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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM 10:30 AM
5:15 PM (Spanish)

Confessions:

Tues & Wed 4:45-5:10 PM
Saturday 3:45-4:30 PM

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Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19

Psalms 4:2,4,7-8,9

1 John 2:1-5a

Luke 24:35-48

Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

From Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick: It is the Third Sunday of Easter already. Flowers and greenery are on the way, and right before our very eyes, we will see how quickly summer arrives. For now, this season of joy, coinciding with the true advent of spring, is the time to claim from Christ Victorious the graces we sought throughout our Lenten and Triduum observances. We made good use of the Sacraments up to Easter, and now we are beckoned to live through them in freedom and truth. This means trusting that Christ bestows on us what we need be His children so that we may find and act upon the Divine Will of His Father.

The Easter season ties together seamlessly all that was prophesied of Christ from time immemorial. We see in His post-Resurrection appearances to the Apostles how He greeted the them with the same salutation "*Peace Be with You*". This peace, though imperfect now, is in truth the goal of our very existence: to live in His peace through our life in grace and virtue, so that we may rest in it for eternity in Heaven. This peace now springs from our souls and flows into our actions so that what is good, true, and beautiful can now appeal to us through the eyes of eternity and love of God. Therefore, the constant race to obtain these things in order to satisfy mere human needs and desires is transformed, and thus oriented toward the sublime. We require virtue and grace to be our teachers, because they are the tutelage of Christ Himself.

The desires we brought to God throughout Lent were really about the most basic human longing of all: happiness. Now in God's plan, that happiness is not derived from some *THING*, it is found in some *ONE*: God Himself. It was the original state of affairs with Adam and Eve; their happiness was found in God, then

extensively through their enjoyment of life in the Garden. Original sin changed the order of this dynamic, and we are prone now to seek our happiness by extracting joy from the world through ourselves. This quest for happiness then becomes unnatural, and we become trapped in a paradox, in that true happiness can only be found in God. So, we are stuck, and because happiness is thwarted, we are not capable of enjoying the freedom that goes hand-in-hand with the gift of reason. Our Lenten exercises were about recalibrating our understanding of where happiness is found, and then how to use our freedom to attain it. This is a definition of freedom; becoming adept at seeking the good and preferring what is true. Freedom is not found or experienced by event-to-event endeavors or having a "full life" in a manner portrayed in advertisements or social media. If this were true, the world would be a lot happier.

Happiness and freedom are the hallmarks of grace. It is Christ's gift to us; that through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, we are equipped to manage our difficulties and joys through our unity with Him in grace. The world is fraught with problems, no doubt. True freedom, the kind that is borne of what is good and true, allows joy to abide in and through us because the intentions of our soul is wedded to action in a manner that was restored by the victory of Christ. This doesn't mean it easy, but our life in the Sacraments ensures we are fulfilling the Will of God who knows so well what we are up against.

Joy springs forth after a thing is surmounted or a victory is won. Christ won His victory for us, so let's put to use the graces we sought through our Lenten exercises. The peace that Christ bestows is an interior disposition so that we can act in freedom. It is the way to live in this world for the sake of the next, and why this Eastertide is a season of great joy. Happy Easter!!

RE and Discipleship Programs:

Steubenville July 2024: STM is looking to partner with surrounding parishes to take a bus of High School students to Steubenville Rochester. The dates are July 12-14. Contact coordinator@stmbrookings for more info.

RE Closing Mass: The school year is quickly coming to an end! We want to celebrate and give thanks to God for all of the wonderful gifts and blessings this year. Come and help us celebrate at the RE closing mass on May 1st at 5:30pm. Ice cream social to following.

Lumen Christi : Save the date! Lumen Christi is coming to STM July 21st-26th This summer formation program is great for our young people ages 1st-12th grade. More info will follow in the coming weeks. We are looking for families to host the Lumen Christi missionaries for that week. If you are interested please call the front office or email discipleship@stmbrookings.org

Food & Fellowship Meal - 5-6 PM

April 17: Porkloin Sandwich
All are welcome, free will donation.

