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STM families enjoyed the annual campout last weekend—a bit warm, but good fellowship!

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Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

Office Hours: Monday-Friday
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

July 17, 2011 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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What Is Your Image of God?

The Spirit in Technology

—Tom Mahon

“Instead of picturing God as a medieval monarch on a marble throne, imagine God as the living awareness in the space between the atoms, ‘empty’ space that makes up about 99.99% of the universe.

Thinking of God that way gets us past some of the great theological divides of the past. Is God immanent or transcendent, internal or external, composed or compassionate? Like the

question of whether the atom is wave or particle, the answer is: yes.”

The Call of Moses

—Exodus 3:11-14

“But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?’ God answered, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be your proof that it is I who have sent you: when you bring my people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this very mountain.’

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Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
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
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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 Sunday 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
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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)*

'But,' said Moses to God, 'when I go to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, if they ask me, what is his name? What am I to tell them?'

God replied, 'I am who am.' Then God added, 'this is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.'"

The two quotes above give us an image of God from within this decade and an image of God from 3,000 years ago. Years apart, but eerily similar!

What is your image of God? How do you imagine God to be? Your "mind picture" of God shapes your daily life, your prayer, your morality, your theology, your philosophy, your interaction with others, and your "place" in the universe.

Take time to reflect upon your image of God. Is your "God Image" helpful to you and others for this time and this place?

Fr. Mike

Health Update for Fr. Mike

Last Monday, I met with my surgeon, and the two of us concluded that I came back to the Parish too soon after my surgery, and because of that, I now need to take more time for my rehabilitation and recovery.

With this in mind, I need to pull back a bit, for a while, so that I can focus my attention on physical therapy/exercise on a daily basis.

So for the next month, or longer if necessary, I will be present to the Parish for Masses, possible funerals, and already scheduled Parish meetings.

I will not be taking appointments or scheduling other meetings.

Deacon Tom and Sr. Maureen will be available to take the appointments that would normally come to me.

Hopefully, this will give me the time that I need to focus on my rehabilitation.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers!

—Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor

Deacon Tom Goeltz—Welcome Back!

Deacon Tom has completed his year-long sabbatical and has now returned to his ministry in the Parish.

Due to health reasons, his ministry will be limited.

At this time, he will not be assisting at the altar at weekend Masses, but will be involved in a variety of ministerial activities in the Parish. Deacon Tom will assist at baptisms and with his wife, Patt, will be involved in the RCIA process and Catholicism 101.

Patt will also continue, as she has this past year, to handle the annulment cases of our Parishioners.

Readings for the Week Ahead
 Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
 Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, July 17 (106)
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Wisdom 12:13,16-19
 Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
 Romans 8:26-27
 Matthew 13:24-43

Monday, July 18 (395)
Camillus de Lellis, priest
 Exodus 14:5-18
 Exodus 15:1-6 (Psalm)
 Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 19 (396)
 Exodus 14:21-15:1
 Exodus 15:8-10,12,17 (Psalm)
 Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 20 (397)
Apollinaris, bishop, martyr
 Exodus 16:1-5,9-15
 Psalm 78:18-21,23-28
 Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 21 (398)
 Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
 Daniel 3:52-56 (Psalm)
 Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 22 (399)
Mary Magdalene
 Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm 19:8-11
 John 20:1-2,11-18

Saturday, July 23 (400)
Bridget of Sweden, religious
 Exodus 24:3-8
 Psalm 50:1-2,5-6,14-15
 Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday, July 24 (109)
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Kings 3:5,7-12
 Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130
 Romans 8:28-30
 Matthew 13:44-52

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Mass Intentions
Saturday, July 16, 5:00pm Marie Sterling ☩
Sunday, July 17, 8:30am Annie L. Gavin ☩
Sunday, July 17, 10:30am Joan Stringer ☩
Tuesday, July 19, 8:15am Virginia Frost ☩
Wednesday, July 20, 8:15am Mary Totton ☩
Thursday, July 21, 8:15am Duane Calkins ☩
Friday, July 22, 8:15am Bill Carrothers ☩
Saturday, July 23, 5:00pm Pete De Pietro ☩
Sunday, July 24, 8:30am Frank & Eileen Flood ☩
Sunday, July 24, 10:30am Mary-Jo Porter ☩

