

**SAINT  
THOMAS  
MORE  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH**

*Jesus was tempted by Satan  
and the angels ministered to him  
—Mark 1:12*



*A Roman Catholic Parish  
in the Diocese of San Diego*

- ✝ Spirituality
- ✝ Tradition
- ✝ Community

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday at 5:00pm  
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
Monday-Friday at 8:15am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

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

**Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm

**Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor**  
**Rev. Karl Bauer, Senior Priest**  
**Deacon John Fredette**  
**Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz**

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**LENT**

Daily Mass Monday-Friday  
8:15am

Fish Dinner Friday at 5:30pm

Stations of the Cross  
Friday at 7:00pm

**First Sunday of Lent  
February 22, 2015**

**Pastor's Column**

*Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
760-758-4100 x100  
michaelr@stmoside.org*

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: November 3-17, 2015**

For me, Israel/Palestine is a place to which I want to return over and over again, because each time that I visit, my faith is deepened and I am more connected to the Scriptures and more centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. When you walk where Jesus walked, you are never the same again!

I am happy to announce that in November of this year (November 3-17), I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The pilgrimage will be a comfortable, two-week opportunity to grow in faith and to deepen your relationship with God.

Imagine visiting Tel Aviv, the Judean Hill Country, Bethlehem, Ein Karem (the home of John the Baptist), Tiberias, Caesarea and the Mediterranean Coast, Haifa, Mt. Carmel, the Jordan River, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, the Mt. of Beatitudes, Mt. Tabor, the Jezreel Valley, the Jordan Valley, Jerusalem, the Western Wall, Mt. Zion, the Upper Room, Dormition Abbey, the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Old City of Jerusalem, the Pool of Bethesda, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Bethany, Jericho, the Dead Sea, Qumran, Ein Gedi, and more!

It is a well-planned pilgrimage, and it will be educational and prayerful.

Brochures are available in the Parish Office and at the Information Table on the Plaza after weekend Masses.

If interested, please make a reservation soon. Space is limited.

The land of Israel/Palestine is the Fifth Gospel. To better understand the four Gospels, one must walk the fifth. I hope that you will consider joining me in November.

*Fr. Mike*

**Lenten Parish Mission:**

**"The Languages of Discipleship: Blessing and Faith"**  
Monday-Wednesday, March 2-4, 9:00am or 7:00pm

Come and join us to learn about using the language of blessing and the language of faith in our lives as Christians!

Presented by Fr. Franklin Fong, OFM, from the Franciscan School of Theology at Mission San Luis Rey. Meet Fr. Franklin the weekend of February 28-March 1 when he will introduce the theme of the Mission in his homily.



### Lenten Reconciliation Services at Local Parishes

Date	Time	Parish
Tue, Feb. 24	1:00pm	St. Francis, Vista (English)
Tue, Feb. 24	6:30pm	St. Francis, Vista (Bilingual)
Wed, Feb. 25	7:00pm	St. Margaret, Oceanside
Tue, Mar. 3	6:30pm	St. Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside
Wed, Mar. 11	7:00pm	St. Patrick, Carlsbad
Mon, Mar. 16	7:00pm	St. Thomas More, Oceanside
Tue, Mar. 17	7:00pm	St. James, Solana Beach
Wed, Mar. 18	7:00pm	St. John, Encinitas
Thu, Mar. 19	7:00pm	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Sat, Mar. 21	10:00am	Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside
Mon, Mar. 23	7:00pm	Nativity, Rancho Santa Fe
Wed, Mar. 25	7:00pm	St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlsbad
Mon, Mar. 30	6:30pm	St. Mark, San Marcos
Tue, Mar. 31	6:00pm	St. Peter, Fallbrook

### Opportunities for Lenten Spiritual Activities

- † Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)  
(United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) for a Lenten calendar for inspiration and suggestions  
A Free email subscription to the daily readings (including audio and video)
- † Visit [www.redeemedonline.com](http://www.redeemedonline.com)  
(sponsored by Steubenville Conferences) for a daily video that you can view and share  
#ShareJesus
- † Visit [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)  
(Fr. Robert Barron) for a free email subscription to Fr. Barron's Daily Lent Reflections
- † Attend daily Mass at STM: 8:15am Monday-Friday
- † Attend Stations of the Cross at STM: 7:00pm every Friday
- † Mark your calendar for March 2-4, 9:00am or 7:00pm for STM's Lenten Parish Mission with Fr. Franklin Fong

### Becoming Catholic

If you've been coming to Mass for a while, but are not Catholic, we invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith. Come meet some faithful Catholics who love the Lord and would consider it a privilege to get to know you.

Our Parish offers sessions that give you the opportunity to share with others the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our church family.

We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment. These sessions also are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church.

To find out how to get started, contact Kathleen Bell at 760-809-6526 or [80bell80@gmail.com](mailto:80bell80@gmail.com).

### Congratulations to

#### Al & DeDe Waloch

who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary February 15.  
*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:

**Lois "Boo" Falconer**, who died on January 26. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 28, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Bill Draper**, who died on January 18. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 7, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his wife, Betsy, and his family in your prayers.

**Charles Hyde**, who died on February 10. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Deborah Anne Dowling**, who died last week. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 12, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her parents, Parishioners Richard and Nancy Wozniak, and her family in your prayers.

**Steven Joseph Wilmott**, who died last week. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep his mother, Parishioner Germaine Wilmott, and his family in your prayers.

