

Sixth Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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)

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

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

Mary Steffen – Religious Education Secretary (ext. 107)

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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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

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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 28 No Mass
 Tue. April 29 9:00 AM ~ Word & Communion
 Wed. April 30 9:00 AM ~ Word & Communion
 Thur. May 1 9:00 AM ~ Word & Communion
 Fri. May 2 9:00 AM ~ Word & Communion
 Sat. May 3 5:15 PM ~ Austin Maier
 Sun. May 4 8:30 AM ~ For The People
 Mass at Coralville Brown Deer Golf Club
 11:00 AM ~ Walt Davitt

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 26/27</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
ENVELOPES:		
Amount needed = to meet expenses	\$8,000	\$365,000
Amount received = actual	\$8,215	\$334,624
	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D Wkly Avg.</u>
Number of Envelopes used	146	135
Rent & audio rental fees each week:	\$225	
Last week's Brown Deer Rent Collection:	\$70	
Children's envelopes year to date:	\$182	

Planning a summer vacation by car? Please consider using SCRIP gas cards. Thank you!

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.

STM Adult Social Group - The next gathering of the STM Adult Social Group will be at 6:30 PM, Friday, May 16. We will meet for dinner at the Edgewater Grille, located in the Marriott Hotel in Coralville. A variety of menu options will be available. Please contact Anne Martin at 512-0303 or yellowwisdom@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP (by May 9).



Last Classes for STM Religious Education Classes this school year:
STM site - Wednesday, April 30, 2008
Check our website for more details:
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 27, 2008

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/
Jn 14:15-21
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: (Easter Weekday) Acts 18:1-8/
Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Next Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

You may have noticed the same people are acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, and Lectors at the Masses. We need your involvement. There are ministries at St. Thomas More for any interest you may have – and we need your help. Call Deacon Ed, 337-4231 for more information.

It's easy to rejoice in the gifts that God gives when they are as outstanding as a lame man walking or a sick man cured. However, do we take time to thank God for the many miracles He gives us everyday – good health, family, friends, education, employment, housing? Being grateful is the secret to being joyful.

Joint Parish Capital Campaign Appeal: In mid January St. Mary's and St. Wenceslaus parishes sent a joint appeal to their parishioners giving them the opportunity to contribute to the Capital Campaigns at the two parishes. To date this appeal for the two parishes has resulted in a total of \$75,060 to the two parishes - \$41,810 for St. Patrick's Parish and \$33,250 for St. Thomas More Parish. We are most grateful for the generosity of our parishioner neighbors.

This 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 make a financial offering to further this special ministry.

Come and meet our Diocesan Social Action Director John Kiley invites you to join him as he meets with Iowa City St. Mary's Peace and Justice Commission on Thursday May 15 at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's Parish Hall. Find out what social justice issues are taking precedence today, everyone is welcome! Contact Ann Elsbecker at 665-6623 for more information.



This month marks the end of an era as St Thomas More Religious Education classes end at Centro Inc. in North Liberty. Many wonderful parents have been part of this adventure over the past 6 years. The Religious Education Program would especially like to thank Jim Verry and Thad Collins for their dream of offering religious education classes in the corridor. These two were among the initial movers and shakers who got the program up and going at Centro and they have remained active and dedicated to the program. Thank you for your devotion to our children.

During the upcoming summer months, please consider how you spend your time and talents with your St Thomas More family. We desperately need new people to step up and become involved. Please consider becoming a Religious Education Teacher as we will begin RE classes in the fall at The Education Station in North Liberty. We will need more teachers as our numbers in the program continue to rise dramatically. The Youth of our parish are in need of adults to get involved in our confirmation and youth group programs.

Our Parish is growing at an unprecedented rate and the people of St Thomas More need you and your time, your treasure and your talent. Please consider one of the various ministries. Call the Religious Education office and ask for Deacon Ed 337-4231.

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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.

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY CELEBRATION

Church Women United of Johnson County is again celebrating MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY by sponsoring a salad luncheon and program on May 2 at Community Of Christ Church, 2121 South Ridge Drive, Coralville. Bring your prayerful coins; this is the time we do our annual donations to the FELOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN. Each coin represents a prayer for PEACE.

Registration is at 11:30 AM, Luncheon is 12 Noon with program to follow. Luncheon is \$6.00. Please call your 339-4507 or 358-7327 for reservations and indicate if you need child care. Come join us in celebration!!!

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 or call 337-7917.

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St. Wenceslaus, 630 E. Davenport St.,
Iowa City, **Altar & Rosary Plant**
Sale, Saturday, May 10,
8 AM - Noon.



**St. Mary in Wilton, IA Family
Style Dinner**

today, April 27, 1-4 PM featuring
ham, roast turkey. Carfts, grab bags
and home made candy and goodies also available!

**It isn't too late to support the Catholic
Community Foundation's Annual Appeal 2008
efforts.** If the Foundation can reach its \$350,000
Appeal goal by June 30, 2008, an anonymous
donor will gift an additional \$350,000 to the Foun-
dation to benefit Regina. That's \$700,000 for your
parish school -- what a great investment in the
future of our Catholic youth! These funds will be
used to build Regina's three endowments, augment
special projects and programs of the school, help
support a new administrative president leadership
position, and assist the Foundation in its mission to
enhance the overall financial strength of Regina.
Please give generously as we currently need an
additional \$50,000 to meet our \$350,000
goal. Gifts are tax deductible. You may make your
gift online by visiting the Foundation's website
(www.ccf-ic.org) and click on the "Give Now"
bar; or send your check to Catholic Community
Foundation, PO Box 1581, Iowa City, IA 52244
(please put Annual Appeal in the memo
line). Thank you for your consideration.

The Catholic Community Foundation

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

**Coralville Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 27**

7 AM - 1:00 PM

Free will donation.

Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee.