

Second Sunday of Easter

March 30, 2008

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 – Business Manager (ext. 101)

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Center Office: 337-2173

Church: 338-3713

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Parish Family Life Office: 337-4231

Youth Ministry Office: 337-4231

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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 – Mary Merchant - 337-2314

Vice President – Pat Zimmerman - 354-2989

Secretary – Keith Staley - 248-2459

Steering Committee President - John LePeau: 354-2304

Sister Laura Goedken, OP – Director of Evangelization & Stewardship – 338-0939 www.IowaCityCatholic.com

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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.



Mon. Mar 31 No Mass
 Tue. April 1 9:00 AM ~ Brian McCabe
 Wed. April 2 9:00 AM ~ Ben Goedken
 Thur. April 3 9:00 AM ~ Rufine Anciaux
 Fri. April 4 9:00 AM ~ Lee Nelsen
 Sat. April 5 5:15 PM ~ Gregg Hoogerwerf
 Sun. April 6 8:30 AM ~ For The People
 Mass at Coralville Brown Deer Golf Club
 11:00 AM ~ Katherine
 Joslin-Lemire

Annual Diocesan Appeal Update
 Goal - \$50,269
 Amount pledged to date - \$33,300
 Number of pledges to date - 107
Update available next week. If you have not returned your pledge card, please consider a gift at this time.

Time—Talent—Treasure

	<u>March 22/23</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
ENVELOPES:		
Amount needed = to meet expenses	\$85000	\$327,500
Amount received = actual	\$5,360	\$300,927
	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D Wkly Avg.</u>
Number of Envelopes used	105	133
Rent & audio rental fees each week:	\$225	
Last week's Brown Deer Rent Collection:	\$78	
Children's envelopes year to date:	\$166	

The following were memorialized through gifts to the Easter flower collection:
Germaine Heasley
Katherine Joslin-Lemire
Shirley Strauel



Father Wally's Weekly Homily Preparation Group

What: An hour long meeting where parishioners share insights on the upcoming Sunday Scriptures.
When: Every Tuesday morning from 9:45-10:45 in the church lower level - coffee is on!
How: Parishioners need only to show up. Participation is most welcome!

Mystery Pledge Card
Notice: In February, someone turned in a STM New Season Capital Campaign pledge card indicating a pledge of \$7,500. We are unable to read the signature. **Does this sound like it could be your pledge? If so, please call Cheryl in the Parish Office, 337-2173.**

John and Nancy LePeau will be stepping down next year as the Lead Couple for RCIA. The Parish thanks them for all they are doing at STM, but especially for chairing the RCIA process for these past several years. Please tell John and Nancy 'thanks' when you see them. With that in mind, we will need to find replacements by next fall. Anyone interested in helping with the RCIA process next fall is invited to attend a workshop for RCIA this coming April 17 and 18 in Cedar Rapids. Please contact Deacon Ed @ 337-4231 or email him.

The Junior High students of STM are currently seeking someone to share their faith story with them on Wednesday evenings through our Religious Education Program. Class time is 7:00 – 8:15 PM. Do you have a couple of hours a week to share with our future leaders. Contact Deacon Ed at 3374231.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming tea on April 20, 1-3 PM, featuring speaker and story-teller, Sarah Uthoff, Laura Ingalls Wilder expert. Hope to see you there! All are welcome. RSVP to Kerrie Feeley, 351-0384.

A GENTLE REMINDER! Please do not leave open beverage containers or dairy products in the lower level refrigerator. Not knowing who they belong to, no one uses them and we end up with many opened containers in our refrigerator. Thanks.

Spring is the perfect time to stock up on SCRIP gift cards. They are easily tucked into cards for birthdays, Mothers' Day, graduations and weddings! Please visit with a volunteer after Mass. Many thanks!

Reading for the week of March 30, 2008

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
 Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/
 Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/
 Lk 24:13-35

Thanks! The Worship & Spirituality Commission would like to thank all who helped decorate the church for Easter: Fr. Wally, Marti Bradbury, Kathy Donnelly, Audrey Knox, Carol Manternach, Michelle and John Marks, Beth and Kelly Murray, Sue Waterman and Lisa Weimar. We are sorry if we missed anyone—you know who you are. **Thanks also** to all the liturgical ministers: Proclaimers, Eucharistic Ministers and musicians; and to Gary Staudt for starting the new fire.

Worship & Spirituality Commission Meeting: The next meeting of this Commission will be held on Thursday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Dining Room. Please join us if you are interested in being a part of this Commission.

Watch the bulletins for Church Life/Family Life Corner with important information on projects and events sponsored by this commission. The twelfth in the series follows below.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

Children’s Liturgy is a fun and joy-filled ministry for the youth during mass. The kids are excited to be there and ready to learn. The lessons are laid out in the Children’s Liturgy Teaching Guide; readings, lessons, activities and all. The hardest part is finishing on time! To teach you need to be VIRTUS trained, or willing to be VIRTUS trained. Contact a current teacher or me (Lisa Henkhaus 351-1898) to have a short training session after any mass. You can co-teach or come down to watch and learn a couple of times. To start teaching, pick up the Guide right after mass the week before you are going to teach at church; read over the lesson and prepare anything that you might want to do during the week; and then lead the kids downstairs and have fun! It is truly a blessing to be able to share God’s word and watch it grow in His children. Come and share in the joy - become a Children’s Liturgy teacher.

