

Church of St. Thomas More

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community



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8:30am-12:00noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

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

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

August 22, 2010 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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You Are Not Alone

Fr. Rich is coming back to St. Thomas More to help cover for me while I am on pilgrimage to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. I am leading a group of 42 pilgrims who will experience this very special, spiritual event. I will be away from the Parish September 2-14.

With Fr. Rich coming back to us, I wanted to share a Pastor's Column that I wrote about him in the year 2000!

Fr. Rich Lewandowski, a close priest/friend of mine since college days in 1967, is a priest in the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts. He is the Newman Chaplain of Fitchburg State College and the Pastor of St. Camillus Parish in Fitchburg. In recent years he has become the author of (at last count) four children's books.

His most popular children's story, "The First Easter Bunny", has sold over 50,000 copies. Several years ago, Fr. Rich was with us, sharing with the children of the Parish his "The First Easter Bunny" tale.

As a college chaplain, pastor and successful author, Fr. Rich feels that one of his most prized accomplishments is his sobriety. For years, he wondered about his alcohol consumption. While not requiring a large quantity of alcohol, he did, nevertheless "need" a drink or two or three daily in order to function comfortably. As time went by, he realized that he was in the midst of an addictive cycle and sought help to break its bonds. Today, after almost

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Annual Catholic Appeal 2010 Update

St. Thomas More's "Fair Share": \$43,000

Pledge Total to Date: \$41,015

Households Responding: 296

Average Gift per Household: \$138.56

Amount needed to reach our goal: \$1,985

If each of our 992 Parish households
contributes just \$2,
we can meet our goal!

Can you spare \$2 this week for the attached envelope?

Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

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

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 760-758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

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: 8:30am 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 760-758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

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

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

thirteen years of sobriety, he's both proud and humbled by the fact that he can "not drink."

His path to sobriety began with an acceptance of his addiction, a three-month stay at Guest House in Michigan, a residential alcohol-treatment center for priests, and then on-going participation in AA, Alcoholics Anonymous.

Whenever we are on vacation together, at least one evening in the week is devoted to attending an AA meeting. Miraculously, AA meetings are held everywhere around the world, everyday of the week, at almost anytime of day. You can always find a meeting!

Last week, Fr. Rich and I spent a few days in Palm Springs for some R & R. On Monday night, Fr. Rich attended an "open" meeting and I was invited to be there with him.

Spending an hour with honest and sincere people, who in complete vulnerability share their failures and victories, is always a rewarding experience.

What struck me most last Monday Night was a simple carved wooden piece on the table that read: "You Are Not Alone." Such a simple message, a cliché of great magnitude, but in the AA setting, a very profound reality.

One can find a meeting in any place and at almost any time in the world. Help and support are there just for the asking. What comfort and strength there is in that knowledge.

Also, in the AA setting, one begins to realize that despite our individuality, we are all very similar as human beings. We are not alone. We all have strengths and weaknesses, virtues and vices. We are all sinners striving, hopefully, to become saints.

In the Church setting, I pray that all of us can create together a climate in which we all realize that we are not alone; that all of us, as human beings and as Disciples of Jesus, have strengths and weaknesses, virtues and vices.

As sinners on the way to sainthood, we, as members of the Body of Christ, are present to each other to support and help each other in our weaknesses. We are to be present to each other to build each other up, not to tear each other down. What a great definition of Church! What a great mission statement for a Parish!

One of the great miracles of the 20th century has been the AA movement, the 12 Step Process which is the basis of AA, Gamblers Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Sexual Addicts Anonymous, etc., etc. In these programs, God has been very active in healing people and helping them to celebrate life.

I truly believe that Parishes have much to learn from these programs. We need to continue to create a climate of vulnerability in which we can honestly, sincerely, and safely share our stories and unite our stories to the stories of Scripture.

I pray that our Parish continues to be a safe place in which we can tell our stories, support one another, and challenge one other in growing in "wholeness," in "holiness," into the image and likeness of Christ.

Today and every day, let us remember that: "YOU ARE NOT ALONE."

Fr. Rich is now celebrating 23 years of sobriety. Please congratulate him when you see him!

