

**The Catholic Community
of St. Thomas More**

**Directory of Ministries
and Groups**



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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. THOMAS MORE

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

PARISH MINISTRIES

I. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRIES

The mission of the Building and Grounds Ministries is to provide technical support to assure that the current and future facilities needs for the parish and school are met. This mission is fundamentally one of planning for and overseeing construction of new buildings, and maintaining current buildings and grounds.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PORTFOLIO LEADER: Carlos Lima, 919.942.6232, calima@st-thomasmore.org

1. **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Members provide technical support to ensure current and future environment and space needs at St. Thomas More. The mission of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is fundamentally one of planning for and overseeing construction of new buildings and maintaining current buildings and grounds. Contact Carlos Lima, 919.942.6232, calima@st-thomasmore.org.

2. **Columbarium Committee**

The Columbarium Committee is responsible for assisting the Pastor in the administration of the St. Thomas More Memorial Garden and Columbarium in accordance with the requirements of the Diocese of Raleigh and this policy. No additional volunteers are needed at this time, but for information about this committee or about the Memorial Garden and Columbarium, contact Dennis Egan, 919-942-6265, degan@st-thomasmore.org.

3. **Environmental Stewardship**

Comprised of parishioners, faculty and staff, and families, the St. Thomas More Environmental Stewardship Ministry has a two-part mission: 1) to establish or improve environmental management practices in the church and school buildings and grounds, and 2) to encourage throughout the parish and school the dimension of spirituality that can be called Christian environmental stewardship. Call or email [Bob Weickert](mailto:Bob.Weickert@st-thomasmore.org) at 919.929.0715 or [Mark Simon](mailto:Mark.Simon@st-thomasmore.org) at 919.960.6050.

II. CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

Catholic Formation Ministries are catechetical, spiritual, sacramental and community building programs with the purpose of bringing knowledge of Christian living, the Catholic faith and sacramental preparation to St. Thomas More parishioners. As such they touch the lives of every member of the community and should provide effective resources for personal and communal spiritual development.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PORTFOLIO LEADERS: Mary Ennis, 919.408.0262, mennis27@yahoo.com and Lauralee Long, 919.942.2102, LauraleeHLong@gmail.com.

1. **Adult Faith Formation**

Ministry of adult formation and education offers catechetical opportunities through study of Scripture, Church Teaching and Social Justice. Contact Jim Hynes, 919.933.1041, jhynes@st-thomasmore.org.

2. **Bible Study**

The Catholic Biblical School Program meets weekly for a four-year, in-depth study of the Bible. Participants may join at any time. Contact Jim Hynes, 919.933.6237 or jhynes@st-thomasmore.org.

3. Catechumenate (Becoming Catholic) – Adults

The catechumenate provides pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training in the Christian life those adults who are seeking baptism or Christians of other traditions who have been called to reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. The entire community is invited to participate, by being a sponsor and in witnessing to the mystery of salvation celebrated in the sacraments of initiation. Contact Andrew Casad, 919.942.6235, acasad@st-thomasmore.org.

4. Catechumenate (Becoming Catholic) – Children

The catechumenate for children provides the same formation as given adults but is adapted for children ages 7-17 who wish to become Catholic. Volunteers are trained to teach faith development and offer support. Contact Jim Hynes, 919.942.6237, jhynes@st-thomasmore.org.

5. Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children ages 4-8 gather during 5:15 p.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses to hear and reflect on the Word of God proclaimed, and to pray according to their age of faith development. Contact Mollie Berry, 919.942.6236, mberry@st-thomasmore.org.

6. Elementary Faith Development

Volunteer catechists teach children (Pre-K through Grade 5) prayers, beliefs, doctrine, traditions and sacraments of the Catholic faith through Lectionary catechesis, based on sacred scriptures, liturgy and traditions of the Church. Contact Jim Hynes, 919.942.6237, jhynes@st-thomasmore.org.

7. Immersed in Christ

Parishioners participate in a program that integrates Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups and catechesis into coherent experiences of evangelization. During the six weeks of Lent, groups of parishioners gather at hosts' homes to share faith experiences relating to the Sunday readings and discuss questions from various resource materials. Lively conversations often lead to insightful discussions of personal faith journeys. If you are interested in information on hosting or joining a group, please contact Jim Hynes, 919.942.6237, jhynes@st-thomasmore.org.

8. JustFaith

JustFaith is an opportunity to experience a spiritual journey into compassion through an in-depth study of Catholic social teaching through Scripture, theological reading, retreats and direct experience. Participants must commit to a 30-week program. Contact Jim Hynes, 919.942.6237, jhynes@st-thomasmore.org.

9. Landings (for Returning Catholics)

Ministry for welcoming those who wish to investigate returning to the Catholic Church. Contact Ken Reeb, 919.918.3536, kreeb@earthlink.net.

