



The blessing of animals on the Feast Day of St. Francis is a long-standing tradition in our Parish, going back to our storefront days.



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

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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

October 3, 2010 • Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Immigration: Your Story, Your Family's Story, The Whole Story

"Comprehensive Immigration Reform" has been discussed in our country for the last several decades now, but our leaders have not been successful in coming together to make it happen.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for comprehensive immigration reform and has published much significant information on behalf of this reform.

This information from the USCCB was published in a six part series that ran in our Parish Bulletin from June 6 to July 11, 2010.

It is important to keep this issue alive in our country in the hope that soon there will be enough of our leaders from all sectors of

society who will have the moral and political courage to work through this issue.

To this end, Faith Works, an interfaith network of congregations, of which St. Thomas More is a member, is sponsoring an immigration information morning. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, from 9:00am-12:00 noon at St. Francis Church. A flyer is included as an insert in this week-end's Bulletin.

The focus of this event is to put a "human face" on the issue by allowing people to tell their immigration stories. We are a nation of immigrants. All of us have family immigration stories to tell.

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World Mission Sunday

United with the Catholics of the world at the Table of the Lord, we recommit ourselves to our vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. Our prayers and Eucharistic celebration are directed in a special way this month toward our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are waiting to hear the joyous "Good News" of Jesus. Our offerings, through the society for the Propagation of the Faith, will support the work and witness of priests, religious, and lay catechists who daily provide loving service to the poor and suffering of the Developing World. The envelopes attached to this week's bulletin may be returned any time during October. Thank you!

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)*

I am the grandson of Polish immigrants. Both sets of my grandparents were born in Poland and migrated to the United States. My father's parents settled in a Polish community 100 miles north of Detroit, Michigan. It was in that farming community that my dad was born and raised—speaking Polish his entire childhood and adolescence. Although, born in the United States, he did not speak English until he moved to Detroit at the age of 21!

Isn't it just natural and normal that immigrants with the same background congregate together in the same place or area to give each other support as they begin to adapt to life in the USA? When one comes across the border, there isn't a magic wand that is waved that gives immigrants the ability to speak English immediately or to adapt to many new ways of life. It takes time. It takes a generation. We seem to have lost this sense of patience in recent times when we talk about immigration issues.

My mother's mother never spoke English. She remained in the house as mother to nine children and tended to family and home. Were people upset with her because she didn't speak English? No. People knew it would take a generation for the family to integrate into life here in the United States. All her children went to public schools, learned English, continued to speak Polish at a variety of times and in various circumstances, and worshipped in ethnic Parishes in which Masses and all sacraments were celebrated in Polish and English.

On both sides of my family, it took a generation. Today all of my cousins and I are fully integrated into life as proud Americans, speaking English, and bemoaning the fact that we are not as fluent in Polish as we would like!

This is just a piece of my family immigration story. Most of us have such stories. Take time to come to the gathering on October 16 to share these stories and, as a first step toward comprehensive immigration reform, to put a human face on the issue.

F. Mike

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 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.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

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

Monday, October 4 (461)
Francis of Assisi, religious

Galatians 1:6-12
Psalm 111:1b-2,7-10
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 5 (462)
Galatians 1:13-24

Galatians 1:13-24
Psalm 139:1b-3,13-15
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 6 (463)
Bruno, priest, and Marie Rose Durocher, virgin

Galatians 2:1-2,7-14
Psalm 117:1-2
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 7 (464)
Our Lady of the Rosary

Galatians 3:1-5
Luke 1:69-75 (Psalm)
Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 8 (465)
Galatians 3:7-14

Galatians 3:7-14
Psalm 111:1-6
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 9 (466)
Denis, bishop, martyr, and companions, martyrs

John Leonardi, priest
Galatians 3:22-29
Psalm 105:2-7
Luke 11:27-28

Sunday, October 10 (144)
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalm 98:1-4
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Prayer List

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

Saquer Abdou
Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Patricia Barbour
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Tamara Bousquet
Lynda Brady
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Shelby Campbell
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Flor Catap & Family
Paul Cipowski
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Karen Flaharty Daley
Robert Daly
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
Betsy Draper
Connie Egan
Marge Egan
Kathryn Ernst
Bob & Boo Falconer
Flora Fallone
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Carmen Garcia
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
Rosemary Haeffelin
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
Dorothy Hanratty
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Dorothy Harrison
The Harrison Family
Marge Heath
Lilian Hills
Frank Hobbs
Rosemary Hodgson
The Hobbs Family
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Joan Jones
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
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
Helen O'Connell
Ethel Opie
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
Sherry Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Freda Schweitzer
Maurine Shaughnessy
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Mike Snyder
Nick Softau
Martha Sosa
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegl
Joan Stringer
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Mary Treat
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Lucy Vienna
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Paul & Mai Vo & Family
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
Nina Woodard

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

- Oct 3 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- Oct 8 Gathering of Men
- 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

The Month Ahead

- 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 Flea Market
- Nov 7 Towers of Faith Reception
- Nov 12-13 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

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

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.

