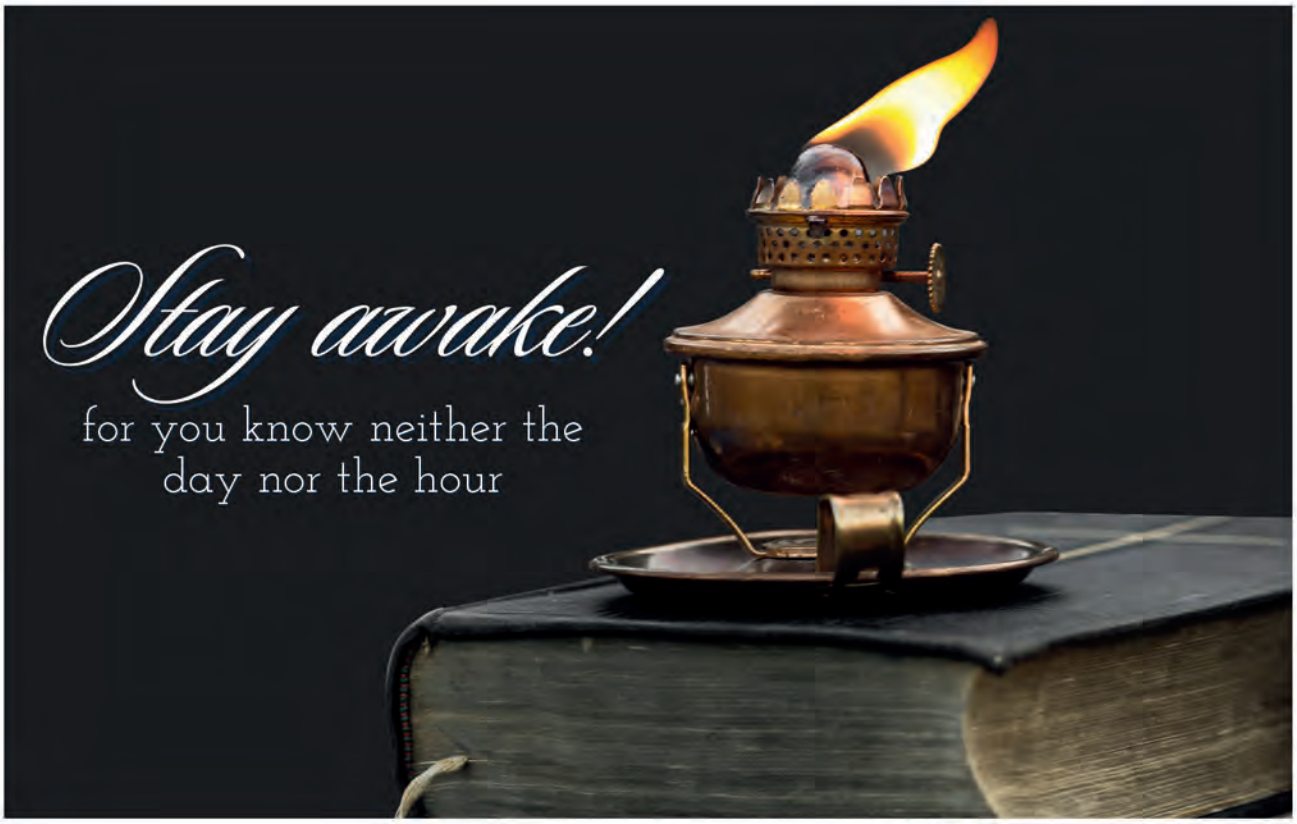
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Serving St. Thomas More Catholic Church Since 1970

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ABOUT OUR CHURCH

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Permanent Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joe Scimeca

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Rev. Mr. Paul Soileau

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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



A Nanosecond Away

Our readings today assure us that Wisdom is right there waiting to fill each of us who earnestly seek her. That being said, it makes me wonder why I and so many I counsel sometimes make such bone-headed choices in life.

For the most part, it's not that we don't know we're making a choice that will likely come back to bite us (at least in my case), but that we make rash decisions or jump in without thinking things through. We often don't plan our lives and would rather sit back and react to situations as they arise. If we leave too much of our lives to chance, we can easily find ourselves feeling boxed in and trapped, leading to despair.

Jesus warns us in our Gospel reading to plan our lives for our coming judgment; salvation doesn't just come without our acceptance and efforts. He also warns us not to procrastinate, because we never know the hour or the day when He'll call us home. Our fire-breathing priest, Fr. Mark Beard, said in his Sunday homily three years ago that we're all but a nanosecond from meeting our maker, and proved it by unexpectedly being born to heaven three days later!

Let us all pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us with wisdom to recognize what is lacking in our lives. What to cut out and what we need to do for others now, as we plan the person we need to be and set goals to become that person. We don't want to be caught with our lamps out of oil when our moment comes!

Let us also pray for and thank all of our veterans who have helped defeat those forces that attempted to destroy us in the past and active-duty men and women who are doing so now. Let us especially pray for the intelligence forces who are trying to keep us safe from terrorism here within our borders in this broken and angry world we live in today. Let us all take up arms by fasting and doing acts of penance for peace around the world.