10. Library Committee

Members maintain the Parish Library and encourage parishioners to borrow books, tapes and other educational materials. In addition, members prepare and manage book cart in narthex after weekend Masses. Contact Jim Hynes, 919.942.6237, jhynes@st-thomasmore.org.

11. Nursery Ministry

The Nursery provides parents with a good alternative to bringing lively little ones into the sanctuary during Mass by providing a safe and loving place where children can participate in age-appropriate activities during Mass, including some catechesis based on the Pre-K Catholic Faith Development program entitled "Seeds". Contact Cynthia Monarrez-Larrick, 919.933.6914, nurserycoordinators@yahoo.com or Kelly Gregory, 919.929.2089, kelly338@hotmail.com.

12. Vacation Bible School

Children ages 4-14 explore their Catholic faith in a fun, week-long summer fun environment. Volunteers 14+ years are needed. Contact Jim Hynes, 919.942.6237, jhynes@st-thomasmore.org.

13. Youth Ministry

The youth ministry programs provide faith formation and sacramental preparation through catechesis as well as retreat opportunities, service outreach, and social events. Volunteers are trained to be catechists to teach faith development. Additional volunteers are also needed for a variety of supportive activities.

a) **Junior High Youth Ministry (JYM)**, Grades 6-8: Annette Horlbeck, 919.942.6238, ahorlbeck@st-thomasmore.org.

b) **Total Youth Ministry (TYM)**, Grades 9-12: Georgie Clemens, 919.942.6240, gclemens@st-thomasmore.org.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

The mission of the Communication ministries is to develop creative means and ways to consistently share God's message and the efforts of all St. Thomas More ministries with our parishioners, school community, neighboring parishes, Raleigh Diocese, Piedmont Deanery and the secular community, and to provide the St. Thomas More community with tools, methodologies and products that inform, communicate and celebrate the wide variety of activities occurring within our community.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PORTFOLIO LEADER: Amy Lorenti, 919.969.2740, lorenti_writes@yahoo.com

1. Communications Committee

Members develop creative ways and means to share God's message and the ministry efforts of all St. Thomas More portfolios with our parishioners, school community, neighboring parishes, Raleigh Diocese, Piedmont Deanery, and the secular community. They provide the St. Thomas More community with tools, methodologies and products that inform, communicate and celebrate the wide variety of activities occurring within our community. Contact Amy Lorenti, 919.969.2740, lorenti_writes@yahoo.com.

2. Information Technology Committee

The I/T Committee includes staff members and volunteers who provide counsel and support to the parish and school administration regarding Information Systems, Network Infrastructure and Strategic Planning. Committee membership is open to parish and school members with skills and experience in Information Systems. Quarterly meetings are held on campus. Contact Dan Angelini, 919.942.6226, administrator@st-thomasmore.org for more information.

III. COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES

The Community Life Ministries promote the celebration of life and community in our parish and enable parishioners to look to the Community of St. Thomas More as a focal point for their social relationships. The Community Life ministries bring parishioners together in prayer, service, celebration, and recreation, strengthening the social bonds among them and building on the foundation of an active parish community. Within these ministries, we continue to study, lead, share and serve, striving to live as the body of Christ in the world.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PORTFOLIO LEADER: Jan Sidor, 919.932.9423; jsidor@nc.rr.com and Alessandra Livraghi-Butrico, 919-489-1651, alessandra_livraghi@earthlink.net

1. Bereavement Ministry

Reaches out and offers support to those experiencing loss of a loved one due to death. All information is kept confidential. If interested, please contact Joyce Loeb sack, 919.403.8256, jloeb sack@earthllink.net.

2. Catholic Mothers' Network

Members celebrate motherhood by meeting once a month to explore parenting issues in the context of Catholic faith. Contact Melanie Ubil, 919-949-6657, mjonaip@yahoo.com or Sarah Connelly 919-361-7679, sarah.connelly@hotmail.com.

Meals for Moms – Contact Julie Malloy, 919.969.8052, jamalloy@nc.rr.com.

3. Catholic Scouting

Cub Scouts - For boys in 1st through 5th Grade. For more information about membership or volunteer opportunities call or email Harvey Portwood, 919-401-5620, hdport@verizon.net

Boy Scouts - St Thomas More does not have an active Boy Scout troop at this time. For information about other local troops, contact the [Occoneechee Council](http://98.130.84.178/race2scouts/index.html), Boy Scouts of America, 3231 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27604 (<http://98.130.84.178/race2scouts/index.html>)

Girl Scouts - For girls in Kindergarten through 8th grades. For more information about membership or volunteer opportunities call or email Anne Marie Clifford, 919-806-3797, mclifford@mindspring.com

4. Catholic Women's Book Club

This group meets once every three weeks for social time and to reflect on various books regarding the Catholic Faith and issues facing our world today. Contact: Karen Lewis, 919.929.0651, tokyokaren@yahoo.com.