October 04	Sr. Irene Cullen, RSCJ
October 05	Sr. Alberta Curran, OCD
October 06	Sr. Rachel Daniels, SCMM
October 07	Sr. Rose Davis, RSM
October 08	Sr. Merita Dekat, SSS
October 09	Sr. Charlene Del Bianco, CSJ
October 10	Sr. Pauline Dibb, CSJP

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, October 2, 5:00pm	Betty Dorsa ☩
Sunday, October 3, 8:30am	Raymond Staehr ☩
Sunday, October 3, 10:30am	Mari-Jo Porter ☩
Tuesday, October 5, 8:15am	Al Smith ☩
Wednesday, October 6, 8:15am	Ernesto Vozza ☩
Wednesday, October 6, 9:30am	Jesus Bautista ☩ <i>Emeritus at Carlsbad</i>
Thursday, October 7, 8:15am	Peter King ☩
Friday, October 8, 8:15am	Michelle Morowe ☩
Saturday, October 9, 5:00pm	Jim & Nell McGlone
Sunday, October 10, 8:30am	Intention of Bob & Pat Wong
Sunday, October 10, 10:30am	Larry Dorsa

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioner

Tracie Berger

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of:

Pat & Tom Hannon
Grace & Ron Hoffmann

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

**In Memoriam**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Vincent Prusinskas, who died September 3. 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.

Social Justice**International Committee for Worker Justice (ICWJ)**

229,195 working-age San Diego households live below self-sufficiency.

WHO ARE THEY?

WORK STATUS	NUMBER LIVING BELOW STANDARD	% OF TOTAL LIVING BELOW STANDARD
Full-time	115,743	50.5
Part-time	65,549	28.6
Not Working/ Unemployed	48,131	21.0

Note: Numbers may not total due to rounding

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 October 2-3 for a convenient time to donate. Remember, you can save a life!

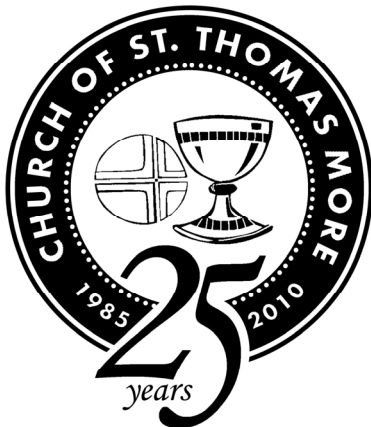
Attention STM Men!

There will be a “gathering of men” on the second Friday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. Men, please join us for the first “gathering of men” which will be Friday, October 8, in the lower level of the Parish Center, where we will be discussing “Positive Attitude and Faith; the measure of a man: half full or half empty.”

Any question, please contact John Fredette at 760-758-1973 or john@fredette-it.com.

STM 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ~ OKTOBERFEST ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

🍊 Enjoy fun, fellowship, great food, and music with family & friends! 🍊



- 🍊 Mass at 10:30am with Bishop Brom
- 🍊 Festivities in the STM parking lot – shade, tables & chairs will be set up
- 🍊 Celebrate from 12:00-4:00pm; food service from 1:00-3:00pm
- 🍊 Tickets: Adults-\$10 and Children under 12-\$5; Maximum-\$30 for a family; On sale after weekend Masses and weekdays in the Parish Office
- 🍊 Bratwurst or hot dog, German potato salad, green salad, and fruit salad with chips, veggie tray, and dessert
- 🍊 Beer, wine, soda, and water will be available for donation
- 🍊 Bounce house for the kids
- 🍊 LIVE Oktoberfest music provided by the Tommy Thompson band
- 🍊 Karaoke entertainment provided by Lynn Leahy with sound provided by Jim Treat

STM 25TH COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS ~ Maroon Crew and Navy V-necks available

🍊 Anniversary t-shirts ~ Maroon Crew neck \$10 & Navy V-neck \$12 🍊
T-shirts for sale after all Masses at the ticket table on the Plaza

🍊 TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT EVENT 🍊
Last Day to buy tickets ~ October 10 after 10:30 Mass

For more information, contact Henny Jocelyn at 760-758-4100 x100 or hennyj@stmoside.org

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.

