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Eucharistic Adoration Monday-Friday, 6:30am-7:30pm

Reconciliation (Confession) Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

## August 5, 2012 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# **Pastor's Column**

### **Our Annual Mission Appeal**

Fr. Joy Alookaran is with us this weekend for our annual Mission Appeal. He is here to raise funds for a school for underprivileged children in India.

Envelopes are attached to today's bulletin and can be returned any time during the month of August.

Here in detail is information about the school:

"After seeing the poverty of the people and the need for a school for the children, it touched my heart and I felt that God's plan had brought me here to start a school for the underprivileged. With your help, we want to do the construction of Mother Mary (Mary Matha) school. The vast majority of the people are still illiterate in the area. The necessity of education is being increasingly felt and understood by the elders. Every year we want to add one class until the tenth grade. This way the school will impart education to the boys and girls and promote literacy among these poor people and can launch development activities in the area. The school will serve a double purpose of educating the children during the day and the adults can be motivated through evening programs to initiate developmental activities. A village school has an immense influence on the community through the children and contacts with parents. At present most of the people are unemployable due to illiteracy.

Now we have to start the construction at once. If we don't start now, the cost will double. The total cost for completing this construction is \$52,000. Unless we give them a chance

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### Good News about the Financial Report for FYE 2012!

Several weeks ago in the "Did You Know?" Column for July, I reported that we were ending the fiscal year with a \$30,000 deficit. As the Finance Council prepared its final report for the Diocese, we realized that there was a miscalculation and that we were only \$1,700 in the red. That is good news!

Also, a Parishioner has stepped forward and has made a donation of \$1,700 which covers this deficit. This is very good news, and we begin this new fiscal year with much greater confidence.

As always, I am grateful for the continuing financial support of our Parishioners!

# Our Mission is to:

## worship God,

In addition to Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration (see page 1 for schedules), there are opportunities to participate in liturgical and music ministries.

For further information, contact Douglas Lynn, Director of Liturgy and Music, at 760-758-410 x140 or douglasl@stmoside.org Matrimony (9 months advance notice required), communion for the sick/homebound, and anointing are available by request

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

# teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

There are programs for faith development and enrichment for all ages, including preparation for receiving the sacraments.

For further information, contact Kathleen Bell, Director of Faith Formation, 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 (see page 10).

For further information, contact Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development, at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

See page 10 or www.stmoside.org for more details.

# 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? *For information, call Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.* 

# 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 \$25,500 from this program. Thank you donors!



For more information, contact the Parish Office: 760-758-4100 ×100 or *parishoffice@stmoside.org*  Pastor's Column (continued from page 1)

to learn how to read and write, these poor children will never see the ray of light in their life. With your generous help we will be able to finish this construction as soon as possible.

I thank you for your kind assistance. Your generous contribution will certainly benefit the poor children of this remote area. This way you will be collaborating in our efforts to help disadvantaged people. We pray for you and for all the good friends who will make this noble cause a reality.

May God Bless you!"

-Rev. Joy Alookaran

## **Scotch and Wine Tasting Parties**

Payments are being accepted at the Parish information table, offertory collection, and Parish Office for the upcoming Scotch and Wine Tasting parties. Letters to attendees, with address and directions, will be sent out in August. Please contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or *chriss@stmoside.org* for more information.

## Help Establish STM's Archives

The STM Historian is looking for material from events and activities since our Parish was established in 1985. I am looking for photographs, newspaper clippings, brochures, fliers, reports, videos, drawings—anything that represents our congregational memory! Please check your drawers, file cabinets, and that creepy ol' box in the attic. You can drop off your donation at the Parish Office. Thanks!

For more information and questions, please feel free to contact: Brandon at 760-845-5450 or *brandon.oswald@gmail.com*.

## **Food Bank Contributions**

Look for the blue barrels on the Plaza at weekend Masses to deposit your contributions for North County Community Services Food Bank in San Marcos. Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Ron Briseno at 760-758-4100 x153 or *ronb@stmoside.org*.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**



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

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays. Next date: Friday, September 7.

