



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

29TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
19 OCTOBER 2025

Welcome!

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASS
8:30 AM & 11:15 AM

ADORATION
12:30 - 6:00 PM THURSDAY

RECONCILIATION
4:30 - 6:00 PM THURSDAY
3:00 - 4:30 PM SATURDAY

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

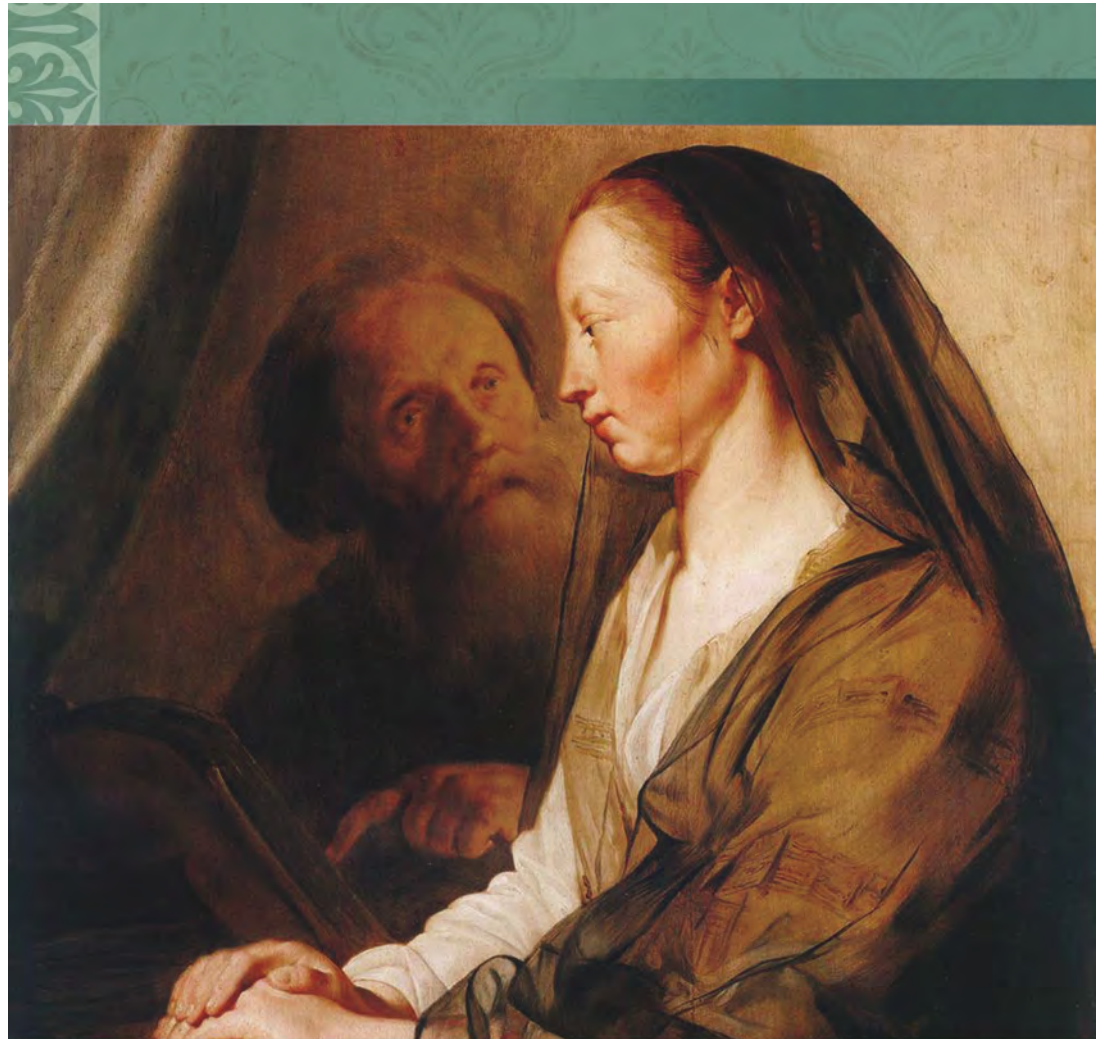
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NEW?



