

# St. Thomas More Catholic Campus Ministry

May 16th - Seventh Sunday of Easter

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### Mass Schedule:

**Mon. & Wed.** 4:00pm @ Catholic Center  
**Tues. & Thurs.** 4:00pm @ Hendricks  
  
**Sundays** 10:30am @ Catholic Center  
 1:00pm @ Hendricks Chapel  
 4:00 pm @Hendricks Chapel  
 8:30pm @ Catholic Center

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### **Join us for the Baccalaureate Mass!**

**On Saturday May 15th at 5:15pm** we will be celebrating a special Mass including a blessing of the new SU and ESF graduates.

Anyone is welcome to attend and you are encouraged to bring your families. Join us in recognizing these young adults and the great accomplishment they have achieved.

**\*There will be a 5:00pm Mass ONLY next Sunday, May 16th.\***

### ***He is present in His absence !!! another paradox!***

We find ourselves in virtually the same situation as the people for whom the fourth gospel was intended: faith alone assures us that the Risen One is still present in the world, but present in absence.

We believe that, in returning to his Father, Christ does not cease to act. His death did not put an end to the spread of the gospel. By his death and rising Christ is present in a new way. The Spirit which had come down on him in the Jordan is now poured out upon all believers. We go forth to plant the seed of his word.

The time of presence in absence is therefore the time for us to assume our own responsibility. Without taking hard and fast positions, we accept, in faith and hope, the risk of giving new answers to life's ever-new questions. The Spirit demands that we take the risk.

### **Summer Mass Schedule**

Beginning May 23 there will only be a 10:30am Mass each Sunday.  
**The regular Mass schedule will resume on August 29**

**Thursday May 13 we celebrate the ASCENSION OF THE LORD ...**

**Mass at Hendricks Chapel at 12:00 noon & at 4:00PM at the Catholic Center**

The Ascension is one facet of the rich Easter Mystery. The reading from Acts relates the event of Jesus leaving his apostles. As a natural or supernatural phenomenon, it certainly merits considerable fascination. Yet the New Testament leaves us without details. We too can gaze up into the heavens and wonder about the Ascension, but this day is not a bout departure.

It is a day that unfolds the promise that Jesus will return. It reminds us that Jesus is with us always. Indeed Christ is the vibrant head of the Church which is his body. We do not observe a departure. We celebrate a presence. It is a time for relishing our hope and status. We discover Christ's presence at every turn, renew our flagging spirits with tastes of the kingdom. It simply takes eyes of faith, our innermost vision that sees the great hope, glorious heritage, and immeasurable scope of Christ's power.

## “Understanding Catholicism”

The message of God’s self-revelation in Jesus has come to each of us through a number of channels, none of which is free from human error and the ambiguities of history. What we learn from Scripture, for example, depends very much on how we have been taught to read and interpret Scripture. It also depends on the questions and expectations we have been taught to bring to study of Scripture. We learn the teachings of the Church in certain formulations. But the formulations were originally made according to the language and experience available to the formulators. They depended on the depth of commitment to Christ and to the task of redemption of those formulators. This is obviously true of individual parents, teachers, preachers, theologians and other ministers of the word both now and in the past. But it is also true of councils of the Church and of great popes and saintly bishops. They formulated as best they were able with the language, experience and degree of commitment and understanding available to them. Of course the Spirit of God prompted and sustained them. However, the work of the Spirit, which is the power of grace, is to liberate human creativity, not to crush it or substitute for it.

The history of the Church suggests that God is very patient waiting for human response and human understanding, God empowers human creativity and waits for revelation and salvation to be received in a human way. Therefore there are no statements or formulations in which God has given us final answers or explanation in words. Each formulation comes from a particular social and cultural situation. Language and experience and social structures change and with them the demands of implementing the Gospel necessarily change. For this reason, even the most solemn statements of a council or the solemn [*ex cathedra*] pronouncements of a pope is more a starting point than a final answer. This does not deny the infallibility of the Church or the specific doctrine of the infallibility of a certain papal pronouncement. Rather it accepts as meaningful in the larger context of a world that develops and changes. The point here is that no formulation, solemn and official though it be, can cancel the task of further reflection from the living experience of believers.

**Monika K Hellwig**

## Let me ask you this ... How do you view this Catholic faith community here at SU?

The Four Pillars of Catholic campus ministry are ... Spirituality, Faith Development, Service and Community ... What would you suggest to make them more effective? Tell us what supports your faith life in each of these facets. These Four Pillars all in some way contribute to building a relationship with God and the community ... We all do it differently ... Does the “Pillar” which nourishes you offer you what you need???

We in Catholic campus ministry seek to serve you and your journey of faith. Please help us help you and other members of the community.

**Of course in the Gathering Area there are paper and pens available to write your thoughts of what you would like to have as part of Catholic campus ministry.**

## Me, Fr. Linus, I AM GOING BEHIND BARS FOR GOOD!!!

As one of the area’s “Most Wanted” I’m going to be “Locked-Up” on May 11th to benefit the **Muscular Dystrophy**



### Association.

With your contribution I can reach my bail goal and help to “Unlock the Cure”!

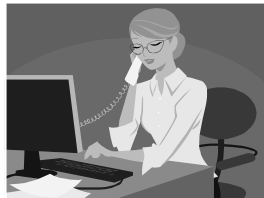
Donate to MDA via check, credit card, or on line. Make a pledge ... sign up in the Gathering Area with your contribution to help me reach bail.

I can’t do it alone ... please help me!!!

My bail is set at \$1,600.00

## Need a Job Next Year?

The office manager for the Catholic Center is looking for some help in the office. The job includes sorting mail, filing, answering phones, preparing mailings and other various tasks. If you have federal work study and are interested in general office and secretarial work, please e-mail Sandra Macidyn at [the.more.house@gmail.com](mailto:the.more.house@gmail.com).



## How long has it been the cedar chest or the closet???

Clothing has a way of being forgotten or unused. There are people who have no closets or cedar chests maybe just bags and boxes. **The St. Pauly Shed** at the back entrance to the Catholic Center serves those with too little... Place your forgotten clothing in the Shed and you won’t be forgotten!