

Church of St. Thomas More

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am
First Monday of the Month at 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

Spirituality + Tradition + Community

November 16, 2008 • Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Awareness Month



Last weekend we distributed a stone to each household. On each stone, the name of a parish household is inscribed. We ask that each household prays daily for the family they receive. With each of us praying for one another, we are fulfilling God's command to love one another.

The next step will be to pray for our entire faith community and the many goals that lie ahead of us. Specifically, we ask that you keep these stones in a special place, because we will want them back when we break ground for our Sanctuary! They will become part of the foundation of that milestone accomplishment. One day we will look back on this day and smile at the progress we have made in our time!

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Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Now Is the Time

Although we celebrate *Stewardship* in the month of November, we are mindful that it is a way of life that is continuously lived. Our very life and the limited time that we spend on Earth is pure gift. Coming to the realization that all is gift is the beginning of real peace and inner joy!

Once we are in that "good place," we know that we must use the gifts of *time*, *talent*, and *treasure* as our way of giving gratitude and recognition to God for what has been given to us.

The Church of St. Thomas More is that "good place" in which we recognize our identity as Disciples of the Lord Jesus, as the living stones of the Church. It is this connection that nourishes us and strengthens us so that we may continue the Master's Mission and Ministry. Through our *time*, *talent*, and *treasure*, we build up the Church, the Body of Christ, for this time and this place.

Our Faith Community provides many opportunities in which we can, through *time*, *talent*, and *treasure*, gratefully give back to the Lord. I encourage every parishioner, especially in this month of November to discover and choose a ministry so that you can be involved in the life of this community utilizing your *time* and *talent*. It is in "the giving" that we shall receive!

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**Our Mission is to:
worship God,**

Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am; first Monday of the month at 7:00pm;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm
(or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday from 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Choirs and Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized: Contact Parish Office
Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony: Contact Parish Office a minimum of 9 months in advance
For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak at 758-4100 x100

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith: First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children: Two times a month,
September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30 and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study: Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry: Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants): Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA: One to two year process with children and
parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA: One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion: In home process begins after first reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation; begins in
high school

For further information, call Kathleen Bell at 758-4100 x110

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve the parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

For further information, call Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120

STM \$crip News

Are you making a list and checking in twice? Get started by
checking out the updated Scrip List. Stop by the Scrip table after
Mass for a copy and for more information on how Scrip can make
your holiday gift buying faster and easier!

For information, call Theresa Goeltz at 453-2876

I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My...

Albertson's Card #(11 digits) _____

Ralph's Card #(13 digits) _____

Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

*Please place completed form in the collection basket or return
it to the \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish
Office during the week. Thank you!*

Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website for complete calendar
information for the current month: www.stmoside.org, then
select "Schedules and Calendars"

The Week Ahead

- Nov 16 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Nov 16 RE.A.CH Classes
- Nov 18 Christmas Angel Project Meeting
- Nov 20 Spirited Seniors Fall Luncheon & Concert
- Nov 23 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
- Nov 23 Music Ministry presents "With Thankful Hearts"

The Month Ahead

- Nov 24 P.U.S.H. Middle School Youth Talent Show
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day—Mass at 9:00am
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

The Year Ahead

- Mar 1 New Member Reception
- Mar 29-31 Parish Mission with Sound Mission Ministries
- May 1 STM Tenth Annual Golf Classic

Questions? Contact Henny at 758-4100 x100

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The special challenge that has been before us for the last several
years is "**Our Journey Into The Future...Together.**" Our
Capital Campaign is raising the needed funds for our permanent
Church/Sanctuary, our Administration Building and Youth
Center, the already purchased five-acre parcel of additional land,
the retirement of our debt, and \$1 million for the Diocesan
Secondary Education Initiative.

As we continue to focus on **time** and **talent**, we also call special
attention to the gift of our **treasure** in order to ensure that
St. Thomas More continues to be that "good place" where the
Lord's work continues. And we do so, presently, in the midst of a
very difficult economy. We need to maintain a healthy
"Operations Budget" as we continue to set money aside for our
new Church.

This is an extremely exciting and challenging time! We need to
continue to pull together more than we ever have in the past. As
the Lord's stewards, giving our **time**, **talent**, and **treasure**, the
build-out of the St. Thomas More Parish Campus will soon be a
reality.

