

Work is progressing on our permanent Church and Parish Offices.

Fr. Mike has set a date with Bishop Brom for our groundbreaking: January 29, 2012!



A member of the architect's staff taking measurements.

A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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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

August 21, 2011 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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The Charism of Permanence

St. Thomas More Parish has an abundance of married couples who have been married for 50 years, 60 years, and even more. Paul and Bette Johansing recently celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary!

This gift of so many marriages that have lasted for so long is a real witness of faith for the entire Parish, and especially for younger married couples in their efforts to be faithful to their marital duties and responsibilities.

On a fairly regular basis, I have the opportunity and the privilege of presiding over anniversary celebrations with renewal of marriage vows. Each one is always a special moment for me, and I know it is for the family who celebrates.

These celebrations remind us that permanent commitments are possible. And not only are they possible, they are incredibly needed today. Maybe more so today than ever before!

As I lead in the celebration of the Eucharist with families celebrating, let's say, 50 years of life and love, of joy and struggle, the message is shouted out in the silences of the Mass— "Yes, all the hard work and sacrifice were worth it! There is peace, stability, and security that has been created and given to this family because of our decision to be faithful to God and to one another. We have given a precious gift to our children and grandchildren that will make a difference in their lives. And there

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Make a Virtual Pilgrimage to World Youth Day
Madrid, August 16-21

Find the link at STM's Facebook,
or go to www.virtualworldyouthday.org

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 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
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)*

were no shortcuts to this gift! It simply took 50 years to create the gift!"

There are no easy routes and shortcuts with Gospel living. Jesus demonstrated that to us with the giving of His very life. If we want to hand on good gifts, real inheritance, to our children and grandchildren, it will cost us dearly. It will cost us in our efforts to be faithful and to be committed to the promises we make to each other.

There are many people in our world today who believe that lifetime commitments are not possible or that they are not needed.

Our Faith teaches us otherwise. Our God is the Faithful Lover. We are reminded of this over and over again in the Scriptures. Yahweh says through Moses and His prophets, "I am your God. You are my people, and I shall be with you always."

The basis of our Faith is that God has chosen us, each and every one of us, to live in covenant with Him. Our God is the God who never walks away from us, who is always there for us, no matter how many times we may walk away from God. The God who loves us unconditionally is the God who calls us each day to live in covenant with God.

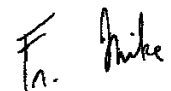
As married persons, as vowed religious, as single people living and awaiting God's promises in our lives, we are called to be faithful to one another, day in and day out—as God is faithful to us.

The most needed charism in this new millennium, I believe, is the charism of permanence—the belief that we can make covenants with one another as God has made with us; that we can be faithful to one another, unconditionally, as God has been faithful to us—in life, until death, into eternity.

The most needed charism for this new millennium is the charism of permanence. As a People of Faith, let us imitate our God and give this gift to our families, friends, and world. This gift of permanence, for which we are willing to sacrifice until death, does bring peace, stability, and security to the next generation!

Can we, and with God's help, are we willing to say to those around us, as our God says to us, "I am your spouse, your lover, your friend, your parent, your sibling, your child, and you are my 'people.' I will ALWAYS be with you?"

Let us pray for each other as we continue to "permanentize" our relationships.



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 Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

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Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year A; Weekday Year I
Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, August 21 (121)
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-3,6,8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20
Monday, August 22 (425)
Queen of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5,8b-10
Psalm 149:1-6,9
Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday, August 23 (426)
Rose of Lima, virgin
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Psalm 139:1-6
Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 24 (629)
Bartholomew, apostle
Revelation 21:9b-14
Psalm 145:10-13,17-18
John 1:45-51
Thursday, August 25 (428)
Louis of France
Joseph Calasanz, priest
1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Psalm 90:3-5,12-14,17
Matthew 24:42-51
Friday, August 26 (429)
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,10-12
Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday, August 27 (430)
Monica
1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Psalm 98:1,7-9
Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday, August 28 (124)
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Psalm 63:2-6,8-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