Men's Rosary: Monday April 29th there is a rosary held in the chapel at 7:00pm praying for vocations and for the men in our parish. All men are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

Women's Rosary Group: Next Rosary is Monday May 6th held in the chapel at 7:00pm. All women are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

KC'S Scriptural Rosary Group: Meet 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to pray this rosary with the knights which includes beautiful scripture telling the story within each mystery. Next Rosary will be Tuesday, May 13th.

Welcome! New to Brookings or have you been coming to St. Thomas More for a while but not a member? You can join our St. Thomas More Church family by contacting the parish office and filling out a short form. Contact us today at 605-692-4361

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

13/14	Sat/Sun		CDA Craft/Bake Sale-Gathering Space
14	Sun	9:30AM	Coffee & Rolls- St. Dorothy
15	Mon	5:00PM	Cemetery Clean up
16	Tues	9-11AM	Mom's Group- Couch Room
16	Tues	4PM	Study Group- Room C
16	Tues	5-8PM	CDA Meeting- Room C
16	Tues	6:15PM	Adult RE (RCIA)- Social Hall
17	Wed	All Evening	RE Classes
17	Wed	2:30PM	Youth Choir- Sanctuary
17	Wed	5-6PM	Food and Fellowship- Social Hall
17	Wed	6:00PM	Adult Choir- Sanctuary
18	Thurs	10:30AM	Study Group- Office Conf. Room
18/19	Thurs/Fri	7:30-7:00AM	Eucharistic Adoration-Sign up for an hour at tinyurl.com/STMAdoration
20	Sat	9:00AM	Fr. Rod's Bible Study- Room C
21	Sun	9:30AM	Coffee & Rolls- St. Ann

News from the STMCS Saints! He is RISEN! The STMCS Saints would like to wish you all a very happy Easter Season! We are so incredibly grateful for your overwhelming generosity to our school!! We feel monumentally blessed and want you to know that because of your partnership we are able to make an eternal mark on the souls and lives of the children that we serve at STMCS. They are growing in holiness, love for our faith, and knowledge each day because of your support and patronage. Educating the next generation with a Catholic Worldview is indispensable in the world today—and you are helping to make that a reality with your support! In fact, if you want to *physically* show your proud support for our beloved school, you can purchase one of our "Proud Supporter" yard signs. They are currently available for \$30 each, with all proceeds going to support the school and our mission.

Don't forget to bring your **Hy-Vee grocery, gas and pharmacy receipts** to STM to help the school earn cash. Drop them in the donation container on the table under the bulletin board. Also detailed Aisles online printed receipts work to.

Brookings Hy-Vee Receipts Only

St. Thomas More Catholic School is seeking to hire a Principal, grades PK-5 for 2024/25 school year. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply. More information and a job description may be found on the parish website, as well as the diocesan Job Board, found at www.sf catholic.org. Click on the header tab "employment opportunities".

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. St. Agnes #618 Scholarship:

1-\$1000 scholarship for a graduating senior or incoming freshman at a university, college or vocational school.
1-\$1000 scholarship for an upperclassman attending a university, college or vocational school.
Applicants must have a parent or family member that is a member of St. Thomas More Parish in Brookings. Applications may be picked up at St. Thomas More Parish Office. **Due Date is April 26, 2024.** Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, principal and/or parish member are required. Transcripts of grades for upperclassmen must be furnished along with the application form.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

13	Sat	5:00PM	Mary & Rudy Foerster †
14	Sun	8:30AM	Joyce Brodersen †
14	Sun	10:30AM	Steve & Ben Myers †
14	Sun	5:15PM	For the people (Spanish)
15	Mon	7:00 AM	NO MASS
16	Tues	5:15PM	Int of Catholic Daughters
17	Wed	12:10PM	For Vocations
17	Wed	5:15PM	Aaron Laabs †
18	Thurs	7:00AM	Steve Swath †
19	Fri	7:00AM	Corine Thomas †
20	Sat	5:00PM	Sylvester & Virginia Billet †
21	Sun	8:30AM	Joyce Brodersen †
21	Sun	10:30AM	Francis Kritzberger †
21	Sun	5:15 PM	For the people (Spanish)

	Memorial, Feast, or Solemnity	Readings
Mon.	Easter Weekday	Act 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
Tues.	Easter Weekday	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
Wed.	Easter Weekday	Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
Thur.	Easter Weekday	Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
Fri.	Easter Weekday	Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
Sat.	Easter Weekday	Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69



Through the Sacrament of Baptism We Welcome: Munro Martin Flannery, Son of Marshall & Ashely Flannery. May Munro grow with us in the love of God.

