



September 28, 2025 | VOLUME 55 NUMBER 39 | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Letter From Our Pastor

HE'S TALKIN' TO ME?



Is it enough to be a “good person”? Wasn’t the rich man of today’s parable surprised to learn he did not make the cut in the hereafter? “Please let him go and warn my brothers so they won’t make the same mistake!” Implies: “I didn’t know!”

There is no indication that the rich man was anything but a good person and would have likely described himself that way. We aren’t told he didn’t earn every penny he made. No indication that he cheated, mistreated, or in any way harmed others. Surely, he minded his own business; he was probably glad to bring his neighbor his paper or cut his grass and drop off a casserole when he was ill.

He probably even treated Lazarus better than anyone else in the town. Why else would Lazarus have lived at his door? We aren’t told that he in any way caused Lazarus’ sorry plight. It wasn’t his fault, his responsibility.

The telling flaw is when he asks Abraham to have Lazarus dip his finger and bring him water, as though he is his servant. He sees himself as above/superior to Lazarus. He was comfortable living in a completely different world from Lazarus, although they were only separated by his door during their lives on earth. That is how he was able to enjoy living in excess while another starved and suffered in his presence. That is how we likewise justify ignoring those suffering in our presence - spiritually, emotionally, or financially. It’s not my problem! I didn’t cause it. They surely made poor decisions, lacked effort, smarts, etc., etc.

It’s human nature. That’s why Jesus said that when we feed, clothe, and help the least among us, we are doing it for Him. There are “least” all around us. They may look and speak a little differently than we do. Their hygiene might be poor, and they can’t send their kids to CHS, SJA, or St. Michael’s. They are the Lazaruses of our lives, our trials.

And, “I didn’t know!” is not going to get us anywhere. We’ve been warned!!!

God bless!

Fr. Eddie





Rev. Thomas P. Duhé

January 10, 1949 — September 15, 2025

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A faithful shepherd and humble servant of God. His years of ministry left a lasting legacy of faith, compassion, and leadership.

*"Well done, good and faithful servant...
Enter into the joy of your master!"
— Matthew 25:21*

May his soul find eternal rest
in the loving embrace of the Divine.

Fr. Tom Duhé, who faithfully served as the sixth pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, left a deep and lasting mark on our parish family through his years of devoted ministry. Though words cannot fully express all he meant to us, each of us carries personal memories of his faith, kindness, and leadership.

As we mourn his passing, we also give thanks for his life and the many ways he touched our hearts and helped shape our community. His legacy of compassion and service will continue to inspire us for years to come.



Parents of children preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are reminded of the mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 1, in the activity center at 6:30 pm. At least one parent needs to attend. Contact Bridget Day with any questions, dayb@stmbrr.org, 225.275.3940.

A poster for the St. Thomas More Parish Youth Gathering. At the top, a row of colorful squares (blue, yellow, brown, grey) is arranged in a slightly wavy pattern. Below this, the text "St. Thomas More Parish" is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the parish name is a blue icon of a cross with a stylized flame or flame-like shape to its left. The main title "YOUTH GATHERING" is prominently displayed in a large, bold, black serif font. The word "YOUTH" is on the top line, and "GATHERING" is on the bottom line. A yellow smiley face is placed between the two words. Below the title, the details of the gathering are listed in a black, sans-serif font, with each detail on a new line: "WHO: Parishioners in grades 5 - 8", "DATES: Fridays: Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 12", "TIME: 3:15 - 4:30 pm", "PLACE: Parish Activity Center", and "REGISTER: stnbr.org/news/youth". The date "Oct. 3" is circled in yellow. At the bottom, another row of colorful squares is arranged in a slightly wavy pattern, mirroring the top row.