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

Mary Alexander
Laura Allenfort
Lucia Ambriz
Mary Balli
Alexandra Banwell
Patricia Barbour
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Roseanne Berg
George "Whitey" Betus
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Allan Boehne
Lynda Brady
Ethel M. Brogan
Monica Broussard
George Brown
Janet Brown
Chris Buhalis
Shelby Campbell
Brianna Campos
Claudia Caplinger
Paul Cassidy
Lolly Cervantes
Pat Christopherson
The Cipowski & Bednarz Families
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
The Dagdayan & Serrano Families
Karen Flaharty Daley
The Dawson Family
Claire De Ainza
Beverly de Gelder
Bernard Delaney
Judith DiMatteo
The Dossman & Mitchell Families
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Sharon Evans
Chuck Fay
Larry, Shirley, and April Ferguson
The Fiore Family
The Fischer Family
Ryan Flum
Matthew Foster
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Brian Frink
Carmen Garcia
The Golden Family
Rick Gonzalez
Eileen Gough
The Guyer Family
Rosemary Haeffelin
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Elizabeth Harrison
Stephanie Herman
Lilian Hills
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
The Jensen Family
Sue Johnston
Eileen Jones
Paul Kennedy
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Brandon LeBlanc
Ashley Load
Angelica Lopez
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Richard Lynn
James MacArthur
Claude Mann
Nancy Marley
Virginia McWalters
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Carol Michael
Walt & Rita Mikridge
June Mitchell
Nancy Moore
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Cosmo Nocida
Helen O'Connell
The O'Donovan Family
Heidi Olson
Marilyn Overton
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
James Porter
Jack Riley
Clinton Ritchie
Rita Ritchie
Joanne Robinson
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
The Douglas E. Schulte Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Mike Snyder
The Solomon Family
Nick Sohtau
Fred Spiegl
Gilda Spiegl
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski
Jo & George Stephens
Pete Sullivan
Maria Surmenidis
Earl Swede
David Sweet
Sarah Tillinghast
Stephen Toth, Jr.
John Treat
Mary Tysko & Family
Laurie Updyke
Barbara Upson
Arnie Velasco
Bob Vita
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Kevin Watson-Graff
John Whitton
DeKenya Williams & Family

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
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

*Thank you for your prayers for
LCPL Matthew Rocha
who has returned safely.*

Calendar Highlights

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

The Week Ahead

Aug 26 *JustFaith* Potluck and Information Session
Aug 28 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Aug 28 Parent/Teen Orientation for Phase 1 High School RE.A.CH
Aug 28 Third Annual Pastor's Dinner

The Month Ahead

Sep 4 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Sep 6-7 Restaurant Fundraiser at Chili's
Sep 11 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
Sep 11 RE.A.CH Classes begin
Sep 18 New Member Reception
Sep 23-25 Teen Retreat
Sep 25 Vodka Tasting Party
Sep 30-Oct 1 Women's Fellowship Retreat

The Year Ahead

Oct 8 Treasures 2011 Flea Market
Oct 14-16 Men's Fellowship Retreat
Oct 28-29 Women's Guild Bake Sale & Quilter's Treasure Sale

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Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and Renewal
Jan 22 Towers of Faith Reception
Jan 29 Groundbreaking for Permanent Church and Parish Offices
June 1 13th Annual Golf Classic

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June 21 Dedication of our Permanent Church

Pray for Women Religious

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

August 22	Sr. Maria-Elvia Gonzalez, SJS
August 23	Sr. Wayne Gradon, SHCJ
August 24	Sr. Jo Ann Grady, SFCC
August 25	Sr. Michaela Gresko, OCD
August 26	Sr. Trinidad Guerrero, HMSS
August 27	Sr. Luz Eugenia Guitron, SJS
August 28	Sr. Charlotte Gulban, FDC

Mass Intentions
Saturday, August 20, 5:00pm Richard & Marcy Bernier
Sunday, August 21, 8:30am Ernesto & Elena Vozza ☩
Sunday, August 21, 10:30am Bill & Theresa Goeltz
Tuesday, August 23, 8:15am Mary Jane Reid ☩
Wednesday, August 24, 8:15am Ken Swift
Thursday, August 25, 8:15am Anthony Wonsala ☩
Friday, August 26, 8:15am Vivian Doering ☩
Saturday, August 27, 5:00pm Joe Riley ☩
Sunday, August 28, 8:30am Joe Doering ☩
Sunday, August 28, 10:30am Donn Wilmott ☩

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Randy & Sharon Avila & Family
George & Melissa Zavala & Family

Congratulations to

Theresa & Bill Goeltz (5 years, August 19)
Marcy & Richard Bernier (40 years, August 20)
Kimberly & Paul Schlunt (21 years, August 21)
on their wedding anniversaries.

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

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend have been given by **Kimberly and Paul Schlunt** in celebration of their 21st wedding anniversary.



In Memoriam

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:



Dorothy Jensen, who died on May 8. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 6, at 11:00am 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.

Eucharistic Adoration



Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, September 2.

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.

Helping Seminarians

We continue to collect laundry supply items and personal hygiene items for our seminarian, Ricardo Juárez Frausto, and his fellow seminarians. Bring items to the Parish Office. Thanks!

