

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 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)

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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

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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:

Pray before every meal.

Stewardship of TALENT:

Thank you to the retired priests in our area who have agreed to fill in for Fr. Wally, when he is unavailable to preside at a weekend Mass. Last Saturday, Fr. Tom Doyle was our enthusiastic guest presider. On other recent weekends, Fr. Phil Ryan and Msgr. Frank Henricksen have done the honors in a similarly helpful manner. .

Stewardship of TREASURE:

	<u>June 27/28</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>
Weekly (green) envelopes:		
Needed to meet expenses	\$5,700	\$445,000
Actual collections	\$6,237	\$426,942
Qty of envelopes used	127	142 = wkly avg
Rent for Brown Deer facility:		
Needed to meet expenses	\$225	\$11,475
Actual collections	\$ 68	\$8,898

Stewardship Opportunity:

As shown above, the rent collections received during the past 12 months have fallen short of the total rent paid to use Brown Deer Golf Club for our 8:30 AM Mass. One dollar from each person attending the 8:30 AM Mass each week would be enough to pay the \$225 weekly rent expense.

Stewardship thought for you:

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“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you....’”

--Ezekiel 2:2-3

God sends each of us to do some special work for Him. And, He gives us all the talents that we need to do that work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and give our time to do the work God asks of us? This is the basis for good stewardship.

Sun	July 5	8:30 AM - For The People 11:00 AM - Lee Quigley
Mon	July 6	NO MASS
Tue	July 7	9:00 AM - Word & Communion
Wed	July 8	9:00 AM - Word & Communion
Thur	July 9	9:00 AM - Word & Communion
Fri.	July 10	9:00 AM - Word & Communion
Sat.	July 11	5:15 PM - Ann & Andrew DiMaggio
Sun	July 12	8:30 AM - For The People 11:00 AM - Ben O’Meara

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 5, 2009

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
 Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/
 Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/
 Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
 Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/
 Mk 6:7-13

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.

Special Collection for Postville Families. - This weekend, **July 4-5**, we will join with the other Iowa City parishes in having a second collection at the masses to support the families disrupted by the immigration raid in Postville. While your previous generosity has been most helpful, families are still in great need of assistance while they await the disposition of their situations and meeting daily needs in the face of their resulting unemployment.

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.

Buy SCRIP gas cards.
 Buy SCRIP garden supply cards.
 Give SCRIP gift cards.
 Thank you!

Congratulations: Boy Scout *Ad Altare Dei* Awards.

Last Sunday at our 8:30 Mass we recognized the following who were awarded a medal for achievement in the study of the sacraments and their Catholic Faith promoted in the Boy Scout program: **Charles Adolph, Jacob Miller, Jon Reis, Carter Robins, Devin Robins, and Ryan Rose.** Thanks to Jim Pitcher and the parents working with them.



Next weekend . . .

Fr. Wally Helms will be in Seattle continuing a driving vacation through the West. Along the way he will stop to see former parishioners who have moved along the road taken. Fr. Tom Doyle will be here as the presiding celebrant for the July 11-12 weekend.



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