



# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



Welcome visitors & friends! New members are asked to register at the parish office

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## Bulletin online

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## Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
5:00 p.m.

## Daily Masses

Monday-Friday: 6:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Individual Confessions: Saturdays 3-3:40 p.m.

Seasonal Communal Penance

## At the Parish Office

Father Don Farnan	Pastor
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Father Duc Nguyen	Associate Pastor

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## At the School Office

John O'Connor	School Principal
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School Office 816-942-5581

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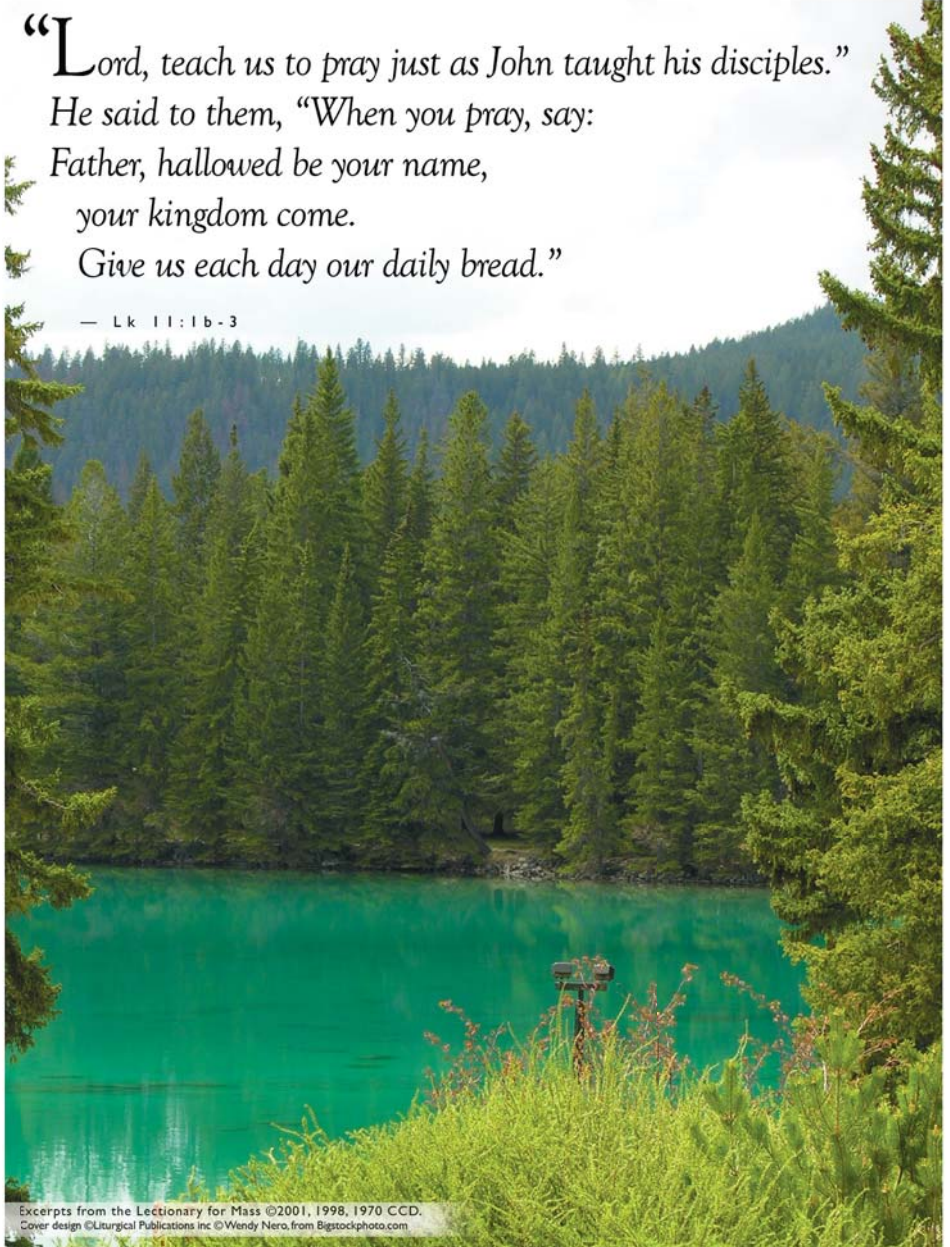
Leslie Guillot (816) 361-2666

## OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Thomas More Parish is to provide a welcoming, inclusive, and loving community by proclaiming and living God's Word through worship, education, and social justice.

