

November 8, 2015

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SAINT THOMAS MORE

St. Thomas More Catholic School News



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SCHEDULE OF
MASSES
Saturday
9:00 am
5:30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday
8:00 am
9:30 am
12:00 Noon
5:30 pm

Daily
Mon, Wed, Fri
12:15 pm
5:30 pm

Tue & Thurs
5:30 pm

PENANCE
Saturday
4:00 to 5:00 pm or by
appointment

PERPETUAL
ADORATION
Seven days a week,
24 hrs

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE



Join Us

Sunday, November 15th
2:30 pm

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Academics, Faith, Service

Kindergarten Open House

Sunday, November 15th at 2:30 pm
Presentation in Mulhern Hall

If you have a rising Kindergartener, come learn more about STM school and the benefits of a Catholic education.

Financial Aid is available.

The **41st Annual STM 8th Grade Bake Sale** will be held on Saturday, Nov 21st & Sunday, Nov 22nd after all of the weekend Masses. The money raised at the bake sale goes toward the annual 8th grade retreat held in January 2016. At the retreat, the 8th graders put aside all their worldly concerns and focus on their relationship with God. Get all of your Thanksgiving goodies here and help support this special retreat for the Class of 2016.



On Friday, September 11th, our students participated in a **National Day of Service** project by remembering those who died on 9/11/2001 while honoring the First Responders in our community. Students collected stuffed animals and wrote thank you cards and notes of appreciation for DeKalb County's First Responders. The stuffed animals and cards were presented to a DeKalb County police officer during a special school-wide assembly.



Masses For The Week

SUNDAY, November 8, 2015

8:00 AM The members of STM living and deceased
 9:30 AM Soul of Jef Murray †
 12:00 PM All Souls Novena †
 5:30 PM Holy Souls †

MONDAY, November 9, 2015

12:15 PM All Souls Novena †
 5:30 PM Soul of Josie Catalono †

TUESDAY, November 10, 2015

5:30 PM All Souls Novena †

WEDNESDAY, November 11, 2015

12:15 PM Soul of Ron Gauthier †
 5:30 PM Soul of Johannes Darmawan †

THURSDAY, November 12, 2015

5:30 PM Souls of Josephine and C. A. Grevemberg †

FRIDAY, November 13, 2015

12:15 PM Soul of Brad Gay †
 5:30 PM Souls of Johnni and Annie Cappadona †

SATURDAY, November 14, 2015

9:00 AM Soul of Teresa Wood Smith †
 5:30 PM Soul of Victor Mahoney †

SUNDAY, November 15, 2015

8:00 AM Soul of Madeline Miller †
 9:30 AM Soul of Jef Murray †
 12:00 PM The members of STM living and deceased
 5:30 PM Soul of Annie Poshadel †

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 9-14

Monday	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday	Wis 2:23—3:9; Ps 34; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	Wis 7:22b—8:1; Ps 119; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday	Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105; Lk 18:1-8

SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

November 14-15

1st Reading	Daniel 12:1-3
2nd Reading	Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Gospel Reading	Mark 13:24-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday	St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
Wednesday	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Thursday	St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Friday	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Louise Duskin	Aubrey Morgan
Joe Giordano	Rosemary O'Toole
Louise Griggs	Paula Pungello
Melanie Guthrie	Jacqueline Reese
Susan Hope	Mary Anne Rogers
Doris Hugelmeyer	Sean Roy
William Layburn	Laura Seaman
Elizabeth Layburn	Marshall Sussin
Michael Lynn	Terry Walters

To add the names of those who are seriously ill or remove names please contact Charlotte Collins 404-378-4588 or ccollins@stmga.org. This group of names will be removed at the end of December so please update regularly. You are always most welcome to add names or special intentions in the book outside of the Adoration Chapel.
THANK YOU!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pray for the souls of parishioner Lorraine Arnett and Tom Blackstone, brother of Paul Blackstone. May they rest in peace and may their families and all who love them be comforted during this difficult time.



VETERAN'S DAY MASS
November 14th
5:30 PM
Reception to follow.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, parishioners and visitors made a joyful return to the Lord. Thank you for helping St Thomas More to continue carrying out Christ's Mission and Ministry.

Parish Offertory Goal	\$30,288.00
October 24-25 Offertory	\$22,329.29
On Line	\$ 9,258.50
Total	\$31,587.79

SECOND COLLECTION NOTICE

The second collection for November 14th and 15th will be for the flowers for the Christmas liturgies.

