

June 6, 2021

St. Thomas More Parish

Troy, Michigan

The Most Holy
Body & Blood
of Christ



Do this in Remembrance of Me





A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

I firmly believe that the priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers of tomorrow are with us today in our homes, schools, work places, and parishes. But it is the responsibility of all the members of the church to encourage and support religious vocations.

As the first teachers in the ways of faith, parents have a strong influence upon the attitudes and dreams of their children. Parents and all those who are involved with the pastoral care and education of youth must be aware of the important role they share in fostering vocations.

Helping youth to see the hand of God at work in every stage of life will foster an openness to bringing God into their vocational choice whether that be to marriage, consecrated religious life, ordained ministry, or the single life.

Many things in our world today fight against a vocation to the ordained and consecrated religious life. Yet the needs of our world continue to cry out loud and clear.

The violence, selfishness, poverty, hopelessness, and lack of respect for life experienced in our world today needs to be challenged by those who are willing to live a life committed to the Lord.

Throughout history, one of the purposes of religious life has been to bring focus to a world that has gone out of focus. For example, what do you see when you see this line: "GOD IS NOWHERE."

Many people first see—"God is no where." A second look would see—"God is now here." The same letters, but very different meanings.

Priests, brothers and sisters minister to bring the focus of the world back to the Gospels and the teachings of Jesus.

Personal invitation is the most positive means of fostering vocations. In fact, no one comes to an awareness of a vocation alone. It is only through the eyes, voices, and the hearts of others in the church that anyone comes to know Christ and to respond with their lives.

The following vocational "pointers" may give you some guidelines in identifying someone who may have a potential ministerial vocation:

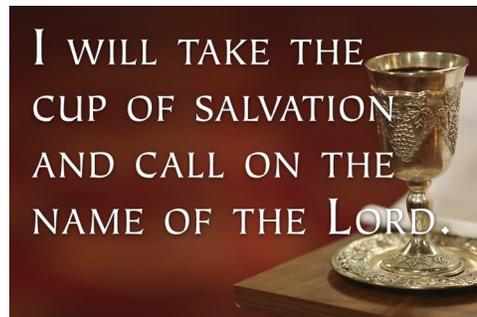
- * **Service:** Are they reaching out to others?
- * **Compassion:** Do you see a spirit of caring and empathy?

- * **Respect:** Do you see a genuine respect for life and relationships?
- * **Commitment:** Does this person follow through with their commitments?
- * **Sociability:** Do you see this person interacting with others?
- * **Leadership:** Does this person lead by example and collaboration?
- * **Trust:** Do you find this person to be honest?
- * **Spiritual:** Do you see a person of prayer?

Do you know someone who displays these qualities? Have other people told you they see these qualities in you? If so, why not invite the person to consider a religious vocation or to "check out" the possibilities of such a vocation yourself? Deacon Michael and Deacon Don are always available to speak with anyone who has questions about religious vocations and we would be happy to direct you to people and opportunities that can help in the discernment process.

Have a wonderful faith-filled week. Let's remember each other in prayer.

Msgr. Tom Rice



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.

PRAYERS IN OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK'S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

- Saturday June 5**
4:30p Peggy DeVos
- Sunday June 6**
8:30a Jerome Strong
11:30a Robert Lawler
Barbara Stieper—Special Intention
- Wednesday June 9**
9:00a Ralf and Edna Crookston
Matthew Krawczak
John Mitchell—7th Anniversary
- Saturday June 12**
4:30p Diane Budowick—Special Intention
- Sunday June 13**
8:30a For the People of St. Thomas More
11:30a Peggy DeVos
John Behr—20th Anniversary
The Mikulski Family—Special Intention
Blessings for the Vanderest Family

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Rosanne Bishop | Traci Johnson |
| Maurine Brennan | Jonathan Medved |
| Bill Budowick | Kathy Mills |
| Tom Cavanaugh | Nicholas Rinehart |
| Martha Demerly | Nora Sieli |
| Michael Drelles | Joe Sokolowski |
| Nancy Heffernan | Sally Stevens |
| Nathan Herb | Helen Walczak |

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:

† **Fr. Daniel Jones**

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



Banns of Marriage

Rachel Coleman and Daniel Brennan—2nd

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



PRAY FOR THE MILITARY



- Major Matthew Altomari
- SSgt. Cory Borders
- Lt. Andrew Boschert
- Major Phil Brule
- Sgt. Maj. Patrick Corcoran
- Capt. Joel Cortright
- ENS Michael Dwyer
- 1st Lt. Michael Ehlen
- Major Charles Evans
- Spc. Evan K. Fowler
- 2nd Lt. Theresa Corsetino
- SSgt. Daniel F. Jamison

- M1st Class Megan Jamison
- ENS Julia Jermstad
- Lt. Christopher Mitek
- OS2 Emily Muhlenbeck
- Airman 1st Class Calen Nido
- Senior Airman Grant Pensa
- LTjg. Bradley Pienta
- Capt. Nick Pollock
- Spc. Jack Steinhauer
- Sgt. Kyle Stout
- Capt. Ben VanHorrick
- Lt. Adam Weisgerber



Sent on Mission: Prayer for Families of Parishes

Father in Heaven, renew your wonders in our time, as though by a New Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, increase your gifts in us to move boldly into Families of Parishes with confidence. Deepen our desire for every person to encounter Jesus anew, grow daily as his disciples and give witness to his love and mercy. This is our mission! And we embrace it anew.