**“**Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.”  
 He said to them, “When you pray, say:  
 Father, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come.  
 Give us each day our daily bread.”

— Lk 11:1b-3



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# SETON CENTER

## FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

BRING FOOD TO MASS  
AND LEAVE IN  
THE NARTHEX



SEE P.4 FOR MORE

## The Pastor's Pen

In this column I will comment on our parish's finances as they relate to our population, facilities and priorities. About ten years ago our census peaked at around 2,000 households or 6,000 souls. By some liberal estimates, that is still the count--certainly by the many that claim us as their spiritual home when personal disaster strikes or when they are in need of sacraments. But if we count only those that are actively connected (attend Mass, school, contribute financially or participate in activities), the number is closer to 1,500 households.

Though our income is higher than it was at our peak, and has even increased slightly most years of the past decade, it cannot keep up with ever increasing expenses. As with any institute, our priorities get revealed through our expenditures. Roughly a \$4,000,000 annual operation, STM dedicates close to \$3,000,000 annually to our school where education in the Catholic tradition remains our top priority. Many priests prefer to not take a parish assignment with a school because of the financial drain it places upon a faith community; I am not one of them. But I do believe that every school family--indeed, every parish family--needs to do our part to shoulder the financial weight of its operation as we embrace the importance of Catholic education.

Over the past five years, we have made about \$5,000,000 worth of capital improvements to our campus, including the \$3,800,000 renovation/expansion project of our three-year campaign (January 2008--December 2010), that most of us refer to as Phase I. Our Catholic Social Teachings instruct us to take care of what has been entrusted to us. I think that our parish has done a good job in maintaining our buildings and grounds. Through the years some maintenance of our school and other buildings had been deferred; but we are now catching up on several big and small items. Normal wear and tear creates a maintenance schedule that never ends and that cannot be ignored.

As we approach the end of Phase I and look toward Phase II, we must address many capital issues, including the diocesan loan we took in order to create our new parking lot, repair our stained glass windows, replace the school air handler and heat exchange system, and re-pave the old parking lots. In addition to these necessary maintenance concerns, you have indicated an interest (through our recent survey and town hall meetings) to take on other capital improvements, e.g., replace the current parish office with senior-friendly parking, convert the current rectory into our parish office, purchase a neighborhood house for our rectory, expand and/or improve More Hall, expand seating in our sanctuary via the choir loft or other suggestions deferred from Phase I, and anticipate the natural aging process of school items from air conditioners to boilers.

I believe what the experts say about healthy parishes: they are always in the midst of a capital campaign, they are unafraid to take on debt, they are creative and imaginative and willing to take risks for the sake of their priorities, and they keep calling members to full, active and conscious participation. Saint Thomas More is in a solid financial state. It could be worse, and has been. It can be better, and will be as each parish household does our part to share in this ecclesial responsibility through generosity and accountability.

Our school enrollment continues to increase over the past few years, as does our Mass attendance and our outreach to the poor and needy. We are a community that is alive and well; we find strong evidence of this in the hundreds of ministries that we share. Let us allow God's blessings to continue to flow through us in generous and responsible ways that honor Him and the next generation of Catholics.

## Stewardship Corner

### Stewardship Reflection

*"Lord, teach us to pray!" Luke 11:1-14*

Abraham bargains to save Sodom. He starts out with fifty innocent people. God agrees. Obviously lacking confidence he will find fifty, he bargains God down to ten. He could not even find ten, so Sodom is destroyed. The Old Testament covenants were bargains with God. God always kept his part. The patriarchs and Israelites were not so faithful. The disciples saw Jesus as a person who was faithful to the Covenant and a man of prayer. They asked Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." He teaches them the Our Father. Then He tells the stories of the persistent woman and fathers who give their children bread and eggs, not snakes and scorpions. Are we confident when we pray to God, Our Father in heaven that His Kingdom, not ours, will come; that His will, not ours, be done; for our daily bread not tomorrow's or next year's; and to forgive our sins as we forgive others? Are we good stewards who are persistent in prayer to learn God's will? If at first you don't succeed, skydiving may not be your thing. Try prayer instead. And keep trying!

