

# St. Thomas More Church



*Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving*

*Celebrating the 50th Reunion of*

*St. Thomas More Grammar School*

*Class of 1961*

*April 16, 2011*

*DoubleTree Hotel, Oakbrook, Illinois*



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

April 16, 2011

Dear Friends in Christ,

Congratulations and best wishes as you celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your graduation from Saint Thomas More School. As you gather for a Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, concelebrated by your classmates Father Jim Joslyn and Father Pat Brennan, I unite my prayers to yours that God may bless each of the 196 members of the Class of 1961 along with the teachers, religious and priests who contributed to your education.

Reunions are a time for remembering the many people who educated you and formed you in the Catholic faith, enabling you to live your lives in service to others. It is an opportunity to give thanks for the lasting friendships and for God's many blessings, past and present. As you look toward the future, may the Lord fill your hearts with His love and may you continue to witness the Gospel of Jesus in all you say and do.

Each of you and your loved ones are remembered in my prayers; please keep me and the needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Saint Thomas More School  
Class of 1961  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Hymn:

#### To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

To Jesus Christ our sovereign King Who is the world's  
salvation.  
All praise and homage do we bring and thanks and adoration.



#### <Refrain>

**Christ Jesus victor! Christ Jesus ruler! Christ Jesus Lord and redeemer!**

Thy reign extend O King benign to every land and nation.  
For in Thy Kingdom Lord divine alone we find salvation.

#### <Refrain>

To Thee and to Thy Church, Great King, we pledge our hearts' oblation.  
Until before Thy throne we sing in endless jubilation.

#### <Refrain>

### Greeting:

*Priest:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Lector:* **PROCLAIMING THE PRESENCE OF STM '61**

As we come together to start our 50th Reunion celebration with this Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, we are mindful in a very special way of those members of our Class who have died.

We want them to be a real part of all of the Reunion celebration, especially this Mass. We want to have their presence here with us in this room. On this altar there are 17 candles. Each represents one of our deceased classmates. Each candle will now be lighted.

1. Marcia Bartosik Arger
2. Karen Callahan Mowen
3. Kathleen Condon Swoope

4. Michael Croke
5. (Fr.) John Daley
6. Joseph Hale
7. Terry Hinz
8. Joyce Klusas Perkaus
9. William Kovac
10. Thomas Lucas
11. John McDade
12. Martin McGinnis
13. John Murphy
14. Claudia Olund Powers
15. Thomas Plutz
16. Timothy Savage
17. Susan Schmid Hanik

Let the light that shines from these candles be the physical manifestation of their presence here with us at this Mass.

There is another candle we will light and this represents all those other members of our Class who are living but who, for whatever reason, are not with us in this room for this Mass.

Let the light that shines from this candle be the physical manifestation of their presence here with us at this Mass.

Fr. Brennan, Fr. Joslyn and Fr. Bowler, now that all 196 members of the St. Thomas More Class of 1961 are present, it is my privilege on behalf of the entire Class, to respectfully request that you now lead us in the celebration of this Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving marking the Golden Anniversary of our graduation.

### **Penitential Rite:**

*Priest:* Coming together as God's family, with confidence let us ask the Father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion.

*Priest:* You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.

*All:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Priest:* You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

*All:* **Amen.**

## Opening Prayer:

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading:

*Lector:* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 50: 4-7

THE LORD GOD has given me/ a well-trained tongue,/ that I might know how to speak to the weary/ a word that will rouse them./ Morning after morning/ he opens my ear that I may hear;/ and I have not rebelled,/ have not turned back./ I gave my back to those who beat me,/ my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;/ my face I did not shield/ from buffets and spitting.

THE LORD GOD is my help,/ therefore I am not disgraced;/ I have set my face like flint,/ knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God!**



### Responsorial Psalm:

#### PSALM 22

*Lector:* My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

*All:* **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

*Lector:* All who see me scoff at me;  
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,  
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

*ALL:* **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

*Lector:* Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
they have pierced my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones.

*ALL:* **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

*Lector:* They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But you, O Lord, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.

*ALL:* **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

*Lector:* I will proclaim your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

*ALL:* **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

### **Second Reading:**

*Lector:* A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11

CHRIST JESUS, though he was in the form of God,/ did not regard equality with God something to be grasped./ Rather, he emptied himself,/ taking the form of a slave,/ coming in human likeness;/ and found human in appearance,/ he humbled himself,/ becoming obedient to the point of death,/ even death on a cross./ Because of this, God greatly exalted him/ and bestowed on him the name/ which is above every name,/ that at the name of Jesus/ every knee should bend,/ of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,/ and every tongue confess that/ Jesus Christ is Lord,/ to the glory of God the Father.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God!**

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

*Cantor (sings):* Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

*All:* **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### **Verse Before the Gospel:**

*Cantor:* Christ became obedient to the point of death,/ even death on a cross./  
Because of this, God greatly exalted him/ and bestowed on him the name  
which is above every name.