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

Mary Alexander
 Laura Allenfort
 Lucia Ambriz
 Patrick Attardo
 Mary Balli
 Alexandra Banwell
 Patricia Barbour
 Clarice Bednarz
 John Bennici
 Regina Bentz
 Roseanne Berg
 George "Whitey" Betus
 Mary Betz
 Betty Jean Bielich
 Lynda Brady
 Ethel M. Brogan
 Monica Broussard
 George Brown
 Janet Brown
 Shelby Campbell
 Brianna Campos
 Ed Canfield
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 Lolly Cervantes
 The Christensen Family
 Pat Christopherson
 Paul Cipowski
 Dick Clarke
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 Peps Dagdayan
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 Claire De Ainza
 Beverly de Gelder
 Judith DiMatteo
 Linda Dossman
 Sharon Evans
 Bob & Boo Falconer
 Chuck Fay
 The Fiore Family
 Peggy & Jack Fischer
 Ryan Flum
 Matthew Foster
 Kathryn Franklin
 Joe Freire
 Brian Frink
 Carmen Garcia
 Jim & Win Golden
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 Jeffrey Guyer
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Elizabeth Harrison
 Lilian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 Sue Johnston
 Eileen Jones
 Paul Kennedy
 Peggy Kiernan
 Debbie Kinney
 Sr. Anne Kremenik
 Helen Kuhn
 Lillian Lachance
 The Lamelin Family
 Bernie Lanzrath
 Brandon LeBlanc
 Ashley Load
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 Richard Lynn
 James MacArthur
 Nancy Marley
 Virginia McWalters
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Carol Michael
 Walt & Rita Mikriddle
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore
 Mariana Mora
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 R. Northrup
 Helen O'Connell
 Heidi Olson
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Helen Pingtella
 James Porter
 Anne Post
 Jack Riley
 Rita Ritchie
 Joanne Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 Dorothy Rouse
 The Russo Family
 The Scali Family
 Linda Schmidt
 The Douglas E. Schulte Family
 The Serle Family
 Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
 Elizabeth Shirzad
 Richard Sikora
 Jeanne Sisson
 Mike Snyder
 Larry Solomon
 Nick Soltau
 Fred Spiegl
 Gilda Spiegl
 Dorothy Staehr
 Jo & George Stephens
 Pete Sullivan
 Maria Surmenidis
 David Sweet
 Stephen Toth, Jr.
 Mary Tysko & Family
 Laurie Updyke
 Barbara Upson
 Arnie Velasco
 Bob Vita
 Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
 Paul & Mai Vo & Family
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 Patricia Whittaker
 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
 1st Sgt Christian Bull, USMC
 Corp. Willie Deel
 Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC
 MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
 Maj. David E. Johnson, US Army
 Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF
 Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
 LCPL Matthew Rocha
 Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
 Lt. Col. Scott Wadle, USMC
 Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

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

The Week Ahead
 July 17 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
 July 18-22 Vacation Bible Camp
 July 24 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead
The Year Ahead
 Aug 2-3 Restaurant Fundraiser at Famous Dave's BBQ
 Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
 Aug 26 JustFaith Potluck and Information Session
 Aug 28 Third Annual Pastor's Dinner
 Sept 6-7 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
 Sept 25 Vodka Tasting Party
 Oct 8 Treasures 2011 Flea Market
 Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat

Next Year
 Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and Renewal
 Jan 22 Towers of Faith Reception
 June 1 13th Annual Golf Classic

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.