Help Needed—Game Day will be Saturday, November 20, and I still need volunteers to make appetizers or desserts and also need several more opportunity baskets worth \$25 minimum. If you are coming to the Bingo meeting, you may sign up then. Otherwise, please call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703. Any help you can provide will be appreciated!

Board Meeting—Monday, October 4, 10:00am at Valerie Thompson's home.

Women's Guild Bake Sale

The ladies of St. Thomas More Women's Guild will be calling Parishioners whose last names begin with the letters I through Z requesting donations of home made baked goods for the bake sale on October 23-24. Please bring your baked goods when you come to Mass and drop them off at the designated tables. Please mark items containing nuts. Please, no items that need refrigeration. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, call Pat Wong at 760-806-1310 or Nancy Wozniak at 760-729-0782.

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.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

Watch for Knights of Columbus volunteers in bright yellow aprons on the Plaza after Mass next weekend. They will be asking for donations to support children and adults in California with intellectual disabilities. For every contribution you will receive a free piece of candy. 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*

Heartnotes

Congratulations to Parishioners who have been certified in Adult CPR/AED:

John Fredette, Debra Fredette, Maddie Fredette,
Theresa Goeltz, and Katherine Jocelyn

There will be an Infant/Child CPR class on Saturday, November 6.

Are you interested in becoming a CPR instructor? Contact medical director Dr. Phil Goscienski at drphilg@cox.net or 760-732-1414.

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 29

		# of Families Responding
Total Phase II Responses		
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)		33
Under \$100		23
\$100 and up		201
\$1,000 and up		79
\$1,500 and up		131
\$2,500 and up		85
\$4,500 and up		31
\$6,000 and up		20
\$10,000 and up		19
\$25,000 and up		2
\$50,000 and up		2
Total to Date	\$1,434,350	626
Still Needed	\$565,650	376
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,002



O God,
the builder of all things,
You have placed on us
the obligation of toil.

Grant that the work we do
toward providing our faith community
with a permanent spiritual home
for prayer, nourishment and sacrifice
may serve to better our lives
and give you greater honor and glory.

Through your goodness,
may our acts of generosity,
given not merely from our excess
but also from our need,
contribute to the spread
of the kingdom of Christ,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.

Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
 Director of Liturgy and Music
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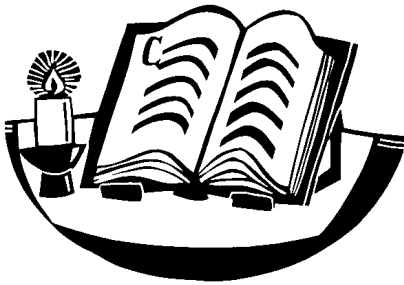
CALLED AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER OR READER?

Have you heard the call to serve our Lord's Precious Body and Blood to your fellow Parishioners at Mass?

Have you felt called to proclaim God's holy word during the liturgy?

Have you previously been a Eucharistic Minister or Reader/Lector in another diocese and would like to serve at St. Thomas More?

Are you interested in learning more about the Liturgies of the Word and Holy Communion?



Now is the time!

On Monday, October 18, at 7:00pm, St. Francis Parish will host a class for new and returning Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. This class on the theology of the Mass will be taught by Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, and it fulfills the diocesan and Parish requirements for new (and new to San Diego) Eucharistic Ministers and Readers.

Will you say yes?

Although you always see the eleven Eucharistic Ministers and three Readers needed for each of our weekend Masses, we are short of a full compliment of these ministers at St. Thomas More. In the best of situations, our ministers would serve at weekend Mass only twice each month. To cope with this current shortage, some of our ministers have volunteered to serve at three or more Masses each month.

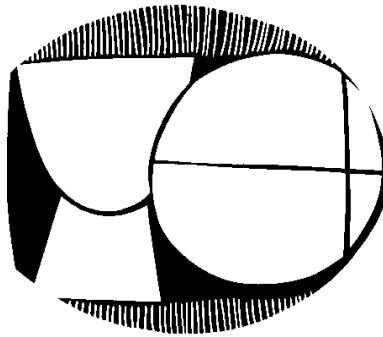
Our Parish has a critical need of new and additional Readers and

Eucharistic Ministers to allow those who already are serving more opportunities to be served themselves.

A Special Opportunity!

Training for new and returning ministers at St. Thomas More usually happens only once each year in the winter. I am pleased to announce this special opportunity at St. Francis Parish which will allow those who have wanted to join these ministries the chance to do so early! I hope you will take advantage.

This class also would be of interest to those who would like to a deeper understanding of the roles the Word and the Eucharist play within the Mass and within our lives as Catholic Christians.



