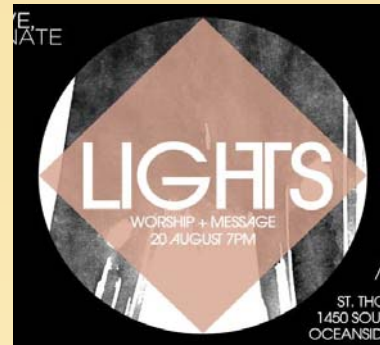


Over 200 teens turned out for "Lights," an evening of praise and worship featuring music by *Love*, *Resonate* and a talk by David Calavitta, at St. Thomas More on Saturday, August 20. Watch for details on future "Lights" events!



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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

August 28, 2011 • Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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An Actor or a Friend?

This is one of my favorite stories, and I enjoy sharing it with you from time to time.

A story once told...

"After a large dinner at one of England's stately mansions, a famous actor entertained the guests with stunning Shakespearean readings. Then, as an encore he offered to accept a request. A shy, gray-haired priest asked if he knew the Twenty-third Psalm. The actor said, 'Yes, I do, and I will give it on one condition: that when I am finished you recite the very same Psalm.'

The priest was a little embarrassed, but consented. The actor did a beautiful rendition... 'My Shepherd is the Lord, there is nothing I shall want,' and on and on.

The guests applauded loudly when the actor was done, and then it was the priest's turn. The man got up and said the same words but this time there was no applause, just a hushed silence and the beginning of a tear in some eyes.

The actor savored the silence for a few moments and then stood up. He said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, I hope you realized what happened here tonight. I knew the Psalm, but this man knows the Shepherd.'" —Anonymous Source

This poignant story challenges each of us to look at our approach and motivation for being involved in religion.

Do we see our Catholic Faith as an end in itself or, rather, as a means to an end? Are we only concerned in knowing facts and

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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
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)*

figures about the Shepherd or are we living our Faith in order to know the Shepherd?

Do we have a personal relationship with the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Your answer to that question makes all the difference in the world!

I encourage you to use what the Church offers and gives you to seek and find the Christ. Begin and deepen that friendship with the God who so desires to be in union with you!

In your faith life, are you an actor or a friend?

F. Mike

Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 28, at 9:00am or Thursday, September 29, at 7:00pm, please join us for seven sessions as we study and discuss the lessons given to us in the catholic letters of St. James, St. Peter, and St. Jude.

We refer to these letters of the Bible in this way because they were addressed to the whole church and not just to a specific church or individual as in the case of St. Paul's letters. They were written to strengthen Christian communities scattered throughout the Roman Empire. Each letter has a specific purpose and content of its own, and they have very few features in common. St. Augustine says they all have to do with refuting errors which were beginning to appear. All of them evidence the teaching and catechesis given to the early Christian communities. The tone is pastoral and the letters contain religious instruction and moral teaching encouraging people to lead deeply Christian lives.

Please join us as we encourage each other to be better Christians. A representative will be on the Plaza to answer any questions and provide sign up information.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Unitive and Procreative:

“Conjugal love expresses the unitive meaning of marriage in such a way as to show how this meaning is ordered toward the equally obvious procreative meaning. The unitive meaning is distorted if the procreative meaning is deliberately disavowed...Likewise, the procreative meaning of marriage is degraded without the unitive.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—Do you have a system for deciding who does the dishes? (or the laundry, changes the oil, takes out the garbage, etc.) You can divide up chores, alternate, or do them together. Is your current system fair or is it time to renegotiate?

Parenting Pointers—“Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I can't do it. (Nan)” You gotta love Nan's sincerity. Love doesn't mean always being happy with everyone, but wanting what's best for them.

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

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, August 28 (124)

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalms 63:2-6,8-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Monday, August 29 (431)

Martyrdom of John the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalms 96:1,3-5,11-13

Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday, August 30 (432)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11

Psalms 27:1,4,13-14

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, August 31 (433)

Colossians 1:1-8

Psalms 52:10-11

Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 1 (434)

Colossians 1:9-14

Psalms 98:2-6

Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 2 (435)

Colossians 1:15-20

Psalms 100:1-5

Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 3 (436)

Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Colossians 1:21-23

Psalms 54:3-4,6,8

Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, September 4 (127)

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2,6-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

