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*"St. Paul says that "the love of Christ compels us,"
but this "compels us"
can also be translated as
"possesses us."
And so it is: love attracts us and sends us;
it draws us in and gives us to others."
— Pope Francis,
The Church of Mercy*



*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

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2016



*Like Elijah and Elisha,
Jesus was not sent
only to the Jews.
—Luke 4:26-27*

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Pastor's Column

Christian Stewardship—Empowered by God's Grace and Mercy

We continue our journey through the month of January as we reflect upon Christian Stewardship, and reflect upon the meaning of the words, "Thank You."

Christian Stewardship is a way of living, living as Disciples of the Lord Jesus. Thus Christian Stewardship is, simply put, Discipleship.

Last weekend, at all our Eucharistic Celebrations, Tim and Lia Keane, and their daughters, gave their "witness talk" about their journey with the Lord Jesus and the Village of St. Thomas More Parish. They focused especially upon what attracted them to our Faith Community, and what motivates them to actively participate in the Parish.

Our "Thank You," to God, and to one to another, reminds us of our interconnectedness, the web of relationship and community that gives meaning to life.

Christian Stewardship is not just about giving of time, talent, and treasure. It is also about receiving the gifts of time, talent, and treasure when the need arises in our lives.

This weekend at all the Masses, Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, and Bill Ipsen, our Parish Financial Resources Liaison, will speak at homily time. Chris will inform us about the various ministries of our Parish and the number of people needed to fulfill these ministries as we continue the mission and ministry of Jesus for this time and this place.

Bill will remind us of the financial challenges that lie ahead of us as we pay down our mortgage and as we now maintain two buildings, and in 2016, soon to have three buildings (Parish Center, Parish Offices, and our House of Worship) to maintain!

This information will, again, remind all of us of our dependence upon God and one another. We are a part of the web of relationships, of the interconnectedness that gives meaning to life and helps us to be at peace.

Last week, Tim and Lia Keane, and their daughters, reminded us that it takes a Village to help us be faithful stewards. Let us be mindful that we need to do what we can, through time, talent, and treasure, to maintain our Village of St. Thomas More Parish.

As we close out this month of Christian Stewardship, may all of us take more seriously, and say, more committedly, the words: "Thank You!"

Fr. Mike

Considering Becoming Catholic?

Has Pope Francis ignited a spark in you to know more about the Catholic faith and become a member of the Church he shepherds?

If you are already Catholic, perhaps you have a new enthusiasm for your faith that you would like to share with a friend or family member who is searching.

Our lives sometimes go through seasons of change, of closeness to God and distance from God. Yet the Father's love is steadfast, full of mercy, and ever-present to those who seek with a sincere heart, no matter what sins or situations have caused separation.

If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life, contact Kathleen Bell, 760-809-6526, 80bell80@gmail.com.

Vocations

In the second reading this weekend, St. Paul talks about "love," and how all our activities done without love amount to nothing. One of the greatest ways to show love, God's and your own, if you have the calling, is through a vocation devoted to God as a priest, deacon, or vowed religious. Such vocations are arduous but also rewarding and fulfilling. If you think you hear God calling, explore the possibilities. Contact your priest, deacon, or sister, the Office of Vocations at the Diocese, or Deacon Tom at thomasgoeltz@aol.com or 760-727-8442.

Facing Surgery or a Serious Illness?

If you, a family member or close friend is facing surgery or has been diagnosed with a serious illness, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be powerful and comforting.

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

On the Trail of Martin Luther:

Lutherans, Catholics, and the Reformation— An Ecumenical Celebration of Christ

August 31-September 10, 2016 with Fr. Rich Lewandowski

Destination Germany continues to celebrate Martin Luther's legacy, 500 years of Reformation, and Luther's impact on the Church and world history.

Follow in the footsteps of the reformer and visit places across the country where he lived and practiced his beliefs.

Brochures for this pilgrimage are available in the Parish Office.

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

Pam Bell
Frank & Irene Bevacqua & Family
Betty Busse
Marianne Grisez
David & Erica Perko & Family
Richard Younger, Jr.

Congratulations to

Tom & Edith Noel

who celebrated their 65th anniversary of marriage January 27.

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

Flower Donations

The Altar Flowers for this weekend were given by **Tom & Edith Noel** in honor of their anniversary of marriage.



In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Mary Wallace, who died on December 30. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 5, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep her son, David, and her family in your prayers.

Bill Ames, who died on January 24. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, February 13, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Please keep his loving partner, Jackie Portman, and his family in your prayers.

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

Local Hospitals with Catholic Chaplains Available

If you or a loved one is in one of these hospitals and need the ministry of a Catholic priest, please contact the Chaplain's Office to make the arrangements.

Hospital	Chaplain's Office
Tri-City	760-940-7954
Palomar	442-281-1328
Scripps Encinitas	760-633-7784
Scripps Green	858-554-3698
Scripps Mercy	619-260-7020
UCSD Thornton	619-543-2103
Kaiser Zion	619-528-5188

Want to Donate Online?

Our website has an online giving option! Go to www.stmoside.org and click on #5 or *Donations*, then *Sign Up for Electronic Offerings*.

Our Mission is to:

worship God,

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

and serve God's people in word and deed.