*Cantor (sings):* Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

*All:* **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### **Gospel:**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord!**

**N = Narrator      V = Voice      † = Jesus      C = Crowd**

N Jesus stood before the governor, who questioned him,

V "Are you the king of the Jews?"

N Jesus said,

† "You say so."

N And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

V "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?"

N But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them,

V "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?"

N For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply,

V "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

N They answered,

C "Barabbas!"

N Pilate said to them,

V "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

N They all said,

C "Let him be crucified!"

N But he said,

V "Why? What evil has he done?"

N They only shouted the louder,

C "Let him be crucified!"

N When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying,

V "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves."

N And the whole people said in reply,

C "His blood be upon us and upon our children."

N Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying,

C "Hail, King of the Jews!"

N They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha - which means Place of the Skull -, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying,



- C "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!"
- N Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said,
- C "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"
- N The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.
- From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
- † "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"
- N which means,
- † "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- N Some of the bystanders who heard it said,
- C "This one is calling for Elijah."
- N Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said,
- C "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him."
- N But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.
- (Here all kneel and pause for a short time.)
- N And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said,
- C "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Homily:**

**Profession of Faith:**

***NICENE CREED:***

**All:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
**[bow during the next two lines:]**  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

**Lector:** For all world leaders, may they come to realize that peace among all peoples of  
this earth is the ultimate goal, and pursuit of that goal the most meaningful measure  
of a successful government,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Lector:* For our pope, Benedict, our cardinal, Francis George, all ordained priests and all men and women who profess religious orders, and all the faithful lay members of the One, holy Catholic Church,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For all those who hold public office in our Democracy, may they know that nothing so diminishes the great public trust placed in them as when they perform their duties as public servants with pomp, self-puffery or for personal gain.

May they realize that nothing so exalts their high position as when they perform their duties with humility and righteousness in all things, always putting the public good before their own personal interests,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For all those who are sick, infirmed or suffering any type of health problem. We, especially, remember those members of our Class who are in need of prayers for health reasons, be they here with us tonight or not:

Barb Hames, Donna Richter, Kathy Horton Draeger,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* For all faithful departed souls, especially our deceased Classmates, may they all now dwell in the house of the Lord, our God, and enjoy His perpetual light,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* We, especially, remember all those who contributed to our formation in the Catholic Faith through our education at St. Thomas More Grammar School, including:

- Our parents and all other members of our family, our friends, neighbors and all other parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish.

- The resident priests who served at STM during our grammar school years (1953-1961):

Fr. Francis D. Hayes	(Founding Pastor 1946-1972)
Fr. Donald Shields	(1953-1957)
Fr. Joseph Auer	(1957-1959 & 1961-1966)
Fr. Michael Bowler	(1957-1965)
Fr. James Coleman	(1959-1966)

•Our religious and lay teachers:

GRADE	TEACHER
1	Sr. Rosala
1	Miss Gerton
1	Sr. Gemella
2	Ms. Sheehy
2	Sr. Penteforte
2	Mrs. Carroll
3	Miss Severa
3	Mrs. Morgan
3	Miss O'Rourke
3	Sr. Agnessa
4	Miss Leone
4	Sr. Duschene
4	Miss LaRue
4	Miss Gallagher
5	Miss O'Rourke
5	Sr. Mechtilde
5	Mrs. Barry
5	Miss Clancy
6	Sr. Priska
6	Sr. Silvina
6	Sr. Hugo
6	Sr. Duschene
7	Sr. Marie Shiela
7	Sr. Theonella
7	Sr. Beatrix
7	Sr. Priska
8	Sr. Adrian/Sr. Barat
8	Sr. Loman
8	Sr. Carmella
8	Sr. Erigina
Art	Mrs. McGrogan
Music	Mrs. Alice Doney

- All those who worked for the parish but, especially,

Mr. Hayes, the ever-vigilant keeper of the church keys. And, finally,

Steve, the ancient school custodian, who never failed to provide ample cause for amusement - and amazement - when he arrived at a classroom with his 10 foot ladder to change a light bulb, always to the delight of the students and the annoyance of the presiding teacher.

*Lector:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* All present may add to these petitions...