This weekend we welcome very familiar faces to the ambo—The
Rudolph Family: Dave, Patty, Randi, Ellie, Tilly, Emma, and
David. This family is a model family of St. Thomas More Parish
for other households to emulate and follow. They are active in a
variety of ministries and the worship of God is the center of their
family life.

I welcome the message that they will share with us. I know they
will continue to encourage all of us in our efforts to be more
faithful Christian stewards.

May our journey through Christian Stewardship Month
strengthen all of us to be more faithful stewards, giving back to
God in recognition for all that God has done and continues to do
for us.

Remember that the Lord is never outdone in generosity!

Tn. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year II
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, November 16 (157)

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalm 128:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Monday, November 17 (497)

Elizabeth of Hungary

Revelation 1:1-4;2:1-5

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 18 (498)

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome;

Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin

Revelation 3:1-6,14-22

Psalm 15:2-5

Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 19 (499)

Revelation 4:1-11

Psalm 150:1b-6

Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 20 (500)

Revelation 5:1-10

Psalm 149:1b-6a,9b

Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 21 (501)

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 10:8-11

Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131

Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 22 (502)

Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Revelation 11:4-12

Psalm 144:1-2,9-10

Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 23 (160)

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Psalm 23:1-3,5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 15, 5:00pm
Lew Crowell ☩

Sunday, November 16, 8:30am
Alfred Holscher ☩

Sunday, November 16, 10:30am
Jennifer Treat ☩

Tuesday, November 18, 8:15am
Robert Thomas Fonteyn ☩

Wednesday, November 19, 8:15am
Lorie Whitmore ☩

Wednesday, November 19, 9:30am
Rosemary Meinders ☩
Pacific Place

Thursday, November 20, 8:15am
Bill Cracknell ☩

Friday, November 21, 8:15am
Donald Kope ☩

Saturday, November 22, 5:00pm
George Duarte ☩

Sunday, November 23, 8:30am
Rose Grassilli ☩

Sunday, November 23, 10:30am
Vivian Silva ☩

Prayer List

Call 758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

Michael Ainis
Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
Lois Bather
Carl Bechtold
Tom Belprez
Nancy Bermudez
Janet Brown
Raymond Brown
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Margie Daniels
Christy DiPietro
Ed DiPietro
Linda Dossman
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy Fischer
Larry Fisk
Rick Gonzalez
Claudette Gunderson
Anita Hage
The Harker Family
Greg Hayes
Bud Hazlett
Cynthia Horner
Bernie & Ginny Jaeger
Sue Johnston
Joan Jones
Colleen Kaup
Paul Kennedy
Diane Kettlewell
John Kilcher
Debbie Kinny
George Kleekamp
Willis Koffroth
Carol Kope
Elizabeth Kowallek-Hayes
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Brandon LeBlanc
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Loree Luther
Jackie Lynn
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
The Patrick McCarthy Family
Bob McWilliams
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
R. Northrup
Joan Picco
Helen Pingtella
Alison Plant & twin babies to be
Lucy Poole
Mari Jo Porter
Anne Post

Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Dort Riley
Joanne Robinson
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Julie Shea
The Soler Family
Ed Sox
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Lisa & Kyle Valpoon
Arnie Velasco
Lisa Vickonoff
Lisa Vickonoff
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Dominic Vienna, Sr.
Jeanie Vitale
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Isabella Wallin
Kevin Watson-Graff
Marilyn Wesel
John Whitton

Deployed Military

As a faith community let us pray for all who serve our country in these troubled times. We pray especially for those connected to our Parish who have been deployed:

1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Pfc John Brandone
Christian Caplinger, US Army
Lt. Mark Correa, US Navy
Pfc. Nicholas B. Dawson,
US Army
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle,
USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Stephen Gerke,
101st Airborne
Col. Kathleen Henderson
Med. Staff Sgt. Jana Alexander
Madrid, USAF
Ronald Meyers, US Navy
Search & Rescue
Pvt. 2 Jeff Phillips, US Army
Spec. Jared Ratzlaff, US Army
SPC Robert Sullivan, US Army
Maj. Scott Wadle

Thank you for your prayers for Capt. Thomas Zeeff, USAF, who has returned home safely

All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love and compassionate healing.

Our Faith Community Family ~ Living Stones Managing God's Gifts

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Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

If you would like to attend the Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with your Parish Family at St. Thomas More, please call the parish office (758-4100 x100) by Wednesday, November 19, to make your reservation. The dinner will be held on Thursday, November 27, at 1:00pm.