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, January 31 (72)
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19

Psalms 71:1-6,15,17
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30

Monday, February 1 (323)
2 Samuel 15:13-14,30;16:5-13
Psalm 3:2-7
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 2 (524)
The Presentation of the Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Luke 2:22-40

Wednesday, February 3 (525)
Blaise, bishop, martyr;
Ansgar, bishop

Romans 5:1-5
Psalm 117:1bc,2
Mark 16:15-20

Thursday, February 4 (326)
1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12
1 Chronicles 29:10-11b,11d-12
(Psalm)

Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 5 (527)

Agatha, virgin, martyr

1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Psalm 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17
Luke 9:23-26

Saturday, February 6 (328)

1 Kings 3:4-13

Psalms 119:9-14

Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 7 (75)

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a,3-8

Psalms 138:1-5,7-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Frank Austin
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Gretchen Baker
Rosemary Ballard
Dee Barakman
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Clarice Bednarz
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
Mary Betz
Betty Jean Bielich
Pieter Boets & Family
Zane Breier
Beth Brewer
Janet Brown
The Rick Brown Family
Katie Browne
Jack & Mary Bruzas
Janice Buchanan
Anita Buerger
Shelby Campbell
Brianne Campos
Aria Cappeluti
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
The Vaughn Clevenger Family
Carl & Dorothy Coleman
James Coleman
Judy Colson
Geoff Coolidge
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaharty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velia Deal & Family
Nick Del Sesto
Paul Del Vecchio
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Cassandra D'Ercole
Christine DeSantis
Cecilia DeSimone
David deVilleneuve
Carole Dillon
Elizabeth Doherty's Aunt Jackie
Art & Dave Dossman
The Dumas Family
The Dunbar Family
Marge Egan
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Abigale Esper
Danielle Esper
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ryan Flum
Ernie Folliis
Eugene Franciscus
Kathryn Franklin
The Greg French Family
William K. Fullmer
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Jack & Marge Gillen
Merle Glime
The Godfrey Family
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Tillie Gonzalez
Lou Gordon
George Gritt
Fred Gritzen and Family
Luke Guenst
Pat & Tom Hannon
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Barbara Hatem
Bill & Mary Haynes
Lilian Hills
Lisa (Lynn) Hodges
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Iolanda Iacobelli
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo

Tony Korwin
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bart Landry
Brandon LeBlanc
Jake Lefferdink
Jeremiah Lemus
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren Loretto
Jack Lucarelli
Joaquin Maldonado
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo Family
Paige Mansell
Angeles Martinez
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
The McGinley Family
Ann McMahan
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Carolyn Mertes
Lorraine Micallef
Rita Mikridge
Tom Miller
Phyllis Minaya
Ann Mitchell
June Mitchell
Judy Mitchell and her Mother
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Margie Myers
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Kare O'Dell
Josephina Ornelas
Laura Paciorek Gloor
Ethan Palm
Klarabelle Payne
Cynthia Pearson
Salina Pearson
The Perez Family
Elisa Petrie
Merri Phelps
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Maria Elena Quiroz
Barbara Ramm
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Jan Riley
Rita Ritchie
Lily Robinson
Maria Rogers
The Rosmino Family
Louis Russo
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Elizabeth Shirzad
Nick Soltau
Bob Sorenson
Drew Spangler
Darek, Vanessa, & Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
The Stoddard Families
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/Uribe Family
Mark Urias
Martin Vertson
Lucy Vienna
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
The Wallace Family
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jerry Wechsler
Germaine Wilmott
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Jan 31 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Jan 31 Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
Feb 6 Women's Guild Fashion
Show at Shadowridge Golf
Club
Feb 7 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am and
10:30am Masses
Feb 7 **No Class Just Mass!**
REACH Classes canceled
for family Superbowl
activities
Feb 10 Ash Wednesday
Masses at 8:15am,
12:00noon, and 7:00pm
Feb 14 Spirited Seniors
St. Valentine's Day Lunch
Feb 21 Steubenville Information
Meeting
Feb 29 Day of Reflection
Mar 13 New Member Reception
Apr 10 Spring Sing
Apr 16 Spring Ring
Apr 29 STM Gala
May 8 Confirmation

Deployed Military

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarzasty
Capt. Branden M. Felker, USAF
Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
Cpt. Ryan J. Fullmer, USMC
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
Adolfo Granados, MD, U.S. Navy
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
Cpl Caleb Lemons, USMC
Sgt. Brandon Lysen, USMC
PFC Cody Madere
Jordan Millikan
1st Lt. Jennifer Mozzetta
Jeremiah Gabriel Nelson, USAF
Thomas Kevin Nelson, US Navy
Fireman Griffin Joseph Ochoa, 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
of the year in alphabetical order.

February 1
Sr. Lorraine Genest, RJM
February 2
Sr. Barbara Goergen, OSF
February 3
Sr. Maria de la Luz Gomez, SJS
February 4
Sr. M. Elvia Gonzalez, SJS
February 5
Sr. Wayne Gradon, SHCJ
February 6
Sr. Jo Ann Grady, SFCC
February 7
Sr. Michaela Gresko, OCD

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30, 5:00pm
Mary Baker ☩

Sunday, January 31, 8:30am
Tony Lucey ☩

Sunday, January 31, 10:30am
Fr. Mike Ratajczak

Monday, February 1, 8:15am
Cheryl Hobbs ☩

Tuesday, February 2, 8:15am
Timothy Wilmott ☩

Wednesday, February 3, 8:15am
The Ngoan Tran Family

Thursday, February 4, 8:15am
Vincent Palumbo, Jr. ☩

Friday, February 5, 8:15am
Joyce Belanger

Saturday, February 6, 5:00pm
Linda Heaslet ☩

Sunday, February 7, 8:30am
Angie Rasmon &
Raquel Sainz Maldonado ☩

Sunday, February 7, 10:30am
Linda Iacobelli Bennet ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Brother Benno's

In March, we will hold our annual food drive to help Brother Benno's care for the poor and needy. If you are a coupon cutter, you can start now by stocking up on non-perishable food items at a bargain. You can stretch your charitable dollar and help even more people.