5. Dinner Club

Groups are formed in the Fall and meet once a month through May in each other's homes. Great way to meet new people! Contact Lisa Beisser, 919.932.7396, lisa_beisser@yahoo.com

6. Faith Connections on Mental Illness

The role of this planning/advisory committee is to provide education about mental illness in order to eliminate stigma and offer faith, hope and understanding for those whose family history includes mental illness (biochemical illnesses/disorders of the brain such as depression, bipolar, schizophrenia or anxiety disorders (exclusive of learning disabilities.) Meetings are held on the last Friday of the month with members of the InterFaith Connections committee. Regular monthly or bi-monthly meetings of the St Thomas More Advisory Board will be established in the future. Contact Donna Olsen, 919.942.6227, dolsen@st-thomasmore.org or Gail Komives, gmkomives@aol.com

7. Funeral Committee

Provides receptions for families who have funeral Masses or ceremonies at St. Thomas More. Volunteers plan, prepare food, set up, serve and clean up after receptions. Contact Marianne Wolf, 919.732.4915, ncwolf@visionet.net.

8. Intercessory Prayer Team

Members of this team will pray once a month for the needs of our parishioners who have made specific prayer requests to the St. Thomas More Parish Office. Intercession will include reading from Scripture and from a book by the author, Joy Lamb, entitled "The Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God". The Team meets on the second Monday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Anneke Jakes, 919.542.1548, ajakes1@embarqmail.com.

9. Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Fellowship

Through meeting weekly for fellowship, Scripture study, discussion, and prayer (as well as service projects, BBQs, etc) we strive to help each other grow into the husbands, fathers, workers, citizens, and

disciples that God is calling us to be. Contact Peter Hynes, 919.452.2851, peterhynes2@gmail.com.

10. Jobs Network Ministry

Support group to help those with job or career search and related activities such as networking, resume preparation and interviewing skills. Contact Mike Komives, 919.942.8520, gmkomoves@aol.com.

11. Knights of Columbus (Divine Mercy Assembly)

Knights of the Fourth Degree focus on promoting patriotism, citizenship, and on religious education and works. They will also promote Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday, John Paul II Institute of Divine Mercy, and the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. The Assembly welcomes all parish Fourth Degree knights to join the local assembly. Contact Lee Heavlin, 919.968.8628, LHeavlin@gmail.com.

12. Knights of Columbus (Paul J. Trageser Council)

A religious fraternal men's group that supports local mentally and physically handicapped and disabled children through fundraising campaigns and personal support. Meet 3rd Wednesday of month, 7:30 p.m. Contact John Felten, 919.929.6569, jkfelten@msn.com.

13. Men's Club

Volunteers raise funds for parish outreach ministries and St. Thomas More School needs, including scholarships, primarily through monthly Pancake Breakfasts. Meets 7:30 p.m. on 1st Wednesday of month. New members are enthusiastically welcomed! Contact Terry Crook, 919.929.6844, terrycrook@earthlink.net or Drew Melvin, 919.929.4921, mvrck4921@yahoo.com.

14. Office Assistance

Volunteers enter information into parish database, answer telephones, help with mailings, type for priests, count collections and serve parish as needed. Contact Jennifer Bartnik, 919.942.6225, jbartnik@st-thomasmore.org.

15. Polish-American Club

Members meet 1st Wednesday of month during school year to engage in social, educational and cultural activities, promote Polish traditions, and to learn or improve Polish language skills. Contact Les Mazur, 919.593.1396, lmazur@nc.rr.com.

16. Rosary Repair Ministry

Chain-linked rosaries are repaired as a free service to our faith community and in honor of our Blessed Mother. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Tom Edelen, 919.933.9606, tomedelen@earthlink.net. No experience is necessary.

17. Social Committee

Members coordinate, obtain, prepare and serve food and beverages at parish gatherings. Volunteers welcome parishioners, set up and clean up at receptions and socials. Contact Kathy Callisher, 919.929.1038, Callishj@bellsouth.net or Joann O'Connell, joconnell@morethanmarketing.com, 919.933.6737.

18. Softball Team

Members meet, practice and play in recreational league with area churches. Contact John DeMasi, 919.408.0914, John.DeMasi@netapp.com

19. Welcome Committee

Members assist with welcome receptions for new parish members, collating information packets, calling newly registered members, enthusiastically welcoming new parishioners. Contact Laura Stewart, 919.942.6229, lstewart@st-thomasmore.org.

