

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2017

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Vigil Mass) - 5:30 pm
 Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm in Spanish
 Monday & Thursday - 6:00 pm Tuesday & Friday - 7:00 am
Reconciliation Thursday 5:30 - 6:00 pm & Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration - Works of Mercy Chapel



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***We are St. Thomas More Parish, members of the living Body of Christ,
 born again in Baptism and strengthened through the Eucharist
 to promote the Gospel values of our Catholic faith.***

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Every Good Deed Is Grace

Saint Paul reminds us in today’s second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God’s own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace.

Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world.

The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#1023) states, “Those who die in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they ‘see him as he is,’ face to face.”



Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, “The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good.”

Our call is clear.

MASS  **SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

Saturday, August 26

5:30 pm Our Parish Family

Sunday, August 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Dwayne Neihoff (b)
 11:00 am Thomas Brumlow (d)
 1:00 pm Mass in Spanish
 All Souls

Monday, August 28

6:00 pm Elizabeth Edwards (b)

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 am Inhaxio Phan Van Thanh (d)

Wednesday, August 30

8:40 am St. Mary High School
 12:00 pm Lourdes Hospital Chapel
 Mary Lois Hagan (d)

Thursday, August 31

6:00 pm Maria Tito de Fecko (d)

Friday, September 1 First Friday

7:00 am David Baker (d)

Saturday, September 2

5:30 pm Martha Floyd (d)

Sunday, September 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Susan Wurth (d)
 11:00 am Our Parish Family
 1:00 pm Mass in Spanish
 Harry Don Sidenstricker
 & Vickie Cole (d)

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Regular Collection	\$13,056.00
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Total Collection	\$18,811.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Did you know you can sign up for Online giving through the new St. Thomas More website (www.stmore.org)? Just click the “online giving” tab (the last option on the right under the stained glass windows) and scroll down to click on the “WeShare Online Giving” button). Questions? Contact Ellen Anderson at 270-534-9000 or ellen@stmore.org

Liturgical Ministers Schedule September 2/3			
	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Sacristan	Barb Harris	Rose Ann Walker	Eileen Segebarth
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Hour of Prayer

Monday:

Marge Wurth & Freda Jett

Tuesday:

Barb Larbes & Ed Puschaver

Wednesday:

Marty Ryan & Sr. Kateri Kaufman

Thursday:

John & Wanda Shaw

Friday:

Al & Mary McKeown

Saturday:

Barbara & Gaye Robinson

What's Happening

**Mount Saint Joseph
Raffle Tickets for Sale
at all Weekend Masses**

Sunday, August 27

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts
(Parish Hall)

Monday, August 28

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Mtg.
(Sacred Heart Room)

Tuesday, August 29

7:30 am Rosary
(Chapel)

6:00 pm Hispanic Confirmation
(Sacred Heart Room)

Wednesday, August 30

6:15 pm Faith Formation
(SMES)

Thursday, August 31

5:30 pm Reconciliation
(Chapel)

6:45 pm RCIA
(Parish Hall)

7:00 pm Hispanic Women's Mtg.
(Sacred Heart Room)

Friday, September 1

7:00 pm Hispanic Men's Mtg.
(Sacred Heart Room)

Saturday, September 2

4:00 pm Reconciliation
(Church)

Sunday, September 3

10:00 am Coffee & Doughnuts
(Parish Hall)

Altar Society Ministry for August

Purificators: Gina Fraser
Robes & Albs: Sharon Brumlow

**Our Bounty Baskets, located in the
Gathering Space, are in need of:
St. Vincent de Paul - cereal.**

**PCM-spaghetti and other non-
perishable goods.**

Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA Topic for Thursday, August 31 - The Son of God

Meeting time: 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall. All members of the parish are welcome to attend any of this year's RCIA sessions. Each meeting will provide an opportunity for refreshment of your understanding of what the Catholic faith professes. No need to reserve. Just come in if you are interested. For more information, please contact Pat Cairney at pcairney@stmore.org.



Vocation Awareness

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church"

Jesus called the twelve apostles and from among them, chose Peter to be the rock on which he would build his church. Since then, the Catholic Church has had a tradition of unbroken apostolic succession. Today, those called to the priesthood are ordained by bishops who are successors to those first apostles, and together they follow Christ in service to the Church as they offer sacramental and pastoral care to God's people. If you feel that God might be calling you to the vocation of priesthood, contact the vocations office for resources and support, 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com.



Office of Vocations
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Called by Name

Do you know a future priest?

