

# Church of SAINT THOMAS MORE

*A Community of Parish and University Ministry*

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**November 5 2023: *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost***



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## SUNDAY LITURGIES

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm**

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

## WEEKDAY MASS

**12:10 Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday**

## 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 [stmdurham.org](http://stmdurham.org).

**November 5, 2023**  
***Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost***

**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.*



*Kristallnacht is the German name for the program sponsored by the Nazi government on the nights of November 9th and 10th, 1938. The program shattered not just vast quantities of plate glass (thousands of Jewish shops, warehouses and homes were burned or otherwise destroyed and hundreds of synagogues were reduced to smoldering embers); but it also eliminated all hope for continued Jewish existence in Germany. After Kristallnacht, German Jews lost their place in the country's economy, saw their cultural organizations dissolved and desperately sought to emigrate.*

*This week we mark the 85th anniversary of the dreadful night which ushered in the Holocaust. It is a time to remember the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis in Europe between the years 1939 - 1945.*

*During the Holocaust, Jews were often taken from the cities and towns in which they lived to concentration camps far from their homes. As the destruction of European Jewry progressed, the first gassing took place in Auschwitz, marking the first systematic genocidal assault in human history.*

*On this anniversary of Kristallnacht and the beginning of the Holocaust, let us impress upon our minds the words "whoever closes his eyes to the past becomes blind to the present."*



Fr. Andrew



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**MASSES & OFFICE HOURS**

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**November 4th-5th; 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10  
Reading II: 1Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13  
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

**November 11th-12th; 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Reading I: Wisdom 6:12-16  
Reading II: 1Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



**November 4th-5th; 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm— ✠ Walter Schlender  
Sunday 9am — ✠ Carolyn Porter  
Sunday 11:15am — ✠ Ric Fleming

**November 11th-12th; 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5pm— ✠ Marie Conlon  
Sunday 9am — ✠ Maggie Morrison  
Sunday 11:15am — ✠ STM Parishioners



## STM FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

*Classes this Sunday November 5th*

*Next week there will be  
No Faith Formation for grades K-5*

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

For more information please contact Ann McGurty  
[stmfaith@comcast.net](mailto:stmfaith@comcast.net) or call 603 868-2666 X110

Faith Formation Grades K-5th classes  
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Please contact Ann McGurty for more information

**Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)**

**Next class Sunday, November 12th from 6:30-8pm in the  
Church Hall**

[stmmsfaith@gmail.com](mailto:stmmsfaith@gmail.com)

Please contact Regina Smick-Attisano for more information

**High School Youth Ministry [stmHSYM@gmail.com](mailto:stmHSYM@gmail.com)**

Please contact Felicia Sperry

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

*LIFE— Living In Faith Everyday*



## Anointed for Mission

**Next Adult Session December 10th at  
10am**

Come join us for the COMBO 2nd and 3rd of our 5 Week Adult Sessions where we will explore how the **Sacrament of Baptism** serves as the foundation for living as missionary disciples in the world today. We have all been anointed as priest, prophet, and king, and we are to use the gifts and talents we have been given to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. As you join other members from our community, we invite you to keep an open mind and a loving heart as we uncover the mysteries of our faith and explore the ways that we are called to live out our common baptism in our everyday lives.

This program is open to **ALL ADULTS!** Come join us as we deepen our Baptismal Call. **2nd & 3rd session** will be **Sunday, December 10th after the 9am Mass in the gym .**

*Refreshments will be provided.*



## THANKSGIVING PIE

### FUNDRAISER



The CSO students are currently taking orders for Apple & Pumpkin Pies for Thanksgiving.

\$12 per pie or 2 pies for \$20

All orders must be received by Monday, November 13th  
Forms are available at the entrances of Church .

**Pick up pies on Mon, Nov. 23rd & Tues, Nov. 24th**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**  
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HOUSE**

THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 30, 2023  
6:00-8:00PM

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## 200 Club

There were no tricks just treats for the  
October 200 Club Winners.

Congratulations to...

**Rhonda Hodson  
Tamara and Kevin Shilling  
Dale Ober**



There's plenty of time to become a new member or renew your membership before the November drawing.

Year' ends in January, all new or renewal subscriptions in November are \$50. Simply write a check made payable to St. Thomas More 200 Club. Don't forget to also put 200 Club in the memo section. Mail it, along with your contact information [address, phone, and email], to the parish office at

**St Thomas More Parish, PO Box 620, Durham NH 03824**

For additional member information contact **Tom Dolan** at  
[tomdolan84@hotmail.com](mailto:tomdolan84@hotmail.com) or call 603-767-3578

*A special note of thanks to all those who have  
supported and continue to support the 200 Club.*

*You have made a difference!!*



*Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the **Vocation Office** at call (603) 663-0196 or email:*

[mmason@rcbm.org](mailto:mmason@rcbm.org)





**Christmas  
Fair  
Volunteers  
Needed!**

## **STM Christmas Fair** **Dec 2, 2023**

Preparation for Christmas Fair is underway!

