

Pentecost

May 11, 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)

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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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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

HOLIDAYS: 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

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.

Mass Intentions

Mon. May 12 No Mass
 Tue. May 13 9:00 AM ~ Pauline Wegrzun
 Wed May 14 9:00 AM ~ Miriam Leinen
 Thur May 15 9:00 AM ~ Lee Nelsen
 Fri. May 16 9:00 AM ~ Michelle Drea
 Sat. May 17 5:15 PM ~ Dinah Hinckley
 Sun May 18 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 - \$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>May 3/4</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
ENVELOPES:		
Amount needed = to meet expenses	\$12,000	\$385,000
Amount received = actual	\$10,299	\$350,911
	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Y-T-D Wkly Avg.</u>
Number of Envelopes used	172	136
Rent & audio rental fees each week:	\$225	
Last week's Brown Deer Rent Collection:	\$49	
Children's envelopes year to date:	\$182	

Church Life/Family Life is changing chairs and will have a meeting to meet the new chairs, Mary Jo LeBlanc and Mary Thompson, on Tuesday, June 3, at 7 PM at St. Thomas More parish center. Please mark your calendar and hope to see you there.



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!

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).



Have you visited our web site lately? Go to www.stthomasmoreic.com for all the latest news from St Thomas More. Click on the button across the top that says 'bulletin' and you will see the past week's bulletin. Click on 'schedule' and you will find the most current ministry schedules. News from the Religious Education Department is just a click away on the 'Religious Education' button. We will try to list funeral information on our site as soon as it may become available to us. Deacon Ed is in charge of keeping the information on our web site current. Give him a call with any news. Call 337-4231 or email him at redirector@stthomasmoreic.com



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 11, 2008

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a,
16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/
Jn 3:16-18

Social Action News

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.

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 12th 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!

This Week's Stewardship of Talent Salutes
STM 's own Paul Bobay

Long-time parishioner Paul Bobay continues to give his time-talent and 'spiritual heart' to STM.

Paul is presently involved in the following ministries:

- Daily Mass Sacristan – plus – sacristan at scheduled Sunday Mass
- Commissioned by Bishop Franklin as one who can conduct Sunday Celebration Absent a Priest (SCAP)
- Co-Chair of the STM Liturgy Commission
- Develop the Sunday Mass's General Intercessions
- Proclaimer of the Word at Mass
- An Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Paul's past involvement has included the following ministries:

- Member of Diocesan Lay Council
- University of Iowa Hospital Ministry as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
- CEW Chairperson to include varied leadership responsibilities
- Past member of STM Parish Council

Paul's eclectic talents have had him climbing a ladder to change a ceiling light bulb, to insightful remarks on the Gospel at Word & Communion Services. Paul truly is a 'spiritual-heart' of our STM family.

Our thanks also to Paul's wife Ana, his most important booster.

SCRIP: Please use SCRIP gift cards and coupons to make your purchases when possible. Many thanks!

The Spirit gives each of us different gifts. The reason we are given those gifts is so that we may perform different forms of service for the Lord. If you don't use your gifts for the Lord, who will do the special work that God had in mind for you alone?

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, Tuesday, 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 this 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.

The St. Thomas More Knitting Ministry Group

will be gathering on Saturday May 17, 3:30-5:00 PM at the Parish Center to knit, to pray, and to share our stories. Please let us know of anyone who would like to receive a prayer shawl—someone who is facing a recent loss or a health challenge (physical or mental) in his or her life. We welcome all who would like to join us in this very rewarding ministry. If you have any questions about the Knitting Ministry, please feel free to contact Nancy Graf at 339-5975.



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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) 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

\$1500 Graduation Cash - The Iowa City KC's Council 842 has an opportunity for 2008 graduates to receive a \$1,000 or a \$500 award. To be eligible for the awards an applicant must be a '08 graduate of any Iowa City high school and a member of an Iowa City Catholic parish. A short test on the Catholic faith will be given Sunday, June 22. Study materials are available at the Parish Office. Application deadline is Saturday, June 14. Call Jim Doorley (338-2083) or Neil Kumor (337-8416) with questions.

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. Scholarships are available. You can also visit www.committedtofreedom.org, or call a toll-free hotline at 1-877-896-HOPE.