

AUGUST 31, 2025 - THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Welcome
Bishop Bruce Lewandowski
to St. Thomas More Parish

Grateful

We are most grateful that Bishop Bruce blessed our parish and presided at Mass for us this weekend (4 PM Mass at St. Veronica Chapel). This is not only an opportunity to meet him, but also for him to know of our prayers and support. We are blessed with a zealous and joyful lover of the Lord.

After much discernment, I have decided to lower our Confirmation age to 8th grade. In light of our area parishes having Confirmation at this age, I sense that we here at St. Thomas More have to be in sync with all of our good neighbors. That means this year we will have classes for 8th and 9th graders and will confirm both grades in the spring. Please let neighbors and friends know about our program. High school students of any age are welcome to attend.

Next weekend is our ministry fair. We are seeking to recruit more lectors, extraordinary ministers, and other volunteers for a wide range of ministries, many of which you may not be aware of. Even if you already serve, please plan to attend to experience fellowship and meet some parishioners over a cup of coffee!!

We will also be launching Parish Council elections this fall, as we have not had a council in place since the COVID-19 pandemic. We were about to have elections when I left for Washington. We need this vital body, which in the past was a great think tank, and a means to share information and foster cooperation across our many ministries. Pray about running and serving. Can you think of someone who would be a good fit? If so, please let them know they came to mind. Details will follow.

Lastly, we are searching for a new Music Director for St. Thomas More. Please pray for this. We are grateful to Logan Hoard, who is helping us until a permanent replacement for Marissa is found.

Let's pray for one another. Thank you for all you do!

Fr. Taillon





Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8, 2025

6PM at St. Thomas More Church

Join Deacon Clossick as we celebrate Our Blessed Mother's birthday.

Exposition of the Eucharist with benediction Litanies and Holy Rosary.

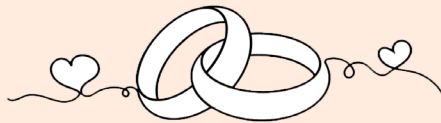
Cake in the parish hall immediately following.



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"Mums for Mom"

Fall Mum Sale

Stop by and buy your mums while they last!!!

10" Mums \$15

September 13th & 14th

**Before and after weekend masses at
St. Thomas More & St. Veronica Chapel**

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Last week Fr. Taillon was blessed to have prayed with these wonderful visiting co-sponsored seminarians, who are future Navy chaplains.

Above left: Paul Keenan/Lansing, Deacon Brendon Scneibel/Fargo, Fr. Taillon, Francisco Martinez/Birmingham, and Mark Webber/Charlotte.

Center photo: visting in Narragansett, and at right: ODS training at the Newport Naval Base.

Thank you to our Knights of Columbus, as their recent golf tournament helped offset the cost of the uniforms they had to purchase- as seen in the above two photos.

Pray for vocations ...Jesus hears the cry for our military to have priests to be with them sacramentally.

Please join us for a meet & greet & ministry fair

After all masses on
September 6 & 7

Want to get involved?

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the many ministries available for you to join at our Parish, while mingling and enjoying some refreshments.

~ Consider joining one of these fulfilling ministries:

Adult Funeral Altar Servers ~ Altar Linens ~ Altar Servers ~ Choir & Musicians ~ Decorating
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist ~ Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for the Homebound
Finance Council ~ Frassati Young Adult Group ~ Gardening (outside decorating)
Hospitality (funeral collations & social events) ~ Knights of Columbus ~ Knitting ~ Lectors
Liturgy Committee ~ OCIA ~ Our Lady's Guild ~ Parish Council ~ Prayer Chain
Religious Education ~ Support Groups (Cancer & Bereavement) ~ Ushers/Greeters
Volunteers (i.e. big events, parish mailings, etc.) ~ Wedding Coordinators ~ Youth Group

~ New Ministry ideas are welcome! ~

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Open to Women of Every Age
Come & See What Endow Is All About
on Tuesday, September 9th | 7:00 – 7:30 PM
at St. Thomas More in the Parish Hall



This is an information session to introduce a study on **St. Teresa of Avila**, led by MaryTheresa Conca, Director of Faith Formation. This study will meet twice a month (September through May) on Tuesdays with flexible sessions available in the morning and evening.

Cigar Night with the "Knights"

Monday September 22, 2025
@ 6:00 PM

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Join the Knights of Columbus and Fr. "T" for our annual fundraising event.