If anyone is interested in assisting with the Christmas Fair please email Kara Kane at [kane08@aol.com](mailto:kane08@aol.com). Stacy and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you!

**We are still in need for chairpersons for the following tables/areas:** White Elephant, Accessories, Pet, and the Children's Corner. **We are also in need of co-chairs for all the tables so that we can have two people at each table.** We are **also in need of a Santa Claus this year!** Please reach out to either Kara (603-767-9837) or Stacy (603-534-5420), or contact Ann McGurty in the church office (603-868-2666) if you are able to assist.

If you are able to help with raffle prize donations, silent auction 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. Please consider creating and donating a gift basket as a family project. And as you start preparing for the holidays, consider donating any used items you might be "decluttering" that we could use as items to sell at the fair: white elephant items, jewelry, pet supplies, accessories, craft items, more expensive items we can use for the silent auction, and decorations or crafty accessories for the wreaths.

***Believe it or not the Christmas Fair  
is less than one months away!***



### **OFFERTORY UPDATE:**

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

**Offertory for October 29th \$ 5,380.00**

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

***Thank you for your generous contributions.***



St. Thomas More Food Pantry Update  
"Thou shalt love your neighbor as thyself" the second of Jesus' great commandments as we were reminded in the Gospel last Sunday. Your neighbors volunteering at our Food Pantry could use a little love – come join our team to feel the love of giving and helping your neighbor.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin for opportunities to volunteer with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. As always though, if you have an hour or two to give even if is once a month, contact Regina Smick-Attisano at [rasamom3@comcast.net](mailto:rasamom3@comcast.net)

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

- Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- K-cups
- Pickles – any type

***The Word of God  
is at work  
within us***



### **Sponsorship Requests**

Would you like to donate something specific to STM?

We have a few items that STM is looking for sponsorship:

- Security Cameras (5) to help cover the Church Property
- Institutional Dehumidifier for Church Hall
- Sponsor a family in our Faith Formation Program.

**Call the office for more details 603-868-2666**

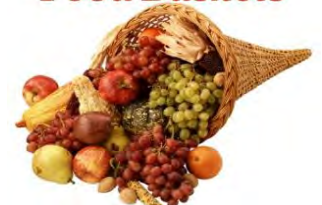
## **Thank you all so much to those who have already donated for our Thanksgiving Baskets**



### **ABSOLUTELY STILL NEED:**

- 45 Brownie mixes AND 45 Cake Mixes with Frosting
- 45 jars of Pickles AND 45 jars of Olives
- 20 Bottles Salad Dressing
- 90 Boxes Turkey/Chicken Stuffing
- 40 Cans of Cranberry Sauce
- CANS, Jars or packets of Turkey Gravy
- 65 Aluminum Roasting Pans
- Candy
- **ALSO NEED:** Cash or gift cards (for fresh food, etc.)

***Thanksgiving  
Food Baskets***



**The front doors of the Student Center are always open and ready for donations!**  
**WE could use your donations ASAP to ensure enough food for all of the basket requests this year.**  
**We appreciate all donations by Sunday, November 5. THANK YOU!**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## Week of November 5th-11th

### WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAY 11/6	CSO Board Meeting 6pm-Student Center
TUESDAY 11/7	Men's Group, Lighthouse
WEDNESDAY 11/8	CSO All Student Meeting 7pm-MUB 162
THURSDAY 11/9	Food Pantry, 4:00-6:00pm Women's Group 7-8pm, ZOOM
FRIDAY 11/10	CIA, 6:00pm Student Center

### UPCOMING UNH Student Mass Schedule

Sunday, November 12th 5pm  
 Sunday, November 19th 5pm  
 Sunday, November 26th NO STUDENT MASS  
 Sunday, December 3rd 5pm  
 Rosary at 4:15p in Church basement before all Masses.  
 A Homecooked meal to follow Student Masses!

**CSO celebrated their Halloween Hootenanny this past Friday. All proceeds went to fund students attending the SEEK conference in January! A great time for all.**

### 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.*



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Nov 9-Feast of the Lateran Basilica.  
 Official church of the Pope in Rome.  
 One of Four Major Papal Basilicas.

November 10- Pope St. Leo

the Great (d. 461). Champion of Christological Orthodoxy. His famous "Tome" helped to clarify that Jesus was fully divine and fully human. Two natures in union.



### UNH Catholic Student Organization News for Fall 2023 Students

If you would like additional information, please contact our **Campus Minister**,  
 Derick Alexandre—[unhstm@gmail.com](mailto:unhstm@gmail.com) or  
 Tyler Johnson [tyler.johnson@unh.edu](mailto:tyler.johnson@unh.edu)

*Stay tuned for more exciting events happening this semester.*

*Hope to see you at the next meeting*  
*November 8th at 7:00pm at the MUB 162*

*Sunday Mass with Supper to Follow*  
*November 12th at 5pm*

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