

ST. THOMAS MORE

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND NEWMAN CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

"Close to the heart of campus, close to the heart of Jesus"

Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
 5:00 PM, 9:00 PM
 *11:00 AM is livestreamed

Daily Mass:

Monday 6:00 PM
 Tuesday 6:00 PM
 Wednesday 6:00 PM
 Thursday 6:00 PM
 Friday 12:00 PM ***Holy Day of Obligation***

Rosary:

Monday-Thursday 5:30 PM

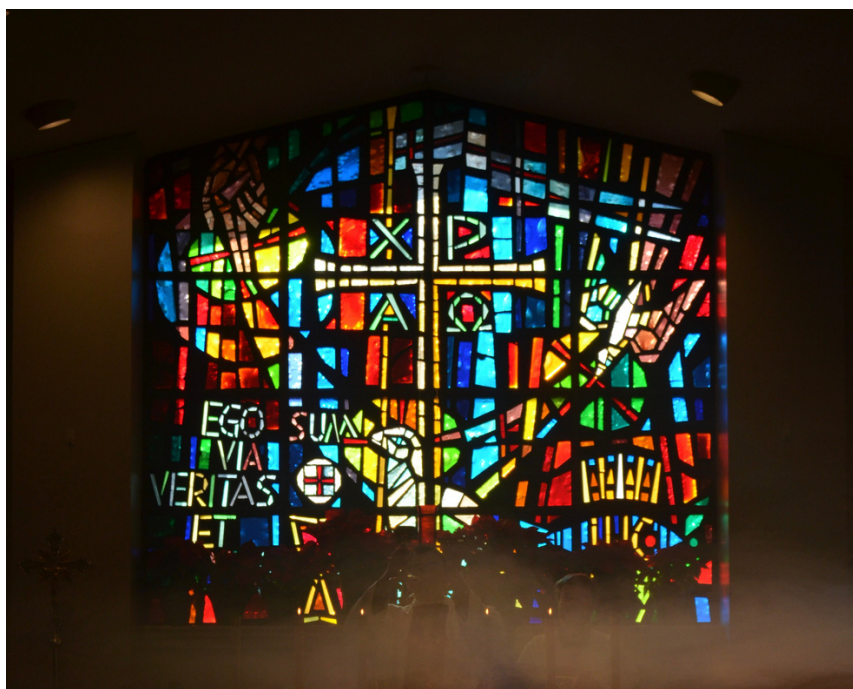
Reconciliation (Confession)

Monday-Thursday 5:30 PM - 5:55 PM
 Friday 11:30 AM - 11:55 AM
 Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:20 PM
 Sunday 30 Minutes prior to all Masses
 ~ By Appointment

Adoration:

Monday-Thursday 8:30-5:30 PM
 Friday 8:30-9:30 AM

Please contact our Parish Office for any changes in the Daily Mass schedule.



December 3, 2023:

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming,

1st Reading: IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

2nd Reading: 11 COR 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Center Hours

Sundays - Thursdays:
8:30 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Saturdays: Fob access only

Social Media

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Click on the icons below to
follow us on Social Media



Students -
Please join our
#groupme

to stay in the loop with all
things Carolina Catholic

https://groupme.com/join_group/55065668/dhfDz4ae

Click here for Father's Weekly Video!



Sacraments

Baptism:

Baptism class will be the last Saturday of the month. Pre-register with Deacon Steve.

Confirmation:

High School:

Contact Deacon Steve Brown.

College or Older:

Contact Father Williams.

Matrimony / Matrimony Preparation

Our Diocese requires instruction and preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony beginning at least eight months before the wedding. Please contact Father Williams directly.

OCIA:

Please contact Fr. Williams for more information or click HERE for details.

Visitation of the Sick:

Contact Fr. Williams or our Office, and we will make arrangements.

