

Tom and Francine Teer on their 25th wedding anniversary in January 1991, receiving a blessing from Fr. Bob White in the chapel at Eternal Hills Memorial Park, where we celebrated Sunday Masses in the early years.

This space will be featuring different memories from our history each week. See page 4 for more details.



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

September 26, 2010 • Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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September

On September 2, I left for Germany with 38 pilgrims to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. Witnessing the Play was indeed a very moving faith experience for all of us!

We also visited Munich, Prague, Bratislava, Budapest, Vienna, and Salzburg. What a beautiful part of the world!

We returned home on Tuesday, September 14.

This past week, along with Chris Smith, Kathy Arciero, and Ron Briseno, I attended the International Catholic Stewardship Council Conference which was held in San Diego. Over 1,000 people attended workshops and talks to assist all of us in better living and witnessing to stewardship as a way of life, and sharing this way of life with fellow Parishioners. The conference began Sunday afternoon, September 19, and ended Wednesday afternoon, September 22.

This coming week, along with Bishop Brom and all the priests of the Diocese of San Diego, I will be attending our annual Convocation from Monday, September 27, to Thursday, September 30. These days provide some time for a bit of R & R for the priests.

September has been filled with a number of different activities that have taken me away from the Parish. October will bring back my normal routine and activities!

I share with you the Stewardship Prayer that we prayed before each event during the ICSC Conference. Please pray this prayer at home before a meal, at the beginning of a new day, or as you attend or lead a meeting at the Parish:

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25th Anniversary Celebration • Sunday, October 17

Make sure your calendars are marked and plan to join us for Mass at 10:30am, followed by an Oktoberfest-style celebration.

Stop at the table on the Plaza after Mass to buy food tickets and t-shirts.

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

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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)*

*Gracious and loving God,
You are Lord of past, present and future.
You create and recreate.
You make all things new.
Open our hearts so that we may discern your will,
and trust you in the choices we make each day.
Renew our lives so that we may always reflect your love
in our encounter with others.
And breathe in us new life so we may be inspired
to bring comfort to the afflicted, justice to the poor
and hope to those in despair.
May we endeavor to be bearers of your Good News.
May we be attentive to the needs of our Church
and the communion we share.
And by the strength of your Spirit,
may we always be good stewards of your abundant grace,
making all things new and thus hastening your kingdom.
We ask this in the name of your Son, Christ Jesus,
Who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

F.A. Mike

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.



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 Jim Treat at 760-598-3602.

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**

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

Sunday, September 26 (138)
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Amos 6:1a,4-7
 Psalm 146:7-10
 1 Timothy 6:11-16
 Luke 16:19-31

Monday, September 27 (455)
Vincent de Paul, priest
 Job 1:6-22
 Psalm 17:1bcd,2-3,6-7
 Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 28 (456)
Wenceslaus, martyr; Lawrence Ruiz, martyr, and his companions, martyrs
 Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23
 Psalm 88:2-8
 Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 29 (647)
Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels
 Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 or
 Revelation 12:7-12b
 Psalm 138:1-5
 John 1:47-51

Thursday, September 30 (458)
Jerome, priest, doctor
 Job 19:21-27
 Psalm 27:7-9c,13-14
 Luke 10:1-12

Friday, October 1 (459)
Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor
 Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5
 Psalm 139:1-3,7-10,13-14ab
 Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 2 (460)
Guardian Angels
 Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17
 Psalm 119:66,71,75,91,125,130
 Matthew 18:1-5,10-

Sunday, October 3 (141)
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Hebrews 1:2-3;2:2-4
 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9
 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14
 Luke 17:5-10

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, September 25, 5:00pm	Ruth Hannon ☩
Sunday, September 26, 8:30am	Francis Gojny ☩
Sunday, September 26, 10:30am	Nicholas Angelucci, Sr. ☩
Tuesday, September 28, 8:15am	J.C. Gonzalez ☩
Wednesday, September 29, 8:15am	Christie Hatch
Thursday, September 30, 8:15am	Mary Baker ☩
Friday, October 1, 8:15am	Patricia Dorr ☩
Saturday, October 2, 5:00pm	Betty Dorsa ☩
Sunday, October 3, 8:30am	Raymond Staehr ☩
Sunday, October 3, 10:30am	Mari-Jo Porter ☩