Let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Presentation of the Gifts / Preparation of the Altar:

*Priest:* Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Priest:* Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**All:** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Priest:* Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All:** **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**



### Prayer over the Gifts:

*Priest:* .....

**All:** **Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer:

### *Preface Dialogue:*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

*All:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Sanctus:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## Memorial Acclamation:

*Priest:* Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:* **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## Doxology and Great Amen:

*Priest:* Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

*All:* **Amen!**

## COMMUNION RITE

### Lord's Prayer:

*Priest:* Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

*All:* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**



*Priest:* Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*All:* **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

### **Sign of Peace:**

*Priest:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live forever and ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

### **Breaking of the Bread:**

*All:* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

### **Communion:**

*Priest:* This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

*All:* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Communion Minister:* The body of Christ.

*Communicant:* **Amen.**

*Communion Minister:* The blood of Christ.

*Communicant:* **Amen.**

### **Communion Song:**

#### **Gift of Finest Wheat (You Satisfy the Hungry Heart)**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;  
so when You call Your family Lord,  
we follow and rejoice.

**<Refrain>**

**You satisfy the hungry heart  
with gift of finest wheat,  
come give to us o saving Lord,  
the bread of life to eat.**

With joyful lips we sing to You,  
Our praise and gratitude,  
that You should count us worthy Lord,  
to share this heavenly food.  
**<Refrain>**

Is not the cup we bless and share,  
the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf declare  
Our oneness in the Lord?  
**<Refrain>**

The mystery of Your presence Lord,  
no mortal tongue can tell;  
whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell.  
**<Refrain>**

You give yourself to us o Lord,  
then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in Your name  
in truth and charity.  
**<Refrain>**

### **Prayer after Communion:**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Lecturer:*

### **STM '61 GOING FORWARD**

We now put out the candles representing the departed members of our class. But in doing so, we are mindful that their light can never be extinguished. For we, the living class members, are the torch bearers of their memories for all the remaining days of our life.

We keep their memories alive - in our fond thoughts of them, in the kind words we speak of them and in the earnest prayers we say for the repose of their souls.

Going forward, may our entire Class be assembled again in the fullness of time in the house of the Lord.



## CONCLUDING RITE

### Greeting:

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

### Blessing:

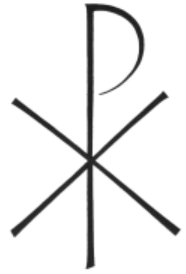
*Priest:* May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

### Dismissal:

*Priest:* The Mass is ended, go in peace.

*All:* **Thanks be to God!**



## **Closing Hymn:**

### **Now Thank We All Our God**

Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

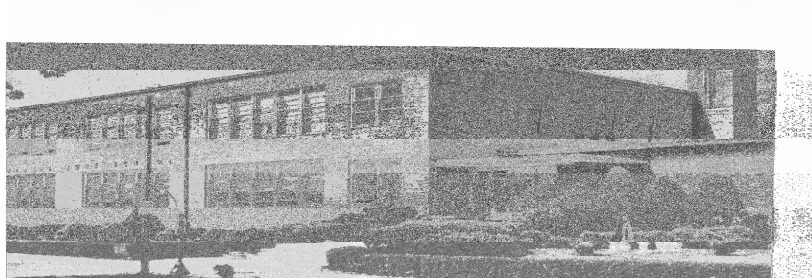
O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

**We keep in our thoughts and prayers  
our deceased Classmates**

Marcia (Bartosik) Arger	10/18/2008
Karen (Callahan) Mowen	06/06/1982
Kathleen (Condon) Swoope	09/2009
Michael Croke	03/30/2009
(Rev.) John Daley	03/14/1996
Joseph Hale	08/30/2009
Terry Hinz	11/08/2000
Joyce (Klusas) Perkaus	12/2003
William Kovac	01/17/2000
Thomas Lucas	05/04/1999
John McDade	09/1992
Martin McGinnis	05/01/2006
John Murphy	01/11/2004
Claudia (Olund) Powers	2006
Thomas Plutz	08/21/1996
Timothy Savage	1984
Susan (Schmid) Hanik	05/12/2010

# St. Thomas More Grammar School



Special thanks to the many members of STM '61 who worked, literally, for years to locate the members of the Class and to plan the outstanding events to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of our grammar school graduation.

Recognition of Class members for their assistance with the Reunion Mass is made to:

Concelebrants:	Rev. Pat Brennan & Rev. Jim Joslyn
Flowers:	Tom Collopy & Larry Lebda
Missalette:	Frank Dolan
Music:	Michele Foertsch O'Donnell

*Thou Shalt Keep*



*in Touch*

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