EMERGENCY LINE

If you need a priest after hours due to serious illness or injury, please call (803) 814-4377. You can leave a message on this number for Fr. Williams. For non-urgent cases, call the church office at (803) 799-5870, or email Fr. Williams at frw@stthomasmoreusc.org

www.stthomasmoreusc.org

DATE	November 26, 2023
WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$2,500.00
WEEKLY CAMPUS MINISTRY DONATIONS	*held for #iGiveCatholic
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$2500

#iGiveCatholic: \$320,423

LAND FUND UPDATE:

\$1,345,456.25

Thank you!

“Remember the past with gratitude.
Live the present with enthusiasm.
Look forward to the future with
confidence.”

-St. John Paul II

All of us at St. Thomas More are profoundly grateful for all of you who showed up to support our Catholic campus ministry on Giving Tuesday during **#iGiveCatholic!**

We secured \$150,000 in matching gifts.

We set a fundraising goal of \$150,000 for a total of \$300,000 anticipated for our campus ministry. We finished the day with \$320,423!

Thanks to your generosity, STM's campus ministry is funded for another year!

We placed #1 in the state and #5 in the nation for #iGiveCatholic participants! None of this would have been possible without our parish, students, parents, alumni, and friends.

Thank you.

Click the image to the right to set up a one-time or recurring gift through OSV!



ONLINE
GIVING



THOMISTIC
INSTITUTE

Discussion Group:

Happiness and Human Nature

Fridays 9:45am-11:00am
Hamilton 232

Discussions and readings from the
thought of Thomas Aquinas
Coffee and snacks

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, is Friday, December 8th. Masses on Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8 will be in observance of the feast day.

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Mass Intentions

Week of December 3, 2023

Saturday, December 2

4:30 PM: Kelsey English (+)

Sunday, December 3

9AM: Thomas J. Foy, Jr. (+)

11AM: Those discerning a religious vocation.

5PM: Megan Ebenroth (+)

9PM: People of STM

Monday, December 4

Available

Tuesday, December 5

Ole Korsbon (+)

Wednesday, December 6

Mildred Greene Mullock (+)

Thursday, December 7

Margie Bornhorst

Friday, December 8

Ron Evans (+)

Saturday, December 9

4:30 PM: Isabella Knapp

Sunday, December 10

9AM: David Bussinah (+)

11AM: Reeta Huber (+)

5PM: People of STM

9PM: Available

***Extra Collection: Retirement Fund for the Religious**

*Please visit, call, or email **Pam Scott** with your Mass Intention requests. Please include your preferred date/dates and times (if you select a Sunday Mass). Also, be sure to indicate if the person is deceased. Donations are entirely voluntary and go to the priest that celebrates the Mass.

Prayer Requests

Add your name [HERE](#) to be added to our prayer list. Submissions will be listed in the bulletin for two weeks. You must resubmit your request after two weeks in order for it to remain active on the list.

Hal Hutto

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”

Romans 15:13



MUSIC

Get Involved Join Our Music Ministry!

Musicians and singers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join us! We meet weekly.

Wednesday evening - rehearsals are from 7:00- 8:00 PM, and 45 minutes before 4:30pm, 9am & 11am weekend Masses for warm-up and practice before the liturgy.

Send an email to:

nick@stthomasmoreusc.org
to find out more!



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3RD ANNUAL

*Nurses United
in Faith*

Reception & Lunch

Presentation by Sister Stella Mary Okogie, SSMA
Mass with Very Rev. Canon Gary S. Linsky VF, VP

Registration fee: \$15
RSVP by January 1st
SCcatholicNurses@gmail.com

1.27.2024 | 11:00 AM
The Basilica of St. Peter
Columbia, SC



Home Works of America: Peru Mission Trip (May 13-25, 2024)



Are You Interested in Serving the Lord Through Mission?