Ministry Changes

All Hospitality Ministers - Greeters and Ushers - will be asked to stay after Mass this weekend, **August 26 and 27** to hear about some changes within this ministry.



Cub Scout Sign Up

It is time for new members to sign up for Cub Scouts. Boys in grades 1 - 5 can sign up for Pack 7 on **Tuesday, August 29** at 6:30 pm. Sign up will be in the Cafeteria of St. Mary Elementary School. For more information, contact Steve Shoulta at 270-554-9251 or steve.shoulta@outlook.com.



Just a Reminder...

We would like to remind everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the Parish Office at 270-534-9000 to inform us as we cannot obtain information from the hospitals directly.

Rosary Group

The St. Thomas More Rosary Group meets **every Tuesday morning** after the 7:00 am Mass. Come and join us as we pray the Rosary together for the needs of our parish. It's a wonderful way to start your day!

Grandparents' Mass

The annual Grandparents' Mass honoring grandparents and grandparent figures is **Friday, September 8**, 9:00 am, in the St. Mary High School gym. It is also the feast day of the birth of Mary, our Patroness. All are invited to attend this special Mass with us. Fr. Stan Puryear will celebrate the Mass.

Daughters of Isabella Meeting Scheduled

The Daughters of Isabella regular monthly meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 5** with Rosary at 6:00 pm and meeting starting at 6:30 pm at the Jefferson Street KC Hall. This will be an important meeting. Nominations for new officers will be presented. All members make every effort to attend.

NCYC Bake Sale a Great Success!

This past weekend, St. Thomas More Youth held a very successful bake sale at all Masses. They raised \$1,239 with their sale. Proceeds will help fund their trip to Indianapolis in November to the national Catholic Youth Conference. Thank you for your generosity!



Mother's Day Out

Mother's Day Out Program is in need of a director and assistants. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Melisa Mast at 270-534-9000 or mmast@stmore.org.

Join Us for Catholic Way Bible Study

Catholic Way Bible Study, led via DVD by Lavinia Spirito in Lexington KY, will begin Tuesdays 10:00am-12 noon from September 12th through November 14th. The nine lessons will cover the Apostolic letters of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1,2,3 and 4 John and Jude. We will watch the video then have discussion. Please consider joining us! Text or email Lori to register or for more info: 270-210-0693 or lorimeredith7@gmail.com.

"Community Kitchen Needs Volunteers"

The Community Kitchen is providing meals to over 300 people on some days! They are in need of additional volunteers. Many of our parishioners here at Saint Thomas More have been faithful volunteers for years. But as the Community Kitchen has grown so has the need for help! If you are available to help out - whether its once per week, once per month or once per year - please call Melisa Mast in the office at 270-534-9000 or email at mmast@stmore.org

Vocation Ministry Workshop

Do you have a heart for vocations? Join Rhonda Gruenewald for a Vocation Ministry Workshop on **Saturday, September 23** from 9:00 am-Noon at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro. Lunch will be provided. Rhonda will share how to create a culture of vocations in your parish. Please register to attend this free event at <https://owensborodiocese.org/vocation-ministry-workshop/>.

Save The Date:

Booster Club

Purple Toad Fundraiser!!

The St. Mary Booster Club will be hosting a fundraiser at the Purple Toad Winery on **Friday, September 15th** from 8:00-11:00 pm.

Heavy appetizers, music, dancing and complimentary wine glass included!

Purple Toad will donate 20% of all sales that evening to the Booster Club!!

Please text/call Kara Johnston (270) 331-1809 or Lori Meredith (270) 210-0693 if you are attending.

Tickets are \$20 per person.

Schedule Change for Eucharistic Adoration

Due to busy schedules and difficulty filling vacant positions, the schedule for Eucharistic Adoration has been modified. Beginning immediately, the Sacred Host will be reposed on Friday evening at 10:00 pm and will remain so until Sunday at 3:00 pm. If you were scheduled during this time, you are welcome to fill one of the vacant spots during the week or you can still come to the chapel for quiet prayer at any time. A very special thank you goes to Claudia Smith and Angie Nelson for their dedication and time managing this ministry. If you have never visited the Works of Mercy Chapel, please make time to visit and consider becoming a regular Adorer. If you have questions, feel free to contact the office at 270-534-9000 or email mmast@stmore.org.