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

Saquer Abdou
 Mary Alexander
 Laura Allenfort
 Lucia Ambriz
 Patricia Barbour
 Lois Baxter
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Roseanne Berg
 George "Whitey" Betus
 Tamara Bousquet
 Monica Broussard
 Janet Brown
 Shelby Campbell
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 Flor Catap & Family
 Paul Cipowski
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Cecilia DeSimone
 Judith DiMatteo
 Linda Dossman
 Betsy Draper
 Marge Egan
 Kathryn Ernst
 Bob & Boo Falconer
 Flora Fallone
 The Fiore Family
 Peggy & Jack Fischer
 Ryan Flum
 Matthew Foster
 Kathryn Franklin
 The Franklin Family
 Joe Freire
 Carmen Garcia
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Anita Hage
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Rita Harnacker
 Dorothy Harrison
 The Harrison Family
 Marge Heath
 Lillian Hills
 The Hobbs Family
 Rosemary Hodgson
 Joshua Johnston
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Joan Jones
 Paul Kennedy
 Debbie Kinney
 George Kleekamp
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Bernie Lanzrath
 Rick Laver
 Brandon LeBlanc
 The Lemoine & Bernier Families
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 James MacArthur
 Nancy Marley
 The McCoy Family
 Bob McWilliams
 Lorraine Micallef
 Carol Michael
 Eric Michael
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore

Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 Eleanor Novosel
 Helen O'Connell
 Ethel Opie
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Darlene Peterson
 Helen Pingtella
 Anne Post
 The Pruzinskas Family
 Reuben & Evi Quinn
 Otila Quiroz
 Janet Raiman
 Rita Ritchie
 Joanne Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 Sr. Loyola Romey
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 Nancy Scali
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 Freda Schweitzer
 Maurine Shaughnessy
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Richard Sikora
 Mike Snyder
 Nick Soltau
 Martha Sosa
 Ed Sox
 Gilda Spiegl
 Joan Stringer
 Pete Sullivan
 Maria Surmenidis
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Barbara Upson
 Arnie Velasco
 Lucy Vienna
 Dominic Vienna, Jr.
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 Paul & Mai Vo & Family
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton
 Nina Woodard
 Anne Zorilla

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
 Major Robert Bechtold, 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
 Sep 26 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Sep 26 RE.A.CH Classes, including high school
 Oct 3 Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Month Ahead
 Oct 9 Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Oct 10 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
 Oct 10 RE.A.CH classes at church, including high school
 Oct 11 Women's Guild Luncheon
 Oct 12-13 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
 Oct 17 STM 25th Anniversary Celebration
 Oct 17 RE.A.CH high school classes
 Oct 23-24 Women's Guild Bake Sale
 Oct 24 RE.A.CH classes at church, including high school
 Oct 28 Project Linus Coffee

The Year Ahead
 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
 Nov 25 Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

Next Year
 Jan 23 New Member Reception

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.

September 27	Sr. Sheila Collins, DMJ
September 28	Sr. Gail Colquhoun, SMSM
September 29	Sr. Roseann Cordova, OP
September 30	Sr. Claudia Cortez, SJS
October 01	Sr. Elaine Coutu, CSJ
October 02	Sr. Camille Crabbe, CVI
October 03	Sr. Adele Crettol, OSF

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Colin & Heather Marlaire & Family
John & Mary Vancelette & Family
Ryan & Gretchen Warren & Family

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Kathryn Angelucci
Flora & Ralph Fallone

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

Congratulations to

Grace & Ron Hoffmann (55 years)
Louise & Steve Toth (46 years)

who celebrate their anniversaries this week..

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



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Vincent Prusinskas, who died August 7. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 20, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

Memories from Our History

For our 25th anniversary year, we will be featuring different historical photos and memories on the bulletin cover each week. If you have any photos or memories you would like considered, please email them to parishoffice@stmoside.org or bring them to the Parish Office.

Annual Catholic Appeal

We have reached our assessment of \$43,000.
Thanks to everyone who contributed!

