

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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**January 28, 2024: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thirty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:15 am and 5:00pm Student Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Feb. 2nd in the Church 7-8pm

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thurs: 9-3pm, Wednesday: 9-1pm

Closed Friday

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 - 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Call office to register for class & date of celebration.

Marriage: Call office to schedule appointment at least six months prior.

Anointing of Sick: Call office anytime.

Inquiries & Reception in Catholic Faith (RCIA): Call Roberta ext. 115.

First Communion, First Reconciliation & Youth Confirmation:

Call Director of Faith Formation at ext. 110.

For parish registration call 603-868-2666 or visit stmduham.org.

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Welcome Child of God!

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,
No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality, or marital situation,
No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue,
You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us!
You are invited, accepted and respected here at the Parish of Saint Thomas More.*

*Take our hands, Lord Jesus, leading us in courage to confront with courage the forces which oppress and divide.
Take our hearts, Lord Jesus, and open them to the truth which will set others free.
Accompany us on our way, Lord Jesus, as we seek to share our Roman Catholic faith and life in your Spirit.*



***Qualities for
Well-Being
as we age***

George Vaillant, M.D., who directed Harvard University's extended study on the aging process, has identified qualities that promote aging well:

- ◆ Feeling and expressing gratitude
- ◆ Practicing forgiveness
- ◆ Developing mature adaptive strategies
- ◆ Being able to orient one's thinking toward the future rather than the past.
- ◆ Letting go of self-importance
- ◆ Seeing possibilities rather than risks when given the opportunity
- ◆ Finding a rationale for living well even in times of great loss.

(George Vaillant, *Aging Well*)

Gratitude, generosity, patience and joy.
Can we cultivate and strengthen these qualities at this point in our lives?

May we each discover a path that can shape our remaining years with wisdom and resilience.

L'Shalom - in peace,
Fr. Andrew



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

Average Weekly Regular Offertory
Amount needed to meet our Annual
Budget, **\$5,192.31**

Offertory for January 21st **\$5,7011.50**

Offertory for January 28th **\$4,368.90**

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38

Thank you for your generous contributions.

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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January 27th-28th; Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

February 3rd-4th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Job 7:1-4,6-7

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39



January 27th-28th; Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – Barbara Farrington 80th Birthday

Sunday 9am – ☩ Martina Tavares

Sunday 11:15am – STM Parishioners

February 3rd-4th; Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – For All STM Ministers

Sunday 9am – ☩ Rev. Mark Rundzio

Sunday 11:15am – STM Parishioners



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation (K-5th grade)

Faith Formation Classes resumes February 4th

Grades Kindergarten-1st During the 9am Mass—Church Hall
Grades 2 & 3 (Student Center) & Grades 4-5 Church Hall

For more information please contact Ann McGurty
stmfaith@comcast.net or call 603 868-2666 X110

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

Next Class, Sunday February 4th in the classrooms.

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

stmfaith@comcast.net or 603-868-2666 EXT #110

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Next class Sunday, February 4th from 6:30-8pm in the Church Hall

Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano for more information

stmmsfaith@gmail.com

High School Youth Ministry

High school students, please contact Felicia Sperry for more information on class schedule.

Please contact Felicia Sperry stmHSYM@gmail.com

LIFE— Living In Faith Everyday

MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN



Our goal is \$26,550.

Please help us reach our goal.

Currently we are at **\$3,550.00**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update:

We are very happy to continue welcoming new volunteers to help with our weekly mission of operating the Food Pantry. Remember, our goal is to have two sets of volunteers for the Thursday sessions – one for the 1st & 3rd weeks and one for the 2nd & 4th weeks so the commitment isn't quite as demanding.

A shout out to Coppal House Farm who assisted us in meeting the requirements of our second NH Feeding NH grant; this grant was used to purchase from local farmers only.

Contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net to match your availability with our opportunities to volunteer at our Food Pantry.

This week, at the pantry, we have a need for:

- Tissues
- Coffee pods, aka: K-cups
- Toilet paper



Please pray for our STM Faith Formation & RCIA students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation over the next several weeks.

May they be filled with the Holy Spirit as they prepare to be Disciples of Christ.



Please remember in your prayers, our STM children preparing to make their **First Reconciliation** in February.