St. Bonaventure Indian Mission

The second weekend in November seems to come faster every year. That's when we hold our annual clothing drive to help the Navajo. You can start now collecting shoes and clothing...either by setting aside your slightly used items or asking your neighbors and co-workers to do so. It is for a very good cause and helps those in need.

STM Mental Health Ministry Network

Are you interested in participating in the Ministry team of the STM Mental Health Ministry Network to help serve as "prayerful companions" for fellow Parishioners experiencing mental health issues, walking with them through the treatment process, and helping to provide Parish-wide education on the subject of mental illness? For more information, contact Tim Keane at 760-758-2717; for referrals, contact Deacon John at 760-758-4100 x104.

Jail/Detention Ministry

Jesus said, "I was in prison and you visited me. What you did for the least of these you did for me." To volunteer and bring the gifts of presence, compassion, hope, and love to those in prison, call Rita at 760-758-4100 x100. For more information, visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/restore, where you will find information on not only visiting those in prison, but ways to provide support for victims or their families and ways to get involved with victim/offender mediation and reconciliation.

STM \$crip News

Remember you can shop online and purchase instant Scrip: ScripNow. Check www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm to sign up.

Do you shop on Amazon.com? You can fundraise for STM while you shop using Amazon Smile and Amazon Scrip—check www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm for details!

Scrip is now available after all three Masses. We appreciate your continued support for the Scrip program. **For more information, visit www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm or contact the Scrip team at 760-758-4100 x150 or scrip@stmoside.org**

P.S. Have you re-registered your Ralphs/Food 4 Less cards so that St. Thomas More receives a percentage of your purchases? Stop by the Scrip table after Mass or visit www.stmoside.org/script.htm for details.

Marriage & Family Life

Moms & Kids—Are you a mom with infant through school-age children wanting to meet other moms in our Parish? Want to find a great way to meet friends for both you and your children? Join our dynamic and energetic Moms and Kids ministry! There are many events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Jen Abelson at jen.abelson@gmail.com.



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 or contact Eddie and Sheila Murphy at 760-295-0008.

Beloved Series—Deacon John and Debbie Fredette will be presenting a 12-part series Wednesday evenings, continuing February 3 at 7:00pm. Learn first hand how to experience the mystery, happiness, and joy of marriage. **Beloved** will help you live out the Sacrament of Marriage more profoundly, so that your love story is drawn ever more into the greatest love story of all... God's own love for us. Contact Debbie Fredette at 760-758-4100 x110 for additional information.

Restoring Marriage Today—Destination: San Diego. Marriage is fundamental to mankind. But it's in serious trouble. Find out how you can be part of the solution. The Catholic Answers Conference, Restoring Marriage Today, will be held in San Diego March 3-5. For more information and to register, go to: https://catholiccom.formstack.com/forms/ca_conference_2016.

Bishops' Letter on Marriage—Reproductive Technology: "The procreative capacity of man and woman should not be treated as just another means of technology, as also happens with in vitro fertilization (IVF) or cloning. When that happens, human life itself is degraded because it becomes, more and more, something produced or manufactured in various ways, ways that will only multiply as science advances. Children begin to be seen less as gifts received in a personal communion of mutual self-giving, and increasingly as a lifestyle choice, a commodity to which all consumers are entitled." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

Marriage Moments—"Love is patient; love is kind ..." Why not use St. Paul's definition of love (1 Cor 13:4-13) to discover ways to strengthen your own love for each other?

Parenting Pointers—It's cold outside. Have a memory party inside. Pull out old photographs and enjoy. Maybe even organize those loose photos.

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.

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 760-305-9985 or eriksson1@att.net.



Parish Events

Women's Guild News

The month of January has swiftly come to its conclusion this weekend, and it is time to set our sights on February. The annual Women's Guild Fashion Show starts us off on Saturday, February 6, at Shadowridge Golf Club; only a few tickets remain to be sold (\$45). If you haven't secured yours, do so immediately! Call Chair Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703. Valerie has done an exemplary job planning and executing this fabulous event, for several years actually, and she just gets better at it each year! Thank you Valerie, you're the best! I know it will again be a great success and so much fun for all.

Lent quickly approaches: Ash Wednesday is February 10 this year. Included in our Lenten journey is the Day of Recollection slated for Monday, February 29, sponsored by the Women's Guild and Spirited Seniors. Fr. Larry Dolan, OSF, will lead us with his talk, "A Reflection on Sacred Scripture for Lent." Registration begins in early February, and is open to all adult Parishioners and friends. Watch for the flyer in the bulletin for complete information. It is a half-day event, and includes Mass and a light lunch. You are encouraged to bring your Bible too.

One last reminder, enjoy Valentine's Day with a delicious lunch sponsored by the Spirited Seniors on—you guessed it—Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, at noon at Nucci's Italian Café. Flyers are available in the Parish Center for information and registration.

I wish you all a blessed week! —*Kathy Gerhard, president*

Men's Fellowship Update

Are you hungry for a good message, good fellowship, and a good breakfast? Join us for our Saturday morning men's gathering and breakfast called **iHunger**. To stay informed of what's going on with **iHunger** via SMS text messages, **Text @iHunger to 23559**.

Also, if you find yourself thirsty for occasional fellowship over a beer at a local micro-brewery, or taking a day hike, or going to a ball game together with some other great men from the Parish, **Text @iThirst to 23559**.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

For more information, call Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 or visit www.cwwnc.com. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our complete monthly calendar of social activities. RSVPs are required.