Total pledges to date: \$43,729
Number of families contributing: 319

If you have not yet responded, please consider a contribution using the envelopes that were attached to the bulletin a few weeks ago. Envelopes are also available at the Information Table and the Parish Office. Any amounts we collect over our assessment will be returned to us and will help our operating budget.

STM Scrip News

Scrip is now available for purchase FOUR different ways!

1. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
2. Online at www.stmoside.org, click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.

Women's Guild News

Bingo Is Back—Women's Guild will once again put our new set to use on our next meeting Monday, October 11. Great food, lots of fun, and plenty of prizes. Come join us at 11:00am and see what new ways we can devise to win!

Membership Directories—These were handed out at our September meeting, but if you missed out, come see us in October. New members will be added and corrections made.

In Gratitude

To Fr. Mike, the Staff, and Parishioners of St. Thomas More;

On behalf of the Dorsa Family, I want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved in the planning and conduct of the outstanding funeral for our beloved Betty. So many people said it was one of the most beautiful funerals that they have ever attended, and some of these were of other faiths. To Fr. Mike, the concelebrants, the servers/ministers, and the choir, it could not have been done better. The Bereavement Committee was the source of numerous compliments. Many folks told me that they have never seen anything as well coordinated. And last, but a far cry from least, is the Parish Family of St Thomas More, who displayed sympathy, care, and love to all of us; and myself in particular, with their personal hugs, prayers, cards, Masses, offers of support, and plain old kindness. Everyone who knows me will say that this is impossible, but I honestly do not have the words to adequately express our appreciation. The closest thing that I can think of is to say, "I'm sure glad that I'm a member of this Parish Family." God bless you all.

Sincerely, Larry Dorsa

Explorer Day

Have you ever wondered if God might be calling you to the priesthood? Explorer Day is a six-hour discernment experience for men interested in learning more about priestly ministry and how Jesus Christ calls one to his life of service. The next Explorer Day is Saturday, October 2, 9:00am-3:00pm. Please contact Fr. Mike Ratajczak for more information and to register.

Annual Luncheon to Benefit Brother Benno's

Mark your calendars for Brother Benno's Auxiliary Annual Fall Luncheon on Saturday, October 16 at Camp Pendleton's South Mesa Club. This year, our theme is "A Salute to Service" and The Harmonettes, a female trio, will sing songs from the 1940s and perform skits. In addition, there will be opportunity baskets, a share-the-wealth cash drawing, and a silent auction which will include timeshares, a golf package and two VIP tickets to see a "Dancing with the Stars" taping. Also, tickets to win an Alaskan cruise for two scheduled for June 2011 will be on sale for \$25, and only 100 tickets will be sold. For more information and tickets, please call Vicky Squires at 760-724-7371.

Entertainment Books

The Knights of Columbus are offering Entertainment Books again this year. The books more than pay for themselves with great deals on dining out, travel, shopping services, and entertainment. All proceeds go toward supporting St. Thomas More and various charities. See the Knights on the Plaza after most Masses throughout the remainder of 2010 to purchase your book.

Treasures 2010

Following each Mass on October 2-3 and October 9-10, a representative of our Treasures 2010 Flea Market will be on the Plaza distributing packets that will assist you in preparing and pricing the ten or more items you are donating for the Treasures 2010 sale. Included in the packet will be a suggested pricing guideline and stickers on which you put the price for your items, as well as a form for listing the items you plan to donate for sale. Please complete the form and return it in an envelope marked *Treasures 2010* and place it in the offertory collection basket or to the Parish Office in Box 43 by October 17. This will help us to better organize the flea market. The donated items should be brought to the Parish Center parking lot on Saturday, November 6, between 6:30-8:30am. We are unable to pick up or store flea market items. Please make your own arrangements. If you have any questions, please call Jerry or Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.



Fall Blood Drive

Our fall blood drive will be held on Sunday, October 10, a little earlier than usual. The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the upper parking lot from 8:00am-2:00pm. Sign up on the Plaza after Mass on September 25-26 or October 2-3 for a convenient time to donate. Remember, you can save a life!

