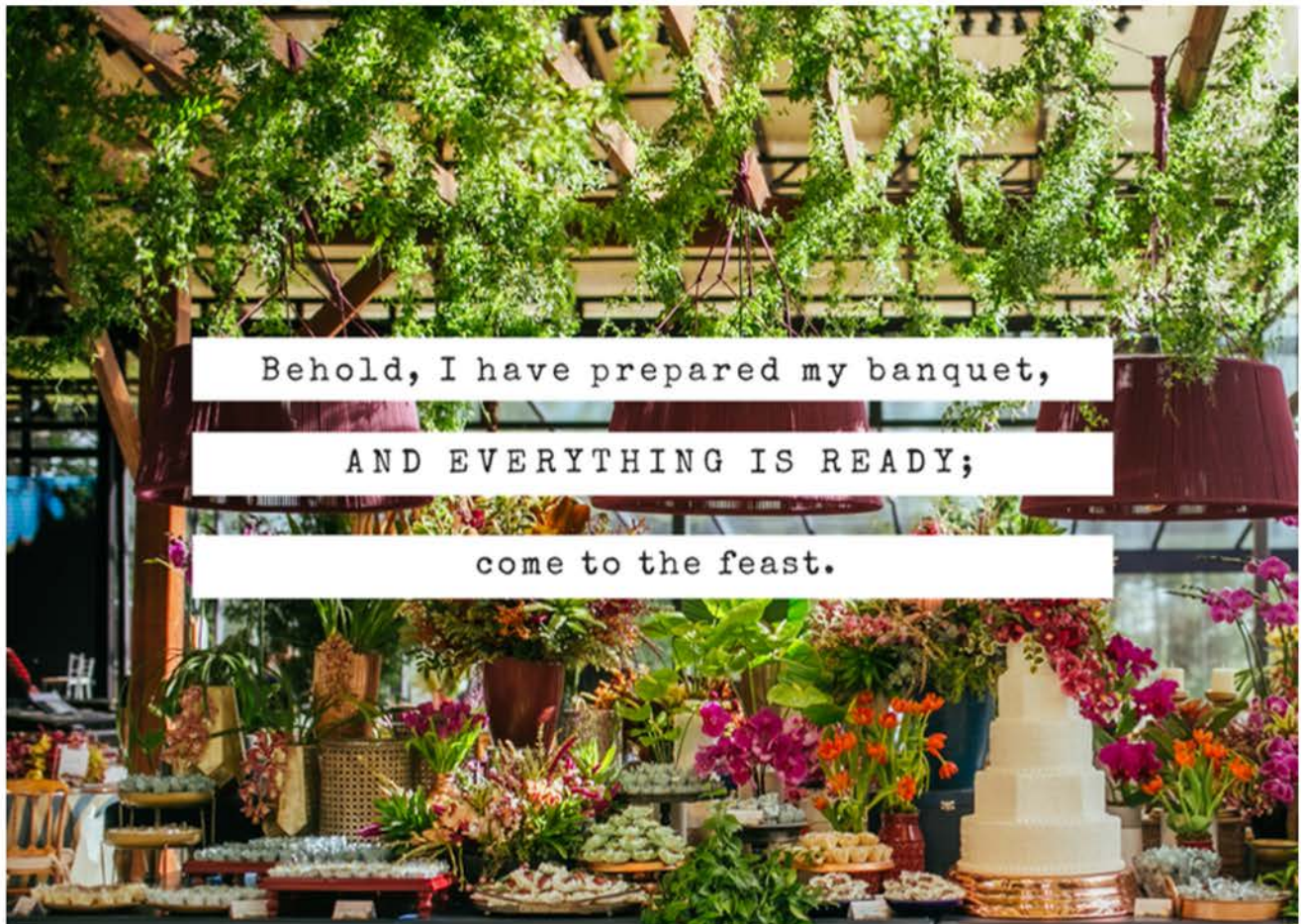




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**TOWER**

Serving St. Thomas More Catholic Church Since 1970

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# ABOUT OUR CHURCH

## PARISH CLERGY

**Pastor**  
Rev. Eddie Martin

**Permanent Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. Joe Scimeca

**Permanent Deacon**  
Rev. Mr. Paul Soileau

## PARISH STAFF

**Administration**  
Ms. Sarah Neau

**OCIA & Baptisms**  
Mrs. Tricia Greely

**Religious Education**  
Ms. Bridget Day

**Executive Secretary**  
Mrs. Ellen Guidry

**Receptionist**  
Mrs. Daphne Bihm

**Music Director & Liturgy**  
Mrs. Mallory Sollie

**Ministry Assistant**  
Ms. Caroline Lucas

**Sacristan**  
Mrs. Kay Fetterman

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Mr. Alex Ho

**Custodial**  
Mr. Roosevelt Hamilton  
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225-275-3940



## 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](http://stmbr.org/church)



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



**email:** [churchinfo@stmbr.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://stmbr.org/church/ministries).

# PASTOR'S LETTER

## *Did you get your wedding invitation?*

Our readings today, for the third straight week, warn us not to reject God's message to build the kingdom and be a living stone of the Church Jesus founded. It also points out that the eternal inheritance we all long for, briefly described in our first reading and represented by the wedding feast, hangs in the balance.



The guests invited to the wedding who refuse, too busy with their own concerns, do not show the proper respect and reverence for their ruler and lose their inheritance. As Jesus has been telling the Jews in our readings for the last three weeks, He will take the torch of faith, their "Chosen" status, from them and pass it on to others who will heed His word and bear fruit.

Again, we are warned that being a "good person" is not enough. Those who chose to tend to their business or farm responsibilities were minding their own business; they weren't doing anything wrong or evil, or cheating, or causing anyone problems. They were investing their energies in respectable endeavors. Their peers would surely have described them as "good people." Their downfall is that they chose to build their own kingdom instead of helping build and be a part of God's Kingdom.

Those who seized, beat, and killed the King's messengers openly rejected the Kingdom. Their city was burned down (the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD).

It is so appropriate that the new series "The Chosen" employs that very name. It is exactly what Jesus said He would do: choose another people through which He would guide us throughout the years. That would be the Catholic Church He founded on Peter and the apostles.