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

### STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?  
Call us, and we'll have it picked up operational or not!  
**You get the tax deduction!**

We can accept vehicles without current registration and can file for replacement title if it has been lost.

**As of January 14 we have netted \$52,902 from this program. Thank you donors!**



**For more information, contact the Parish Office:  
760-758-4100 x100 or [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org)**

### STM Scrip News

Thanks to all who support the Scrip program! A percentage of every Scrip gift card purchased benefits our Parish Mortgage/Building Completion Fund. **Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FIVE ways:**

1. Online—visit [stmoside.org/scrip.html](http://stmoside.org/scrip.html) and look for the slider with the ShopwithScrip logo for more info!
2. On the Plaza after weekend Masses
3. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
4. Email at [scrip@stmoside.org](mailto:scrip@stmoside.org)
5. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

*Orders may be picked up after Mass on the weekend or at the Parish Office during the week.*

**Readings for the Week Ahead**

Sunday Year B; Weekday Year I  
Readings online at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Sunday, February 22** (23)  
*First Sunday of Lent*

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalms 25:4-9

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

**Monday, February 23** (224)

*Polycarp, bishop, martyr*

Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18

Psalms 19:8-10,15

Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 24** (225)

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalms 34:4-7,16-19

Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday, February 25** (226)

Jonah 3:1-10

Psalms 51:3-4,12-13,18-19

Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday, February 26** (227)

Esther C:12,14-16,23-25

Psalms 138:1-3,7c-8

Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday, February 27** (228)

Ezekiel 18:21-28

Psalms 130:1-8

Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday, February 28** (229)

Deuteronomy 26:16-19

Psalms 119:1-2,4-5,7-8

Matthew 5:43-48

**Sunday, March 1** (26)

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Psalms 116:10,15-19

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

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

Changa Aguilera  
Ernie Aichele  
Mary Alexander  
Charlotte Atkinson  
Carrie Autrey  
Joshua Avery  
Jose Luis Barbosa  
Patricia Barbour  
Francie Barron  
William Bartha  
Clarice Bednarz  
John Bennici  
Regina Bentz  
Lisa Berg  
Roseanne Berg  
Sylva Bernier  
Mary Betz  
Betty Jean Bielich  
The Boets Family  
Cindy Bradburn  
Zane Breier  
Beth Brewer  
Janet Brown  
Sr. Maureen Brown  
Todd Brown  
Katie Browne  
Jack & Mary Bruzas  
Anita Buerger  
Tony Calderone  
Shelby Campbell  
Brianna Campos  
Aria Cappeluti  
Donald Cashmore  
Mother Mary Cecelia RJM  
The Vaughn Clevenger Family  
Dolly Cole  
Carl & Dorothy Coleman  
James Coleman  
Steven Cresencia  
Lené Crowe  
Karen Flaharty Daley  
Jodi Daniels & Family  
Beverly de Gelder  
Nick Del Sesto  
Hugo Delgado, Jr.  
Cornelia Delong Brock  
Cassandra D'Ercole  
Christine DeSantis  
Cecilia DeSimone  
Carole Dillon  
Edward Dolnik  
Art & Dave Dossman  
The Dowling & Wozniak Families  
The Draper Family  
John Drazkowski, Jr.  
La Vonne Dumas  
Jerome Elbacha  
Carolyn Erickson Ey  
The Falconer Family  
Sally Fay  
Victoria Lopez Fenton  
The Fiore Family  
Mary Fleming  
Ryan Flum  
Ernie Follis  
Eugene Franciscus  
Kathryn Franklin  
Joe Freire  
The Greg French Family  
Brian Frink  
Jim Gallagher  
The Joe Garcia Family  
Kathy Gardner  
Lois & Len Garth  
Jack & Marge Gillen  
Wendy Gonzales' Dad  
Rick Gonzalez  
Tillie Gonzalez  
George Gritt  
Luke Guent  
Susan Hallahan  
Pat & Tom Hannon  
The Harker Family  
Anthony Harris  
Dorothy Harrison  
Barbara Hatem  
Heidi Heaton  
Lilian Hills  
Mary Hodina  
Samara Hook  
Susan Hori  
Tina Hunter  
The Hyde Family  
Iolanda Iacobelli  
The Johansen Family  
Sue Johnston  
Laura Kater  
Dottie Kearney