Fr. Mike

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year C; Weekday Year II
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, August 22 (123)
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 66:18-21
 Psalm 117:1-2
 Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13
 Luke 13:22-30

Monday, August 23 (425)
Rose of Lima, virgin
 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12
 Psalm 96:1-5
 Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 24 (629)
Bartholomew, apostle
 Revelation 21:9b-14
 Psalm 145:10-13,17-18
 John 1:45-51

Wednesday, August 25 (427)
Louis of France
Joseph Calasanz, priest
 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18
 Psalm 128:1-2,4-5
 Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 26 (428)
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 Psalm 145:2-7
 Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, August 27 (429)
Monica
 1 Corinthians 1:17-25
 Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,10-11
 Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, August 28 (430)
Augustine, bishop, doctor
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Psalm 33:12-13,18-21
 Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, August 29 (126)
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29
 Psalm 68:4-7,10-11
 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a
 Luke 14:1,7-14

Mass Intentions
Saturday, August 21, 5:00pm Kenneth Fiskens ☩
Sunday, August 22, 8:30am Michelle Dvorcek ☩
Sunday, August 22, 10:30am Bill & Theresa Goeltz
Tuesday, August 24, 8:15am Vicki Divisek ☩
Wednesday, August 25, 8:15am Barbara Upson
Thursday, August 26, 8:15am Bob Wong
Friday, August 27, 8:15am Joseph Riley ☩
Saturday, August 28, 5:00pm Donn Wilmott ☩
Sunday, August 29, 8:30am Paula Gurrera ☩
Sunday, August 29, 10:30am Dick & Charlene Belprez

Prayer List
 Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

Mary Alexander	Virginia McWalters
Laura Allenfort	Bob McWilliams
Lucia Ambriz	Carol Michael
Patricia Barbour	June Mitchell
Linda Belanger	David Moala
Cindra Bell	Shannon Moala
John Bennici	Nancy Moore
Regina Bentz	Margie Myers
Roseanne Berg	R. Northrup
George "Whitey" Betus	Helen O'Connell
Tamara Bousquet	Lupe Casas Pelletier
Monica Broussard	Helen Pingtella
Janet Brown	Anne Post
Roseanne Burg	Otila Quiroz
Jean Calderone	Janet Raiman
Shelby Campbell	Jose Ramos
Claudia Caplinger	Rita Ritchie
Keaton Cardillo	Joanne Robinson
Paul Cassidy	Sr. Loyola Romey
Flor Catap & Family	Dorothy Rouse
Paul Cipowski	The Russo Family
Olivia Cokeley & Family	Nancy Scali
Dolly Cole	Linda Schmidt
Carl Coleman	The Douglas E. Schulte Family
James Coleman	Freda Schweitzer
Thomas Cornwell & Family	Elizabeth Shirzad
Karen Flaharty Daley	Richard Sikora
Cecilia DeSimone	Nick Soltau
The Diaz & Gillen Families	Martha Sosa
Mary Dolnik	Ed Sox
The Dorsa Family	Gilda Spiegl
Linda Dossman	Donna B. Stephens
The English Family	Joan Stringer
Kathryn Ernst	Maria Surmenidis
Bob & Boo Falconer	Mike Synder
The Fiore Family	The Thompson Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer	Stephen Toth, Jr.
Ryan Flum	Barbara Upson
Matthew Foster	Arnie Velasco
Kathryn Franklin	Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Joe Freire	Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Carmen Garcia	Paul & Mai Vo & Family
Cierra Gerardi	Kevin Watson-Graff
Rick Gonzalez	John Whitton
Dr. Phil Goscienski	Nina Woodard
Eileen Gough	
Robert Gray	
Rosemary Haeffelin	
Anita Hage	
Susan Hallahan	
The Harker Family	
Rita Harnacker	
Lillian Hazzard	
Marge Heath	
Lilian Hills	
Sue Johnston	
Eileen Jones	
Paul Kennedy	
Debbie Kinney	
George Kleekamp	
The Catherine Koonce Family	
Sr. Anne Kremenik	
Helen Kuhn	
Lillian Lachance	
The Lamelin Family	
The Langeweg Family	
Bernie Lanzrath	
Rick Laver	
Brandon LeBlanc	
Cassandra Loretto	
Lauren Loretto	
James MacArthur	
The Marie Sterling Family	
Makenna Marlaire & Family	
Nancy Marley	

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:

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Pfc John Brandone
PFC Jonathan Chasteler
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy
LCpl. Brandon Mann, USMC
Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
Pvt. 2nd Class Matthew Seneca Noblitt, US Army
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, U.S. Army
LT Billy Turley, USN

