

August 8, 2021

*St. Thomas More Parish*

*Troy, Michigan*

# 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Jn 6:51





## REFLECTIONS FROM DEACON DON

When I was little, each year we would travel to the upper peninsula where my dad grew up. My aunt would always know when we were coming and she would make bread in her wood fired stove. My dad and I looked forward to her homemade bread. When we would get home my mom would try to make bread for us but somehow she would fail. For the holidays she would buy frozen bread and the joke was the bread was done when the smoke detector went off.

In our first reading from 1 Kings the angel of the Lord gives Elijah a hearth cake and a jug of water so he would be strong enough to walk for 40 days and 40 nights to the mountain of the Lord. This food was to sustain earthly life.

In our gospel from John, Jesus tells the Jews that their ancestors ate manna in the desert. This was also to sustain earthly life. But Jesus now tells them about the bread from heaven, a bread that is for eternal life. He says that He is the bread of life and those who believe in Him will have life eternal. The bread He gives is His flesh for the life of the world. This bread He is talking about is the Eucharist. This bread helps to sustain our earthly life but also is for eternal life.

I find many people who leave the Catholic church for a non-denominational church are being fed by the preaching, but also the entertainment that they find there, but not the bread from heaven. They don't believe in the transubstantiation of the Eucharist.

Like my mom that failed to make bread, how did we fail to teach them that the Eucharist is the true presence of God, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity? Did the world sway them away from believing in the mystery of our faith? Or is it their intellect that tells them it is impossible that the bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood. Just like I looked forward to my aunt's homemade bread, I look forward to receiving the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the spiritual food that sustains me from one week to the next. After all, it is the pinnacle of our faith.

God Bless, Deacon Don



## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

### GOT FAITH?



We are planning for our Faith Formation classes and are looking for Catechists to share their faith with our young parishioners. Do you enjoy working with children? If so, we would love to talk to you about possible opportunities.

Experience not needed. Resources, support, and prayers are provided throughout the year and Catechists receive a 50% discount on tuition. Without our volunteers, we cannot have a program. Please pray about ministering to the next generation of Catholics.

If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 248-647-4680 or email [josylin@stmoffice.com](mailto:josylin@stmoffice.com).



### 2021-2022 Faith Formation Registration is NOW Open



### FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation registration is happening now until August 31. Classes offered are PreK through 8th Grade, and High School children are invited to participate in our Youth Group. Please visit our website, [stthomasmoretroy.org/general information](http://stthomasmoretroy.org/general-information) to register online. If you prefer a paper copy, you can download it from the website or a registration packet may be mailed to you. New and current families are welcome to register. Walk-in registration is available in the Faith Formation Office, Monday—Thursday 9:30am-5pm.

# PRAYERS IN OUR PARISH

## THIS WEEK'S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

- Saturday August 7**  
4:30p For the People of St. Thomas More
- Sunday August 8**  
8:30a John P. Balaz  
The Bearden Family—Special Intention  
Julie Kral—Special Intention
- 11:30a Bill Budowick—Special Intention  
Peggy DeVos  
Jim Dunleavy  
Nicholas Rinehart—Special Intention
- Wednesday August 11**  
9:00a Richard Champion—Birthday Remembrance  
Denise Pentiak—Special Intention
- Saturday August 14**  
4:30p Julie Ermiger  
Joseph Golden—Birthday Remembrance
- Sunday August 15**  
8:30a John P. Balaz
- 11:30a Ronald Morba



Congratulations to the new member of God's family, who was welcomed into the Catholic Church through the waters of Baptism on August 1, 2021

† **Gavin Michael Walker, son of Christopher and Megan (Kelley) Walker-Cousineau**

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



## 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  
2nd Lt. Theresa Corsentino  
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  
Sgt. Jack Steinhauer  
Sgt. Kyle Stout  
Capt. Ben VanHorrick  
Lt. Adam Weisgerber

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosanne Bishop	Nancy Heffernan
Maurine Brennan	Jonathan Medved
Bill Budowick	Kathy Mills
Eileen Campbell	Nicholas Rinehart
Tom Cavanaugh	Joe Sokolowski
Hillary Charalambous	Helen VanLoon
Diane Farrar	Helen Walczak

### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

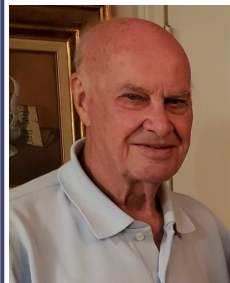
*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:*

† **Tom Lingeman**—brother of Barbara Lepri

† **Joseph Puszcz**—father of Susan Strong

† **Fr. Michael Ratajczak**

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



### Dagoberto (Dago) Krambeck

Died on July 30, 2021

Buried from St. Thomas More

On August 5, 2021

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

## 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. Call

248-626-8253 or email

[opnunsfh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:opnunsfh@sbcglobal.net)



## Banns of Marriage

**Krista Sabin and Dominic Raona—3rd**

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

# WORSHIP

## Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021

### Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41-51

### Monday Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;  
Mt 17:22-27

### Tuesday Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

### Wednesday Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17;  
Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Mt 18:21—19:1