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

There are 330,000 children and adults in California with Intellectual disabilities, and they need our help. Nationwide, 60,000 members of the Knights of Columbus in California and their volunteers will conduct their Annual Fund Raising Drive in communities across the state to raise funds to benefit People with Intellectual Disabilities. Our goal this year is to raise \$1,000,000 in California

The drive at St Thomas More will be held the weekend of October 9-10 after all Masses. Knights of Columbus volunteers will be easily visible because of the bright yellow aprons they will be wearing and the canisters and candies set up on the table on the Plaza. We are asking for your donations for this worthy cause. For every contribution you will receive a free piece of candy. Other than the cost of the candy, expenses are negligible, so your contributions will go directly to those who need it.

The funds we raise will be donated to a local non-profit organization called The Arc of San Diego. For more information on the Arc of San Diego please visit: www.arc-sd.com. Last year, thanks to the generosity of the Saint Thomas More community, we raised just over \$900 in one weekend!

People with Intellectual Disabilities need the support of the general public so that they can develop and be productive contributing members of society.

Thank you in advance for all of your support.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Andy Frost (Drive Chairman) at 858-245-6305.

—St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus

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

The journey is essential to the dream. —St. Francis of Assisi

Pledge Statistics as of September 14

Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)	33
Under \$100	23
\$100 and up	199
\$1,000 and up	79
\$1,500 and up	130
\$2,500 and up	85
\$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	\$1,428,975
Still Needed	\$571,025
Total Goal	\$2,000,000

† 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.

† 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

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Sunday, October 3, at 4:00pm



St. Thomas More's annual Blessing of Animals will take place next week on Sunday, October 3, at 4:00pm.

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. Mike will preside as we gather with our beloved pets on the Plaza of our Parish Center for this traditional liturgy of celebration, prayer, and blessing.

Bring your furry and not-so-furry friends to the Plaza early to meet and greet each other.

We ask that you make sure your pets are under complete control, as we expect the gathering to be a bit boisterous.

See you there!



ANNIVERSARY CHOIR

Celebrating the Parish's 25th Anniversary

The Church of St. Thomas More will be celebrating its 25th anniversary next month, and Bishop Robert Brom will be visiting the Parish on Sunday, October 17, to preside at the 10:30am Mass in honor of the occasion.

As part of the celebration, the Parish's choirs will gather together to form a special anniversary choir for this liturgy.

If you would like to join us as part of this special gathering of singers and instrumentalists, offering musical prayer and praise, plan to attend two special rehearsals on Thursday evenings, October 7 and October 14, at 7:00pm.

Of course, you are more than welcome to join us before that. We will be rehearsing the anniversary music before those dates as part of our ongoing preparations for Ordinary Time, Advent, and Christmas.

I hope you will take this opportunity to sing with us as a part of this great liturgical celebration.

If you would like to join us, please contact me at 760-758-4100 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org.

I look forward to hearing from you.

—Douglas

Upcoming Music

OCTOBER 2/3
 27th Sunday
 in Ordinary
 Time

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team



Blessing
 of Animals

Friday, October 1 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

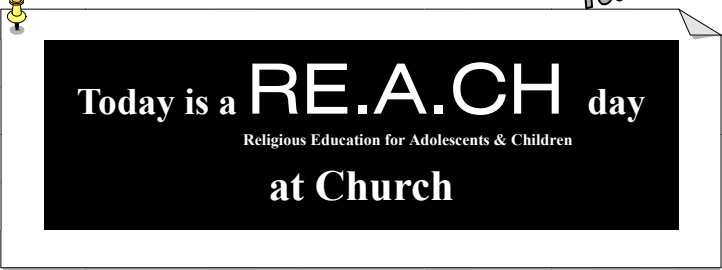
FEAST OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS

We pray...that we may perform quiet acts of love.

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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A Great Beginning

6 of our 16 classes started the year with perfect attendance:

- * Exodus
- * Jonah
- * Joshua
- * Job
- * Proverbs



As you can see, we regard our religious education classes as small faith-sharing communities, identified in name by a Book from the Old Testament.

Thanks to families for keeping attendance at Church Sessions as a priority for your family . . . please do the same with your Home Session, until we meet again!