### Sunday Envelopes

If you have corrections to your envelopes, please send them to [information@stmkc.com](mailto:information@stmkc.com) or write your note on a separate piece of paper to place in the collection basket. This will facilitate your request. Thank you!

### Financial Statements

Statements have been mailed out. Please look at these to make sure everything is okay. If corrections need to be made, please contact Randy at 942-2492 x211 or [randy@stmkc.com](mailto:randy@stmkc.com).

# STM School News

Principal, John O'Connor

## School Auction 2010

We are scheduling gathering parties to support next fall's school auction fundraiser. This is a great way to have fun, support your child's school, and get to know other parents. Hosts are needed for:

- Preschool
- 1st grade
- 8th grade

If you have questions, or would like to host or help with a gathering party for the 2010 Auction, contact Barbara Travis (barbara-travis@hotmail.com) or Amanda Thilges (amanda@sbt-law.com). You need not be a school parent to host a gathering!

## Volleyball Coaches - Applications Due!

**Coaches:** We are accepting applications to coach girls' (grades 4-8) parochial league volleyball. Anyone interested in coaching can download the application at [www.stmcyclones.org](http://www.stmcyclones.org). Return completed applications to Jenny McKenzie at [jmckenzie@kc.rr.com](mailto:jmckenzie@kc.rr.com) or 11813 Summit Street, KCMO 64114. ALL interested in coaching, whether they have coached previously or not, must return a completed application by Friday, July 30.

**Players:** Make sure you are registered for the season by going to [www.stmcyclones.org](http://www.stmcyclones.org) and registering.

## Superintendent Meet and Greet

**Wednesday, August 4, 4-6pm**

Meet Dr. Dan Peters, Superintendent of Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph schools, and Mr. Vince Schmidt, Associate Superintendent of Schools. They will be at Archbishop O'Hara High School Commons, 9001 James A. Reed Road, KCMO. For more information, call 816/763-4800.

## Playground Popsicle Party

**Saturday, August 14, 10-11:30am**

Want to beat the heat? Need to cool some last minute jitters? Join the STM Welcoming Committee, all kindergarten and new families. It is the perfect chance to meet classmates and parents! Questions? Call Kim Brown, 913/402-0752.

## Boo-hoo or Woo-hoo!?!

**Tuesday, August 17, after morning drop off**

Sad to shuffle your kindergartner off to school? Nervous to let your new student go? Meet some new moms and dads at Dunn Brothers Coffee, 535 E. Red Bridge Road, KCMO. Questions? Call Kim Brown, 913/402-0752.

## As For Me & My House

Each week featuring stewards of STM

Thank you to the many advertisers in our bulletin and our Guide Book & Directory. We are very blessed to have so many who purchase these ads, paying completely for our bulletin, More News and Guide Book & Directory publications! Please remember these businesses as you look for business references.

If you missed purchasing an ad last week for our Guide Book & Directory, it is not too late! Contact Holly at 913/999-9389 or [hclark@4LPi.com](mailto:hclark@4LPi.com). These books will be mailed to each parishioner home mid-September.