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:

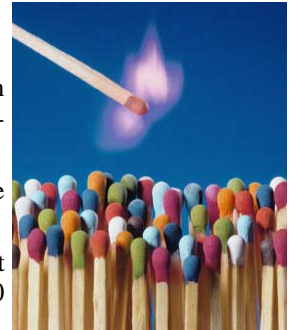
- † provide awareness and education of Catholic social justice teaching;
- † participate in creating a society with more just laws and social structures;
- † work with other faith groups on justice issues within social, economic, and political structures.

JustFaith: A Call to Transform Our Hearts and the World

Join us for a potluck and information meeting to find out more about this life-changing experience!

Friday, August 26, 6:00-9:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center.

For more information, contact Sr. Maureen Brown at 760-758-4100 x131 or maureenb@stmoside.org.



A Solution That Really Works!

Help us fulfill our Parish's commitment to offer financial support to North County Solutions for Change. For a family of three, Solutions needs \$7,500 per year for three years (a total of \$22,500) to supplement operational funds obtained from other sources. We can permanently change the lives of a homeless family. Special envelopes were attached to the bulletin at the beginning of August and may be returned via the offertory collection or to the Parish Office any time during the month of August. If you have questions, contact Dick and Charlene Belprez, Committee Chairpersons, at 760-295-1431 or visit <http://www.solutionsforchange.org>.

Healing for Those Affected by Abortion

Life Perspectives, a San Diego organization that sponsors the annual Life Walk and uses funds raised to promote a culture of life, helped to provide ads on Facebook inviting people to visit www.abortionchangesyou.com, a site that offers resources for anyone affected by abortion and wishing to explore the process of healing. Over 500 people responded to the ads. This year's Life Walk will be on October 29. Anyone interested in learning more about Life Walk is invited to a brunch on Saturday, August 27, 9:00-11:00am. Visit www.lifeperspectives.com for more information.

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

Save the date—Saturday, September 24, will be the first luncheon for the year. We are having our special Luau Luncheon with Hawaiian dancers (yes, our past president, Valerie Thompson, will be dancing). There will also be a delicious Hawaiian menu. Husbands and guests are welcome. Within the next few weeks, we will ask for reservations and tell you who to call.

Please continue to call Ginny Cornwell if any member of the guild is ill. Her number is 760-994-7866.

I hope everyone is still enjoying the summer and our good weather. —*Vera Bayliss, President*

Knights of Columbus News

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 4, for a delicious breakfast with fellow Parishioners. See the bulletin next week for a flyer with all the details.

We will be selling *Entertainment Books* starting the weekend of September 10-11. They make great gifts! See the bulletin next week for more information.

Restaurant Fundraiser

Our next event is at Chili's on Tuesday, September 6, and Wednesday, September 7. Mark your calendars now and watch for the flyer the weekend of September 3-4.

Women's Fellowship Retreat

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 30 (7:00-9:00pm), Saturday, October 1 (8:30am-6:00pm) and the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 2. This year's theme is **BECOMING the Woman God Made You to Be** with Tammy Evevard. Watch the bulletin next week for details and a registration form.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Life-Affirming: "Even when their child-bearing years have passed, a couple should continue to be life affirming. They can do this by staying involved in the lives of young people, and especially their grandchildren, as spiritual mentors, teachers, and wisdom figures." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments— "Try praising your wife, even if it does frighten her at first." (Billy Sunday) A compliment carries more weight if it's specific and true. Make it a daily habit to look for a way to compliment your beloved. This works with kids too.

Parenting Pointers— My how the pendulum swings. Baby boomers often criticized their parents for being uptight. Too many Generation X, Y, and "whatevers" wish their parents weren't so "out of sight." What kind of parent are you? Permissive and lenient or structured and commanding? Try for the golden mean in the middle.

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**

The journey is essential to the dream.

—*St. Francis of Assisi*

Pledge Statistics as of August 16

	Total Phase II Responses	# of Families Responding
Total Pledges/Gifts	\$1,572,319	667
Still Needed	\$427,681	353
Total Goal	\$2,000,000	1,020
Total Collected	\$1,355,175	



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.

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church.
Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Got Costume Jewelry?

Parishioner Debbie Ipsen is getting a head start on next year's Golf Classic—she plans to design and create a Christmas tree wall hanging from costume jewelry similar to the one pictured and donate it as an auction item.



Please bring any costume jewelry you would like to donate to the Parish Office during the week. Any items not used for the project will be forwarded to the Treasures 2011 Mega Flea Market. Visit www.stmoside.org/golf to see a full color rendition of the sample.