Paul Kennedy  
Connor Kerzie  
Peggy Kiernan  
Debbie Kinney  
Mark Kneisel  
Dewey Kolbo  
Tony Korwin  
Helen Kuhn  
Lillian Lachance  
The Lamelin Family  
Bart Landry  
Michael Lavis  
Mike Lavis  
Brandon LeBlanc  
Jeremiah Lemus  
The Leue Family  
The Paul Leue Family  
Ashley Load  
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto  
Jack Lucarelli  
Joaquin Maldonado  
The Maldonado Family  
The Maldonado Trejo Family  
Paige Mansell  
Alexander Mathews  
Gloria Maupin  
Chris McAdams  
Virginia McConnell  
Bob McWilliams  
Joyce Meehan  
Kalei Mendiola  
Tom Miller  
Phyllis Minava  
June Mitchell  
June Montgomery  
Nancy Moore  
Elizabeth Muehlbacher  
Conrad Murphy  
Margie Myers  
Nida Navarro  
Sr. Sheila Novak  
Richard Obsitnik  
Kare O'Dell  
Jayne Osborne-Dion  
Laura Paciorek Gloor  
Bernadette Padovan  
Ethan Palm  
The Phelan Family  
Helen Pingtella  
Perry Postulka  
The Joe Prokop Family  
Bettie Provinse  
Barbara Ramm  
Evelyn Richards  
Jan Riley  
Connie Ringel  
Rita Ritchie  
Lily Robinson  
Maria Rogers  
The Russo Family  
Rachel Saine  
Cindy Sanelli  
Sr. Jean Schafer  
Linda Schmidt  
Joan Shea  
Elizabeth Shirzad  
Tom Simonson  
Madeline Snyder  
Nick Soltau  
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski  
Don St. Pierre  
Patricia St. Pierre  
Sybil Staples  
Mike Sterling  
Laura Bernard Stover, MD  
Pete Sullivan  
Julie Teare  
Tommy & Ginger Thompson  
Sarah Tillinghast  
William Tompson  
Stephen Toth, Jr.  
Olivia Trejo  
The Trejo/Beltran Family  
The Trejo/Maldonado/Urbe Family  
Ed Upson  
The Vasquez Family  
Martin Vertson  
Lucy Vienna  
Vanessa Vitiello  
Wilson Wanner  
Kevin Watson-Graff  
Jerry Wechsler  
The Wilmott Family  
Patricia Zavala  
Jeanne Zeltner

**Calendar Highlights**

More details at [www.stmoside.org](http://www.stmoside.org),  
Schedule and Calendar

- Feb 22 Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am Mass
- Feb 24-25 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
- Feb 25 Bible Adventures Resumes
- Mar 1 New Member Reception
- Mar 1-4 Parish Mission
- Mar 3-4 Restaurant Fundraiser at Elephant Bar
- Mar 16 Communal Reconciliation Service
- Mar 17-18 Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
- Mar 24 Women's Guild Day of Reflection
- Mar 28-29 Palm Sunday
- Apr 2 Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00pm
- Apr 3 Good Friday Morning Prayer at 8:15am Liturgy at 12:00noon and 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
- Apr 4 Holy Saturday Morning Prayer at 8:15am Easter Vigil at 8:00pm
- Apr 5 Easter Sunday

**Deployed Military**

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.  
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC  
PFC John Brandone  
Lt. Devon Czarzasty  
Corp. Willie Deel  
Chaplain Van Dinh  
Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC  
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF  
Patrick G. Felker, USN  
Grant Fischer  
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC  
Sgt. Alex Garcia  
Adolfo Granados, MD, U.S. Navy  
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army  
PFC Cody Madere  
Jeremiah Gabriel Nelson, USAF  
Thomas Kevin Nelson, US Navy  
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army  
Nicole Rieger, US Navy  
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF  
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

**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

February 23 Sr. Luz Alicia Alvarez, SJS
February 24 Sr. Elizabeth of the Trinity Amabile, MC
February 25 Sr. Mary Amador, RJM
February 26 Sr. Adela Amoroso-Medrano, OLVM
February 27 Sr. Dolores Anchondo, CSJ
February 28 Sr. Mary Jo Anderson, CHS
March 1 Sr. Pia Anderson, OCD

**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 21, 5:00pm Mary Ann Postulka
Sunday, February 22, 8:30am Francisco Martinez
Sunday, February 22, 10:30am Donna Ann Jaoudi ☩
Monday, February 23, 8:15am Richard Lundy ☩
Tuesday, February 24, 8:15am Josephine Reilly ☩
Wednesday, February 25, 8:15am Eugene Masseith ☩
Thursday, February 26, 8:15am Harold Potter ☩
Friday, February 27, 8:15am Elaine Berquist
Saturday, February 28, 5:00pm Joseph Immerso ☩
Sunday, March 1, 8:30am Dick McGeary ☩
Sunday, March 1, 10:30am Jerry Adams ☩

## Social Ministries & Outreach

### Brother Benno's Food Drive

Our annual Food Drive to help those in need as served by Brother Benno's will be held on the weekend of March 14-15 before all Masses. Deacon Tom will have trucks available to receive your donations of nonperishable food items. There is still plenty of time to take advantage of your grocer's specials or use up those almost expired coupons. Please be generous as always.

### Need Help with Transportation to Church!

Volunteer drivers are needed in our Parish. Some Parishioners would like to attend Mass and cannot drive themselves. Please prayerfully consider helping some of our fellow Parishioners. If you can help in any way with this service, please contact Ann Eriksson 760-599-7151 or [eriksson1@mindspring.com](mailto:eriksson1@mindspring.com).



### When a Loved One Dies

*Call the Parish Office first, before you call the funeral home.  
Call anytime, night or day! 760-758-4100 option 3*

Our Parish has a wonderful Bereavement Team that is available when a loved one dies. They are available to assist the family with many arrangements related to the funeral, which might include meeting with the family to pray, helping to plan the funeral, and providing bereavement support afterwards.

In addition, those who like to plan ahead may meet with a Bereavement Team member to pre-plan preferences and place them on record, which can be a great help for children or other family members when the time comes.

*If you have any questions, call Sr. Maureen at  
760-758-4100 x131.*

### STM Archives Wants Your Material

The STM Historian is looking for material from Parish events and activities since our church was established in 1985. The kinds of material that are needed include: 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 donations 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](mailto:brandon.oswald@gmail.com).

