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Dear Fr. Mike,

Your 25th anniversary celebration was great, notwithstanding the weather. I was blessed to be part of it.

Thank you for your good work.

Fraternally,
+ Robert Brown



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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

November 7, 2010 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Gratitude—the Heart of Discipleship

We have been called by name. Our God, through Jesus, the Son, has embraced us, and desires to enter into friendship with us, a friendship that is a deep, intimate relationship that lasts for eternity:

I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

—John 16:15-17

Once we hear and respond to this call to friendship with our God, our lives are totally different. We see the world in a different light.

We realize that we have come from God and we are making our way back to God. We are pilgrims on a journey of faith and life.

As sojourners on this pilgrimage, we become aware that our friendship with God is also a friendship with other sojourners. We awaken to the reality that we are all brothers and sisters on this planet Earth, in this Universe. We awaken to the reality that all we are and have is pure gift from God! We own and possess nothing. We are simply called to take care of what God has given us while we live, and, hopefully, at the end of our earthly journey give back to God a world that is just a bit better because of our time here.

We become stewards and our charge is stewardship. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines stewardship as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.”

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Envelopes are attached today for the 2010 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection.
Fight Poverty in America, Defend Human Dignity is this year's theme.
The envelopes may be returned any time during November. 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)*

The month of November is a month of gratitude, a month of thanksgiving in which we, in a special way, give thanks to God for all that we are and have.

Here at St. Thomas More Parish we celebrate our month of Catholic Stewardship by focusing on our discipleship and our gratitude which is the heart of discipleship.

We challenge ourselves, once again, to review our gifts of time, talent, and treasure which we render on behalf of God's Reign. What is the quality and quantity of our gifts? Do they adequately represent and symbolize our gratitude? Are they an adequate representation of our faith and our friendship with God and as disciples of Jesus who continue his mission and ministry for this time and this place?

In the next three weekends, we will focus on these questions and recommit ourselves to be faithful Catholic Stewards.

As we move forward with the building of our Permanent Church and our Parish Offices, our stewardship is more important than ever! To be successful in this very challenging project that awaits us, we will need every member of our Parish Family to be "onboard." Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure will be needed more than ever.

We begin our Catholic Stewardship Awareness Month with my homilies focused on Stewardship this weekend, and a special "Towers of Faith" reception which will be held on Sunday, November 7, at the Rectory.

The "Towers of Faith" are those who have remembered our Parish in their estate planning. Their generosity in remembering us at the end of their lives is so significant to our Parish financial health in the present and the future. We presently have 40 households and 11 deceased members (Our Towers of Faith are listed on page 5 of today's bulletin.)

If you are not a "Tower of Faith," please consider becoming one as you plan the gifting of your treasure in your estate arrangements.

Next weekend, Dr. Brad Yates and Dr. Susan Lagasse-Yates and their son, Timothy, and daughter, Sydney, will give a faith witness about the meaning of stewardship in their lives.

On the third weekend of November, there will be a Ministry Fair which will highlight those areas of Parish life that are in greater need of your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Allow this month to deepen our commitment as Disciples of Jesus, and may our gratitude be the heart of that discipleship!

I close with this anonymous quote: *"The Dead Sea is the dead sea because it continually receives and never gives."*

F.A. Mike

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, November 7 (156)
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14
 Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15
 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
 Luke 20:27-38

Monday, November 8 (491)
 Titus 1:1-9
 Psalm 24:1-6
 Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 9 (671)
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
 Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
 Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17
 John 2:13-22

Wednesday, November 10 (493)
Leo the Great, pope, doctor
 Titus 3:1-7
 Psalm 23:1b-6
 Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 11 (494)
Martin of Tours, bishop
 Philemon 7-20
 Psalm 146:7-10
 Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 12 (495)
Josaphat, bishop, martyr
 2 John 4-9
 Psalm 119:1-2,10-11,17-18
 Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 13 (496)
Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin
 3 John 5-8
 Psalm 112:1-6
 Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, November 14 (159)
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Malachi 3:19-20a
 Psalm 98:5-9
 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
 Luke 21:5-19

