

# Saint Thomas More

Catholic Church



**November 7, 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](mailto:receptionist@thomasmorespokane.org).

# ST. THOMAS MORE

Website: [www.thomasmorespokane.org](http://www.thomasmorespokane.org)

November 2, 2021

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Staff

<b>Phone</b>	466-3811
<b>Pastor</b>	Ext. 208
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Deacon Tom Heavey	
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J.J., Nazzaro, Youth Ministry Coord.	

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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, November 8:

**1:00 PM** Shawl Ministry

### Tuesday, November 9:

**12:30 PM** Rosary Makers

**7:00 PM** Pastoral Council Mtg.

### Wednesday, November 10:

**9:00 AM** Adult Bible Study

**Noon** Senior Card Group

**6:00 PM** Sacramental Prep Class

**6:30 PM** Adult Bible Study

### Thursday, November 11:

**Veteran's Day: Parish Office and School Closed**

**1:00 PM** Adult Bible Study

### Friday, November 12:

### Saturday, November 13:

**4:30 PM** Vigil Mass

### Sunday, November 14:

**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 (10/31/21)

Income	Budget—YTD	Received—YTD
Envelopes & Plates	\$240,570.00	\$214,459.00

### Received:

In person	\$6,137.00
Mailed In	\$ 540.00
Online	\$3,191.00
Total	\$9,868.00

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>

Attention Parishioners: Our annual finance report will be given next weekend, November 13/14 at all the Masses.

## 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](http://www.dioceseofspokane.org)).

Our assessment this year for our parish is \$153,378.00, which is about \$4,000.00 more than our assessment last year. To date, our parishioners have given \$136,635.00, which is 89% of our goal. 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

### The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have "the look" when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. "I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone." But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving. We don't know how much we are capable of serving. We don't know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God "I'm done"? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER



## Ministers of the Altar November 13-14

### Lector:

4:30 PM	Linda Carper
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	Roger & Karen Deshaw
9:00 AM	Brett & Kathleen Wanner
11:00 AM	Gary Myers

Many people  
mistake our  
work for our  
vocation.  
Our vocation  
is the love  
of Jesus.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

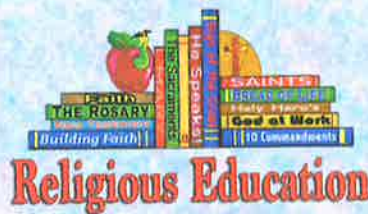
## "Put His Will in Your Will!"

### 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 meet on Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the PACC. If you are a high schooler or adult who would like to help with this program, contact Alexa at alexious13@gmail.com. Registration is online.



## 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

### Upcoming Schedule:

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, 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](http://www.ncymspokane.com) or JJ at [jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org](mailto:jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org). Be sure to check out the Mid-Semester Newsletter on our website.

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On Veteran's Day, November 11, the Northside Youth Ministry is hosting a **skate night** from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

at Pattison's North. All ages are welcome. Registration is required for those that plan on skating. Cost is \$15 and is collected through the registration page. The cost covers 2 hours of skating, skate rental, pizza, and pop. Use our website to get to the registration page (which will take you to the Youth Group tab on St. Thomas More's parish website).







**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.



**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



**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Our next meeting with be November 8 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 are back to our regular meeting schedule, the 2nd Monday of the Month.



**Senior Card Group**  
Our senior parishioners are finally back playing bridge and pinochle. We meet on Wednesdays at noon in the Library.

## 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](http://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:**

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

**Parishioners:** Did you know our bulletin is printed free of charge thanks to the parishioners or business owners who advertise on the back of our bulletin.

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**Knights' Corner**

**Turkey Bingo is**

cancelled this year. Instead the Knights will hold a Breakfast Turkey Burrito takeout on Sunday, November 21.





### PRAYER REQUEST

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 November 7

Sat.	4:30 P.M.	Teresa Hoa Nguyen
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	Lambert & Joan Sanders
	9:00 A.M.	Joan Tiarks
	11:00 A.M.	STM
Mon.	7:30 A.M.	Nicholas Cencich
Tues.	7:30 A.M.	Samuel Anulacion
Wed.	7:30 A.M.	Terry Reilly
Thurs.	7:30 A.M.	Greg Jones
Friday	7:30 A.M.	Nicholas Cencich
Sat.	7:30 A.M.	Donna Abel
	4:30 P.M.	Joseph Hong Duong
Sun.	7:30 A.M.	STM
	9:00 A.M.	Greg Jones
	11:00 A.M.	Donna Abel

### 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  
Bill Zehner, Jr.



**The Parish Office  
and School will  
be closed on  
Thursday,  
November 11 in  
observance of  
Veteran's Day.**



### A Veteran's Day Prayer

**Father, bless our veterans and all who  
serve our nation defending our  
freedom.**

**For those who bravely gave their lives,  
grant them eternal rest.**

**For those who are serving, give them  
courage.**

**For those who served, we offer our  
gratitude.**

**We ask this through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.**

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



Dear St. Thomas More Community,

We have been very busy this fall at St. Thomas More!

We had a very successful Fund Run on October 1<sup>st</sup>! We had overwhelming support and generosity from our St. Thomas More Community to ensure that all students can receive a Catholic education.

Following Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*, our students have been busy caring for our earth and community in our C-STEM garden. We were able to harvest a bountiful crop to support our local St. Vincent de Paul ministry. St. Thomas More students are learning the value of gardens, caring for the earth, and supporting our community. Mrs. Barnes worked many hours and with many students to bring the harvest to fruition.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are hard at work earning money for the end of the year Washington DC trip. With the help of Jack Louie and an army of volunteers, we had a successful take-out Chinese Dinner. Remember if you need help with fall cleanup, we have 8<sup>th</sup> graders that would love to work to earn money for their Washington DC trip.

Thank you for the ongoing support of the Parish and St. Thomas More community to ensure students can receive a Catholic education.

Humbly,

Jim McCollum



### St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Collection

You have been very generous in responding to our food request for our Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you! Food items can still be dropped off in the vestibule at our SVdP container this next week. We also need **turkeys** for our baskets, and they can be dropped off at the Parish Office. We will be making our Thanksgiving deliveries, from the Library, on Saturday morning, November 20. We welcome volunteers to help deliver! Of course, all will be wearing masks and deliveries will be left at the door once a family member answers the door.

#### Grocery List

Stuffing Mix (bag or box)

Jello-O

Canned Cranberries

Canned Fruit Cocktail

Canned Yams—Small

Salad Dressing

Bagged Marshmallows

Boxed Snack Crackers

Foil Turkey Roasting Pan







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