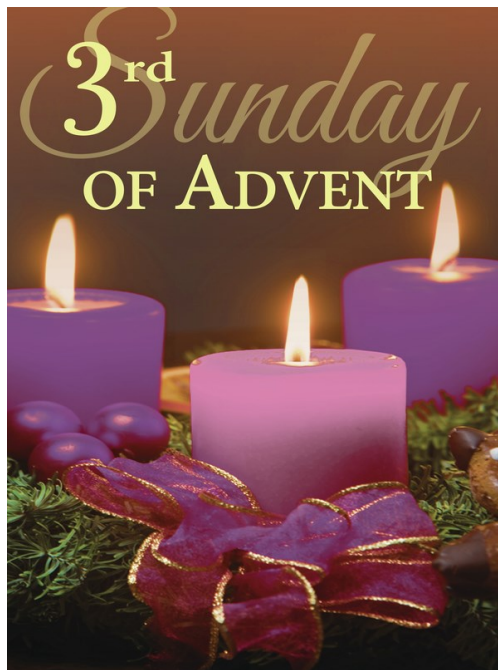


Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



December 15, 2019

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

Thursdays – 4:30 PM • Saturdays - 8:15 AM

DEVOTION

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

ROSARY

Daily - 7:00 AM

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.

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ST. THOMAS MORE

Website: www.thomasmorespokane.org

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Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Staff

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Pastor
Fr. Pat Kerst Ext. 208
Parish Deacons
Deacon Douglas Banks Ext. 204
Deacon Tom Heavey
Office Staff
Jennifer Siira, Business Manager Ext. 201
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Traci Loewen, Bulletin Editor Ext. 200
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J.J., Nazzaro, Youth Ministry Coord.

School Staff

Phone: 466-3811
Doug Banks, Principal Ext. 204
Jim McCollum, Interim Principal
& Student Affairs VP Ext. 315
Maureen Durheim, Academic VP Ext. 326
Mary Heavey, Secretary Ext. 313
Jen Siira, Preschool Director Ext. 201

Oh Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words, and deeds. O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you, your grace, and your tender compassion toward us. Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

—St. Thomas More,

1478-1535



The diocese is committed to helping victims/survivors of sexual abuse and to protecting children and vulnerable adults. Volunteers who supervise other volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults **are required to report** any suspected abuse by others they supervise. Contact: Roberta Smith, Victims Assistance Coordinator (509) 353-0442 Office Phone or (509) 998-8340 Cell. You may also go to the Diocesan website.
<http://www.dioceseofspokane.org/safe-environment>.



**CHURCH
SACRAMENTS**

Baptism: Go to our parish website to fill out the proper paperwork. After we receive your information, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment.

Marriage: To schedule an appointment for marriage preparation, please contact a parish priest at least four months in advance of your desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Office to request a priest. If the call is after hours, you will be prompted on how to proceed.



Monday

16:

Tuesday

17: Rosary Makers, 1:00 PM
Youth Group Mtg., @ St. Charles, 6:30 PM
Preschool Christmas Program, 7:00 PM

Wednesday

18: Adult Bible Study, "Epic", 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Game Day, 11:30 AM

Thursday

19: School Mass, 8:45 AM
Adult Bible Study, "Epic", 1:00 PM
School Christmas Program, 7:00 PM

Friday

20:

Saturday

21: Mass at 4:30 PM

Sunday

22: Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Santa Claus visits after all Masses
Family to Family Weaving Sale

If you have questions about any of these events, call the Parish Office.

**Hearing assistance is available
during liturgies at FM 89.1**

TIME Talent Treasure

Stewardship

	Budget YTD	Received YTD
Income		
Needed Weekly:	\$12,808.00	
Received 12/8:	Figures unavailable	
Mailed in:	0.00	
Auto Withdrawal:	0.00	
Total Received:	0.00	



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
2019

Christmas Collection

Proceeds from this collection sustain operational costs for programs and services that help 70,000 people each year through crisis response, stability and housing, and advocacy. Please give generously.

Gratitude

With Thanksgiving not too far in the rear-view mirror, we take this opportunity to extend deep gratitude to you for your generosity with:

- Your regular donations of money, time, and service to the parish
- Your monetary gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal and Catholic Charities Christmas Collection
- Your donations of gloves for the Christmas Bureau, and food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets
- Your Giving Tree Donations

Through these ministries, the light of Christ shines in the darkness!

Attention Ministers of the Altar:

Please stop by the board in the back of the church and sign up to serve at one of our Christmas or New Year's Masses.
Thank you!

"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).



