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

September 30, 2012 • Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

We Are in Need of More Hospitality Ministers – How About You?

Here at St. Thomas More, a hallmark of our week-end liturgies is hospitality. The climate is one of care, concern, and a desire to know one another, especially the newcomer, the guest.

This spirit of hospitality does not just happen. It takes concerted effort and a commitment to do things differently—to be deliberate in our interaction with each other.

As a Faith Community, when we gather to celebrate, we commit ourselves to be welcoming to the stranger in our midst, to the one who may be with us for the first time.

Also, we dedicate ourselves to each other, who come week after week. We commit ourselves to getting to know each other, to share our stories, and to support each other on life's journey.

Hospitality is a hallmark of a Christian, an attitude that we are to carry with us in all the situations of our everyday lives.

I share with you some thoughts about hospitality from Fr. Henri Nouwen. These words are taken from his book, *Reaching Out*:

Hospitality means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.

It is not to lead our neighbor into a corner where there are no alternatives left, but to open a wide spectrum of options for choice and commitment. It is not an educated intimidation with good books, good stories and good works, but the liberation of fearful hearts so that words can find roots and bear ample fruit.

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Second Annual Men's Retreat: October 12-14 in Julian—see page 5 for more information or contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100

The Women's Ministry will be meeting on Friday, October 5, at 7:00pm on the lower level. Please join us to hear speaker Susan Cooper. Contact Shannon at 760-889-1469 for more info.



Chocolate!!!

The Youth Justice Foundation will return to the Plaza next weekend, October 6-7, with a variety of 3.5 oz bars of Equal Exchange Organic Fairly Traded Chocolate for \$4 each. Treat your taste



buds, support economic justice, and encourage our Parish teens!



Sunday, October 7
On the Plaza
4:00pm

Opportunity to Help Local Families in Need



North County Solutions for Change women and children's shelter needs volunteers for meal preparation, servers, and donations (food and paper goods). STM has committed to providing one meal per month for this ministry. In this way we answer the call of Jesus to feed the hungry and this is in our neighborhood. Any help you can provide is welcome!

Organizations as well as individuals are invited to participate with portions/or entire meal preparation, drinks, desserts, and/or monetary contributions to offset the cost for those able to cook. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help with this important ministry and call to find out which months are available.

For more information, contact Kevin & Lyn Leahy at 760-643-0872 or *kleahy12@cox.net*.

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It is not a method of making our God and our way into the criteria of happiness, but the opening of an opportunity to others to find their God and their way.

The paradox of hospitality is that it wants to create emptiness, not a fearful emptiness, but a friendly emptiness where strangers can enter and discover themselves as created free; free to sing their own songs, speak their own languages, dance their own dances; free also to leave and follow their own vocations.

Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the life style of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guest to find his own.

One of the most important first steps in hospitality is the greeting that comes as one enters the Plaza toward the Church.

The Hospitality Ministers are the "frontline" that greet and welcome the people to St. Thomas More Parish.

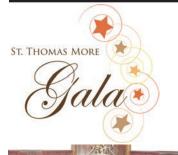
A smile, a hello, a welcome, and the giving of a Worship Aid are the beginnings of creating an environment of hospitality.

We are in need of more Hospitality Ministers!

Please think about whether the Spirit is calling you to this ministry. If so, please give Douglas Lynn, our Director of Liturgy and Music, a call to let him know. His phone number and email address are on page 6 of the bulletin.

We need you!

Let us continue to challenge each other to make hospitality a way of life here at St. Thomas More!



More News from Our Town Crier! Hear Ye. Hear Ye!

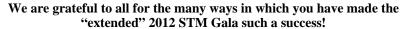
The STM Gala Committee presented Fr. Mike with a \$4,000 check, bringing our total 2012 gift to \$64,000 for St. Thomas More!

Thanks to all who participated in the Pastor's Excursion/Dinner Cruise on the William D. Evans Sternwheeler on August 26. It was a terrific afternoon! We're already taking reservations for our September 29, 2013 event. Reservation envelopes are in the Parish Office and on Information

Table, with an early bird sign up bonus opportunity!

Our Scotch Tasting Party on September 23, hosted by Fred and Anna Colucci, was another winning event! Cheers to all who helped to make this an enjoyable and profitable gathering.

