

# *The Feast of the Ascension*

## *May 4, 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

FAX: 337-2174

Email: [parishoffice@stthomasmoreic.com](mailto:parishoffice@stthomasmoreic.com)

#### **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  
Phone: 563-349-5002 - email: [vacdav@attglobal.net](mailto:vacdav@attglobal.net)

#### **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. May 5 No Mass  
 Tue. May 6 9:00 AM ~ Tim Brandt  
 Wed. May 7 9:00 AM ~ D.J. Conlon  
 Thur. May 8 9:00 AM ~ Don Fett  
 Fri. May 9 9:00 AM ~ John Clear  
 Sat. May 10 5:15 PM ~ For The People  
 Sun. May 11 8:30 AM ~ James Knebel  
 Mass at Coralville Brown Deer Golf Club  
 11:00 AM ~ Rev. Peter Cross

**Annual Diocesan Appeal Update**  
 Goal - \$50,269  
 Amount pledged to date - \$37,347  
 Number of pledges to date - 118  
**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	\$372,000
Amount received = actual	\$5,988	\$340,612
	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D Wkly Avg.</u>
Number of Envelopes used	134	135
Rent & audio rental fees each week: \$225		
Last week's Brown Deer Rent Collection: \$40		
Children's envelopes year to date: \$182		

In Our Lord's last words to the Apostles before ascending to heaven He makes it clear that our Baptism comes with an obligation. We are to do all that Jesus commanded us – which means caring for the poor, teaching the children and using our gifts to carry on the work of the Lord.

**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!

Please pray for **Larry Oberley**, who died recently. Larry's funeral was celebrated at STM on Friday, April 25.

Please remember in your prayers **Brian Clapp**, member of our parish, whose funeral we celebrated Wednesday, April 30.

We offer our condolences to Tracy Clapp and the Clapp Family and Kathleen Oberley and the Oberley family.



**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](mailto:yellowwisdom@gmail.com) for more information or to RSVP (by May 9).

**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.



**Reading for the week of May 4, 2008**

Sunday: Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11/  
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19  
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19  
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/  
Jn 20:19-23

**Congratulations  
to those who recently completed the  
RCIA process:  
Andrew Banse, Eric Dickson, and  
Stephanie Heiar  
who were received into full communion with the  
Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, and  
Kelley Rankin  
who was confirmed at the Easter Vigil.**

A percentage of the cost of **SCRIP** coupons and gift cards go to help STM and Regina. If you will be buying an item anyway, please consider purchasing it with a SCRIP card (gas, hardware, grass seed, clothes, hotels, etc.) Thank you!

**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.

**9:00 A.M. Ground Blessing Mass**  
On Sunday, June 22 (*the Feast of St. Thomas More*), Bishop Amos will join us to celebrate Mass with a Ground Blessing Ceremony at our building site on 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Coralville at 9:00 A.M. Mass will be followed by a reception. Please join us as we take this important next step toward our new church building!

**Social Action News**

**Our next meeting is May 7** at 7:00 PM, Parish Center lounge. New members are always welcome.

**We are collecting** personal care items for women at the Shelter House during the month of May. Thanks in advance for your generosity. There is a box in the back of church for your donations.

**We are collecting** canned meats, vegetables and rice for the food bank. If you and your family are interested in transporting the collected items to the food bank, please call Peg Johnson at 338-1645. Thank you for sharing with your neighbors in need.

**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.

**RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the RCIA process a success this year.

Sponsors:  
Brian Corkery, Joann Gullickson, Lee Gullickson, Marcia Magnuson, Sherry Roe

Guest Speakers:  
Art DeArmond, Ed Goldsmith

Breaking Open the Word Leaders:  
Connie Cook, Jane Davis, Lauri Deninger, Nancy Graf, Joann Gullickson, Lee Gullickson, Mary Hacker, Robert Heitman, Teresa Heitman, Dale Jackson, Vivian Jackson, Irene Neubauer, Dorothy Whiston, John Whiston

Hospitality Ministers:  
Laurie Deninger, Ilene Greenwood, Leonard Greenwood, Joann Gullickson, Lee Gullickson, Mary Hacker, Irene Neubauer, Sherry Roe, Dorothy Whiston

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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)

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

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

The Regina Jr./Sr. High Band will be performing a concert at the Englert, May 13, 7:00 PM. The doors will open at 6:30.



Tickets: \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for youth. Please attend and enjoy the concert!

**Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be participating in their Lifesavers for Domestic Abuse project after all Masses next weekend.** From the money collected, 60% will be donated to the Iowa City Domestic Violence Shelter and the other 40% will be distributed to the four bishops of Iowa for domestic violence projects within the state. We know you will be most generous in supporting this worthwhile endeavor.



Tired of cards? Do you want to give your spouse something that will be remembered for a lifetime? **The WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a great getaway. Upcoming Weekends are in Dubuque May 30th – June 1st and Cedar Rapids October 10th – 12th. To register or for more information contact Roger and Marsha Luensmann at 563-927-4352. Visit <http://www.iowa-wwme.org> for more information.

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



**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 Foundation 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](http://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.  
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Hope and Healing Ministries (HHM), A Ministry of the Diocese of Davenport is sponsoring a Committed to Freedom weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing from sexual abuse for survivors and family. The retreat will be held in Cedar Falls the weekend of June 27-29, 2008. The retreat does not focus on the abuse experience, but on spiritual tools and strategic living to move beyond the abuse. For more information, to donate, or volunteer please call 563-322-1645, or email [hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@davenportdiocese.org). Scholarships are available. You can also visit [www.committedtofreedom.org](http://www.committedtofreedom.org), or call a toll-free hotline at 1-877-896-HOPE.