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

Calendar Highlights
 Also check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Aug 22	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Aug 22	Second Annual Pastor's Dinner
Aug 27	Evening of Praise and Worship
Aug 29	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Aug 29	High School Phase I Orientation

The Month Ahead

Sep 5	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sep 6	Labor Day Office Closed Mass at 8:15am
Sep 8	What a Difference a Day Makes! with Fr. Rich
Sep 7-9	Fall Music Start Up
Sep 12	RE.A.CH Classes begin
Sep 13	Women's Guild Luncheon
Sep 19	RE.A.CH High School begins
Sep 24	Aegis Dinner

The Year Ahead

Oct 9	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Oct 17	STM 25th Anniversary Celebration
Nov 6-24	Stewardship Awareness/Renewal
Nov 6	Treasures 2010
Nov 7	Towers of Faith Reception
Nov 11-12	First Annual STM Women's Retreat
Nov 21	Thanksgiving Concert presented by the Music Ministry

Pray for Women Religious
 Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

August 23 Sr. Ruth Marie Barreda, CHS
August 24 Sr. Mary Bartosh, CHS
August 25 Sr. Eileen Bearss, RSCJ
August 26 Sr. M. Joy Bourgeois, MC
August 27 Sr. Annette Bower, CSJ
August 28 Sr. Breege Boyle, SSL
August 29 Sr. Rose Marie Brausam, OSF

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Sylvia Jimenez & Family
Patricia St. Pierre

Announcing the Baptism of

Makenna Rylee Marlaire

on August 21, 2010



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Elaine & Paul Cassidy (58 years)
Theresa & Bill Goeltz (4 years)
Joleen & Bret Schanzanbach (20 years)
Pat & Larry Whittaker (50 years)

who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

May God continue to bless your marriage, and may you be an inspiration to other married couples.

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Pat & Larry Whittaker
Margaret Garrett

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Gene Thompson, who died on last week. His funeral service was celebrated at First Presbyterian Church in Oceanside on August 13. Please keep his wife, Valerie, and the family in your prayers.

Betty Dorsa, who died on August 9. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 28, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Larry, and the family in your prayers.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

**Since 2006 we have netted over \$18,218
from this program. Thank you donors!**



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org**

Would You Like to Join *JustFaith*?

Consider *JustFaith* and Catholic Social Teaching

One of the most notable achievements of the Catholic Church over the past 120 years is the development of its social teaching. Catholic social doctrine has two main concerns:



1. the dignity of the human person, made in God's image, with the rights and duties which protect and enhance this dignity, and
2. the common good. Catholic social doctrine developed from a response to the problems of the Industrial Revolution which resulted in the exploitation of workers which continues today, dealing with the complex issues of technology and its effects, whether in the arms race, environmental destruction, or the widening gap between rich and poor.

St. Thomas More, together with five North County parishes, will be involved in the national program of JustFaith. JustFaith is an opportunity to grow spiritually by studying the Church's social doctrine in small groups at the homes of parishioners. JustFaith meets once a week from September to May with breaks for the holidays. It is a marvelous community-building experience. —Joe Dillon, St. Thomas More

We have groups forming on the following days of the week: Tuesday (late afternoon), Thursday (morning), Wednesday (evening), Thursday (evening.)

For more information, contact Cathy Blecki at 760-603-8930 or Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131.

Food Bank Contributions



Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. The most needed items include canned meats and protein, pasta and pasta sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or ronb@stmoside.org.

Little Rock Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 15, at 9:00am, or Thursday, September 16, at 7:00pm, you are invited to join us for a six-week session of Little Rock Scripture Study entitled *The Way of Justice and Peace*. The



Catechism of the Catholic Church defines justice as "the cardinal moral virtue which consists in the constant and firm will to give (our) due to God and to neighbor." Because God is calling each of us to lives of justice, consider being a part of this Bible Study as we discern what God is asking us to do in our world today to follow as God's disciples.

As we look at our world with its problems, it can become an overwhelming experience. Let us learn together what our response can be to God. For further information, contact Pauline Lapre at 760-727-8339.

Women's Guild News

Membership Drive—There are still membership forms in Box 35 at the Parish Office, or you can just put your name, address, and phone number in an envelope labeled "Women's Guild" with \$5 and put it in the offertory collection basket. Please do this soon, as we are putting together the membership directory.

