



Catholic Church Community of
St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788-4221

November 15, 2020

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary



The Parable of the Talents

Parish Mission Statement:

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others through Christian Stewardship.

Contact Numbers

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Website: <https://stmli.org>

Social Media

Facebook: StThomasMoreHauppauge
Instagram: stm_church

To receive texts or emails
from us just text

Spiritoflove to 84576 or
sign up @

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com

Masses for this coming week

November 15, 2020
 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
 Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
 Matthew 25:14-30

Saturday, November 14

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Terry Pankus *by Al Pankus*

Sunday, November 15—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Molinaro & Zullo families *by Ralph & Ursula Molinaro*

12:00pm Janet Mallen *by Clarice McSorley;*
 Charles Stepanek *by Peggy & family*

Monday, November 16—St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

9am Mae Devine *by Chris Paino & Joan Oscar*

Tuesday, November 17—St. Elizabeth of Hungary

9am Peter Romano *by Mary Ellen Skrzypek*

Wednesday, November 18—The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchene

9am Jean Noschese *by Donna Fox & family*

Thursday, November 19

9am Edward Skrzypek *by Mary Ellen Skrzypek*

Friday, November 20

9am James J. Murphy Sr. *by Joan Murphy & family*

Saturday, November 21—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Peter Romano *by Ross & Marie Bracco*

(Anticipated Mass for Sunday)

5pm Charles Stepanek *by Elizabeth Ryan*

Sunday, November 22—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:30am Ann Cardino *by Allison Cardino Asta*

12:00pm John Buzzanca *by Maryann & Ralph Rantz;*
 Janet Mallen *by Keith & Susan Regan & family*

Growing through the Sunday Scriptures

November 22, 2020
 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
 Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
 Psalm: 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
 1 Corinthians 15:20-26
 Matthew 25:31-45

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left,

'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them,

'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

FR. ANTONY'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

When a hunter killed a grizzly bear in a protected area, this was his defense: “when I saw that bear come smoking down on me, I didn’t have any trouble in deciding who the endangered species was.” We, humans react to warnings of death more alarmingly than the vibrations of life.

Today’s Gospel encourages us to employ creative power to promote life. Pessimism grips us feistier than optimism.

Today’s Gospel is the parable of talents. God did not mold humans in the same mold. Each of us is unique. Some are entrusted with five talents, others with two talents and some others with a single talent. This uniqueness may appear to us as inequality. Yes, it is inequality as long as we compare and define our individual worth to be quantitatively less or more than another person’s individual worth.

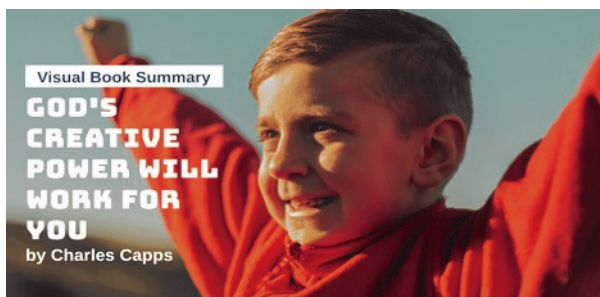
On the other hand the parable reminds us that each of us has creative power within us. We grow every day. We can become better every day. We can make the five talents that are invested in us, into five more and the two talents into four . God appreciates those who used their creative power, “Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come; share your master’s joy.” It is not what we have that makes us worthy servants of the Lord. Rather it is how we employ our creative power to better ourselves and others.

Today’s parable warns us not be like the person with a single talent who took his creative power for granted. The fear of losing the single talent made him stop believing in his creative power. Having more talents or a single talent is a matter of comparison. The person with two talents has less than the one with five talents; but at the same time he has comparatively more than the person with a single talent. Those who would employ their creative power don’t compare but grow in the life in and around them. Those who bury their creative power out of fear or any other excuse have nothing to grow as life, and we certainly know that life, if it does not grow, it dies.