## Please hold in prayer...

**...our sick:** Debra Adams, Jeremias Andres, Jr., Jon Voltaire Andres, Matthew Anthony, Lois Baker, Stephanie Baxter, Eleanor Becker, Marie Bellante, Frances "Mickey" Bennett, Ferris Boutross, Gwen Brooks, Rita Cahill, Douglas Chapman, Margaret Chiappetta, Fr. Don Cleary, Jacque Curry, Bob Dick, Jeannie Dmitruk, Lori Eckles, Ceron Encomienda, Frank Fasl, Jeannette Fitzsimmons, Kathy Flora, Joe Fowler, Kathy Gorman, Leo Gotschall, Katherine Graham, Joseph Gurera, Hugh Haggerty, Susanne Hardvendel, Maureen Harrington, Denis Hart, Harold Heiman, Daniel Horsch, Jim & Helena Houston, Dudley Hudgins, Jessica Hugenin, Harry Hylander, Marty Jackson, Martha Jennings, Joeanna Job, Jane Keller, Barbara Kies, Austin Klein, Carol Koke, David LaGue, Carl Lickteig, Brendan Loney, William Louis, Mary McDonald, Bea Mincher, John Mincher, Beau Montgomery, Clarice Mosnick, Eileen O'Brien, Denis O'Connell, Mary O'Donnell, Colleen O'Hagan, Don Ong, Ken Outland, Carol Peaks, Terrie Peterson, Yvonne Plewa, Maureen Potts, Shellie Begnaud Pruet, Gary Rader, Brian Reintjes, Al Safady, Laurence Scaletty, Carl Scavuzzo, Harold Schleicher, Cecilia Becker Schutte, Marilyn Shannahan, Andrew Weisnar, Thomas Alan Wells, Mary Louise Weaver, Eleanor Wood, Joe Wynn, Sophia Zanko

**...our hospitalized:** St. Luke's South: Joe Moore; KU Med: Laurence Scaletty; Hospice: Lois Grogan

**...family and friends of those who have died:** Kevin Kimbrell, nephew of Rosemarie Maguire

## Justice Info

David Butel, Pastoral Associate

### Seton Center Back-to-School Drive

Remember that our Back-to-School Drive for Seton Center is this weekend! We are collecting school supplies for 300 K-12 students. Supplies needed include new backpacks, packages of construction paper, packages of notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, crayons, markers (washable and regular), pencils, pens, glue and glue sticks, erasers, rulers, new socks, underwear, t-shirts, gently used uniform clothing (with no logos), 3x5 index cards, scissors, highlighters and 3-ring binders. Bring these items to More Hall.

### Seton Center Monthly Food Drive

Our monthly food drive for Seton Center's food pantry is next weekend, July 31-August 1. Items needed include cereals, pancake mix, syrup, canned tuna and meats, Hamburger Helper, pasta, sauces, canned fruits and vegetables, diced tomatoes, peanut butter, jelly, soups, beans, rice, sugar, condiments, laundry soap, dish soap, toiletries and tissue. Donations can be left in the narthex over the weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity for the families who rely on this pantry!

### The Upper Room Reading Program

Did you know that the educational careers of forty percent of American children are imperiled because they don't read well enough, quickly enough, or easily enough? Help our children stay ahead of the curve by volunteering your time to read with a child. There are only a few weeks left, so be sure to volunteer before the time is up. The last day of tutoring is Wednesday, August 4. Our students are continuing to break records every week thanks to our wonderful staff and volunteer tutors. Be a part of this exciting time in Kansas City! Make a difference in a student's life and read with them at one of our 25 sites across the KC metropolitan area. One hour can make an impact. Volunteer by contacting Colleen Schorgl at 913/339-8332 or mcevoy.colleen@gmail.com.

### Health Insurance Help from Catholic Charities

Thousands of families are eligible for low cost health insurance for their children and don't know it. Missouri's HealthNet program covers more than just urgent health needs. Call Becky Gripp to find out more, 816/931-9399 x107.

## Care & Support

David Butel, Pastoral Associate

### Grief Support Group

**Monday, July 26, 6:15-8pm**

Grace Hospice is offering a grief support group at Villa Ventura, 12100 Wornall Road. This group is designed for anyone in the community who is having difficulty coping with a loss. For more information or to register, call Grace Hospice at 816/444-4611.

### More Friends

**Thursday, August 19** - Annual card party starting at 12:30pm in More Hall. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from Barb Alderman, 10823 McGee, KCMO 64114. Questions? Call Barb at 816/810-8080.

**Tuesday, August 24** - Information Night regarding a Paris/London trip April 28 - May 5, 2011. This will be in More Hall starting at 7pm and is open to everyone.

