

Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

A Community of Parish and University Ministry

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January 26, 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am; 11:15 am & Sunday 5pm Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

12:10pm Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tues, Thurs: 9-3pm, & Wed 9-1pm. **Closed Friday**



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will be offered this Friday in the Church 7-8pm

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.

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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.*

Let your imagination take you back to the crucial moment when God looked down upon creation with infinite compassion and took the decision to become incarnate in God's own creation. Perhaps we can imagine God seeing something like this as his eternal eye zoomed in on our world:



Homes aglow with evening lights behind closed curtains, and homes where children dread the footstep at the bedroom door.

Newlyweds celebrating the first joy of love, and the disillusioned in the divorce courts.

Children in school, and children in distress.

Inflictors of hurting, victims of hurting, healers of hurting.

The able — on their way to the gym, and the crippled, every step accompanied by pain.

People dying in the street, at home and in the hospitals. Children coming to birth in maternity wards.

Street fights, traffic rage and parents patching up children's squabbles.

What do you see? How do you feel? What might you want to say to God about what you see and feel?

*God bless you,
Fr. Andrew*

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MASSES & OFFICE HOURS

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January 25th-26th; Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

February 1st-2nd; Presentation of the Lord

Reading I: Malachi 3:1-4
Reading II: Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40



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Saturday 5pm – † President James Earl Carter
Sunday 9am – † Carolyn Porter
Sunday 11:15am – † Barbara Hanna

February 1st-2nd; Presentation of the Lord

Saturday 5pm – St. Thomas More Parishioners
Sunday 9am – † Jud Porter
Sunday 11:15am – † Rita Giordano



STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation Classes resume Sunday, February 2nd

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

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

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

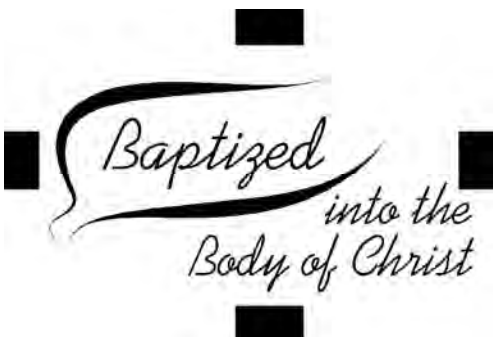
For more information and Sacrament inquiry, please contact Ann McGurty at 603-868-2666 or email stmfaith@comcast.net

LIFE– Living In Faith Everyday



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.



IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Call Ann McGurty (603-868-2666) or email (stmfaith@comcast.net) the parish office if you would like a **tax letter for your 2024 contributions to STM**. Please let me know if you want it mailed, emailed, or if you are going to pick it up in person. It may take a few weeks to process, but I will try to get them out in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation!



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update

Thank you to members of the UNH Men's Ice Hockey team for their help this month! Thanks, too, for an answer to our call for taking items to New Generation last week.

A gentle reminder, when donating food items, please check the dates; we can only use foods dated no more than a year old.

As always, if you would like to join our team, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at rasamom3@comcast.net

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

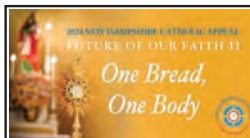
- Brown sugar
- Savory snacks
- Paper towels



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

As of Jan20th we have raised **\$25,652.33**.

Help us reach our goal!



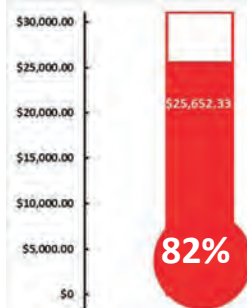
Thank you to all who have contributed. Feel free to take an envelope complete it and mail it directly to **NH Catholic Appeal**, or place it in the collection basket or go online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Our Parish number code is 41830.

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

We're almost there!

Thank you for your continual support.



MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Our goal is **\$20,000.00**
Please help us reach our goal.
Currently we are at **\$9,249.00**

2025 Matching Gift Campaign is now officially begun and may run for approximately 2 months.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ed Donnelly
Barbara Farrington

Peter Farrington
Dot Meneghin

Jerry Oidtmen

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



"I am the Resurrection and the life"

The Memorial Mass for

Mary Ann Wren (long time parishioner)
Saturday, February 1st at 11:00am at St. Thomas More

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.





January 26-February 1st



Monday 1/27 OCIA 8pm-Student Center

**Tuesday 1/28– Men's Group 7pm
Women's Group 7pm**

Wednesday 1/29 CSO Meeting 7pm MUB 162

Thursday 1/30 Food Pantry 2:00-6:30p (STM)

**Friday 1/31 CSO Board Meeting 5:30pm
Adoration 7pm, STM**

Sunday 2/2 Student Mass/Supper 5pm

DID YOU KNOW?

"In Catholic tradition, the Holy Door represents the passage to salvation — the path to a new and eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus," explained Pope Francis in *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint), the papal bull officially proclaiming the Holy Year of 2025.

UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 26th	5pm
Sunday, February 2nd	5pm
Sunday, February 9th	No Student Mass
Sunday, February 16th	5pm
Sunday, February 23rd	5pm

STUDENT SUPPER TO FOLLOW ALL STUDENT MASSES!

OUR STUDENTS ATTENDED THE
SEEK CONFERENCE IN
WASHINGTON, DC FROM
JANUARY 2-5. A DEEPLY
SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE



UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Spring 2025 Students

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

**Derick Alexandre—unhstm@gmail.com or
Sarah Hunton—sarah.hunton@unh.edu**

Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.

Hope to see you at the next meeting
January 30th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162
Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow
February 2nd at 5pm

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The three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity (or love) are gifts of grace from God. They are given freely to us to use in our relationship with God.

The saints below are especially good role models in the practice of these theological virtues.

St. Maximillian Kolbe-Hope
St. Teresa of Calcutta-Charity
St. John Paul II-Faith



After being anointed by the power of The Holy Spirit at His Baptism, Jesus went to His hometown of Nazareth and read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Then Jesus told the people in the synagogue that by His reading, the scripture is fulfilled—made real.

“Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

LUKE 4:21

Jesus had many followers and believers. Among them were the poor, captives, blind and oppressed.

Prophet Isaiah

“The _____ of the Lord is upon me,
because He has _____ me to
bring glad tidings to the _____. He has sent me
to proclaim liberty to _____
and recovery of sight to the _____, and
let the _____ go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Luke 4:18-19

The words of the prophet
Isaiah were talking about
the works of...

a) Luke b) Jesus c) Isaiah



Fill in the blanks with the
bolded, underlined words.
The answers are in today's
Gospel reading.

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