Mass Intentions
Saturday, November 6, 5:00pm Ann Couture ☩
Sunday, November 7, 8:30am Ann Puppig ☩
Sunday, November 7, 10:30am Berry & Schweitzer Families
Tuesday, November 9, 8:15am Anthony Masseth ☩
Wednesday, November 10, 8:15am Donna Smith
Wednesday, November 10, 9:30am Edward Stapleton ☩ <i>Aegis at Shadowridge</i>
Thursday, November 11, 8:15am Patricia Thompson ☩
Friday, November 12, 8:15am Alfred Barmasse ☩
Saturday, November 13, 5:00pm Deceased Members of the Lavelle & Tutino Families ☩
Sunday, November 14, 8:30am Craig Sweet ☩
Sunday, November 14, 10:30am Ernest J. Walsh, MD ☩

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

Mary Alexander
 Laura Allenfort
 Lucia Ambriz
 Brianna Balestreri
 Mary Balli
 Patricia Barbour
 The Belanger Family
 Cindra Bell
 The Bell Family
 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
 Carl Clark
 Dick Clarke
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Anthony Comito
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 Pat Crafton
 Jack Dale
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Cecilia DeSimone
 Judith DiMatteo
 Linda Dossman
 Kathryn Ernst
 Bob & Boo Falconer
 The Fiore Family
 Peggy & Jack Fischer
 Ryan Flum
 Matthew Foster
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 Carmen Garcia
 The Gavin & Ritter Families
 Rick Gonzalez
 Bill Gough
 Eileen Gough
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Anita Hage
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Rita Harnacker
 Marge Heath
 Lillian Hills
 Max Isaac
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Paul Kennedy
 Debbie Kinney
 The Kleekamp Family
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Bernie Lanzrath
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 James MacArthur
 Nancy Marley
 Bob McWilliams
 Lorraine Micallef
 Carol Michael
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore

Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 Terri Northcutt
 R. Northrup
 Helen O'Connell
 Maria Oey
 The Oravetz Family
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Helen Pingtella
 Anne Post
 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
 Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Richard Sikora
 Mike Snyder
 Nick Soltau
 Martha Sosa
 Gilda Spiegl
 Carl Streling
 The Stringer Family
 Pete Sullivan
 Maria Surmenidis
 David Sweet
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Laurie Updyke
 Barbara Upson
 Arnie Velasco
 Dominic Vienna, Jr.
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 Paul & Mai Vo & Family
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton

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

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
 1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
 Major Robert Bechtold, USMC
 Pfc John Brandone
 PFC Jonathan Chasteler
 Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
 SSGT Julian Fyffe, USMC
 MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
 BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy
 LCpl. Brandon Mann, USMC
 Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
 Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
 Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
 PVT2 Tyler Timmerman, US Army
 LT Billy Turley, USN
 Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

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

Nov 7 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

Nov 7 RE.A.CH classes at church including high school

Nov 7 Towers of Faith Reception

Nov 9-10 Restaurant Fundraiser at Elephant Bar

Nov 12-13 First Annual STM Women's Retreat

Nov 14 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass

Nov 14 RE.A.CH classes at church including high school

The Month Ahead

Nov 20 Women's Guild Game Day

Nov 21 Thanksgiving Concert presented by the Music Ministry

Nov 24 Children of Abraham Prayer Service

Nov 25 Thanksgiving Mass 9:00am

Nov 25 Thanksgiving Dinner at STM

The Year Ahead

Dec 4 Job Transition Seminar

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 8:15am & 7:00pm

Next Year

Jan 8 Adult CPR/AED Class

Jan 15 Adult CPR/AED Class

Jan 22 Adult CPR/AED Class

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.

November 08 Sr. Dina Marie Garcia, RJM
November 09 Sr. Mary Joseph Garcia, DCJ
November 10 Sr. Paula Garcia, HMSS
November 11 Sr. Peggy Garfield, CSN
November 12 Sr. Lorraine Genest, RJM
November 13 Sr. Virginia Gillis, RSM
November 14 Sr. Rose Frances Gilmore, OLVVM

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Art Rocha & Victoria Macaraig & Family

Congratulations to

Kathy & Paul Santy (18 years)

who celebrate their anniversary 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 contributions of:

Pat & Tom Hannon

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



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Linda Belanger, who died recently. Linda is the daughter of Parishioner Joyce Belanger. Please keep Joyce and the family in your prayers.