September 13—A date to remember. For our first meeting of the year, Sally Fay has put together a wonderful, new organ program. Sally is a delightful and talented person, and we are so happy to once again have her for a program. She promises that it will be entertaining and fun. We will meet upstairs at 11:00am for the 30 minute program and short business meeting and then move to the downstairs for a delicious luncheon. Cost is \$8. Please call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760. Membership directories will be available.

Birth Choice of San Marcos Update

Our local pregnancy resource center is very grateful for the \$873.26 donated by St. Thomas More Parishioners during the *Pennies from Heaven* drive August 7-8.

Birth Choice of San Marcos is opening an auxiliary office in Oceanside and is in need of more volunteers. If you can help, please contact Birth Choice at 760-744-1313.

Young Adult Group News

ACTTS (Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize) is partnering with the North County Young Adults group, which includes young adults from several North County Parishes. Upcoming events include a Padre's Baseball Game on September 4 and a retreat at Whispering Winds Conference Center in Julian September 18-20. For more information or to get on the email list, contact actts@stmoside.org.

Missionary Cooperative Appeal

As part of the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative plan, Sister Mary Dietz spoke at all the Masses at the end of July. She has been a missionary in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and in Nepal, Asia. She invites your partnership in the missionary work of her religious congregation, the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Your generous donation unites you as missionary to our brothers and sisters around the world who are most in need of help. Envelopes were attached to the bulletin at the end of July and may be returned any time during the month of August. Thank you!

Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,

Thank you for your warm hospitality during my missionary visit to St. Thomas More Parish. The School Sisters of Notre Dame are most appreciative of your prayer support as well as financial partnership to keep our missionary efforts viable. Know that the sisters also keep you in our prayer.

Congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the founding of your Parish. As I read through your bulletin, I could sense your tremendous participation and outreach. May you also experience God's bountiful blessings as you work together to build your church.

—Very Gratefully, Sr. Mary Dietz, SSND

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together! **Phase II ~ Our Permanent Church**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SUCCESS

Pledge Statistics as of August 16

		# of Families Responding
Total Phase II Responses		
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)		32
Under \$100		23
\$100 and up		197
\$1,000 and up		79
\$1,500 and up		129
\$2,500 and up		83
\$4,500 and up		31
\$6,000 and up		21
\$10,000 and up		18
\$25,000 and up		2
\$50,000 and up		2
Total to Date	\$1,420,191	617
Still Needed	\$579,809	375
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	992

† If you can afford \$5 per week (or month) and haven't responded, we'd love to hear from you. Same thing for \$10 per week or month and so on. *Every gift helps!*

† We have now heard from 62% of the Parish and are over \$1.4 million toward our goal of \$2 million.

† 375 families have yet to respond. We need to hear from all our households, even if you choose not to donate, but to pray for our success at this time!

† **Thanks to the families who have adopted other families!**

† Please continue to pray for the donations needed to build our new Church.

Packets are available after all Masses, at the Parish Office, and on our website: www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.



Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
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Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140

GOT SONG?

The Church is very specific about who is supposed to sing in church.

Everyone! The young and not so young. The old and not so old. The talented and the not so talented. The Church doesn't specify, and neither does God.

Here's the latest official version about congregational singing from the bishops:

Singing is one of the primary ways that the assembly of the faithful participates actively in the Liturgy. The people are encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalms, and hymns.

So let's get to it! Sing when you are sitting (and standing!) in that

assembly. No more worrying about what your second grade teacher said. Or your spouse! And for those who want to sing more than just in the assembly?

We've got choirs! We've got praise teams! We've got handbells! We've got a children's choir starting in December!

The music program is starting up for the year. Now is a great time to jump in for the first time! Or to jump back in after some time away.

Did you sing in high school? Sing in church! Did you play in a band? Play in church!

Got song? We've got a place for you! Check out the options below, and join us!



Fall Start Up for Music Ministry

Shout joyfully to the Lord, ... come before him with joyful song! — Psalm 100

Adult Praise Team

TUESDAYS, BEGINNING AUGUST 31

Contact Joleen Schanzenbach at 760-806-6722

Youth Praise Team

Contact Marc Raymundo at 760-758-4100 x161

Children's Christmas Choir

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING DECEMBER 1

Grades 2 to 8

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15pm

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8

Grade 9 to adult

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9

Grade 9 to adult

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Upcoming Music

AUGUST 28/29
22nd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
kathleenb@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x110

RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

Sign Up for Religious Education class NOW!

