

# *Third Sunday of Easter*

## *April 6, 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](http://www.stthomasmoreic.com)

#### **PASTORAL TEAM: 337-2173**

**Rev. Walter Helms – Pastor (ext. 104)**

Cheryl Campion – Business Manager (ext. 101)

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

Ed Goldsmith – Director of Religious Education

Mary Steffen – Religious Education Secretary (ext. 107)

Lisa Weimar - Youth Ministry Activities Coordinator (106) or  
cell 321-6637

#### **TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

**Parish Center Office:** 337-2173

**Church:** 338-3713

Religious Education Office: 337-4231

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](http://www.IowaCityCatholic.com)

**Victim Assistance Coordinator** – Diocese of Davenport  
Alicia Owens, LBSW

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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. April 7 No Mass  
 Tue. April 8 9:00 AM ~ John Clear  
 Wed. April 9 9:00 AM ~ Rev. Peter Cross  
 Thur. April 10 9:00 AM ~ Genevieve Kessler  
 Fri. April 11 9:00 AM ~ Alice Clear  
 Sat. April 12 5:15 PM ~ Dinah Hinckley  
 Sun. April 13 8:30 AM ~ For The People  
 Mass at Coralville Brown Deer Golf Club  
 11:00 AM ~ Tom Brown

**Annual Diocesan Appeal Update**  
 Goal - \$50,269  
 Amount pledged to date - \$33,400  
 Number of pledges to date - 108  
**If you have not returned your pledge card, please consider a gift at this time.**

**Time—Talent—Treasure**

	<u>March 29/30</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
ENVELOPES:		
Amount needed = to meet expenses	\$8,500	\$336,000
Amount received = actual	\$7,173	\$308,100
	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D Wkly Avg.</u>
Number of Envelopes used	150	134
Rent & audio rental fees each week:	\$225	
Last week's Brown Deer Rent Collection:	\$125	
Children's envelopes year to date:	\$170	

**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.**

**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!

**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.

**Spirituality in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.prairiewoods.org).

**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.

**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.

**Reading for the week of April 6, 2008**

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/  
Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/  
Jn 10:1-10

**STM Social Action Commission News**

The Social Action Commission **meets the first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM in the Parish Center lounge.** New members are always welcome.

A special **thank you to Theresa Lemire and Jennifer Joslin and family** for taking food bank items to the Crisis Center for the month of April. If you and your family are interested in this ministry, please call Peg Johnson at 338-1645. **We will be collecting canned meats, rice and pasta for the month of April.**

**Crop Walk** is today, Sunday April 6. Please join in collecting contributions to alleviate hunger in Johnson county and throughout the world.

**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](mailto:steenlage@mchsi.com).

There is a **training session for all lectors, and anyone who would like to become a lector at STM** today, Sunday, April 6, 1:00 PM in the church. Kenneth Miller from the Davenport Diocese will conduct the training.

**THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP**

**Stewardship Reflection for this Week, April 6 through April 11, 2008:**

Jesus has shown us the path to abounding joy. It comes when we give generously of ourselves. It comes when we love and serve one another. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus we don’t always recognize Jesus’ way. Or maybe we just try to ignore it?

**THIS WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT SALUTE: KNITTING MINISTRY**

As grateful stewards, we celebrate those who share their gifts of time, knitting and crocheting talent, and prayer with those in need of spiritual support during times of loss and health challenge. These knitters give as well as receive blessings through their efforts. Many thanks to Dorothy Whiston who brought this wonderful ministry to St. Thomas More Parish. Those who are currently participating in the knitting ministry or participated in the past include:

Cook, Connie	Hoogerwerf, LouRae
Donnelly, Kathy	Huss, Ann
Duder, Beth (from St. Mary’s in Riverside)	Jacobsen, Jan
Dusterhoft, Mary (from St. Patrick’s in Iowa City)	Knox, Audrey
Fett, Frances	Luzzie, Chris
Fomon, Betty	Lyon, Carol
Gould, Renee	Merchant, Mary
Graf, Nancy	Stroh, Molly
Guard, Deb	Weimar, Lisa
Harris, Connie	Wurth, Mary
Hemenover, Bonnie	Zimmerman, Patsy

May God bless and keep you. May God’s face shine on you.  
May God be kind to you and give you peace.

**Youth News**

**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.

**Iowa Right to Life Committee 2008 Oratory Contest**

Iowa Right to Life is holding a statewide pro-life oratory contest on May 3, 2008, for high school juniors and seniors. The contest will take place at St. Theresa's School in Des Moines at 9:00 AM. The first place winner will present the winning speech that night on May 3, 2008, at Iowa Right to Life's "Spring Fling," and win a trip to compete in National Right to Life's Oratory Contest in Washington D.C. July 3-5, 2008.

**THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 11, 2008. For more information, contact Jenifer at Iowa Right to Life:** 1.515.244.2012 or email: [Committee@IRLC.org](mailto:Committee@IRLC.org). Competitors must live in Iowa. There is no entry fee. See contest rules at: <http://www.nrlc.org/Oratory/index.html>.



**CELBRATE MOTHER EARTH**

In honor of Earth Day 2008, parishioners of St. Thomas More will have an **opportunity to purchase hand made cloth eco-bags sewn by Mary Crooks.** Bags will be available after all Masses (while supplies last) the weekend of April 19/20th in the gathering space of the church as well as at Brown Deer. Some of you may have seen or purchased these bags at the December Tea where Mary was one of the presenters. **Also available for sale will be the commercial Chico Bag** in limited quantities. Donations for the fabric bags will be accepted as free will offerings toward Backyard Abundance. If you write a check for your cloth bags, please make it payable to Environmental Advocates and put Backyard Abundance in the memo field. This Iowa City group is 401c eligible and your donations are tax deductible. Mary is a devoted member of this group and volunteers her time to make these bags to benefit the organization AND the environment. Chico Bags will be \$5 each. Contact Mary Beth Versgrove (338-4050) if you have questions. Thank you.

**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)

**For the Love of a Child** - Come find out more about the miracle of adoption! You are invited to an informational seminar on international adoption. European Adoption Consultants, Inc. is hosting a free seminar on **Sunday, April 6 from 2:00 - 4:30 at the Iowa City Public Library, meeting room B.** Parishioners Beth and Mike Deninger adopted their son through this agency and Beth now helps give the Iowa seminars. RSVP by calling 1-866-586-5656. Drop ins are also welcome. Find out more about EAC and adoption at their website - [www.eaci.com](http://www.eaci.com).