29th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER

8:30 AM Mass
9:45 AM PreK4-8 Religious Ed.
9:45 AM Sacramental Prep.
11:15 AM Mass (LiveStream)
12:30 PM Campus Min. Luncheon
12:30 PM High School Religious Ed.

MONDAY 20 OCTOBER

9:00 AM Prayer for Our Church

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

9:00 AM More Aid Outreach
10:00 AM The Holy Rosary
3 & 7:00 PM Epic Bible Study
7:00 PM Holy Spirit Prayer Ministry

WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER

9:00 AM More Aid Diaper Outreach
11:30 AM Rosary for Haiti
12:05 PM Daily Mass
4:30 PM Rosary in Latin
5:30 PM MS/HS Rosary Making
6:30 PM OCIA

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

9:00 AM More Aid Outreach
11:30 AM ProLife Rosary
12:05 PM Daily Mass
1:00 PM Adoration
4:30 PM Confession
6:15 PM Music Ministry Practice

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

10:30 AM Storytime
12:05 PM Daily Mass
12:45 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
1:00 PM Epic Bible Study

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

8:30 AM Men's Prayer Group
3:00 PM Reconciliation
5:00 PM Mass
6:30 PM Saturday Supper

NEXT SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER

8:30 AM Mass
9:45 AM PreK-8 Religious Ed.
9:45 AM Sacramental Prep.
11:15 AM Mass (LiveStream)
12:30 PM Campus Min. Luncheon
12:30 PM High School Religious Ed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Observances for the week of October 19, 2025

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John Paul II, Pope
Thursday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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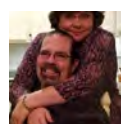
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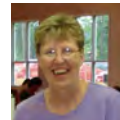
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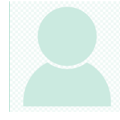
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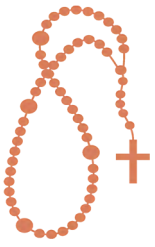


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22 OCTOBER



Join the High School & Middle School Youth as they make rosaries. We will meet in the American Saints classroom on **October 22nd at 5:30 PM**. Contact Trish Pabis for more information at relformation@stmva.org.

23 OCTOBER



Adoration and Reconciliation

are celebrated every Thursday in the STM Chapel. Adoration **begins after the 23 October, 12:05 PM Daily Mass** and continues until 6:00 PM. **Reconciliation** is available from **4:30 PM to 6:00 PM**. Join us for this special time of prayer and reflection!

25 OCTOBER



Fill the Crib! Knights' Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Help us Fill the Crib!!!! The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser Campaign at our church starting the weekends of October 25-26 and November 1-2. After Mass they will be passing out baby bottles for you to take home and are asking you return them with your donation no later than November 8th to the parish. If you would like to write a check, address it to Knights of Columbus – Council #595, and indicate it's for the Respect Life Campaign. 100% of monies raised will go to support respect life/prolife agencies, such as the Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center, More Aid and others.

1 NOVEMBER



First Saturday Mass (in Latin) will be celebrated on **Saturday, November 1st, at 8:30 AM**. All are welcome!



Mass Schedule Change

Effective November 2, the Second Sunday Mass will begin at 11:00 AM.



Feed Their Faith – Share a Sunday Meal

Your home – cooked love makes our campus ministry feel like family.

Sign up at www.stmva.org
Or scan the QR code.



2 NOVEMBER



Newman Discussion Group

Begins: Sun, Nov 2, 9:45–11:00 a.m., in More Hall.

Reading: Mary: The Second Eve.