Questions? Call Debbie Ipsen at 760-723-0402. Thanks!

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

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

SHOULD YOU SING?

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three-part series
from the National
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The answer, obviously, is yes. God gave us voices with which to sing. We may not ever have had the chance to develop those voices, but they are God's gift. People who study music have learned that there are very few people who cannot sing. They may not be able to sing the melody, but they are usually singing in harmony with it, in some way. Very few people who can hear and speak are truly tone-deaf. Those who do not have a voice to sing—those who are also unable to speak—still participate in the congregation's song. If we sing well, if we sing out strongly, they will feel the sound vibrations through their bodies. Those who have hearing impairments also participate in the song this way. In fact, when we are in the middle of a singing congregation, all of us participate in the song in this same way, because our bodies are designed to feel and receive sound waves, which are then interpreted by our ears and our minds.

Singing is too important to be left to the cantor, the choir, or other song leaders. Their job is to invite us into the song, to invite us to use this great gift of song to get our faith into our blood and our bones and our hearts and our minds. Singing is the first and most fundamental act of worship, the first ritual act that we

can do. Singing—chanting—was the way the Scriptures were first proclaimed in the church; it was the first way that the Eucharistic Prayer was prayed, and it is the best way to pray it today, according to the *Roman Missal*. All the congregational responses were sung for a thousand years, and we have been encouraged for nearly a century, by popes and bishops, to return to that practice.

Singing the liturgy is so important that it is the one ritual act included in every description of the heavenly liturgy by the author of the Book of Revelation. There, at the end of the New Testament, this final book of

the Bible gives us images of the liturgy of saints and angels. We read about the living creatures who sing without ceasing: "Holy, holy, holy." We are given a picture of the twenty-four elders gathered around the throne of God, singing: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power..." We learn that the

prayers of the saints take the form of song to Christ the Lamb: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." The prayers of the whole creation reach heaven in the form of song: "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb / be blessing and honor and glory and might / for ever and ever. Amen!"



Upcoming Music

AUGUST 28
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor &
Congregation



Music Ministry Fall Start Up

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

Praise Team

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00pm

Joleen at 760-295-7170

Handbell Choir

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Sanctuary Choir

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm

Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Children's Christmas Choir

BEGINS NOVEMBER 30

Watch the bulletin for details!

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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



Sign Up NOW! for Religious Education classes (for registered STM families)

* Genesis Program and Kindergarten

- Ages 3, 4, and 5
- During the whole of 10:30am Mass,
Two Sundays a month beginning September 11
- Orientation for parents : September 11, 10:00am

* Faith First Kids

- Grades 1-5
- Two Sundays a month, beginning September 11
- Optional session times: 12:30-2:00pm or 5:00-6:30pm
- Parent/Child Orientation: September 11 from 9:45-10:20am

* EDGE (an exciting NEW program for middle school combining the fun of youth group with the content of religious education)

- Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Two Sundays a month, beginning September 11
- 5:00-6:30pm session
- Parent/Child Orientation: August 30, 7:00pm

* Teen Faith Formation

- All four years of high school
- Flexible scheduling: Core Courses and Mini Courses
- 6:30-8:30pm on Sundays
- Orientation for parents AND teens *beginning* the program
August 28 at 12:00noon (REQUIRED!)
- May include Confirmation preparation

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2010 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	377 jars

YOUTH MINISTRY

Marc Raymundo, Youth Advocate
760-758-4100 x161
marcr@stmoside.org

High School ✕ IGNITE

Youth Group this Monday will be great! We are still in our summer session, so we are going to further discuss God's love for us. I know school has started—even more reason to come and refocus yourself for the week. We meet here at 7:00pm!

✕ LEAD

There is so much to be a part of! Do you want to be a part of something bigger? Be here on Thursday at 7:00pm! We have retreats, Monday night IGNITE, and middle school EDGE to prepare for!

✕ Middle School

We are so excited and busy planning your events! We will see you here for the first one on September 11. This new program is dynamic and engaging. Get ready to see your faith in a whole new way.

✕ Lights!!!

Thank you to everyone who came out to *Lights*. It has been such a blessing to see you all here in worship. I hope and pray that you were anointed by David's message; I know I was. Be part of the community and let's make a difference in the world.

Marc

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith
 Director of Stewardship & Development
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Christian Stewardship Beholding the Sacred in our Lives

Stop for a moment. Take a look around you. What do you see that you can describe as sacred? You may first see obvious things such as a bible, a favorite rosary that was blessed, the inside of a church. What about the sacred you encounter every day of your life that may not immediately strike you as being sacred? What about nature, the rhythm of your day, the fruits of your labors, the person who is standing next to you?

