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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - SATURDAY - 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00 - 4:45 PM or by appointment

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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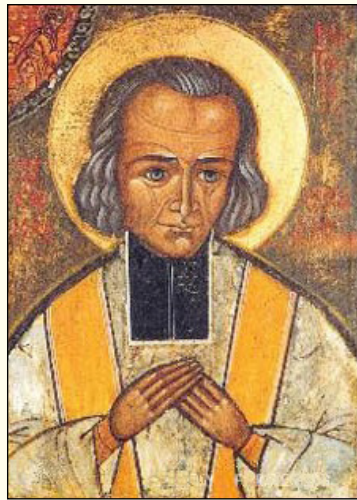
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OCTOBER 5, 2025 - THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"I love You, O my God,
and my only desire is to love You
until the last breath of my life.

"I love You,
O my infinitely lovable God,
and I would rather die loving You,
than live without loving You."

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Pray for Seminarians

This weekend our second collection is for seminarians. We often pray for vocations here, and our parish is on fire for the Eucharist.

Seminarians are often out of sight and out of mind. Their lives are busy studying, praying, and discerning. Their studies cover theology, philosophy, canon law, and languages, while daily spiritual practices include Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

We are blessed here at St. Thomas More to have several seminarians visit our parish throughout the year. In November, we are preparing to welcome five seminarians from Bismarck, North Dakota, who are studying in Washington. We also recently hosted four seminarians from the Archdiocese of the Military.

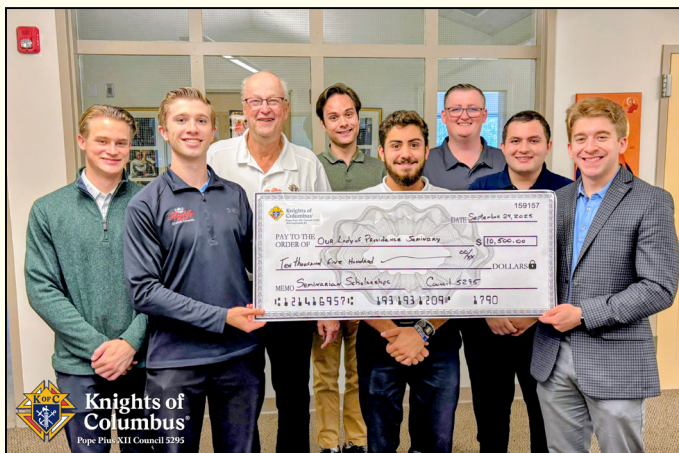
Seminary life is often a blessed experience, but at times can be challenging. You don't usually get to see pastoral life up close, especially at the beginning. Some men, of course, discern out, which is part of a healthy seminary life.

I recall feeling during certain periods in the seminary, that ordination seemed so far off, and I would question whether it was all worth the journey. I also remember how much I enjoyed getting notes and letters from back home, as I was in Rome for many years, when there was no social media. Sometimes a note or letter would come just when the Lord knew I needed the encouragement.

This weekend, we are having the collection to support these men, but let's not forget to support them with our prayers as well. Know a seminarian? Why not write a note the old-fashioned way to let them know they are thought of and prayed for?

God bless all seminarians, especially those from Providence, Bismarck, the Archdiocese for Military Services, and the North American College, in particular, where some of these men have a strong connection to St. Thomas More.

Fr. Taillon



Thank you to all of our golfers, supporters, and volunteers for making our annual golf tournament a big success this year. Over the last 13 years, the Knights of Columbus have been supporting vocations through seminarian scholarships. During that period of time, over \$100,000 in scholarships have been provided by our council. This year, we provided seminarians at Our Lady of Providence with \$10,500 in scholarships, and an additional \$2,500 in scholarships to military seminarians.



Congratulations, married in Christ!
James Lang & Lena Adlaryan with Fr. Taillon
on September 26, 2025.



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone for making our annual "Mums for Mom" mum sale a huge success. This year we were able to donate \$3,586.63 to the Mother of Life Center to support their various programs. Over the last 5 years, we have donated over \$12,700 to the Mother of Life Center, along with providing them an additional \$1,500 in grant funds.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Please note: Our Pro-Life Committee event, Baby Bottle Boomerang, which supports RI Right to Life has been re-scheduled to the weekend of November 29 & 30.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on
behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work
through us in a way that loves,
blesses, assures, supports, and
strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

MASS *intentions*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th

4 PM – for the soul of Francis J. Pescosolido & for the
deceased members of the Pescosolido Families

5 PM – for the soul of Bernie Roderick

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th

8:30 AM – for the souls of John & Angela Chatwin

10 AM – for the soul of Margaret Trapp

11 AM – for the soul of Vivian Palazzo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th

9 AM – for the soul of Richard D. Farrell

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th

9 AM – for the soul of Phyllis McCarthy

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

9 AM – for the soul of Theresa D'Ordine

THURSDAY, October 9th

9 AM – Birthday remembrance ~ Geraldine Egan

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th

9 AM – for the soul of Paul McCarthy, Sr.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th

9 AM – Special Intention

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th

4 PM – for the soul of Daniel Moore

5 PM – Birthday remembrance ~ Dorothy Cook

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th

8:30 AM – for the soul of John Heineman IV &
for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

10 AM – Birthday remembrance ~ Anna Velone

11 AM – for the soul of Theresa D'Ordine

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend
will be for seminarians.



