |
| 2nd Lt. Theresa Corsentino | Spc. Carl Voag              |
| SSgt. Daniel F. Jamison    | LTJG. Adam Weisgerber       |
| M1st Class Megan Jamison   |                             |

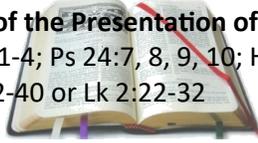
## Catholic Schools Week Prayer—January 26th

*God of all creation, we know you care for all of us and desire only what is good for us. Please guide those who make policy decisions and laws that affect all of us, that these decisions will work for the good of the most vulnerable in our society. Help us to have the courage to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

# WORSHIP

## Readings for the Week of January 26, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Saint Angela Merici, Virgin</b> 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest</b> 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32



## LECTOR TRAINING – January 26

### Sunday of the Word of God

Immediately following 11:30 AM Mass

All current Lectors/Commentators, and all confirmed parishioners who wish to explore becoming a Reader at Mass, are invited to attend a meeting for reflection on the Word of God. Please plan on either attending this Mass or arriving before the end of Mass (no later than 12:20 PM) The training will take approximately one hour. Following the training we will adjourn to the social hall for refreshments and fellowship.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase His divine life within you and deepen your personal relationship and friendship with Him.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Thursday, February 6 beginning after the 9:00 am Mass and ending with Benediction at 12 Noon.

## MINISTERS FOR MASS—THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—FEBRUARY 1 & 2

MASS TIME	4:30 PM Saturday	7:30 AM Sunday	9:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
<b>CELEBRANT</b>	Msgr. Tom Rice	Fr. Jason Brooks	Msgr. Tom rice	TBD
<b>DEACON</b>	Don Baross	Don Baross	Michael Stach	Michael Stach
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Maria Manzor	Joe Widina	John Hannigan	George Seroka
<b>LECTOR</b>	Barbara Lepri	Jack Withrow	Bridget Kavanaugh	Grace Seroka
<b>SERVERS</b>	Jake Foley Samantha Foley	Randy Skala	Rory Knauss Anna Schultz Keara Schultz	Riley Logan Hudson Mclaine Lucie Rosati
<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 Ted Craig Marvin Olane Mark Parent Mike Tauscher
<b>MASS COORD.</b>	Carol Glowacki	Larry Jeziorski	Melinda Prucha	Tom Calnen
<b>RECEPTIONIST</b>	Anne McAtee	NOT FILLED	Joann Harrison	Donna Egerer

# IN OUR PARISH

## THE WEEK AHEAD

- ◆ **Monday, January 27**  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Level II, 4:30p
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 28**  
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, 6p  
Bible Study, The Creed, 7p  
SOV Meeting, 7p
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 29**  
Walking with Purpose, 7p
- ◆ **Thursday, January 30**  
Hand Bell Rehearsal, 10a  
Walking with Purpose, 10a  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p
- ◆ **Sunday, February 2**  
Coffee and Conversation after all Masses  
Faith Formation Classes, 8:15a, 10:15a  
Catechesis of the Good shepherd, Level I, 8:15a, 9:30a



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



JOIN US ON FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 31 AT 7:00 P.M. 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!!**



## Download the Parish App!

Have information about St. Thomas More at your fingertips. Download the parish app to your phone.

**Text APP to 88202** and follow instructions to download.

Parish Calendar, online giving, Mass times and more now available on your phone.



## After all Sunday Masses

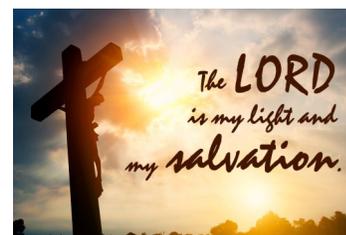
*Free-will offering is greatly appreciated!*



Conversation with Catholic men...  
Join the discussion!

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

(Sacristy Hallway as you enter the Sanctuary)



## ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a significant  
Wedding Anniversary this year –

**1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 50+?**

Please join us on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 AM Mass. You and your spouse will receive a blessing at Mass and your anniversary years will be recognized. After Mass there will be a light reception in the Social Hall to honor your years of commitment.

RSVP by February 12<sup>th</sup> - either sign up in the Gathering Area (form on Information Counter) or call the parish office. We need your names and your years of marriage.



