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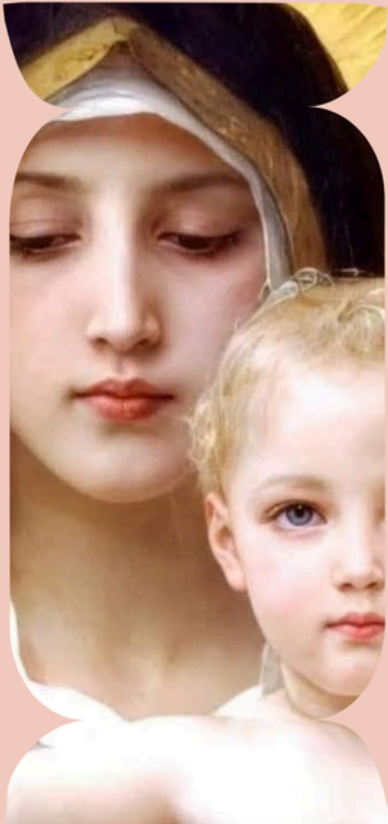


RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

OH
mother of the living
MARY

to you do we entrust
the cause of life

-saint john paul ii



ABOUT OUR CHURCH

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor
Rev. Eddie Martin

Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joe Scimeca

Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Paul Soileau

PARISH STAFF

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Our Mission

In a caring environment dedicated to celebrating the Catholic faith and modeling the life of Jesus Christ, St. Thomas More Church provides worship, education, ministerial and social opportunities for the spiritual growth of the parish family.

Office Hours

Mon.- Thurs.: 8 am - 12 pm; 1 - 5 pm
Fri.: 8 a.m. - 12 pm

Parish Worship Schedule

DAILY MASSES

Monday, 12 pm; Tuesday: 6 pm;
Wednesday: 12 pm Thursday: 8:45 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, and 5 pm

ROSARY

Wednesday: 11:30 am
1st & 3rd Sunday: 9:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays: 11:15 - 11:45 am,
Thursdays: 8 - 8:30 am,
Saturdays: 3:15 - 4:15 pm,
and by appointment.

Let's Stay Connected

Stay informed and connected with our parish community.



website: stmbr.org/church



weekly e-newsletter: sign up to receive - under Links/Resources



email: churchinfo@stmbr.org



facebook.com/stmchurchbr



instagram.com/stmbrevents

Submission Deadlines

Submit bulletin notices and social media requests two weeks prior to publication/posting. Send submissions to churchinfo@stmbr.org

Online Offertory Option

To access our online offertory giving, please follow the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



Stewardship

Sharing Our Time, Talent & Treasure

Stewardship is our grateful response to God's blessings. Through prayer, service, and generosity, we are called to share the gifts God has given us. Our parish offers many opportunities to share your time and talents through ministries that support our worship, strengthen our community, and serve those in need. There is a place for everyone to serve. To learn more about our parish ministries and how you can get involved, visit stmbr.org/church/ministries.

PASTOR'S LETTER

Bear Fruit

I'd like to thank the many parishioners who volunteer in the varied ministries we offer here at STM. From altar servers to the Knights of Columbus and the myriad of discipleship roles in between! All those who make our Mass possible and those who roll up their sleeves to volunteer—you are the wheels that make the “wagon” of our church roll on!

You are bearing fruit that will last!

That is the message of our readings today: Bear Fruit!

As I'm so fond of saying, it isn't enough to be saved as an individual—we have to get to heaven with our Cadillac overflowing with others! Remember, the key question will not be, “Are you saved?” but, “How many have you saved?”

Again, it is not enough simply to be a “Good Person,” who minds his own business and does no harm to his neighbors. We are called, in fact, to be the salt of the world, not to mind our own business, but to be our brothers' keeper! And we are all charged with building the kingdom throughout the world—not just in our own little individual lives.

And actions speak much louder than words! To the point:

A lady answered her door to find a gentleman standing there with a sad look on his face. “I'm sorry to trouble you, ma'am,” he said. “But I'm collecting on behalf of an unfortunate family in the neighborhood. The husband is out of work, the kids are really hungry, their utilities are about to be cut off, and worst of all: they are going to be kicked out of their apartment if they can't scrounge up the rent money today!”

“Of course, I'll help,” said the lady, “but who are you?”

“I'm their landlord!” he replied.

And to all our confirmation candidates: Where do you see yourself jumping in? We need you to pick up the rope and help us not only hold the line, but advance it. More importantly, YOU need to experience and enjoy the satisfaction, joy, and sense of purpose that comes from being God's hands and legs in this world.

God bless,

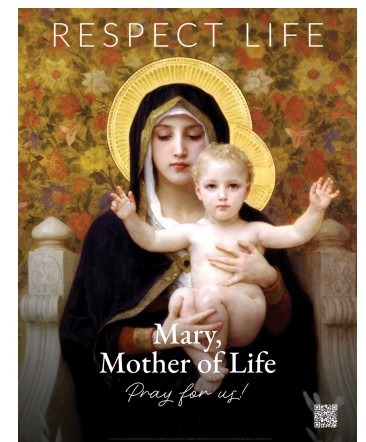
Fr. Eddie

Respect Life Sunday — October 4

October is Respect Life Month, and on October 4, we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. This year's message, “**Mary, Mother of Life**,” reflects on Our Blessed Mother's unique role as mother of all the living.