St. Thomas More Parish

YOUTH GATHERING

WHO Parishioners in grades 5 - 8

DATES Fridays: Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 12

TIME 3:15 - 4:30 pm

PLACE Parish Activity Center

REGISTER stnbr.org/news/youth



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POPCORN

SALES

Sept. 27-28 | After all Masses



55 & Alive Senior Ministry is offering

A Rosary of Remembrance

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

8:45 AM • MASS IN THE CHURCH

9:30 AM • SOCIAL IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER COFFEE SHOP

10:00 AM • ROSARY IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER HALL

BRUNCH FOLLOWS THE ROSARY

Mass and Rosary will be offered in memory of our deceased, beloved family and friends.
Names and pictures of those being remembered (not exceeding two per guest) will be recited and displayed.

Come. Join us in prayer as we remember our loved ones.

Register by filling out the response below and dropping it by the church office.

In order to prepare, your response is needed by October 6, 2025.

A ROSARY OF REMEMBRANCE (please print)

I WILL ATTEND: _____

DECEASED TO BE REMEMBERED (NOT TO EXCEED 2 NAMES):

1. _____ 2. _____

I WILL BRING A 5 X 7 OR 8 X 10 FRAMED PICTURE: YES ☐ NO ☐

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Ages 3 and up

Saturday, Oct. 4

3:30 - 5:30 pm

Sunday, Oct. 5

7:30 am - 12:30 pm

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November 8, 2025

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ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



MASS ON THE GRASS and Parish Picnic

A special event for the whole parish family to enjoy!

10.26.25 | 10 am - 1 pm | STM Field

Hamburgers, hot dogs, jambalaya, Cane's lemonade & sweet tea, and water will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and pop up tents.



Trunk or Treat is back!
(12 pm - 1 pm)

We need trunks! Join the fun and sign up to decorate your car! Visit stmbr.org/news/picnic to register your car thru October 22nd.

If you would like to donate candy for our trick or treaters, drop candy off at the church office before Oct. 23.

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on our parish website, under
Links/Resources



[youtube.com/
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OUR PARISH FAMILY

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the families of **Fr. Tom Duhé** and **Fran Gaudin**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Mary Wilson the week of Sept. 28 as requested by Clara Earl.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 30 - 6 p.m.: Beverly Rabalais, Lynette Harelson, Barbara and Carl Guidry

Wednesday, Oct. 1 - 12 p.m.: Laurina Geraci

Thursday, Oct. 2 - 8:45 a.m.: Deceased Members of Wale Family

Friday, Oct. 3 - 12 p.m.: Lynn Dufrene

Saturday, Oct. 4 - 4:30 p.m.: Suzanne Jung

Sunday, Oct. 5 - 8 a.m.: Delores Marie Smith Dupuy; 10 a.m.: STM

Families, Friends, and Neighbors; 5 p.m.: Mary Lou Castille

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following persons: Becky Cline, Buddy Vidrine, Baron Lacour, Laurie Bolanoff, Diane Green, John Pecoraro, Jr., Hunter Pecoraro, Loressa Watts, Destiny Kelley, Marcia Sells, Byron Ellis, Tim Bonin, Joe Bonin, Lloyd Hebert, Bubba Howell, Frank DePaula, Julie Zerst, Geraldine Gauthier, Wendall Blouin, Camilla Barlow, Kathy Moise, Rose Marie Cronin, Allyce Trapp Alexander.

PRAYER LINE FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER REQUESTS

For serious or urgent prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 225.978.1246 (leave your name and phone number if there is no answer), or send a request by email to kennyshar69@att.net.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers: Capt. Austin Starks, PFC Alyssa Richardson, SSG Brian Edwards, SPC Havyn Henley, PO3 Tytan Henley, MAJ Nate Conlon (To add/edit names: email receptionist@stmbr.org.)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday at 12 noon

Thursday at 8:45 a.m.

Friday at 12 p.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesdays from 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Thursdays from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

(also by appointment)

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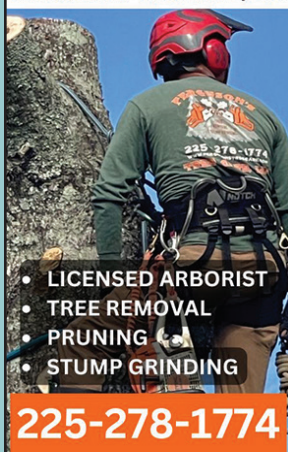
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