If you are interested and would like to sign up for the class, contact me by phone at 760-758-4100 x140 or by email at douglasl@stmoside.org so I can get you the list.

There is no cost to the class. I hope you will join us! We need you!

—Douglas

Upcoming Music

OCTOBER 9/10
28th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
 Congregation

ROSARY FOR PEACE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS

SEE ENCLOSED FLYER
FOR MORE INFORMATION



Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation
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Today is a **RE.A.CH** day at Home

Religious Education for Adolescents & Children

Home Sessions

Today is Session #4 out of 36 sessions for Faith Formation: half at church and half at home .

Just a reminder that the Home Sessions are not “homework from Church”, but an opportunity to share faith as a family. Parents are setting the tone for the success of our partnership.

Home Sessions are a special time and a special place set aside each week for at least one family member (preferably all) to sit down with the young person and talk about faith concepts and what difference this chapter makes in our life, as individuals and as a family.

On the other hand, if a child hears: “We gotta leave for RE.A.CH in 15 minutes . . . get in there and do your homework!” . . . this could lead to an “attitude” on the part of the young person. If “the church is piling on too much work”, what happened to our partnership?

We have an exceptional group of Catechists this year!

There is a positive energy in the 56 teens involved in our two Core Courses in progress!

RE.A.CH Sundays, twice a month, are long but exciting days from 10:00am-9:00pm as we host four completely different groups of young people, about 240 in all, thanks to 35 wonderful volunteers serving in ministry.

Parents: may your home sessions be equally faith-filled. Try to use faithfirst.com (Legacy Edition) on a regular basis. You will find resources for parents and kids, games, family meal prayers, and ways you can use the At Home Guide.

With you in ministry,

Kathleen



Men's Prayer Breakfast ~

- Saturday, October 9, 8:00-10:30am
- Mark you 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 after Mass, or call 760-758-4100 x158

Youth Ministry

I hope you all are having a great weekend and the school year has been treating you well. If you have had the opportunity to come to youth group, then you have had the chance to laugh and explore your faith in a whole new way!



High School!

Monday Night youth group, come out and explore this week's message with us. We will be doing this with games, worship, talks, and fellowship.

Also check your schedules, as on October 16, we will be attending Believe, a one day conference at Resurrection Parish in Escondido. This event will be put on by the same people who do Steubenville San Diego. Cost is \$35 per person! It will be great event and I want you all to be a part of it. Come talk to me for more information.

Middle School!

Congratulations!!! We are now going to be called EPIC, which stands for Encrypting People in Christ.

We meet again this Monday, 5:00-6:30pm—bring a friend. No need for messy clothes and pink dodge balls! We will be playing games and starting to explore the sacraments of our church! It is going to be amazing.

Marc

PBJ Update

Food for children
at the Emergency
Crisis Center

2010 GOAL:
365 jars

Collected to date:
492 jars !

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

Christian Stewardship

What I want my church to be ~

My church is composed of people like me.
 I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.
 Its seats will be filled, I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.
 It will make generous gifts to many causes,
 if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its
 worship and fellowship, if I
 invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love,
 of fearlessness and faith,
 and a church with a noble spirit,
 if I, who make it what it is,
 am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,
 I shall dedicate myself to
 the task of being all the things
 that I want my church to be.

—Stewardship, October 2010 (with permission)



Today's Gospel makes clear that only total stewardship is enough: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'" (Luke 17:10)

We know that God wants us to give ourselves to Him. There is definite satisfaction in doing this. So many things in life fall into place after that.

We are to give our time, talent and resources for God's sake and purposes. Total commitment of what we have to God (*actually gifted from God in the first place*) is sometimes a hard step to take, especially on a regular basis.

The Lord assures us, however, that total commitment is the key to complete happiness and satisfaction. Are we there yet?

Christian Stewardship = Re-gifting to God

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.

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Restaurant Fundraiser for September 2010

Famous Dave's BBQ
\$464.86

"Did You Know?" Collection for September 2010

\$2,210

Collection for Week of September 25/26, 2010

Number of Registered Households		1,002
Offertory*	\$	4,968.06
Offertory (Loose Collection)		933.50
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	5,902.56

* 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 parishoffice@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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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.

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.

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.

Choir and Orchestra Performance in Rancho Bernardo—Sunday, October 10, 4:00pm, at San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo. Enjoy *Messe Solennelle de Sainte-Cecile (Mass of St. Cecilia)* by Charles Gounod, performed by members of the Festival Choir and Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Angela Yeung. For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

Junior High Chastity Education Programs in San Diego—Sunday, October 10, 1:00-4:30pm for fathers and sons, and Sunday, October 17 from 1:00-4:30pm for mothers and daughters. These programs will present God's plan for love, sexuality, dating, fertility, and the virtue of chastity for junior high students and their parents. For more information, contact Betty at 619-448-0467.