Join Home Works of America in their annual mission trip to the coastal Tumbes region of northwestern Peru! You will be staying at a church retreat center in San Jacinto, and working alongside other volunteers to build and provide housing for those in need. The homes that you would be constructing are simple wooden frames covered in local bamboo and topped with a metal roof. Volunteers will be trained to do the work necessary to complete this mission! For more information on this incredible opportunity, click [here](#). If interested in signing up, please email ops@homeworksofamerica.org as spots are limited!



This Week at STM

Monday, December 4

8:30 am-5:30 pm Adoration

8:00 pm Spirit & Truth (Daily Mass followed by Student Talk & Adoration)

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 am-5:30 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Daily Mass

6:45 pm Resume Workshop (Upperclassmen)

Wednesday, December 6-Thursday, December 7

8:30 am-5:30 pm Adoration

6:00 pm Daily Mass

Friday, December 8

8:30-9:30 am Adoration

12:00 pm Daily Mass

7:00 pm White Elephant Gift Exchange Party

*Deadline to register for March for Life

Saturday, December 9

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 10

6:00 pm Sunday Supper by the Ancient Order of Hibernians



*Spirit & Truth
Monday 12/4*

*8:00 pm Candlelight Mass
8:30 pm Talk on Perseverance in
Purification & Student Reflection
9-9:45 pm adoration & confession*



*White Elephant
Gift Exchange Party!*

Saturday 12/9 at 7 pm at STM!

Cookies, hot chocolate, and a white elephant exchange! Please be sure to bring a wrapped funny, quirky, or sweet gift of your liking (price range between \$5-\$10)!

USC Campus Ministry | 1610 Greene St.

MARCH FOR LIFE!

January 18th-20th
Washington, D.C

For more details, schedule, and registration visit:
<https://stthomasmoreusc.org/retreats-mission-trips-pilgrimages>



Sign-Up deadline Friday 12/8!
St. Thomas More USC Campus Ministry 1610 Greene St.

Click the image to sign up
now!!



ATTENTION STUDENTS:

CAROLINA CATHOLICS EVENT PACKAGES

1 *Freshmen Go FREE!*

- All freshmen will receive free early-SEEK registration (\$299 + hotel), free fall AND spring retreat, free March for Life registration!
- Travel to/from SEEK & the increase in registration cost after 10/26 is NOT included

2 *FREE Retreat & HALF-off March for Life with SEEK Registration!*

- All non-freshmen would receive one free retreat (fall OR spring retreat) AND half-off March for Life if he/she registers for SEEK!

3 *Senior Bundle for Pilgrimage to Italy*

- Seniors attending Italy Pilgrimage will get half-off SEEK registration!
- If they attend SEEK they will be offered same deal as #2 - one free retreat AND half-off March for Life

****PLEASE NOTE:** If you sign-up for an event & do not attend (unless an emergency) you will be charged the cost of that event **

Cost of STM Events 23-24'

- Fall Retreat - \$35
- Spring Retreat - \$35
- March for Life - \$150
- SEEK Early-Registration by 10/26 - \$299
- SEEK Open Registration from 10/26-11/30 - \$425
- SEEK Late Registration from Dec. 1st-SEEK24 - \$499

*SEEK prices are just the cost of the event pass to the conference! These prices do not include cost of travel to/from and cost of hotel for nights of the conference. Please see missionaries for questions with regards to bus/hotel pricing!

T-Shirt & Fundraising Info:

- Free SEEK T-Shirt for all freshman and first 50 students who register for SEEK (there will be an option to buy the t-shirt for a set-price)
- Missionary-Coached Letter Fundraising campaign - missionaries will be offering coaching to fundraise any amount for any event offered (SEEK, mission trip, etc) that could also be put towards travel, housing, etc. that STM will not cover!

Scholarship Availability!

***Please don't let money be the reason you don't attend an event! STM has scholarships for those where finance may be an issue.