Heartnotes

Congratulations to the newest graduates of our CPR program:

Bunny McElliott, Sandra Hauser, Kirk Stechschulte, Tom Allen, Susan Allen, Kathleen Avina, Courtney Hobbs, Tasi Asuncion, Trinity Asuncion

Recertification:

Cheryl Rowland, Jesse Stumpp, Tom Hobbs, Rudy Van Hunnick

The next Adult CPR/AED classes will take place on Saturday, February 13, and Saturday, February 20, at 9:30am.

To reserve a place contact dr. Phil Goscinski, 760-732-1414 or drphilg@cox.net.

Memorial Item Donations Available

Pipe Organ	\$850,000
Christ on the Road to Emmaus Bronze Sculpture for Daily Mass Chapel	\$27,000
St. Joseph and Child Refurbishing	\$1,350
Parish Offices	
Metal Framing Exterior Walls	\$60,000
HVAC Components	\$55,000
Roofing	\$45,000
Exterior Windows and Doors	\$45,000
Exterior Brick	\$30,000
Plumbing	\$30,000
Plumbing Finish and Fixtures	\$10,000

Memorial Item Donations Partial

<i>Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe</i> Mosaic Panels for Memorial Garden (54) 18 available	\$5,000/each
Priests' Dedication Vestments (for extra Bishops and Abbots) (4) 4 available	\$400/each
Pew Seating for the Church (1,000) 713 available	\$300/each
Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 93 available	\$300/each
Altar Server Albs (15) 15 available	\$125/each

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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.

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

Take St. Thomas More Home!

Saint Thomas More Tapestry Panels, 26" x 30", are available for \$200/each. This "one of a kind" bust is created of the same materials as the actual tapestry that is in our Church! See the sample hanging in the Parish Office. There are 11 available for purchase now. We are offering these, as well as the STM Posters, at our cost. Order forms and posters are available after all Masses at the Parish Information Table on the plaza

Questions? Contact Chris Smith at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

Liturgy & Music Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy & Music
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WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

by Patricia Datchuck
Sánchez and Rafael
Sánchez Alonso,
from Celebration
February 2016,
with permission.

Eight years ago this month, ABC launched a program hosted by John Quiñones called “What Would You Do?” Each episode features actors who play out scenes of conflict or illegal activity in a public setting while hidden cameras record the results; the focus of the program is on whether bystanders will intervene and how they will do so. Sometimes the genders, races, or clothing of the performers will be changed during a given scenario, to see whether these factors will alter the reactions of the unknowing public. At the end of each scenario, Quiñones appears to interview bystanders regarding their responses.

Some of the scenarios have included: three teenagers beating and taunting a homeless man; a woman needs to fill a prescription at a pharmacy but doesn’t have enough money to pay for it; a pregnant young woman offers to sell her baby to different couples passing by; a grocery bagger with Down’s syndrome is insulted by an impatient shopper who calls him/her a “retard.” In a sense, our daily or weekly encounter with the word of God offers us a similar experience. With each text we hear, the inspired author presents us not with a fictional scenario but with the truth of God’s word. Within each text lies a challenge and a question: “What would you do?”

As Isaiah shares his call to prophesy and Luke tells us of Peter, James and John being called to discipleship (Feb 7), we marvel at their willingness to set aside whatever plans they had for their lives so as to follow wherever God would lead and to serve those to whom they were sent. If we experienced a similar challenge to relinquish our will to God’s will, and our future to God’s plan, what might we do? As we ponder the answer to this, we

scripture themes for February

might experience hesitation. We would probably have many questions. Logic would seem to rule out such an unsure endeavor. Nevertheless, with God and with grace, we can acquiesce and follow.

In the season of Lent and its ambience of repentance and reconciliation, we think about the times we have faced temptation to turn from God’s will—and we are reminded that Jesus, too, was tempted (Feb 16). In keeping with his identity as God’s Son and Savior, he was tempted to use his power to benefit himself, to turn stones into bread to ease a 40-day fast, to reign over all the kingdoms of the earth, to boast of his special place in God’s eyes by forcing the angels to come to his rescue. In each instance, Jesus countered his tempter with the truth of scripture; and, in each instance, Jesus was strengthened to resist. What would you do? It is relatively easy to succumb and then to blame someone else for our downfall. Excuses leap from our lips so readily. But Jesus has offered the example we are to emulate. The more truthful we are with ourselves and the more at home we are with God’s word, the greater will be our strength and resistance to evil.

On Lent’s second Sunday (Feb 21), we proclaim the Lucan Gospel of Jesus’ transfiguration in glory. A voice from heaven leaves no doubt as to who Jesus is: God’s chosen Son, to whom we are to listen. Herein lies the key to faithful discipleship. Before all else, listen to Jesus. Before attempting to respond to the question “What would you do?” we are first to consider what Jesus might do.

London preacher Charles Spurgeon used the phrase “What would Jesus do?” several times in a sermon he gave on June 28, 1891, citing



Luke 4:22

Thomas à Kempis’ 15th-century masterpiece *The Imitation of Christ* as his source. “What would Jesus do?” was also the subtitle of the 1896 book *In His Steps* by American minister Charles Sheldon. This question makes it clear that Jesus is the ultimate example and inspiration for all who believe.

Jesus went about doing good; so must we. Jesus offered a welcome to all, regardless of their social status, gender, ethnicity, age, or sinfulness; so must we. Jesus was never afraid to speak truth to power or to defend the defenseless; so must we be fearless in our support for God’s least ones. Jesus fasted and prayed and set aside time in his life to commune with God; we are to do likewise. Jesus was patient with sinners, offering them many chances and time to repent; we should be similarly kind and merciful to one another. Jesus willingly suffered and died for the salvation of sinners; am I willing to pay the cost of discipleship? Jesus revealed to sinners the love and mercy of God; how authentically is God reflected in my life? An itinerant preacher and healer, Jesus was willing to forego a comfortable life in order to bring the good news to as many people as he could; what am I willing to surrender for the sake of the Gospel?