## FIRST TUESDAY COFFEE February 4

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

# FAITH FORMATION

## FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

- ◆ Jan 26 and 27—Regular Classes
- ◆ Feb 2—8:15 and 10:15 am classes only, **No evening classes.** (Super Bowl Sunday)
- ◆ Feb 9 and 10 —All classes resume
- ◆ Feb 16 and 17—**No classes (Mid-Winter Break)**
- ◆ Feb 23 and 24 —All classes resume



### Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Our study on Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible for faith formation parents resumes **Sunday, January 26th from 7:00—8:15 pm** in room 2. Bring a friend or spouse; if you miss a class, come any way; you will be able to continue. All are welcome! For more information please email [jackdwithrow@comcast.net](mailto:jackdwithrow@comcast.net).

### Upcoming First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Events

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- ◆ Jan 26—Parent Student Meeting in room 2 during child's class time.
  - ◆ Feb 9—Practice for Sacrament of Reconciliation during your child's class time. This is a parent student meeting in room 2.
  - ◆ Feb 11—7:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in the church. Please arrive no later than 6:30pm.



walking with purpose

Please join us for Connect Coffee Talk  
**GETTING A GRIP THROUGH SIMPLICITY**  
**Wednesday, January 29 @ 7:00 PM or**  
**Thursday, January 30 @ 10:00 AM**

Come and bring a friend! You do not have to be registered for the bible study to join us for a Connect Coffee! This is stand-alone lesson open to all women.



The Education Commission is comprised of parishioners who assists, promotes and supports other parishioners in their spiritual and catechetical growth. They help with developing and evaluating programs that address all aspects of education and evangelization, in cooperation with the parish staff. **We are in need of representatives for Adult, Young Adult and Family Faith Formation.** If you are interested. please contact Josylin at 248-647-4680 or [Josylin@stmoffice.com](mailto:Josylin@stmoffice.com).



**ST. THOMAS MORE YOUTH GROUP**  
**INVITING ALL**  
**9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS**

- ◆ 1/26: Regular Session 7:00-8:15 pm in the Social Hall
- ◆ 2/2: **No Meeting (Super Bowl Sunday)**
- ◆ 2/9: Laser Tag Offsite 7-8:30 pm
- ◆ 2/16: **No Meeting (Mid— Winter Break)**
- ◆ 2/23: Regular Session, 7:00 – 8:15pm in the Social Hall

## Middle School Service Project

The Forgotten Harvest service project is being replaced by the following, which is at the same time and day, but will be held here at St. Thomas More.

Join us to help feed the hungry

**PB&J SANDWICH DAY**

**Where: St. Thomas More Social Hall**

**When: Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

**Time: 9:00—11:30 am**

Please bring a loaf of bread. We will provide the peanut butter and jelly to make sandwiches. RSVP to [angela@stmoffice.com](mailto:angela@stmoffice.com) by February 13.



**RCIA**

Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults

**You Are Invited!**

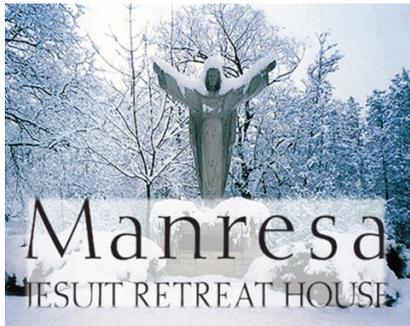
Have you been searching for something to be involved in or aimlessly trying to fill a hole? St. Augustine says our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord. Is God calling you? Bring a friend and come find out what we are all about. We would love for you to join us! The topics for the upcoming gatherings are listed below.

- ◆ **Sunday, Jan 26 at 9:00 am in room 1**  
Mary and the Communion of Saints

Direct questions to [Josylin@stmoffice.com](mailto:Josylin@stmoffice.com)

Please pray for our **RCIA** candidates as they go through the process of becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Prayer cards are available for each candidate on the information counter in the gathering space.

## IN AND AROUND OUR PARISH



The St. Thomas More group of 18 men completed the Annual Men's Retreat at Manresa last weekend. Congratulations! The silent retreat on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius is a long winter tradition for STM. The men in this year's group have completed, on average, 10 retreats each! Two men, Paul Kruse and Jerry Reed, made their first retreat. All the men thank God for Graces received and are grateful for the generosity of their families for the gift of 40 quiet hours to relax, reflect and rejoice in the Lord.

### St. Thomas More Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

#### American House Senior Living Communities

(See their ad on the back cover of the bulletin)

Thanks to the advertisers the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the Parish. We ask parishioners to please support the businesses that advertise in our bulletin.