Book: tanbooks.com/mary-the-second-eve

Info: Jonathan Hart — jdhart117@gmail.com

3 NOVEMBER



The **Hands to Hearts Card Ministry** meets **Monday, November 3rd at 6:30 PM**. They make cards of celebration and encouragement for parishioners. Contact Becky Evans for more information

at becky@alwayshappystampin.com

7 NOVEMBER



SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 7
Don't know how to have a conversation about Pro-Life issues? Join us **Friday, November 7 at 6:00 pm** in More Hall for a "**Pro-Life Bootcamp**". Come and learn from those who have boots on the ground in the Pro-Life movement and find out firsthand how upcoming proposed legislation will impact their work. Finger food and desserts will be provided. Contact prolife@stmva.org for more information and to RSVP.

8 NOVEMBER

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ANDREW BASILICA



November 8th from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

SAVE the DATE: Pilgrimage to St. Andrew's Basilica on Saturday, November 8; 8:45 am departure. More information regarding the schedule of events is on the STM website.



October 11/12

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| Loose | \$ | 2,480.00 |
| Envelopes | | 3,841.00 |
| Online | | 7,866.30 |
| Weekly Total: | \$ | 14,187.30 |

Debt Reduction: \$3,140.00

****Current weekly expenses (incl. debt): \$24,464.**

2025 Average Weekly Giving: **\$19,196**

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TEXT \$ & DOLLAR AMOUNT

TO (434)423-5323



SCAN HERE TO GIVE ONLINE



This October is National Family History Month, a time to reflect on the blessings we've inherited from our families and the legacy we will leave for the future.

As members of the Catholic family, we are called to pass down the gift of faith with love and care. One way to do this is by creating or updating your will. Estate planning protects your family tree and allows you to create a Catholic legacy that honors your values.

The Diocese of Richmond partners with FreeWill, a free and secure tool that helps you complete your will in just 20 minutes. Many Catholics also choose to include a gift to the Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond, ensuring their faith continues to bless future generations. Visit FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation to put your faith into action.



With the fall fruit harvests upon us, consider that 30-40% of the food produced in the United States is wasted. Fruit from trees often goes to waste either because there is too much of it in a short space of time to be used or

because the tree's owner doesn't have the ability or the time to harvest it. An established fruit tree can often produce 100+ pounds of fruit, far more than one family can consume. If you have a fruit tree, why not donate the excess to your local food bank? When you notice laden fruit trees in your neighborhood, knock on the door and ask if you can help harvest it to donate. Finally, you can look up local glean-ing groups and offer your services to help pick or deliver the excess fruit to an organization that will get it into the mouths of hungry people.



KofC Council 595 Youth Essay Contest

All Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools grades 8-12 are invited to participate in the 2025- 2026 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2,000 years ago when He chose St. Peter to lead His Church on earth. Students are encouraged to write a 500-750 word essay on -

"Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?"

All contestants are recognized for their participation and winners from the 8th- 9th grade and the 10th-12th grade will receive a monetary prize. Participants are required to furnish a parental consent. Entry form information is available in the parish office. All essays must be returned to the parish office by close of business, Friday, October 31, 2025. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Mike Wilson at 434-546-6156 or Bob Anderson at 540-871-3954.