What would Jesus do? What ought we to do? We are to strive so that the answers to both of these questions will be the same.

Upcoming Music



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Family Faith Formation

Next REACH Sunday is February 21



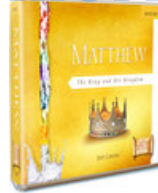
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, February 5

Beginning at 6:00pm. This is a free event for all ages! Family spaghetti dinner packages will be available for purchase. Watch the bulletin for details. All proceeds support youth ministry at STM.

Adult Faith Formation

Morning Bible Study



Next session is
February 3

Matthew:

The King and His Kingdom

Wednesday mornings,

9:00-11:00am

Sign Up Today to register and get your workbook for the next session.

Contact Patt Goeltz for more information at pattg@stmoside.org.

Sacrament Prep News

Confirmation Year 2 families and sponsors are invited to attend the M3 (Mass, Meal, Message) event on Saturday, February 6, beginning with 5:00pm Mass as a class. Please plan to sit in the area to the far right by the choir. **Bring a dish to share and plan to attend this family fun event!**

Evening Bible Study

Sessions Continue for



Join Us Thursday Evenings
7:00pm.

Previous week's video shown
at 6:00pm.

Contact Debbie in the Faith
Formation Office for more
information.



Adult Confirmation

Are You an Adult Who Wishes to Be Confirmed?

Classes for Adult Confirmation continue on Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30pm. Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation office for more information and to register.

Join Us For BELOVED



Sessions continue for a 12-part series offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm. Learn first hand how to experience the mystery, happiness, and joy of marriage. *Beloved* will help you live out the Sacrament of Marriage more profoundly, so that your love story is drawn ever more into the greatest love story of all... God's own love for us. Contact the Faith Formation Office for additional information. There is no cost to participate!

Tommy's Cafe

All proceeds from the café go to supporting the youth's attendance at events like Steubenville San Diego and Life Teen Summer Camps.

Little Books for Lent Are Now Available for Purchase

Youth Ministry



Monday from 6:30-8:30pm



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Stewardship & Development

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Collection for Week of January 23/24, 2016

Number of Registered Households	1,185
Number of Contributors	324
Offertory	\$15,468.69
Offertory (Loose Collection)	1,446.00
Total	\$16,914.69

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

September 15, 2014 to December 31, 2015

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$767,605.15
Less Administrative Costs	\$33,328.00
Payment toward Parish Reserves (10%)	\$75,029.02
Payment toward Mortgage	\$675,261.13
Mortgage Payment Due	\$687,757.15
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$12,496.02)

Memorial Items \$1,382,849.90

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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 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

A Temple Built of Living Stones includes our faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.

Love That Transforms

The story below is a fairly common one in many churches. The name, gender, and ministry can be applied to a variety of ministries. Because there are a number of people who have had similar experiences, including me, I wanted to share this piece.



"There is a man in my church named Jake. I met him several years ago when he was new to our church and still rough around the edges. He would come to our Men's Bible study and say things like, 'I'll never lead anything like that,' referring to a home study group. He didn't volunteer for much and kept his commitment level pretty low-key.

As time went on, Jake came to understand just how much God really loved him, and that love softened the sharp edges and also melted away the bitterness. Now he is part of a group that visits the sick and suffering at our local hospital. He and his wife recently started a Bible study in their home.

What would turn around a man who once held on so tightly to his time and talents, not to mention himself? **God's gift of love in Christ. God didn't hold anything back in his love for each one of us, so we are free to surrender ourselves in service to Him, whether it's stewardship of our money, time, or abilities."**

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The definition of "steward" is a person in charge of a large estate, responsible for administering money and property. As Christian stewards, we are responsible for managing the various gifts God has given to each of us. Clearly, these gifts vary from person to person as well as from one circumstance to another.

Please take time to review the Christian Stewardship "Did You Know?" in the bulletin as well as the 2016 Stewardship booklets that were mailed out to all of our Parishioners and supporters.

Thanks to so many of you who are already involved in some way! I invite and encourage anyone who is not yet on board with the many opportunities we offer at STM, to pray about this and consider taking that first step. I guarantee you won't regret it and will feel more fulfilled and in tune with God than ever before.

Please feel free to email me or call me to see what might be a good way for you to start. Small steps are always welcome!

We Are Empowered by God's Grace and Mercy

News & Information from the Larger Church

2015 Diocesan Revival—February 2-4, 7:00pm each evening, St. Rita Catholic Church, San Diego. Rev. Anthony Bozeman will be the preacher. There is no charge and all are welcome.

New Paths Support Group for Separated and Divorced—Tuesdays, February 10-May 5, 6:30pm, Sacred Heart Parish Ministry Center, 655 C Ave., Coronado. For more information, contact 619-435-6136 or www.sacredheartcor.org.

18th Annual Divine Mercy Conference—February 5-6, Mission San Antonio De Pala. Mass at 7:00pm on Friday with celebrant Archbishop Julian Porteous. Inspiring video Message of Hope and Healing will follow Mass. Saturday includes speakers Archbishop Julian Porteous, Fr. Christ Alar MIC, Fr. Don Calloway MIC, and Fr. Dave Leon. Music by Donna Lee and friends. Closing Mass at 6:00pm. For more information, contact www.SDdivinemercy.org or 619-276-6637.

Body of Worth Workshop—Saturday, February 13, 9:00am-3:00pm, Birth Choice San Marcos Center, 277 S. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., San Marcos. A Christian-based program where women can learn and understand their biology, the risks of sex outside of marriage, and God's plan for fertility and how to protect the gift. Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, and nieces are welcome. A box lunch will be provided. For more information, contact 760-621-3414 x102 or www.birthchoicedonors.net, then Events, Body of Worth Class.