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

### Have You Seen Our Missing Portable Fire Pit?

A circular, dual-handle, cast iron, custom-made fire pit that was loaned to the Youth Ministry is missing. If anyone knows where it is or has any information about it, please contact Marcus Cabrera, Youth Advocate, at *marcusc@stmoside.org* or 760-758-4100 x161.

### Readings for the Week Ahead

Sunday Year B: Weekday Year II Readings online at www.usccb.org.

Sunday, August 5 (113) Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 Psalm 78:3-4,23-25,54 Ephesians 4:17,20-24 John 6:24-35 Monday, August 6 (614) *The Transfiguration of the Lord* Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Peter 1:16-19 Mark9:2-10 Tuesday, August 7 (408) Sixtus II, pope and martyr, and his companions, martyrs; Cajetan, priest Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Psalm 102:16-23,29 Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2,10-14 Wednesday, August 8 (409) Dominic, priest Jeremiah 31:1-7 Jeremiah 31:10,11-13 (Psalm) Matthew15:21-28 Thursday, August 9 (410) Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:12-15,18-19 Matthew 16:13-23 Friday, August 10 (618) Lawrence, deacon, martyr 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 Psalm 112:1-2,5-9 John 12:24-26 Saturday, August 11 (412) Clare, virgin Habakkuk 1:12-2:4 Psalm 9:8-9,10-13 Matthew 17:14-20 Sunday, August 12 (116) Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:2-9 Ephesians 4:30-5:2 John 6:41-51

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 4, 5:00pm Bill Carrothers 🕈 Sunday, August 5, 8:30am Peggy Fischer 🕈 Sunday, August 5, 10:30am Joe Coccaro 🕆 Tuesday, August 7, 8:15am John Eisendrath 🕈 Wednesday, August 8, 8:15am Betty Dorsa 🕆 Thursday, August 9, 8:15am Terence Flanagan P Friday, August 10, 8:15am William Hoogestraat 🕈 Saturday, August 11, 5:00pm Vivian Doering P Sunday, August 12, 8:30am Nina Garrisi 🕆 Sunday, August 12, 10:30am Zoe Dorsa 🕆

Mary Alexander Laura Allenfort Lucia Ambriz Mary Balli Alexandra Banwell Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Jim Beach Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich Lynda Brady The Breier Family Cathy Brennan Roy Bristol Monica Broussard Janet Brown Todd Brown Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger The Caron & Stevens Families Paul Cassidy Lolly Cervantes Pat Christopherson Dick Clarke Dolly Cole Carl Coleman James Coleman Thomas Cornwell & Family The Czintos Family Karen Flaharty Daley Beverly de Gelder Stephanie de Villeneuve Judith DiMatteo Art Dossman Dave Dossman John Drazkowski, Jr. Sharon Evans Rebecca Eyer The Fiore Family Ryan Flum Larry Fortier Matthew Foster Mike Franchino Steve Franchino Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire Brian Frink Carmen Garcia Jack Gillen Rick Gonzalez Eileen Gough Rosemary Haeffelin Susan Hallahan Nan Hallbick The Hanratty Family The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison Lilian Hills Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli Linda Iacobelli Bennett Lisa Inglis The Jaeger Family Sue Johnston Paula Keen Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney John Kirk Dewey Kolbo Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Christopher Lawrence Roland Lawrence Brandon LeBlanc The Lehan Family Jeremiah Lemus Ashley Load Cassandra Loretto Lauren Loretto James MacArthur Joaquin Maldonado Chandler May Bob McWilliams