Please note that just because we are now entrusted with the torch, our "ticket is not punched." The man found not properly dressed and thrown out (the poor were offered appropriate dress so as not to lower the dignity of the celebration) represents those of us who don't respect and heed Christ and His teachings. We've all heard the phrase "Cafeteria Catholic." I think we all tend to set ourselves up as judges of Church teachings and pick which parts we'll wholeheartedly embrace and which we'd just as soon pretend we never heard of. A bad choice, since Jesus assures us in Jn 15:11, "I came so that my joy might be in you and your joy be complete." Who doesn't want their joy to be complete? Do we really want to trust our limited minds and knowledge over the infinite mind of our Creator?

Let's buy into all of it and look forward to enjoying that Heavenly Banquet!

God bless,

*Fr. Eddie*

## 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! **Graceyn and Colton Cromwell and family.**

# WORSHIP & FAITH



## Welcome Newly Baptized

We extend a warm welcome into the Church family to the following children who were baptized at St. Thomas More during the month of September:

**Ava Thien An Pham**, child of Tri Dinh Pham and My Phung Thi Ho; and

**Amelia Marie and Julia Rose Rinaudo**, children of Bradley and Alexis Rinaudo.

## St. Thomas More Now Offering In-Person Baptismal Seminar Class

### Preparing for Your Child's Baptismal Journey

Are you expecting a baby, or do you have a newborn or older child preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism? We invite parents and godparents to attend our in-person Baptismal Seminar Class.

Baptism is more than a beautiful tradition; it welcomes your child into Christ's family and marks the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith. This seminar will help you understand the rich meaning of the Rite of Baptism, explore the important roles of parents and godparents, and cover the practical details you need to know for the celebration.

- **When:** Last Monday of each month, beginning October 26, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00–7:30 PM
- **Where:** Mother Teresa Room
- **Who:** Required for all parents and godparents preparing for a child's baptism who have not attended a baptismal seminar within the past three years.

For more information, please contact Tricia Greely at 225-275-3040, [greelyt@stmbr.org](mailto:greelyt@stmbr.org).

We look forward to walking alongside your family during this grace-filled season!

## PRAY THE ROSARY

October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Rosary—a beautiful time to come together in prayer and entrust our families, communities, and nation to the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

The Rosary is prayed at STM every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. before the noon Mass and on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 9:30 a.m. before the 10 a.m. Mass.

We will also gather following Mass on **October 27** to pray for our nation and communities as we prepare for the upcoming elections.

Join us in prayer this October!



## Alpha Continues!

**Alpha is a welcoming space to explore faith, ask honest questions, and have meaningful conversations about life and Jesus.** Each session includes a meal, a short video, and open conversation in a relaxed, no-pressure environment.