We look forward to celebrating the holiday with you!

Collection for National Needs

Envelopes were stapled to the front of the bulletin two weeks ago for the 2008 Collection for National Needs. This collection supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communication Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. The envelopes may be returned any time during the month of November. Thank you for your support!

Blood Drive

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the upper parking lot on Sunday, November 16, 8:30am-2:30pm. Remember to donate blood if you signed up. This is a wonderful way to serve your Parish. You WILL save a life.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm • Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays and one other day of each month. Next date: Friday, December 5.

For more information, contact John O'Donnell at 598-6003.

Leftover Halloween Candy?

Got candy left over? If so, please bring it to the Parish Office and place it in a box for Deacon Tom before December 1. He will see that it gets to a Mexican orphanage and other organizations as special treats for those who have very little else. Thank you!

Pies! Pies! Pies!

Every year Brother Benno's throws a Thanksgiving feast for the homeless and underprivileged. In good times they feed as few as 400 and in bad times as many as 800 people. St. Thomas More has been active in providing home-baked apple and pumpkin pies for this special meal. Please help again this year and deliver baked apple and pumpkin pies to St. Thomas More by noon on Wednesday, November 26. Give those in need a taste of fine, home cooking. Thanks!

Can't Get to Mass?

Our Parish has ministers who can bring Holy Communion to anyone who is unable to attend Mass—the homebound, those in the hospital, those in convalescent homes.

Please call the Parish Office at 758-4100 for more information.

Life Line Screening

St. Thomas More will be hosting this screening program on Monday, November 17. The screenings include ultrasound vascular tests and osteoporosis screenings. For more information, see the flyers in the Parish Office or contact 800-324-1851.

The Costs of

DATING AND LOVE

What Price is Right?

Part III

High School Youth Group Night

Monday, November 17, 2008

7:00-8:45pm

Questions? Call Gale at 760-726-7236

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Bob & Pat Wong

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers in our liturgical environment.

A Note from Fr. Mike Ratajczak

As was announced last weekend at all the Masses, Fr. Ramon Marrufo has chosen to resign as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in order to devote himself to adequately recover physically from his very demanding knee surgery and to take the time necessary to take full advantage of his sabbatical for spiritual refreshment and renewal.

My prayers and blessings, as well as yours, go with him!

In light of Fr. Ramon's decision, Bishop Brom has asked that I continue in my role as "Pro-tem" Administrator of St. Francis while continuing my responsibilities as Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish until June 30, 2009.

At that time, a new Pastor will be named for St. Francis.

I ask and seek your prayers, support, and encouragement during this time of transition.

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak

Christmas Angel Time Is Coming Up!

You will notice that the Christmas Tree is up this weekend. You can take an ornament and buy a gift to make some child's eyes light up on Christmas morning. You can also sign up for Christmas Connections to connect with a family from our sister parish, St. Peter Claver in New Orleans. These are great opportunities to experience the real meaning of Christmas. If the economy is affecting us, you can imagine how hard it must be hitting poor people.

We had our first meeting and things are moving right along. We are short, however, of volunteers to cover the 8:30am Masses. We also need some big boxes (moving type). If there is anyone in the parish who can obtain some for us, that would be wonderful. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 18, on the lower level of the Parish Center. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, please call or email:

RJ and Suzee Irwin

760-597-2706

rj.suzee@sbcglobal.net



Visit the Parish Website

www.stmoside.org

Click on *Our New Church* for updates on our build-out progress.

Click on *Ministries/Pastoral Staff* for information on a particular ministry, including liturgy and music, faith formation, youth groups, stewardship, and social justice.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
 Director of Stewardship & Development
 chriss@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x120

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Living Stones Managing God's Gifts

Today's Gospel leaves no doubt that God is serious about the treasure entrusted to each of us. Anyone who thinks they don't have any "treasure" of time, talent, and resources, is strongly encouraged to take a better look.

We, like the servants in the Gospel, have been entrusted with God's treasure, the wealth of spiritual and worldly gifts which includes faith, prayer, family, neighbor, earth, sky, skills and talents. Good Christian stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in the Gospel. They manage these gifts so that they multiply and give a greater return to God. Hoarding is out.

As living stones, we know that Christian stewardship influences our most basic choices: how we spend our free time; how we develop and use the skills and abilities God has given us; and how we earn, save, spend, and share our money.

