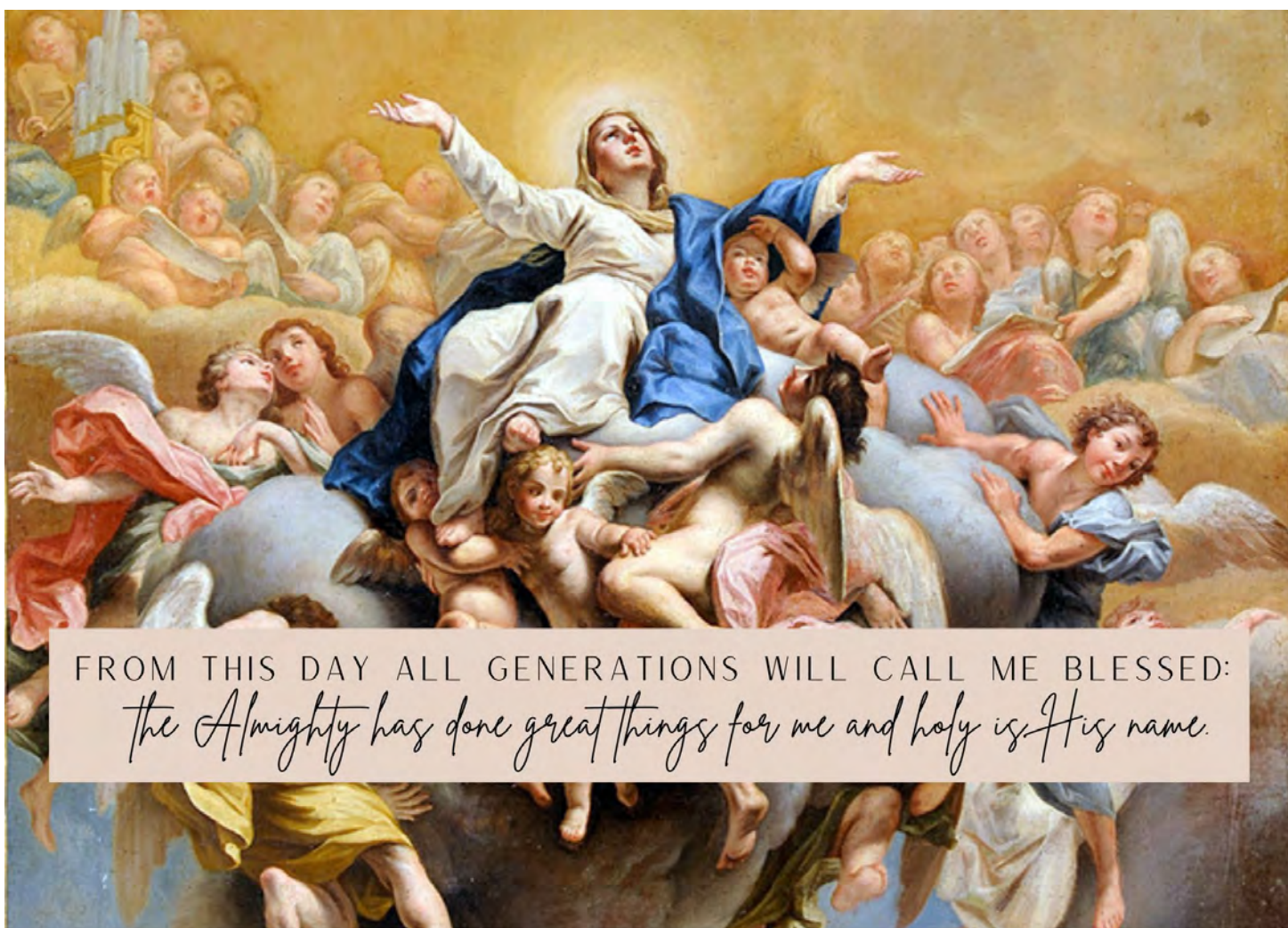




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FROM THIS DAY ALL GENERATIONS WILL CALL ME BLESSED:  
*the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His name.*

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.



Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

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## Confirmation classes set to begin

Packets for Confirmation have been mailed to parishioners entering 11th grade for this upcoming school year. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 6 p.m. in the church. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 1. If you are interested in participating or did not receive a packet, please contact Chelsea Colomb at [colombc@stmb.org](mailto:colombc@stmb.org) or call 275-3940.





August 6, 2021

Dear STM Parishioners and Parents,

The STM Auction event scheduled for August 21, 2021, is being postponed because of the severity of the ongoing pandemic in the state and local area. St. Thomas More will conduct an online silent auction in early September and details will be released soon. Through the efforts of donors and volunteers, last year's virtual auction raised \$60,000 for STM. The proceeds from the auction are used to support St. Thomas More through educational, charitable, and spiritual activities as well as facility improvements.

We still ask for your support in order to continue building on the successes of previous auctions. We invite you to donate to and participate in the 2021 Auction – by going Back to the Future. Your donation may be an item, product, gift certificate, or sponsorship. Donations from you and/or your business will be recognized in our auction program that will be posted online and distributed to hundreds of parishioners and STM supporters. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase your products, services and support of our local community at St. Thomas More. All donations to be included in the catalog should be pledged by Friday, September 3, 2021. We will gladly send assistance to retrieve any items as needed. To notify us of a donation or if you have any questions, please email [stmorauction@gmail.com](mailto:stmorauction@gmail.com) or contact Mary Katherine Jackson at [mkatjack@gmail.com](mailto:mkatjack@gmail.com) or (225) 405-1941.