Fr. Joe's Villages Ladies Guild Annual Charity Luncheon—Tuesday, February 16, 10:45am, "Ooh-La-La Paris" at the Sheraton Mission Valley. \$55 per person; free parking. All proceeds benefit the children at Fr. Joe's Villages. For information/donations, contact Kristi at 858-453-9640 or kristikeith@mac.com or Jane at 858-453-7016 or janehargrove67@gmail.com.

Rachel's Hope After-Abortion Healing Retreat—February 19-21, St. Mary's Retreat Center, Escondido. For more information, contact Patti Smith, 760-305-8044, gridirongranny@live.com, or www.RachelsHope.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego.

Learning about the Priesthood—Saturday, February 20, 8:30am-3:00pm, St. Francis Center, University of San Diego. For more information, check with the Parish Office or Fr. Pedro Rivera at 619-291-7446.

Rachel's Hope Workshop for Men Saddened by a Past Abortion—February 20, 9:00am-6:00pm, Diocesan Pastoral

Center, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. For more information, contact 858-581-3022 or RachelsHope.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortion Healing Weekend Retreat—March 18-20. The retreat is an opportunity for any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional & spiritual pain of abortion. For more information or to register please call Dolores at 951-325-7702 or email rvttemecula@verizon.net. Also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

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Around the Diocese—Visit www.sdcatholic.org to learn more about activities available through the Diocese and other Parishes.

Bereavement Support Group—Meets every Tuesday, 9:30-11:00am, at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Room 5 of the Parish Center, 6628 Santa Isabel St., Carlsbad. All those negotiating the loss of a loved one are invited to participate. For more information, contact Liz Littel at 760-917-4404.

Shoppportunity—Catholic Charities Thrift—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.

Young Adult Opportunities around the Diocese

Upcoming activities include Theology on Tap and several service projects.

For more information, visit www.yamsd.org. To receive text updates, text **YAM** to **84576**.

Visit www.sandiegocac.org for activities around the Diocese for adults of all ages.

Catholic Radio—AM 1000/Sirius 130—San Diego

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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.

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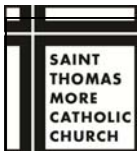
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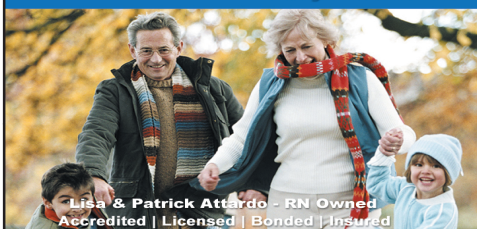
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- † **50 Adult Catechists** to facilitate all of our REACH/EDGE/Confirmation/and Post Confirmation programs.
- † **40 Teens** who work as assistants to our Adult Catechists in programs listed above.
- † **78+ Musicians** to make the music we hear currently at the Parish during the year. Many serve in more than one music area.
- † **10 Stewards** to cover our Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC) at both of our Sunday Masses. *Help needed here!*
- † **80 Liturgical Ministers** to cover all three Masses on any given weekend, including Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, Greeters, Readers, Altar Servers and Sacristans for each Mass.
- † **12 Baptism Banner Makers** to make a special banner for each new Catholic.
- † **60+ Stewards** to provide dinners, on the fourth Sunday of each month to Solutions for Change intake homeless shelter in Vista.
- † **60-75 Stewards** to help the Bereavement Ministry cover details of a funeral from start to finish. This includes Core Team Ministers, Liturgical Ministers, Phone Callers, Bakers & Salad Makers, Kitchen/Reception Area setup and cleanup, Ushers & Greeters, and Paschal Choir Members.
- † **6 People each weekend** to sell Scrip after Mass and at least 1,000 families using Scrip to make this program work.
- † **10-12 Stewards** to promote our **Culture of Life** work with **Birth Choice in San Marcos**, Life Walk, Pennies from Heaven, Christmas and bottle collections for newborn infants.
- † **30 "People-Persons"** to facilitate our **"Welcome Ministry"** which introduces prospective members to the life and activities of our faith community.
- † **40+ Stewards** to make our **Christmas Angel Program** a success with collections for Solutions for Change homeless shelters in Vista, stockings for local families in need, children of Camp Pendleton families, and infant items for Birth Choice.
- † **Numerous Knights of Columbus** to help:
 - 22** facilitating Sunday Breakfasts
 - 35+** weekly help for Lenten Fish Dinners
 - 6** per weekend to sell Christmas cards, Stickers and Entertainment Books
- † **Multiple Women's Guild Members:**
 - 52** to facilitate Bake Sales,
 - 10** quilters to provide for annual raffle,
 - 35** to coordinate annual Fashion Show,
 - 10** to coordinate Game Days.
- † **8 Project Linus** helpers to promote the work of this ministry by making blankets for those children who are undergoing physical or emotional difficulties.
- † **45+ Parishioners** to help with multiple tasks required to keep our **Treasures Rummage Sale** an ongoing success!
- † **35-40 helpers** to make our new **2016 Parish Directory a success!** Photos will be taken June 6-19, and July 18-24. Mark your calendars now!
- † **45+ parishioners** weekly to help fill our Shopping Cart for distributions to North County Food Bank, Brother Benno's, SFA Soup Kitchen and Catholic Charities.

We Invite YOU to Join Us!

This is a sampling of nearly 1,500 stewards needed to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus at STM!

Transcript of Finance Update

January 31, 2016 by Bill Ipsen

I'm Bill Ipsen, Parish financial resources liaison.