Pastorate Service opportunity. STM Knights of Columbus in partnership with Catholic Daughters and Sleep In Heavenly Peace are going to build beds on Saturday May 18, 2024 in the STM Parking lot with a goal of 100! Morning shift 9-12 am, Afternoon shift 1-4pm. There will be brats and hotdogs for lunch by Knights of Columbus and potluck by Pastorate. In June, these beds along with mattresses, bedtime story books and stuffed animals will be delivered to the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations in partnership with Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters from Rapid City. **Sign ups for potluck, work shifts and donations will be available the weekend of April 20-21 .** Please contact Philip Carlson 605-692-4361 if you have questions about the build, delivery or the culmination of Pilgrimage at Black Elk Peak 29 June 2024.

Please remember to drop off your Rice Bowl donations to the Return Bowl in the Gathering space. Thank you!!



STM Cemetery cleanup 8th St. S. (west of the airport) on Monday, April 15th, at 5pm. All who are able to join us are encouraged to come help. Please bring your own rake and gloves.

Activity Center (Gym) Schedule

Free Adult Aerobics classes

Low-impact aerobics: Contact Joan: 695-6994

Mon, Tues, Thurs 5:30 to 6:30pm & Sat 10:00am

Dance Aerobics: Contact Leanne: 690-4420

Tues, Thurs 6:30 to 7:30pm & Sat 9:00am.

All are welcome, free of charge!

Non-Parish members are asked to sign a waiver.

STM CHOIRS

All are welcome! Contact Sara Olson, our music liturgist, at sara@stmbrookings.org or 692-4361.

STM Choir-High School & Adults. The choir sings Sundays and is directed by Dr. Laura Diddle-Hildebrandt. New voices are always welcome! Rehearsals are Wed at 6:00PM. The Choir will sing at 8:30am mass.

Youth Choir - Grades 2-8. YC meets on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-3:45PM. We start with snacks at 2:30 in the Social Hall. YC sings at one Sunday morning Mass a month and is directed by Sara Olson. Contact sara@stmbrookings.org to register.

You are invited to: Eric Lohr's Senior Recital

Sunday, April 14th at 4 p.m.

Founders Recital Hall - SDSU

***Eric is a cantor for Sunday Masses, funerals and weddings at STM.**

Last Week's Donations

From April 4 -10, 2024

Weekly Budget \$ 14,942.31 Year to Date \$ 612,634.71

Weekly Giving \$ 19,903.45 Year to Date \$ 699,516.19

Last Year's Giving July-April \$ 714,666.57

CFSA: Goal: \$ 162,200

Amount Pledged: \$ 118,472

Counter Schedule April 21

Ronda & Kantack and Greg & Lora Fargen

The Bloodmobile will be coming to St. Thomas More on Tuesday, April 23, from 7:00am to 2:20pm in STM parking lot.

The sign-up for the blood drive will be available in the Gathering space. You may call the parish office if you have any questions or to sign up at 692-4361

Weekend of April 20th & April 21st

	Lector	Server	EM	U/G
5:00 PM	John Kubal (1) Bea Kubal (2)	Addison Arthur Holden Larson Camden Larson	Pascal Bedard Rachel Mark NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Blaine Hoff Paul Thomas Anita Thomas Frank Vlaminck
8:30 AM	Jessica Andal (1) Rick Van Sambeek (2)	Isaac Andal Audrey Andal Autumn Visser	Michele Sage Joan Van Sambeek Jerry Visser Vicki Whitehead	Tom Coughlin Kathy Coughlin Brant Mathiason NOT FILLED
10:30 AM	Kathy Gilpin (1) NOT FILLED (2)	Nolan Gross Emerson Gross Hadley Myers	Sharon Klosterman Matt Kurtenbach Mary Ruane John Ruane	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

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