Directed Retreat Offered

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand are offering a Directed Retreat from **September 8 at 7:30 pm Eastern time to September 15 at 10:00 am**. It will provide an opportunity to focus on your relationship with God. The retreat will be held at the Benedictine Hospitality Center at Kordes Hall in Ferdinand, Indiana. Cost is \$675, including meals, a private room, and six spiritual direction sessions. Registration due September 5. For more information or to register, call 800-880-2777, or 812-367-1411, ext. 2915, or visit www.thedome.org/events.



Diocesan Women's Marian Conference

"Our Lady of Fatima: The source of hope, healing and peace" is the focus of the next women's Marian Conference. It will commemorate the 100th year anniversary of Fatima.

The conference is Friday, September 15 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm and will continue on Saturday, September 16 from 7:30- 5 pm.

This event features three speakers: Fr. Wade Menezes CPM, Susan Brinkmann, and Ralph Martin who all make regular appearances on EWTN. The conference takes place at Sts. Joseph & Paul's Parish Hall in Owensboro. The cost is \$20 per person and students (16 - 21) are \$10 each. For pre-registration, call Lisa Englert (270) 993-8896 or Lisa Bivins (270) 993-3393.

Inspiration for the Week

We all know the given answers to the question: who is Jesus? Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah, Lord, and the Christ are some that immediately come to mind. But, who do YOU say that Jesus is? Who we need or want Jesus to be becomes the key to unlocking a relationship with God. For some, Jesus is just a prophet, a wise man, or an inspirational figure in history. These labels keep Jesus in the past and prevent us from really having a living, vibrant relationship with him. If Jesus is more than this to you, then who is he and what purpose does he serve in your life?

Readings for the Week

- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-6/Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-9/Mt 25:14-30

Open Adoration Hours

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a time for quiet prayer and also a great service to our community to help keep Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

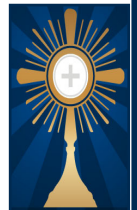
Unfilled Adoration hours are:

- Sunday:** 3:00 - 4:00 pm
- Monday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
11:00 - Midnight
- Tuesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
- Wednesday:** 1:00 - 2:00 am
2:00 - 3:00 pm
10:00 - 11:00 pm
- Thursday:** Midnight - 1:00 am
10:00 am - 11:00 am
- Friday:** 12:00 - 1:00 pm

To participate, please call:
Claudia Smith at 270-443-4913 or claudia_stevesmith@comcast.net or
Angie Nelson at 270-210-6339 or tnelson007@comcast.net.

8 WAYS TO PRAY DURING ADORATION

1. Pray Spontaneously
2. Ask the Saints for Help
3. Read the Scriptures
4. Meditate
5. Read Spiritual Books
6. Ask for Intercessions
7. Offer a Holy Hour
8. Write a Prayer Journal



Saints & Special Observances

- Monday:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** Passion of Saint John the Baptist
- Friday:** World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Love is the beauty of the soul. -- St. Augustine



Remember in Prayer...

Parishioners: Faye Alexander, Mary Gertrude Barkett, Trent Bongiolatti, Judy Bufford, Margie Bunte, Celine Crane, Rebecca Crider, Pat Cven-gros, Teresa Davis, Pat Dotson, Fran-cie Duncan, Dakota Durrett, Morgan Eggemeyer, Bill Ford, Gina Fraser, Rose Freiseis, Margaret Hagan, Carl Harper, Amy Harris, Jodi Hayden, Ann Heavrin, Cleo Higdon, Joyce Holliday, Kay Hosbach, Alan Hughes, Sr. Kateri Kaufman, Phyllis Kettler, David Kimble, Buzz & Gail LaGesse, Thomas & Janet Montgomery, Sandy Morrow, Ella O'Bryan, Karen Paxton, Charity Peters, Gaye Robinson, George Shaw, John Shaw, Nancy Stearns, Monty Thompson, Ann Vaughan, Beth Walker, Ann Watkins, Linda Wilson, Katherine Wise, Noel Wise

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Velma Bohle-Carlton & Terry Carlton, Opal Cooper, Myrtle Dorris

Homebound: Randy Hand, Mike & Lorna Roper, Gertrude Yopp

Nursing Home: Carol Baugh, Jean-ette Elliott, Joe & Betty Falconite, Mary Galvin, Hester Geuss, Vonnie Howard, Ken McCauley, John Metcalf, Mary Riedfort, Carolyn Webb, Charles Woods

