

Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



*"the whole earth
is full of His
glory"*

Isaiah 6:5

January 22, 2017

Liturgy Schedule

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM

DAILY MASSES: 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday – noon • Saturday - 8:15 AM

DEVOTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday - 12:01 AM through Saturday 4:00 PM

ROSARY

Daily - 7:00 AM • Friday evening - 7:00 PM

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bulletin items are due to the Parish Office by Monday at 4:00 PM. Please email your items to:
receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org.

ST. THOMAS MORE

Website: www.thomasmorespokane.org

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Martha's	Lane Klees	939-5059
St. Vincent de Paul	Loretta Thompson	466-2331
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Here's what's happening at St. Thomas More this week:

Monday

23: DJM

Tuesday

24: Rosary Makers, 1:00 PM

Wednesday

25: School Mass, 9 AM
Catholic Scripture Study, 9 AM & 6:30 PM
Game Day, Noon
Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 PM
Sacramental Prep Class, 6:30 PM

Thursday

26: Catholic Scripture Study, 1:00 PM
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

Friday

27: Teacher In-Service Day, No School

Saturday

28: Diocesan Men's Conference, PACC
Masses at 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM

Sunday

22: Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM
Knight's Vocation Breakfast, After all morning Masses

If you have any questions about any of the above activities, call the Parish Office at 466-0311.





We are the Branches

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish.

Sharing the Blessings...

Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$354,931.00	\$355,883.00
Needed Weekly:	12,239.00	
Received 01/15:	9,926.00	
Mailed in:	1,775.00	
Auto Withdrawal:	0.00	
Total Received:	\$11,701.00	

A Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.
My stewardship helps make it what it is.
It will be a place where Christ is found,
if I live in Christ.
It will bring Christ to the world,
if I carry Christ with me.
It will be friendly, *if I am.*
It will be holy, *if I am.*
Its pews will be filled, *if I help fill them.*
It will do great work, *if I work.*
It will be prayerful, *if I pray.*
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring others into its worship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a parish of welcome and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, fruitfulness, and mercy,
if I am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God,
through the Holy Spirit, and the intercession
of Blessed Mary of the Assumption,
I now dedicate myself to the task
of being all the things
that I want my parish to be. **Amen.**

What branch are you willing to climb to help your parish?



Yes! I want to get involved! Please have someone call me about the following ministry:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Drop this in the collection basket or email your interest to:

receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org.

Answering the Call...



- Adoration & Divine Mercy, volunteer one hour a week in the chapel, contact Sue Millersmith, 467-0671
- St. Martha's, provide a salad or dessert for funeral lunches, help set up and serve, contact Lane Klees, 939-5059
- Altar Society, help with church cleaning, fun social activities, and fund-raisers for the church, contact Terri Hahn, 487-0432
- St. Vincent de Paul, make home visits to deliver food and offer assistance, contact Loretta Thompson, 466-2331
- Family to Family, an outreach program to the indigenous people living in remote areas of Guatemala. Call Miriam Devaney at 466-0740.
- St. Elizabeth's, ministers communion to the hospitalized and home-bound each week. Call Sue Huss at 466-2010
- Helping Hands Ministry, helps elderly with household chores and repairs, Call Jim Voelker thru Catholic Charities at (509) 459-6172

To learn more about our parish's ministries and to hear testimonials from some of our parishioners about their experiences, watch the videos of our ministries at <http://tinyurl.com/ministries-stm>.