The ancient and traditional notion of the sacred was tied up with the notion of blessing, but not as we generally understand the concept. In ancient Hebrew times something was blessed and made holy when one acknowledged to God that he had provided it as his most purposeful and personal gift.

Thus, one praised and blessed God for this gift. When the rain was not just some natural phenomenon, but God's watering of the earth to make it fruitful, then it became holy for the steward of the harvest.

But if one took things and people for granted and simply thought of them as random objects or events that occurred in the course of time with no personal affection or concern associated with them, then they were considered profane, unblessed.

Christian Stewardship gives us a lifetime of ongoing insight into the awe-inspiring gifts that God has given to us, the people, the things, the events in our lives. What is sacred is what we have come to discover as God's gift.

We have a lifetime of blessing not when we receive new things, but when we notice that they have been there all the time. Good stewards constantly thank God for these gifts and bless themselves for receiving them.

Now, look around again and thank God for the precious bounty he has laid before you.

—ICSC Parish Stewardship, August 2011 (with permission)



For I know well the plans I have in mind for you,
 plans to give you a future full of hope.

—Jeremiah 29:11

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For more information, contact the Parish Office:
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Annual Catholic Appeal—Paying It Forward

The Diocese has assisted us greatly in helping to develop our Parish, and now we have the opportunity, and obligation, to help our 'sister Parishes in the Diocese.' Responses so far:

Total pledges to date: \$49,730

Number of families contributing: 390

80% of the amount over our assessment of \$48,000 will be returned to our Parish to help with our operating budget.

Thank you!

Collection for Week of August 13/14, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,020
Offertory*	\$	6,714.02
Offertory (Loose Collection)		920.50
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	7,635.52

* 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

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

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 an upcoming retreat.

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, and Barbara Hughes during August.

Interfaith Community Services Annual Meeting in Escondido—*Talk with Me, Walk with Me: Celebrating the Interfaith Success Story*, Wednesday, August 31, 11:00am (includes lunch), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

2255 Felicita Rd., Escondido. RSVP by August 22 to mferro@interfaithservices.org.

Concert at Áegis Assisted Living in Oceanside—Thursday, September 8, 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 Caravan, specializing in songs from the 20's through the 90's. Please RSVP by September 5 to 760-806-3600.

Peace Pole Ceremony to Commemorate 9/11 in Vista—Sunday, September 11, 11:30am, United Methodist Church of Vista, 490 S. Melrose Dr., Vista. Laying of hands on the peace pole with prayers will be followed by “planting” of the peace pole, as a way to remember the tenth anniversary of 9/11 with neighboring churches.

News from St. Francis Church

“Try Us, You’ll Like Us!” **FREE TRIAL** *

New students can now try St. Francis Catholic School for free! Families with children entering grades 5 through 8 are invited to register their child to attend St. Francis School for a full quarter! At the end of the quarter, (9 weeks), if you like what you see, just pay the balance of the year’s tuition in payments through the end of the school year. If you decide St. Francis School is not a good fit for your child, you are free to walk away without any obligation.

Why try us out?

- Our school is Christ-centered
- Our staff excels in teaching your child
- Our parents and Parent Teacher Group are highly involved
- The administration and clergy support ensure a well-rounded education for your child

According to last year’s national test scores (ITBS), St. Francis School classrooms consistently performed at least one grade level higher than their current level. Some classes tested as high as three grade levels above.

**\$275 per child registration fee required. Discount available for select grade levels, and while space is available. Offer applies to new families who register on August 1, 2011 or later. Other restrictions may apply. For more information and application, contact the school office at 760-630-7960 or visit www.sfs-vista.org.*

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Sign up by **September 18** and become an earthly angel
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TREASURES 2011 VOLUNTEER FORM

Please complete and return by September 18 to offertory collection basket or Parish Office, box 42.

Name:	Telephone:	Email:
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- 6:00am-7:30am Organize areas. Light to medium lifting items from cars to ground tarps. Leave heavy items for others to move.
- 7:30am-9:30am Sit or stand behind ground tarps or tables with flea market items, assist buyers, and haggle for the best prices! Remember this is a fund raiser! All buyers will pay cashiers. You won't need to handle cash.
- 9:30am-12:00noon Sit or stand behind ground tarps or tables with flea market items, assist buyers, and haggle for the best prices! Remember this is a fund raiser! All buyers will pay cashiers. You won't need to handle cash.
- 12:00noon-1:30pm 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!