



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, *King of the Universe*



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November 23, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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.*



***Christ
the
King
Sunday***

The Last Sunday of each Liturgical year has been set aside to celebrate the feast of Christ the King and His all-embracing authority. All three readings are chosen to reflect that theme.

It was instituted in 1925, at the close of the jubilee year. At His trial, Jesus was questioned about His claim to be King. He was then in a most unkinglike state. The enigmatic statement, "My Kingdom is not of this world," throws the focus on the world of the Spirit. Unlike the popular perception of kingship, Jesus' Kingdom is one of service.

Bishop O'Neil used to say that the only power in the Church was the power to serve. To Serve is to love; and Christian love is rooted in the profound mystery of Jesus Christ, the true King of every human heart.

Fr. Andrew

CHURCH OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish & University Ministry
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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9am, 11:15am & Sunday 5pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 9-3pm & Wed 9-1pm

Closed Friday

November 23rd-24th: *Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*

Reading I: Daniel 7:13-14
Reading II: Revelation 1:5-8
Gospel: John 18:33b-37

November 30th-December 1st: *First Sunday of Advent*

Reading I: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



November 23rd-24th: *Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*

Saturday 5pm – † Evelyn Smick
Sunday 9am – † Elizabeth Rivet
Sunday 11:15am – † Kevin Mark Kearney

November 30th-December 1st: *First Sunday of Advent*

Saturday 5pm – † Ada & Jim Coddington
Sunday 9am – † Randall Perkins
Sunday 11:15am – † Theresa Staples



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Join us for Mass on Thursday,
November 28th at 9:00am
as we give thanks for our many
blessings.



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

**Faith Formation classes are in the classroom
this Sunday November 24th**

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

Registration for all grades for Fall classes are still being accepted

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes

9:00am-Kindergarten-Grades 1 (Church Hall Classroom)
10:00am- Grade 2 (Student Center Prayer Rm)
10:00am- Grade 3 (Library Student Center)
10:00am- Grades 4 & 5 (Church Hall)

Middle School Youth Ministry & High School Youth Ministry

10:00am-Middle School (Grades 6-8) Gym –See MS Calendar

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

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday



Memorial Mass

for Helen Donnelly will be on
Saturday, November 30th at 10:30am
at St. Thomas More



STM CHRISTMAS 2024

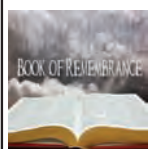
GIVING PROJECT FOR CHILDREN

This year we are working with the Durham Fire Dept
in collecting **brand new unwrapped toys and coats**
for children (infant–high school) from

Nov 17th -Dec 15th.

There will be designated boxes between
the glass doors at the Student Center for
coats and toys. Gift cards are accepted but
please bring to the Office

As always, thank you for your generosity!



Remember your deceased loved ones
by recording their names in our
Book of Remembrance
throughout the month of November.



"My kingdom does not belong to this world." Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love.
Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk
to your parish priest.



On Behalf of Fr. Andy,
Fr. John and the
Staff of St. Thomas More,
we wish you and
your family a
Happy
Thanksgiving.



OFFERTORY UPDATE:

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

Offertory for November 10th **6,771.48**

Offertory for November 17th **\$3,832.25**

"Give and it shall be given to you." - Luke 6:38
Thank you for your generous contributions.

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Prize: **\$500 Energy Credit** towards one of these:



Heating Oil
Gasoline
Electricity



Tickets are available at the entrances of the
Church.

Please return all tickets and payments to the Parish office by
Thursday, December 5th



St. Thomas More Food Pantry November News

A big thank you to Doris Gianforte for her efforts in
coordinating the collection of food items, the assembly
of the Thanksgiving baskets and the distribution of 100 Thanksgiving
Baskets on November 16! Additional thanks to our parishioners, UNH
students, and friends for their help in getting this task accomplished. It
most definitely takes a village.

We are seeking additional volunteers to assist with the pickup of
donations from Hannaford on Grapevine Drive in Dover. This pickup is
accomplished on Wednesday morning and usually takes about two-three
hours; your commitment would be just once a month. Let me know if you
are willing to help. Be a thanks-giver!

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 details. If you wish to help with any aspect of our
Christmas basket efforts, please contact me.

This week, we can use

- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Paper towels



STM Christmas Fair Saturday, Dec 7, 2024


The STM Christmas Fair is one of our biggest Fundraisers for the parish and **we need your help!**

The Christmas Fair is in dire need of volunteers and chairpersons for the various tables and activities at the fair: White Elephant, Bake Table, Basket Raffle, Pets, Jewelry, Accessories, Crafts, Set-up and Clean-up, etc... Please contact **Kara Kane directly at 603-767-9837** if you are able to assist with one of these roles.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

If you are able to help with raffle prize donations and/or gift baskets, all donations will be greatly appreciated. Monetary gifts are also accepted as we can use these to purchase raffle items. Many businesses will donate items at this time of year, so please check to see if your company participates in charitable giving.


THANK YOU!



Pie pick up this week

Monday, November 25th- 11-6pm and Tuesday, November 26th 11-6pm.

At the Catholic Student Center





St. Thomas More goal is **\$31,105.00**

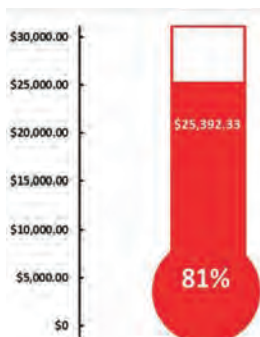
As of November 3rd we have raised **\$25,392.33**. Help us reach our goal!

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.

Thank you for your continual support.



A bountiful thank you to all of you who donated food, money and turkeys to this year's Thanksgiving Baskets.

A special thank you to the Durham Rotary for 60 turkeys. We made 100 baskets this year.

You have helped many, many families with your generosity!

You are Greatly appreciated!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Ed Donnelly
Barbara Farrington**

**Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin**

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



Christmas Baskets

This year's Christmas Basket menu features a ham or turkey donated by the Durham Rotary or a NH raised pork or beef roast, accompanied by potatoes, canned veggies, canned fruit, and

brownies, cookies or cake. Additional items will include fancy hot chocolate, holiday napkins, and dinner mints.

We anticipate 100 baskets will be distributed on Saturday, December 16. Collection of items begins immediately; please bring them to the Student Center. The items we definitely need are holiday napkins, fancy hot chocolate, brownie, cookie or cake mixes, dinner mints and canned pineapple and/or fruit cocktail. Updates will be given in each bulletin, or you may contact Regina Smick-Attisano directly at rasamom3@comcast.net for the most current needed items.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Week of November 18th-24th

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY 11/18 OCIA 8pm Student Center

NO OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK!!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the "Immaculate Conception," is patroness of the United States. She was proclaimed unanimously on May 13, 1846, by the Catholic bishops of the United States under that title. Pope Pius XI affirmed that decision July 2, 1847.



November 30-Saint Andrew. One of the Twelve. Brother of Simon Peter. Matyr. First to preach in modern Ukraine and Russia. Crucified on an X-shaped cross.

December 2-St. Francis Xavier (d. 1552). Co-founder of the Jesuit order. Missionary. Brought the Gospel to India and Japan. Many Universities named after him.



UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 31 Thanksgiving Break
Sunday, December 8th 5pm
GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS!!!!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

PIE PICK-UP DATES:

Monday, November 25th, 11:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday, November 26th 11:00am-6:00pm



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
December 4th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162

Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
December 8th at 5pm

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