Life is always creative. It can never stay stagnant or static. When it is not creative it can become self-destructive. We are called to enthusiastically engage in life. All are gifted with enough enthusiasm to be creative. Life in itself has the inner force to be enthusiastic and enterprising. It cannot be curbed unless humans willfully suffocate its creative enthusiasm. When God created the universe, God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply.” (Genesis 1:28) Let us pray that blessings of God continue in all of us.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Antony



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Ethan Bernstein | Michael Knipper |
| Jessie Bernstein | Kevin Ilyichenko |
| Joseph Blaugrund | Dylan Kowalski |
| Anthony Broncatello | Thomas LaFemina |
| John Burk | Alex Lombardi |
| Collin Busto | Andrew Lombardi |
| David Chester | Lt. Clint Lorange |
| John Chester | Scott Lovelock |
| Nicholas Chester | Andrew Lynch |
| Theresa Chester | Troy A. Maida, |
| Collin J. Crean | William Maley |
| Eddie Cullum | Thomas Migliara |
| Eric Cullum | Tim Morris |
| Adam Cussen | Ryan Murphy |
| David Cussen | John Nachtman |
| Capt. Sean Michael Dolan | Kaitlyn Nachtman |
| P. J. Erskin | Thomas Nichols |
| Timothy Fallon | Adam Papaizai |
| Major Michael Fantauzzi | Michael Poist |
| J.T. Foltz | Michael Polanski |
| Mike Foltz | Kyle Rathje |
| Michael Gioia | Antonia Marie Rivera |
| Carl F. Greiner | Ann Karen Sanchez |
| Philip Gudone | Justin Schneider |
| John Michael Haffner | Christopher Sidor |
| Sean Hendrikson | Christopher Singer |
| Tylor J. Hickey | Ryan Smith |
| Kevin Ilyichenko | Michael White |
| John Karies | |

Calendar Club Winners

Congratulations!

Here are the winners from November 8-14, 2020

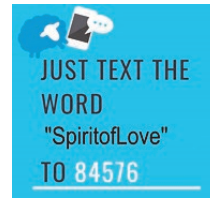
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| 11/ 8/2020 | 656 | \$50 | Marilyn Manzella |
| 11/ 9/2020 | 625 | \$25 | Louis & Diane DeBenedittis |
| 11/10/2020 | 840 | \$25 | Joseph Carraba |
| 11/11/2020 | 722 | \$25 | Maxwell Chin |
| 11/12/2020 | 266 | \$25 | William Stepanek |
| 11/13/2020 | 390 | \$25 | John Fontana |
| 11/14/2020 | 386 | \$25 | M/M Anthony Gianelli |



Would you like to receive a daily spiritual reflection or updates of what's happening in our Parish?

See below or go to

StThomasMore29.flocknote.com



Courtesy Announcements:

First Notice:

Saint Anthony's High School—Franciscan Brothers—Missed the Entrance Exam?

Apply online! Visit St. Anthony's Admissions Website to apply. 275 Wolf Hill Rd.,

South Huntington, NY 11747;

631-271-2020 ext. 226—www.stanthonyshs.org—

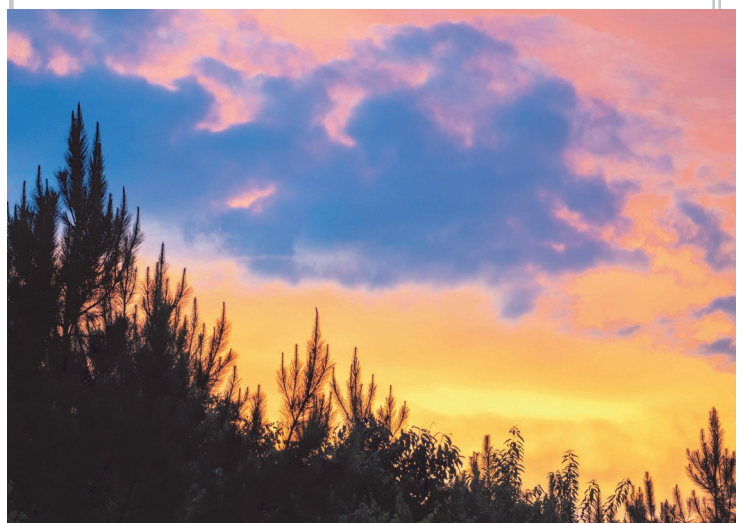
admissions @stanthonyshs.org

Second Notice:

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
2020**

as of November 13, 2020

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| Our Parish Goal | \$70,400.00 |
| Pledges to date | \$37,282.00 |
| Percentage of Goal | 52.96% |



SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection of **November 8, 2020 3,950.00**
 Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever! Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Thomas More Parish. Faith Direct offers a safe and secure way to donate to our parish in this time of uncertainty. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. You can also make a one-time gift by texting a dollar amount to the same number.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.
 God Bless You,
 Fr. Antony

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL

Websites

www.stmli.org

<https://stmyouth.wixsite.com/stmyouthhauppauge>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/StThomasMoreHauppauge/>

Instagram

- stm_church
- stmreligioused
- stm_yg

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 Outreach: outreach@stmli.org
 Dan Haggerty: youthminister@stmli.org
 Altar Servers Ministry: altarservers@stmli.org
 Personal Prayer SpiritualOrientations.com
 To contact a member of the Pastoral Council use the following
 Barbara & Joe Fratamico at BJFRAT@optonline.net



CIRCLE OF WOMEN

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

Our next meeting will be on December 14, 2020 at 2:30 pm in Walden Hall.

The book for discussion will be **The Jew Store** by Stella Suberman—Facilitator Marie Bracco.

We meet on the second Monday of the month. For further info. and/or to register, call Marilyn at 631-234-5805 or Joan at 631-234-1739.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



The RCIA is a faith journey which leads those seekers to meet Jesus in the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The seekers will be accompanied on the journey by the community of Saint Thomas More in the spirit of love.

Do you know of a family member or friend who needs to complete one or more of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation?

Do you know a family member or friend who has been a member of another faith tradition who wants to become a catholic?

To find out more about the faith journey or to join us on the journey please call the rectory at 631-234-5551.



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Freedom of Religious Expression in the Founding of America

In November, Americans prepare for the holidays and think about how our country came to be and why it is unique among all the nations of the world.

Freedom of religious expression is a key to understanding early American history and the founding of our nation. The British colonies that eventually formed the United States of America were settled in the 17th century by men and women who, in the face of European persecution, refused to compromise passionately held religious convictions and fled Europe. Although some settlers came for secular motives, the great majority left Europe to worship God in the way they believed to be correct. They enthusiastically supported the efforts of their leaders to create "a city on a hill" or a "holy experiment."

In the founding documents, our founders quoted thousands of Bible scriptures, opened and closed sessions with prayer to God, and openly stated that they used the Ten Commandments in writing the laws. "There are more than 4,500 recorded, public quotes by our Founding Fathers about the Bible, God, and the importance of ethics based on Christian principles," wrote author Randall Niles.(1)"History is clear: Judeo-Christian ethics are at the foundation of the United States of America. Morality was never seen as relative - it was always based on Natural Law and the authority of Scripture."(2)

(libraryofcongress.gov; biola.edu, 7/2/20; drivethruhistory.com, 5/5/17 (1)(2)

Happening Now: 1776 Commission Established to Restore Patriotic Education

On Nov. 2, 2020, Pres. Trump signed an Executive Order to form the 1776 Commission with the goal "to better enable a rising generation to understand the history and principles of the founding of the United States in 1776, and, through this, form a more perfect

ratification of a Constitution, civil war, abolition of slavery, Reconstruction, and a series of domestic crises and world conflicts. Those events establish a clear historical record of an exceptional Nation dedicated to the ideas and ideals of its founding."

"Against this history, in recent years a series of polemics grounded in poor scholarship has vilified our Founders and our founding. Despite the virtues and accomplishments of this Nation, many students are now taught in school to hate our own country, and to believe that the men and women who built it were not heroes, but rather villains. This radicalized view of American history lacks perspective, obscures virtues, twists motives, ignores or distorts facts, and magnifies flaws, resulting in the truth being concealed and history disfigured."

(whitehouse.gov; msn.com, 11/2/20; dailycaller.com, 11/02/20; nypost.com, 9/17/20)

"The history of our nation's protection of religious freedom makes clear that preserving America's liberties depends on understanding God-given rights."

B. Samuells, Pres.; Catholics for Freedom of Religion

Employment Services Section— St. Thomas More Bulletin

We are restarting the Employment Services section in the weekly bulletin. If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to

John White at: jmtwhite@optonline.net

Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

Thank-you in advance.