Do you volunteer at STM to work with the youth of our parish and need to take the Protecting God’s Children VIRTUS training? ALL employees and volunteers are required to take the PGC training. The next session will be held at St. Mary’s Parish Hall, Iowa City, **April 20, 6:00 PM**. This is a three hour training session. Call Deacon Ed or Mary at 337-4231 for more information.

USHER MINISTRY: We have a desperate need to develop an usher ministry. We have asked for volunteers previously but have had no response. **PLEASE** give some consideration of being part of this important ministry. The main responsibilities of an usher are:

- Greeting before Mass
- Assist in seating individuals
- Taking up the Collection
- Helping with the Communion Procession
- Passing out Bulletins at the end of Mass

If you are interested in being part of this important ministry, please contact Janet Steenlage at 354-5972 or by email at: steenlage@mchsi.com.

Remember those great cloth bags which were available at the December Tea? They will be back the weekend of April 19/20, just in time for Earth Day! Chico bags will be available too. Look for details in April bulletins. Donations will benefit Backyard Abundance Iowa City **and** the environment.



There is a **training session for all lectors, and anyone who would like to become a lector at STM** on Sunday, April 6, 1:00 PM in the church. Kenneth Miller from the Davenport Diocese will conduct the training. Please pass the word and plan to attend. This training session was rescheduled from March 2. Any questions please contact Deacon Ed at redirector@sthomasmoreic.com or at 337-4231.

STM Social Action Commission News

We are collecting canned meats, fruits and vegetables for the food bank during March. If you and your family are interested in delivering donations to the Crisis Center, please contact Peg Johnson at 338-1645.

The **Crop walk** is scheduled for **Sunday, April 6**. We will be handing out packets to interested walkers throughout the weekends of March. 25% of collections in Johnson County are given to the Crisis Center Food Bank.

Youth News

Last call for the **Junior High Youth Rally (Sunday, April 13)** registrations! If you are a 6th-8th grader, don't miss out on a great day, featuring Catholic comedian Bob Perron. The **registration deadline is April 3**. Brochures can be found on the youth bulletin board at the church or online at www.davenportyouth.org. Return registration forms with payment to Lisa Weimar at the parish center. All information is available in the brochures at the church or contact Lisa at the religious education office (337-4231).

Calling all **6th-12th graders!** We need help to beat St. Pat's youth at bowling! Join us Saturday, April 5, 2-4 PM in the parish center for a pep rally, at which we will make t-shirts. Bring a pink or black t-shirt onto which you can iron a decal. Then help us bowl against St. Pat's at Colonial Lanes at 4-PM. Bring friends and snacks. Shoe rental is \$1.50 and bowling is \$3.00 per game. We also need chaperones and drivers from the parish center to Colonial Lanes. **R.S.V.P. to Lisa Weimar at 337-4231 by April 3!**

The next youth group planning meeting is Sunday, April 20 following the 11:00 AM Mass. Note the change of our usual time and Sunday. We will meet in the youth center. Come help us plan for the summer, including a North Liberty Days and Coralville parade float entry and a booth along the RAGBRAI route in North Liberty! All 6th - 12th graders are welcome! Adults with float construction experience are needed. Please contact Lisa Weimar at lsweimar@hotmail.com

Attention 7-12 Graders with a desire to participate in liturgical ministry! We will offer a **training session on April 16, 7-8:30 PM** in the church upper level. Contact Lisa or Deacon Ed at 337-4231 or Lisa's email address listed above.

Spirituality in the 21st Century

What's Really Going on in the Universe?

Evolution and Faith: What is at Stake?

Dr. John F. Haught, Georgetown University.
Friday and Saturday, May 16-17 at Mercy Medical Center, Cedar Rapids.

Sponsored by Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center. Details and registration forms at:
www.prairiewoods.org.

Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity at the Iowa State University is offering two \$500 scholarships to incoming Freshmen. These scholarships are offered in memory of Richard 'Dick' Concannon – a member of Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity who was Medical Helicopter pilot in Viet Nam. Contact Deacon Ed at 337-4231 for the application.

Afternoon of prayer and reflection: "Eucharist: Bread for the Journey" April 12, noon to 5:00 pm with Mass following, all being held at St. Mary's Riverside. This is sponsored by Why Catholic. Please reserve your spot by April 2 by calling Sister Laura at 338-0939 or email at Lgoedken@juno.com.

Adventures in Matthew The King and His Kingdom with Jeff Cavins

Mondays, March 24-April 28, 2008

Mornings, 9:30-11:00am

St. Patrick's Lower Hall

Facilitated by Sr. Laura Goedken

Evenings, 7:00-8:30pm St.

Patrick's Lower Hall

Facilitated by Dan Teets

Binder with Questions and Responses available for \$20.00

Cash or checks payable to: St. Mary's Adult Enrichment

To reserve materials or if you have questions call

Dan Teets at St. Mary's Office (337-4314, Ext. 105)



The faith of the first disciples was so great that they would sell all they had to care for one another and follow the teachings of Christ. Do we have that kind of faith? Are we willing to give up anything at all because of our faith in the Risen Christ? Sadly, our preference for the things of this world often draws us away from the glorious joy of Easter.