God bless, and have a safe and holy week each of you!

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.

In Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family of **Aaron Provine**. May he rest in the peace of Christ. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

WORSHIP & FAITH

Remembering and Blessing Our Veterans

In observance of Veterans Day, St. Thomas More Parish will give thanks for our veterans and active-duty military personnel at all Masses the weekend of November 7–8. As a parish community, we will remember them in prayer and offer a special blessing for their service, dedication, and sacrifice. Veterans are invited to wear something symbolic of their service as we recognize and honor them.

A Parish Gathering of Gratitude:
Our celebration of gratitude continues following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 8, with Fellowship Sunday, hosted by the Décor Committee in the Activity Center. Following our time of prayer and blessing, we invite everyone to gather in fellowship as we give thanks for those who have served and celebrate the bonds of faith and community that unite us. All are welcome!



Alpha

ALPHA CONTINUES — THERE'S STILL A PLACE FOR YOU!

Faith is a lifelong journey, and there's always room to grow, ask questions, and deepen our relationship with Christ. Alpha is an opportunity to explore faith in a welcoming, relaxed setting. Through a shared meal, an engaging video, and open conversation, you'll discover more about Jesus, the Christian faith, and what it means for everyday life. No special knowledge or preparation is needed—just bring your curiosity!

Whether you're new to Alpha, returning to the conversation, looking to reconnect with your faith community, or hoping to renew your faith and experience your relationship with Christ in a new way, you are welcome at the table. Bring a friend and come see what Alpha is all about!

Upcoming Sessions: November 11 & 18; December 2 & 16; January 6 & 13
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Activity Center

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov. 9 - 12 p.m.: Edward Rabalais
Tuesday, Nov. 10 - 6 p.m.: M/M Elton Benoit, Patrick Husband, John Casteix III, Special Intention: Theresa Hoang
Wednesday, Nov. 11 - 12 p.m.: Roy Tucker
Thursday, Nov. 12 - 8:45 a.m.: Harry Fitzgerald Jr.
Saturday, Nov. 14 - 4:30 p.m.: STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors
Sunday, Nov. 15 - 8 a.m.: Edeltrudis Acosta, Jackie and Jim Daughtry, Francisco Tejada, Beth Bonnecaze; **10 a.m.:** Stephen Thomas; **5 p.m.:** Harry Fitzgerald Jr.

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 Wyble

PRAYER LINE

For urgent and immediate prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 225.978.1246 (leave your name and number if no answer) or email kennyshar69@att.net.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PRAYER LIST

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, E-2 Trevor Scott Rivette, MP Josua Brice Darbonne, AB Landon Schmit *(Add/edit: receptionist@ stmbr.org.)*

PARISH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angel Tree: Angel Selection Next Weekend

St. Thomas More Parish's annual Angel Tree Project begins November 14, coordinated by the G.A.L.S. Ministry to support St. Vincent de Paul, Xavier Catholic School, Volunteers of America, and local families. Angel ornaments will be available at the back of the church through November 29, with ministry members present before and after Mass to assist you. Wrapped gifts with the ornament securely attached to the outside must be returned to the church or office by December 6. For questions or if you would like to help with this meaningful outreach, please contact Megan Campagna at mscampagna@cox.net.





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The **G.A.L.S. Ministry** invites children in Pre-K 3 through 6th grade to **Nativity Night, an evening of Christmas crafts, games, treats, music, and faith-filled fun** as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus!

- Friday, December 11
- 5:30–8:30 p.m.
- STM Gym
- FREE admission!

Parents can enjoy a few hours to tackle holiday preparations while their children make joyful Christmas memories!

Registration opened November 1.

Space is limited, and registration is required.

Scan the QR code or register at **stmbr.org/news/nativity-night**.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

COURT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI #1915

Grow in your faith.
Serve our parish and community.
Build friendships rooted in Christ.
Come see what CDA is all about!
Monday, November 9, 2026
Activity Center
6pm Social Time
6:30 pm Meeting & Dinner

Born to Run 2026 - Nov. 21

Join Team STM for Run for Life 2026 in downtown Baton Rouge on Saturday, Nov. 21.

Gather your family and friends and join fellow parishioners for a fun race day featuring a "Birth"day Party with free food, live music, and fellowship, all while helping advance the mission of supporting women, children, and families in need. All ages and abilities are welcome!



For registration information and to help us reach our team fundraising goal, visit **stmbr.org/news/run**.

Stroke Scan Plus and St. Thomas More Catholic Church will be hosting lifesaving, wellness ultrasound screenings on Wednesday, November 18th - Thursday, November 19th. It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm, or internal cancers? If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possibly serious disease. These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Stroke Scan Plus will be offering them to you for $179 for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, Thyroid, Liver, Kidneys, & Gallbladder). Blood testing will incur an additional cost. Insurance is NOT necessary, and appointments are limited. **Stroke Scan will be available at the church for you to register on on Saturday, November 7th - Sunday, November 8th, or please call 832-437-7355 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one.** The screenings will take place in/at the St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Prevention is your key to quality health! www.strokescan.com.