### A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors presents....

#### TAKE TIME TO HEAL

An eight-week Grief Support Group Series for those who have experienced the death of a loved one within the last 12 months. Come, explore the grief journey and embrace hope.

**Tuesdays January 28—March 17**

**6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

**2600 Crooks Rd, Troy, MI 48084**

Open to the community at no charge. Registration is required. This program is closed after the second session.

To register or for additional information, please call 248-362-2500 or go to [AJDesmond.com](http://AJDesmond.com).

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### Jail and Outreach Ministry

Thank you to the people who supported the JOM Giving Tree! Your gifts all went to the adopted family that Oakland JOM connected St. Thomas More with.

The February request from JOM is for men's and women's long underwear, both tops and bottoms. Sizes Large-3XL are needed.

The collection bin for these donations is in the gathering area, near the Social Hall.

As always, thank you so much for your generosity. STM parishioners are the best!

### The Joy of Cookies

After 20 years of baking and distributing cookies to strangers, Lynn Koch (aka The Cookie Lady) is retiring. Lynn is not a member of St. Thomas More, nor of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, but she was inspired to "shine her light" by *Frank Carcone*, her neighbor, who was a long-time parishioner and Vincentian of STM. On her retirement, Lynn wrote a note to the people who had joined her effort to show love and kindness and shared it with our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Here is an excerpt from her letter:

*Dear Friends,*

*20 years ago when the idea evolved of sharing homemade cookies with folks in the community in need of cheer, I never could have imagined the journey. The impact on both the recipients of the cookies and the donors who made it all possible is remarkable. **It was the example of my former neighbor, Frank, along with his colleagues at St. Vincent de Paul, whose dedication to community service inspired me in the first place. He told me people just want to know that they are cared for and loved.** The simplicity of homemade cookies in festive packages did just that, mostly in ways we will never know. Cookies were delivered to:*

- *Catholic Community Response Team in Pontiac*
- *St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Madison Hts.*
- *A Meals-on-Wheels route*
- *Individual families helped by SVdP volunteers*

A tally of the 20 year impact—approximately **65,700 cookies** were filled into **exactly 3,900 containers** (1,800 tins & 2,100 bags).

It's a reminder that our own acts of love, no matter how small, can inspire others to be compassionate.

## UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

### EVANGELIZATION

#### Jesus, the Divine Physician, Heals Division

by John Hannigan

When I was a boy, five Catholic high schools in our city were united. The new motto was, *Ut Omnes Unum Sint*, “that all may be one,” taken from John’s Gospel when Jesus prays to His Father for those who believe in Him: “*that all may be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us*” (John 17:20-21). It was for this awesome unity with Jesus in the Father - the purpose of the spiritual life - that Jesus founded His Church. I thought of this when I heard, with no small irony, that the *United Methodist Church* is headed for division over differences in ideas about sexuality.

Division is not new to Christianity. In today’s Epistle, Paul admonishes 1<sup>st</sup> century Corinthians about the same issues that led to division in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries: sexual behavior, marriage, church leadership, and knowing Jesus. Paul wrote, “*I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose*” (1Cor 1:10).

Pope St. John Paul’s Encyclical, *Ut Unum Sint*, was a passionate call for ecumenical unity. *Unleash the Gospel* quotes Pope Francis, that “commitment to unity is ‘an indispensable path to evangelization,’” to bringing others to encounter Christ. I think encounter may precede unity, that knowing Jesus and His love draws us together. In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls disciples to “come after me” and together they do, although as a diverse, argumentative band (Matt 4:17-22).

*Unleash the Gospel*, noting Catholics are not alone in efforts to spread the Gospel in Michigan, calls us to “honor and support the efforts of our brothers and sisters in other Christian communions to bear witness to Christ” with whom we share a “common profession of faith,” as Msgr. Rice reminds us when we recite the Creed. When possible we should work together “to bring the light of Christ into our city and region although without ceasing to proclaim the fullness of Catholic teaching” (*Unleash the Gospel*, Marker 3.2).

The path to ecumenical unity passes through Jesus, the Divine Physician, and His Church. He can draw together His diverse Body and heal His divided Body when we pray for unity with Him and each other. When we follow Him, then *Omnes Unum Sint*, living, too, in awesome unity with Jesus in the Father.