July 18 Sr. Mary Agnes Dombroski, DMML
July 19 Sr. Maria Dowhaniuk, SFCC
July 20 Sr. James Louise Downey, OP
July 21 Sr. Margaret Doyle, SHCJ
July 22 Sr. Elizabeth Drew, SHCJ
July 23 Sr. Ann Marie Durano, MC
July 24 Sr. Ann Durst, SHCJ

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Keely Dougherty & Family

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Lorraine Christenson, who died on July 9. Her Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 22, at 1:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

2011 Peter's Pence/Works of the Holy Father

\$2,589.38

Would You Like to Help Our Seminarian, Ricardo Juárez-Frausto, and His Fellow Seminarians?

The House of Formation for the Eudist Seminarians, men preparing to be Priests for the Order of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, is located in La Mesa, California.

Our seminarian, Ricardo, spent time in that House of Formation before coming to us for this year, as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood.

Assistance is needed in helping to keep costs down in the House of Formation. One way that you can help would be to donate any kind of laundry products—laundry soap, bleach, softener, etc. Also any personal hygiene items—shampoo, body wash, bar soap, etc., would be appreciated.

These items can be dropped off any time at the Parish Office, and Ricardo will make sure that they get to their House of Formation in La Mesa.

Also, the Eudists have begun the “79 Club,” a prayer group for vocations and future priests who commit themselves to a donation of \$10/month and gather to pray regularly and discover the spirituality of St. John Eudes, the founder of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary.

If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Ricardo at 858-750-0890 or Fr. Carlos, the Rector of the House of Formation, at 619-713-6532.

STM Scrip News

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising.
Ask about our travel Scrip opportunities!

Thanks to all who support our Parish Building Fund by purchasing Scrip gift cards!

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR 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.

Social Ministries/Outreach

The Mission of the St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee is to:

- † provide awareness and education of Catholic social justice teaching;
- † participate in creating a society with more just laws and social structures;
- † work with other faith groups on justice issues within social, economic, and political structures.

JustFaith: A Call to Renew Our Hearts and the World

Offered in our Parish again this fall!

Scripture frequently calls us to care for the poor, the orphans, the vulnerable, and the strangers. Who are these people in our world today? Responding to the world's needs takes reflection, study, prayer, and community. All of these are offered in a 30-week program which includes weekly meetings, regular reading, retreats, and immersion experiences. We will offer this program again beginning the week of September 18. Watch the upcoming bulletins for more information!

The Just Faith program that I attended formed a community of caring adults with acceptance, education, and spirituality. In addition, I learned so much about the history and current programs of Social Justice in the Church that I am filled with gratitude for my Catholic Faith. I feel renewed and more prepared to choose a direction in future work in Social Justice. —Mary Jo Barend

Pennies from Heaven Collection

The annual Pennies from Heaven collection to benefit Birth Choice, our local pregnancy resource center will be the weekend of July 30-31. Start saving your pennies and change for this worthwhile cause.

Thank You from La Posada Men's Shelter

The staff and men at La Posada send their deepest thanks for our participation in their Fourth of July Raffle!

Our parish donated \$1,147 through the purchase of tickets. They brought in over \$8,000 in total. Sorry to say, for the first time in several years, there were no “winners” from St. Thomas More. Better luck next year! Thanks again for your support.

Social Justice Email “Hotline”

Do you ever wonder where you fit in the social justice picture?

How do you respond as a Christian when a social justice issue arises?

Sign up to be on an email list to be informed about some of the issues the Parish Social Justice Committee is working on or be invited to participate in an event in North County.

Send your e-mail address to: maureenb@stmoside.org

You are not alone in your desire to follow Jesus' call for justice for all God's children.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

We are still looking for your sign up sheet for the STM Women's Guild. It would be so good to have everyone's name in the directory and the deadline for that is August 15. There are applications at Parish Office in Box 35. Just that and \$5 will get you in. Our first meeting will be in September. Hope to see you all there.
—Vera Bayliss, President

Treasures 2011 Update

The next Treasures 2011 planning and volunteer meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 26**, from 7:00-8:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Center. Attend this meeting and see how you can assist us in helping to raise funds for our Parish community. Bring your suggestions and enthusiasm. The flea market date is Saturday, October 8, from 8:00am-12:00noon.