USHERS/GREETERS FOR JANUARY

Saturday	4:30 P.M.	Kenneth La Grandeur and Jim Chatfield
Sunday	7:30 A.M.	Gene and Florence Coffey
	9:00 A.M.	Steve Tiarks
	11:00 A.M.	John Hoffman & Sons

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, January 28:

Sacristan: Suzanne Donovan
Ernie Greco, Doris Doyle, Sue Trautman, Jerome Simmer
Lector: Kelly Malone

Sunday, January 29:

7:30 AM	Sacristan: Jack Louie Karen & Roger Deshaw, Claude & Cecelia Frank Lector: Jocelyn Beaumont
9:00 AM	Sacristan: Martin Weber Art Schmidt, Pat Wood, Paul Machtolf, Deborah Weber, Jim Vandervert, Helen Malone Lector: Doreen DeMorro
11:00 AM	Sacristan: Martin Weber Marie Smith, Grant Becherini, Ann Hart, Mary Heinen, Dean & Tish Dunn Lector: Kass McHugh
7:00 PM	Sacristan: Chaundra Ward Brad Ward Lector: Cat Roe

Altar Servers for Next Weekend:

Saturday, January 28:

4:30 PM Olivia Lofstedt, Ben Myers

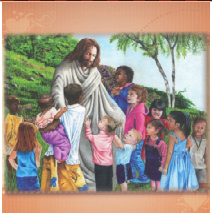
Sunday, January 29:

7:30 AM	Kahea Figueira
9:00 AM	Taylor & Ashton Kopczick, Mariana Doyle
11:00 AM	Jack Pender, William & Samuel Brasch
7:00 PM	Lilly Mena & Alexander Neyman

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

For information in this section, please contact
Amy Nelsen at 466-3811, ext. 206



Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's Liturgy of the Word meets on Sundays during the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Mass to provide the children on opportunity to hear the Gospel in a language they can understand.

We resume our classes this weekend. Want to join us?
Contact Amy at 466-3811, ext. 206

Winter/Spring Class dates: January 22 & 29; February 5, 12 & 26, March 3, 12, 19, & 26; April 23 & 30; May 7

Sacramental Prep:

Confirmation and First Communion for second graders has been changed to Saturday, May 13 at 10 AM.

Sacramental Prep classes are all on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM:
January 25, February 22, March 29, April 26

YOUTH NEWS

For information on our youth groups, contact
Amy Nelsen at 466-3811, ext. 206

**Junior High/Middle School Kids (Grades 6, 7, & 8):**

We will return to Wednesday meetings on January 25 from 7:00-8:30. Join us as we explore our Catholic faith and have fun!

Also, mark your calendars:

Feb. 4: Jr. High Youth Rally in Coeur d'Alene.
Contact Amy to register before January 27

**Northside Catholic High School Youth Group (St. Charles, STM, & Assumption)**

All high-school aged students are invited to join us for an evening of fun, friends, and faith.

We meet at Assumption Parish in the lower level of the office building (the house across from the church) from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on Tuesdays. We are looking forward to seeing you. Bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Athena at 360-927-2001



Whether you have been attending Mass regularly with your family, or are newly exploring Catholicism, we welcome you! If you were baptized in another denomination, have never been baptized, or were baptized Catholic as an infant but not raised Catholic, the Christian Initiation Process may be for you. Call the Parish Office if interested.

Do you recognize the current man crisis in our country but don't know what to do? Do you feel that as a Catholic man you are not living a genuine Christian life? Join us for this important conference—it is sure to wash away your troubles and reignite the fire in your soul.

"FOR CENTURIES
MEN HAVE
RESPONDED TO
THE CALL TO
ENTER
SPIRITUAL BATTLE."

BE CONFIDENT! BE
BOLD! FORWARD.
INTO THE BREACH!

-BISHOP THOMAS J. OLMSTED

FOR DISCOUNT TICKETS Register a group
Questions: 509-358-7314
bkraut@dioceseofspokane.org



JAN 28 **HEARTS ON FIRE CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**
dioceseofspokane.org

Heart's On Fire
Catholic Men's Conference
January 28th
St. Thomas More, Spokane

COST
Single Registration: \$35 each
Group Registration: \$25 each
a group is 10 or more
register at www.dioceseofspokane.org

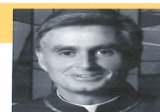
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Doug Barry



Jesse Romero



Bishop Thomas Daly



Knight's Corner

Knight of the Month
Cedric Devaney

Officer's Meeting: First Tuesday of the Month

General Meeting: Third Tuesday of the month

6:00 PM, Dinner

6:30 PM, Meeting

Dinner for January: Chili Dogs
No First Degree meeting in January.