This is "time, talent, and treasure," to be sure, but it is expressed in terms of daily living, not just as a formula for "volunteerism" or church support.

Christian stewardship should guide our choices: about what we do on the weekend; about the books we read and the movies we see; about how we celebrate Christmas; about how we dispose of our trash; about how we share ourselves and our material possessions with others; about how much we drink; about our relationships; and, yes, and about how much we contribute to the Sunday collection.

As the Rudolph family so beautifully shared with us this weekend, stewardship is a journey that only gets better over time. I have watched this family blossom over the years and it is a beautiful thing to witness. Better still is the fact that we have so many parishioners on the same journey!

The hardest step is the first, and after that all else becomes joyful giving. And *after that* we experience God giving us even more to manage!

As living stones, we have accepted God's gifts with gratitude, cultivated them and are returning them in appropriate places. God expects no less from us than to care for these gifts responsibly.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant."



**Stewardship is everything we do after we say,
 "I believe."**

TOWERS OF FAITH Future Support & Estate Planning Options

This November we welcome our newest Towers of Faith: Regina Aulisio, Richard Obsitnik, Maurine Shaughnessy, Maria Surmenidis and Elaine Weiler! Their generosity and foresight is most appreciated.

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. Participants realize that this is not about the gift amount, but the love behind the gift.



These individuals (several anonymous) have included STM in their estate planning. This helps to ensure their ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish. *Towers of Faith* is our future support. Examples of the future planning vehicles are:

- Designated Beneficiary Accounts,
- Last Will and Testament, Living Trust, Life Insurance, Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate and Endowments.

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you are interested, please contact us. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

Chris Smith at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

Do two people in your family know the location of your will, living trust, and health directive?

2008 World Mission Sunday Collection
\$3,564.t0

Collection for Week of: November 8/9, 2008

Number of Registered Households:	976
Offertory*	\$ 6,908.97
Offertory (Loose Collection)	880.00
Total	\$ 7,788.97

(* Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card withdrawals, Automatic Checking or Savings Account Deductions)

There are many ways to help support your Parish.

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic:

- ◆ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa or MC)
- ◆ Automatic Checking Account Deduction
- ◆ Automatic Savings Account Deduction

To participate in these time-saving alternatives, please contact the Parish Office at:
 758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

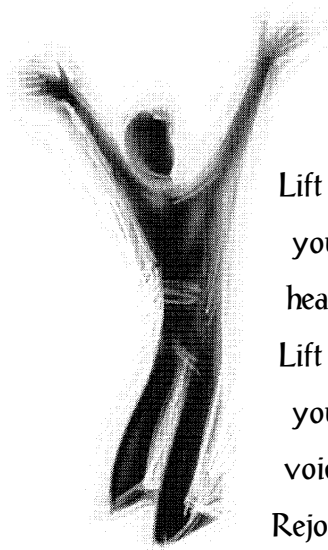
Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
 Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
 douglasl@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x140



With Thankful Hearts!
The Adult and Handbell Choirs
 in Concert to benefit
Interfaith Community Services



NEXT Sunday, November 23
4:00pm

Next Sunday, the Adult and Handbell Choirs of St. Thomas More will present a concert to benefit North County's Interfaith Community Services.

Lift up
 your
 heart!
 Lift up
 your
 voice!
 Rejoice!

Interfaith Community Services was founded in 1979 by a handful of diverse faith communities to address the needs of low-income, homeless, and underserved populations.

These faith centers regularly encountered individuals in crisis, but were incapable of meeting their needs. Individually, the faith centers were giving handouts, but by creating Interfaith, they were better able to produce change in the lives of the hungry, substance abusers, the mentally ill, homeless, and the unemployed.

As membership and participation grew, Interfaith evolved into a continuum of programs and services that provides the tools and resources people in crisis need to stabilize and rebuild their lives. These programs are organized into five main areas: basic needs, housing, counseling, employment services, and drug & alcohol rehabilitation. Under these department headings are numerous programs covering a broad spectrum of support. Programs are designed to overlap so that each client receives as many services as necessary for his/her specific situation.

There is no admission to the concert, so **BRING A FOOD DONATION** which will be collected and transported to the Interfaith centers.