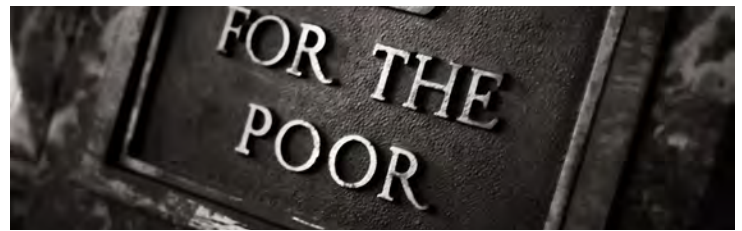
PARISH PRAYER LIST

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| Alyssa Stephany | Larry Russy |
| Andrew Buczkowski | Lauren Miller |
| Andy Topa | Laurie Gregor |
| Anne Emerson | Lawrence Lesniak |
| Ashley Maxey | Lissy T. |
| Barney Lowrey | Lyn Long |
| Benito Padallan | Lucyna D. |
| Beth Hopkins | Mae Moser |
| Bob Rogers | Marge Dorman |
| Brandon Conaway | Mark Yudowitch |
| Caroline Jakovowski | Maria & George Jiracek |
| Carolyn Harlow | Mary DeCiantis |
| Casey Ault | Mary Messer |
| Charlie Dugger | Mary Ann Mills |
| Charles Tilton | Mary C. Niagro |
| Chloe S. | Mary Wade |
| Chris Cass | Mary Warwick |
| Cody Beck | Melissa Wood |
| David Rice | Michael Brothers |
| Daniel Brothers | Michael Clark |
| Daniel Hansen | Michael Hurley |
| Debbi Carpinelli | Nancy Smith |
| Debbie Goff | Natalie & Tom |
| Deborah Holloway | Nathan & Zachary |
| Diana Atkinson | Odin Bunch |
| Donna Ward | Paul Vadasz |
| Doris Marchese | Pierre Alossa |
| Doug Childress | Rachelle Assogba |
| Ean Motley | Ramona De Castro |
| Edward Hopchak | RG & Michelle Ramsey |
| Elena Dowling | Rosalie M. Brothers |
| Elaina "Lainey" Pennington | Rosalie Wheelock |
| Frank Romeo | Rose Daniels |
| Frederick Szeliga | Rosella Edinger |
| Gryphon Mickle | Sally Tilton |
| Harry John Wolfhert | Sarah Lutter |
| Helen Mueller | Sean D |
| Jacob Jiracek | Shane Gunn |
| James Blevins | Silvana Faulkenberry |
| Janet Reynolds | Carol & Steve Laskey |
| Jeff Lane | Suzanne Wassel |
| Jennifer Reckard | Theresa Ramsey |
| Joan Reichard | Thiago Tagino dos Santos |
| John Troncale | Thomas W. Anderson |
| Joseph Brothers | Tom Buczkowski |
| Joy Soward | Tom Prince |
| Kathy Rapp | Tyler Paris |
| Katie Bates | Viola Cleo Bradshaw |
| Katie Shumcher-Cawley | Victoria Padallan |
| Kyle Childress | Whitney Bellicose |
| Lainey Pennington | For the Repose: Robert Closs |

Names may be added to the Prayer List and Book of Intentions by going to our website at www.stmva.org/pray or calling the parish office during business hours. After hours you may leave a voice mail at (434) 237-5911 and select option 4.



Need to request a visit from a priest at Lynchburg General Hospital? Call the switchboard at (434) 200-3000 or contact the Nurse's Station.



September 2025 Poor Box Information

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| September Donations | \$ 11,418 |
| September Expenditures | \$ 11,696 |

More Aid Assistance

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| Utilities | \$ 3080 | 31 families |
| Housing | \$ 4,464 | 35 families |
| Food | \$ 127 | 212 families |
| Afghan Aid | \$ 600 | |
| Diapers | \$ 520 | 30 Families 46 babies |
| Materials | \$ 296 | (Paper Products) |
| Misc | \$ 125 + \$600 | for shelving |

* We received a grant for shelving from Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

Number of Households receiving Food Assistance

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|-----------------|-----|
| Bags of Food | 270 |
| Families Served | 212 |
| Individuals | 570 |

Pantry Needs This Week

**Canned tuna or chicken
Rice
Macaroni and Cheese**



Thank you for continued support of our Food Pantry.



19 OCTOBER
8:30 AM Alberta Ickes - D
11:15 AM Members of STM

22 OCTOBER
12:05 PM Catherine Lamb Cappe - D

23 OCTOBER
12:05 PM Michele Ferguson - D

24 OCTOBER
12:05 PM Michele Ferguson - D

25 OCTOBER
5:00 PM Members of STM

26 OCTOBER
8:30 AM Lawrence Thorpe - D
11:15 AM Anita Flores - D