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

They are remembered...

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

During the month of November the church traditionally remembers those who have gone before us to new life. There will be a special book for you to write the names of your loved ones located near the alcove for the statue of Mary. Envelopes submitted with the names of loved ones will also be placed on the altar during the month. Join us in praying.

Holy Mary, Gentle Mother, cradle within your arms those who have died, and intercede for those who mourn them. Amen.

Thanksgiving Is Coming!

Our Parish Family will be hosting their Sixth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 25, at 1:00pm. Dinner will be provided; if you would like to bring an appetizer or dessert, it will be welcomed.

If your family is out of town, you don't want to fix a huge dinner, or you would like to share the holiday with your Parish Family, please pick up a reservation form at the Information Table after Mass or at the Parish Office. For more information call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100. We'd love to have you celebrate this holiday with us!

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.

Women's Guild News

November Meeting—Remember our meeting this Monday, November 8. Bring books you have read and enjoyed and you will be able to peruse the tables for books you would like to have. This is a great way to get some free books! Also, you will greatly enjoy hearing our guest speaker. Bridget Poizner will give a presentation on Save Their Story, a video biography company. She conducts interviews and preserves the memories of your life for your children and grandchildren. It's a great idea, and you are sure to be entertained by this very creative individual. Call Vera Bayliss at 760-739-9061 or Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760 for reservations

Game Day—Men, Women, Family, and Friends are invited to Game Day, sponsored by the Women's Guild. The fun begins at 11:00am Saturday, November 20. There will be lots of delicious food, fruit, and champagne punches, and some great opportunity baskets. Bring your own cards or games or use some of ours. You may get up a table or just come and join some of the rest of us. Tickets are on sale this weekend and next after all Masses. Tickets are only \$10 or \$30 for a family. If you have questions, call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703.

Women's Retreat—Did You Register?

Friday evening, November 12, and Saturday, November 13 with Tammy Evevard. Saturday session includes Mass and dinner. Watch for details or visit www.stmoside.org/women. If you have questions, please contact 760-758-4100 x159 or womensministry@stmoside.org.



Christmas Angel Project

We invite all interested parishioners to join us in this wonderful ministry that serves children at several local charities during Christmas and the New Year. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

We need volunteers of all ages to prepare the tree, man the table on the plaza, organize toys, and stuff stockings and gift bags on Saturday, December 11. We look forward to seeing you.

For more information please contact Marti or John Harper at 760-724-1181 or 4johnnyangel@cox.net

Memorial Walk in Honor of Fr. Ken Kieffer

Sponsorships and/or donations to benefit Fraternity House totaled \$450. This ministry was near and dear to Fr. Ken's heart and used to be an annual event during his lifetime.

A big thank you to all who donated! —Chris Smith

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.



Towers of Faith ~ 2010

Regina Aulisio
 Geraldine Barton
 Colleen Bechtold
 Catherine and David Blecki
 Michael Bosak
 William Brincko
 Ron and Louise Briseno
 Hazel Bronzan
 Roger and Pat Burkardt
 Charlotte Dale
 Larry Dorsa
 Don and Rosanna Eppich
 Len and Lois Garth
 Charles "Robert" Hall
 Bill and Mary Haynes
 Paul Kennedy
 Anne Marshall
 Josephine Mase
 William Mazarella
 Richard and Ann McGeary
 Joyce Meehan
 Lorraine Micallef
 Beverley Miller
 Ralph Mueller
 Richard Obsitnik
 John O'Donnell
 Mary Anne Palmer
 Mike and Natalie Provinse
 Rev. Michael Ratajczak
 Randy and Jana Reznicek
 Connie Ringel
 Maurine Shaughnessy
 Christina Smith
 Carl and Masako Streling
 Maria Surmenidis
 Frank and Mary Lou Thompson
 Elaine Weiler
 (Three anonymous households)

In Memoriam

Carl Bechtold, Jean Crowell, Lew Crowell,
 Jack Dale, Betty Dorsa, Virginia Frost,
 Jim Kilian, Lillian Luisi, Patrick McCarthy,
 Leo Miller, and William Zontine

Towers of Faith participants help to ensure ongoing support and a legacy for our Parish! We stress that this is not about the gift amount, but rather the love and thought behind the gift.