Next up is the Wine Tasting Party on Friday, October 5! Details will follow on this much anticipated evening.



To see more photos, visit www.stmoside.org and click on Event Pictures.







Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, September 30 (137) Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 19:8,10,12-14

James 5:1-6 Mark 9:39-43,45,47-48

Monday, October 1 (455)

Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

Job 1:6-22 Psalm 17:1-3,6-7 Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday, October 2 (456) *The Holy Guardian Angels* Job 3:1-3,11-17,20-23

Psalm 88:2-8 Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 3 (457)

Job 9:1-12,14-16 Psalm 88:10-15 Luke 9:57-62

Thursday, October 4 (458)

Francis of Assisi
Job 19:21-27
Psalm 27:7-9,13-14
Luke 10:1-12
Friday, October 5 (459)
Job 38:1,12-21;40:3-5

Psalm 139:1-3,7-10,13-14 Luke 10:13-16

Saturday, October 6 (460) Bruno, priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin

Job 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Psalm 119:66,71,75,91,125,130 Luke 10:17-24

Sunday, October 7 (140)

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 128:1-6

Hebrew 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 29, 5:00pm Francis Valenti 🕈

Sunday, September 30, 8:30am Ninh Phan ♥

Sunday, September 30, 10:30am Bert Botkin ♥

Tuesday, October 2, 8:15am Betty Dorsa ♥

Wednesday, October 3, 8:15am Walter Mikridge ♥

Thursday, October 4, 8:15am Claire De Ainza ♥

Friday, October 5, 8:15am Tom Clarke 🕆

Saturday, October 6, 5:00pm Vivian Doering &

Sunday, October 7, 8:30am Joseph De Stout ♥

Sunday, October 7, 10:30am George Ken Walker ♥ Prayer List (Call 760-758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.)

Mary Alexander Laura Allenfort Lucia Ambriz Mary Balli Alexandra Banwell Jose Luis Barbosa Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Lisa Berg Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich The Bosak Family Lynda Brady Roy Bristol Monica Broussard Janet Brown Todd Brown Tom Browne Anita & Bill Buerger Bridget Buford Trinidad Bunuelos Shelby Campbell William Campbell Brianne Campos Claudia Caplinger

Paul Cassidy
The Cervantes & Hamasaki
Families
The Christopherson Family
Dick Clarke
Dolly Cole
Carl Coleman
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Eileen & Gary Crafton
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley

The Darcy Family
Beverly de Gelder
Stephanie de Villeneuve
Brendan Devlin
Ryan Devlin
Judith DiMatteo
Art Dossman
John Drazkowski, Jr.
Phyllis & Don Estes
Sharon Evans
The Fiore Family
Joseph Floryance

Ryan Flum Larry Fortier Mike Franchino Eugene Franciscus Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire Brian Frink Carmen Garcia

Carmen Garcia Jack & Marge Gillen Rick Gonzalez The Gough Family Rosemary Haeffelin Susan Hallahan

Nan Hallbick The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison Lilian Hills

Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli Linda Iacobelli Bennett Sue Johnston

Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney The Kirk Family Dewey Kolbo Andrea Krohn

Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance The Lamelin Family Christopher & Roland Lawrence

Brandon LeBlanc Jeremiah Lemus Claudia Leué Dave Leué The Paul Leué Family

Ashley Load Cassandra & Lauren Loretto James MacArthur Joaquin Maldonado Chandler May Ines McGee Bob McWilliams Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Bill Metzger Phyllis Minaya June Mitchell June Montgomery Nancy Moore Conrad Murphy Margie Myers

Bernadetté Padovan Art Palle Marilyn Pirkola Douglas Price-Williams Barbara Ramm Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley

Mrs. Jack (Shirley) Riley
Rita Ritchie
Adela Rivera
Elena Rivera
Maria Rogers
Dorothy Rouse
The Russo Family
Dan Ryan
Kimberly Schlunt
Linda Schmidt
Pete Serle & Family
Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Richard Sikora
Jeanne Sisson
Beth Snyder
Mike Snyder
Mike Snyder
Nick Softau
Fred & Gilda Spiegl

Fred & Gilda Spiegl
The Spillane & Gill Families
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Dorothy Staehr
Ted Stanislawski

