

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2009

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

**CHURCH: 405 NORTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE
PARISH CENTER & MAILING ADDRESS: 108 McLEAN STREET, IOWA CITY, IA 52246**

Parish Web Site: www.stthomasmoreic.com

PASTORAL TEAM: 337-2173

Rev. Walter Helms – Pastor (ext. 104)

Cheryl Campion – Office Manager (ext. 101)

Judy Duncan – Director of Music Ministry (ext. 113)

Ed Goldsmith – Director of Religious Education (ext. 111)

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

WEEKDAYS: 9:00 A.M. (Except Monday)

WEEKEND: 5:15 P.M. Saturday

8:30 A.M. at Brown Deer Golf Club

(1st Ave North of Holiday Rd in Coralville)

11:00 A.M. Sunday

HOLYDAYS: 9:00 A.M., 6:00 P.M.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: 9:00 A.M. Monday

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to St. Thomas More. To register please see the Pastor after Mass. At Brown Deer Golf Club, stop by the Welcome Table.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4:30-5:00 P.M. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The sacrament of Baptism is arranged after Pre-Baptism Class, which is required for all parents, and is held on the second Saturday of every other month; January, March, May, July, September, and November. Baptism will be celebrated the second weekend of the month during Liturgy. Make arrangements by calling the Parish Family Life Office (337-4231).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Six months are needed for marriage preparation. Please contact Fr. Helms prior to selecting a wedding date.

SICKNESS

Please call the Parish Office whenever someone is ill or whenever there is a need for Communion at home. Home Communion calls are scheduled for Fridays.

Council Officers

President – Tom Gudenkauf - 351-0802

Vice President – Mark Hingtgen - 356-6398

Secretary – Margaret Kaltefleiter - 358-9930

Steering Committee President - John LePeau: 354-2304

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Thomas More Parish strives to be a Parish For All Seasons. We are committed to help all, in whatever season of life, to grow closer to God through alive liturgies, support of family life, strong religious education, outreach to the inactive and unchurched, and a keen awareness of social justice.

Stewardship – a Way of Life



Stewardship of TIME:

Thank God each evening for the gifts of the day.

Stewardship of TALENT:

Thank you to the parishioners who carry the bread, wine and collection baskets to the altar during the presentation-of-gifts portion of the 5:15 PM, 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.

Stewardship of TREASURE:

	<u>June 27/28</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Weekly (green) envelopes:		
Needed to meet expenses	\$11,500	\$11,500
Actual collections	\$10,586	\$10,586
Qty of envelopes used	162	162 = wkly avg
Rent for Brown Deer facility:		
Needed to meet expenses	\$225	\$225
Actual collections	\$2,672	\$2,672

Stewardship Opportunity:

Thank you to the parishioners who contributed a total of \$1,137 in the **2nd collection baskets** last weekend for the needy families in **Postville, Iowa**.

Stewardship thought for you:

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“He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts.” --Mark 6:8

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our journey through life more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Yet, the more we can let go of, the freer we are to serve God with love and joy.

Wedding

We anticipate the wedding here of **Emily Saehler** of our parish and **Nick Nordheim** on Sat., July 25.

Sun	July 12	8:30 AM - For The People 11:00 AM - Ben O’Meara
Mon	July 13	NO MASS
Tue	July 14	9:00 AM - Word & Communion
Wed	July 15	9:00 AM - Word & Communion
Thur	July 16	9:00 AM - Word & Communion
Fri.	July 17	9:00 AM - Word & Communion
Sat.	July 18	5:15 PM - For The People
Sun	July 12	8:30 AM - Gen Kessler 11:00 AM - Tom Brown

Father Wally’s Weekly Homily Preparation Group

What: An hour long meeting where parishioners share insights on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures.

When: Tuesdays, 9:45-10:45 in the church lower level - coffee is on!

How: Parishioners need only to show up.

St. Thomas More New Season Update:

The new building is progressing rapidly. Changes in the coming weeks at the current STM are removal of the west side pews and the Altar, Ambo (stone lectern), Stone Chairs, and the Tabernacle for remodeling. As we continue to complete our plans for the move to our new church, there are opportunities for parishioners to give of their time and talents. Please check this space weekly for new opportunities you can be a part of without ever attending a meeting. Some are easy, some more difficult, but there will be something that just suits your time and abilities.

Opportunities: gardeners, calligraphers, carpenters, furniture refinishers or restorers and preparing for auctions. Please contact Kathy Donnelly (preferably at kadonne@msn.com or by phone 319-338-6629) to explore options. You will find more opportunities and updates on the move in this space.