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
 Brianne Campos
 Claudia Caplinger
 Paul Cassidy
 Lolly Cervantes
 Pat Christopherson
 The Cipowski & Bednarz Families
 Dick Clarke
 Dolly Cole
 Carl Coleman
 James Coleman
 Thomas Cornwell & Family
 Karen Flaharty Daley
 The Dawson Family
 Claire De Ainz
 Beverly de Gelder
 Bernard Delaney
 Judith DiMatteo
 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
 Rick Gonzalez
 Eileen Gough
 The Guyer Family
 Rosemary Haeffelin
 Susan Hallahan
 The Harker Family
 Elizabeth Harrison
 Stephanie Herman
 Lillian Hills
 Susan Hori
 Iolanda Iacobelli
 The Jensen Family
 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
 Angelica Lopez
 Cassandra Loretto
 Lauren Loretto
 Richard Lynn
 James MacArthur
 Nancy Marley
 Virginia McWalters
 Bob McWilliams
 Joyce Meehan
 Kalei Mendiola
 Carol Michael
 Walt & Rita Mikriddle
 June Mitchell
 Nancy Moore
 Conrad Murphy
 Margie Myers
 Cosmo Nocida
 R. Northrup
 Helen O'Connell
 The O'Donovan Family
 Heidi Olson
 Lupe Casas Pelletier
 Helen Pingtella
 James Porter
 Anne Post
 Jack Riley
 Clinton Ritchie
 Rita Ritchie
 Joanne Robinson
 Maria Rogers
 Cecilia Roper
 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 Soltau
 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
 Paul & Mai Vo & Family
 Kevin Watson-Graff
 John Whitton

Calendar Highlights

More details at www.stmoside.org,
 Schedule and Calendar

The Week Ahead

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
 Aug 30 Parent/Tween Orientation
 for Middle School EDGE
 Aug 31 Catechist Kick Off
 Sep 4 Knights of Columbus
 Breakfast

The Month Ahead

Sep 5 Labor Day: Mass at
 8:15am; Parish Office and
 Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 Closed
 Sep 6-7 Restaurant Fundraiser at
 Chili's
 Sep 11 Liturgy of the Word for
 Children at 8:30am Mass
 RE.A.CH Classes begin
 Sep 11 New Member Reception
 Sep 18 Teen Retreat
 Sep 23-25 Vodka Tasting Party
 Sep 25 Women's Ministry Retreat
 Sep 30-Oct 1 Women's Ministry 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

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 29	Sr. Blanca Patricia Gutierrez, SJS
August 30	Sr. Ana Maria Guzman, SJS
August 31	Sr. Maria Javier Guzman, DCJ
September 1	Sr. Margaret Hama, DMI
September 2	Sr. Joyce Hampel, CSJ
September 3	Sr. Celeste Hanigan, OSF
September 4	Sr. Yvonne Hanke, OCD

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 27, 5:00pm
 Joe Riley ☩

Sunday, August 28, 8:30am
 Joe Doering ☩

Sunday, August 28, 10:30am
 Donn Wilmott ☩

Tuesday, August 30, 8:15am
 Clara Collins

Wednesday, August 31, 8:15am
 Patrick Swift

Thursday, September 1, 8:15am
 Eileen Kidder ☩

Friday, September 2, 8:15am
 Joe Suozzo ☩

Saturday, September 3, 5:00pm
 Frances Hoogestraat ☩

Sunday, September 4, 8:30am
 Marianne Benjamin ☩
 & Ralph Ludke ☩

Sunday, September 4, 10:30am
 Vincent Prusinskas ☩

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

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Logan Fondren & Mindy Gillespie & Family
Phillipe & Lisa Peluso & Family

Congratulations to

Betty & Bill Nelson
on their 59th wedding anniversary.

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 **Lorraine & Steve Doering** in memory of Joe & Vivian Doering.



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.

It's Not Too Late to Join *JustFaith*

JustFaith is a 30-week commitment to a small group of people who will journey together to more clearly understand the Social Justice Teachings of our Catholic Faith and to learn, in practical ways, how to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world today.

The groups begin the week of September 18. Day and time will be decided by the participants. Call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131 as soon as possible!

Information Meeting with Dessert:

Friday, September 9 from 6:00-9:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi

I joined JustFaith last year because was looking for a way to grow in my relationship with God by better understanding what Jesus wants us to do. I learned how we should open our minds and eyes to look at issues and struggles of others in a way consistent with the teachings of Christ. I got to know other people through readings, videos, and immersion trips who were, as Mother Theresa once said, "going beyond what is merely natural." —Wayne Zych

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>.

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

On Saturday, September 24, the Women's Guild will hold its first monthly meeting of the year. Our theme will be Hawaiian and that means Hawaiian dancers, food with a Hawaiian accent, and lots of Aloha. Husbands and guests are welcome to join us. Please watch for further news at the beginning of September for information regarding who to call for reservations.