Stewardship is an ethic that embodies the responsible planning and management of resources. The concept of stewardship can be applied to many things...health, property, nature, and yes, economics.

The message of stewardship regarding time and talent has been addressed by others in the last weeks, and today by Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development. My time today is devoted to treasure.

It has been my responsibility to communicate to the congregation information regarding our monthly operations, as well as our mortgage offering; and to reiterate in this month of stewardship how important a role everyone plays in the financial well being of our parish.

We have heard how important the need is for people to donate their time and talent to the many programs and activities offered at St. Thomas More throughout the year.

The same can be said for the financial needs of the Parish. With our new House of Worship, our new Church Home, now complete, we have two buildings to support in addition to Parish staff and other ancillary expenses through our monthly operations budget.

In the first six months of our current fiscal year, July through December, we are \$8,000 below budget with offertory collections. During this period we were maintaining one building on our campus. We now have two buildings to maintain.

Our Campus is growing and we need to grow our offertory collection as well.

At the same time, as you know, we have a monthly mortgage in the amount of \$45,000 with approximately 18-1/2 years remaining.

Presently we have a \$12,000 deficit in our mortgage payments. That is not much, but let me explain why...



Recently we received a dedicated gift of \$90,000 directed to pay down our mortgage. While this gift was received with joy, it was highly unusual, doesn't happen very often, and not something we can count on to make our regular monthly mortgage payment.

At the same time, our mortgage offering over the last months continues to be approximately \$6,500 per month short of our payment.

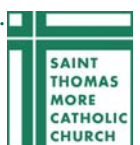
The financial success of our Parish does not rest on the backs of the few; it rests on the backs of the many. If you are not currently involved in ongoing support of our Parish, now is a good time to become involved, no matter the amount...\$5, \$10, \$20. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. If you are currently supporting our Parish, perhaps you can increase your offering by that same \$5, \$10, \$20, or more if circumstances allow.

As you can see from our brief update today, we have a very real need to increase the monthly offering and the mortgage offering as we go forward in 2016. If everyone in our Parish community is able to contribute in some capacity, we will surely be able to raise the funds necessary to reach our goals.

In closing, I would like to announce that after 15 years as the spokesman for fundraising and financial information, this weekend will be my final update. A very special thank you to Fr. Mike for his support and encouragement throughout the years, and to the many other people involved in our capital campaigns and finance committee, who have assisted me in creating updates and reports to present to our Parish. And thank you to the many Parishioners who have also encouraged, supported, and offered many suggestions and comments during my service. It has represented a challenge and an opportunity I will not soon forget.

At the same time, I am pleased to announce that Fr. Mike has appointed Doug D'Agrosa as the new financial resources liaison. Doug and Laura and their family have been members of our parish community for 25 years, Doug most recently being chairman of the Pastoral Council. He is an excellent choice, and I ask you to welcome him, in his new role at St. Thomas More.

Thank you.



St. Thomas More Catholic Church

Christian Stewardship Opportunities Response Form

The Mission of St. Thomas More Catholic Church is to:
worship God, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and serve God's people in word and deed.

Please take time to prayerfully review this form and select the area(s) that best fit your desire to serve.

Please circle N for new involvement or C for continued involvement.



Make a heartfelt selection! Return this form

- via the collection basket at Mass,
- to the Parish Office during the week
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STEWARDSHIP: Time and Talent

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Faith Formation & Evangelization

☐ ☐ Ecumenical/Interreligious Affairs

☐ ☐ Liturgy of the Word for Children

☐ ☐ Moms & Kids

☐ ☐ Nursery—The Ark

☐ ☐ Religious Education for Adolescents and Children (RE.A.CH)

☐ ☐ Religious Education for Adults

☐ ☐ Bible Study

☐ ☐ Centering Prayer

☐ ☐ Men's Fellowship

☐ ☐ Women's Ministry

☐ ☐ Sacramental Preparation

☐ ☐ Baptism

☐ ☐ Reconciliation/
Eucharist

☐ ☐ Confirmation

☐ ☐ Rite of Christian
Initiation (RCIA)

☐ ☐ Vocations

☐ ☐ Youth Ministry

☐ ☐ High School

☐ ☐ Young Adults

Liturgy

☐ ☐ Arts & Environment

☐ ☐ Bereavement Ministry

☐ ☐ Eucharistic Adoration

☐ ☐ Interior Design Team

☐ ☐ Liturgical Ministers

☐ ☐ Altar Servers

☐ ☐ Eucharistic Ministers

☐ ☐ Hospitality Ministers

☐ ☐ Readers

☐ ☐ Sacristans (Altar Guild,
Altar Linen, Daily, or
Weekend/Holy Day
Masses)

☐ ☐ Music Ministry

☐ ☐ Cantors

☐ ☐ Sanctuary Choir

☐ ☐ Children's Choir

☐ ☐ Tower Bells

☐ ☐ Instrumentalists

☐ ☐ Praise Team

☐ ☐ Paschal Choir

☐ ☐ Wedding Coordinator

Marriage & Family Life

☐ ☐ Bringing the Celebration
Home

☐ ☐ Diocesan Liaison (M&FL)