Praver List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.) Kalei Mendiola Bill Metzger Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell Nancy Moore Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Le Nguyen Heidi Olson The Opdyke & Parks Families Bernadette Padovan The Palmer Family Graeme Pate Maria Pate Marilyn Pirkola Douglas Price-Williams Barbara Ramm Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley Rita Ritchie Adela Rivera Elena Rivera Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse The Russo Family Michael Rutz The Rutz Family Dan Ryan Kimberly Schlunt Linda Schmidt The Douglas E. Schulte Family Pete Serle & Family Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Richard Sikora Jeanne Sisson Beth Snyder Mike Snyder Nick Soltau Fred & Gilda Spiegl Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski Dorothy Staehr Ted Stanislawski The Stanley Family Pete Sullivan David Sweet Tommy & Ginger Thompson Valerie Thompson Sarah Tillinghast Stephen Toth, Jr. Mary Tysko & Family Barbara Upson Ethel & Bob Vanderhagen Robert Vasquez Silvana Vettese Vanessa Vitiello Barbara Voelpel Kevin Watson-Graff John Whitton Helen Wodyka Erin Young Patricia Zavala Martin Zschoche

### **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 PFC John Brandone Maj. Tom Browne, Jr., USMC Corp. Willie Deel Chaplain Van Dinh Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC Grant Fischer MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC Sgt. Alex Garcia Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF Col. Sean O'Doherty, USMC Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army Sr. Airman Robert Spear, UŠAF Tyler Timmerman, US Army Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC Major Seth Wolcott, USMC

### **Calendar Highlights**

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Men's Fellowship
This Man Is You
Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary—Masses at
8:15am and 7:00pm
Pastor's Excursion
Women's Ministry
RE.A.CH Classes resume
Sanctuary Choir Retreat
Scotch Tasting Party
New Member Reception
Wine Tasting Party
Treasures 2012
Men's Fellowship Retreat

### 2013

Jan 6 Stewardship Appreciation Reception

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

### **Pray for Women Religious**

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

August 6
Sr. E. Aileen McCombs, SFCC
August 7
Sr. Jeanette McDermott, MMS
August 8
Sr. Hilda McDonagh, RSM
August 9
Sr. Mary Daniel McGinn, OSB
August 10
Sr. Rosanne McGrath, RSM
August 11
Sr. Eleanor McNally, CPPS
August 12
Sr. Michele McQueeney, OSF

### **Welcome New Parishioners**

Ghassan Asfour & Hala Samaan & Family Erik & Sheree Guevara & Family Everett & Jeannie Murrell

### Congratulations to

**Linda & Robert Taylor** who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary August 2.

Joyce & Lynn Butcher

who celebrate their 34th wedding anniversary August 5.

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

### **Congratulations to**

**Bette Johansing** 

who celebrated her 92nd birthday on August 2.

May God bless you with abundant joy, just as you have blessed so many with your long life.

### **Flower Donations**

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Linda & Robert Taylor** in honor of their anniversary.

## Walking Ministry

Join the Walking Ministry on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am starting from the Parish Center parking lot. For more information, contact Diane Pal at 760-815-2519.

### Annual Catholic Appeal—We're Almost There!

To date, \$47,037 has been pledged by 370 families, with an average of \$127.13 per family. **We need about \$1,000 more** to meet our assessment of \$48,000—can you help?

If 10 families pledge \$100 each or 20 families pledge \$50 each, we'll reach our goal!

This annual appeal from the Diocese is our opportunity to "pay it forward" and help other Parishes as we have been helped, as well as support Diocesan charitable outreach and education efforts. Your prayerful consideration is appreciated! Packets are available at the information table on the Plaza.

### STM \$crip News

Buy Chili's Scrip before the restaurant fundraiser on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 7-8, to increase our earnings by 9%!

Every Scrip purchase helps the Building Fund!

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 Vatican and the LCWR

The Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) will be meeting in St. Louis, Missouri from August 7 to August 11, 2012 to begin deliberations in creating a response to the Vatican in regard to its concerns about the activities of the LCWR, which represents 58,000 nuns in the United States.

The LCWR has expressed its gratitude for the many prayer vigils that were held in May of this year in front of many diocesan cathedrals across the country.

Once again, the LCWR is asking for prayerful support from fellow Catholics for the guidance and the light of the Holy Spirit in the hope that there will be a constructive dialogue between the LCWR and the Vatican.