Summer is slowly coming to an end, but our weather continues to be beautiful. Enjoy it while you can. We are looking forward to seeing you all on September 24.

—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.

Treasure 2011 Update

Cheryl Rowland, our Plant Booth chairwoman, has contacted 28 nurseries. They are making generous donations of plants and flowers to our Treasures 2011 flea market. The proceeds from last year's plant sale were \$2,250. Cheryl is in need of workers to assist her at the plant booth. Plant knowledge will be helpful, but is not a requirement. She also needs truck drivers who can visit the various nurseries and pick up these plants. Cheryl would like to borrow four canopies/pop ups to shade the many plants over a period of three days prior to the flea market. If you can be of assistance to Cheryl in any of these areas, please call her at 760-726 5578.

Please remember to pick up your Treasures 2011 tag sale donation information envelope, and your volunteer sign up sheet at the information table on the plaza. Fill out these sheets at home and return them to the Parish Office.

Our next Treasures 2011 flea market organizing and volunteer meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6, 7:00-8:30pm in the lower level of the Parish Center.

For more information, contact Jerry and Judy Buoniconti at 760-758-5113.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2011 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	378 jars

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

REASONS TO SING

Singing is the most human, most companionable of the arts. It joins us together in the whole realm of sound, forging a group identity where there were only individuals and making a communicative statement that far transcends what any of us could do alone.

ALICE PARKER
Melodious Accord

God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises...

Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice for the honor and the glory of the Most Blessed Trinity.

US CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship



Friday, September 2 ♦ 8:45am - 7:30pm ♦ Eucharistic Exposition

FEAST OF BLESSED JOHN FRANCIS BURTE

Music Ministry Fall Start Up

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

Upcoming Music

SEPTEMBER 4
 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Cantor & Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

Praise Team

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

Contact Joleen at 760-295-7170

Youth Praise Team

Contact Marc at 760-758-4100 x161

Children's Christmas Choir

BEGINS NOVEMBER 30

Grades 2 to 8

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15pm

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Handbell Choir

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

opening available

Grade 9 to adult

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Sanctuary Choir

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

Grade 9 to adult

Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm

Contact Douglas at 760-758-4100 x140

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

We cannot live for ourselves alone.
Our lives are connected
by a thousand invisible threads,
and along these sympathetic fibers,
our actions run as causes
and return to us as results.

Herman Melville

Melville's words strike a chord with me as many of our Parish programs spring to life once again.

I hope you received our new Adult Faith Formation brochure in the mail last week. Excited by its content, I pray that many of these opportunities will intentionally become "invisible threads" in your spiritual development this year. Concretely that starts with putting the dates on your calendar or in your phone.

Faith Formation for our youth, known as RE.A.CH, is in its final steps of preparation as catechists are identified, orientations are held to acquaint parents and students with plans for classes, and last-minute details are covered to insure a smooth start of our preschool, elementary and middle school Parishioners on September 11.

The Holy Spirit surprised us with some brand new ideas for middle schoolers known as EDGE. This well-tested program combines the content of religious education classes with the fun of youth group. Whether in Catholic or public school, all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are encouraged to register for this portion of RE.A.CH.

EDGE will meet two Sundays a month from 5:00-6:30pm on the lower level. We look for 50-75 participants (though we'd love 100!) who will meet as a whole group community for some activities, then deepen their understanding in small group sessions moderated by older teens and adults.

Rory Griffin will be the lead catechist with this group, and Marc Raymundo, our Youth Advocate, and I will be ultimately responsible for it.

Parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders: if your child has never been part of our middle school community, NOW is the time for your "actions (to) run as causes."

For every Parishioner, there is a new opportunity for your "faith to seek understanding" in the year ahead. "Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads."

Kathleen

Kathleen Bell
Director of Faith Formation

Welcome to the Family!

At the 8:30am Mass today, through a Rite of Acceptance, we now have a new member of our STM family beginning the catechumenate, looking forward to Baptism.

Kalei Cornejo began her faith journey with us in the Inquiry phase of RCIA several months ago and now takes the next step in the RCIA process.

We are delighted to welcome Kalei, her husband Andy, who has chosen to walk the process with her, and her sponsor Louann Rodriguez.

All of our candidates and catechumens are on the plaza after the 8:30am Mass each Sunday, not just for a free donut and coffee, but to meet the faith community that they are joining. If you see someone with a name tag on, please go up and introduce yourself and tell them what you like about St. Thomas More. The community is an essential element in the formation process of new Catholics!

Adult Confirmation

If you are over 18 and have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, NOW would be the time to let me know.