Non-Parishioners: Ada Cruce, Matthew Shoulta, Elizabeth Pritch-ett, Margaret Whitney, Jimmy Kap-fhammer, Don Manning, Wayne Batts, Susie Taylor, Renate Master-son, Toni Masterson, Vickie Boggess, Jarod Hardin, Shirley Hudson, Melanie Sisco, Dennis Walsh, John Kraus, Charlie Proctor, Joanie Cooper, Nanette Love, Chloe Nesbitt, Dennis Walsh, Jardod Har-din, Johnetta Taylor, Marvin Willett, Margaret Whitney, Becky Bowling



Justin Lamb, Chris McCoy, Timothy Lowman, Kurtis McClain, Zachary Grimes, Kurt Bell, Jeremy Copeland, Eric Gast, Aaron Conover, Brian Clayton, Hannah Wilson, John Davis, Emily Lane Rockne, Corey Carnes, Clay Mag-ers, Tyler Shumaker, Jeff Perry, Ty-ler Scott Dickson, Nathan Phipps, Kelly Scott-Nevoenen, Greg Nevo-enen, Cameron Grueninger, Michael Renfro, Jason Smith, Alec McMahon
"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Je-sus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."



Saturday, August 26

Jeanne Abell, William Bell, Andrew Coiner, Sharon Parks, Briana Phelps

Sunday, August 27

Ken Averill, Juanita Cerda, Jairo Doran, Dwayne Neihoff, Ellen Perkins

Monday, August 28

Steve Berry, Teresa Lopez, Tony Milli-ano, Peyton Patel, Luke Sims, Bill Sturgis

Tuesday, August 29

Michelle Browning, Dianna Durbin, Christopher Kinsey, Rich Miller, John O'Nan, Tony Puschaver, Kathy Smith, Katie Stewart

Wednesday, August 30

Cyndi Dickens, Clayton Jones, Don Page, Michael Perry, Hale Sims

Thursday, August 31

Sarah Bicking, Angie Falconite, Carol Heflin, Sophia Hoffman, Katie Matras, Joey Mayo, Flynn Mudd, Jayvion Pow-ell, Terry Roof, David Watson

Friday, September 1

Vanessa Gembe, Megan Henderson, Brent Nunn

Saturday, September 2

Joey Bender, Kevin Carter, Ryan Devine, Mabel Gembe, Sean Hansrote, Kaitlin Hrdlicka, Sebastian Roach, Pat Spoden



Saturday, August 26

Steve & Pam Shoulta 40 yrs.
Geoffrey & Holly Newton 17 yrs.

Sunday, August 27

Harry & Julie Brigance 49 yrs.
Charles & Hazel Collier 51 yrs.
David & Amy Crass 4 yrs.

Monday, August 28

Frank & Nancy Burch 47 yrs.
Dave & Kay Krueger 52 yrs.
Joe & Mildred Baier 35 yrs.

Tuesday, August 29

Keith & Susan Mason 36 yrs.

Wednesday, August 30

Mike & Camy Clark 31 yrs.
Jimmie & Kathy Golden 42 yrs.

Friday, September 1

Lee & Jill Weglarz 11 yrs.
Tim & Terie Hall 27 yrs.
Andrew & Catherine DuPerrieu 5 yrs.

Saturday, September 2

Todd & Angie Nelson 28 yrs.
Cliff & Pam Heavrin 25 yrs.
Richard & Jamie Vieitez 11 yrs.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Traditions Explained

Question:

Does the pope choose his own name or is it given to him? Why does it change?

Answer:

The pope picks his own name. Although all of the popes since the Middle Ages have done so, it is not required to change your name. The first pope to change his name was John II in 533. His given name was Mercury, the name of a pagan god and he felt that his was not an appropriate name for the head of the church and he changed it. The last pope to keep his given name as pope was Marcellus II in 1555. Pope John Paul I was the first to choose two names. Until the election of Pope Francis in 2013, the last pope to choose a new, unused name was Pope Lando in 913.

When a pope chooses a new name, it might indicate his hopes for his reign, or tell us about his view of spirituality; it might also reflect continuity with a predecessor. In the early thirteenth century St. Francis of Assisi had a vision in which Jesus commanded him, "Repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin." In choosing St. Francis as his namesake, Pope Francis was pointing to a beloved saint who embraced radical simplicity, poverty, and care for the poor. As Pope Francis himself put it, "Oh, how I would like a church which is poor and for the poor!"

