

Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



March 5, 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

March 5, 2017

First Sunday in Lent

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Here's what's happening at St. Thomas More this week:

Monday

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Tuesday

7: Rosary Makers, 1:00 PM
Altar Society Card Party & Luncheon

Wednesday

8: School Mass, 9:00 AM
Catholic Scripture Study, 9 AM & 6:30 PM
Game Day, Noon
Jr. High Youth Group, 7:00 PM
First Penance Service, 7:00 PM

Thursday

9: Catholic Scripture Study, 1:00 PM
Lenten Program: 5:30 PM Soup,
6:00 PM Presentation (Bishop's Letter on Poverty)
7:00 PM, Taize Prayer

Friday

10: Diocesan In-Service Day, No School
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 PM

Saturday

11: Masses at 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM

Sunday

12: Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM

If you have any questions about any of the above activities, call the Parish Office at 466-3811.



Hearing assistance is available
during liturgies at FM 89.1

Annual Catholic Appeal

Our last report shows that St. Thomas More has raised \$82,341.00. This is 65 percent of our goal, and 162 parishioners have participated. Thank you to those who have given! If you have not yet donated, it isn't too late—please do so soon!

Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$403,887.00	\$401,232.00
Needed Weekly:	\$12,239.00	
Received 02/20:	\$9,756.00	
Received 2/26:	\$6,918.00	
Mailed in:	\$1,241.00	
Auto Withdrawal:	0.00	
Total Received:	\$8,159.00	

Beginning this Thursday...

Lenten Series

Washington State Bishops' Letter
on Poverty

Presented by Paul Machtolf

March 9, 16, & 23, PACC

5:30 PM Soup/Supper

6:00 PM Presentation

7:00 PM Taize Prayer

Join your fellow parishioners as we study this important issue facing our state. This pastoral document is the result of a year of listening sessions with people living in poverty in our state. The bishops in our state have called for direction in solidarity with those who are suffering. The letter, "Who is my Neighbor? The Face of Poverty in Washington State" was released last November and printed earlier in our bulletin. Spend a few Thursdays this Lent learning how you can help with this problem in our state.

Youth News

Jr. High Youth Group has started Transformation: Transforming Our Lives with the Sacraments of Initiation Wednesdays 7:00-7:30, School Cafeteria

High School Youth Group: Pray for the Success of our youth attending the CYC Conference this weekend!

Youth Night on March 7 is cancelled.

First Reconciliation is March 8 at 7:00 PM



TRANSFORMATION



- 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 fundraisers 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 homebound 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/>

USHERS/GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday 4:30 P.M.	Kenneth La Grandeur and Jim Chatfield
Sunday 7:30 A.M.	Marc Feldscher & Irene Kershinar
9:00 A.M.	Casey Zollinger & Dan Loewen
11:00 A.M.	John Hoffman & Sons

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, March 11:

Sacristan: Mary Bolka
Suzanne Donovan, Jerry Simmer, Sue Trautman,
Doris Doyle, Ernie Greco, Ann Hart, Helen Malone
Lector: Brian Mather

Sunday, March 12:

	Sacristan: Jack Louie
7:30 AM	Karen & Roger Deshaw, Frank & Kathy Vedelago, Cecelia & Claude Frank, Barb Goold Lector: Robert Schmitt
9:00 AM	Sacristan: Dan Loewen Gilda Meyer, Linda Fitzgerald, Mary Liguori, Pat Wood, Paul Machtolf, Deborah Weber, Jim Vandervert Lector: Greg Nagy
11:00 AM	Sacristan: Dan Loewen Deborah Vose, Marion Roderick, Barb & Brian Beaty, Tish & Dean Dunn, Mary Heinen Lector: Cat Roe
7:00 PM	Sacristan: Chaundra Ward Megan Smith Lector: Bradley Ward

Altar Servers for Next Weekend:

Saturday, March 11:

4:30 PM Alexa Mather, Ben Myers, Olivia Lofstedt

Sunday, March 12:

7:30 AM	Kahea Figueira & Reagan Louie
9:00 AM	Lucas & Claire Dickau, Mariana Francisca Doyle
11:00 AM	Jacob & Sophia Mark, Alexander Neyman
7:00 PM	Jacob Smith & Lilly Mena



Lenten Rules For Fast and Abstinence

Fasting is required for those between the ages of 18 to 59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. A proper fast means only one full meal a day with other meals limited. Abstinence from meat is required for everyone 14 and older on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent.