**Proceeds will directly benefit our Coats for Kids program,
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www.popepiusxii.org/upcoming-events
Questions? Call Joe V. 401-265-6918

MASS *intentions*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30th

- 4 PM – for the soul of Cathie Hare & for the deceased members of the Hare Family
- 5 PM – for the soul of Linda Fiorito & for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st

- 7:30 AM – for the souls of Thomas & Helen DiSegna
- 8:30 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Bud & Mary Pariseault
- 10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Rosemary Coyne
- 11 AM – 7th Anniversary ~ Frank Lachut
- 8:00 PM – for the soul of Arlene Riccio

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

- 9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Richard Boscia

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

- 9 AM – for the soul of Reinette (St. Jean) Cinami

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

- 9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Donna Gunning

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Elizabeth (Logee) Pelliccione

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

- 9 AM – for the deceased members of the Ruscito & DePetrillo families

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Joanne Kennedy

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

- 4 PM – 4th Anniversary ~ Doris Holmberg
- 5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Anthony Velone

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

- 8:30 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Bernie Casey Sr. & Doris Casey
- 10 AM – for the soul of Angela Aloï
- 11 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ Timothy Carr Magill

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND OF THE SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE.

AUGUST 31 IS THE LAST
7:30 AM AT ST. THOMAS MORE
AND THE LAST, LAST CALL MASS
AT 8:00 PM AT ST. VERONICA CHAPEL.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

Next weekend there will be a special Diocesan collection to assist our brothers and sisters in Gaza and the surrounding areas.

Donations can be made via check, Faith Direct, or Venmo. Please note "Gaza Collection" on all donations. Thank you for your generosity.



The parish office will be closed on
Monday, September 1st
in observance of Labor Day.

Knights of Columbus Jacob's Ladder Mission trip meeting

September 7, 2025 - 5:00 pm
St. Thomas More parish hall

Trip dates - November 8 -15, 2025
4 spots open as of today.

For more information:
call or text Joe Robenhymer at
401-741-5553
or email at joerobenhymer@gmail.com

Happenings around the parish



ROSARY BY THE BEACH, AUGUST 17TH

Men's Bible Study

Our parish has a very active group of men who meet each Saturday morning in the parish hall at 7:30 AM to discuss the Sunday scripture readings. This is very informal and all are invited and welcome to join.

Our Lady's Guild

Our Lady's Guild has meetings at 9:30AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the parish hall. On Mondays after the 9AM Mass they meet as an informal group to discuss, read and reflect on the gospels of the coming week and to share personal insights of those readings, with coffee & refreshments.

The rosary is prayed Mon. - Sat. at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More. *All are welcome to join these activities.* To learn more, call Diane at 996-3876 or visit our [website](#).



Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like or needs extra prayers, we are happy to help. Call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. New volunteers are always welcome to join this necessary and important ministry.

Remember the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Remember the Poor" goes to the Mother Teresa Fund, which helps with local rental assistance, utilities, food and prescriptions. Thank you for your generosity.

Rosary Repairs

Drop your broken beads in envelope provided in the box in the foyer at St. Thomas More with your name and contact info. You will be contacted when complete.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins

Weekly pick up of clothing & shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot, inside the fence.

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

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| ✓ Natural Peanut Butter | ✓ Brown Rice |
| ✓ Low Sugar Jelly | ✓ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice |
| ✓ Baked/Black/Kidney Beans | ✓ Whole grain wheat flour |
| ✓ Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta & Jarred Pasta Sauce | |

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.

Religious Education

Registration is now open online.

<https://stthomasmoreri.org/ccd/>



A Journey of Faith INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday, September 30th | 6:30 P.M.
St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Who is OCIA for?

~ Those who are interested in becoming Catholic and need to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion).

~ Those who have been baptized, either as Catholics or in another Christian faith, and need the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

~ Those baptized and who received Holy Communion but have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 401-789-7682.

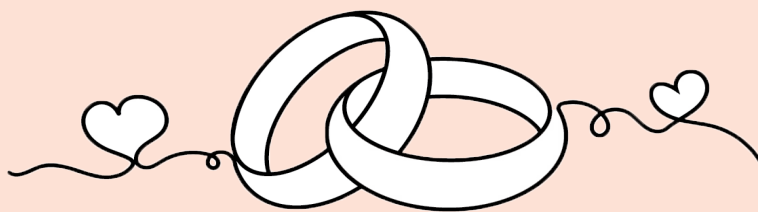
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St. Thomas More Parish counts on your prayers and support and we truly appreciate your continued generosity during this difficult time.

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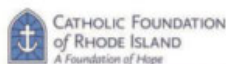
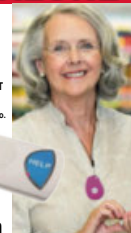
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