The Stevens & Sawyer Families
Pete Sullivan

David Sweet
Tommy & Ginger Thompson
Valerie Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
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 Corp. Willie Deel Chaplain Van Dinh Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC StfSgt Evans Formica, USMC Grant Fischer MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC Sgt. Alex Garcia BM2 Bobby Hartdegen, US Navy Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF 2nd Lt. Janelle Peske, USMC Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Tyler Timmerman, US Army Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC Major Seth Wolcott, USMC

Calendar Highlights

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

Sept 30	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Sept 30	High School RE.A.CH Core Classes
Sept 30	New Member Reception
Oct 5	Women's Ministry
Oct 5	Wine Tasting Party
Oct 6	Treasures 2012
Oct 7	Liturgy of the Word for
	Children at 8:30am Mass
Oct 7	RE.A.CH Classes at
	Church, including High
	School
Oct 7	Blessing of Animals
Oct 7	Catholicism Series
Oct 9-10	Restaurant Fundraiser at
	Famous Dave's BBQ
Oct 12-14	Men's Fellowship Retreat
Oct 14	What to Do in an
	Emergency If You Don't
	Know CPR Presentation
Oct 20-21	Women's Guild Bake Sale
	and Quilt Items Sale
Oct 23-24	Restaurant Fundraiser at
	El Torito
Oct 27	Life Walk in San Diego
Nov 3-4	Knights of Colulmbus
	Tootsie Roll Drive
Nov 10-11	St. Bonaventure
	Clothing Drive
Nov 18	Hymn Festival
Nov 22	Thanksgiving Dinner at STM
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Jan 6 Stewardship Appreciation
Reception
Jan 12-31 Stewardship Awareness/
Renewal
Jan 25 Preview of Interior Church
Elements
Apr 21 Towers of Faith Reception
June 7 Second Annual STM Gala

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.

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October 1
Sr. Ellen Marie Ryan, CSJ
October 2
Sr. Diana Sabia, SSS
October 3
Sr. Gabriel Marie (Evelin) Sales, UCSC
October 4
Sr. Delia Sarabia, CVI
October 5
Sr. Lourdes Saracho, RJM
October 6
Sr. Dolores Cecile Schembri, CSJ
October 7
Sr. Helen Schwarz, SHCJ

Welcome New Parishioners

Maralee Sullivan

Congratulations to

Grace & Ron Hoffmann

who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on September 24

Stacey & Rory Griffin

who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on September 30

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

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Shirley Darcy, who died on September 4. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, October 4, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her children, Mark and Christine, and her family in your prayers.

Lolly Cervantes, who died on September 24. Funeral services are pending. Please keep her daughter, Cyndy Hamasaki, and her family in your prayers.

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

Vocations

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples not to prevent others from doing good deeds in his name, saying "whoever is not against us is for us." His discipleship is open to good people who honestly wish to bring about the Kingdom. The need for followers to bring forth the Kingdom remains. If you wish to explore the possibilities of working to promote God's Kingdom as a priest, deacon, or religious, contact Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

STM \$crip News

It's that time of year! Ralph's requires everyone to sign up their Preferred Customer card in order to receive the Community Rewards for St. Thomas More every year in September. Please do this on line or see the folks on the plaza to give you instructions. Once you sign up, all you do is shop, and the Building Fund reaps the benefits.

Check online for an updated Scrip list and online ordering system: www.stmoside.org, Contact Us, then Scrip.

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

Voter Registration

STM will conduct voter registration after the Masses this weekend and for the next two weekends. Please register if you have moved since the last election, or if you will turn 18 years of age by November 6, 2012.

Social Justice Committee Update— DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

This month, a meeting was held by Catholic Charities, with the support of the Diocese, and in conjunction with SDOP (San Diego Organizing Project) to inform Parish Leaders in regard to the ways in which Catholic Charities will help undocumented youth apply for "DACA." "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals" does not give legal status or a visa, but rather it provides a decision by the Department of Homeland Security to not deport someone who does not have a legal right, at this time, to remain in the United States.

These are people who were brought here by their parents or other family members as infants and children and who do not know any other place than the U.S. to call home. They presently live in the shadows of our society absolutely through no fault of their own!

What DACA is NOT!

- It is not a law.
- It is not amnesty.
- It is not a lawful immigration status.

What are the benefits of DACA?