Any parishioners who have already included STM in their estate plans are *Towers of Faith* participants. If you, too, have included St. Thomas More in your estate plans, but are not on the list and would like to be, please let us know. Your participation is most welcome and appreciated!

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

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of November 2

		# of Families Responding
Total Phase II Responses		
Unable to pledge at this time (10 of these families have been adopted)		34
	Under \$100	23
	\$100 and up	203
	\$1,000 and up	81
	\$1,500 and up	131
	\$2,500 and up	86
	\$4,500 and up	31
	\$6,000 and up	19
	\$10,000 and up	20
	\$25,000 and up	2
	\$50,000 and up	2
Total to Date	\$1,441,751	632
Still Needed	\$558,249	378
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,010



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
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Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

AT A CROSSROADS

Scripture Themes for November

by Patricia Datchuck
Sánchez and Rafael
Sánchez Alonso,
Celebration
November 2010.
By permission.

There are several places in this world of ours where a person can savor the experience of standing at a crossroads. In Uganda, for example, travelers on the road between Masaka and Kampala can stop at a certain point and stand straddling the equator, with one foot in the northern and the other in the southern hemisphere. Travelers to Turkey can have a similar experience in Istanbul, where a sign on a bridge across the Bosphorus indicates the demarcation between the Eastern and the Western world, between Asia and Europe.

Those who sail the Pacific will traverse the imaginary marker called the International Date Line. Immediately to the west of this line that sits at 180 degrees longitude, the date is always one day ahead of the date immediately to the east of the date line. Traveling east, one “loses” a day; going west, one “gains” a day.

In North America, a similar “separation” is produced by the Continental Divide that runs from northwestern Canada along the coast of the Rocky Mountains to New Mexico, where it then follows the crest of Mexico’s Sierra Madre on into South America along the Andes. This line divides the flow of water from rivers, rain, and snow, such that water on the east of the divide flows to the Atlantic, while precipitation on the west heads toward the Pacific.

Some of these crossroads, whether they be geographical or chronological, are quite dramatic; others are less so, but all offer a sense of the importance of those times and places in our lives that demand a decisive response. Do I go east or west? Forward or backward? To the left or to the right?

In a certain sense, the praying assembly has arrived together, yet

again, at what could be called a crossroads in our individual and collective lives. One liturgical year is waning and another is looming on the chronological horizon, bringing with it both perils and possibilities. As we stand at this crossroads, the sacred texts create an ambience that reminds us of the unrelenting and irretrievable passage of time as well as the manner in which our lives are to punctuate and demarcate our share of that time. Rather than cling to the passing year, we are to let it go, and with it, to relinquish the regrets and guilt and sadnesses that burden us as we mourn what might have been. Here in this crossroads between one year and the next, the sacred authors arouse our hope as they direct our attention outward, upward, and onward toward what is yet to be. They awaken in us a renewed sense of God’s gift of time and of our responsibility to use that time wisely and well.

To illustrate the importance of being careful stewards of time, Baptist pastor Robert G. Lee once proposed that if you had a bank that daily credited your account with \$86,400 and canceled whatever amount you had failed to use by the end of the day, what would you do? Draw out every cent, of course. Well, each of us has such a bank. Its name is time. Every morning, our account is credited with 86,400 seconds. Each night, it counts as a loss whatever has not been invested to good purpose. No balances are carried; there are no overdrafts. Each night, the records are burned, and the next day, time opens a new account. If we fail to use the day’s “deposits,” the loss is ours; at a loss also are all those who could have somehow benefited from our time.

Despite our awareness of its preciousness, it is often difficult to evoke a sense of urgency regarding our use of this gift. With each



passing day, week, month, year, we become a little less attentive, a little less sharp. For that reason, the sacred texts and the authors who bring them to us call out to us each year at this chronological and spiritual crossroads. Their messages are mixed. Some speak of the suffering that is inherent in discipleship; others look beyond the suffering to the risen glory we will share when our time here is spent. Others remind us of the heroes of both testaments who have sanctified their time and ours by their sacrificial deaths. Through their blood, the seed of our faith is fed and strengthened.

