

Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



September 12, 2021

Liturgy Schedule

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 PM

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

DAILY MASS

7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursdays – 4:30 PM-5:15 PM • Saturdays - 8:15-9:00 AM

ADORATION

3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Mon thru Fri

Parish 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

September 12, 2021

Website: www.thomasmorespokane.org

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Hearing assistance is available during liturgies at FM 89.1



**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.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, September 13:

4:30 PM Senior Explorer Mtg.

Tuesday, September 14:

12:30 PM Rosary Makers

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg.

Wednesday, September 15:

Thursday, September 16:

Friday, September 17:

Saturday, September 18:

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 19:

Mass at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

Youth Group BBQ at St. Charles, 2:00 PM

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

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>

TIME Talent Treasure

Weekly Stewardship (New figures unavailable)

Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$93,555.00	\$95,6326.00

Received:

In person	.00
Mailed In	8.00
Online	61.00
Total	.00

Needed Weekly \$13,365.00

Thanks to all who offer your stewardship donations to the parish on-line! You can set up a one-time or ongoing donation online at:

<https://parish.thomasmorespokane.org/give>

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

It is the time of year when our bishop asks us to support the ministry and programs of the Diocese of Spokane through donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal. This Appeal provides the majority of the revenue with which the diocese carries out its mission, administratively and pastorally.

Commitment Weekend for the ACA is September 25-26; you can, of course, make your donation anytime you wish, using the envelopes you may have received in the mail or that are available in church, or using the on-line option (www.dioceseofspokane.org).

Our assessment this year for our parish is \$153,378, which is about \$4,000.00 more than our assessment last year. If we all give as much as we can, we will once again meet our assessed amount. Please prayerfully consider a donation this year's ACA.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem.

Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it?

We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny. Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER



Ministers of the Altar September 18/19:

Lector:

4:30 PM	Linda Carper
7:30 AM	Leslie Stachecki
9:00 AM	Martin Weber
11:00 AM	Agnes Ericson

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 PM	Mary Bolka & Sue Trautman
7:30 AM	Kathy Ossello
9:00 AM	Ken & Sherry Oakland
11:00 AM	Gary Myer & Ann Hart

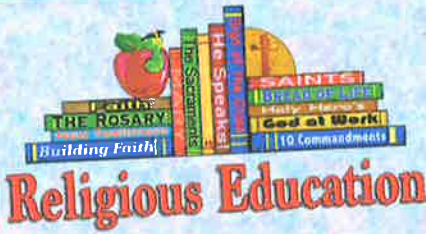
Eucharistic Ministers should wear masks and use hand sanitizer while distributing communion.

"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).

Youth Faith Formation



Religious Education

For children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. This is a great way to fulfill your responsibility to raise your children in our Faith. We will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the library beginning October 14. If you are a high schooler or adult who would like to help with this program, contact Alexa. Registration will be online. Email Alexa at alexious13@gmail.com



Sacramental Prep—Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion

Children meet in the school, parents in the PACC. To participate in Sacramental Prep, students must be in Catholic School or the Religious Education Program. Classes are Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

If you would like to help with this program, contact Tracy.

Schedule:

September 29, October 20, November 10, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 2, & April 20.

Questions: Contact Tracy Acker at tracyacker83@gmail.com

Middle School and High School Youth Group

We will begin meeting the week of September 19.

High School Youth Group will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the St. Charles Youth room.

Middle School students will meet on Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the St. Thomas More gym.

For more information and upcoming events, find us online: www.ncymspokane.com or JJ at jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org

Facebook: NCYSpokane
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BBQ

Youth Ministry
Kick-Off BBQ
Sunday, September 19
St. Charles Field
2:00 to 4:00 PM
Everyone welcome! Come see what we are all about!





Check out the following opportunities to renew and/or expand your Catholic Faith:

RCIA: Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and/or joining the church. We will begin our this weekend after the 9:00 AM Mass. Contact Al or Sharon Pry at 466-5951 for more information.



Adult Bible Study

Sign up on the parish website or in the Parish Office.



How did the Church grow and spread in the face of severe persecution? This study will answer that and other questions.



FORMED
FAITH AT HOME

Don't forget to check out Formed.org

You will find bible studies, movies, documentaries,

books, audio talks, and sacramental prep material from leading Catholic experts which will help you grow in understanding your faith. Parish code: 6HR79H

pancake
breakfast



Sunday,
September 26
After All Masses
Support our 8th
Graders!



Immaculate
Heart Retreat
Center

Private Directed Retreats at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center are always available: Ignatian or Scriptural Spiritual Direction retreats. We can tailor a retreat to your spiritual and emotional needs. For more information or to register in advance, please call 448-1224 or visit www.ihrc.net

The Immaculate Heart Retreat Center is also looking for volunteers to help with their various ministries—help with the kitchen, Christmas decorating, yard and garden maintenance, and help in preparing rooms for their retreats. Contact Sr. Bernadette Pederson, Volunteer Coordinator.



Senior Explorers
Informational Meeting
Monday, September 13,
4:30 PM

Attention all of you Senior Explorers! Let's get together and start planning our next adventures! We are considering a trip in 2022: Nashville to New Orleans!

Doug took a "preview" trip this summer so he will report on his findings!

It will be fun to get together and catch up with each other and start discussing our next trip. Questions, call Traci in the Parish Office.



Knights' Corner

Tuesday, September 21:
General Mtg., 6 PM, PACC, Masks required

Upcoming Events:

October 10: Solidarity Mass

October 24: Pancake Breakfast



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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Week of Sept. 13

Sat.	4:30 P.M.	Bob Downs
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	STM
	9:00 A.M.	Joel Becker
	11:00 A.M.	
Mon.	7:30 A.M.	Terry Reilly
Tues.	7:30 A.M.	Steve Sereda
Wed.	7:30 A.M.	Helen Mae Ball
Thurs.	7:30 A.M.	Joel Becker
Friday	7:30 A.M.	Joan Tiarks
Sat.	7:30 A.M.	
	4:30 P.M.	Chester & Veronica Bonk
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	Lambert & Joan Sanders
	9:00 A.M.	Tripolina Gardner
	11:00 A.M.	STM

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."

**Adoration is open Mon. thru Fri.
3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**



Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have recently died.

Tripolina Gardner
Joel Becker
Steven Dunn
Fred Meyer
James Felice
Paul Becker
Marty Dineen

Attention Parishioners: Our St. Martha's Ministry will now only be **SERVING** food for our funeral receptions. Food prepared in homes is **not** allowed to be brought in for public meals. Food must be prepared in a professional kitchen.

Creator, as I prepare to go into the world,
help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth -
let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" -
a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbours,
as I love myself.

Christ, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart,
that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.
Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly,
not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears,
remind me to listen carefully - and full of care -
to all those I meet.
May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner,
and each breath that it holds, be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.
May it be so. May it be so.



The Right Reverend Richard Bott
Moderator of the
United Church of Canada

Please remember, while you are unable to attend Sunday Mass it is livestreamed on Sunday mornings.

Upcoming Events:

September 16: Back to School Night, 6:00 PM

October 1: Fund Run

October 8: Diocesan In-Service, No School

WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL!



Need Help With Your Fall
Yard Clean Up?

Don't forget about our 8th
Graders who are now busy
earning money for their DC
trip next May. If you need help with cleaning
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