Whether you're active in your faith, returning to church, curious about Christianity, or simply have questions, **you are welcome.**

Come join us—and bring a friend, family member, coworker, or neighbor!

**Wednesdays, Oct. 14, 21 & 28, Nov. 4, 11 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16, Jan. 6 & 13 • 6:30 pm • Parish Activity Center • FREE**

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Warren Davis the week of Oct. 11 as requested by Pat and Sal Quarataro.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, Oct. 12 - 12 p.m.:** Stephen Thomas

**Tuesday, Oct. 13 - 6 p.m.:** Rose Hang, Dang Van Xuyen, Ngac Van Tran and Tin Thi Nguyen

**Wednesday, Oct. 14 - 12 p.m.:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, Oct. 15 - 8:45 a.m.:** Gwendolyn Smith

**Saturday, Oct. 17 - 4:30 p.m.:** Julia Grau

**Sunday, Oct. 18 - 8 a.m.:** STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors; **10 a.m.:** Robyn Thibodeaux, Mickey Deville, Carolyn and John Perkins, Frances Breaux, John Holliday, Patricia Bowen, Joseph Gary Fontenot, Libby Campagna; **5 p.m.:** Holy Souls in Purgatory

## 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

## 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](mailto: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, 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](mailto:receptionist@stmbr.org))

# PARISH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Youth Gathering

Calling our STM 5th - 8th graders! Come join us in the Activity Center on Friday, October 23rd, 2026 for fun, friendship, and faith. The afternoon will begin at 3:15 and will end at 4:25. Pick up begins at 4:30. Guardians will park and come get your child from the Activity Center. Snacks will be provided. A waiver must be on file to participate. If you already turned in one last year, you don't need to do it again. **Registration link found at [stmbr.org/news/youth](https://stmbr.org/news/youth)**

## G.A.L.S. Dinner

Women of St. Thomas More are invited to a G.A.L.S. dinner!  Join us Friday, **Oct. 16** at 6 p.m. at City Café, 4710 O'Neal, for good food, conversation, and connection.

G.A.L.S. (Give A Little Service) is a community of women committed to feeding people, praying together, and building community—with simple ways to serve that fit real life, without pressure or burnout.

Whether you're new to G.A.L.S. or a familiar face, you're always welcome! Come join us! 

**Registration:** [stmbr.org/news/gals](https://stmbr.org/news/gals)

## Born to Run - Nov. 21

St. Thomas More is proud to sponsor Born to Run again this year! Join fellow parishioners for a morning of food, music, fellowship, and community while supporting people in need.

Get involved:

- Join the STM team—run or walk!
- Cheer along the route
- Invite friends and family
- Donate to our team goal

Let's show up as a parish family, support life, and make STM shine in our community!

**[stmbr.org/news/run-stm](https://stmbr.org/news/run-stm)**

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!

(to begin approximately at 12 noon)

**We need trunks!** Join the fun and sign up to decorate your car! Visit [stmbr.org/news/picnic](https://stmbr.org/news/picnic) to register your car thru the 21st. If you would like to donate candy for our trick or treaters, drop candy off at the church office by Oct. 23.

**KC's Youth Soccer Challenge on the Field - Ages 9-14**



# PARISH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CELEBRATE WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Join Catholics around the world in praying for missionaries and supporting the Church's mission! The World Mission Sunday collection provides essential support for missionaries, priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay leaders serving communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and the Middle East.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. Our theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," reminds us that through our baptism, each of us has a role in the Church's mission.

**World Mission Sunday will be celebrated in our parish October 17/18, 2026.**

Through your prayers and generosity, you can help bring Christ's love and the hope of the Gospel to communities around the world.

You can give here through the diocesan website: <https://diobr.org/world-mission-sunday>

**Be #OneInChrist  
United in Mission**



55 & Alive Senior Ministry

## *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.**

Call or drop by the church office to register  
by Monday, Oct. 19.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
BBQ CHICKEN DINNERS**

*to go*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18  
FOLLOWING**

**8 AM & 10 AM MASSES  
@ ALL CHURCH EXITS  
OR**

**ACT. CTR. DRIVE THRU  
9 AM - 12:30 PM**

*bbq chicken, bbq beans,  
dirty rice, bread slice*

*Cash, Check & Venmo \$10/DINNER*



**MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNEY  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19  
GREYSTONE COUNTRY CLUB  
11:30 AM SHOT GUN START  
-STILL TIME TO REGISTER-  
[STMBRMENSCLUB.COM](http://STMBRMENSCLUB.COM)**