- Provides eligibility for a work authorization
- Provides eligibility for a valid social security number
- Defers deportation for a period of 2 years
- Stops accrual of "unlawful presence"
- Offers ability to travel outside U.S. with prior approval after DACA
- May qualify for certain state benefits. For example, driver's license, loans, grants
- Enables a life outside the shadows and fear of deportation during DACA.

There are also many risks to presenting oneself to the authorities, especially if the appeal is denied and the person is placed in removal. This program is temporary with no guarantee that it will be extended. It could be revoked by future Presidents and could be terminated at any time. Yet many immigrant youth are willing to take these risks in order to live as responsible and productive members of our society.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish will be offering this program and St. Thomas More Parish will assisting in this project. Please contact Sr. Maureen at the Parish Office (760-758-4100 x131) for further information.

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.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Our meeting on October 8 will host a wonderful baker, Jerry Peralta. Jerry will be giving us "Baking Tips for the Bake Sale" and other baking projects. Call me, Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 or Siggie Ogan at 760-994-4727 to make reservations so we know how much to cook for our lunch. Meeting starts at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. We will have a great lunch waiting for you.

Also in October we will be holding our semi-annual Bake Sale and our one-time "Small Quilted Items Sale." The date is October 20-21 for both events. Our quilted items have all been hand made and donated. Remember all those birthdays ahead and Christmas, too! Please stop by our tables before or after each Mass that weekend.

Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.

—Vera Bayliss, President

Social Justice Committee: Immigration Survey

We thank all of you who responded to the immigration survey in print and on line in June, 2012. About 20% (198 people) of about 1000 Parish families answered the questions and told their stories, and thus helped to give a snapshot of our Parish. (Twenty percent is considered a good response.)

We developed this survey, because we wanted to share the excitement we felt last year (2011) when our Parish hosted an Immigration Reflection Day. Listening to each other's stories helped us get in touch with what we held in common and what was unique to each family.

Next week, look for a flyer in the bulletin that will summarize the results of the survey.

Here are some previews of the results and questions to provoke your thinking:

- Some of our families have ancestors who came to what would be the U.S. in the the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. When did the majority of our families arrive?
- Some people came because they were escaping a war and genocide or because they wanted to be reunited with family. What do you think drew most of our families to the United States?
- Most people who took the survey had ancestors who came from Europe, with Ireland and England as the second place of origin. What Asian countries are represented?

Thank you for supporting this survey. Watch for the results next week!

—Cathy Blecki, Social Justice Committee

Knights of Columbus Entertainment Books

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Entertainment Books for \$40 on the Plaza after weekend Masses, and the proceeds will go to helping our church and community. Please contact Matt Perun at 760-734-1934 if you are interested or have any questions.

Thank You!

...for your generosity in the toiletry/underwear drive for Brother Benno's. Your continued support helps God's people in need.

—Deacon Tom

2012 Phase 2.1 "... A Time to Build!" September 25 Response Statistics

of Families
THREE Months to Go--WOW! Responding
Total Responses \$490,367 665
Still Needed \$9,633 379
Total Goal \$500,000 1,044
Total Collected \$424,006



- † Thank you to all who have responded!
- † Special thanks for our 58 "Adopt a Family" gift donations and to all those households who have increased their dollar amounts in Phase 2.1.
- † We ask the families who have not responded to this campaign to consider donating \$15/month through December. EVERY contribution helps!

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

Men's Fellowship Retreat

The St. Thomas More Men's Fellowship is having their second annual Men's Retreat on October 12-14 in Julian. If you attended last year's retreat, you know what a great time it was, and if you have never been before, come see what you have been missing. The theme of the retreat is based on Romans 7:18: "The will to do what is right is present within me, but in my sinful nature, the power to carry it out is not." Our featured speaker will be Cy Kellett. Get your registration form here and drop it off at the Parish: www.stmoside.org/men/MensFellowshipRetreat2012.pdf or call Deacon John Fredette for more information at 760-758-4100 x132.

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.

Liturgy & Music



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

POUSTINA WITH THE WORD

Scripture Themes for October

by Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso, excerpted from Celebration October 2012., with permission. Are you a *poustinik*? Do you have a *poustinia*? Poustinia is the Russian word for a small, sparsely appointed room or cabin where a poustinik may go to pray and fast and experience the presence of God in solitude. Etymologically, poustinia finds its roots in the Russian word for desert or wilderness.