They have asked specifically for:

- Canned soup of all kinds*
- Canned vegetables*
- Jelly, jam, and peanut butter*
- Canned meats*
- Cereal*
- Beans (canned or bagged)*
- Canned pasta meals*
- Juice or juice boxes*
- Other canned or dry-packaged foods*
- Fruit: including apples, oranges, grapefruit, avocados, and lemons*



*God of saints
 and angels,
 we raise our voices
 in praise with
 Cecilia and
 the heavenly host.*

*May our harmonies
 inspire us
 to work for
 unity and accord
 in the world.*

*May our song
 lead us to yearn
 for your reign of
 justice,
 joy,
 beauty,
 and peace.*

*Keep us faithful
 in your service,
 consecrate
 our gift of music
 for the Gospel,
 until that day
 we join the
 celestial choir
 around your
 throne of glory.*

*Cantate!
 Te Deum!
 We sing to you,
 Lord,
 forever and ever,
 Amen.*

Prayer for the
 Feast of St. Cecilia
 (November 22),
 patron saint of
 music-makers.

*Remember,
 we're all music-makers!*

**Music Ministry
 Next Week**

NOVEMBER 22/23

5:00pm Mass

Cantor

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Adult Choir

NOVEMBER 23

**With Thankful Hearts
 Concert**

4:00pm

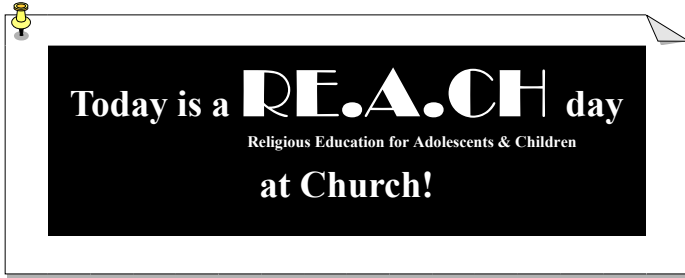
Adult Choir &
 Handbell Choirs

Join us for the music, and help us help the needy!

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 758-4100 x110



The Sacrament of Confirmation



If you are over 18 and would like to be Confirmed, please contact Kathleen Bell for more details. Preparation begins December 2.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your Catholic faith and also complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Bishop Chavez will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Parish on May 31, 2009, at the 10:30am Mass.

Congratulations!

2 of our 17 classes had perfect attendance at our last session:

- * ISAIAH * Level 2 A
(for the third time!!)
- * RUTH * Level 1 B



Looking at Life Through the Eyes of Faith

Upcoming Events at STM

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center at Catholic Charities in Vista)

2008 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: **623 jars !**

Our 2008 "count" ends with the church year next Sunday. I have been told that the shelves are empty of peanut butter and jelly (and other food items as well) at the Crisis Center.

If every family brought one jar this final week, we would fill the whole room! The need is great, the donors are dwindling.

- **Sunday, November 30, 4:00pm**

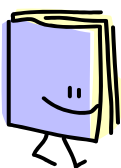
Join with our parish family as we celebrate God's great love and forgiveness in the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. Pray for the parents of our 23 young parishioners who are preparing them to celebrate this Sacrament for the first time with us.

- **Tuesday, December 2, 7:00pm**

"Re-Discover Catholicism" begins for anyone who would like to take a simple look at the basics of Catholicism.

Signing up is important because you are asked to do a bit of reading in advance so that class time can be discussion-oriented. Brochures with details and the sign up form are available at the Information Table, the Parish Office, or on the website at www.stmoside.org, click on Ministries/Pastoral Staff, then Religious Education.

Little Books



The Little Blue Book for the Advent-Christmas Season is now available. Many parishioners look forward to these six-minute meditations as a way to make a very hectic season HOLY.

Advent begins November 30, so get yours today. Perhaps a gift for your Thanksgiving guests?

Your \$2 donation is appreciated to help cover the cost of the book. They are available today at the Information Table, or on the lower level of the Parish Center during the week.

- **Wednesday, January 7, 2009, 9:00am & 7:00pm**

"Fr. Mike (and friends) Bookies" continues with *Food and Faith: Justice, Joy and Daily Bread* by Michael Schut. Gale Gibbons will be our facilitator and guarantees the book will be excellent reading over the holidays when family meals take on particular significance. Books are available for \$11 in the hall outside the Faith Formation Office. Anyone is welcome to join in!