* Genesis Program and Kindergarten

- Ages 3, 4, 5
- During the whole of 10:30am Mass, two Sundays a month beginning September 12
- Orientation for parents : Sunday, September 12, 10:00am



* Faith First Kids

- Grades 1-8
- Two Sundays a month, beginning September 12
- Time options: 12:30-2:00pm session
5:00-6:30pm session
- Parent/Child Orientation: September 12, 9:45-10:20am



* Teen Faith Formation

- All four years of high school
- Flexible scheduling:
Core Courses and Mini Courses
- 6:30-8:30pm on Sundays
- Orientation for parents **and** teens
Beginning the program (REQUIRED!):
August 29 at 12:00noon
- May include Confirmation preparation
If you have already been Confirmed, you may choose courses as they interest you...please don't give up opportunities to continue to deepen your relationship with your Lord!



FAITH:

THE ROAD FOR LIFE

You are invited
to a family celebration

- ♦ of a new year of parish life
- ♦ a new beginning in school
- ♦ an ending of summer

Celebrate with an evening of

Praise and Worship

A time for music, testimonies,
and prayer

Led by *Love, Resonate*

Bring your whole family to
share in this time of blessing.

Neighbors and friends are
welcome too!

Friday, August 27

7:00-8:30pm

Lower Level of the Parish Center

For more information, contact
Marc Raymundo at 760-758-4100 x161.

PBJ Update

Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center

2010 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	429 jars

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith

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

Christian Stewardship . . . Cultivate Gifts

*From the U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter, Stewardship:
A Disciples Response*

- ✠ Life as a Christian steward requires continued involvement in the human vocation to cultivate material creation.
- ✠ Ecological stewardship means cultivating a heightened sense of human interdependence and solidarity.
- ✠ Baptism makes Christian stewards by grace, able to act explicitly on God's behalf in cultivating and serving the portion of the world entrusted to their care.

For Parents

People are sometimes unsure about the meaning of "cultivating gifts" as a necessary part of being a good steward. They think, "Well, perhaps if I were a musician or an artist, I would know how to cultivate that gift. But what about other sorts of gifts? How can I work to make those other kinds of gifts better?"

Fortunately there are many ways to cultivate our gifts – we might learn new ways of being good parents, for example, by reading a parenting magazine or taking a parenting class.

Cultivation means acquiring the knowledge and learning the skills that will make us better at all those everyday things good stewards do:

- becoming informed citizens
- taking care of our bodies and our health,
- learning new ways to manage our material resources, including planning for the future,
- practicing and learning more about our faith.

Living Stewardship Together

Planting a garden or taking care of house plants, parents and children together, can be a dramatic lesson in what cultivation really requires – patience, dependability, effort, and being open to learning what works and what doesn't.

For Children

Being young means you are always learning. Being a good learner is good stewardship! It is also a great way to cultivate your gifts and make them grow.

—Scott Bader, Director of Parish Stewardship,
Archdiocese of Seattle, ICSC August 2010 Newsletter
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When Jesus asks us for an accounting, how will we answer?

TOWERS OF FAITH

Future Support & Estate Planning Options

Towers of Faith is a movement that has arisen due to the visionary leadership and generosity of several of our parishioners. We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought 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 a valuable portion of our future support.



Examples of the various 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 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

**Do two people in your family know the location of
your will and/or living trust?**

Collection for Week of August 14/15, 2010

Number of Registered Households		992
Offertory*	\$	6,200.71
Offertory (Loose Collection)		950.00
Children's envelopes		0.00
Total	\$	7,150.71

* Offertory envelopes, credit card withdrawals, automatic checking or savings account deductions (credit card and automatic bank account withdrawals are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month).

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, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parish.office@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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News from the Larger Church

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including Theology on Tap in August, training for young adult ministry teams and leaders, and more!