Originally a Russian Orthodox

tradition, the poustinia introduced to Western spirituality by the social activist Catherine de Hueck Doherty. In the book Poustinia: Christian Spirituality of the East for Western Man (Madonna House, Ottawa, Canada, 1975), Doherty said, "To go into the poustinia means to listen to God. It means entering into kenosis—the emptying of oneself." Although the poustinik regularly prays alone, he or she remains available to others to share not only spiritual treasures and experience but also to serve the physical needs of others. Conrad Hoover suggested that believers might follow Doherty's example and create poustinias in our homes ("No Choice but to Pray," Sojourners, June 1977). If we did so, if we watched and waited alone with the Lord, then we would come to know the poustinia in our hearts where Jesus is always present to us and goes with us into a wounded and worried world.

Built right into our liturgical calendar is a weekly (or, for some, daily) experience of poustinia. Each time we gather around the table of the Lord and listen to the living, breathing word of God, we commune with God. We are fed, body and soul, and equipped to share in the ongoing process of redeeming and gracing our world with the love of God. At the very heart of our poustinia experience this month (Oct. 14), the eloquent

author of Hebrews will remind us that the word of God is as penetrating as a two-edged sword, capable of discerning all that is within the human mind and heart and spirit. As we stand before this word, open to its truth, there can be no dissembling, no hiding, no excuses. This word is God-breathed, i.e., inspired by the Spirit, who also inspires those who hear that word and empowers them to translate it into their lives.

This month, the living, penetrating, and inspired word of God will invite us to look at four very important aspects of the human experience, each of which holds challenges that cannot be minimized as well as blessings that cannot be measured.

On Oct. 7, our poustinia with the word will center on marriage and divorce. In a society where half of all marriages end in divorce and same-sex marriage is hotly debated, this is never an easy issue to tackle. Nevertheless, the word of God with its penetrating truth does not permit us to approach it cafeteria-style, taking only what we find attractive and doable while avoiding what is hard to hear and even harder to live. Jesus never shied away from an issue that was sure to spark controversy and resentment. Neither can those in the pews or in the pulpit sugarcoat the word of God in order to avoid conflict.

Riches will be the issue the word of God addresses on Oct. 14. While material wealth can give us opportunity to alleviate the needs of others, it can also be an impediment to authentic discipleship. Aware of this, the Marcan Jesus will invite a rich man to sell what he has, give it to the poor, and then come and follow him. Mark tells us the man's face fell and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Will we,



too, go away sad from this poustinia experience because we place more value on what is in our pockets and purses than on what Jesus has to offer?

With the request of James and John on Oct. 21, the praying assembly will be invited to ponder their propensity for unbridled ambition. These two wished to share in his glory and be seated at places of highest honor; Jesus challenged them to set aside their desire for greatness in order to themselves at the service of others. Leadership through service and sacrifice was the way of Jesus, but it has yet to become the way of all his followers. For this reason, we return again and again to pray, to listen, to believe, and to be graced.

On the last Sunday of October (Oct. 28), the sacred texts will ask us to consider illness, healing, and faith. Jesus will tell Bartimaeus that his faith in Jesus' power enabled him to see. Similar faith helped to effect the healings of many in Jesus' day: the deaf, the lame, the diseased, the possessed. Today, Jesus' followers are to minister to the needs of the physically, spiritually, and mentally ill. When healing cannot be achieved, then we can create for the ill, the broken, and the wounded a poustinia of peace and acceptance where they may know the support of our prayers, the security of our care, and the warmth of our love until faith carries them home to God.

Upcoming Music

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OCTOBER 7 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5:00pm Mass Sanctuary Choir 8:30am Mass Handbell Choir 10:30am Mass Praise Team

Faith Formation



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



This is a RE.A.CH week at Home

Catholicism Series

Are you interested in reviewing the fundamental teachings of our Catholic faith?

As we approach the Year of Faith beginning in October, we are offering the tenpart series of Fr. Robert Barron once again. This is a simple way to experience the basics and beauty of Catholicism with friends.

The first session is next Sunday, October 7, from 5:00-6:30pm on the upper level stage. Fr. Barron's DVD presentation is about 50 minutes, which will be followed by a bit of discussion hosted by Kurt Schwend. The series will continue once or twice a month until May.