Stations of the Cross

The stations of the cross will be held most Fridays in Lent at 7:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel. Walk the path with our Lord through his Passion and Death and come once again to know of his love for you.

Planning on going to the Stations of the Cross? Join the Knights for their Fish Fry on March 17 & 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Lent.

a season of spiritual preparation

Lenten Penance Services:

April 11, 9:00 AM (School)
April 11, 5:30 PM

Looking for ways to reflect during Lent? Take advantage of our new on-line platform: Formed. You will find many opportunities to prepare for Easter: programs, readings, family activities, movies, etc. You can use Formed on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. It is easy to use: Go to Formed.org and enter our Parish Code 6HR79H.

Special Program for Faith Enrichment:

This Lenten Season we will again be gathering on Thursday evenings for 5:30 PM Soup/Supper and a faith enrichment discussion followed by Taize Prayer. This year, we will be reviewing the Washington State Bishops Pastoral Letter: "The Face of Poverty in Washington State." Reviewing The Good Samaritan Parable will play an important part in understanding our call.

The dates for this series are: March 9, 16, & 23.





Knight's Corner

Knight of the Month
Rob Walker

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 March: Corned Beef and Cabbage

Back by Popular Demand!

Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry

March 17 & 31

5:00-7:00 PM



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 Parishioners:

Sorry...But your priests do not have access to the list of Catholics at any of our hospitals. Federal guidelines known as HIPAA prohibit access...so the only way we know that you are hospitalized is if you let us know. Please call the parish office and leave the information when you are entering any of the hospitals for treatment.

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 & Donuts

Join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts this weekend. Thank you to our Shawl Ministry and Crosswalk Ministry for hosting.

Have you checked out our new website? It is awesome! Find out the latest news and happenings at St. Thomas More.
www.thomasmorespokane.org

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER TOURNAMENT

Grand Prize: 1 week for two at Pueblo Bonito Emerald Bay, Mazatlan, Mexico
Tournament date: April 28
8 tables with 64 players
Registration is now open on school website.



St. Patrick's Irish Dinner

Let's get in the Irish Spirit for the month of March. Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner served at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Holy Names Hall on Sunday, March 5 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. Entertainment, raffle, and good fun for all the family! Donation asked: \$10 adults, \$25 for a family.



"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).

NEWS and HAPPENINGS FROM AROUND TOWN

- **Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide**, 12-weeks beginning 3/8 at the Cathedral, 6:30-8:30pm. Contact Donna Petrocelli: 468-8429, divorceministry.donna@gmail.com
- **St. Francis of Assisi Women's Club Card Party & Luncheon**, 3/15, Noon-3pm, \$8/person. Reservations by 3/10 with Mary Ann 466-4260 or Gina 328-4818.
- **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Bosnia, & Dubrovnik with Pilgrim Pathways**, 6/23-7/3, Deadline is 3/1, Contact Sylvia at shows@ieway.com.
- **Pilgrimage to Mexico**, led by Fr. Albert Grasher, 10/11-17, 1st Deposit due 3/15, Call 1-800-225-7662.

St. Thomas More Altar Society Spring Luncheon & Card Party

Tuesday, March 7 at 11:30am

Get a table together!

\$8 per person

Please call Pat 466-7358 to RSVP by March 1.



On the Road again...

STM Senior Explorers

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

March 26, 27, 28

Deposit required to hold your spot. We have a few spots left!