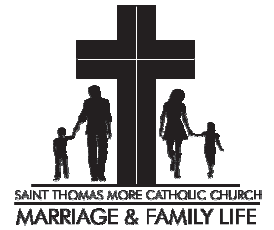
### Vocations

Fr. Mike, at his anniversary Mass, called upon all young people to consider the priesthood or religious life as a vocation and not to wait until they are 100% positive about the calling before they investigate. Over the next few weeks we will give you a local contact to be in touch with if you even think you might have a calling—**Fr. Karl Bauer, St. Thomas More's Senior Priest, at 760-758-4100 x100**. Investigate the possibilities; they are a challenging and rewarding way of life.

## Marriage & Family Life

### Relationship Skills Workshop—

Deacon Ralph and Peggy Skiano are presenting Relationship Skills Workshops every Wednesday night at 7:00pm at San Rafael Parish Hall, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego. Come and explore how to improve your relationships. You can attend one workshop, several, or all of them. The next workshop is March 4 and the topic is *Personality Differences*. For more information call Deacon Ralph at 858-490-8292.



**Marriage Encounter**—Do you have a good marriage but want a little jumpstart? Would you and your spouse like to rediscover and reconnect with each other? Then we invite you to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends take place in San Diego and other Southern California locations throughout the year. For more information, visit [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

**Bishops' Letter on Marriage**—What Is Marriage?: “Marriage is a lifelong partnership of the whole of life, of mutual and exclusive fidelity, established by mutual consent between a man and a woman, and ordered towards the good of the spouses and the procreation of offspring.” To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

**Marriage Moments**— “I establish my covenant with you.” (Genesis 9:11). Although this passage refers to God's covenant with Noah to never again destroy all living creatures by a flood, your marriage covenant is likewise a life-giving promise. Choose a symbol (like a rainbow) to be a reminder of your promise to each other.

**Parenting Pointers**— “I establish my covenant with you.” (Genesis 9:11). God's covenant with Noah was a solemn promise. Talk with your child(ren) today about what it means to make a promise. Is it ever OK to break a promise?

For more information, visit [www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage and Family Life](http://www.diocese-sdiego.org/Ministries/Marriage%20and%20Family%20Life) or call Jen Frost at 858-692-7438.

### Young Adult News

#### Holy Heroes! Called to Be Saints, Sent Forth as Heroes

A Day Retreat for Young Adults (18-39)

Saturday, February 28, 9:30am-3:30pm

Diocesan Pastoral Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego

[Rrs2605@yahoo.com](mailto:Rrs2605@yahoo.com) or [Facebook.com/SPCRetreat](https://www.facebook.com/SPCRetreat)

### A Closer Look Tour

You are invited to take *A Closer Look* tour of our church under construction with Brian Leahy, our Director of Construction, in between the morning Masses on selected Sundays. Closed-toe shoes are required for safety. Hard hats will be provided and participants with reservations should meet behind the Information Table on the plaza by the fence at 9:50am. Tours will conclude in time for the 10:30am Mass. To reserve your spot, please contact Chris Smith at [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org) or 760-758-4100 x120.



## Parish Events

### Attention Men!

Year three of "That Man is You!—The Revelation of the Father" continues on Saturday, February 28, at 6:45am with the topic "Purity and the Presence of Our Lady."

For more information, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104 or [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto:johnf@stmoside.org).

### New Member Reception on March 1

We are inviting all new Parishioners who have joined us since last August to a new member reception and luncheon on Sunday, March 1, after the 10:30am Mass in the lower level of the Parish Center. Invitations have been sent, and we look forward to meeting you. If you were unable to attend the last reception in August, please know that you are welcome to attend this one. Please RSVP to let us know whether or not you will attend by calling 760-758-4100x154 or e-mail: [parishoffice@stmoside.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmoside.org) by February 22 so that we may adequately prepare as your hosts. For further information, contact Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703 or [valgene2@cox.net](mailto:valgene2@cox.net).

### The Knightly News

It is time, once again, for the Lenten season. As a part of the season we abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. In keeping with that practice the Knights of Columbus will be preparing our popular Fish Dinners for you to share. This year we will be offering an alternative of Mac and Cheese for the kids' dinners. Please mark your calendars for every Friday of Lent (not Good Friday). We open the doors at 5:00pm for the early birds to enjoy desserts and drinks before dinner. Serving is from 5:30-6:30pm. Please come and enjoy a delicious dinner and delightful conversation.

### Women's Guild News

The March meeting of the Women's Guild will be here before you know it. It is now time to mark Monday, March 9, at 11:00am on your calendar and contact our Hospitality Chair, Vera Bayliss at 760-295-0059 [vbayliss@cox.net](mailto:vbayliss@cox.net) to make your luncheon reservation. Besides an enjoyable program and lunch, the agenda includes introducing the Nominating Committee, which has been creating the slate of officers for election of next year's Executive Board. It is up to the next President to appoint the chair persons for next year's fund raisers and activities, but if you are interested in continuing in or joining any committee, please let a board member or myself know. We are looking, in particular, for one or perhaps a team of two to fill the Hospitality Chair position. Would you like to work with the Program Chair in choosing luncheon menus to serve at meetings? Please think about it and let us know. It is a very important job and we really need someone or two to do this. We would ALL be grateful. We look forward to seeing you in March.

