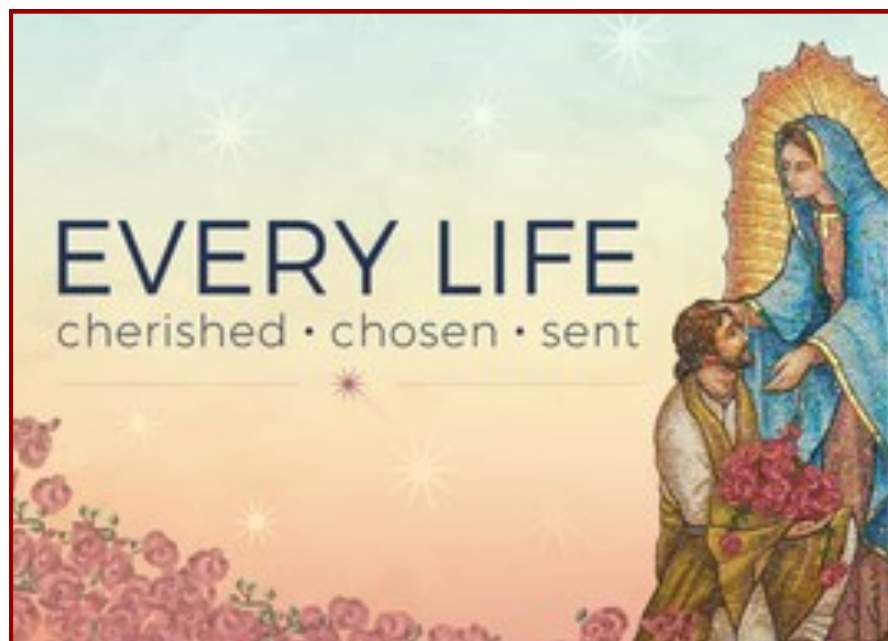


Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



October 3, 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

Website: www.thomasmorespokane.org

October 3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff

Phone 466-3811
Pastor
Fr. Pat Kerst Ext. 208
Parish Deacons
Deacon Douglas Banks Ext. 204
Deacon Tom Heavey
Office Staff
Jennifer Siira, Business Manager Ext. 201
John Oss, Music Director Ext. 200
Traci Loewen, Bulletin Editor Ext. 200
Jim Huss, Receptionist Ext. 200
Alexis Ferrante, Religious Ed. Coord.
Tracy Acker, Sacramental Prep Coord.
J.J., Nazzaro, Youth Ministry Coord.

School Staff

Phone: 466-3811
Jim McCollum, Principal.....Ext. 315
Rachel McCann, Vice Principal..... Ext. 326
Doug Banks, Vice Principal for Finance, Development
& Facilities.....Ext. 204
Jen Siira, Business Admin. & Preschool Dir.....Ext. 201
Mary Heavey, Secretary..... Ext. 313
Sheleis Mather, Secretary..... Ext. 314

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



THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, October 4:

Tuesday, October 5:

12:30 PM Rosary Makers

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 6:

9:00 AM Adult Faith Formation

6:30 PM Adult Faith Formation

Thursday, October 7:

1:00 PM Adult Faith Formation

Friday, October 8:

Diocesan In-Service Day—No School

Saturday, October 9:

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, October 10:

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

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

Hearing assistance
is available during
liturgies at FM 89.1

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.

TIME Talent Treasure

Weekly Stewardship (9/26/21)

Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$173,745.00	\$151,556.00

Received:

In person	\$5,908.00
Mailed In	\$0.00
Online	\$2,721.00
Total	\$8,629.00

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.

You can 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

Therein lies the...rib

"If I were God..." is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. *If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.*

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation — because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else — looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. "Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again." But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER



Ministers of the Altar October 9/10

Lector:

4:30 PM	Kelsey Machtolf
7:30 AM	Bob Schmitt
9:00 AM	Pat Michels
11:00 AM	Roger Devaney

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 PM	Joanie Pelkie
7:30 AM	Kathy Ossello
9:00 AM	Brett & Kathleen Wanner
11:00 AM	Kay Doyle & Ann Hart

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

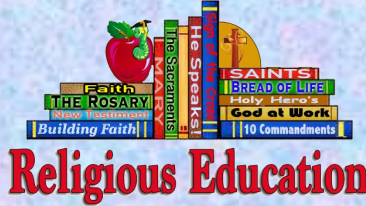
The new serving schedule was emailed to everyone a few weeks ago. Please let Traci know in the Parish Office if you didn't receive it.

"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



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

Parish families with kids in 2nd Grade and above can register through the parish website under the “Faith Formation” tab. Parents meet in the PACC, children in the school.

Classes are Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

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

Upcoming Schedule:

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

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

On the first Wednesday of each month starting on Oct. 6, we will host adoration with a message, music, and confession available from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier. That week we will not meet at our usual time at St. Charles and STM.

Middle School students meet on Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the St. Thomas More gym, except for the first Wednesday of each month—see above note.

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

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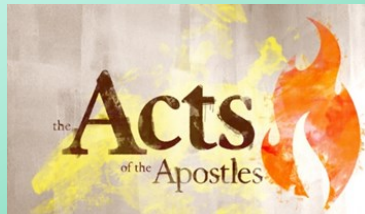
Check out the following opportunities to renew and/or expand your Catholic Faith:

RCIA: Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and/or joining the church. Our classes have begun, but it isn't too late to join! We meet 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. Classes begin this week on Wednesday and Thursday.