20. Women's Group

Spirituality, sociability and service are goals of this ministry whose members meet the first Tuesday of each month for a Communion Service, followed by lunch and discussion of parish needs and opportunities to volunteer. Contact Harriet Melvin, 919.929.4921, mvrck4921@yahoo.com.

21. Young Adults

A sense of community is fostered for Catholics in their 20s and 30s who meet for discussion about issues in the Catholic Church and incorporate activities to encourage fellowship, spiritual growth, and participation in community service. Contact Danelle Lobdell, 919.563.9813, epiwar@yahoo.com, or Alessandra Livraghi-Butrico, 919.489.1651, alessandra_livraghi@earthlink.net.

IV. HISPANIC MINISTRIES [MINISTERIOS HISPANOS]

The Hispanic Ministries serve as vehicles of evangelization through which our growing Hispanic population can express, live, and grow in their faith in their native language. We seek to foster an environment where our community can interact socially and spiritually, and help St. Thomas More become a fully integrated multicultural parish.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PORTFOLIO LEADER: Luis Buxo, 919.403.9141, luisrbuxo@yahoo.com or Aida Buxo at 919.403.9141, alugosomolinos@hotmail.com

1. Agua Viva Prayer Group

Members meet to praise and pray to God and to proclaim His Word. The whole family is welcome. Call Douglas Cruz, 919.883.6374.

2. Altar Servers [Monaguillos]

The role of the Altar Server is to assist the presider during Liturgical celebrations. Volunteers supervise existing Altar Servers and train new servers (4th grade and up) for Masses and ceremonies. Call Juan Carlos Perez, 919. 572.0795 or 919.236.7721.

3. Baptism Preparation [Bautismos]

Help parents and godparents prepare for responsibilities and liturgy of this first Sacrament. Volunteers present Church teachings and responsibilities as well as logistics of the baptismal liturgy. Meetings are held the first and third Fridays of every month. Contact Gulnara Trauco, 919.370.7831, gulnaraT@unch.unc.edu or Nidia Mercado, nidiamerc@ymarl.com.

4. Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) [Liturgia para los Niños]

Children ages 4-8 years gather during the homily at Sunday Mass to hear and reflect on the Word of God, and to pray according to their age of faith development. Call or email Sara Vidal, 919.923.5000, saracvidala@hotmail.com.

5. Equipo Pastoral

Equipo Pastoral is a vehicle of evangelization by which our Latino population can express itself, live, and grow in its faith in its own language. We look to promote an atmosphere where the community can interact spiritually and socially and help St. Thomas More become a united, multicultural parish. Contact Luis Royo, 919.357.0237, luroyoca@gmail.com.

6. Eucharistic Ministers [Ministros de Eucaristia]

Members assist the presider in distributing the Eucharist at all Masses. Some also minister to the sick and homebound. Ongoing training is offered. Contact Luis Royo, 919.357.0237, luroyoca@gmail.com.

7. Funeral Committee [Comite de Funerales]

Members provide receptions for families who have funeral Masses or ceremonies at St. Thomas More. Volunteers plan, prepare food, set up, serve and clean up after receptions. Contact Rev. Romen Acero, 919.942.6231, racero@st-thomasmore.org.

8. Hospital Visitation [Pastoral de los Enfermos]

Members visit and bring the Eucharist to Catholics who are in UNC and Duke Hospitals and wish to receive Holy Communion. Call Ismael Galvan, 919.929.1740.

9. Hospitality and Welcome [Hospitalidad y Bienvenida]

Members help with welcome receptions for new parishioners, make welcome packages, and call newly registered members. Call Eleno Gonzalez, 919.933.2165.

10. Latina Health Fair [Feria de Salud]

An annual event providing free health screening and information, targeting the area's Spanish speaking population. Committee Volunteers are needed to coordinate agencies, publicity, food and entertainment. Committee meets twice a month for the three months preceding the Spring event. Translators, set-up and clean-up volunteers needed the day of the Fair. Contact Kathy Tesh Roundtree, 919.401.6124, kathytesh@yahoo.com.

11. Lectors [Lectores]

Lectors proclaim God's word in readings at weekend and Holy Day Masses. Training for all lectors is held annually and individually as needed. Contact Jacqueline Velazquez 969.2562, jackiejerry@yahoo.com.

12. Marriage Preparation [Coordinación de Ensayo Matrimonial]

This is a married couple ministry that serves to support engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. During the six months of preparation, the married couples help engaged couples complete forms required by the Diocese, share their experience of their sacramental married life with the engaged couple, and spend several evenings to prepare for their upcoming wedding and lifetime together. Contact Gladys Morris, 919.732.3101, gladysmorris@aol.com.

13. Mass Coordinators (Liturgy Committee) [Coordinador(a) de la Misa]

Members ensure that Altar Servers, Lectors, lighting, sound, candles, and all elements are ready for celebration of the Mass. Contact Gerardo Celaya, 919.260-6215, jackiejerry@yahoo.com and Juan Ramirez, 919.968.6837.

14. Quinceañeras

Volunteers help with the preparations, rehearsals and Masses for the Quinceañeras. Call Maria Guadalupe Ariza, 919.928.0166.

15. RCIA (Catechumenate – Becoming Catholic) [RICA]

The catechumenate provides pastoral formation and guidance aimed at training in the Christian life those adults who are seeking baptism or Christians of other traditions who have been called to reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. The entire community is invited to participate in the celebration of this sacrament of initiation. Contact Douglas Cruz, 919.883.6374.

16. Rosary Ministry [Rosario]

To promote and spread devotion to the Virgin Mary, through praying of the Rosary, in the certainty that She is our best intercessor. To fortify the family unit in the premise that "The Family that says the Rosary remains always united". The group meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Youth House. Contact Rosalia Galvan, 919.929.1740.

17. Sister Parish Steering Committee

Members promote evangelization between our Hispanic and non-Hispanic parishioners while strengthening the ties with Santa Cruz, our parish sister in Juventino Rosas in Guanajuato, Mexico. Contact Ken Reeb,

919.918.3536, kreeb@earthlink.net.

18. St. Cecilia Choir [Coro Santa Cecilia]

Open to men and women who want to lead the congregation in the songs of the Liturgy, to prepare psalms, and to teach new songs. New members receive training. Contact Marianne Kremer, 919.929.2059, allegromaria@webtv.net.

19. Translations [Traducciones]

Committee members provide assistance with English-Spanish translations for parish materials and documents. Contact Luis Buxo, 919.403.9141, luisrbuxo@yahoo.com

20. Wedding Committee [Matrimonios]

Volunteers assist with wedding rehearsals and the ceremonies. Training provided. Contact Soleir Gordon-Shafer, 919.302-9743, dschaefer9@aol.com.

V. LITURGY MINISTRIES

The mission of the Liturgy Portfolio is to provide coordination, training, and planning so that parishioners can encounter God and each other in word, sacrament, and one another. We strive to create joy-filled religious celebrations as the people of God gather to worship, bringing their lives, ministries, needs, and hopes to God and to each other.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PORTFOLIO LEADER: Jim Bauer, 919.593.8032, jimmydbauer@aol.com

1. Altar and Sanctuary Care

Members wash and iron altar cloths, purificators and towels, and clean the church sanctuary. Volunteers rotate work schedule. Contact Andrew Casad, 919.942.6235, acasad@st-thomasmore.org..

2. Altar Servers

The role of the altar server is to assist the presider during liturgical celebrations. Volunteers monitor existing and train new altar servers (4th grade and up) for Masses and ceremonies. Contact Jim Bauer 919.593.8032, jimmydbauer@aol.com.

3. Baptism Preparation

Help parents prepare for responsibilities and liturgy of this first Sacrament. Volunteers present Church teaching and responsibilities as well as logistics of the baptismal liturgy. Meetings held the 1st Thursday every month. Contact Don or Heidi Watkins, 919.699.4429, sailwithheidi@mac.com.

4. Environment & Art Committee (and Plant & Flower Subcommittee)

This committee enhances the worship space through the use of art. Volunteers decorate for the liturgical seasons, and provide and plan for the environment and art of the church. Contact Barbara Wasik, 919.942.3946, wasik@unc.edu.

Members of the **Plant and Flower Subcommittee** decorate the church with flowers and plants and attend to all aspects of their care within the worship space at St. Thomas More. Adults and teens are welcomed. Contact Barbara Wasik, 919.942.3946, wasik@unc.edu.

5. Eucharistic Ministers

Members assist the presider in distributing the Eucharist at all Masses. Some also minister to the sick and homebound. Ongoing training is offered. Contact Jane or Jerry Kyle, 919.942.6578, jkyle@nc.rr.com.

6. Hospitality Ministers

Members greet and welcome parishioners and visitors at weekend Masses, provide seating assistance, and distribute bulletins. Contact: Contact Jane or Jerry Kyle, 919.942.6578, jkyle@nc.rr.com.

7. Lectors

Proclaim God's word in readings at weekend and Holy Day Masses. Training for all lectors done annually and individually as needed. Contact Andrew Casad, 919.942.6235, acasad@st-thomasmore.org.

8. Liturgy Committee

Liturgy Committee meetings are open to anyone who would like to help shape and plan liturgical celebrations at St. Thomas More. The Committee comprises the Pastoral Council Liturgy Portfolio Leader, the Director of Liturgy, the heads of our liturgical ministries, and the Sacristans. Meetings are generally on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Santa Cruz Room. If you have an issue you would like addressed but cannot attend meetings, or if you would like to be involved, please contact Andrew Casad, 919.942.6235, acasad@st-thomasmore.org.