While most of us will not be called to suffer in the same manner as Jesus, Paul, or the brothers Maccabee and their mother, all of us are obliged to offer who we are and what we have in the time allotted to us. To that end, at the chronological crossroads of this month, Isaiah offers an agenda most worthy of our time. Let us together accept his challenge: to allow God to instruct us so that we may walk together in the light. Let us spend our time beating our swords into plowshares, our spears into pruning hooks, so that each time we arrive at a crossroads between war and peace, we will choose the way that leads to God.

Upcoming Music

NOVEMBER
13/14

33rd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

5:00pm Mass

Praise Team

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

Faith Formation

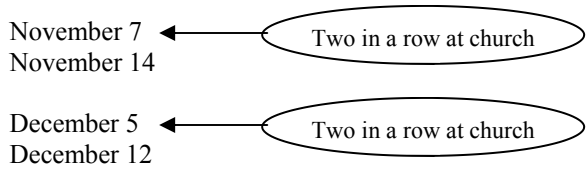
Teach and Live the Gospel

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

RE.A.CH— Attendance Alert!

Please be sure you've highlighted our Church sessions for the remainder of 2010 on your calendar because they don't follow the usual pattern:

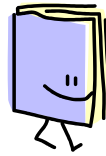


Little Books

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

They are available early because many enjoy mailing them to friends and relatives.

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



Sunday Missals

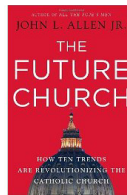
2011 Sunday Missals are available for a limited time for \$5. Each year I get a small supply for those who enjoy having the readings all in one place as you prepare for Sunday Mass at home. Simple reflections are also included.



Fr. Mike's Bookies

Fr. Mike will lead our next Bookies event. We are processing this book over three months, January, February, and March. It is an interesting read, but it takes time to digest and absorb it.

It is available outside the Faith Formation Office for \$20. Consider reading it for your own broader perspective on the Catholic Church: where is has come from and where it is going. Think about getting started soon on the reading since the holidays ahead tend to take up all that "free time" you have for reading!



PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2010 GOAL: 365 jars

Collected to date: 538 jars

Youth Ministry

IGNITE

High School

This night will be a night of faith and our hearts. We will do this with fellowship, games, talks, and laughter. Bring someone new, and if you haven't come out, give it a try and have some fun with us. I will see you tomorrow night.

EPIC

(Encrypting People in Christ)
 Middle School

There are RE.A.CH classes today and I hope that you have all recovered from your sugar highs. Thank you to all that joined us for Mass last Monday for the Feast of All Saints . . . it was great to share that experience with you. Youth group continues November 15 and 29 at 5:00pm. Be ready to play games and learn. Remember, bring yourself and bring someone new!

High School RE.A.CH

Mini Course starts tonight, 6:30-8:30pm. Phase 1 comes for 3 nights: November 7, 14, and 28.

Phase 2 comes for 4 nights: November 7, 14, 28, and December 5 (because you're special!)

Stewardship & Development

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Christian Stewardship ~ Giving, Receiving, or Both?

Stewardship for most of us means giving. But I want to talk about receiving. I would like each of us to reflect for a moment on how much we receive in our daily lives and where it all comes from.

Sure, we can say that we have our jobs, families, clothes, food, and friends because we work hard for them. If I didn't get up and put in a good day's work, I wouldn't have a job and wouldn't be able to afford my apartment, clothes, or food. What I receive I could say is due to my own hard work.

This perspective reminds me of the opening scene in the musical *Shenandoah*. The father is sitting around the dinner table with his children and just before they begin to eat, he says: "Lord, we cleared this land. We plowed it and sowed it. We fought off the bugs and the worms and the varmints. We harvested and then we cooked our harvest. Lord, there wouldn't be a thing on this table if we hadn't done it ourselves, but we thank you just the same anyway, Lord, for this food we're about to eat. Amen."

Sometimes we, too, honestly feel that everything we have is due to our own sweat and tears, but just to be sure, we give the Lord a quick thank you. We don't really stop long enough in our busy lives to think about where it all comes from. Is it really our own making? Doesn't God have something, somehow to do with it?

The answer is obvious. Our talents, our abilities, our very existence is a gift from God, a gift that is given freely.