A reminder of the Attendance Policy you signed: if your child is not able to attend a Church Session, please notify the Faith Formation Office by email or phone message in advance.

Your partner in ministry,

Kathleen

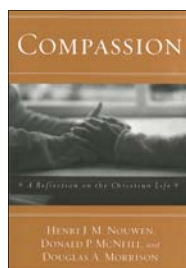


Men's Prayer Breakfast

- Saturday, October 9, 8:00-10:30am
- Mark your calendar, invite your friends and teen sons
- Great food and an excellent opportunity for spiritual growth
- Abbott Charles Wright is a speaker you don't want to miss!
- Sign up now!

Fr. Mike's Bookies

- Wednesday, October 19, 9:00am or 7:00pm
- Available outside the Faith Formation Office



Know Someone Searching for God?

Our inquiry sessions continue on the first and third Thursdays of every month, but we are still waiting for YOU!

Are you searching for...

- * A deeper relationship with God?
- * A sense of belonging in a faith community?
- * A greater fulfillment of your mission in life?



Our next session is October 7 at 7:00pm. You're invited to come and see what God has prepared for YOU!

Middle School Youth Group

meets

October 4	5:00-6:30 PM
October 18	5:00-6:30 PM
November 1	7:00-8:30 PM
November 15	5:00-6:30 PM
November 29	5:00-6:30 PM
December 13	5:00-6:30 PM

BE HERE!

BRING A FRIEND

Questions? - Contact Marc at 760.758.4100 X 161

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 485 jars!



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
Director of Stewardship & Development
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Christian Stewardship Live Long and Prosper *Star Trek and Stewardship*

— by Jim Lamm, St. Louis Catholic Church, Austin, TX

I am not a Trekkie but do enjoy watching the *Star Trek* TV series and the movies from time to time. The other day I was watching the movie *Star Trek: First Contact*, which stars the cast from the TV series *Star Trek: The Next Generation*.

Without going into the whole plot, the 24th century starship, Enterprise, is pulled back in time to the year 2061. I was struck by a statement the captain of the Enterprise, Jean-Luc Picard, made to a woman of the 21st century when she was overcome by the ship's size and technology and asked how much the Enterprise cost to build.

Picard stated, "Money doesn't exist in the 24th century . . . The acquisition of money is no longer the driving force in our lives. We work to better ourselves and the rest of humanity."

Who knew *Star Trek* was an example of stewardship in action? Can you imagine what would happen if we all followed Jesus' example and worked to better ourselves and the rest of humanity instead of increasing our own net worth?

An earlier movie scene answers that question. The fictional scientist, Dr. Cochrane, the first human to travel faster than the speed of light in the year 2063, is told his first faster-than-light flight causes a passing ship of Vulcans to land on earth and make "first contact." He is then told it was a pinnacle moment in human history.

Dr. Cochrane is then told, "This first contact united humanity in a way no one ever thought possible when they realized they were not alone in the universe. Poverty, disease, war—they will all be gone in the next fifty years."

We are not alone in the universe. Two thousand years before the first *Star Trek* books was written by Gene Roddenberry, God made first contact with us in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to earth not as an alien but as fully God and fully human to teach us how to live for God and others instead of only ourselves.

It was *the* pinnacle moment in human history. The Apostles and early Christian Church lived their lives this way and freely shared their possessions, time, and talents in order to better themselves, their faith community, and the rest of humanity.

One man changed fictional history in a movie. One Son of Man changed actual human history by dying on the cross. We can be that pinnacle moment in our own lives and in human history. If we follow Jesus' teachings and use our skills, possessions, money, and lives to better the rest of humanity instead of only ourselves, then we will indeed "live long and prosper."

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, September 2010 (with permission)

Wealth is not a sin. Jesus teaches us in today's parable to share wealth with those in need.

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 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 September 18/19, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,001
Offertory*	\$	9,539.20
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,029.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	10,569.20

* 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.

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News from the Larger Church

Catholic High School Information

Academy of Our Lady of Peace (for young women) Open House on Saturday, October 9, 9:00am-11:30am, 4860 Oregon St., San Diego. For more information, contact 619-725-9118 or www.aolp.org.