Now that Lent has begun and our thoughts turn to serving each other in a spirit of prayer, we encourage our members to support and pray for our deceased members and the members of their families who have recently passed away.

Our condolences to Betsy Draper, Nancy Wozniak, Germaine Wilmott and the family of Boo Falconer. Our prayers are with you. —Ann Buko, president

## Memorial Item Donations Available

<b>Pipe Organ</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>
<b>Memorial Garden &amp; Reflection Garden</b>	
<b>Landscape Concrete Walkways</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>Decomposed Granite Pathways with Header</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>
<b>Melrose Landscape Slope</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>Building Accent Lighting &amp; Pole Fixtures</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<b>Audio Visual Systems</b>	
<b>Sound and Video Mixing Board</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>Video Screen (Motorized 21-foot)</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
<b>Sound System Base Speaker</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>
<b>Sound System Cabling</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Overflow Parking Lot Mulch</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>

## Memorial Item Donations Partial

<b>Concelebrant Chairs (6) 1 available</b>	<b>\$3,000/each</b>
<b>Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 803 available</b>	<b>\$300/each</b>
<b>Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 117 available</b>	<b>\$300/each</b>
<b>Memorial Garden &amp; Reflection Garden</b>	
<b>Olive Trees in 7-foot boxes (10) 7 available</b>	<b>\$1,400/each</b>

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Memorials are a way of honoring those whom we love, whether they are living or deceased. Often, memorials are made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings received from God.

Our Parish Campus will be a living memorial. All who help in building it will leave something to the community itself that will be used by generations to come. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

Listed above are items still available for adoption.

***All contributions will be recognized in a special memorial to be displayed in our Parish Memorial Garden.***

For more information or to adopt an item, contact Chris Smith  
760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org)



*For more information on our progress, visit our website, [stmoside.org](http://stmoside.org), and click on New Construction.*

# Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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



Mark 1:15



LET  
MY  
PRAYER

RISE  
LIKE  
INCENSE  
PSALM 141:2

Purple Lenten prayer cards are available at the information table, in the office, and around the Church campus. Place your completed card in the prayer basket at the foot of the altar. As many as you like...as many as you need.

**Sing in the  
Sanctuary Choir  
for Easter!**

Thursdays  
7:00-8:45pm  
Upper Level

Feb 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26  
All are welcome!

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

During Lent we are using the Apostles' Creed instead of the Nicene Creed.

The Apostles' Creed is the most ancient of the Creeds in the Church. Another word the Church uses for the Creed is the term "symbol," and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states that the Apostles' Creed is "the ancient baptismal symbol (creed) of the Church of Rome," to which St. Ambrose adds: "It is the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter, the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith" (CCC n.194).

In the early Church, Lent was a time of intense preparation for those who were to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. During Lent the candidates, referred to as the chosen, were brought together often and taught the beliefs of the Church as outlined in the Creed. When the teaching had been completed, the Creed itself was "handed over" to them so that they might learn it by heart. A week later the chosen returned and "handed back" the Creed, each person, in the words of the Creed, professing his or her acceptance of the faith.

### Baptismal symbol of the Church

The Apostles' Creed may be used at any Sunday Mass, but the Church particularly recommends its use during Lent and Easter Time. Why? Because the words of this ancient Creed have been used for centuries as the basis of our baptismal promises, and the seasons of Lent and Easter put a strong focus on baptism. During Lent we prepare those who will be baptized at Easter while readying ourselves to renew our own baptismal promises. During Lent, as we recite the Apostles' Creed, we pray that it will stir up in our hearts our commitment to Christ which was first made at our own baptisms and prepare us to renew our promises this Easter.

—Adapted from material from the  
Archdiocese of New York, with permission.

**I believe** in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of  
God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

**Amen.**

### Upcoming Music

✕

**MARCH 1**  
2nd Sunday of  
Lent

✕

**5:00pm**

Sanctuary Choir

**8:30am**

Praise Team

**10:30am**

Cantor &  
Congregation

# Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

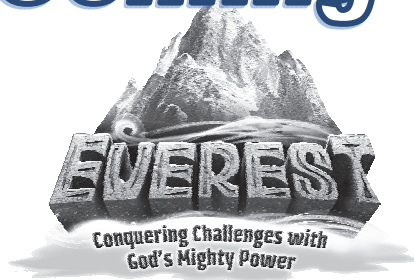
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## Family Faith Formation

Today is a **REACH** Sunday!  
**EDGE** YOUNG ADULT  
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**GRADES 1-5**

# Coming Soon!



VBS

Summer 2015  
June 22-26  
Watch For  
Details on How  
To Sign Up!

## Sacrament Preparation News

**Confirmation Class 2015**  
**Plan to Attend M<sup>3</sup>**  
5:00 Mass, Family Potluck Meal  
& Message  
Saturday, March 7  
Parents, Siblings,  
Grandparents, and Sponsors  
Welcome!  
Bring a Dish to Share

Parents of Children  
Preparing for  
**First Communion 2015**  
Please plan to attend the  
**mandatory**  
Parent Meeting on  
**Sunday, March 8 at**  
**12:30pm**  
Upper Level

## Adult Faith Formation

**Session 3 on the New Testament**  
**Begins March 11**

**Do You Want to Know the Bible Better?**  
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**The Great Adventure Bible Study**  
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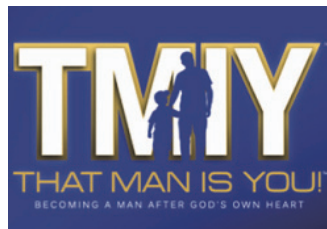
Wednesday mornings  
9:00-11:00am

This is the foundational study in the Bible Study Series that has helped hundreds of thousands of Catholics learn to read the Bible.