Grant that your Holy Church in Detroit, praying perseveringly and insistently with one mind, together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and guided by St. Joseph, Ste. Anne and Bl. Solanus Casey, may increase the reign of the Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

WORSHIP

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As I reflect back on this past year, there were so many Feast Days and Solemnities that were experienced on the TV that just didn't seem the same.

In our gospel today we are given the gift of the Institution of the Eucharist. What a true gift that Jesus had given His disciples and He gives that gift to us as well. This past year when the churches were shut down, I longed for the Eucharist. Sure I could watch the Mass from different churches from around the country, but there was something missing. It was the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. I found myself struggling to watch Mass on TV and not receive the Eucharist. I tried to fill the void with more prayers, but it was just not the same.

Finally, when we came back to being able to celebrate Mass again, I found myself fighting back tears as I knelt at the side of the altar during the Eucharistic prayer. I could not wait to receive the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Now that we are back to 50% capacity, hopefully we will be getting back to being somewhat normal soon. I pray for those who have not had the chance to receive the Eucharist in many months that they would be fighting back tears as they receive the Eucharist again.

After this weekend I will be gone for 24 days on vacation. I am very excited as I have never taken so many days for a vacation in my life. I often go to Mass while on vacation to hear the word of God and receive His Body and to visit the beautiful churches. I hope to write a weekly bulletin article while I am gone so you will not miss me too much.

God bless, Deacon Don

Readings for the Week of June 6, 2021

Sunday	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
Monday	2 Cor 1:1-17; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday	2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday	Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3); Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37
Saturday	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34



MINISTERS FOR MASS—ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JUNE 12 & 13, 2021

MASS TIME	4:30 PM Saturday	8:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
CELEBRANT	Msgr. Tom Rice	Msgr. Tom Rice	Fr. Bob Spezia
DEACON	Michael Stach	Larry Jeziorski, Acolyte	Michael Stach
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UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

EVANGELIZATION

“Oh, the places you’ll go!”

by John Hannigan

After more than a year of being largely home-bound and kept from seeing loved ones, things are opening up. Let’s go visiting people and places again!

I recently saw a story about Catholic pilgrimage sites across the country. We have many beautiful, holy places right in our own backyard. I recommend visiting these “local attractions.” They are pleasant day trips for families and inspiring places of prayer. **Before visiting, please check** to see when visitors are welcome and if tours are available.

- **Manresa Jesuit Retreat House.** Bloomfield Hills. The outdoor *Stations of the Cross* is a lovely walk ending with a wonderful statue of the disciples encountering Jesus on the road to Emmaus.
- **St. Joseph Chapel and Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Pontiac. A visit to this lovely little chapel, operated by Fr. Alex Kratz, OFM, would be most fitting in this the Church’s *Year of St. Joseph*.
- **National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica.** Royal Oak. The Shrine was the first American parish dedicated to St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Try to schedule a guided tour to appreciate fully all the historic *Art Deco* beauty it has to offer.
- **The Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit.** Gorgeous Ste. Anne’s is the second-oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in the United States. It is the resting place of Fr. Gabriel Richard. Ste. Anne is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- **Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, Mother of Divine Mercy Parish.** Detroit. This magnificent, richly decorated church, was built through small contributions from poor Polish immigrants. Try to visit during the Pierogi Festival in August!
- **The Solanus Casey Center.** Detroit. Part of St. Bonaventure Monastery of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, the Center is home to the mortal remains of Blessed Solanus and a museum about his life and works. The chapel features a stunning large carved wood altar. There is a sculpture garden and large bronze statues of present-day men and women who exemplified the beatitudes.

I hope you get a chance to go to some of these places, maybe getting together with friends for a “field trip.” Take the whole family and children along! Please let me know of other Catholic sites in Michigan that you recommend and I will share them.

STEWARDSHIP

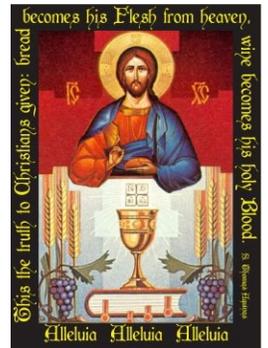
TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Stewardship Reflections

Corpus Christi

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi — the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus’ Body and Blood was sacrificed for us on Calvary, but before that excruciating event, He humbly bound Himself to human hands in the Eucharist. As St. Thomas Aquinas expresses, “In this sacrament sins are purged away, virtues are increased, the soul satiated with an abundance of every spiritual gift. No other sacrament is so beneficial.”

Our Gospel today recounts the Last Supper. As Jesus ate the Passover meal with His apostles, He broke bread, telling them, “This is my Body,” and again, poured wine, saying, “This is my Blood... which will be shed for many.” In this moment, Jesus sacrificially gave us Himself in the Eucharist by foreshadowing His passion, death and resurrection.



Out of total love, Jesus holds nothing back from us. He gives us His entire self.

We must ask ourselves; do we understand Who we consume at every Mass? It is our Precious Redeemer.

As life becomes busy and our minds are filled with the countless things we must get done each day, we often forget to acknowledge our Savior at Mass; or to spend time with Him throughout our week; or to accept all the graces He wishes to bestow on us as we receive Him. So let us stop and recognize the real presence of our Savior.

Jesus gave us the perfect and loving Gift of Himself so that we might be nourished, strengthened and more fully united to Him as we journey to eternal life. Let us strive to intentionally honor and reverence Him at every Mass; strive to fully partake in each Eucharistic meal; and let us find time to visit our Savior in the Tabernacle.



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 Read it and learn more today!
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 the “Unleash the Gospel” tab
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Saturday, 4:30 pm

Sunday, 8:30 am and 11:30 am

Wednesday, 9:00 am

Holy Days: 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:00 pm

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