* Weather permitting.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jackie Aloï, Pamela Brosnan, Kathy Capuano, Rosie Casillas, Paul Connors, Veronica Corvasce, Michael Fiorentino, Richard Fiorentino, Thomas Giglio, John Gilligan, Grace Harold, Matthew Inga, Kevin Kenney, Phyllis Markowitz, Jean Marsala Kieffner, Christine Miller, Patricia Miller, Sharon Mills, Al Pankus, Robert McGurrin, Melissa Mock, Ellen Murphy, Maura Reddy, Rosalie Rocchio, Janet Rodriguez, Mel Smith, Jerry Smith, John Spadaro, Howard Spegman, Peggy Stepanek, Jose Talavera, Marie Tripoli, Chase Turano, Andrew J. Valentine, Andrew M. Valentine, Rosalind Warmuth, Diane Weisz, Janet Weil, Julia Westbrook.

This listing will expire on March 31, 2021.



During these difficult times, as a family of faith, we turn to our Heavenly Father in prayer. You are invited to submit your prayer intentions and those of your family. All prayer intentions will be placed in a basket near the altar in St Thomas More before each Mass. We are streaming Sunday Mass on Saturday at 5pm at www.stmli.org. Daily mass is posted Monday through Friday on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com)

The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

St. Therese of Lisieux

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Vincent Buchanan, Winifred Sulander, for all those who have succumbed to COVID-19, our deceased loved ones and our deceased service men and women.

USING FAITH DIRECT? - It's quick and easy! Consider having automatic deductions from either your checking or savings or use a credit card to support St. Thomas More each week. With Faith Direct, there is no fee to you! Please visit the Faith Direct website at www.FaithDirect.net to sign up: our church code is **NY227**. You may also use the form located where you obtain the bulletin or text the word ENROLL to 631-250-8141. We thank you for your support.

UPDATING CREDIT CARD INFORMATION—If you get a new card or a renewal card, make sure that this information is communicated to Faith Direct.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES—If you do not receive weekly envelopes and would like them mailed to you, please use the cut out that is in the bulletin and indicate that you wish to receive them on a regular basis. Usually it takes about two weeks for your request to be completed.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

We thank you for your support of our parish project to maintain our parish facilities. If you would like to help, please use a maintenance envelope where you obtain the bulletin.

CEREAL BOX TOP COUPONS—Drop them off in the Church lobby drop-off box and we will use them to buy things for the students in our regional school.

USED CELL PHONES—We thank everyone for giving us their old cell phones. We forward them to a convent that recycles them and uses the proceeds for the poor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS—You can check online for any updates at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/stmreled>.

**St. Thomas More Parish Social Ministry
OUTREACH**



“Give us this day our daily bread”

Our current needs include:

Pancake Mix**

Syrup**

Boxed Milk**

Jelly**

Canned Tomatoes (28 oz)**

Paper Towels**

Bread

Pasta

Spaghetti

Tomato Sauce

Tuna

Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Fruit**

Peanut Butter (smaller jars)**

Rice**

Canned Vegetables**

Apple Juice**

Coffee (1 pound cans/bags)

Tea Bags**

Mustard/Ketchup

Soup (18-22 oz)**

Shampoo

Toothpaste

****We are especially in need of these items**

THANKSGIVING IS QUICKLY APPROACHING AND OUTREACH IS COLLECTING FOOD FOR OUR THANKSGIVING BASKETS.

DUE TO THE CAUTIONS WE NEED TO TAKE WITH THE PANDEMIC WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF \$25 GIFT CARDS FROM LOCAL SUPERMARKETS/WALMART/TARGET IN PLACE OF TURKEYS.

CASH DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Please reach out to Parish Outreach if you are, or know of someone in need of support.

Outreach is now open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

10 AM to 2 PM

Phone: 631-234-3149

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.

CALENDAR CLUB 2021

I/We would like to join St. Thomas More's
Calendar Club for 2021.

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS:

PHONE: ()

EMAIL:

() One Number for \$25
OR

() FIVE Numbers for \$100

**(If your return your form & payment by Sunday,
December 20, 2020, you will receive a total of SIX
numbers for \$100).**

() I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. I
am attaching a separate page indicating the names and ad-
dresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

*(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in
Collection Basket).*

PRAYING FOR THE SICK — Adding a name Request —

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO THE
PARISH LISTING OF THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:

Relationship to the person who is ill:

Person making the Request:

TODAY'S DATE:

*(Please place in collection basket or drop off at the
Rectory)*

REGISTRATION and/or ENVELOPE REQUEST

NAME(s):

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

() I/we would like to register in the parish.