In Chronicles, David makes it very plain where our blessings really come from: "Yours O Lord is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and the earth is yours. Both riches and honor come from you and you rule over all. All things come from you Lord."

Some things, granted, we earn by hard work and careful planning, but life and breath is a gift from God. We've done nothing to earn it. The most important thing we have, our very being, is a gift.

Luke tells us: "Everyone to whom much is given, much will be required." I used to think that meant that those who had a lot of money should give a lot to help others and that all who had great talents would be more accountable than those who had none.



I didn't worry, because I had neither great talents nor great wealth. But that's all wrong because the gifts that we all have from God are great. While I won't sing in the choir and my church does not expect me to underwrite their million dollar debt it doesn't mean that service isn't expected of me and each of us.

We are accountable to God for how we use His gifts, no matter how small we feel they are. We were created to use all we have in fellowship with God. It is not a matter of earning our salvation, but of putting God in the center where God belongs.

Sharing is not just about talent and money, but also involves the sharing of love, friendship, and concern. We need to share all of these with people inside and outside the church. That's what stewardship is all about. —M. Boeth, *Parish Stewardship 11/10 with permission*

**"We make a living by what we earn;
 we make a life by what we share." —Rev. John MacNaughton**

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"Did You Know?" Collection for October 2010

\$1,363

Restaurant Fundraiser Results

Chili's	\$510.00
California Pizza Kitchen	\$559.68
Total	\$1,069.68

Collection for Week of October 30/31, 2010

Number of Registered Households	1,010
Offertory*	\$ 5,990.86
Offertory (Loose Collection)	763.00
Children's envelopes	1.00
Total	\$ 6,754.86

* 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.

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News from the Larger Church

Casa de Molina & Friends of the Poor to Sponsor Children's Christmas Party—Saturday, December 11, 12:00-2:00pm. Parishioner Vicky Molina and her family host a Christmas party with gifts for underprivileged children each year and are looking for volunteers to help with planning, preparation, etc. For more information, contact Vicky at motherv5@cox.net

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

Retreats and Presentations at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Tattoos on the Heart Presentation and Book Signing—Sunday, November 7, 12:30pm, Immaculata Church at the University of San Diego. Author Greg Boyle, SJ, will speak and be available to sign copies of his book. Fr. Greg is founder of Homeboy Industries, Inc. in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention agency in the U.S. Sponsored by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. For more information, contact 619-881-9509 or mcarroll@ivcusa.org.

Presentation at Aegis of Shadowridge—All are welcome to attend a presentation on Tuesday, November 9, 9:30am by Ellen Anne Geisel, author of *Apron and Kitchen Linens*. For more information, contact 760-806-3600.

Magnificat Women's Group Breakfast Meeting—Saturday, November 13, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. The speaker will be Mother Antonia, known for her ministry to prisoners in Tijuana. For more information, contact 858-578-1256.

Mystery of Purgatory Presentation

Healing Mass in Escondido—Tuesday, November 16, 6:45pm, St. Timothy Church, 2960 Canyon Rd., Escondido. For more

information, contact 760-741-0866.

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women—Sunday, November 28, 9:00am-2:30pm, at Nazareth House, 6363 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For more information, contact Sr. Fintan at 310-614-9570 or sfintan@nazarethhouse.org

Serenity Retreat with Fr. Tom Weston, SJ, at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—January 28-30, for men and women in recovery from alcoholism and addiction. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or www.sanluisrey.org.

Retreat for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated Persons at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside—November 12-14 or January 28-30, 2011. A trained team of peers leads participants through a healing and growth experience. If you are willing to put your feelings of anger and despair behind you and desire a new beginning, this weekend may be for you. For further information, call Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

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. For additional information please contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or fwgrant@earthlink.net.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Classes in San Diego—Sympto-thermal method (99.6% effective). For more information or to register, contact Dave & Cheryl Ross at 619-303-5053 or davidandcheryl@cox.net.

The Treasure Box Grocery Plan in North County—is an economic meal program that provides a 21-25 lb. pre-assembled box of frozen food for \$30 (a savings of up to 65% off grocery store prices). For more information, including locations in your area, please visit www.thetreasurebox.org.

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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