9. Marriage Preparation

This is a married couple ministry that serves to support engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. During the six months preparation time, the married couples help engaged couples complete paperwork needed by the Diocese, share their experience of their sacramental married life with the engaged, and spend several evenings helping interpret the FOCCUS tool engaged couples take to help them prepare for their upcoming wedding and lifetime together. Contact Jane or Jerry Kyle, 919.942.6578, jkyle@nc.rr.com.

10. Mass Coordinators

Members ensure that altar servers, lectors, lighting, sound, candles, and all elements are ready for celebration of Mass. Contact Jane Kyle, 919.942.6578, jkyle@nc.rr.com.

11. Wedding Coordinators

Volunteers assist with wedding rehearsals and the ceremonies. Training provided. Contact Cheryl Filpus 919.967.8963, cheryl@filpus.org.

VI. MUSIC MINISTRIES

The mission of the Music Portfolio is to develop the talent, skills and musicianship of each singer/instrumentalist as together we as a Community explore, prepare and share a diversity of sacred song with particular focus on the musical treasures of the Catholic Church.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PORTFOLIO LEADER: Barbara Benjamin, 919-542-1973, bbenjamin001@nc.rr.com

1. Cantors

Open to men and women high school age and up. Lead congregation in singing at liturgy, prepare psalms, Gospel and other acclamations, introduce new music to the congregation. Provide music for weddings, funeral Masses and ceremonies. New cantors receive personal training, all receive coaching. Contact Roger Petrich, 919.942.6233, rpetrich@st-thomasmore.org.

2. Celebration Singers

Serves 9:15 a.m. Mass, mid-August to mid-June, and major feasts and sacramental services. Open to high school and older, vocalists and instrumentalists. Rehearse Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Contact Barbara Reynolds, 919.493.6883, bareynolds@nc.rr.com.

3. Chelsea Chimes (Handbell Choir)

Malmark handbells are used by members, men and women high school age and up. Ringing choirs perform at numerous weekend and Holy Day Masses. Rehearse Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact Roger Petrich, 919.942.6233, rpetrich@st-thomasmore.org.

4. Instrumentalists and Soloists

People proficient on string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments are welcome and encouraged to enhance choirs. Solo singers serve weddings, funerals, and liturgical seasons. Contact Roger Petrich, 919.942.6233, rpetrich@st-thomasmore.org.

5. MORE Praise (School Choir)

Open to students in grades 6-8. Learn music reading, singing technique, liturgical awareness and preparing songs for liturgy. Rehearse Thursdays, 11:30am-noon. Contact Roger Petrich, 919.942.6233, rpetrich@st-thomasmore.org.

6. Music Librarians

Our choirs sing literally hundreds of pieces of music each season, all needing to be handed out, then collected and re-filed. New music also needs to be processed. Database skills are helpful. Hours are flexible. No singing abilities or librarian experience is needed, but requires attention to details. Contact Roger Petrich, 919.942.6233, rpetrich@st-thomasmore.org,

7. Schola Cantorum

Serves 11:15 a.m. Mass, September-June, and all major feasts. Members are high-school age and older. Extensive repertory employed, from chant to Renaissance motets to *Messiah* to contemporary composers, and our own Roger Petrich. Rehearse Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact Roger Petrich, 919.942.6233, rpetrich@st-thomasmore.org.

8. St. Cecilia Choir

Open to men and women who want to lead the congregation in the songs of the Liturgy, to prepare psalms, and to teach new songs. New members receive training. Contact Marianne Kremer, 919.929.2059, allegromaria@webtv.net.

VII. OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The mission of the St. Thomas More Outreach portfolio, coordinated by the Community Involvement Committee, is to promote the awareness of Catholic Social Teaching within the parish community and to guide and encourage parish involvement in charitable and social justice issues, locally and beyond, to work for a more just, charitable, and peaceful society.

PASTORAL COUNCIL PORTFOLIO LEADER: Tish Galu, 919.960.4437, galu@bellsouth.net

1. Caring and Sharing Center

Many volunteers are required to help with welcoming our guests and sorting items at the Center, which receives and shares household items and seasonal clothing with the needy in Orange and surrounding counties. Contact Lucy Doak, 919.942.8692, lucybd@nc.rr.com, Marilyn Kearns, 919.967.8277 mrkearns@nc.rr.com, or Marie Clark, 919.942.9222, mariepclark@aol.com.

2. Catholic Charities

Counseling is offered for needy individuals, couples and families. Family Life programs and financial assistance are available. Support is provided for the poor from both the Spanish- and English-speaking communities. Contact Barbara Stickford, 919.932.3544, jimstick@mindspring.com.

