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## Easter Sunday

March 31, 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 10:34a,37-43**

**Psalms 118:1-2,16-17,22-23**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

**John 20:1-9**

Everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

The Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

### From Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick:

*"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad".* Christ has triumphed over death, and His victory is ours as well. Our Lord teaches us that suffering for the sake of virtue and holiness does have a reward: a reward that far outstrips any worldly prize. He has opened for us all the gates of heaven, and beckons us to our true home. This is the reason that we can suffer joyfully and endure disciplines for the sake of rectitude and Truth that sees past the trappings of this world. Our life in virtue and charity is the key.

Our Lord demonstrates that true freedom is the happy consequence of love. It is evident in the love He showed us by bearing the weight of humanity's sin and estrangement from God by His suffering and death. He taught us a New, and powerful Commandment: to love one another as He has loved us. He loved those He wasn't supposed to love, and ignored the conventions and the prejudices of His time through love. Love is beneficial to both the one who gives love, and receives love.

The Lord has also given us the most genuine way to love ourselves. Our attention is turned from the trappings of the world and its false aggrandizements, and is instead turned towards the eternal and the things of God. We love ourselves through Him, His presence in our souls, and the beautiful share in His creative power He bestows upon us: the ability to give and beget love in freedom. These are the fruits of grace, and this grace was won by His victory on the Cross.

The Good News is not too good to be true. We have at our disposal the power of the Cross, the witness of Scripture, the beauty of theology, and most importantly, the knowledge of God's loving call that our soul knows by His

gifts of grace. Despite the distractions and pressures of our daily life, we are able to live holiness and devotion despite our stumbling and transgressions. While we may struggle, remember the nobility of our pursuit, and the sublime nature of our call to live as children of the light.

We were purchased at great price by the blood and sacrifice of Son of God. That ought to tell us something about the love God has for us, and our value to Him because of this love. What cause for joy and trust in the Lord! It teaches us that whatever our past, our future is determined by our response to His call to love Him above all things.

As we progress through this Easter season, we put the 40 days of penance behind us. The Easter season is fifty days; a period of joy that compares most favorably to the forty days of prayer and penance we have just observed. Christ exemplifies the love of God. It is not punitive or coercive. Rather, His love is one that beckons and teaches by appealing to our very nature itself, a nature that gravitates toward the Good inherently by His grace working with the natural inclinations written on our hearts. The final act of God to reorder our sinful nature ties together the Covenants of old by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Ransomed by the price of His Blood, our emancipation is ensured by our Gospel life, and by partaking in His Sacraments.

So, we must live as the redeemed children we are, putting into practice the freedom that Christ bestows on us by being called sons and daughters of God. Let us practice virtue and goodness because we can...not just because it is something we are supposed to do.

Have a blessed Easter and a wonderful Easter season!

**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.

**D-Camp Registration is Open :** Calling to all Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers! D-Camp registration is open! For registration and more info go to <https://www.sfcatholic.org/youth/d-camp/>

**Religious Education Resumes:** Happy Easter! All Religious Education classes and small groups resume April 3rd. Confirmation will resume April 3rd, at 7:00pm in the Social Hall.

**Food & Fellowship Meal - 5-6 PM**

April 3: Pizza Hotdish

All are welcome, free will donation.

**Women's Rosary Group:** Next Rosary is Monday April 1st held in the chapel at 7:00pm. All women are welcome. Fellowship to follow.

**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.

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

**Easter Memorial Flowers:**

If you would like to give a donation for Easter flowers or a memorial, please do so by enclosing your gift with a note indicating for whom and from whom. You may drop it off in office or place it in the collection marked Easter flowers memorial. If you prefer to give online, go to [stmbrookings.weshareonline.org](http://stmbrookings.weshareonline.org).



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**

1	Mon	All Day	Office Closed
1	Mon	7PM	Women's Rosary in Chapel
2	Tues	9-11AM	Mom's Group- Couch Room
2	Tues	4PM	Study Group- Room C
2	Tues	6:15PM	Adult RE (RCIA)- Social Hall
3	Wed	All Evening	RE Classes
3	Wed	2:30PM	Youth Choir- Sanctuary
3	Wed	5-6PM	Food and Fellowship- Social Hall
3	Wed	6:00PM	Adult Choir- Sanctuary
3	Wed	7:00PM	Confirmation Class- Social Hall
4	Thurs	10:30AM	Study Group- Office Conf. Room
4/5	Thurs/Fri	7:30-7:00AM	Eucharistic Adoration-Sign up for an hour at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/STMAdoration">tinyurl.com/STMAdoration</a>
6	Sat	9:00AM	Fr. Rod's Bible Study- Room C
7	Sun	9:30AM	Coffee & Rolls- St. Rachael
7	Sun	2:30PM	Adoration
7	Sun	3:00PM	Divine Mercy Devotions

**News from the STMCS Saints!**

Happy Holy Week from the STMCS Saints! We pray that your Lenten Season has been filled with an abundance of graces and has drawn you ever closer into the heart of the Father. We praise God for His faithfulness and for pouring out His abundant blessings upon STMCS-- Praise be Jesus Christ now and forever!