USHERS/GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

Sat. 4:30 P.M.	Ken LaGrandeur & Jim Chatfield
Sun. 7:30 A.M.	Kristy Sue Masteller & Lulu Caponni
9:00 A.M.	Dan Loewen & Casey Zollinger
11:00 A.M.	John Hoffman & Sons
7:00 P.M.	Ward Family

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, December 21:

4:30 PM Sacristan: Chris Banks
Sue Trautman, Linda Bacon, Mary Bolka, Helen Durgan, Kelly Malone, Ernie Greco
Lector: Casey McNellis

Sunday, December 22:

7:30 AM Sacristan: Jack Louie
Karen & Bob Wormell, Roger & Karen Deshaw, Pat Moller, Cecelia & Claude Frank
Lector: Jim Weston

9:00 AM Sacristan: Greg Riddle
Katelyn Doan, Ken & Sherry Oakland, Robert Walker, Fran McDonald, Chad & Cindy Anderson
Lector: Grant Becherini

11:00 AM Sacristan: Greg Riddle
Marion Roderick, Marie Smith, Dean & Trish Dunn
Lector: Roger Devaney

7:00 PM Sacristan: Chaundra Ward
Lector: Bradley Ward

Altar Servers for Next Weekend:

Saturday, December 21:

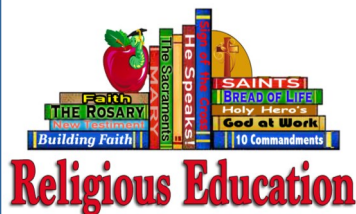
4:30 PM Gabrielle Atkinson & Nikolas Motredt

Sunday, December 22:

7:30 AM Lane Blunt
9:00 AM Evan & Ethan Nguyen, Nathan Doan
11:00 AM Sofia & Emiliana Mark, Claire Moua
7:00 PM Lucy & Simon Ward



Youth Faith Formation



Religious Education

Kindergarten
through 5th grade.
We meet on
Sundays in the
Library from 10:05
AM until 10:55
AM. Questions?
Call the Parish
Office.

Middle School and High School Youth Group

Join us on Tuesdays at St. Charles Parish
at 6:30 PM.

Sacramental Prep Calendar

Children meet in the school, parents in PACC
All classes are on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

January 29, March 25, April 29

Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation:
Saturday, May 9, 11:00 AM

Thank you to our catechists:

Sacramental Prep: Tracy Acker (Coordinator), Mary Liguori, Nikki Myers, Cindy Hawk

Religious Education: Alexis Ferrante (Coordinator), Guillermo and Ashley Cartagena, Kimberly Tadlock, Mikayla Greenlund, Katelyn Doan

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

Just in time for Christmas.
Take some time out of the busy-
ness of these days to spend some
time with fellow parishioners in
prayer and discussion. This is for
the whole family!

Saturday, December 21
10:00 AM to Noon
Parish Library

This time will include prayer, a
video presentation, and some
group discussion, facilitated by Fr.
Pat.



Holiday Schedule

Preschool Christmas Program

Tuesday, Dec. 17 7:00 PM

School Christmas Program

Thursday, Dec. 19 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses:

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Masses at 4:00 PM (PAC)
4:30 PM, & 10:00 PM
7:00 PM (Assumption
Parish)
8:00 PM (St. Charles
Parish)

Christmas Day Mass:

Wednesday, Dec. 25: Mass at 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God:

Tuesday, Dec. 31: Mass at 4:30 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 1: Mass at 10:00 AM

Parish Office Schedule:

Dec. 24-26: Parish Office Closed
Dec. 27 & 30: Parish Office open 8:00
AM until noon
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1: Parish Office
Closed

Please note:

Adoration closes on Saturday, December 21 at 4:00 PM
and remains closed on Sunday, December 22, Monday,
December 23, Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday,
December 25. It reopens after the 7:30 AM Mass on
Thursday, December 26.



Knights' Corner

We meet on the Third Tuesday of the Month. Please join us!



Santa will be in the PACC after all of the Masses on Sunday, December 22. Bring the kids to see Santa!

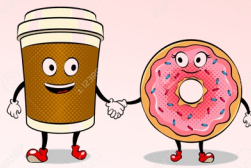
The Knights will also be having a Bake Sale! Proceeds will be given to the Family to Family Ministry.



Altar Society Raffle

The drawing will be this Sunday after the 11:00 AM Mass. Need not be present to win. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket or

donated items for the raffle!



Coffee & Donuts
Join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts after Mass today. Thank you to St. Martha's ministry for hosting this weekend.

Family to Family

There will be a weaving and coffee sale after all Masses on Dec. 21-22. All proceeds support vocational training, health, housing and community development programs in our Mission area of Guatemala. In addition, Donors and Family Sponsors can pick up their handmade gift made by a participant in FTF's weaving and sewing programs as a token of appreciation for your support of the poor that we serve in Guatemala!