Carmelite Sister to Speak in Carlsbad—*Nurturing a Friendship with God*, by Sr. Carmelina of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles; Monday, October 11, 10:00am at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Center. For more information, contact Jan Feiner at 760-603-9103.

Christopher Cross Benefit Concert in Vista—Saturday, October 16, 6:00pm at Moonlight Amphitheatre, 1200 Vale Terrace Dr., Vista. Tickets range from \$26-61 and can be purchased online at www.vistixonline.com. Proceeds will benefit the "Finding our Way Home" program at North County Solutions for Change.

News from St. Francis Church—Our Neighbor

WANTED: Your Fresh & Easy Receipts—Please collect and turn in your receipts to the school (or to the St. Thomas More Parish Office). Purchases receipted from now through December 31 are eligible toward a Fresh & Easy donation to St. Francis School. For each receipt we turn in for \$20 (or higher), Fresh & Easy will donate \$1 to the school. The school receives a \$1 for every \$20 spent per receipt. What a great way to recycle your receipts and earn money for the school!



Each day is an opportunity to grow.

What will your child learn this school year?

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

Enrolling students entering
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- * Equal tuition rates,
- * Financial aid opportunities, and
- * Fundraising support.



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Who is the immigrant that came to America? It might be your great-grandmother. It might be your father. It might be you. Each of us has a story to tell about this great journey and the experience of trying to succeed here. Millions of these stories interwoven with each other make the America we know today.

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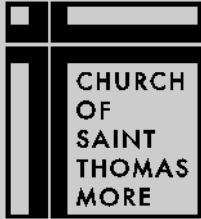
- Learn the facts about immigration today
- Examine this subject through the lens of faith
- Share your or your ancestors' story and listen to others' stories



on Saturday, October 16th from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m.

at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (525 W. Vista Way, Vista)

Faith Works is a nonprofit network of eleven North County congregations. Our vision is that one day all people will experience the justice and opportunity that is extended by the American promise. Our mission is to build volunteer leadership that transforms congregations into powerful voices for the common good.



Rosary for Peace

The Church of St. Thomas More, by invitation from Bishop Robert Brom to all parishes in the Diocese of San Diego, will pray a special Rosary for Peace.

Saturday, October 9, 2010

Immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

For us as individuals, the contemplation of the Face of Christ leads naturally to the desire for reconciliation and peace. Christ, by His saving Passion and Death has broken down all walls which divide us, the walls thrown up by sin. Going, with Mary, to Christ, we find His peace and are enabled to bring His peace to others. We are asked to pray the Rosary especially for the intention of peace in our homes, country, and the world.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*Brother Benno's Auxiliary
Fall Luncheon
featuring*

THE HARMONETTES



in a
**SALUTE
TO
SERVICE**

October 16, 2010 11:00 a.m.
MCCS South Mesa Club
Oceanside, CA

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.

TREASURES 2010

NEEDED: 81 VOLUNTEERS



MEN, WOMEN, AND TEENS FOR PARISH FLEA MARKET



Saturday, November 6, 2010 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • Parish Center parking lot

Sign up by **October 17** and become an earthly angel and help raise the needed funds for our permanent church.

Great success depends on Parishioners volunteering and together creating the best fundraiser this side of heaven!

It's easy—check your choice below, and you're all set!

Enjoy 2-1/2 hours of mingling and making new Parish friends.



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TREASURES 2010 VOLUNTEER FORM

Please complete and return by October 17 to offertory collection basket or Parish Office, box 42. We will contact you.

Name:	Telephone:	Email:
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- 6:30am-9:00am Light to medium lifting items from cars to ground tarps Leave heavy items for others to move.
- 9:00am-11:30am Sit or stand behind ground tarps with flea market items, assist buyers, and haggle for the best price! All buyers will pay cashiers. You won't need to handle cash.
- 11:30am-2:00pm Sit or stand behind ground tarps with flea market items, assist buyers, and haggle for the best price! All buyers will pay cashiers. You won't need to handle cash.
- 2:00-3:30pm Light to medium lifting of unsold items from ground tarps into plastic bags. Leave heavy items for others to pick up.

Some of you can sit on the job behind the flea market items.
Bring your own folding lawn chair, hat, sunglasses, a bottle of water, and snack bar.
Enjoy fund raising and making new friends!