## Women's Faith and Fellowship

Join us this  
**Monday, February 23**  
**7:30-9:00**

**On the Upper Level of the Parish**  
for  
**Mary: A Biblical Walk With the Blessed Mother**  
This event is free and all women are invited!

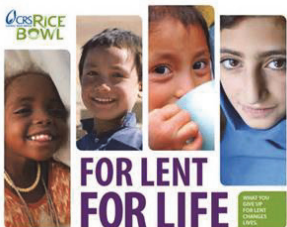


**Men of the Parish:**  
Join us on Saturday mornings  
for Faith Sharing and  
Fellowship.  
Contact Dcn. John Fredette  
at [johnf@stmoside.org](mailto:johnf@stmoside.org)  
for more info.

## teens

### OPERATION RICE BOWL 2014

Pick up Yours Today!



**Youth Group**  
**"LIFE NIGHT"**  
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**7:00-8:30pm**  
Find Out What You've  
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**Wednesday Night**  
**Guys/Girls**  
**Book Study**  
**Wednesday Evenings**  
**6:30-8:00pm**



**Bring a Friend!**

### SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED!

Are you able to financially help an STM teen going to the Steubenville Conference? Can you help make this life changing experience happen for our teens?

Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office for more information.

# Stewardship & Development

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This program is one way of helping the Parish raise the resources necessary to continue our campus build out and also help plan for our future needs (i.e., Tower of Faith participants). Gifts of this nature are beneficial and much appreciated by St. Thomas More.

**For more information please contact:**

Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or [chriss@stmoside.org](mailto:chriss@stmoside.org).

*'... A Time To Build!' includes our Faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.*

### Collection for Week of February 14-15, 2015

Number of Registered Households	1,133
Offertory	\$ 7,704.48
Offertory (Loose Collection)	712.00
Children's Envelopes	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,416.48</b>

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).

### Be an STM Supporter!

- † Use your yellow Mortgage/Building Completion envelopes
- † Use online giving ([stmoside.org](http://stmoside.org)) to make contributions using your credit card or bank account
- † Consider a memorial item donation (see page 5)

**Remember, our monthly mortgage payment is \$44,806, and we need your help to make it!**

### St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

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## Juggling and the Challenge of Lent

Have you ever seen a juggler? They're fun to watch. My husband has been juggling for several years. Learning how wasn't easy. At first he practiced with rolled up socks or bean bags instead of balls because they don't roll away when they're dropped. But after many hours of practice, he's become good enough to talk as he juggles. He doesn't drop things if he's distracted, either.

Jugglers generally start learning this skill by tossing one bean bag from hand to hand. They go on from there to two, and then three bean bags. In a way, stewardship is like juggling.

Some people think that giving time, talent, and treasure is too difficult. They may know of others in their church who do, but think, "Oh, they're so organized and generous and talented. I'm not like that, so I can't help as much."

It's true that some people are good at giving, just as some people are naturally well-coordinated. They start out with an advantage when they begin to practice stewardship or learn to juggle.

But giving is a skill that can be developed, just like juggling. It's up to us to become the best givers we can be.

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Today it seems that most of us are accomplished jugglers of one sort or another. From our youth, to young adults, to families of all ages with children in school, sports, music practice, dance, homework, etc.; the list goes on. Then we see our retired folks often keeping as busy in retirement as when they worked full-time jobs. The important thing is to remember to include faith.

As we enter Lent 2015, let us pray daily to discern God's will for us and to make room for his work in our lives. Pray for those who grieve the death of loved ones. Attend Mass and/or the Stations of the Cross more frequently. Pray for one another and for peace in this very troubled world in which we live. May our combined prayers add up to make a positive difference. —Chris

***The two most important days in our lives  
 are the day we are born,  
 and the day we find out why.  
 —Mark Twain***



## News & Information from the Larger Church

**Rachel's Hope After-Abortion Healing Retreat in Escondido**—February 27-March 1, St. Mary Retreat Center, Escondido. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego. For more information, contact Patti Smith, 760-305-8044, [gridirongranny@live.com](mailto:gridirongranny@live.com), or [www.RachelsHope.org](http://www.RachelsHope.org).

**Mainly Mozart Concerts**—March 8 and May 17 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Carlsbad. For more information, visit [www.mainlymozart.org](http://www.mainlymozart.org).

**Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing Retreat in Temecula**—March 20-22, for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Private and confidential. For more information, contact Dolores at 951-325-7702 or [rvtemecula@verizon.net](mailto:rvtemecula@verizon.net).

**Support Shoppportunity—Catholic Charities Thrift Store**—Item donations appreciated. For more information, contact Yolanda Ungo, Program Manager, 760-631-2819.

**Catholic Charities Food Resource Center Has Volunteer Opportunities for YOU!**—Drivers, Daily Food Packers, Intake Workers, and CalFresh (food stamp) Advocate. For information call Marco Lemus at 760-631-4792.