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

- ♦ Silent 4-Day Ignatian Discernment Retreat, Fr. Jeff Putthoff, 1/2-5
- ♦ Silent Weekend Retreat on Apologetics, "The Protestant Question: How to Answer Biblical Objections to Catholic Beliefs", Karlo Broussard, 1/24-26
- ♦ Silent Day of Prayer: Messiah, Model, and Master, Fr. Ratuiste, 1/15
- ♦ Silent Day of Prayer on Mary, Fr. Savelesky, 2/5

To register for an event go to www.ihrc.net or call 448-1224.



This is what is happening at Catholic Charities...

Faith Journeys: Shrines of Italy, Fall 2020

Footsteps of St. Paul Tour through Greece, Spring 2021

Contact Shelli at shelli.brotherton@cceasternwa.org

Holiday Help: As we enter the season of giving, many people in our community want to give back! We have created a special holiday helper page for ways to get involved this holiday season. Visit www.cceasternwa.org/holiday-help for more info.

Make a House a Home: Please help us support people moving out of homelessness into our Haven properties by donating household items they will need to succeed in their new homes through our Make a House a Home Campaign. Visit www.cceasternwa.org/make-a-house-a-home for more information.

Other Happenings..

- ♦ **Hearts on Fire Men's Conference: "A Father's Love"**, 1/25, 8 AM until noon, Mirabeau Park Hotel, text 84576
- ♦ **Wholehearted Catholic Women's Gathering: "The Upper Room"**, 2/8, 9 AM—4PM, STM, dioceseofspokane.org to register
- ♦ **Save the Date: Helena Catholic Women's Conference**, 4/18/20, Civic Center, Helena, MT, visit helenacwc.com

Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who brought a gift or two for those in need on our Giving Tree. Your gifts were so thoughtfully chosen and beautifully wrapped! Our parishioners always come through for this wonderful ministry!

God's blessings to all of you!



RETROUVAILLE
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille is a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages. It is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend experience, followed by post-weekend presentations and monthly small group support meetings. For more information call 1-800-470-2230 or HelpOurMarriage.com



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

FOR THE WEEK

Week of December 16:

Mon.	7:30 A.M.	Fr. Santan Pinto
Tue.	7:30 A.M.	Helen Malone
Wed.	7:30 A.M.	Peggy Ann Zirkle
Thur.	7:30 A.M.	Scotty Murdoch
Fri.	7:30 A.M.	Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	7:30 A.M.	Agnus Ferguson
	4:30 P.M.	Bob Durgan
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	
	9:00 A.M.	
	11:00 A.M.	STM Parishioners
	7:00 P.M.	

ADORATION

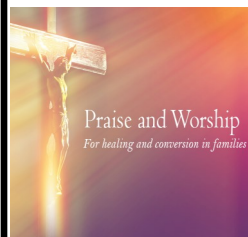
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta has stated, "The fruit of silence is Prayer, the fruit of prayer is Faith, the fruit of faith is Love,...the fruit of love is Service, the fruit of service is Peace." St.

Padre Pio's words, "Confide your needs to Him, along with those of others." The following time slots need volunteers:

Call Sue at 467-0671 if you can help.

Mondays: 10:00 to 11:00 AM

Tuesdays: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM



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.

ADVENT

In this season of preparation, many people find value in celebrating the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Remember that Confessions are available every Thursday, 4:30-5:15 PM and every Saturday, 8:00-9:00 AM, in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel. Please consider experiencing this grace-filled encounter with the Lord in this Sacrament this Advent!

St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Christmas baskets. We were able to provide food to 70 families (10 Trinity families) and they will now be able to have a wonderful Christmas dinner thanks to your generosity! Thank you to all who helped us deliver the food and presents.

**CHRISTMAS
FOOD BASKETS**



**The 41st Annual
St. Thomas More
Catholic School
Dinner & Auction
Saturday, February 29
5:30 PM**

Use this code and link to shop the St. Thomas More Auction Items
Wish List on amazon.com and help your school today:



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St. Thomas More Weather Station

As part of our C+STEM program, we had added a true NOAA official weather station here at STM. Students are gathering data and making charts—but you, too, can benefit from seeing firsthand what the weather is at St. Thomas More at the touch of your phone app!



Download the **Weatherlink App (by Davis)** to your android or apple device and the weather, right from our very own parish school, will be at your fingertips! Our weather station's handle is: "STMweather99208"



Need Help Around the House or in the Yard?
Don't forget about our 8th Graders who are now busy earning money for their DC trip next year! If you need help, contact Jennifer Onzay at: STMDCTRIP@gmail.com