PARISH BABYSITTING BY THE YOUTH GROUP Saturday, November 14th 5:30 pm—8:30 pm
Please feed your child dinner before you come. We will have snacks and drinks, activities and a movie.
Drop Off and Pick Up at Mulhern Hall
 \$20—one child
 \$30—two children
 \$40—three or more children
 For more info, please contact youth@stmga.org or teens@stmga.org.

THE BOOK OF THE DEAD

Will be available in the narthex until Thanksgiving Day. Please feel free to inscribe the names of your loved ones who have died, whether recently or long ago, and remember during November to pray also for the other names inscribed. This book will be presented at the offertory during each weekend Mass throughout the month of November.

THE STM GIVING TREE IS COMING

Once again our parish is helping during the Advent season to make Christmas special for the less fortunate in our area. This year the tree will have gift requests from the following organizations: DFCS of DeKalb County; Mountain View Personal Care Home; St. Vincent de Paul Society; and Jerusalem House. Please consider taking a tag off the tree and helping an individual or group who has placed their needs before us. Return the gift AND THE TAG. The Youth Group will be available to wrap your gifts for a small donation. Watch for more information in the bulletin or contact Lisa Cranwell-Bruce at lisaacb@gmail.com.

10,000 HOURS OF PRAYERS

Progress towards our 10,000 hour goal continues, as we are about to cross 3,500 hours! It is so exciting to see our community working together to achieve the holy goal of encouraging daily prayer throughout all our community. Our parish is alive with faith, and incorporating prayer into each day advances each individual, and our collective, spiritual journey. Start praying. Keep praying. Involve others in your prayer. Join with others in prayer. Be a light.



THE 2015 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

For tax purposes , it is important that all pledges be paid by the end of the year.

PLEGGED :	\$214,,312.00
UNPAID	\$ 43,563.00

MANY THANKS TO ALL 622 INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL APPEAL AND THIS PARISH.

DONUTS & COFFEE IN MULHERN AFTER THE 8:00 & 9:30 AM MASSES

COMBINED YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

ALTARATION, THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS REVEALED

Wednesdays until Nov 18th. 7-8:30 pm in the St Julie room. Student workbooks are \$15

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4aa8ac2ca46-altaration>



Teen happenings (9th to 12th grade)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES- All 10th graders are required to attend the Confirmation classes and the Confirmation retreat in order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. This is a separate program that is required *in addition* to Lifeteen if your teen attends non-Catholic high school or is home-schooled. If you are in a Catholic high school, this is the only requirement for Confirmation.

Sunday Nov 8th Potluck/ Social Confirmation Class 3:45—5:15 pm

Saturday Nov 21st— Pope Francis Habitat Build
We are teaming up with the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) to help build a home for a needy family in honor of Pope Francis.

<http://www.atlantahabitat.org/pope-francis-challenge>.

We need to be at the house at 7:45 am and will work until 3:30 pm.

YOU MUST BE 16 YRS. OLD TO PARTICIPATE

See the sign up genius for info packet and waiver.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044CA9AB29A31-pope>

For activities, info or questions about the STM Life Teen or EDGE visit stmgaparish.org and click on the Youth Programs. For Life Teen contact Mrs Elaine Phillips at 404-378-4588 X 126, teens@stmga.org. For EDGE contact Mrs McP at 404-378-4588 X 119 or youth@stmga.org



Edge middle school youth (6th to 8th grade)

Sunday Nov 8th Youth Mass @5:30 pm

Ushers:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4aa8ac2ca46-may4th1>

Lectors:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4aa8ac2ca46-lector>

Dinner in Mulhern: 6:30 pm

FEED THE MINIONS! Remember: you are required to help with one dinner & one potluck per year!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044ca9ab29a31-edgelifeteen1>

NOT THE FOOD BRINGING TYPE?

Volunteer opportunity

If you would prefer to do something other than bring food for a social or weekly dinner..... help do sign-in for EDGE

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4aa8ac2ca46-signin>

DINNER/SOCIAL NIGHT PARENT 411

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4AA8AC2CA46-monthly

EDGE APOSTLES Advisory board: want a say in what EDGE does? Want to run the last meeting of the year? Advisory board:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4AA8AC2CA46-edge13

Dec 4-6th

1st EVER STM EDGE 8th GRADE ONLY

RETREAT!!

You Don't want to miss this opportunity!

[SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4AA8AC2CA46-1stever](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4AA8AC2CA46-1stever)
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044ca9ab29a31-bustoxlt10>

BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism class will be held **SATURDAY, November 21st at 10:30 am**. If this is your first child to be baptized at STM, you must be registered at STM. After you have been registered two or more months you will need to attend a Baptism class. Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes early to complete the paperwork. The class is held in the Parish Library which is located in the parish office area. We ask that you register for the class and, if possible, do not bring children to the class. For more info or to register contact Marie Diebold at 404-378-4588 or mdiebold@stmga.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
November 14-15

5:30 PM MASS
VAN DRIVER
Laura Keenan

LECTORS
Michael Buadoo
Cyprian Vickers

ALTAR SERVERS
Devin Smith
Isabelle Lee
Helene Larson

8:00 AM MASS
LECTORS
David O'Connell
Bob Kirkland

ALTAR SERVERS
Brian Young
Sara Van Horn
Kate Van Horn

9:30 AM MASS
LECTORS
Deb Brooks
Kevin Payne

ALTAR SERVERS
Grayson Carney
John Henry Harrison
Catherine Leonard

12:00 PM MASS
LECTORS
Cecelia Shannon
Kofi Roberts

ALTAR SERVERS
Delilah Bucko
Marquita Monsour
Thomas Fueredi

5:30 PM MASS
LECTORS
Youth Mass

ALTAR SERVERS
Asha Patel
Kieran Patel
Jack MacIvaine

The altar server, cantor & lector schedules are available on the parish website
www.stmgaparrish.org

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR GRADES 1 AND 2

The STM Intramural Youth Basketball program is open to boys and girls in grades 1 and 2 at STM or who are in STM Parish families.

The session dates are tentatively Nov 20, December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, 22, and 29 (Depending on CMLA tournament). To accommodate all of the registrants, two, back-to-back sessions will be held each Friday. The first session will run from 6:00 – 7:00 pm and the second session will run from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Teams will rotate with each other in participating in either the first or second session each week. The cost of this program is \$40.00. Registration will be held **until Nov 13th**. Space is limited. For more information, please see the link on the parish website: stmgaparrish.org.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR DEAM

November's Food Drive benefits DEAM, the Decatur Area Emergency Assistance. Our DEAM food Drive will run through the Thanksgiving Masses. The most needed items— packages of Mac & Cheese, dried milk (1qt size), Jiffy Corn Mix, rice, 1lb. bags of dried beans, cereal, hearty soups, jelly, Peanut Butter, bar soap, deodorant, toilet tissue, toothpaste, and feminine products. For more information, please contact Mary Moore (404-378-3264) or mooreandschwab@gmail.com



UPCOMING S FACTOR ACTIVITIES

Nov 12th Fox Theater Tour
Nov 17th 1 pm Service Project – St. Julie Room. Bring in your donations of personal items and toiletries for women prisoners being released into Metro Transitional Center. We will also distribute the visitation lists for our Christmas visitation to shut-ins.
Nov 20th Movie Night 7pm
Nov 30th 2 pm Finalize Christmas visitation (if necessary)
For more info, contact Cass at cassiecat@aol.com



WOMEN'S RETREAT AT MONASTERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Women of STM parish and school are invited to a retreat on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA. RSVPs are REQUIRED - please use this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948aeab29ab9-womens>

Brother Callistus will lead us in a day of reflection and renewal as we prepare for Advent and focus on making God a priority in our daily lives. We will spend time at the Monastic Center and Abbey Store as well as attend mid-day prayers in the Abbey Church.

Lunch will be included for a fee - you can bring your cash on the day of the retreat. We will meet in the STM school parking lot at 8:00 am and carpool for those interested. Also feel free to meet at the Monastery at 9:00 am. For more information, contact Angela Laughter at alaughter@comcast.net.

STM CATHOLICS FOR LIFE ROSARY

The Catholics for Life pray the rosary every Sunday in the Adoration Chapel at 10:45 am (following the 9:30 am Mass). On November 29th the Knights of Columbus will join the Catholics for Life Rosary. They are encouraging families to come together to pray the rosary for the sanctity of life and families. The Knights plan to continue to join the rosary on the 5th Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join in this prayer time. For more info contact Aileen Barreca at stmcathforlife@aol.com or Mike at cebulskimichael40@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP VISION AT STM

Inspired by the uniqueness of our faith community and our response to God’s call, the stewardship committee strives to fulfill the Christian mission by sharing our time, talent and treasure. Our vision is to involve and encourage all members of the parish to volunteer and support our varied ministries and be true disciples of Jesus Christ. For more information about stewardship call Ann Dugan at 404-378-4588

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT— THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.”
(Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your “first fruits” or from what is “left over”?

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

ST. THOMAS MORE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Contact: Kirsten Wehner or Alex Brown at 404-765-6291 or email us at thomasmore.yam@gmail.com. Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/STMYoungAdultMinistry> or check out our website <http://stmyam.weebly.com/>.