A prayer vigil will be held in front of St. Joseph Cathedral on Tuesday, August 7, at 4:45pm.

STM Parishioners will be carpooling from our parking lot at 3:30pm.

For further information please call Evi Quinn at 760-434-3710.

# St. Bonaventure Clothing Drive

A clothing drive to benefit the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School will be conducted November 10-11. Begin now to save your clean, gently-used, clothing, blankets, and jackets. Ask your friends and neighbors to save, too. The clothing drive is conducted by the Knights of Columbus.

The Mission is solely dependent on donations to support its operations. St. Thomas More parishioners have been a major supporter through our annual clothing drives. Donated items are given directly to residents of the Navajo Reservation at the Mission's annual Christmas dinner and give-away event. Any remaining items are placed in their thrift shop.

## **Pennies from Heaven Collection**

The annual Pennies from Heaven collection to benefit Birth Choice, our local pregnancy resource center, and their Growing Families program, will be the weekend of August 18-19. Start saving your coins and cash now! Representatives from our Culture of Life committee will be at all Masses to collect your donations. For more information, please contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

### Treasures 2012

This year's Treasures Flea Market will be **Saturday, October 6**. Save your gently used "treasures" for donation. In the last two years we have raised over \$20,000. Help us turn clutter into cash, garage fodder into gold, and cast-offs into coins! Wait until you see the plant sale. It is shaping up to be another big success with over 45 nurseries donating and counting!

We will need lots of help to pull this off. 75 volunteers are needed over a two-day period. Once again, we will accept donations the Friday before and the morning of. Look for more details to come soon and save those treasures! Any questions or early volunteer sign ups? Contact Chairperson John Murphy at 760-497-6117.

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# Parish Events

# Women's Guild News

We are in the middle of our membership drive now, and for your convenience, we will be on the Plaza this weekend of August 4-5. Please stop by our table and sign up for the Women's Guild of St. Thomas More. If you have your form already, you can place it in the collection basket and mark it "Women's Guild."

Our guild provides lots of fun, food, and fellowship at our monthly luncheon meetings. We offer prayers and spiritual growth for all our members. We are planning another awesome year of programs for you, so please join us—we will make it easy for you. We promise you'll have lots of activity for the year. Plus, you will be a part of a group that will give all our proceeds to the Building Fund.

Our dues are still only \$5. You can join us in any of the activities and it just may be the best decision you make in 2012.

Seize the day, don't have regrets, and most importantly, stay close to friends and family.

Hope to see you soon.

-Vera Bayliss, President

2012 Phase 2.1 " A Time to Build!"			
August 1 Response Statistics			
		# of Families	
FIVE Months to Go!		Responding	
Total Responses	\$462,671	617	
Still Needed	\$37,329	417	
Total Goal	\$500,000	1,034	
Total Collected	\$348,351		



- <sup>+</sup> Special thanks for our new "Adopt a Family" gift donations!
- <sup>†</sup> We continue to celebrate all successes, large and small, that help us to reach our goal.
- **†** We ask the 417 families who have not yet responded to this campaign to consider donating \$18/month through **December. EVERY contribution helps!**
- <sup>†</sup> The success of Phase 2.1 will make up for our shortfall of \$500,000 in Phase II.
- **†** Thanks to all who have already responded to Phase 2.1! www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church. Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

2012 Pastor's Dinner Excursion Sunday, August 26, 1:30-6:00pm William D. Evans Sternwheeler, Mission Bay Featuring The Hot Pursuit Band

Music from the 40's to present!