GAME DAY

Escape the winter blues! Join us every Wednesday at noon in the Library for Game Day. This is a great way for you to get out of the house and meet some new people! We are always in need of new bridge and pinocchio players! We also play other card and board games. Lunch is not served, so plan accordingly. Please join us!



Planning a Wedding?

To schedule an appointment for marriage preparation, please contact a parish priest at least six months in advance of setting a date.



Attention Business Owners:

We are in need of more advertisers! There are lots of blank spaces on the back of the bulletin! Please consider advertising to help us keep our bulletin printed free of charge!

Thank you to all of our loyal parishioners and businesses who have advertised on the back of our bulletin this year. Because of their generosity, we have been able to have our bulletin printed for FREE and in COLOR! Please take the time to look over the list of businesses on the back of the bulletin and thank them for their support to our Parish by supporting their business. Also, if you would like to advertise your company or business, please call Sheila Miller at 1-800-616-4138.



Coffee and Donuts

Join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts following Mass today. Catch up with everyone after the holidays! Thank you to the Knights for hosting this weekend.



Mark your calendars:

Knights Seminarian Breakfast
January 29 Eggs, Sausage, and Cinnamon Toast

Proceeds go to support our seminarians.

Quilt Raffle for Guatemala Mission

Tickets will be on sale after Mass today for two beautiful quilts. Proceeds benefit the Mayan Indians in the Guatemalan Highlands.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Women & Children's Free Restaurant is looking for Dishwashing volunteers. Call Karen at 324-1995 if you can help with one of the following:

Tuesday: 4:30 PM—6:30 PM

Wednesday: 3:00 PM—6:30 PM

Thursday: Noon-4:30 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM-2:00PM

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

- January 31: Dinner Series Historical Connections: "The Reformation and its Legacy"**, Fr. Michael Mather, 5:30-8:30, \$38

Call IHRC at 448-1224 to register.

NEWS and HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND TOWN

- Hearts On Fire Catholic Men's Conference**, 1/28, STM, Cost is \$35, register at www.dioceseofspokane.org
- Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat**, 2/10-12/27, Get help for your troubled marriage, visit www.Retrouvaille.org.
- St. Al's Altar Society Annual Luncheon and Card Party**, 2/24, \$8.00 per person, call 979-9968.
- St. Patrick Parish Pilgrimage to Mexico**, led by Fr. Albert Grasher, 10/11-17, 1st Deposit due 15, Call 1-800-225-7662.

Novena for Healing

The annual Diocesan Lourdes Novena for Healing will take place at the Cathedral from February 3 until February 11. All are invited to join Bishop Thomas Daly as we invoke the prayers of Our Lady of Lourdes for physical and spiritual healing of any kind. For a complete schedule of events, log on to www.SpokaneCathedral.com

"Put His Will in Your Will!"

Clause for Christian Will

I give, devise, and bequeath to St. Thomas More Catholic Parish-Spokane, a Washington non-profit corporation (description of gift).





PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for those who are ill in our Parish and for those who are dying or who have died. Never doubt the power of prayer! If you would like to add someone to our prayer chain, call Mary at 466-0531 or Pat at 466-3163.

Mass Intentions

Week of January 23

Mon.	7:30	A.M.	
Tue.	7:30	A.M.	Willie Mahoney
Wed.	7:30	A.M.	
Thur.	7:30	A.M.	
Fri.	7:30	A.M.	
Sat.	7:30	A.M.	
	4:30	P.M.	
Sun.	7:30	A.M.	Special Intention
	9:00	A.M.	Our Parishioners
	11:00	A.M.	
	7:00	P.M.	

