

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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September 8, 2024 **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:15 am & 5pm (UNH Student Mass)

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday& Tuesday

Funeral- Wednesday 10am for Peter McElroy

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-3pm, & Wed 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 (OCIA): 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 stmdurham.org.

September 8, 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.*



*Words for the
Journey*



"Thank you" and "I'm sorry" are two of the most important phrases we speak. All healthy and true relationships depend on our ability to speak them and mean them.

No action is too small for a "thank you." When we don't offer our thanks, we treat others as objects. Meister Eckhart (1260-1328), a great medieval mystic and philosopher, said if you only offer one prayer in your life, let it be a prayer of thanks.

None of us is too important to say "sorry." Saying sorry shows humanity and humility. Parents should offer an example here. Saying it to their children when they are wrong.

Lord help us to learn to engage in genuine dialogue and gain real understanding in our encounters with one another.

Lord, we thank you for your love in Jesus Christ which persists in life and in death.

L'Shalom - in peace
Fr. Andrew



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for September 1st **\$4,792.50**

*"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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September 7th-8th; 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 35:4-7a
Reading II: James 2:1-5
Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

September 14th-15th; 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4c-9a
Reading II: James 2:14-18
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



September 7th-8th; 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † John Gordon
Sunday 9am – † Donald Holden
Sunday 11:15am – † Douglas Griffin

September 14th-15th; 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5pm – † Patricia Slavin (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 9am – † Leonard Attisano
Sunday 11:15am – † Natalie Jean Fortin



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Parent Meeting for all Faith Formation grades will be on Sunday, September 15th at 10am in the gym. Faith Formation Schedules will be distributed at the meeting

Catechist/Teachers needed!

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

Registration for all grades for Fall Classes are now being accepted

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

stmfaith@comcast.net

Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

Middle School Youth Ministry & High School Youth Ministry

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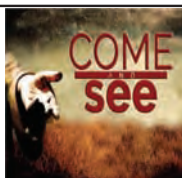
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For more information and Sacrament inquiry, please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email stmfaith@comcast.net

LIFE- Living In Faith Everyday

COME AND SEE (OCIA)

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
(Formerly RCIA)



Are you searching for meaning in life? Do you feel a longing for a relationship with God? Have you ever wanted to know more about what the Catholic Church really teaches? Have you thought about receiving Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist but don't know where to begin?

If so, then **please join us for an informational meeting about OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) on Monday, September 16, at 7pm in the STM Student Center Library.**

One is not making a formal commitment to anything by attending this meeting. We will simply answer your questions to help you discern if you want to start the inquiry process. All are welcome and invited (University students and all other adults). Bring a friend!

For more information, please contact call the parish office at 603-868-2666 and ask for Derick Alexandre (unhstm@gmail.com) or Roberta MacBride (stmpastoralmin@comcast.net)



"He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." If you feel Christ encouraging you to be a transformative instrument as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Matt Mason, the Vocations Director at 603-663-0196 or mmason@rcbm.org.



New STM Middle School Youth Minister

We would like to welcome Selina Awimbisa Aqandaa as our new Middle School Youth Minister. Selina is from Ghana and she is currently a student at UNH.

She is studying for her Masters in Nutritional Sciences (second year).

Prior to UNH, she taught at the children services ministry in her community in Ghana. She enjoys children and loves to serve in her community. She is grateful for the opportunity to volunteer in doing the work she loves most through teaching the middle school students here in St. Thomas More.



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

As we enter the Fall season, with return to school and pumpkin everything, try adding some service to your schedule.

Fr. Andy said in his homily to become a DOER – the Food Pantry is a place for doers.

If you want to be part of our team, we typically have three - four opportunities each week. Just contact Regina at rasamom3@comcast.net and I'll send you the information. No need to commit to an entire week; the majority of our volunteers pick one opportunity each week to assist in our mission.

Summer lasts until the third week in September, still time to give us a try!

This week, at the pantry, we need items for our toiletries section:

Deodorant
Body Wash
Bar soap – no Dial please!



St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**
As of August 26th, we have raised **\$23,914.60**

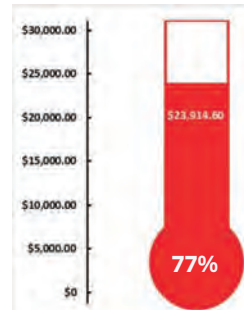
Help us reach our goal!

Thank you to all who have

contributed. Feel free to take an envelope complete it and mail it directly to **NH Catholic Appeal**, drop it in the basket at the entrances of the Church or place it in the collection basket or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish number code is 41830.

Our **STM Food Pantry** and **Campus Ministry** benefit from the NHCA contributions.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of September 8-14

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY 9/8 STUDENT MASS 5pm, followed by BBQ

TUESDAY 9/10 Men's Group 7pm Lighthouse

Women's Group 7pm Sarah's Apartment

WEDNESDAY 9/11 CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 162

THURSDAY 9/12 Food Pantry 4-6pm

FRIDAY 9/13 CSO Board Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

PRAYER OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PATRON OF STUDENTS

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding. Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 8th	5pm—Followed by Cookout!
Sunday, September 15th	5pm
Sunday, September 22nd	5pm

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

CSO held its first meeting on Wednesday August 28th. We had a great turnout! Come join us every Wednesday in MUB 162 at 7pm for faith, fellowship, and fun.



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2024 Students

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

Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Sam Heinze-Samuel.heinze@unh.com

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

*Hope to see you at the next meeting
September 11th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162*

*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
September 15th at 5pm*

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September 11— Cyprian of Carthage (d.258)

Bishop. Cared for Plague Victims. Followed a middle way for welcoming back apostates after the Decian persecution. Rejected the baptism of heretics.

September 13— John Chrysostom

(d. 407) Bishop of Constantinople. Prophetic voice against the hypocritical rich and powerful. Noted preacher. Died in exile for his devotion to the truth.

September 15— Our Lady of Sorrows



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Gospel Today

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 7:31-37

A man who could not hear or speak well was taken to Jesus for healing. Jesus took pity on him and healed his ears to hear and voice to speak by saying "Ephphatha", be opened! After being healed, the man and his friends went out and told everyone. Through all His healings, many Gentile people believed in Jesus' Divine power.

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Ephphatha! Be Open!

He has done all things well. He makes
the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Mark 7:31

Read the text above and answer the questions below... true or false.

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| 1] The man could not hear or speak well. | T | F |
| 2] The man's friends took him to see Jesus. | T | F |
| 3] Jesus told them to go away. | T | F |
| 4] Jesus took pity on the man and healed him. | T | F |
| 5] The word Jesus used was "Ephphatha", meaning "be open!" | T | F |
| 6] The man went away ungrateful. | T | F |
| 7] The man and his friends proclaimed the miracle Jesus performed. | T | F |
| 8] Many Gentile people believed in Jesus' Divine power. | T | F |



Draw your own picture of Jesus healing the man.
Is the man happy or sad?



Answers:
1] T 2] T 3] F 4] T
5] T 6] F 7] T 8] T

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