May our gracious Lord continue to bless them and may they experience the power of God's forgiveness and love.



Anointed for Mission

Next Adult Session: Responding to the Gospels February 11th at 10am

Join Derick on **Sunday, February 11th (after the 9am Mass)** in the gym for a meaningful short video presentation and discussion on how we live out the Gospel message each day in our families and our community. Come and See!

Refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Collecting Blessed Palms



Bring in your Blessed Palms and place palms in designated baskets located at the entrances of the church.

These dried palms will be burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday, February 14th.



Ash Wednesday Masses: 12:10pm, 5pm, & 7pm.



18th Annual Catholic Charities NH Mardi Gras – February 10

Join CCNH's 18th Annual Mardi Gras Gala on Saturday, February 10, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Experience Mardi Gras for a cause, featuring authentic Cajun cuisine, entertainment, and a unique chance to impact New Hampshire neighbors facing poverty, homelessness, mental health challenges, isolation and other challenges. Proceeds support CCNH's mission of following Jesus' footsteps to bring comfort, healing and empowerment to our communities. To register, or for more information, visit www.cc-nh.org/mardigras or call Laura at 603-663-0249.



World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2nd

"I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Barbara Farrington
Mary Golab
Carol Johnston

Carol Ober
Jud Porter
Susan Whitworth

Dot Meneghin

For all our homebound and residents of our
local nursing homes and care facilities.



Join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on **Friday, February 2nd, at 7pm.**
Come spend some time in the "Real Presence" of our Lord in prayer and reflection.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

will resume on February 4th at the
9am Mass.



Food Pantry is looking for drivers to pick up food from stores; stock shelves, setup, & clean up; help, on Thursdays from 4-6pm. Please Contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY TO WELCOME PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO OUR COMMUNITY?



We are in need of Ushers & Greeters, for all Masses, especially on Sundays at 11:15am. If interested, please contact the office at 868-2666. Training will be provided.



The **Environment Group** is looking for individuals who would like to work as a team and help with organizing materials and spaces, and decorating the Church for changes in the Liturgical Seasons.



Please Call **Roberta MacBride** for more information at 603-868-2666 EXT 115 or stmpastoralmin@comcast.net



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD AS A LECTOR AT MASS?

Please contact the Parish office at 603-868-2666
Or contact Roberta MacBride at stmpastoralmin@comcast.net
(Training will be provided)



STM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Fellowship Committee is responsible for hospitality and parish community activities. We are looking for new members. If you are interested in building community and sharing fellowship within our parish please **call the parish office at 603-868-2666.**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Are you interested in volunteering for our Prayer Shawl Ministry?

Prayer Shawls are prayerfully made for the sick, shut-ins, bereaved & newly baptized. Prayer pockets/ bookmarks are made for our students who make their First Eucharist and Confirmation. Praying for the individuals who receive these items is truly a gift!

Please contact **Roberta MacBride** at 603-868-2666 EX # 115 or stmpastoralmin@comcast.net for more information.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of January 29-February 4

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY 1/29	CSO Board Meeting 6pm-Student Center
TUESDAY 1/30	Bible Study, 6pm, Student Center
WEDNESDAY 1/31	CSO Meeting, MUB 162
THURSDAY 2/1	Men's Group, 7pm, Lighthouse
FRIDAY 2/2	Adoration, 7pm, STM Church
SUNDAY 2/4	Student Mass, Supper, 5pm-7pm

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, February 4th	5pm
Sunday, February 11th	5pm
Sunday, February 18th	5pm
Sunday, February 25th	5pm

Home Cooked Meal to Follow All Student Masses!

Nine CSO Students Attended the SEEK Conference in St. Louis from January 1-5!

WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ. AMEN



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2024 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our Campus Minister,

Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Tyler Johnson tyler.johnson@unh.edu

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

*Hope to see you at the next meeting
January 31st at 7:00pm at the MUB 162*

*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
February 4th, 5pm*

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January 31-St. John Bosco (d. 1888) -
Inspired educator of boys. Teacher of Dominic Savio. Reformed Catholic schools. Wrote many biographies and spiritual books.

February 3rd-St. Blaise (d. 316). Bishop and Martyr. Patron Saint of Ailments of the Throat. One of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.



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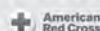
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