Scripture Readings

January

22: Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23
 23: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30
 24: Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35
 25: Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18
 26: 2 Timothy 1:1-18 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:21-15
 27: Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34
 28: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41
 29: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12a

ADORATION

We need substitutes for all hours. Substitutes are invaluable to our ministry to keep Perpetual Adoration running 24-hours a day. Please call and add your name to the list for a time convenient for your schedule. You will be a blessing to others and at the same time, you will be blessed abundantly.

We are in need of the following hours:

Mondays 1:30 AM to 3:00 AM

Tuesdays 11:00 PM to Midnight

Thursdays 2:00 AM to 3:00 AM;

3:00 AM to 4:00 AM; 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturdays: Noon to 1:00 PM

Call Sue Millersmith at 467-0671 if you can help.



Family Holy Hour, Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, STM Chapel

You are invited to join us in praying for ourselves, our families, or friends. We pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Eucharistic songs before the Blessed Sacrament for all prayer petitions people have requested in our prayer petition book, the parish prayer chains, or those that are placed in the Tuesday night prayer petition basket.

Flock Notes

Want to know the latest happenings here at STM? Simply follow these instructions:



- Text: StThomasMore to 84576 from your phone and follow prompts.
- Be sure to check the "Parishioner" box, along with any ministry group that you are involved.

Don't miss out on receiving important messages, last minute time changes, weather closures, or times of social and church events. It's easy, free, and a great way for you to stay in touch with your parish!

Life and Family Issues:

Every marriage matters, because every marriage comes from the hand of God. God brings a man and a woman together to love and support each other. Their love becomes visible in their treatment of each other and in their acts of generous service.

MARRIAGE TIP: "Welcoming a child, through birth or adoption, is an act of faith as well as an act of love." (Follow the Way of Love) Pray for couples who want a child but are infertile as well as for those who have untimely pregnancy and are afraid. Bless your child today.

FEATURED ARTICLE: If you or someone you know is experiencing grief, you might take a look through these resources to help you deal with your loss during the holidays. <http://tinyurl.com/copingwithgriefatchristmas>

Help for Pornography Issues: www.integrityrestored.com

Help for Families with Same Sex Attraction Issues: Do you have a loved one experiencing same sex attraction? Do you want to be loving to him/her but want to stay faithful to the Church truth about sexuality and marriage? Contact Tim at 509-290-4844 or go to: www.couragerc.org

Help for Hurting Marriages:

Retrouvaille: <http://www.retrouvaille.org/>

The Third Option: <http://www.thethirdoption.com/>

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes: 474-2400, Natural_Family_Plann@providence.org

Crisis Pregnancy Resources: 1-800-395-HELP

Post Abortion Healing: Project Rachel, www.hopeafterabortion.com, 888-456-HOPE

From Pope Francis: I would like to ask you, dear families: Do you pray together from time to time as a family? Some of you do, I know. But so many people say to me: But how can we? ...But in the family how is this done? After all, prayer seems to be something personal, and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace...Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realizing that we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And, also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents...praying for each other. That is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer.



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Upcoming Events:

January 27: Teacher In-Service Day, No School

January 30-February 3: Catholic Schools Week

8th Grade Labor Force: Our 8th Graders are all eagerly trying to earn money for their trip to Washington, D. C. next spring! Call them if you need baby sitting, yard work, or other needs around your house. Call April Boharski at 262-0291 or 230-4945. Her email is boweb@msn.com.

St. Thomas More Preschool: Call Jennifer at 466-3811, x 201.

For questions about our school, call Deacon Doug Banks at 466-3811, x 315

Mark Your Calendars:

Phantom of the Auction

Saturday, February 25

Go to the following link to donate auction items or purchase tickets.

<https://stthomasmore.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/PhantomoftheAuction/PhantomoftheAuctionAdmission/tabid/833801/Default.aspx>



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