Questions, please call Jerry or Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we meet for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please RSVP if you're planning to attend the luncheon. Prospective members are welcome anytime. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our monthly newsletter of activities; contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 for more information.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Two Become One: "Marriage, the clinging together of husband and wife as one flesh, is based on the fact that man and woman are both different and the same. They are different as male and female, but the same as human persons who are uniquely suited to be partners or helpmates for each other. The difference between man and woman, however, cannot be restricted to their bodies, as if the body could be separated from the rest of the human person. The human person is a union of body and soul as a single being. Man and woman are two different ways of being a human person." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Marriage works best when you have similar morals, but what if you bump up against differing beliefs on a particular decision. The rule of thumb is to honor the stricter person's morals. Better for the more lenient partner to accommodate a stricter standard than to violate your spouse's morals.

Parenting Pointers—Water: Part 3. Is all water equal? Is water that comes in a bottle better than water from the tap?—Only if you are the company that makes bottled water. When you are "giving drink to the thirsty," either yourself or your family, consider using tap water (filter it if you must) and put it in a reusable bottle. Teach your children why.

For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org and click on Ministries, Marriage & Family Life or contact Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together! Phase II ~ Working to Break Ground

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of July 12

	Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Total Pledges/Gifts	\$1,572,319	667
Still Needed	\$427,681	349
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,016
Total Collected	\$1,309,266	



† We continue to add new commitments, and also to adjust existing pledges as necessary. Our weekly figures reflect all current additions and adjustments.

† We have now heard from 65% of the Parish and are at \$1,571,769 toward our goal of \$2 million. Every gift helps!

† Thanks to all of our donors! We appreciate hearing from all our households, even if you choose not to donate. Please pray for our success at this time!

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.
Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
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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 \$22,000
from this program. Thank you donors!



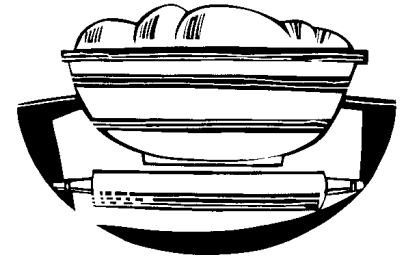
For more information, contact the Parish Office:
760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

IMMERSING YOURSELF IN THE GOD STUFF



Our organist, Sally Fay returned from San Francisco a couple of weeks ago after spending most of the week at a conference presented by the American Guild of Organists. I asked her how it was, and she answered with a big smile, "It was wonderful!"

In a couple of weeks, I will be going to an American Choral Directors Association conference, a "summer camp" for choral directors. I am getting excited since I have been there before and know that it too will be a filling and fulfilling experience for me.

Next week, the Parish hosts its annual Vacation Bible Camp, the week-long *Pandamania*, where kids, assisted by the Bamboo Crew, will immerse themselves in God's word, sing God's praises in songs specially chosen for their uplifting message, and hear stories about God's saving deeds. I am looking forward to some sort of mid-morning snack with gummy worms and whipped cream.

In a few weeks, some of our youth will attend the Steubenville event at San Diego State University. I hear that this will be the biggest group from St. Thomas More ever to attend Steubenville San Diego.

For Sally, for me, for our Pandamaniacs, for the youth of our Parish, summer is a time to delve into God's word, God's music, and God's love to build ourselves back up, to dive deeply into our faith, and return to the surface refreshed and revitalized.

So how about you?

Perhaps there is something going on this summer that you can do to immerse yourself in this God stuff.

Could you attend a one-day retreat at Mission San Luis Rey or at Prince of Peace abbey? How about a series

of evening classes at the one of our local colleges or universities? Or at another church?

Are you planning to attend the Parish's series of classes on John L. Allen's book, *The Future Church* that begins in August? Could you bring a bag lunch and visit the last thirty minutes of *Pandamania* this week during your lunch break at work?

Has something in the "News from the Larger Church" in this week's bulletin caught your eye? Can you bring Communion to Tri-City Hospital? Do you have a few hours to help out at a food bank or soup kitchen?