Any person that purchased tickets or sponsorships for the STM Auction previously scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> will be contacted by the auction committee to discuss reimbursement. Sponsor packages for the September silent online auction will be available for purchase online at [www.stmbrauction.com](http://www.stmbrauction.com). Additionally, there are two raffle tickets available for purchase: STM "Unlock the Box" Apple Watch Raffle (\$10 per chance) and Split the Pot 50/50 (\$10 per chance). Raffle tickets are available on the auction website or in the church and school offices. If you have questions about raffle tickets, please contact Jody Schwartz at [jjody20@yahoo.com](mailto:jjody20@yahoo.com) or (225) 281-1895.

We hope we can count on your support. May God bless you for your consideration of supporting our fundraising efforts. A preview of the live auction items will be available one week before the auction.

\* Registration as a bidder is free! The link to register as a bidder is <https://www.qtego.net/qlink/stmla>. For all auction news and information, please visit [www.stmbrauction.org](http://www.stmbrauction.org).

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Michael Alello  
Pastor



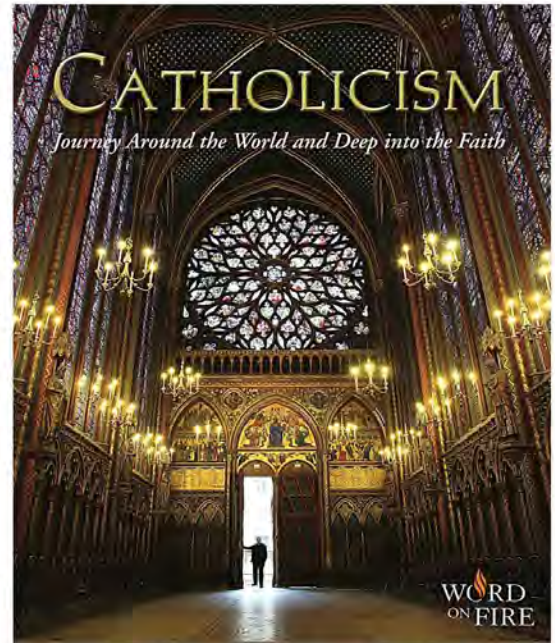
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Each one hour session of this ten week study is being offered twice weekly on Thursday evenings and Friday mornings beginning September 2/3. Babysitting will be provided if requested during registration.

The registration fee is \$25 per individual/couple to cover the cost of the workbook.

(If the registration fee presents a burden, please contact Sister Janelle Sevier in the church office.)

## JOIN US FOR PART I

Thursdays @ 7pm | Activity Center  
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The Lord is always close to us: through new invitations, new words, with His consolations. The Lord is eternal. He never, ever retires. .

#### FLOWER DONATIONS

The altar flowers this weekend are donated by Jane and Jimmy Mathes in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The ambo flowers this weekend are donated in memory of Kathryn Dubroc as requested by Nicole Walker.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, Aug. 17 - 6 p.m.:** Landry Family, Tom Webre, Rusty Perilloux, Kathleen Martin, James Prevot, Mary Hoang, Larry Cronan, Teresa

**Thursday, Aug. 19 - 8:45 a.m.:** Noelle Willey

**Saturday, Aug. 21 - 4:30 p.m.:** STM Families, Friends and Neighbors

**Sunday, Aug. 22 - 8 a.m.:** Hugh Smith; **10 a.m.:** Portal Natividad Rosales, Jack and Dean Howard, Gail and James Rippel, Harris Ducote, Courtney Boyer, Patricia Mullins; **5 p.m.:** Mamie Muscarello

#### SANCTUARY LIGHTING

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory Ernest Bonaccorso Jr. the week of Aug. 15 as requested by the Bonaccorso family.

The sanctuary light in the chapel will burn in memory Joseph Mary Tran the week of Aug. 15 as requested by Tuyen Pham.

#### PRAYER LINE

For serious or urgent prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 225-978-1246 (leave your name and phone number if there is no answer), or send a request by email to [prayerline@stmbr.org](mailto:prayerline@stmbr.org).

#### PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers the following seriously ill persons: **Bill Bailey, Pat Bailey, Brandon Burrows, Larry Brown, Lisa Brown, Al Diehl, Liz Ferguson, Annagrace Fremin, Ronnie Gauthier, Jr., Ruth Gauthier, Jane Gelpi, Leslie Gendron, Deborah Landry, David Longwell, Terri Mallett, Londyn Morse, Mary Morse, Grace Thompson, Loressa Watts, D.J. Webre.**

*To add your name, or the name of a loved one if you have their permission, contact Elise Moran at [morane@stmbr.org](mailto:morane@stmbr.org), or call 225.275.3940.*

You are invited to a

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For more information or to register online, go to <https://bit.ly/MagBRAug2021>. Contact Gwen Gillis at 225-505-7050 with any questions. (Participants will be asked to wear a mask, except when eating.)



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spiritual growth of the parish family.*

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

### IN SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of **Jerry Cronin**.

### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to **Jonathan Michael Fresina and Ashlyn Marie Hindrichs** who were married August 9th here at St. Thomas More. The parish wishes them a lifetime of happiness together.

BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHO TRUST IN THE  
LORD; THE LORD WILL  
BE THEIR TRUST.

JEREMIAH 17:7



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