Save the Date - We will be having an auction of the contents of the Parish Center and Church (that we are not moving with us) on **Sunday, September 20** after the 11 AM Mass. On **Sunday, September 13** after the 11 AM Mass join us at the Parish Center for help get items to the main level for the sale. Cheryl & Ed will cook you a burger!!!

Shelter House Construction Support - - - - -“United for Shelter”

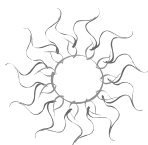
The construction of the new Iowa City area Shelter House is finally underway. Thanks to many who have offered support through donations of funds, time and personal involvement, the homeless find a place of shelter in our community as they seek more stable living conditions. On the weekend of **July 18-19**, the faith communities of Johnson County have agreed to make a special effort to benefit the construction of the new facility with a “United for Shelter” offering. We will do this with a second collection at the masses that weekend. Checks may be made to the parish and we will forward the amount collected to “Shelter House Campaign.”

Reading for the week of July 12, 2009

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/
Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34---11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10---12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

ATTENTION ALL LITURGY MINISTERS !!!!

Before our first Mass at the new church, we will hold training sessions for *all current ministers* – Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Mass Sacristans and Ushers. You will need to attend one of these training sessions to remain on our ministers lists. The dates we have set for this training are either Sunday, November 1 or Tuesday, November 3. Please save one of these dates so that you will be able to attend one of the sessions. You will only need to be in attendance for the ministry that you are involved with. Please watch future bulletins for the schedule. Please note that this will *not* be training for new ministers but current ministers only.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Make plans now for your children (grades pre-school - 6) to attend VBS at Regina, Monday, August 3 - Thursday, August 6. Cost is \$25 per child or \$30 per family. Start time is 8:30 AM ending at 11:45 AM. Helpers are need in all areas ... teaching, crafts, recreation, music and kitchen. A volunteer meeting will be held Monday, July 20, 6:30 PM in the Regina Elementary Media Center. Childcare will be provided for volunteers. Registration forms will be available after mass or on the web site www.stthomasmoreic.com or by calling Deacon Ed at 337-4231.



Thank you to all the young people and parents that participated in the 4th of July parade in Coralville. Even wet and wild you were a great witness for our parish and our Church. Check out the pictures on our parish web page www.stthomasmoreic.com. You guys are the best.....

SAVE THE DATE – NOVEMBER 14, 2009
CHURCH DEDICATION AND
“CELEBRATION WITH FRIENDS” EVENT!

We are pleased to announce that November 14 will be the dedication Mass of our new Parish Home! Activities will include a mass of dedication with Bishop Amos, followed by a “Celebration with Friends” formal dinner and silent/live auction fundraiser at Brown Deer. Remember St. Thomas More on your summer vacation this year and bring back something that we could auction off. Wine from California, hand blown glassware, paintings from an art festival!! We will need many hands to make this evening a success. Please fill out and return the form in back of church to let us know how you would like to serve! Any questions or concerns can be directed to Deacon Ed and Connie Goldsmith – 337-4231 or redirector@stthomasmoreic.com.

The parish ministers schedule for the months of July and August has been published to the web site. If you do not have internet access and need a hard copy sent to you, please call Deacon Ed at 337-4231.

Welcome, Fr. Tom Doyle

This weekend we are happy to welcome back Fr. Doyle to celebrate mass with us as Fr. Helms continues his vacation trip though the West. Fr. Doyle lives in the area and in his retirement serves us by helping when needed. Many will remember Fr. Doyle as a former pastor at St. Mary Parish in Iowa City, or Clinton, West Point, and Albia.



Please join us for the 14th Annual Glenn Roberts Elks / Iowa City Hospice Golf Classic to support the services of Iowa City Hospice on Monday, August 3, 8 AM and 1:30 PM starting times. 18-hole, four-person best-shot format at Elks Lodge #590, 637 Foster Road, Iowa City Visit www.iowacityhospice.org to download a registration form. Call 319-688-4219, fax your form to 319-351-5729, or e-mail margaret.reese@iowacityhospice.org with your registration. Registration fee is \$75 per golfer. Register early, as teams are limited to the first 36. A complimentary lunch will be provided by Hy-Vee First Avenue. Thanks to all our sponsors, including Hole-in-One Prize Sponsors Toyota-Scion of Iowa City and Hawkeye Harley-Davidson.