Thanks from Brother Benno's

I would like to extend my most heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St. Thomas More for their generosity in supporting the Brother Benno raffle recently. The raffle ticket donations from St. Thomas More, of over \$1,000, exceeded any other organization. Your Parish community has been a vital part of our efforts to provide the poor with food, clothing, shelter, and unconditional love. As we celebrate our 25th year of service, it is obvious that we would not have been able to do the work we do were it not for partners like St. Thomas More. Thank you so much.

*Yours in Christ,
Harold Kutler, Executive Director
Brother Benno Foundation*

Spirited Seniors News

St. Thomas More's Spirited Seniors will be hosting a fall luncheon and concert on Thursday, November 20. Be sure to make your reservation by November 16! If you don't have a copy of the flyer, check the information table on the Plaza or the Parish Office. To make reservations, contact Pat Wong at 806-1310 or Rita Shepard at 598-1183.



The Spirited Seniors have reserved a block of 25 tickets for the Christmas production of *Forever Plaid* for a Sunday, December 14, at 2:00pm matinee at the

Avo Theater in Vista. A special low price of \$14.50 per ticket is being offered. Carpooling will be available if necessary. Reserve your ticket early. Complete the form below and deliver it with your check to the Parish Office, box 12, by December 7.

For further information and carpool arrangements, contact Joyce Frink at 724-8091.

Forever Plaid Ticket Reservation Form	
Number of tickets: _____ x \$14.50 = \$ _____ (Checks payable to St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors)	
Name(s)	
Phone:	

Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones

The month of November (through the Feast of Christ the King) is a special time in our Church for remembering our beloved dead.

Banners on the altar list the names of our own parishioners whose funerals were celebrated here, as well as family members whose funerals were celebrated elsewhere but for whom parish families have requested our prayerful support.

The Parish's Book of the Dead will be available during this time so that we can inscribe the names of our beloved dead, inviting the Parish to remember them in prayer during the month.

All Souls' envelopes that were completed and submitted will remain on the altar until the Feast of Christ the King.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Knights of Columbus



St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive—Our annual collection of clean, serviceable clothing and household items for St. Bonaventure Mission in New Mexico will take place on the weekend of November 22-23 after each of the Masses. Items especially needed at this time of year are warm clothing, XL sweat shirts and coats, and blankets. For more information, contact Jim Baker at 630-2471.

Entertainment Books—The Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books this year. The books are great gifts and will be available on the Plaza after Masses. Please call Jim Bailey at 754-1635 to reserve your book.

Christmas Cards and Magnets—We will be selling Christmas cards and "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets on the Plaza after Masses while supplies last.

—John O'Donnell, Grand Knight

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

*For information, call
Bob Taylor at 630-4589.*

Interfaith News

There will be an Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Sharing in Solana Beach on Wednesday, November 26, 7:30pm, at St. James Catholic Church, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. This service has been a Thanksgiving tradition in North County for over 20 years. Please join members of many faiths to pray for our country and to give thanks for our religious freedom. Bring a pie to share and after the service there will be a social time to share pie and celebrate our nation.

P.U.S.H. Middle School Youth Ministry
Next Meeting: Monday, November 24, 7:00pm
Talent Show

For more info, contact Ron or Louise at 758-4100 x153.

News from the Larger Church

Holiday Boutique at St. Timothy's in Escondido—Sunday, November 16, 8:00am-1:00pm, St. Timothy's Church, 2960 Canyon Rd., Escondido. Arts, crafts, jewelry, home-baked goods, jams, jellies, and more. For more information, contact 489-1200.

Quiet Day at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Monday, November 17, 9:00am-4:00pm (or any time in between), 4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. Rejuvenate yourself!! Come spend a "Quiet Day"—stay in your own private room reading, relaxing or just catching up on your sleep. Wander the Mission grounds, sit in the chapel or gardens, and experience the beauty and serenity of the surroundings. A swimming pool is also available. \$20-\$25 per person includes lunch. Please pre-register by calling 757-3659.

Advent Mondays Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—December 1, 8, 15, and 22, explore the themes from Thomas Merton's book, *New Seeds of Contemplation* with Mark Schroeder, OFM. Merton, a Trappist and writer, uncovers the reality of contemplation. For more information, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Advent Wreaths for Sale at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—These one-of-a-kind wreaths handcrafted from succulent plants grown at the Mission are on sale at the Mission Gift Shop, 4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside. Many other gift items are also available. Don't forget to ask for your discount. For more information, contact Cornelia at 757-3651 x117.