Adult Confirmation



If you are over 18 and would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, we have a simple and informative process to which you are invited. See the "Catholicism Series" article above or visit *www.stmoside.org* and click on Quick Clicks, then Adult Confirmation.

The first of twelve sessions is Sunday, October 7, from 5:00-6:30pm.

Please contact Kathleen Bell if you would like to participate.

Youth Ministry

Phase 1 and 2 Teens

Core Courses begin Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30pm and meet for five Sundays.

Don't forget your Bible and a snack to share!



... and the point of the Confirmation Retreat was?!?!?

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2012 GOAL: 365 jars Collected to date: 286 jars



brings the Mass and prayer closer to the lives of children (especially ages 6-12)

A new booklet each week offers:

- all the readings and prayers of Sunday Mass with explanations
- → many suggestions on how to live the entire week with the Lord
- → various games and activities to discover Christian life and culture.

\$17 per subscription = STM bulk rate, **IF** we have ten orders (your individual price: \$34.90)

To be included, submit form below and payment by the deadline: **October 7**

Check their website for a preview: www.magnificat.com

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(January through December 2013 Subscription)

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Stewardship & Development



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

Christian Stewardship Seeing a Need

One afternoon in Chicago, officials gathered to await the arrival of the new Nobel Peace Prize winner. When he arrived, the officials came to greet him.

The man thanked them, and then looking over their heads, asked if he might be excused for a moment. He walked through the crowd until he reached an elderly woman who was struggling to carry two large suitcases to a bus. He picked up the bags and escorted the woman to the bus, then returned to the welcoming committee.

Later, a member of that committee was telling a friend about the event. He summed it up by saying, "I think that was the first time I ever saw a sermon walking."

The man who had delivered that graphic sermon was the missionary doctor who had spent his life helping the poor in Africa, Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

Seeing the need, then doing what Jesus would do. That is stewardship of our time. It will say more to those around us than our position or our words. And it gives anyone a chance to be a walking sermon!

—Stewardship, September 2012, Parish Publishing LLC (with permission)

This weekend we are having a New Member Reception for all who have registered St. Thomas More since March. These events are always a lot of fun as we have new members meeting Parish leadership, staff and several of our Welcome Ministers.

The reception and luncheon put on by our terrific Membership Committee is excellent. Welcoming hospitality is their specialty!

Additionally, however, the opportunity for everyone to meet, mix, and mingle is a positive experience. Many of our new members have already stepped into a ministry of choice! For those who have not, this event gives everyone a better idea of the many opportunities we offer at STM to be "walking sermons" in our time and place!

—Chris

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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.

Collection for Week of September 22/23, 2012

Total	\$ 12,544.19
Children's envelopes	 2.00
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,367.00
Offertory*	\$ 11,175.19
Number of Registered Households	1,044
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* 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).

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News and Information from the Larger Church

Volunteers Needed at Birth Choice of Oceanside—Training provided for those interested in volunteering as counselors for this pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, contact Mary Rose Stearns at 760-434-5063 or *mrstearns@birthchoice.net*.

Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit *www.sanluisrey.org* or call 760-757-3659 for details on upcoming events.

Pillars of Catholicism Free Online Course—Available at *www.pillarsofcatholicism.com*. Sponsored by John Paul the Great University. Includes 13 half-hour videos and supporting materials.

Starry, Starry Night Event to Benefit Voices for Children—Saturday, September 29, Rancho Valencia Resort. Voices for Children serves abused and neglected children in San Diego County foster care. For more information, contact Rebecca Reyes at 858-598-2232 or *RebeccaR@speakupnow.org*.

40 Minutes for Life in San Marcos—Sunday, September 30, 7:00pm, San Marcos Abortion Clinic, 120 Craven Rd. at Twin Oaks Valley Rd., San Marcos. An ecumenical holy witness held

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

St. Francis Catholic School Gift-Wrap Fund-Raiser

It's that time of year for St. Francis Catholic School's annual Gift-Wrap Fundraiser. This is an important activity for the school—they actually receive between 45-50% of each item ordered, so you can feel good about stocking up on wrapping supplies. The holidays are right around the corner! This year's catalog also offers many other gift items like jewelry and chocolates—take a look in the catalog and see if there is anything you can't live without! There will be a table on the Plaza following all Masses on September 29-30. Questions about this fundraiser? Call Shannon Oswald at 760-889-1469.