### Hospital Visitation

When you sign in at a hospital, if you check to have your name **not on the register** or **to be confidential, no one** (including the parish priest) will be able to check to see if you are in the hospital or what your room number is. This is in accord with HIPPA regulations. Hospitals often do not inform the parish when someone is in the hospital, and definitely cannot do so without your permission. If you or another parishioner you know is going into or is in the hospital, please call the parish office to inform us, 942-2492. We will list your name in the bulletin so people can keep you in prayer and we will have someone from our pastoral care team visit you while you are hospitalized.

### Singles of Nativity Dance (SON)

**Saturday, August 14, 7-11pm**

Singles are invited to join SON for the Dog Days of Summer Dance at the Nativity Parish Hall, 119th and Mission. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests. The dress is tropical attire. For more information, go to [www.SON-Ministry.org](http://www.SON-Ministry.org) or call Kathy at 913/645-2046.

### Divorced? Widowed?

**August 20-22 (Friday-Sunday)**

Beginning Experience Weekend gently helps people move through their loss to a new beginning in their lives. For questions or registration materials, call Barb Ruffo (816/941-0029), Kim (816/739-4733), or John (913/219-3465). More information is available at [www.beginningexperience.org](http://www.beginningexperience.org).

## Adult Formation

### Lighthouse Catholic Media

New CDs have arrived and are on display in the Narthex. This week we are featuring "A Guide to Raising (Almost) Perfect Kids" by Don Gregory and Lisa Popcak. Comments from listeners: "I wish I had heard this twenty years ago when my kids were young! It gives real life solutions to real life problems." Dennis--Fort Kent, ME "This CD is just what every parent needs to hear! it has such great tips for raising your children in a spiritual way." Dolores--Tampa, FL.

### Centering Prayer Retreat at Sophia Center, Atchison, KS

**Tuesday, August 3, 10am to Wednesday, August 4, 2pm**

Centering prayer is a deep prayer of trust and surrender involving place, posture, word and silence. Learn this method and dialogue with others as you practice this prayer together. Sister Micaela Randolph, OSB, will facilitate this retreat. The fee is \$100, with registration due by Sunday, July 25. For more information or to register, call 913/360-6151 or visit their website: [http://www.mountosb.org/mailforms/sophia\\_form.html](http://www.mountosb.org/mailforms/sophia_form.html).

### Midwest Family Conference

**August 6-8 (Friday-Sunday), Century II in Wichita, KS**

Lay evangelists and apologists Tim Staples and Jesse Romero will re-awaken your love of the faith with their enthusiastic defense of Catholic doctrine. Both are previous speakers at Wichita's Midwest Catholic Family Conference, and they always draw large audiences. Let these men re-inflame your love of the Church at this 11th annual conference. To register, visit [www.catholic-familyconference.org](http://www.catholic-familyconference.org), call 316/618-9787 or email [midwconf@cox.net](mailto:midwconf@cox.net).

### Bishop Helmsing Institute (BHI) presents...

**Tuesday, July 27, 7-9pm**

BHI on the Rocks - a night of drinks and doctrine at the Jack Gage American Tavern. Jennifer Widhalm will speak on "Preparing for Martyrdom"...and BHI will cover your tab if you bring the most friends! Please register by contacting Alex Weber, [weber@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:weber@diocesekcsj.org) or 816/714-2331. Also contact him to join the mailing list.

### Men of STM; That Man Is You (TMIY)

Everything is in motion to resume our "That Man Is You" journey with a whole new season of 'all new episodes' and life changing conversations and friendships. If you are not familiar with TMIY, call and find out why over 200 men have attended the program at STM over the past two years and how it has made dramatic impacts on them and their families. Call Ed Van Buskirk at 816-215-1483 or Greg Mertes at 816-520-0692.

## Bulletin Board

**Home Grown Tomatoes** by Jack Frain. Come to 901 E. 117th Terrace or call 942-1199.

**Free:** Toddler bicycles and booster seats. Call 943-1535.

**Experienced care-taker available** for elderly, sick, and children. If interested, please call 816-289-6908.

**House for Sale:** 2 story, 5 bd, 2.5 ba. Ceramic kitchen floors, hdwd. floors throughout. Alarm system, sprinkler system, partially finished bsmt. 24 W. 108 Terr. Exc.ellent condition! \$210,000. Call 942-1651 or 942-6296.