Please reach out to Father Williams or our Campus Minister Margie with regards to scholarships and how we can help you!***

Volunteer Opportunities

SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS FOR LIFE

A graphic for the South Carolina Citizens for Life Internship Program. It features a black background with a red geometric shape on the left. Inside the red shape is a circular photo of five diverse young people looking at a laptop. To the right of the photo, white text reads: "South Carolina Citizens for Life is currently seeking a talented and motivated intern to join our team." Below this, a red banner says "Job Description Online". At the bottom left, a white box contains the website "www.sclife.org/internship". At the bottom right, there is a logo for South Carolina Citizens for Life with icons for a baby, a person, a heart, and a cross, and the text "THE FIRST CIVIL RIGHT IS THE RIGHT TO LIFE".

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

South Carolina Citizens for Life is currently seeking a talented and motivated intern to join our team.

Job Description Online

www.sclife.org/internship

South Carolina Citizens for Life
THE FIRST CIVIL RIGHT IS THE RIGHT TO LIFE

For more information on this internship with SC Citizens for Life, check out or email Sally at sally@sclife.org

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBIA

Would you like to join our awesome team of Volunteers? Birthright of Columbia, an emergency pregnancy center, is looking for a few caring individuals to provide positive assistance and support to pregnant girls and women who are faced with an unplanned or problem pregnancy and who have no where to turn to. If you have a few hours a week to spare, and enjoy greeting and mentoring clients, working in the 'Baby Closet' and putting together baby gift bags, selecting Maternity clothes for moms, helping moms navigate their way through their pregnancy or simply offering a kind and compassionate ear.... then you might want to consider being a volunteer at Birthright.

Please prayerfully consider this request.

We need your help!

Extensive training is provided.

Please go to our Website www.BirthrightofColumbia.org for more information or to submit your interest.

You can also call Anita @ 803.765.0165 or email anita@birthrightofcolumbia.org

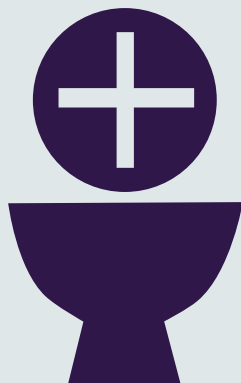
ST. JOHN NEUMANN YOUTH MINISTRY

St John Neumann Youth Ministry would love for you to prayerfully consider mentoring high school students of our parish in small groups. We meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 pm on our school campus at 721 Polo Road in Northeast Columbia. We need more faith-filled adults walking with the teenagers to help them navigate their faith. If you are interested please email Abi Purvis at apurvis@sjnchurch.com

HOST, MAKE, OR DONATE TO A SUNDAY SUPPER!

St. Thomas More is in need of volunteers to host, donate to, or make a Sunday Supper meal for our students! We have December 10 available for this semester (during Finals Week!), and more dates for next semester will be released soon. If interested in signing up or inquiring on more details, please contact Margie at margie@stthomasmoreusc.org.

Faith Formation News



2023-2024

OCIA: For more information on OCIA and how to get involved, click [here](#) for to view our website.



**Monthly CCD
Class will meet
December 10**

FORMED

Don't forget to use the valuable resource provided by STM for you at formed.org. Enter the zip code 29201 and select St Thomas More.



CARITAS



For the most up-to-date information on events within the Diocese of Charleston, check out the Caritas newsletter at:
<https://charlestdiocese.org/events/>

Thank You!

USC Catholic faculty for last week's Sunday Supper of penne, meatballs, and spaghetti sauce!



Jesus and the Eucharist

In anticipation of the Year of the Eucharist, the USCCB and Augustine Institute have prepared weekly interactive video sessions. Be sure to check out these sessions on FORMED!




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Do you own a small business or practice here locally? We want to support our parishioners and let people know you and what you do! Contact Fr. Williams at frw@stthomasmoreusc.org and let him know!
 Check out our parishioner owned businesses and others in the community who support the Newman Center each year.
 We are so appreciative of the continued support of our community!
 Thank you.