Reserve your spot now Pay by August 7 \$250/person (\$125 tax deduction)



How would you like to benefit our church and have a wonderful afternoon all at the same time? This is your chance! Join us for:

- The Fourth Annual Pastor's Dinner!
- Sunday, August 26th from 1:30 to 6:00pm \*
- Enjoy a smooth outing on the calm waters of Mission Bay \* aboard the William D. Evans Sternwheeler (flat bottom)
- Three-hour open bar, delectable hors d'oeuvres, and choice of custom entrée selections awaits you
- The Hot Pursuit Band is back with their award-winning \* music entertainment for dancing, listening, or both
- \* Carpooling is available from St. Thomas More
- 59 people have already signed up, excited about this new venue for our annual event. There's still room for more!
- \$125 of the \$250/person is tax deductible
- Payments accepted through the first week in August
- Keepsake photos with Fr. Mike

### For information, please contact Chris Smith 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

### Vocations

Summertime is a time for relaxation and winding down. It is also a good time to talk to God and quietly listen to Him to discern your true vocational calling in life. If you find that it may be to serve as a priest, deacon, or religious, contact Deacon Tom at thomasg@stmoide.org or 760-727-8442.

# Liturgy & Music

# Worship God

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

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Despite the fact that they had just been liberated from slavery in Egypt and rescued from death at the sea, the Israelites grumble against Moses and Aaron, and ultimately against God. This grumbling is a recurrent theme in the Book of Exodus. But despite their grumbling, the LORD continues to provide for them. At the same time he is testing them, for the "bread from heaven" he gives them may not be gathered on the seventh day, establishing a law of Sabbath rest. A jar of this manna will be kept in the Ark of the Covenant as a reminder that for as long as they were in the wilderness, God provided for them. They had manna until they entered the Promised Land.



The writer of Ephesians urges his audience to "no longer live as the Gentiles do". Being baptized in Christ means we should live as children of God, putting aside our old, sinful ways and walking in the light of Christ. He challenges them, and us, to "put on the new self, created in God's way".

In today's Gospel Jesus compares the gift he offers with the manna that the Israelites ate in the wilderness. The crowds follow Jesus because he gave them earthly food, but he urges them to work for heavenly food "that endures for eternal life". The fact that they address him as "rabbi" indicates that they do not fully comprehend who he is. Jesus reminds them that it was not Moses who gave them bread but his heavenly Father. This episode is an example of a common literary device in John's Gospel—that is, Jesus's words are misunderstood by his audience. He is speaking on a higher plane. This chapter develops John's theology of the Eucharist.

-Bruce Janiga, Ministry and Liturgy 2012. Used with permission

### For Reflection:

How has God provided for me in the wilderness times of my life? Am I a grumbler like the Israelites, or am I grateful? Do I hunger for the Bread of Life, or is it something I take for granted?

Let us with the crowds pray, "Lord, give us this bread always."

# Upcoming Music

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AUGUST 12 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 5:00pm Mass

Congregation & Cantor

### 8:30am Mass

Congregation & Cantor

### 10:30am Mass

Congregation & Cantor 6



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# Coming Soon for 2012-2013

Dear Parents,

Do you have a child between the ages of 3 and 17 attending public school?

St. Thomas More Parish would like to enter into a partnership with you in the religious education of your child. We call it a "partnership" because we do not want to take over the responsibility of educating your child in the Catholic faith, but we do want to be a support and resource for you, as you fulfill the commitment you made when your child was baptized.



Daily living of our Catholic faith definitely takes place in the home and neighborhood within the context of the family. A systematic approach to the teachings of our faith, as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and a sharing in the riches and tradition of our Church, are sometimes a little more challenging for parents to undertake

effectively along with all other parental responsibilities.

RE.A.CH (<u>Religious Education for Adolescents & Children</u>) classes begin in September, but we really want to get everyone registered *now* so that we can have enough catechists available. Classes fill on a first come, first serve basis.

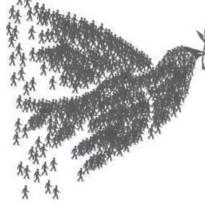
Our programs meet two times a month at church, September through May, at the following times and two times at home:

Ages 3, 4 & 5:	2 Sundays a month during the whole of the 10:30 Mass
Grades 1-5:	2 Sundays, 12:30-2:00pm or 5:00-6:30pm
Grades 6-8:	2 Sundays, 5:00-6:30pm
High School:	Modular schedule on Sundays: 6:30-8:30pm

If you are a registered Parishioner and would like to sign up for this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office right away. It would be our privilege to share in forming faith in your family!