Cathedral Catholic High School Open House on Saturday, October 16, 10:00am-2:00pm, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. Prospective students and their families are invited to tour the campus, meet the faculty, administration, and coaches, as well as see classrooms and learn about CCHS. For more information, contact 858-423-4000 or www.cathedralcatholic.org.

Mater Dei High School, Chula Vista. For more information, contact 619-423-2121 or materdeicatholic.org.

St. Augustine High School (for young men) Open House on Sunday, November 7, 1:00-4:00pm, 3266 Nutmeg St., San Diego. For more information, contact 619-282-2184, or www.sahs.org.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including *Theology on Tap* series in October and the *Wide Awake Conference* in November..

Separated and Divorced Support Group in Coronado—New Paths, a free support group for the separated and divorced, will meet Tuesday evenings through December 7, 6:30-8:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church Ministry Center, 655 C Avenue, Coronado. For more information, call 619-435-6136.

Course and Lectures on Spirituality in San Diego—University of San Diego's Center for Christian Spirituality has a series of lectures and workshops each year. For details, visit www.sandiego.edu/ccs or contact 169-260-4784 or ccs@sandiego.edu.

Women's Christian Fellowship Bible Study in Carlsbad—every Thursday 9:30am-12:00pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Hall, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. This year's theme is *Understanding the Power and the Promises of the Prophets*. A \$20 donation is requested for the year, and on-site childcare is available. For more information, please contact Angie at 760-436-3875 or visit www.womenschristianfellowship.org.

St. Pio of Petrelcina Feast Day Mass in Spring Valley—Sunday, September 26, 4:00pm, at Santa Sophia Parish. Starting at 1:30pm, there will be a documentary on the life of St. Pio, Holy Hour and Benediction, and an inspiration talk. For more information, call 619-697-5958.

The Seeing of Francis Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Join Fr. Larry Dolan, OFM and Br. Kelly Cullen, OFM for our annual Franciscan Weekend Retreat October 1-3. We will spend the weekend exploring and deepening the ways the Saint of Assisi speaks to us and how we live today. For more information or to register, please call 760-757-3659 or visit the website at www.sanluisrey.org.

Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) Gala in San Diego—Saturday evening, October 2, at the Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa. COLFS is a life-saving ministry offering Christ-centered crisis pregnancy services as well as ethical family medical care. Features speakers will be Tim Staples, Jason Jones, and Steve Breen. For more information, visit www.colfs.org.

Religion in America Discussion Panel in San Diego—Monday, October 4, 7:00pm, San Diego State University, Arts and Letters Bldg. Room 201, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego. Presented by the Anti-Defamation League, SDSU's Dept. of Religious Studies and Jewish Studies,, and the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission. For more information, call 619-293-3770.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

eWaste Recycling Is Coming!

Ready to replace that run-down laptop? Is there a computer monitor collecting dust in the garage? We'll help you get rid of it! On Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30, St. Francis School will host an eWaste recycling event. Please hold on to those old monitors, cell phones, printers, fax machines, keyboards, and the like. The school will receive a per pound contribution for all eWaste collected by the community. Thank you!



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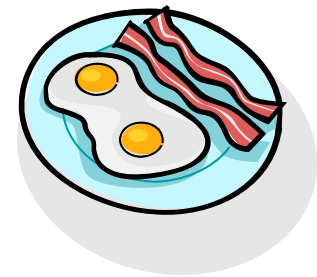
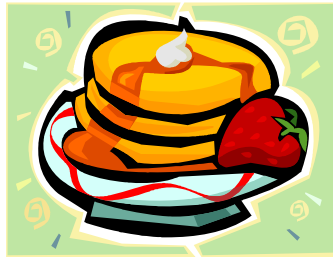
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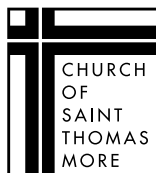
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Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010 12 noon Avo Playhouse, Vista

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Thirty tickets have been reserved. Deadline for reservations is Wed. Oct. 20. Lunch is on your own.

Carpooling will be available.