() Please send contribution envelopes.

() I am already registered in the parish but do not
receive contribution envelopes. I would like to
receive them.

() Other _____

*(Please return in collection or return to Church
Office)*

CHURCH MINISTRIES

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A LITURGICAL MINISTER OR WANT TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS?

Please complete the following form:

I would like to volunteer in the following parish
ministry:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| () Altar Server | () Hospitality |
| () Usher | () Greeter |
| () RCIA | () Liturgy with Children |
| () Lector | () Eucharistic Minister |
| () Consolation Minister | () Landscaping/ Planting |
| () Rosary Altar Society | () Pre-Cana |
| () Caring for Altar Plants | () FOCCUS |

() Adult Lending Library () Banner Commit-
tee

Name::

Address:

Phone:



Boy Scout Troop 343
Annual Christmas Wreath Sale

After all masses
November 28th & 29th



Wreaths, Roping, Grave Blankets and Crosses

Every Day Lotto – Calendar Club 2021

What is Calendar Club? It is an “Every day Lotto.”

Numbers are drawn every day of the year (except on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.) The Lucky winner of the day is awarded \$50 on a Sunday and \$25 on weekdays.. Prizes are higher on certain selected Feast Days like Christmas, Easter, Immaculate Conception etc.



You receive one number for \$25 and five numbers for \$100.

However, if we receive your money before Sunday, December 20, 2020 you will receive 6 numbers.

Please enroll as a member. You can enroll until the end of January 2021. We begin to draw lucky numbers for the month of January in February next year and they will be posted in the bulletin of February 7, 2021. Thereafter the winning

numbers are posted every week.

Buy tickets and be a winner as many times as your luck permits. You may also purchase calendar club enrollments as gifts for family and friends. At the end of the year, there is a special drawing for those people who did not win during the calendar year. The prize awarded at this special drawing is \$200.

The Calendar Club is a fun way of supporting our parish and is a good fund raiser for St. Thomas More Church. Please support your parish. Please fill the form and send it to rectory.



CALENDAR CLUB 2021

I (We) would like to join St. Thomas More’s Calendar Club for 2021.

NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS”

PHONE:

() ONE number for \$25 () TWO numbers for \$50 () THREE numbers for \$75
() FIVE numbers for \$100

(If you return your form and payment by Sunday, December 20, 2020, you will receive a total of SIX numbers for \$100).

() I would like to give Calendar Club numbers as Gifts. Please indicate below the names and addresses of individuals who will receive gifts.

TOTAL MOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ *(Please return form to Rectory Office or place in Collection Basket marking envelope Calendar Club 2019)*

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism



St. Thomas More/Francis S. Midura Council 6062

For Catholic gentlemen ,18 and older, in our wonderful parish of St. Thomas More! Looking for a way to be more active in your parish and your community through service and charitable acts that have a positive impact? Become a member of the [St. Thomas More/ Francis S. Midura Council 6062!](#) Becoming one of the nearly 200 proud members of the council has never been easier! Let us show you how easy it is to sign up and learn about who we are.

We will be speaking at the masses in the coming weeks. Any questions you have we can answer for you. If you would like to register online, please use the link provided below:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

We look forward to meeting and speaking with you!

Ernie LaFontaine, Grand Knight



ST. THOMAS MORE



Poinsettia 7" pot—\$17.00

Red _____

"Jingle Bells" Poinsettia
(leaves are red, white and green)

"Jingle Bells" Poinsettia 6 ½" pots \$12.00 _____

Red Poinsettia 6 ½" pots \$12.00 _____

Total Order: Items _____ **Cost** _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please place your orders by November 30, 2020

Plants will be ready for pick-up the weekend of December 5 & 6, 2020.

**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH OUTREACH
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 2020**

Items needed for the baskets:
Yams, Potatoes, Stuffing,
Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Applesauce
Coffee, Tea & Desserts

THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO COLLECTING \$25 GIFT CARDS IN PLACE OF TURKEYS
-Cards or cash donations can be sent to Outreach or put in the collection basket-



Thank you for your generosity.