

# *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

## *April 20, 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 (ext. 111)

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  
P.O. Box 232, Davenport, IA 52722-0004  
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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.*

*Mass Intentions*

Mon. April 21 No Mass  
 Tue. April 22 9:00 AM ~ Word & Communion  
 Wed. April 23 9:00 AM ~ Word & Communion  
 Thur. April 24 9:00 AM ~ Word & Communion  
 Fri. April 25 9:00 AM ~ Word & Communion  
 Sat. April 26 5:15 PM ~ Claire D'esposito  
 Sun. April 27 8:30 AM ~ For The People  
 Mass at Coralville Brown Deer Golf Club  
 11:00 AM ~ Lee Quigley

**Annual Diocesan Appeal Update**  
 Goal - \$50,269  
 Amount pledged to date - \$35,997  
 Number of pledges to date - 112  
**If you have not returned your pledge card, please consider a gift at this time.**

**Time—Talent—Treasure**

	<u>April 12/13</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
ENVELOPES:		
Amount needed = to meet expenses	\$9,000	\$357,000
Amount received = actual	\$7,888	\$325,534
	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D Wkly Avg.</u>
Number of Envelopes used	153	135
Rent & audio rental fees each week: \$225		
Last week's Brown Deer Rent Collection: \$244		
Children's envelopes year to date: \$177		

**Parish Council Elections are coming up the weekend of May 31/June 1.**  
 Four (4) open seats on the 12 member council will be filled this year. In addition, we will be electing a parish member to serve as **one of our representatives on the Regina Catholic Board of Education.** Any active member of the parish who is at least 18 years of age may be a candidate. The parish council serves as a consultative board to the Pastor.  
 We will also elect **Youth Representatives for Parish Council.** Two youth representatives will be elected to serve a one-year term on the Council.

**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!

**Regina Parents: Parish Stewardship Tuition Rate Forms**  
 Letters were sent April 2 to all Regina parents regarding tuition and commitment forms for the parish stewardship rate. These forms are to be returned to the parish office by Thursday, May 1, to apply for the discounted parish tuition rate.

Use **SCRIP gift cards** to make your garden bloom! Soil, seeds, garden tools, etc. are available through SCRIP hardware stores, and others! Thanks for your support.

**We need your help!** Would you be available to share your faith on **Wednesday evenings through our Religious Education Program?** Class time is 7:00 – 8:15 PM. This is a great way to share your time and talents with the future leaders of our church. Contact Deacon Ed at 337-4231.

**Last Classes for STM Religious Education Classes this school year:**  
**Centro site - Monday, April 21, 2008**  
**STM site - Wednesday, April 30, 2008**  
**Check our website for more details:**  
[www.stthomasmoreic.com](http://www.stthomasmoreic.com)

**MAY BASKETS FOR LANTERN PARK** - The Family and Church Life Commission is sponsoring a service project at Lantern Park Care Center. With the help of STM parishioners, a basket will be given to each of the residents. Gift suggestions are listed below and on a flyer in the gathering area of the church. Please return your donations to the back of the church or Brown Deer by Sunday, April 26. The residents truly enjoy receiving these gifts! Consider this an opportunity to share the joy of Easter! New or used magazines, crossword puzzles, lotion, white ankle socks (men and women), lip balm, white handkerchiefs, canned pop, small packaged food items, candy bars, or hard candy would all be appreciated!!



**Reading for the week of April 20, 2008**

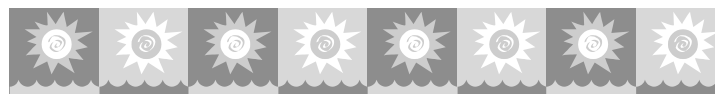
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/  
 Jn 14:15-21

**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.**

You believe in Jesus and you want to do His work, but how can you do the kind of work that He did when you have a full-time job everyday? That's a legitimate concern. However, when you pledge a portion of your income to the Church you are working for God even as you do your regular job.



**This week's STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT Salute: STM'S WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

Today, we celebrate those who share their gifts of time and talent working on STM's Welcoming Committee, whose current members are Eric Aitchison (chair), Lauri Deninger, Amy Kakavas, Evalee Mickey, Beth Weis and Nancy Wylder.

The current welcoming activity at STM began in earnest in June 2006, when the 8:30 AM Mass moved to the Brown Deer Golf Course in Coralville. Since then, every Sunday morning, members of the Welcoming Committee set up a table in the lobby outside the entrance to the worship area and warmly greet potentially new parishioners - as well as current STM members - and distribute information about becoming an active member of St. Thomas More parish. So far, this group of volunteers has helped register an average of 2 new families each week.

First, the new parishioners complete a registration form and submit it, at their convenience, to Cheryl Campion at the parish office. Cheryl then notifies the Welcoming Committee who next mail a welcome letter to the new parishioner family, along with a packet of brief information about STM parish. Later, a member of the Welcoming Committee calls the new parishioner family to say hello and to answer any questions about joining STM. Lastly, another Welcome Committee member makes a second telephone call after more information has been mailed to the parishioner family to encourage participation in one or more parish ministries.