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

Coffee and donuts cancelled until further notice.



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.

Upcoming events:

Oct. 13: Silent Day of Prayer, Archangel Raphael, Healer, Guide, Match-Maker & Friend, Sr. Mary Eucharista, \$40 per person, 9 AM-3 PM

Oct. 15: Weekend retreat on St. Joseph, \$212 per person

Nov. 12: Barrister Winery Evening of Elegance, 6 PM to 9 PM, Keynote Speaker, Fr. Tom Lamanna, \$75 per person

Nov. 19-20: 24-hour Illumination Retreat, "Holy Family Manuscript Retreat", Hanna Charlton, \$145



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are back!

Our first meeting will be October 11 at 1:00 PM in Conference Room 1

We knit and crochet shawls and blankets for those in need of comfort and warmth during difficult times.

Please join us! We will be back to our regular meeting schedule, the 2nd Monday of the Month.



Knights' Corner

Upcoming Events:

October 10: Solidarity Mass

October 24: 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 October 3

Sat.	4:30 P.M.	Teresa Hoa Nguyen
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	Greg Jones
	9:00 A.M.	Terry Reilly
	11:00 A.M.	STM
Mon.	7:30 A.M.	Michael Crandell
Tues.	7:30 A.M.	Martin Dineen
Wed.	7:30 A.M.	Ngo Doan
Thurs.	7:30 A.M.	Phyllis Noonan
Friday	7:30 A.M.	Lambert & Joan Sanders
Sat.	7:30 A.M.	Greg Jones
	4:30 P.M.	John Tich Nguyen
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	Terry Reilly
	9:00 A.M.	Tripolina Gardner
	11:00 A.M.	Lindy Styer

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.

Paul Becker
Mary Kautzman
Dick Dore

Fr. Pat's mom, Donna Abel, passed away last Tuesday. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

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.



Rosary Rally

In honor of the 104th Anniversary of the final appearance of Our Lady of Fatima

Saturday, October 16, Noon

St. Thomas More

Sponsored by

America Needs Fatima

Please bring your rosary and all other materials will be provided.

Engaged Encounter Weekend Immaculate Heart Retreat Center October 15-17

Bishop Daly has informed us that we have recently received special encouragement from the Pope to hold in-person Engaged Encounter Weekends. These weekends will help engaged couples deepen their relationship and commitment to a sacramental marriage. If you are interested in attending, please contact: www.eespokane.org

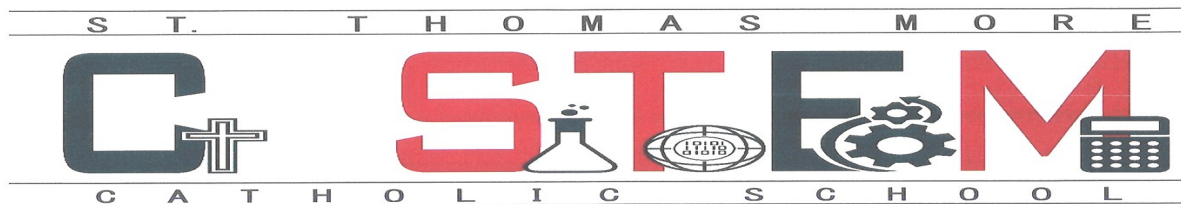
Red Mass Hosted by Gonzaga Law School Thursday, October 7, 5:30 PM, St. Aloysius

The Red Mass is celebrated annually in the Catholic Church for all members of the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation: judges, prosecutors, public defenders, attorneys, law school professors and students, and government officials. Though the Mass, we mark the opening of a new judicial year with the church asking the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all who are servants of justice. Begun in France in the 1300s by King Louis IX, our Archdiocesan patron saint, the Red Mass enjoys a long tradition in our country.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter In-Person Weekend Retreat October 22-24 Immaculate Heart Retreat Center

Go to www.wwme.org or kcnagle@comcastt.net

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



Dear St. Thomas More Community,

As we start a new school year, we are excited to bring students back to campus for full in-person learning. With some modifications, we have been able to open and regain a path to a normal year. Students are excited to be back to see old friends, make new ones, and begin the love of learning.

Our students this year will live out our Gospel mission to "Know, Love, and Serve" God. We are continuing our work with Coins for Change in support of Gonzaga Haven, which serves families in need through Catholic Charities. Our students have been raising money to supply Gonzaga Haven with books, bikes, and backpacks.

The C-STEM garden is still producing fresh produce for our local St. Vincent De Paul. The C-STEM program is back in full swing and students are busy in the lab. The 2nd graders have begun a Lego Robotics and the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will start to build rockets for our big launch in November!

Bishop Daly joined our students on the first day of school! He visited many classrooms and met with our students to talk about the importance of Catholic education. It was a great way to welcome students back for the school year.

We ask that you join us in prayer for our students, staff, and community.

We pray for the start of a new school year.

We pray for the new families we welcome to our community.

We pray for our students to live out the Gospel message through their hearts, minds, and actions.

We pray for peace in our community.

Humbly,

Photo of Bishop Daly on our first day with our 8th graders

Jim McCollum



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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 or yard work, contact Jennifer Onzay at:
STMDCTRIP@gmail.com