With you in ministry,

Kathleen



# It's Chocolate Weekend!

The Youth Justice Foundation returns to the Plaza this weekend with a variety of 3.5 oz bars of Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Chocolate for \$4 each.

Treat your taste buds, support economic justice and encourage our Parish teens!

# Fr. Mike's Bookies

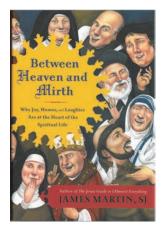
In June Fr. Mike wrote: "It is summer. . .change the normal routine . . . let July and August be different . . . be 'recreated.""

So, here's a great book for just that purpose:

# *Between Heaven and Mirth* by James Martin, SJ

Available for review or purchase (\$15) outside the Faith Formation Office.

Post your comments on Facebook (search Fr. Mike's Bookies and ask to join if you are not already a member of the group.)



# **PBJ Update**

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL:	365 jars
Collected to date:	279 jars

### August 5, 2012

Chris Smith

# Stewardship & Development

# Christian Stewardship What Size Is Your Corn?

Suppose that you are given a piece of land composed of fine river bottom soil, capable of immense profits in truck gardening.

You waste very little time puzzling over why anyone would be so generous as to give away such land; you become busy preparing the soil and working it and planning on spending your profits, perhaps for more land.

If the person who gave you this wondrous land lived right next door, instead of in some far off land, you would naturally pause from time to time; and finally, in the joy of your rich harvest and in the certainty that you would be meeting again and again, you would likely come to feel you should share some of your harvest.

Would any of us at that point, screen out our produce and present our donor with only the wilted, scraggly warped vegetables which are the culls, the tossed aside overflow of those who sell produce?

If this generous giver had also been instrumental in giving us the fine health it takes to work a truck farm, would not our gratitude be such that we would choose for him the plumpest, sweetest, freshest vegetables?

So it is with giving. Few of us are farmers today, but a serious look at our income and the bit we slice off to give back to God, measuring and examining it as a farmer would his vegetables, will help us to see our offering in its true light.

What size ears of corn are you returning to your God?

Anything less than a fair share of every dollar of your income, which comes to you through "luck" or hard work, is surely giving only the nubbins from your patch!

-E..A. Briggs, Parish Publishing LLC, August 2012 (with permission)



Ability is what you're capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.

—Lou Holtz

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

## 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 760-758-4100 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 28/29, 2012

* Offertary envelopes and it and with	1 1 4	. 1 1.
Total	\$	6,801.20
Children's envelopes		3.00
Offertory (Loose Collection)		981.00
Offertory*	\$	5,817.20
Number of Registered Households		1,034

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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<u>Serve</u> God's People

# News and Information from the Larger Church

**Volunteer Opportunity at Mission San Luis Rey**—Learn about the history of early California and the missions. Volunteers are needed to share this history with visitors and school groups in our historic church, welcome center and as museum docents. No experience necessary; training provided. For more information, contact www.sanluisrey.org, 760-757-3651 x167, or volunteer@sanluisrey.org.

Master of Arts Degree in Biblical Theology at JPII—Visit their new blog at *verbumdominiblog.com* for more information.

Scripture Unlocked Series Continues at JPII University— Tuesday, August 7, 7:00pm. Dr. Michael Barber will speak on *The Year of Faith and Sacred Scripture: Why the Bible is at the Heart of the Church's Catechesis.* For more information, contact 858-653-6740 x1104 or www.jpcatholic.com

**Central San Diego Magnificat Women's Group Meeting**— Saturday, August 11, 9:30am, Mission Valley Sheraton. Speaker will be Bishop Cirilo Flores, Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego. RSVP by August 1 to 858-342-9022 or *www.magnificat-sd.org.* 

"Come and See Day" with Sisters of Providence—Saturday, August 11, 9:30am-3:00pm, Marywood Retreat Center, 2811 E. Villa Real Dr., Orange. Women ages 18-42 will have the opportunity to explore a call to religious life. For more information, contact *eben@spsmw.org* or 800-860-1840 x2895.