Comments? [UnleashSTM@gmail.com](mailto:UnleashSTM@gmail.com)

## STEWARDSHIP

### TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

##### Parish Directory Update

We met with Lois Sokolowski, our STM Business Manager, to learn about the status of our parish directory updates. So far, we have only 401 updated family information forms turned in. We printed 1400+ for our registered families. That means many people have not updated and turned in their information form. If you are one of those folks, please contact the office to get your information updated. We hope to have a brand new STM directory available by summer.

##### Senior Luncheons

Thank you all for joining the January Senior Luncheon. The White Elephant exchange was quite fun, and everyone had a few laughs exchanging gifts.

We are building an email group list of our senior luncheon participants. This email group will be used to communicate information to be shared within the group. Now that we have been meeting for four months, several friendships and acquaintances have been formed. We now can use those friendships to support each other in a time of need. If someone needs a ride, needs support after surgery or doctor visit, needs someone to visit due to loneliness, wants a friend to share dinner with or any another need, we can share this among our group and help each other in a time of need. That is what Love is all about and what Jesus wants us to do; love our neighbors.

In February we will share some of that love by sharing Valentines! Hope to see you there!

Diane Claeys, Stewardship Commission



Explore the great treasure of stories, news, wisdom and poetry in the magazine of the Archdiocese of Detroit. The current issue of *Unleash the Gospel* focuses on faith in family life. Read it online at:

[www.unleashthegospel.org/magazine/](http://www.unleashthegospel.org/magazine/)

## COMMUNITY NEWS AND INTEREST



### National Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools Week 2020 begins this Sunday, January 26. The theme of this annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States is **“Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.”** The Archdiocese of Detroit’s Catholic schools are committed to their mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help ensure they are proudly Catholic, academically excellent, accessible to all, and sustainable for the future. The archdiocesan Department of Catholic Schools offers resources for teachers and principals, parents and students, and alumni.

To learn more about Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, or to find a Catholic school, visit the department’s new website at [detroitcatholicschools.org](http://detroitcatholicschools.org). For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).



### HOLY NAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

1 PM – 3 PM

PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE

680 Harmon, Birmingham, MI—248-644-2722



### St. Catherine of Siena Academy Open House, February 2, 1-3 p.m.

Visit us this winter to experience SCA firsthand! Come learn how we advance the mission of Catholic education both academically and spiritually through challenging coursework, daily Mass, community service, and an extensive extracurricular program. Through our cornerstones of faith, reason, leadership, and sisterhood, we are instilling hope for tomorrow by sending our graduates off to set the world ablaze with a heart for the Gospel. Visit with current students, go on a personalized tour through interactive academic stations, stop by the gym to see our athletes in action, learn about extracurricular offerings, and meet teachers and coaches. Learn more before you go at

[www.saintcatherineacademy.org](http://www.saintcatherineacademy.org).



### Academy of the Sacred Heart Open House - January 26th

Academy of the Sacred Heart will welcome families to the school’s campus on Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 p.m. for its winter all-school open house. The event will showcase the breadth and depth of the Academy’s offerings for students, from infancy through Upper School. Current faculty, staff and parents will be available to discuss curriculum, athletics, enrichment and leadership opportunities. Families will receive custom tours of their areas of interest, led by current Sacred Heart students. Light refreshments will be served.

Academy of the Sacred Heart is Michigan's oldest independent school, offering a Catholic, college-preparatory curriculum for girls (infant through Grade 12) and boys (infant through Grade 8). It is located at 1250 Kensington Road; visitors should use the administration entrance. For more information, call [248-646-8900](tel:248-646-8900) or visit [www.ashmi.org](http://www.ashmi.org).

### Priestly Vocations

This January 30 through February 2, men discerning a call to the priesthood have the chance to experience the seminary firsthand at a discernment weekend at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Men who are high school seniors to age 55 will spend four days living at the seminary, focusing on the aspects of seminary life and the four pillars of formation (spiritual, human, intellectual and pastoral fellowship), which are the foundation of the seminary formation program. They will also spend time in fellowship and prayer. Thanks to gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, the archdiocesan Office of Priestly Vocations offers these up close and stress-free looks at seminary life several times a year.

The next discernment weekend will be held March 19-22. A discernment overnight, for high school freshmen through juniors, will be held April 17-18.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).

**St. Thomas More Parish Directory**

4580 Adams Rd., Troy, MI 48098

**PARISH OFFICES: 248-647-2222**

**FAX: 248-647-8192**

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

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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.

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