We have a fascinating new program that will prepare adults for Confirmation. It is ten sessions long on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning September 21.



Full Initiation in the Catholic Church begins with Baptism, continues with First Communion, and is completed in Confirmation. Is the Holy Spirit calling you to complete your initiation as a Catholic?

Important Dates:

- ➔ **Sunday, August 28**
12:00noon: Orientation for parents and students *beginning* our high school program (Phase 2 students need NOT attend)
- ➔ **Tuesday, August 30**
7:00pm EDGE Orientation for parents and tweens in grades 6,7,8
- ➔ **Wednesday, August 31**
7:00pm Catechist Kick-Off for all catechists preschool through high school.

Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Inspiring a Deeper Understanding of True Giving

You will never be in a better position to tithe than you are today. Whether you can tithe has relatively little to do with the amount of your income or the number of your financial obligations.

The person who says "After I pay all my bills, I can't afford to tithe," is telling the truth. He or she simply has the cart before the horse. None of us could afford to tithe with what is left.

Tithing is a matter of putting first things first, taking our tithe out first, and then managing the rest of our income in a way by which we will still pay all our bills. And this is easier than you may think. Strangely enough, the decision to tithe is seldom made by sitting down with a pencil and paper. More often it is made by kneeling down with an open heart.

The decision to tithe has very little to do with a mathematical formula. It has a great deal to do with a right relationship to God. Most tithers began the practice the day they finally realized that their possessions, their money, their very lives were not their own, but God's.



No one can talk you into really believing this. Worship, prayer, and some mature Christian thought are the paths that sooner or later will lead you right into the heart of this inescapable truth.

Once you see God at the very center of your life,

tithing will make sense. You will understand your responsibility to manage 100% of your money, your time, and your ability as a trust from God. Then 10% of your income, dedicated to the owner, may seem to be all too little.

Tithing is a spiritual adventure. It is the beginning of a deeper, richer relationship with God. We need not give up the pleasures and luxuries of this life. God does not call us to be ascetics, but does call us to a right sense of proportion in administering our substance.

The question is: "If I have this for myself, then what should I do for God?" This is the question into which the whole matter of stewardship resolves itself.

—Stewardship Newsletter, August 2011, Parish Publishing LLC
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We the hands, we the eyes,
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O faithful God,
we entrust our treasure to your heart.

—T. R. Smith, 1993 spiritandsong

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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: \$49,830

Number of families contributing: 391

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 20/21, 2011

Number of Registered Households		1,020
Offertory*	\$	9,889.07
Offertory (Loose Collection)		975.00
Children's envelopes		1.00
Total	\$	10,865.07

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

Ways to Help Support Your Parish

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

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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News from the Larger Church

Catholic 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.

Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages—Call 951-259-9474 or visit www.RetroCA.com.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults., including *Theology on Tap*, an evening for young married couples, and a retreat in September.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps—Opportunities to serve people who are poor one or two days per week plus meet monthly with other volunteers and a spiritual guide to reflect and pray. For more information, contact 619-881-9509 or www.ivicusa.org.

Concert at Aegis 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.

Concert at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Friday, September 9, featuring Lyndon Pugada and LPSEVEN. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Old Mission Montessori School. Email info@lyndonpugeda.com for more information.

Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit www.sanluisrey.org or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events, including “A Day of Respite for Caregivers” on Saturday, September 10.

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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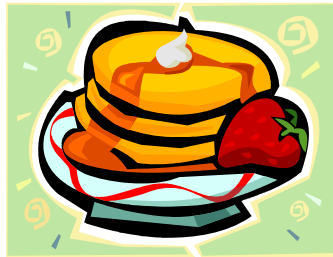
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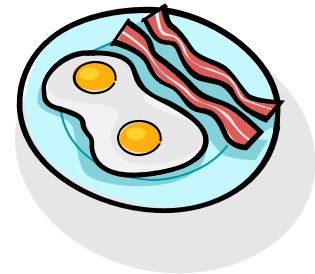
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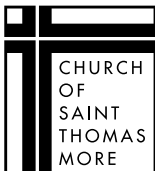


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Location:

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Schedule:

Friday September 30

6:30-7:00pm Registration

7:00-9:00pm Retreat

Saturday October 1

8:30am-6:00 pm Retreat

Sunday October 2

10:30am Mass

Cost: \$60

Registration Deadline :

September 23

Registration:

www.stmoside.org/women

Questions:

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St. Thomas More Women's Ministry

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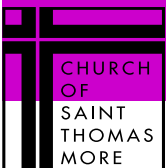
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