**Senior Vacation Retreat at Mission San Luis Rey**—August 13-17 with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, Fr. John Keller, OSA, Kay Sempel, and Pat Julian. For seniors 55 and older. For more information, contact 760-757-3659 or *www.sanluisrey.org*.

**Free Concert in Oceanside**—Thursday, August 16, 6:00-8:00pm, Aegis at Shadowridge (across from STM), featuring *The Caravan Band*. RSVP by Monday, August 13, to 760-806-3600.

**Brother Benno's Fundraiser at Shakey's Pizza in Oceanside**— Wednesday, August 22, 4:00-9:00pm, 4141 Oceanside Blvd., Oceanside. 25% of food sales will go to support the women's houses. No flyer needed—just place your receipt in the designated box at the cashier.

**Support Group for Separated/Divorced in Solana Beach**— Starting Sunday, September 9, 10:15am, St. James Catholic Church, Ministry Center, Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or *fwgrant@gmail.com*.

# **News from St. Francis Church**

St. Francis School is 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,
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- Fundraising support.

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

Joint Reunion for Graduates of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and Rosary High Schools—Saturday, September 15, 6:30pm, 4106 42nd St., San Diego. Bring memoirs or scrapbooks to share and renew friendships. RSVP by August 31 at *OLSHalum@gmail.com* or 858-349-9149.

**Pilgrimage to Greece**—October 9-19, 2012, with Fr. Mike Sinor and Fr. Chuck Fuld. Includes a three-day cruise of the Greek Isles. For more information, contact *frc@frchuck.com or frsinor@yahoo.com*.

**Beginning Experience Weekend for Widowed, Divorced, and Separated**—November 9-11, Prince of Peace Abbey, Oceanside. A trained team of peers leades participants through a healing and growth experience. For more information, contact Cathy at 619-222-9093 or Maureen at 619-447-0622.

## Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit *www.yamsd.org* for complete information on events for young adults, including *Theology on Tap* series Tuesdays in August, MEGA-Mass with Coadjutor Bishop Flores on Sunday, August 12 at 6:00pm at the Immaculata Church, and outreach projects.

For 18-25 year-olds, there is an outreach project at Horton Plaza on August 4 and a bonfire at Crown Point on August 11.

Also, search Office of Young Adult Ministry on Facebook.

# San Diego Has a Full-Time Catholic Radio Station!

Immaculate Heart Radio broadcasts Catholic programming fulltime on KCEO AM 1000. For more information, visit *http:// ihradio.com/sandiego*.

# Marriage & Family Life Corner

**The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Domestic Violence:** "In some cases, divorce may be the only solution to a morally unacceptable situation. A specific example is a home where the safety of a spouse and children is at risk. As the Catholic bishops of the United States, we reiterate what we said in our pastoral message on domestic violence, When I Call for Help, namely, that no one in a marriage is obliged to maintain common living with an abusing spouse. We want to assure people who are caught in the tragedy of an abusive marriage that the Church is committed to offering them support and assistance." To read the document go to *http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/*.

**Marriage Moments**—Have you ever had to feed a large crowd? Perhaps more guests came than you planned. Yes, plan ahead, but when circumstances surprise you, take what you have, give thanks, and offer it. It will be enough. Don't fight with your spouse over who didn't plan enough.

**Parenting Pointers**—Learn about the stages of child development. Having appropriate expectations of your child will help both of you avoid frustration. For example, trying to toilet-train your child too early or expect him to sit quietly for long periods of time will only frustrate you both.

For more information, visit *www.diocese-sdiego.org*/Ministries/ Marriage & Family Life or call Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100. CHURCH

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