Some might feel that attending church each week and hearing the preacher break open the scriptures is sufficient.

I can tell you from my own experience both leading and attending retreats and workshops that something mysterious happens when we immerse ourselves in a task or topic. These experiences become an opportunity to open ourselves to God's plan for us in a way that rarely happens in the "got stuff to do" mode where we often find ourselves.

When we step aside from our routine, we often remember *why* we do something or *how much* we love something or someone. We gain additional support to fall back on when we feel bogged down in the day-to-day. We find the doors and windows of our lives that may have become stuck shut easier to open.

So, go forth, find something that will immerse you in God stuff this summer. For a day, a week, a series of mornings or evenings, it will be good for you. And for God in you.

—Douglas

Upcoming Music

JULY 24
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Handbell Choir

8:30am Mass

Sanctuary Choir

10:30am Mass

Praise Team

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP



**JULY 18-22,
FROM 8:45AM-12:NOON**

**WHERE GOD IS WILD ABOUT
KIDS FROM 3-73**

**Parishioners: please drop in
during the week . . .**

. . . where you'll find "God is wild about you" too! You're welcome any day at any time, but you'll really enjoy the *Rowdy Wrap Up* at 11:30am each day.

There will be 240 of us who would very much appreciate your prayers during the week.

We welcome children from St. Thomas More, St. Francis, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Patrick, North Coast, St. Joseph, Fountain CO, St. John Encinitas, St. Mary Escondido, Grace, the Movement Church, St. Michael, St. Maximillian Kolbe, San Rafael, St. Margaret, St. Mary Star of the Sea, Calvary, and neighborhood friends! It is a wonderfully evangelizing week!

Parishioner response was amazing! Your generosity in helping this to happen is deeply appreciated.

Gratefully, on behalf of our children,

Kathleen

RE.A.CH

Religious Education for Adolescents and Children

2011-2012

If you have children from age 3 through 17 and would like to partner with your Parish in their faith formation beginning in September, please contact the Faith Formation Office NOW!

If you are not a registered Parishioner of St. Thomas More, stop by the Information Table or call the Parish Office to take this first important step to participating in RE.A.CH!

Feel free to call or email to discuss the program or ask for the packet through the mail.

*A special welcome
to high school students!*

Paper Chains

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Prayer Chains

Have you noticed the three circles of colorful paper chains in our Ordinary Time Worship environment?

These chains contain the prayers of our evening RE.A.CH classes. During their sessions in the past year, each student wrote their prayer intention for the day on a colorful strip of paper. All their intentions were joined together into a prayer chain for that evening as they offered their closing prayer.

As you glance up during Mass, please keep the children's intentions in your prayers as well.

We are the Body of Christ!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Marc Raymundo, Youth Advocate
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Middle School ☒
EPIC
(Encrypting People in Christ)

If you have graduated from Middle School, you are more than welcome to come to High School IGNITE on Monday evenings at 7:00pm.

High School ☒
IGNITE

Oh My! I know we constantly sit there and wonder what lies in our future. What our future spouse will look like—we love relationships and are constantly looking for that special someone. Do you ever wonder who God has planned for you and what that really means? This Monday we are going to explore those parts of our faith. WE want you here! Monday @ 7:00pm! Spread the word!

☒ **High School and Beyond!**

Our summer Mini Course facilitated by Ricardo Juárez Frausto continues this Tuesday, July 19 and concludes on July 26. The topic is *Life-Giving Relationships!*

☒ **Stuebenville San Diego**

Full Payment is now due!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. The second Parent and Teen meeting is Wednesday, **July 26, 2011 at 7:00pm**. See you there!

Marc

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR JULY

Lord and Creator,
You are the source of wisdom and grace,
the author of human freedom and creativity.
We thank you for these gifts,
and ask that you teach us to be good stewards
of our creative spirits.
Show us how to quiet ourselves,
and to learn the art of re-creation,
reflection and relaxation
so that we might recharge and refill ourselves
for the work you have planned for us.
Help us never to be too busy to pause
and realize your gracious presence all around us:
in nature, in other people, in ourselves.
Slow us down, Lord, and teach us to be stewards
of our time of recreation.
Amen.