**Weekly Peaceful Prayer Vigil to End Abortion**—Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am, outside the clinic at 120 Craven Rd., San Marcos. For more information, contact Jane Kelleher at 760-822-7041.

**Birth Choice Volunteer Counselors Training**—Call Heidi at 760-744-1313 for details and to sign up. Birth Choice is a pro-life, Christ-centered pregnancy resource center offering free pregnancy testing, ultrasound, and options counseling for women in crisis. For more information, visit [www.birthchoice.net](http://www.birthchoice.net).

**Support Group for Separated/Divorced**—An ongoing support group meeting Sundays at 10:15am at St. James Catholic Church in Solana Beach. For more information, contact Frank Grant at 760-533-1520 or [fwgrant@gmail.com](mailto:fwgrant@gmail.com).

**Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center in Oceanside** has an ongoing schedule of retreats! Visit [www.sanluisrey.org](http://www.sanluisrey.org) for more details.

**Retrouvaille for Troubled Marriages**—A program designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. For confidential information or to register a weekend workshop, call 951-259-9474 or visit [www.retrosandiego.org](http://www.retrosandiego.org).

**Natural Family Planning Course in San Diego**—For more information and/or to register for the series, contact 619-303-5053 or [davidandcherylross@gmail.com](mailto:davidandcherylross@gmail.com).

**Diocese of San Diego Social Ministry Office Website:** [www.socialministrysandiego.com](http://www.socialministrysandiego.com). Check it out and sign up for email notification of issues and events.

**MISSIO App for Smart Phones**—Connects you to the Pope and his daily messages. Learn more at [www.MissioApp.org/bulletin](http://www.MissioApp.org/bulletin).

**Iraqi Christian Relief Fund**—Over 200,000 Iraqi Catholic Christians are being persecuted, and have been left homeless living in dire conditions. St. Peter Chaldean Church in El Cajon is soliciting donations to help our brothers and sisters in Iraq. Visit [www.IraqiChristianReliefFund.org](http://www.IraqiChristianReliefFund.org) for more information.

**World Meeting of Families 2015**—September 22-25, 2015 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This event, which seeks to explore the critical role the family plays in society and to give families opportunities to talk about the challenges and blessings that all families have. Pope Francis will be joining us. For more information and to register, visit [www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org).

**Volunteers Needed**—Scripps Coastal Medical Center, 4138 Mission Ave., Oceanside. Patient escorting, reception, and clinical and clerical help in clinic setting. For more information, contact Maria Flores at 760-901-5057.

**The Center for Christian Spirituality at the University of San Diego** has a great lineup of events. Visit [www.sandiego.edu/ccs](http://www.sandiego.edu/ccs).

**Volunteer with Voices for Children**—Voices for Children provides volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to abused and neglected children in San Diego County to ensure their needs are met. For more information, contact [www.speakupnow.org](http://www.speakupnow.org) or 858-598-2235.

**Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego**

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Pray the rosary online—visit [www.therosary3.com](http://www.therosary3.com)

**Catholics Come Home**

Do you have a family member, friend, or co-worker who has left the Catholic Church? If so, encourage them to visit [www.CatholicsComeHome.org](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org).

## News from St. Francis Church

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**Queen of Peace Rosary**—Mondays at 6:30pm in the church.

**Jog-A-Thon 2015**—Wednesday and Thursday, March 18-19, during kids PE class. Funds raised will help the school. To sponsor a child, visit [www.sfs-vista.org](http://www.sfs-vista.org) and select fundraising, then look for Jog-A-Thon.



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# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION 2015



## Tasi Asuncion, Catechumen

Tasi is an 8th grader at Madison Middle School. She is an active member of our middle school EDGE program. She is a joyful young lady who never hesitates to ask questions or contribute to discussion. Like her older sister, her faith journey started more out of obligation to her mother. She came to RCIA open-minded and feels that she has learned a tremendous amount about her newfound faith. She is so excited to come into the church at Easter Vigil and looks forward to all the church has to offer to her.

—Debbie Fredette, Director of Faith Formation



## Clarice Rosales, Catechumen

Clarice is a 16-year-old sophomore at Rancho Buena Vista high school, who loves dance, basketball, and social media. Clarice arrived here at St. Thomas More much the way a snow storm hits an unsuspecting town in the Midwest; in a flurry of excitement and activity! I first met Clarice at a Monday night Youth Group. She came at the invitation of a friend from school, and openly announced a few weeks later, "I want to get baptized!" From that moment on, she has never looked back. She has taken on her formation with a vengeance, attending Steubenville San Diego last summer and Confirmation Retreat this past fall. Clarice volunteers her time with our Genesis program, EDGE middle school program, and attends weekly youth group, scripture study, and Confirmation preparation. She is a truly inspirational young lady who strives openly to grow in her relationship with Jesus. We can't wait to see what life has in store for her next!

—Debbie Fredette, Director of Faith Formation

The St. Thomas More RCIA Team would like to introduce the catechumens and candidates sent to the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion in San Diego on February 22, 2015.

The Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion invites all the catechumens (the unbaptized), candidates (those who have received only Baptism), and the faithful into a time of intense preparation, by prayer and spiritual recollection, for the celebration and/or renewal of Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

This step moves these members into the period of Purification and Enlightenment. The "enlightenment" is the experience of a personal encounter with Christ the Savior during the community's Lenten retreat in prayer. With the faithful and the already baptized candidates, the Elect purify their minds and hearts as they each examine their conscience and do penance.