Word



Mini Edition

Grounds Ministry Fall Clean Up

Campus clean up coming soon



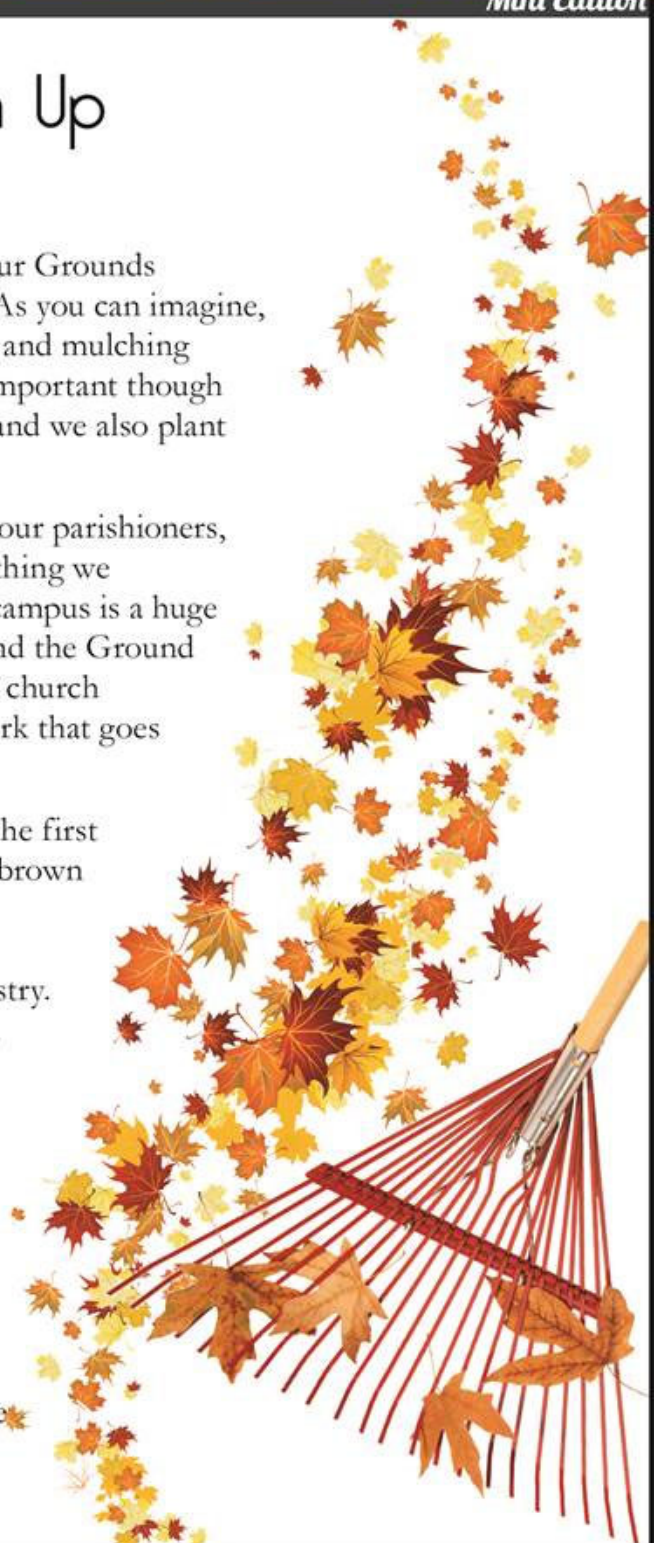
The two biggest weekends of the year for our Grounds Ministry come in the spring and the fall. As you can imagine, the spring weekend is filled with planting and mulching and trimming. The fall weekend is just as important though - there is just as much clean up and trimming to do and we also plant fall annuals. Believe it or not, fall is nearly here!

It is amazing that our campus is maintained by you, our parishioners, and not by a professional landscape firm. The only thing we contract out is mowing. Taking care of such a large campus is a huge undertaking and we are so grateful to Jim Sanders and the Grounds Ministry crew for their continued commitment. The church campus is absolutely beautiful and the amount of work that goes in to keeping it that way is immeasurable.

The next Grounds Ministry work day is coming up the first part of September. If you have a green thumb - or a brown one or just two thumbs in general - we can use your help! Just send a quick email to Melisa Mast at mmast@stmore.org to sign up for the Grounds Ministry. When the next work day is scheduled you will get an email reminder. If you have downloaded the Saint Thomas More Mobile App, make sure and turn on notifications for the Grounds Ministry to get messages of the next work day delivered straight to your phone. Notifications can be found by touching the three horizontal lines in the upper left corner of the home screen.

The Grounds Ministry is really a lot of fun, great fellowship, a bit of exercise, and it makes such a huge difference.

We look forward to seeing you at the next work day!



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