Our Lady's Guild Meeting
Wednesday, October 8
following the 9 AM Mass

All are welcome to join at
St. Thomas More Parish Hall

*"God wishes to establish in the
world, devotion to my Immaculate
Heart. If people do what I tell
you, many souls will be saved
and there will be peace."*

For more info contact Diane at 401-996-3876
<https://stm-ourladysguild.weebly.com/>

Knitting Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, October 8 - 1:00 PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

All are welcome!

For more info, call the parish office at 789-7682



SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, October 9

St. Thomas More Church from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
with Exposition and Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament



**THE GOOD
SAMARITAN
RECOGNIZED
THE DIGNITY
IN THE OTHER
AND CARED
FOR HIS LIFE.**

LUKE 10:25-37

Happenings around the parish

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.



Bishop Hendricken High School
will be hosting an Open House on
Sunday, October 26th from 12-3:00 PM
and an Information night on
November 12th at 6:00PM.

These events will give families the opportunity to tour our facilities and receive information on our academics, admission procedures, financial aid, student life, transportation and college placement.

For more information please contact the
Admissions Office at
admissions@hendricken.com or 401-889-5425.

Religious Education

Sunday, October 5

Class for grades 1-4 at
St. Veronica Chapel from 10:00 to 10:50 AM.

Sunday, October 5

Confirmation meeting for
parents & students (in grades 8 & 9) at
6 PM at St. Thomas More in the parish hall.

Wednesday, October 8

Class for grades 5-7 at
St. Veronica Chapel from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

- | | |
|--|------------------------------|
| ✓ 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 | |

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OCTOBER 28 • 6-8 PM

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Parish Council Nomination Form

We will be accepting nominations for the eight at-large seatson the Parish Council, effective January 1, 2026. The St. Thomas More Parish Council represents the body of the Church, which oversees parish activities, projects, and many other facets of parish life. The committee is comprised of the Pastor, Religious Education Director, staff members, leaders of various ministries, and eight elected positions.

The elected positions will consist of:

- 2 parishoners for the 16-22 year old age group**
- 4 parishioners for the 23-59 year old age group**
- 2 parishioners for the 60+ year old age group**

Election shall be for a three year term. The Council ordinarily meets four times per year.

You may submit your own name, or that of any other parishioner 16 years or older.

If you are submitting the name of someone else, please obtain their permission. Nominations may be dropped off at the parish office, emailed to stmoffice53@gmail.com, or placed in the collection basket during any of the Masses.

Nominations will be accepted for two weeks, from Sunday, September 28 to Sunday, October 12.

All nominees will then be contacted to verify their acceptance and obtain some general background information.

On October 25 & 26, we will list in the bulletin, all those running for office, along with a brief bio of all the candidates.

On the weekends of November 2 & 9, ballots will be in the bulletin and available at all church entrances for parishoners to vote. This will be a two week period.

On the weekend of November 16th, results will be published in the bulletin.

Nominee Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age Group: 16-22 _____ 23-59 _____ 60+ _____

MERCY 21

"Be merciful as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

In a world full of concerns and pressure—jobs, the economy, immigration, poverty and need, war, violence, discord, divisions and polarization in our country, even divisions within the Church—what can we do? How can we accompany others in such difficult times?

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski says that amidst all of this “what’s missing right now is mercy.” Our bishop invites all people of good will to join him on MERCY21, a 21 day journey to reflect on, exercise, and pray for mercy beginning on **Sunday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and ending with the Memorial of Saint Faustina on Sunday, October 5.**

Each day, participants will be guided in: a Reflection on mercy, a practical way to Exercise mercy, and a Prayer for mercy.

Together, these daily REPs (Reflection, Exercise, Prayer) will draw from the 7-Spiritual Works of Mercy, the 7-Corporal Works of Mercy, and the 7-Principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Bishop Bruce extends his personal invitation: “I ask you to join me for 21 days of mercy. We will reflect on, exercise, and pray for mercy—asking the Lord’s mercy for ourselves, and sharing His mercy with others.”

Sign up now to get Bishop Bruce’s MERCY21 daily REPs by email or text at <https://provd.io/mercy21> or follow the Diocese of Providence on your favorite social media platform.



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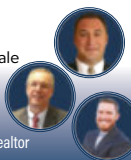
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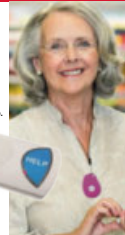
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