## Trinity Asuncion, Catechumen

Trinity is a 9th grader at Talian Charter School and is actively involved in the first year Confirmation program. While her original reason for coming to St. Thomas More was because her mom, Amy, wanted her to go through the RCIA program, Trinity has since found reasons of her own for being here. Trinity has met friends and mentors here at St. Thomas More who have helped to answer questions about the Catholic faith. Trinity has spent this past year developing and deepening her relationship with God through prayer and scripture study. She is very excited for Easter Vigil and can't wait to continue learning all there is to know about Catholicism.

—Debbie Fredette,  
Director of Faith Formation





### Nicole Acquista, Catechumen

It has been an honor and a privilege to sponsor Nicole Acquista as she prepares to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith with her husband Gregg. Nicole has approached this preparation with an enthusiastic and unapologetic need to know God, to build her relationship with Him, to recognize His presence in her life, and to learn about our faith. Nicole and her husband are also loving parents who are raising their two beautiful children, Lola and Dominic, to know God and to actively participate in their Catholic faith. Please join me in welcoming Nicole and her family as they continue together on their journey of faith, and grow, as a family, in their love of God.

—Jennifer Abelson, Sponsor



### Alec Barron, Catechumen

It is a privilege to sponsor Alec Barron in becoming a full member of the Church and St. Thomas More Parish. Alec is a very intelligent young man with a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership. He is a science teacher and part of the educational planning staff at a science magnet high school. His career is more than a job to him. He truly sees it as his vocation, as part of his life as a Christian, to promote new ways to reach young people who may not have excelled in traditional schools.

Alec is also a man who has been asking deep questions in regard to his own beliefs and the role of faith in his life. His decision to join the Church has been supported by his wife Francie, who is Catholic. They have a one-year-old son, Evan, who is the light of their life and the immediate cause of Alec's decision. His desire to raise his son in the faith was the final impetus he needed to enter RCIA.

During his time in the program it has been a pleasure to watch Alec grow in faith and understanding in his relationship with God. He has been a tireless and conscientious participant in learning about the Church and an inspiration to me in his openness to Jesus's message in his own life.

—Jim McGinty, Sponsor



### **Karla Lomiglio, Catechumen**

I am so happy to introduce Karla Lomiglio to our St. Thomas More family. Taking this faith journey with Karla has been a wonderful privilege for me. She has such a love of God and shares it openly and freely with those around her. Karla works with women who have just re-entered society after being incarcerated and shares her love of God with them.

Karla has one daughter and two grandchildren. Please keep Karla in your prayers as she completes her journey to Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at Easter Vigil.

—*Sandi Thompson, Sponsor*



### **Amy Gogue, Catechumen**

I am pleased to introduce Amy Gogue to the St. Thomas More Faith Community. I was asked if I'd be interested in being a sponsor for another mother who was starting the RCIA program. After meeting Amy and her husband Peter along with their three daughters there was no way I would pass up an opportunity to help bring her closer to Christ!

Amy is walking this journey with two of her daughters: Tasi and Trinity. The three of them will be baptized and receive the Eucharist together at our upcoming Easter Vigil.

Amy, a dedicated registered nurse, is looking forward to being in full Communion with the Catholic Church. She is excited and ready to receive the holy sacraments. It has been a blessing to be walking with her in this, her faith journey.

—*Louann Rodriguez, Sponsor*



### **Jennifer Pingel, Catechumen**

It is an honor to introduce Jennifer Pingel to the St. Thomas More community. Jennifer is a Catechumen who has a deep desire to be closer to Christ and the St. Thomas More Parish alongside her husband and two daughters. As a family united by the teachings of Jesus and the Catholic Church, together they are growing closer and deepening their faith. The Pingel family is new to the Parish of St. Thomas More, and they are enjoying this warm and welcoming community. Jennifer is committed to learning and growing in the faith and looks forward to partaking of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

—*Lena Rumps, Sponsor*





### **Gregg Acquista, Candidate**

It is my pleasure to introduce Gregg Acquista to our faith community. Gregg's desire and commitment to enrich his baptismal faith has brought about a deep and genuine hunger to share this journey with his whole family. Gregg and his wife Nicole desire to create a spiritual home for their young family here at STM. This intent is the heart of his conversion story. Our warmth and openness as a Parish is sure to embrace the whole family as we enter into this Lenten season. Please welcome Gregg as one of this year's RCIA Candidates.

*—Matt Rumps, Sponsor*

### **Jordan Millikan, Candidate**

Dedication to family, country, and now God. Jordan's journey began to join his wife in the Catholic Church and fulfill a promise made. He knows the value of community and faith and how it will benefit his family and future. Jordan lives Family, Country, Honor, and Faith.

*—Joe Kelleher, Sponsor*



### **Barbara Jean Porter, Candidate**

It is my pleasure to introduce Barbara to our faith community. I first met Barbara many years ago as the sister of my best friend. In all the years I have known Barbara she has been seeking a closer relationship with our Lord. She said she was first introduced to the Catholic Church years ago through a close friend.

After going on Father Mike's pilgrimage to Italy with me she decided that the Catholic Church community is right for her. She ardently reads and studies to grow in her knowledge of both the church and our Lord's teachings. She looks forward to becoming an active member of St. Thomas More Church.

*—Mary Betz, sponsor*