**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, Sunday, **April 20, 6:00 PM.** This is a three hour training session. Call Deacon Ed or Mary at 337-4231 for more information.

**Food for the Poor, Inc. (April 26/27)** Next weekend, Monsignor James McGovern will speak on behalf of *Food for the Poor* and ask both your prayers and offerings for the poor. After serving as a parish priest for 46 years in the Diocese of Trenton, NJ, he retired from active ministry and now devotes his time to soliciting funds for the poor. This is a continuation of a life long ministry of supporting the missions and the poor. We ask all parishioners to be prepared to make a financial offering to further this special ministry.

**This weekend**

**Blest Art Holy Land Crafts** - Hand carved religious articles from about 600 Christian artisans in Bethlehem will be on display for you to purchase. Such olivewood crafts help support a beleaguered population in the war-torn Middle East.



**ACOLYTE TRAINING:** A training session for those interested in becoming an acolyte will be held on Saturday, April 26 at 4:00 PM in the church. If you have any questions please call Mary Jo Kinney at 337-3156 or Janet Steenlage at 354-5972.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter/April 20, 2008

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### Youth News

All 6th-12th graders are invited to the next youth meeting **Sunday, April 20, 12:00-1:00 p.m.** in the parish center lower level. We'll discuss summer plans, retreats, and opportunities. We'll also plan our float entry for the North Liberty Days parade and we need lots of creativity to come up with a good design. Any adults interested in helping build our float or with ideas should contact Lisa at 337-4231 or [lsweimar@hotmail.com](mailto:lsweimar@hotmail.com).

**A National Ministry Summit** - This week Fr. Helms will be attending in Orlando a conference presenting *Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership*. As a delegate for our diocesan priests' council, he will join with others representing the **National Association for Lay Ministry**, the **Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development**, the **National Association of Diaconate Directors**, the **National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association**, and the **National Federation of Priests' Councils**. While in the area, he will visit his relatives in the Titusville and the Tampa areas. Next weekend, we welcome Fr. James McGovern as he speaks on behalf of the **Food for the Poor** organization.



### FLP 25th anniversary celebration May 4

The Free Lunch Program (FLP) will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Sunday, May 4, 2-4 pm, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church near downtown Iowa City. There will be a very short program at 3:00 p.m. Parking is plentiful around the church & on streets nearby.

The FLP is composed of over 30 volunteer serving teams. These many volunteers provide a hearty noon meal to an average of over 100 guests 6 days a week, or over 34,000 meals a year. In addition, our guests help themselves to 7,000+ self-served breakfasts per year.

We invite EVERYONE to attend the party on May 4 to celebrate the FLP's many years of providing good food & hospitality in our community, & the multitudes of volunteers who make this work possible. The FLP is also grateful to donors who generously support our work directly & through the United Way. For further information, please visit [icflp.org](http://icflp.org) or call 337-7917.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter/April 20, 2008**

**Rest in Peace**

Please remember in your prayers  
**Rosemary Oldis**, longtime member of  
our parish, whose funeral we celebrated  
Thursday, April 10. We offer our condolences  
to Bob Oldis and the Oldis Family.

Please pray for the family of **Charles Mickel**,  
brother of Maxine Mickel. Charles died recently  
in Michigan.

**Wedding Announcements:**

Congratulations to couples recently married here:

**John Bricker** and **Adrienne Blunt** (Apr. 5)

**Andy Hoffman** and **Diana Rimsa** (Apr. 19).

We anticipate the weddings of:

**Nate Sadewasser** and **Cassie Yoder** (May 24)

**Justin Wieck** and **Laura McFarland** (June 14)

**Steve Krob** and **Jessica Hemesath** (June 21)

**Jered Sieren** and **Jessica DeRyk** (July 26 – at  
Keota)

**William Souer** and **Elizabeth Adolph** (Apr. 25,  
2009).

Wedding Guidelines booklets are available at the  
entry area of the church.

**20th Annual Iowa City Knights of Columbus**

Breakfast at the Family Center

Sunday April 27, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

4776 American Legion Road

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausages, Fruit, & Drink

Adults \$8 - Under 13 \$4 - Under 5 Free

**Ball Diamond Dedication To Dr. James Cook**

**On April 20 With Dedication, 1:30 P.M.**

All you can eat and drink: Brats, Burgers, Bar B-Q  
and Fixings with ballgames till 6:00 P.M.

Family: \$25 Adults: \$10 Under 13: \$5

Under 5: Free

At the KC Family Center. Corner of American  
Legion Road & Taft Ave.

**Coralville Fire Department Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, April 27**

**7 AM - 1:00 PM**

Free will donation.

Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee.