Friar Feast Taste—Friday, October 5, 6:00-9:00pm. Taste of the Town event for adults over 21 plus Mega Draw Raffle.

Friar Fest 2012—Sunday, October 7, 9:00am-6:00pm with live entertainment, food, blessing of animals, dog show, fun zone, games, contests, and vendors.



For more information, contact Julie Kaiser at 760-945-8044 or visit www.stfrancis-vista.org and click Friar Fest.

the fourth Sunday of each month. For more information, visit www.40minutesforlife.org.

Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) "Pro-Life Is Good" Gala and Auction—Saturday, October 13, 5:30pm, Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Dr., San Diego. Keynote address by Immaculée Ilibagiza, survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. For more information, contact www.colfsgala.com or 619-692-4401.

Cathedral Catholic High School Open House—Saturday, October 20, 10:00am-2:00pm, 5555 Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. Open to families and students of all ages. Will include tours, panel sessions, and an information fair. For more information, visit www.cathedralcatholic.org or call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x102 to meet Parish families with students at Cathedral Catholic.

White Mass for Health Care Workers in San Diego—Saturday, October 27, 10:00am, St. Thérèse of Carmel Parish, 4355 Del Mar Trails Rd., San Diego. Please join Coadjutor Bishop Cirilo Flores and Culture of Life Family Services (COLFS) staff for Mass and a reception to honhor all health care workers. Co-sponsored by St. Gianna Physician's Guild and COLFS. All those who work in the health care fields are invited. For more information, contact 619-692-4401 or *esantana@colfs.org*.

Young Adult Ministry Activities

Visit www.yamsd.org for complete information on events for young adults, including *Theology on Tap* series and outreach projects., plus a Leadership In-Service on October 4.

Also, search Office of Young Adult Ministry on Facebook.

San Diego Has a Full-Time Catholic Radio Station!

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

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Marriage in the Church: "As a vocation, or call from God, marriage has a public and ecclesial status within the Church. Catholic spouses ordinarily exchange marital consent within a church setting, before a priest or deacon. The living-out of marriage takes place within the whole Body of Christ, which it serves and in which it finds nourishment." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—"What were you arguing about?...If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last." (Mk 9:33, 35) This teaching of Jesus parallels the perennial marital argument about who is right. Arguments can often be shortened if you can give up the need to be right—every time.

Parenting Pointers—One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to "Counsel the Doubtful." Parents can sometimes doubt whether they are being too strict or too lenient with discipline; too generous or too tight with giving their kids money... Check your doubts with other wise parents.

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



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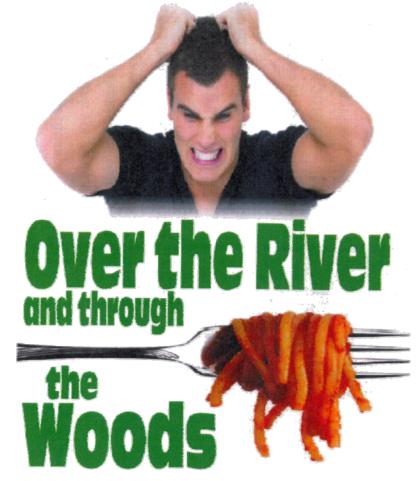
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	10:30 AM-Women's Guild Board Meeting 7:00 PM-IGNITE/High School Youth Group	7:00 AM-Walking Ministry 8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Donuts and Coffee 6:00 PM-Treasures 2012 6:30 PM-Handbell Choir 7:00 PM-Knights of Columbus	8:15 AM-Mass 9:00 AM-Scripture Study 1:30 PM-Spirited Senior Board Meeting 4:00 PM-Rosary 6:30 PM-Campaign Leadership Meeting 7:00 PM-Praise Team	8:15 AM-Mass 10:00 AM-Women's Guild Ouilters 1:00 PM-Centering Prayer 7:00 PM-Scripture Study 7:00 PM-Sanctuary Choir 7:00 PM-Youth Ministry LEAD 7:00 PM-Inquiry	8:15 AM-Mass 6:00 PM-Wine Tasting in Rancho Bernardo 7:00 PM-Youth Lock in 7:00 PM-Women's Ministry	6:00 AM-Treasures 2012 6:45 AM-That Man Is You! 10:00 AM-CPR Tune-up 4:00 PM-Reconciliation 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM-Mass
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