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 March 6:

Mon.	7:30	A.M.	Richard Weber
Tue.	7:30	A.M.	Maria Ninh Nguyen
Wed.	7:30	A.M.	Richard Weber
Thur.	7:30	A.M.	Roberta Gehrke
Fri.	7:30	A.M.	Thao Nguyen
Sat.	7:30	A.M.	
Sun.	7:30	A.M.	
	9:00	A.M.	Our Parishioners
	11:00	A.M.	Elizabeth Matthews
	7:00	P.M.	

You Are Invited

The Missionaries of Charity would like to invite you to join them in a Novena on the 13th of each month beginning in February and continuing until October. This is in commemoration of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The Novena will be held at St. Patrick's Church (Spokane) and will begin with Mass at 6:00 PM. A rosary procession in the neighborhood will follow and conclude with the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

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.



Attention Parishioners:

This year St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday. For us, Fridays are days of abstinence from meat. However, because this year St. Patrick's Day is on a Friday, Bishop Daly has dispensed the Catholics of the Diocese from the obligation of abstinence. He has asked that you substitute some other penance for abstinence.



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: Talk behind your spouse's back...to God. If there is something your spouse is struggling with or trying to discern, your prayers are very important.

Marriage Encounter: Spend a weekend together away from the distractions of life learning how to make a good marriage great. <https://inlandempirewwme.org/> 509-455-8415

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

CAPA PREPARES is a parish-based, statewide ministry that provides pregnant mothers, fathers, and their families support and care from pregnancy through the child's 5th birthday. For support or to refer or volunteer, please contact 455-4973. See more at www.preparesforlife.org

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



Upcoming Events:**March 8: First Penance, 7:00 PM****March 10: Diocesan In-Service, No School****March 17: Crazy Hat Day****March 30: 8th Grade Play**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped make our auction so successful—to those who volunteered their time and talents, for those who donated items, and for those who purchased items and attended the dinner—the staff and students of STM School are so appreciative of your support!



2017-2018 School Registration begins soon!

St. Thomas More Catholic School is one of the preeminent PK-8 Schools in Spokane, WA. Our students are empowered and encouraged to reach their full potential as unique creations of a Loving God.

Why a Catholic School?

Parents choose Catholic schools for their children because of high academic standards, values-added education, and a safe school environment. At Catholic schools, these are tangible, visible realities forged from tradition, intellect, wisdom, and the passionate commitment of the teachers.

Why St. Thomas More?

Catholic Identity – Our Mission is “To Know, Love, and Serve God” in all we say, do, and pray.

Academic Excellence – We take pride that we teach students to “learn how to learn”.

Community – Caring for one another, for each other’s families, and appreciating the unique gifts and talents that each student and their family brings to St. Thomas More is our way of living out the teachings of the Gospels.

Service – St. Thomas More Catholic School believes strongly that the words of the gospel are meant to be learned, studied, and PUT INTO ACTION!



C+STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, with a Catholic component

A C+STEM program provides a focus for students to show appreciation, care, and reverence for God’s creation. This program begins with a fully installed and equipped science lab and a spiraling curriculum. We are developing a three-year plan which over time will see: the addition of an outdoor vegetable garden and a solar-powered greenhouse to grow food that will be used for our St. Vincent de Paul ministry and for Catholic Charities; robotic and bio-med experiences; real-world problem solving inventions that our students will discern and create.

Art & Music Classes

Comprehensive programs in art and music for students in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade.

Spanish Curriculum

An integrated K-8 program designed to fulfill the first year foreign language requirement for high school.

Open Enrollment

If it is your desire to send your child to St. Thomas More Catholic School, we are willing to work with you to help you make it possible for your child(ren) to attend. We are committed to helping all families send their children to St. Thomas More Catholic School, regardless of financial ability.

Call or visit our website – www.thomasmorespokane.org – to make an appointment to visit and tour the school and our programs.

“Catholic Schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource.”

–Pope Francis

Registration Dates

Currently Enrolled Families: Monday and Tuesday, March 20 & 21, 8:30-10:00 AM and 2:00-3:30 PM and Wednesday, March 22 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

If you are not currently enrolled and would like to register for the 2017-2018 school year or want to learn more about our school, contact Doug Banks at 466-3811, ext. 315.