Please complete the registration form with your check made out to STM Spirited Seniors, place it in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Avo Play" and return it to the offertory collection or Parish Office, Box 12. For more information, contact Judy and Jerry Buoniconti at (760) 758-5113



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Name:	Telephone:	Number of reservations:
Guest Name(s):	Address:	_____ @ \$16.50
_____ Carpool: I/we can drive	_____ Carpool: I/we would like a ride	\$_____ Total enclosed

October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -Exposition of the Eucharist 10:00AM -Parish Social Justice Committee Meeting 2:30 PM -Christopher Riemann & Lisa Nava Wedding 7:30 PM -Reposition of the Eucharist	9:00 AM -CPR Tune up 4:00 PM -Reconciliation 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM -Mass
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time K of C Breakfast 8:30 AM -Mass/RCIA 10:30 AM -Mass 12:00 PM -Baptisms 4:00 PM -Blessing of Animals 6:30 PM -RE.A.CH High School	5:00 PM -EPIC/Middle School 6:30PM -Faith Works Board Meeting 7:00 PM -High School Youth Ministry	8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -Donuts and Coffee 7:00 PM -Praise Teams Rehearsal 7:00 PM -Youth Ministry LEAD 7:00 PM -Knights of Columbus	8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -Scripture Study 9:30 AM -Mass (Emeritus @ Carlsbad) 1:30 PM -Spirited Senior Board 4:00 PM -Ron & Kim Wright Wedding 6:30 PM -Handbell Choir 7:00 PM -Adult RCIA	8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM -Centering Prayer 7:00 PM -Inquiry 7:00 PM -Scripture Study 7:00 PM -Sanctuary Choir	8:15 AM -Mass	8:00 AM -Men's Prayer Breakfast 4:00 PM -Reconciliation 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time K of C Tootsie Roll Drive 5:00 PM -Mass 6:00 PM -Rosary for Peace
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Blood Drive K of C Tootsie Roll Drive 8:30 AM -Mass/RCIA/LOWC 10:20 AM -RE.A.CH 10:30 AM -Mass 12:30 PM -RE.A.CH & Sacrament Parent Mtg. 5:00 PM -RE.A.CH 6:30 PM -RE.A.CH High School	11:00 AM -Women's Guild Luncheon 7:00 PM -High School Youth Ministry	Chili's FUNdraiser 8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -Donuts and Coffee 7:00 PM -Baptismal Preparation Part I 7:00 PM -Treasures 2010 Committee Meeting 7:00 PM -Youth Ministry LEAD 7:00 PM -Praise Teams Rehearsal	Chili's FUNdraiser 8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -Scripture Study 9:30 AM -Mass (Pacific Place) 4:00 PM -Staff Meeting 6:30 PM -Handbell Choir 7:00 PM -Adult RCIA	8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -Donuts and Coffee 10:00 AM -Women's Guild Quilters 1:00 PM -Centering Prayer 7:00 PM -Scripture Study 7:00 PM -Sanctuary Choir	8:15 AM -Mass 6:30 PM -Welcome Minister Mtg/Reception	8:45 AM -Chair Set Up 3:00 PM -Baptisms 4:00 PM -Reconciliation 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM -Mass
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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM -Mass/RCIA/LOWC 10:30 AM -Mass/LOWC 12:00 PM -STM 25 th Ann. Celebration 6:30 PM -RE.A.CH High School	5:00 PM -EPIC/Middle School 7:00 PM -Ignite/High School	8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -AFF - Bookies 9:00 AM -Donuts and Coffee 7:00 PM -AFF - Bookies 7:00 PM -Praise Teams Rehearsal 7:00 PM -Youth Ministry LEAD	8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -Scripture Study 6:30 PM -Handbell Choir 7:00 PM -Development Council Meeting 7:00 PM -Adult RCIA	8:15 AM -Mass 9:00 AM -Donuts and Coffee 1:00 PM -Centering Prayer 7:00 PM -Inquiry 7:00 PM -Scripture Study 7:00 PM -Sanctuary Choir	8:15 AM -Mass	4:00 PM -Reconciliation 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Women's Guild Bake Sale 5:00 PM -Mass
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