3. Community Involvement Committee (CIC)

Members meet monthly to plan parish outreach programs (Blood Drive, Crop Walk, etc.) to promote Catholic social teaching and to support the work of all the Outreach ministries. Contact Tish Galu, 919.960.4437, galu@bellsouth.net.

4. Habitat for Humanity

Provides adequate and affordable housing for the working poor. Volunteers work rotating schedules at a home site. Other volunteers prepare and supply lunch for workers. Contact Linda Heffernan, 919.942.6862, jheffernan@nc.rr.com, or Susan Doyle, 919.933.3291, spdoyle@bellsouth.net.

5. Hospital Ministry

Members visit and bring the Eucharist to Catholics who are in UNC and Duke Hospitals and wish to receive Communion. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire, 919.942.6230.

6. Homebound Ministry

Members visit and bring the Eucharist to parishioners Catholics who are homebound and wish to receive Communion. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire, 919.942.6230.

7. IFC Community Kitchen

An Inter-Faith Council (IFC) for Social Services program that serves the poor and needy. Cooking groups plan, prepare and serve meals. Regular volunteers work twice a month 6:00-7:45 a.m., twice a month 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and once a month 4:00-6:30 p.m. All help is welcomed, even if it is on a one-time basis. Contact Laurie Tucker, LTT1411@aol.com, 919.493.8690.

8. IFC Crisis Intervention

Members from local churches provide leadership and staff to address the issues and problems of the needy in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Volunteers interview and assist IFC clients. Contact IFC office, Kristin Lavergne, 919.929.6380, servicesdirector@ifcmailbox.org, or Barbara Stickford, 919.932.3544, jimstick@mindspring.com.

9. IFC Shelters for Men and Women

Assists the IFC by providing trained volunteers to serve as receptionists and staff assistants at the Community House Men's Shelter and the HomeStart Women and Children's Shelter in Chapel Hill. Contact Laue Tucker, LTT1411@aol.com, 919.493.8690; Kathie Kearns, (919) 932-9705, kkearnss@bellsouth.net; or Jane Hathaway, (919) 403-2111, jhathaway1@nc.rr.com.

10. Latino Health Fair

An annual event providing free health screening and information to the area's Spanish speaking population. Volunteers are needed to coordinate agencies, publicity, food and entertainment and meets twice a month for the three months preceding the Spring event. Translators, set-up and clean-up volunteers are needed the day of the Fair. Contact Kathy Tesh Roundtree, 919.401.6124, kathytesh@yahoo.com.

11. Meals on Wheels

Volunteers pick up meals prepared by a food service organization and deliver them to clients in their homes. Drivers, substitute drivers and baked goods are always needed. Contact Stacey Yusko at 919.929.9752, staceyyusko@yahoo.com.

12. Migrant Worker Outreach

Assembles care kits for migrant workers during the summer using parishioner donations. Volunteers are needed in June, July and August only. Tish Galu, 919.960.4437, galu@bellsouth.net.

13. Nursing Home Ministry

Members visit and bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are Assisted Living Center or Nursing Home residents. Contact Joanne Caye, 919.933.9883, jscaye@email.unc.edu or Chantal Shafroth, 919.929.5428, cmshafroth@earthlink.net.

14. Pregnancy Support Services

An inter-denominational Christian group that provides support and service to young women in crisis-pregnancy situations. Services are free, confidential and available to anyone in need. Volunteer opportunities as counselors, receptionists or clothing closet organizers are available. Contact Mimi Every, Director, PSS Chapel Hill, 919.942.7318 or PSS Durham, 919.490.0203.

15. Project HomeStart

Provide dinner for women and children who are homeless and temporarily living in the shelter. Volunteers work in teams to provide 12-14 dinners each month. Teams can prepare meals at home and deliver them, or prepare meals at the shelter. It's a good way to involve children. Contact Julie Bauers, 919.967.2534, jbauers@nc.rr.com.

16. Respect Life Committee

The Committee serves our parish by sharing educational activities regarding life issues. Contact Maureen Earnhardt, 919.967.3253, digitaldavid@bellsouth.net.

17. Social Justice

Working with Justice United (Orange County Justice United in Community Effort), volunteers help guide and encourage parish involvement in social justice issues to work for a more just and peaceful society. Contact Tish Galu, 919.960.4437, galu@bellsouth.net.

18. Stars of Hope Quilters

We make quilts for our wounded troops. Our goal is to let our men and women who are wounded during service to our country know that the "home front" cares about them. The "Quilts of Valor", named after the national, non-profit organization: "Quilts of Valor Foundation" with whom we are affiliated, are hand delivered to troops at Ft. Bragg in Fayetteville. To help with this ministry or for more information please contact Sue Wolf, 919.942.5425; susanne.wolf@unc.edu or Anneke Jakes, 919.542.1548, ajakes1@embarqmail.com.