## Nearby and Coming Soon

### Cocktail Buffet and Presentation with Fr. Phil Cooke

**Sunday, August 15, after 5pm Mass**

Parish members are invited to a cocktail buffet. The 5pm Mass will be celebrated by our own Jesuit, Father Phil Cooke. Father Phil will give us an update on his ministry with the Lakota Indians at his two parishes in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Make reservations by Thursday, August 5, by calling Mary Scimeca, 816/942-6726.

### Bingo & Barbecue Fundraiser

**BBQ, 6pm; Bingo, 7-9:30pm**

Enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs and brats at Coronation Church, 13000 Bennington, Grandview. \$2 for children 5 and under; \$5 for ages 6-11; \$8 for 12 and up. Bingo cards are \$1 for two games; kids 12 and up can play. Prizes only; no cash payouts. Supervised movies and games for kids. Proceeds go to 'Fix-the-Roof' project.

## Job Opening

Are you passionate about the future of the Catholic schools in our diocese? Then maybe you are the next Executive Director of the newly established Catholic school education fund. The Diocese of Kansas City~St. Joseph is looking for a full-time team member to help establish our new school education fund. Please call Paula Moss, 816-456-4521 x562 or visit our website at [diocese-kcsj.org](http://diocese-kcsj.org) and click on job opportunities in upper left corner.

### How can I become a Catholic?

Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic? Please know that we would love to have you join us, but we don't expect you to commit to becoming a Catholic until you know more about us. Those Inquiry Classes begin in September. For more information on the process of becoming a Catholic, contact Mary Kay Whitacre, 913/645-5382 or [marykay@stmkc.com](mailto:marykay@stmkc.com).

## STM Schedule

### Sunday, July 25

Seton Center Back-to-School Drive, More Hall  
Baptism Preparation Class, 12:30pm, Parish Office

### Friday, July 30

Rediscovering Catholicism, 6:45am, More Hall C

### Sunday, August 1

Seton Center Food Drive

### Future Dates

Tuesday, August 17 - First day of STM School  
Sunday, September 5 - Guatemala Walk & Roll, 6pm  
Wednesday, September 8 - Choir Rehearsals begin  
Thursday, September 9 - RCIA begins, 7pm  
Friday, September 10 - That Man Is You begins, 6am  
Saturday, September 11 - Parish Picnic, 4-10pm  
Sunday, October 10 - Youth Confirmation begins

### Parking lot work to be done July 26

Work will be done July 26-30 to divert water that runs from the upper parking lot to the school playground, to keep the playground drier. You will not be able to drive your vehicle from the church to the school. The new parking lot *will* be accessible, but everyone will have to go in and out through the upper drive. Please pay attention to the cones and drive carefully!

## Mass Intentions

Mon:	6:15AM	Dorothea Ransom <sup>†</sup>
	8:15AM	Mike Phelps <sup>†</sup> ; Alberta Imming <sup>†</sup>
Tues:	6:15AM	Thomas Fahey <sup>†</sup> ; Rosemary Cunningham <sup>†</sup>
	8:15AM	Anna Molle <sup>†</sup>
Wed:	6:15AM	Frank Janner <sup>†</sup>
	8:15AM	John Turek <sup>†</sup> ; Dick Feierabend <sup>†</sup>
Thur:	6:15AM	Loren & Leon Louis Families <sup>†</sup>
	8:15AM	John Kopp <sup>†</sup>
Fri:	6:15AM	Anne Fritzlen <sup>†</sup>
	8:15AM	Tom & Catherine Hayes <sup>†</sup> ; Marie Plewa <sup>†</sup>
Sat:	8:15AM	Martha Roul <sup>†</sup>
	4:00PM	Betty Kopp <sup>†</sup>
Sun:	7:30AM	Joe Sullivan <sup>†</sup>
	9:30AM	Imogene Powers <sup>†</sup> ; Margaret Granquist <sup>†</sup>
	11:30AM	Fred Park <sup>†</sup>
	5:00PM	All Parishioners

<sup>†</sup>Deceased

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**Scripture Readings for next weekend:** August 1, 18th Ordinary Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-13, 17; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21.

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