Franciscan Theology Series at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Mondays through August 30 with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM. Take a fresh look at Christ, the Christian community, the natural world in which we live, and the praxis of living that we call spirituality. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Dancing in the Courtyard at Aegis Living at Shadowridge—The popular summer series continues on Thursday September 9, 6:00-8:00pm, with *Smokestaxx*. Enjoy complimentary wine, hors d'oeuvres, live music, and dancing. RSVP by Monday, August 16, to 760-806-3600.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes in San Diego—Sympto-thermal method (99.6% effective). New class starting Tuesday, August 24 (continuing on September 7, October 5, and November 2) at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information or to register, contact Dave & Cheryl Ross at 619-303-5053 or davidandcheryl@cox.net.

Elizabeth Hospice Summer Volunteer Training in Escondido—August 24, 25, and 26, 8:30am-3:00pm, at the Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 N. Broadway, Escondido. Elizabeth Hospice provides hospice and bereavement support to all of North County. Graduates of this training will be invited to

volunteer for the Elizabeth Hospice in a variety of ways including Patient care, complementary therapies, support services, transitions, and transportation. For more information, contact Denise at 760-737-2050 or 800-797-2050.

Separated/Divorced Support Group in Solana Beach—If you are in pain from a separation or divorce, please consider joining our support group. We meet 10:15am Sunday mornings at St. James Catholic Church Ministry Center Offices, 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach. \$20 for DivorceCare workbook. New support group forming September 12. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@earthlink.net.

John Michael Talbot in Concert in Anaheim—Saturday, September 4, 3:30-5:00pm, Anaheim Convention Center. This free concert is held in conjunction with the 39th Annual SCRC Catholic Renewal Convention. For more information, contact www.scrc.org or 818-771-1361.

Marriage Encounter—Kids are back in school...time for you two! September 10-12. For more information or to registers, contact Mike and Anita Barletta at 866-473-7730 or barfive@cox.net.

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News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

50-Year Anniversary Celebration—Calling all St. Francis School alumni! September 2011 will mark the 50th year of operation at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. In planning for the our anniversary celebration, we are searching for all former students and faculty to include them in a 50th Year Memory Book and invite them to celebrate this fantastic milestone with us. If you or someone you know is a former student or faculty member of St. Francis, please contact the school office via email at info@sfs-vista.org, or by calling 760-630-7960.



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- * Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- * Equal tuition rates,
- * Financial aid opportunities, and
- * Fundraising support.



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TREASURES 2010

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET PARKING LOT SALE

Join in the St. Thomas More Community Flea Market Parking Lot Sale to benefit the building fund for our permanent church.

Saturday, November 6, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Parish Center parking lot

The Parishioners of St. Thomas More are sponsoring a flea market, open to the public. The gently used items will be donated by the Parishioners and the funds raised will go to the building fund for our permanent church.

Participants are encouraged to donate ten items per household. Items may include:

- Household items
- Gently used small appliances in good working order
- Gently used books
- Hats and handbags
- Games
- Jewelry items
- Arts and crafts
- (No clothing or shoes will be accepted.)



Start saving for this exciting event!

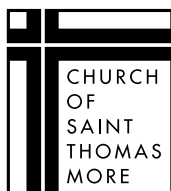
Volunteers are needed to help with staffing in the following areas:



- Manning flea market tables
- Signs and sign installation
- Table set up and take down
- Cleanup
- Raffle tickets sales
- Traffic
- General helpers

Our next organizational meeting will be Sunday, August 29, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Center. Please call by August 25 to volunteer your help and join us at the next meeting.

Jerry and Judy Buoniconti 760-758-4100 x157



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Scrip Update

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- Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
- Online Ordering 24/7 by going to:
 - www.stmoside.org
 - Click on: Contact Us
 - Click on: Scrip
- Email Ordering 24/7: scrip@stmoside.org
- Phone Ordering 24/7: 760-758-4100 x150

Starting September 4
Weekend Scrip Tables
are for
order pick up only.

*Online, Email, and Phone orders may be picked up after Masses
on the weekend or at the Parish Office any time after they are ready.*

Please bring your payment method with you.

We accept: Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Order Pick-up Timeline

- Orders submitted by 9:00am Friday for items usually in stock will be available for pick up by 6:00pm on Saturday.
- Orders submitted by 12:00noon on Sunday for special order items will be available for pick up by 6:00pm the following Saturday.

Our goal with these changes is to make Scrip
more accessible and convenient,
with shorter lines on the weekends.

*Scrip is a fundraising program where gift certificates are purchased at a discount,
sold at face value, and the difference is donated to our building fund.*

*For a complete merchant list, stop by the Scrip table, the Parish Office,
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