PARISH LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

I. FINANCE COUNCIL 2010-11

Members advise the Pastor and support parish staff in preparation of budget, investigation of items with financial impact, and review reporting of financial results. Strategic planning for long-term parish needs with Pastoral Council, Stewardship Committee, St. Thomas More School.

Chair: Gregg Davis, (919) 370-7484, davisgregg@aol.com

II. PASTORAL COUNCIL 2010-11

The primary leadership organization of the Parish is comprised of the Parish Council president, members of the Finance Council and School Board, and the leaders of the various Portfolios within the parish. The council operates under the oversight and cooperation of the Pastor and the Parish Team of staff liaisons, and serves as the primary integrating force of the parish. The mission of the Pastoral Council is to consult with the Pastor on matters of importance to the parish community, aiding him to fulfill the Mission and to pursue the vision of the parish through focused discussion and prayerful deliberation and discernment.

Chair: Dave Norris, 919.968.6730, din209@bellsouth.net

III. NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE

The New Building Committee was appointed by the pastor in 2003 to achieve the following: (1) validate, and update as necessary, the Master Plan documented in February, 1996 during construction of the church and upper school; (2) define requirements for a new parish multi-purpose building; develop the specific design, contents and cost of that building; develop, contract, & execute the project according to established timelines; and (3) determine whether there are additional projects needed to fulfill St Thomas More's mission.

Co-Chairs: Bob Smith, (919) 408-3014, RLSUSN@nc.rr.com
Meade Christian, (919) 942-4435, meadech@aol.com,

IV. ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Principal: Sr. Catherine Michael Fee, (919) 929-1546, cfee@st-thomasmore.org

1. HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA) 2010-11

The Home and School Association (HSA) is an organization composed of all St. Thomas More School parents and teachers. HSA members encourage and coordinate parental involvement to enrich School programs, maintain and improve the social environment among students, parents, and teachers, and raise funds to support special facilities and programs at St. Thomas More School.

President Joanne Vance, (919) 490-8493, jwvance@nc.rr.com

Please see the Home and School Association (HSA) website for more information and contacts for the following committees. <http://www.stmhsa.org>.

Endowment Committees

Auction
Gift Wrap Sales
Lunch Program
Special
Fundraisers
Grocery Card
Programs
Uniform Resale
Christmas Tree
Coupons

Environment Committees

Communications
Grade Parents
Volunteer Coordinator
Buildings and Grounds
Teacher Recognition
Nominations Committee
Public Relations
Upper School Social
Safe Environment

Enrichment Committees

Academic Enrichment
Community Service
Arenal Mission
Cultural Enrichment
Halloween Carnival

2. SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

The St. Thomas More School Advisory Board is comprised of St. Thomas More school parents and parishioners, and representatives of the parish administration and school faculty, who serve at the invitation of the Principal and the Pastor and who provide advice and guidance in fulfilling the mission of St Thomas More School: "to provide an education for each child in a God-centered environment."

Chair: Sue Ann Glower, (919) 932-1847, glowe001@mindspring.com

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The Catholic Community of St. Thomas More Mission Statement



As individuals striving together to become True Disciples of Jesus:

- We joyfully celebrate our relationship with God and neighbor through the sacraments and the liturgy to enable each parishioner to encounter God in word, sacrament, and one another.

Liturgy (Leitourgia) Psalm 48

- We bring parishioners together in prayer, service, celebration and recreation strengthening the social bonds among them and building on the foundation of an active parish community. We promote the celebration of life and community in our parish to enable each parishioner to look to St Thomas More as a focal point for their social and spiritual growth.

Community (Koinonia) Ephesians 4

- We seek to strengthen our identity as Catholics through a deeper understanding of our beliefs and to form a parish that is vitally alive in faith and exemplifies the love of God. We strive to provide an array of activities and resources designed to enable adults, youth and children to more fully understand and live their faith. **Evangelization (Kerygma) Acts 2:42-46**

- We serve Christ, both individually and collectively, through a life style firmly based in Catholic values and promote the awareness of Catholic social teaching for a more just and peaceful society. We seek to enable each parishioner to share their time, talent and treasure in the service of God, His church and the community. **Service (Diakonia) Genesis 1, 2; Matthew 5, 6, 25**

We unite under the protection of our Blessed Mother, Virgin Mary, manifested as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and we pray for her intercession with God as we strive to become true Disciples of Jesus.

The Catholic Community of St. Thomas More Vision Statement

Inspired by the Courage and Conviction of St Thomas More,
Responding to God as the Virgin Mary did, and
Called in Baptism as prayerful Stewards,
We share our gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure.
In so doing, we strive to be “True Disciples of Jesus”