As you are aware, **STMCS is expanding for the 24/25 school year to include 5<sup>th</sup> Grade!** Enrollment is now **OPEN**, and we would love to **FILL OUR SCHOOL!!** Prayerfully consider if STMCS is the right fit for your family! We would love to meet with you! May Our Heavenly Father pour forth His generous love into your heart! Be More—Be A SAINT!!

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**

**Through the Sacrament of Baptism We Welcome:** **Eden Marie Larson**, daughter of Jared & Nicky Larson. May Eden grow with us in the love of God.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patty Simpson, Mother of Tammy Graham. May Patty and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

\*\*\*Don't forget that we have "**hearing devices**" located on the table between the doors of the Church. You can use the provided headphones, or bring your own set. Also, there are two "neckloop telecoil couplers" that will transmit the sound directly into one's hearing aid.\*\*\*

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

30	Sat	8:00PM	Kenny Spotts †	
31	Sun	8:30AM	Mary Moore †	
31	Sun	10:30AM	Robert Foster †	
31	Sun	5:15PM	For the people	( Spanish )
1	Mon	7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>	
2	Tues	5:15PM	Barbara Stevens †	
3	Wed	12:10PM	Corine Thomas †	<b>School Mass</b>
3	Wed	5:15PM	Barbara Stevens †	
4	Thurs	7:00AM	Steven Swath †	
5	Fri	8:15AM	Roland Couser †	<b>First Friday</b>
6	Sat	8:00AM	For the Seminarians	<b>First Saturday</b>
6	Sat	5:00PM	Thomas Graham †	
7	Sun	8:30AM	Mary Moore †	
7	Sun	10:30AM	Tom Klosterman †	
7	Sun	5:15 PM	For the people	(Spanish)

	Memorial, Feast, or Solemnity	Readings
<b>Mon.</b>	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14,22-23; Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tues.</b>	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wed.</b>	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thur.</b>	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
<b>Fri.</b>	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
<b>Sat.</b>	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

#### **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.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:** CGS Catechists Needed: "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Catholic religious education program for 3-12 year old children. CGS uses hands-on materials to assist the child in knowledge of liturgy and scripture. Children meet weekly in a specially prepared environment called an atrium. In the atrium adult catechists present materials to children, either individually or in a small group allowing them to work with and meditate on scripture, liturgy and the life of the church. They learn through relationship, prayer, and discussion. Because the children are able to return to the work as often as they choose which is immersed in scripture, it becomes a form of Lectio Divina or contemplative prayer for them." We want to bring CGS back to STM, but we need people to get trained to help with this. If you are interested in getting trained or interested in being in the classroom as an aid, please let Natalie know [coordinator@stmbrookings.org](mailto:coordinator@stmbrookings.org).

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:sara@stmbrookings.org) to register.

### **Counter Schedule April 7**

Julie Puetz and Kevin & Leanne Banken

### **Last Week's Donations**

From March 21-27, 2024

Weekly Budget \$ 14,942.31      Year to Date \$ 582,750.09

Weekly Giving \$ 12,930.00      Year to Date \$ 656,801.72

Last Year's Giving July-March      \$ 631,170.27

CFSA: Goal: \$ 162,200

Amount Pledged: 108,830

**Did you Know?** St. Thomas Mores East doors are open during school hours! Funerals, Daily mass, Office related things, please use east doors.

**South doors are the School Entrance** all school related activities go through South doors. South School entrance and hall are locked for children's safety during school hours.

### **Weekend of April 6th & April 7**

	Lector	Server	EM	U/G
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Kurt Basset (1) Sue Basset (2)	James Fitzpatrick Helaina Wakeman <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Rita Harming Sean Higgins Rachel Mark Peggy Settle-Kenefick	Leanne Banken Kevin Banken Craig Johnson <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Anne Gathje (1) Rick Van Sambeek (2)	Faith Bachar Alexandra Bachar <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Keri Bachar Mary Schulte Joe Schulte Joan Van Sambeek	Steve Kirkey Bill Zink <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Joe Schefers (1) Katie Schefers (2)	Asher Bucholz Abram Bucholz Ailish Crinion	Patricia Crinion Melissa Kurtenbach Angela Pillatzki <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Matt Caron Tom Davis Dave Schneider <b>NOT FILLED</b>

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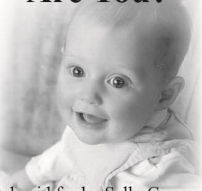
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