Advent Retreat at University of San Diego—Saturday, December 6, 9:00am-12:00noon, at Salomon Hall, Bishop Maher Hall, USD. Presented by Annice Callahan, RSCJ, Ph.D., the theme will be *Solitude in Daily Life as an Advent Practice: The Wisdom of Thomas Merton*. The presentation will combine input, prayer, time for reflection, and faith sharing. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or ccs@sandiego.edu or www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

Young Adult Holiday Party in San Diego—The Diocesan Office for Young Adult Ministry announces the Young Adult Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 6, at St. Brigid Parish Hall, 4735 Cass St., San Diego. It will be an evening of great food, music, dancing and fun! Cash bar and dinner is catered by Lotsa Pasta. Cocktail attire. Young adults ages 21-39 are welcome! Cost is \$20 before December 4 and \$30 at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact www.yamsd.org or 858-490-8260.

Catholic Cruise to the Mexican Riviera—May 10-May 17, 2009, on the Carnival Splendor out of Long Beach, CA. For more information, contact Cheryl at 949-249-9618.

St. Francis Church Online Auction—You're invited to check out our online auction! St. Francis Church has joined www.CatholicAuctionsOnline.com as a new high-tech fund raiser. Items are added as they arrive and have a time limit for bidding. Register as a buyer and get started today!

Foster and Affirm Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life in Carlsbad—Join the Serra Club of San Diego North Coast at 8:00am Mass at St. Patrick Church in Carlsbad followed by a breakfast meeting on the second Saturday and fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 729-9528.

Volunteers Needed as Advocates for Foster Children—Become a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For upcoming information session dates, contact www.speakupnow.org or 858-569-2019.

Volunteers Needed at Casa de Amparo in Oceanside—Make a lasting impact in a child's life as a Senior Mentor by volunteering 7-10 hours weekly at Casa de Amparo's Child Development Center in Oceanside. Work on social-emotional developmental objectives with children ages 18 months-5 years old in one-on-one and small group settings. Mentors must be age 50+ and able to make a minimum 6-month commitment; stipend included. For more information, contact Rayni Risher at 453-2300 x209 or rrisher@casadeamparo.org.

Volunteer Tutors and Mentors Needed in San Diego—to make a difference in a child's life! Nativity Prep Academy, located in southeast San Diego, is a middle school committed to providing a Catholic education to boys and girls in one of San Diego's most underserved neighborhoods. If you would like information about our rewarding volunteer opportunities, please contact Julie Bishop at 619-544-9455 x300 or jbishop@nativityprep.org.



Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside—has an ongoing schedule of retreat activities. For more information, contact 757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Diocesan Young Adult Ministry—Contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdieog.org or 858-490-8260 for scheduled young adult activities around the Diocese.

University of San Diego Center for Christian Spirituality in San Diego—has released their fall schedule of lectures and workshops. For more information, contact 619-260-4784 or www.sandiego.edu/ccs.

Diocese of San Diego Diocesan Institute—has an ongoing schedule of classes and workshops. For more information, contact 858-490-8212 or bcarr@diocese-sdiego.org.

Retrouvaille Retreat Program for Troubled Marriages—If your marriage is not what you want it to be, if communication has broken down, if you are divorced or separated, but want to repair your relationship, then Retrouvaille is for you. For more information, contact 951-259-9474 or 619-423-0182 (Spanish).

Take a Stand for Life in Carlsbad—A group of North County parishioners meets from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on the third Monday of each month to peacefully pray the rosary in front of the Carlsbad Planned Parenthood Clinic. The clinic is located at 1820 Marron Road, in the shopping center just west of Plaza Camino Real Mall. Please join us in our prayers for an end to abortion. For more information, call Jahna White at 586-6356.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps Opportunities in North County—Semi-retired? Retired? Eager to give something back? If you are 50 or better, the Jesuit-sponsored Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for you! Ignatian Volunteers serve the needs of people who are poor, work for a more just society, and grow deeper in Christian faith through reflection and prayer. Contact Pat Doyle, Regional Coordinator, at 858-715-0900 or pdoyle@ivcusa.org, or Margie Carroll, Regional Director, at 619-881-9509 or mcarroll@ivcusa.org. For national website visit www.ivcusa.org.

Community Service Numbers:

2-1-1 for human services information; 5-1-1 for traffic



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