Mary's life teaches us to recognize and cherish the dignity and gift of every human life, in every stage and circumstance. Through her example, we are reminded that life is a gift from God—even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

During Respect Life Month, we ask Mary's intercession to help us see the beauty and dignity of every human life and to respond with compassion, courage, and love. **Mary, Mother of Life, pray for us!**



OUR PARISH FAMILY

Welcome

We are so happy you are here! Whether you are visiting for the first time, returning to the Church, or seeking a parish home, we welcome you with joy. We invite you to become part of our parish family and to grow with us in faith, fellowship, and service.

Interested in becoming a parishioner? We would love for you to make our parish your spiritual home. Registration forms are available in the church, at the parish office, or on our parish website.

New Parishioners

We warmly welcome those who have recently registered with our parish. We are grateful that you have chosen to become part of our faith community! **Brian Dinh, Emily Tran, Timothy Tran, and Carmen Gealogo.**

WORSHIP & FAITH



Congratulations to **Brad Loveless** on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on September 20! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen him as he grows in faith and draws closer to Christ.

Alpha Starts October 7!

Alpha begins this Wednesday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center—and we'd love for you to join us!

Alpha is a welcoming space to explore the Christian faith, ask honest questions, and have meaningful conversations about life, faith, and Jesus. Whether you're a practicing Catholic, haven't been to church in a while, feel unsure or "lukewarm" about your faith, are curious about Christianity, or simply have questions and doubts, you are welcome at Alpha.

If you're a parishioner, we especially encourage you to come—and invite someone to come with you. Bring a friend, spouse, family member, coworker, or neighbor who might be curious about faith or simply looking for a place to connect. You don't need to have all the answers or know exactly what to say. Just extend the invitation and come alongside them.

What can you expect?

Each session begins with a meal, followed by a short video exploring questions about life and faith and time for open conversation. It's a relaxed opportunity to listen, share, ask questions, and explore the Christian faith together—with no pressure and no expectation that you have everything figured out.

As a parish, we hope Alpha creates opportunities for people to encounter Jesus, grow in relationship with Him, and experience the welcoming community of the Church.

Come join us—and bring someone with you!

Alpha begins: Wednesday, October 7

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Activity Center

Cost: Free



Respect Life Month Rosary

During Respect Life Month, please join us in praying the Rosary as we prepare for the November elections. This is an opportunity to entrust our nation, our communities, and all those involved in the election process to the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, asking for wisdom, discernment, and a renewed respect for the dignity of every human life.

Rosary Prayer Opportunities:

- October 10 — immediately following the Vigil Mass
- October 27 — immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 5 - 12 p.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Oct. 6 - 6 p.m.: Communion Service

Wednesday, Oct. 7 - 12 p.m.: Communion Service

Thursday, Oct. 8 - 8:45 a.m.: Communion Service

Saturday, Oct. 10 - 4:30 p.m.: STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors

Sunday, Oct. 11 - 8 a.m.: Roy Tucker, Stephen Thomas, Johnny Ragusa, Jackie and Jim Daughtry, Florence Talbot; **10 a.m.:** Josie Hebert; **5 p.m.:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

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 kennyschar69@att.net.

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

Kindly remember in your prayers the following individuals who are seriously ill: Louis LaBauve, Becky Cline, Tim Bonin, Joe Bonin, Kathie Moise, Myra Chester, Karen White

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, MASA Landry Helmke, E-5 David Meyers, SGT Nicholas Lee, SSgt Carlos Burn, CPO John W. Arceneaux, and LCpl Joseph Lemoine, MSgt. Phillip Culotta
(Add/edit: receptionist@stmbr.org.)

PARISH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



MASS ON THE GRASS and Parish Picnic

A special event for the whole parish family to enjoy!

10.25.26 | 10 am - 1 pm | STM Field

Hamburgers, hot dogs, cheesy chicken pasta, 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 21st.

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



Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Returns

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Knights of Columbus BBQ Chicken Dinners

Mark your calendar and plan to support the good works of the KCs by purchasing chicken dinners on Sunday, Oct. 18, after the 8 am and 10 am Masses and via the Activity Center drive thru, 9 am - 12:30 pm.



Support Christians of the Holy Land: Olive Wood Gifts Sale This Weekend

Handcrafted olive wood religious items from the Holy Land will be available after all Masses this weekend. Please stop by the tables, and thank you for your prayers for peace in the Holy Land and your generosity. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.



Jambalaya Fundraiser in Support of Earthquake Survivors in Colombia Sunday, October 11, 2026

11:00 am - 2:00 pm | Activity Center Drive Thru
Donation/Price: \$10

Payment options: Cash, Check payable to STM Church, and Venmo: @STMBRchurch
Menu: Jambalaya, white beans, roll & dessert



MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNEY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
GREYSTONE COUNTRY CLUB
11:30 AM SHOT GUN START
-STILL TIME TO REGISTER-
STMBRMENSClub.COM



A Rosary of Remembrance

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

8:45 AM • MASS IN THE CHURCH

9:30 AM • SOCIAL IN THE COFFEE SHOP

10:00 AM • ROSARY IN THE ACT. CTR. 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 by Oct. 19, or call the office.

Name (s): _____

PHONE # _____

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

1. _____

2. _____

Please check the box if you plan to do either of the following:

- ☐ Bring a framed picture - 5x7 or 8x10
☐ Volunteer to lead a decade of the rosary