ADULT EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY

St. Thomas More Parish’s *The Word* Sunday Adult Bible Study has begun. Please join us weekly as we read and discuss the Sunday Mass readings. The primary focus will be on explaining the literal meaning of the biblical texts, most especially the Gospel. Come join us as we explore the fascinating and unique portrait of Jesus and his ministry presented in this, our earliest Gospel. Every Sunday 10:40–11:50 AM in the Parish Library. For more information, contact Jerry Pendrick at jpendrick1@yahoo.com

RENEW—TUESDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

A weekly Bible study with Louanne Bachner Tuesdays at 1:30 pm-3 pm in the STM parish library. Dive in deeper with the upcoming Sunday readings. For additional info contact Michele McHale Pickard at 404-378-4588 X119

MEN’S EVENING OF REFLECTION

Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm in the Knights Room. Make time for fellowship at The Marley afterwards. If you would like more information about the STM Men’s Evening of Reflection, contact Philip Lee at pal@philiplee.com, or follow us <https://www.facebook.com/groups/STMMER/>

FORTUNATE AND FAITHFUL FAMILIES

will hold their yearly retreat for Catholic parents and families with LGBT members on Sunday, Nov 22 from 12:30-7:00 pm at the Atlanta Archdiocesan Chancery, 2401 Lake Park Dr. SE, Smyrna. Echoing Pope Francis’ theme, “Love Is Our Mission,” the retreat day will include 1:00 pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gregory, parent speakers, small group dialogue, a deacon panel and shared dinner. The focus will be upon loving and accepting our LGBT children, strengthening families in faith and encouraging welcoming environments within our Catholic churches. For info and registration, go to ffatl.org (or call 770-924-3920 if you have no computer access). Suggested donation for the retreat and dinner is \$20 per person. Registration deadline: Nov 15.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Nov 9	K of C Meeting	7:00 pm	K of C Room
Nov 14	Veteran's Mass	5:30 pm	Church
Nov 14	Parish Babysitting	5:30 pm	Mulhern Hall

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	TIME & PLACE
Perpetual Adoration	7 days/24 hours Chapel
Rosary for Life (Sunday)	10:45 am Adoration Chapel
Holy Hour (Tuesdays)	6:15 pm Adoration Chapel
Nursery	Sunday 9:30 am & 12:00 Noon
Baptism Class (3rd Sat monthly)	10:30 am St Julie Room
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 am Mass
Children's Choir (Sunday)	10:45 to 11:15 am Choir Room
Cherub Choir (Sunday)	10:45 to 11:15 am Church
Adult Choir (Thursday)	7:00 pm Choir Room
Nursery available for Adult Choir	

STAND FOR THE RIGHT TO LIFE

Please, join us during our public prayer vigils at the abortion facility located on Cliff Valley Way on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. For info contact Aileen Barreca 404-558-3276 (Stmcathforlife@aol.com) or Jayme Caspall icaspall@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR LIFE

That those whom some may treat as burdens due to age, illness, or poverty receive the love, respect, and material assistance they need; We pray to the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For information concerning Baptism, call the parish office at 404-378-4588

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements with the Church should be made at least 9 months in advance.

SPONSORS

Those wishing to act as sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation please note the requirements.

1. The person must be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months.
2. They must be active in the parish community by Mass attendance and by support of the church.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for bulletin notices is Friday the week prior to printing by 9:00 am in written form or via email to ccollins@stmga.org.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome new families and individuals to our parish. Stewardship booklets are available in the parish office Monday—Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, by asking a priest or usher after the weekend Masses, or in the Immaculata Gift Shop.

Those who move away, change addresses, phone numbers, or family status are asked to notify the parish office at 404-378-4588 or mdiebold@stmga.org.



DON'T BE A PEW POTATO

HEY YOU SPUDS...
DON'T STAY UNDERGROUND!!
BLOOM WHERE YOU'RE PLANTED

HELPERS NEEDED

The changing of the missals will take place Tuesday, Nov 24th at 11:30 am. If you are able to help, please contact Joe Messina at 404-378-4588 X 120 or jmessina@stmga.org

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Customer: I want my money back.

Clerk: What's the problem?

Customer: I bought some birdseed here, and it was no good.

Clerk: The birds wouldn't eat it?

Customer: What birds? I planted every one of those seeds, and not a single bird sprouted!.

The businesses who advertise on the back of the St. Thomas More Bulletin make it possible for our bulletin to be printed at **NO CHARGE** to the parish. So please support them and tell them you saw their ad on the STM Bulletin.