### Friday Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

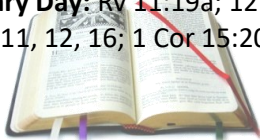
Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24; Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11;  
Mt 19:13-15  
**Vigil:** 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

### Sunday Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Day:

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56



## Stewardship Thoughts

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's passage from the First Book of Kings, God sustains His tired and distressed prophet Elijah with food and drink to fortify him for his journey to God's mountain, Mt. Horeb. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus professes He is the "Bread of Life" and those who partake of this Bread will live forever. When we consume the Lord's consecrated Body and Blood in Holy Communion, we unify as one spirit in discipleship with Christ. St. Paul instructs the Ephesian Christian community, and us, to follow the way of love through Christ. Through our Lord's love and our participation in the Eucharist, Jesus directs us to proclaim His Word to all in a spirit of evangelization, and to welcome our brothers and sisters to a personal relationship with Him.

## 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.*

## MINISTERS FOR MASS—THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—AUGUST 14 & 15, 2021

MASS TIME	4:30 PM Saturday	8:30 AM Sunday	11:30 AM Sunday
<b>CELEBRANT DEACON</b>	Fr. Joseph Grimaldi Larry Jeziorski, Acolyte	Fr. Robert Spezia David Michalak, Acolyte	Fr. Joseph Grimaldi Michael Stach
<b>READER</b>	TBD	John Hannigan	Dan Parente
<b>SERVERS</b>	Amy Surowiec	Christine Temple	Duarte Bobone
<b>USHERS</b>	Cary Sheremet Ernesto Tuazon Jim Ward	John Gielniak Gerry Gostomski Dan Hayden Tom Hemak Mike Morrison Frank Sikorski	Zack Azzam Norm Cicone George Halter Marvin Olane Mark Parent Mike Tauscher
<b>MASS COORD.</b>	Cary Sheremet	Larry Jeziorski	Zack Azzam

## UNLEASH THE GOSPEL EVANGELIZATION

### Unity in the Celebration of Holy Mass

by John Hannigan

I've been blessed by participating in Mass in many languages: English (of course), Spanish, French, and Slovakian. I've been at Orthodox Sacred Liturgies sung in Russian at a monastery outside Moscow and in Greek in Troy. There were bilingual Masses in Spanish and English, and Spanish and Basque in Spain. One Pentecost Vigil in our Cathedral concluded with hundreds of Charismatic people praying fervently in Tongues, in felt response to the Spirit. And the Latin Mass I grew up with, still offered in some parishes. In all these, understand we participate in one sacrifice united with our High Priest Jesus Christ, the faithful throughout the world, and the Communion of Saints.

There is also worldwide diversity in *how* Mass is celebrated. The Church embraces various culturally expressive liturgical settings, architecture, music, and vestments. There is an approved Zairean Rite, the "Congolese Mass," that includes drums and dance from African traditions. Pope Francis recently advocated for a rite specific to the languages and culture of the Amazon region of South America.

So I am confused when Pope Francis acts to severely limit the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM). In a document titled ironically in Latin, *Traditionis Custodes* ("Guardians of the Tradition"), Francis reverses permission for the TLM granted by Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict who each hoped to encourage unity in the Church. Pope Francis also aims for unity under the post-Vatican II *Novus Ordo* Mass. He is motivated by attitudes of some people who feel strongly for or against the TLM. He is concerned that a few desiring the TLM reject Vatican II, and that some people on both "sides" feel "holier than thou." It seems to me those attitudes need to be addressed, not the TLM. I think *Traditionis Custodes* lacks coherence so I look forward to clarification from the bishops who have a role in implementing it.

While I appreciate the beauty of the TLM, and find it warmly nostalgic, I do not prefer it. But I recognize the faithfulness and piety of those who do. I appreciate the reverence with which the Eucharist is celebrated in the TLM. The question we might ask ourselves is how reverently we engage in any Mass. As Jesus intended, let us be united with Him and the whole Church in this one prayer, whether English or Latin or Congolese Lingala.

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

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMUNITY

### School Supplies for St. Damien's and Morse Elementary School



School starts in a few weeks and Christian Service is asking our parish to donate school supplies for St. Damien of Molokai Parish in Pontiac, a member of our Families of Parishes, and Morse Elementary School in Troy.

All school supplies are needed, including backpacks. This collection will be ongoing through Labor Day. There will be a box in the narthex for your donations. Cash donations or checks made out to St. Thomas More may be dropped off in the parish office.

***St. Thomas More parishioners are always most generous and Christian Service thanks you!***

### "Sharing Christ in and through the Church"

#### Calling All Golfers- Save The Date!

**Join Our Parish's Roundtable  
Knights of Columbus Council #8659  
15th Annual Golf Outing!**

**Saturday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at  
The Fountains Golf & Banquet**



- Help support our parish's pro-life and pro-family projects!
- Scramble format, 4 person teams—\$100 per person
- Men and women welcome
- Contests, handicapped skins, and prize raffle
- Hot Dogs at the turn and a delicious lunch included

**To sign up your foursome, contact Jerry Rowland  
248-830-6416**

To see our sponsors and get a brochure, go to our website:  
**KofC8659.com**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

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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