— ICSC Parish Stewardship, July 2011 (with permission)



Opportunity Knocks!

Hospitality Ministers (previously known as Ushers)

- † You are already coming to Mass ~ please consider greeting fellow worshipers as they arrive and later as they leave.
- † Hand out worship aids/collect them after Mass.
- † Help with the Offertory Collection.
- † Assist those in need.



To be a vital part of our welcome spirit at STM please contact:
Douglas Lynn, 760-758-4100x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org

Welcome to St. Thomas More!

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 July 9/10, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,016
Offertory*	\$	7,608.09
Offertory (Loose Collection)		837.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	8,446.09

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

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra 'mail-back' envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic credit card withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parish.office@stmoside.org.

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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News from the Larger Church

CEO Position Available in San Diego—After 30 years of service, Fr. Joe Carroll recently announced his retirement as CEO of Father Joe's Villages and St. Vincent de Paul Village. The Board of Directors is seeking to hire a new CEO. Anyone interested in applying for the position can see the job description posted on www.neighbor.org and send a resume and compelling letter of interest to: Diane Plaster, Director of Human Resources, Father Joe's Villages, 3350 E St., San Diego, CA 92102 or diane.plaster@neighbor.org.

Catholic Radio in San Diego—Includes Catholic Answers, interviews and discussions by Diocesan staff, youth programs, and more. Visit www.catholicradioofsandiego.com for details.

Pregnancy Resource Center in San Marcos—Birth Choice of San Marcos, 760-744-1313 or www.birthchoice.net.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults., including *Theology on Tap* and the World Youth Day Commissioning Mass with Bishop Brom on Thursday July 21, 6:30pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Summer Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit www.sanluisrey.org or call 760-757-3659 for details on several different presentations by Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, during July and August.

Daughter of St. Gianna Molla to Visit San Diego—Sunday, July 17, 4:00pm, St. Thérèse of Carmel Catholic Church, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd., San Diego. Benediction with Bishop Brom, followed by a presentation by Gianna Emanuela Molla, MD,

youngest daughter of the saint. For more information, contact 858-481-3232.

Bishop Bawai Soro to Speak in San Diego—Friday, July 22, 7:00 at John Paul the Great Catholic University. A recent convert, he will describe his conversion experience that brought him as well as nearly 1,000 Assyrian Church of the East families into communion with the Chaldean Catholic Church. Pope John Paul II was instrumental in this conversion process and Bishop Bawai will share the profound interaction that he had with the pope. If you would like to register for this free event please call 858-653-6740 or go to www.jpccatholic.com/enrichment.

Healing Mass in Solana Beach—Wednesday, July 27, 7:00pm at St. James Church. Also, the St. James Healing Prayer Ministers are available to pray over you in the church on all Sundays after the 9:00am Mass; on first Mondays from 9:00-10:00am; on second Tuesdays from 7:00-8:15pm; and on third Saturdays after the 5:00pm Mass. For information call 888-590-5095.

Concert at Áegis Assisted Living in Oceanside—Thursday, August 11, 6:00-8:00pm, right next door to St. Thomas More! Enjoy an evening of uncompromising fun with free valet parking, delightful live music, and delicious food and wine—a free community event. Features Smokestaxx, specializing in classic soul, R&B, and Rock & Roll. Please RSVP by July 11 to 760-806-3600.

Second Annual Mother of Life Conference in San Diego—Saturday, August 13. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, San Diego Chapter. For more information, visit www.MotherofLifeConference.com.

News from St. Francis Church

St. Francis School is now our Parish School. St. Thomas More Parishioners are extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including:

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

For more information, contact the school at 760-945-7960.

Did You Attend St. Francis School?—We are seeking information on our alumni! The school will be 50 years old this fall and we want YOU to be a part of the celebration!

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