☐ ☐ Family Services

☐ ☐ Marriage Preparation

☐ ☐ Widows & Widowers

Parish Organizations & Events

☐ ☐ Annual Gala

☐ ☐ Historian/Archives

☐ ☐ Knights of Columbus

☐ ☐ Photographer

☐ ☐ Social Activities

☐ ☐ Spirited Seniors

☐ ☐ Tommy's Café

☐ ☐ Treasures Rummage Sale

☐ ☐ Walking Ministry

☐ ☐ Women's Guild

Social Ministries

☐ ☐ Blood Drive

☐ ☐ Brother Benno's

☐ ☐ Kitchen Servers

☐ ☐ Collection

☐ ☐ Christmas Angel Ministry

☐ ☐ CPR/AED Classes

☐ ☐ Culture of Life Activities

☐ ☐ Disability Facilitation

☐ ☐ Jail/Detention Ministry

☐ ☐ Mental Health Ministry

☐ ☐ Network

☐ ☐ Prayer Request Line

☐ ☐ Project Linus

☐ ☐ Social Justice Committee

☐ ☐ Interfaith Center for
Worker Justice

☐ ☐ JustFaith Activities

☐ ☐ San Diego Organizing

☐ ☐ Project (SDOP)

☐ ☐ Solutions for Change

☐ ☐ Family Shoe Ministry

☐ ☐ St. Bonaventure Mission

OFFICE SUPPORT

☐ ☐ General Support

☐ ☐ Kitchen Manager

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

☐ ☐ Annual Catholic Appeal

☐ ☐ New Construction

☐ ☐ Parish Membership

☐ ☐ Planned Giving

☐ ☐ Publicity/Public Relations

☐ ☐ Scrip Sales

☐ ☐ Stewardship

☐ ☐ Vehicle Donations

☐ ☐ Welcome Ministry

FINANCE COUNCIL

☐ ☐ Committee Chairpersons

Name(s):

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STEWARDSHIP: Treasure

Offering financial resources to your Parish will help ensure that God's work continues. Stewards of treasure joyfully return the first portion of all God has given them. Sharing their treasure is a way to thank God for the many blessings and gifts God has given.

Sacrificial Giving is the process of consciously examining one's household income and making a decision to give a percentage of it to the Church. If the "leap of faith" of tithing seems to be too great for you, we ask that you consider the "gradual approach." Please examine and review not only the dollar amount that you presently give to St. Thomas More, but the percentage of your gross household income that dollar amount represents.

When you add up all your gifts to St. Thomas More, what percentage is that amount of your gross household income? Maybe it is ½%, 1%, 3%, or more? You are encouraged to

increase it by a percentage each year until you have made that leap of Faith and are tithing.

Tithing is the biblical concept of sacrificial giving that encourages 10% of all we earn be returned to the Lord as an act of Faith.

Parishioners are invited to tithe (10% of all gross household income) to the Lord—8% to St. Thomas More Catholic Church and 2% to other charities of your choice. Your **tithe** will be distributed as follows: Parish Operational Offering, Mortgage/Building Completion Fund, Religious Education Fees, Sacrament Stipends, Annual Catholic Appeal, and all National Collections.

Remember that the Lord is never outdone in generosity. Pray that more and more of us are willing to be challenged by the Biblical directive to give back to the Lord a tithe of all that we have and are.

Offering Selection

- ☐ Tithing: \$_____ per ___ month or _____ interval
(8% of gross income to STM, 2% to other charities)
- ☐ Sacrificial Giving:
\$_____ to Operations and \$_____ to Mortgage/Bldg
per ___ month or _____ interval
- ☐ Other: \$_____ to Operations per ___ month or _____
- ☐ Please contact me/us about Memorial Item Donations

Payment Options

- ☐ Cash or check
(payable to St. Thomas More)
- ☐ Online
(www.stmoside.org, Donations, Electronic Offering)
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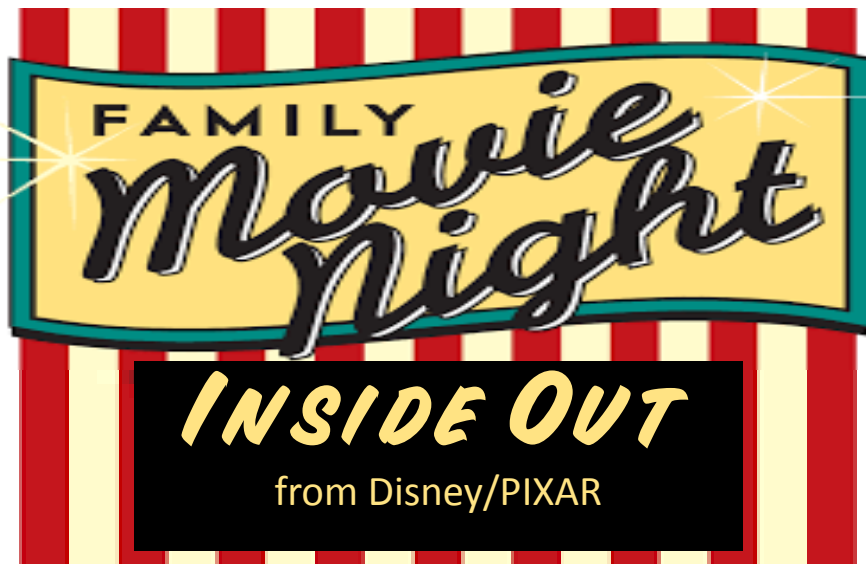
**Your response is made before God and is confidential.
It is not legally binding and may be adjusted as necessary by contacting the Parish Office.**

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



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See you on Sunday, February 21
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Friday , February 5

6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Movie

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This is a free event for all ages!

Family spaghetti dinner packages
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Our Knights of Columbus will be serving spaghetti dinners to support the youth!

Dinner plate includes: spaghetti and meatball, garlic rolls, and salad

\$7 per plate / \$35 family maximum

**Please Return Completed Dinner Order & Payment to:
Faith Formation Office, Box #7, by Wednesday, February 3**

Family Name: _____


Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

of Dinners : _____

Enclosed: \$ _____

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Would you care to make an additional donation to Youth Ministry at St. Thomas More to help a teen go to Steubenville San Diego? 



Questions? Contact Debbie in the Faith Formation Office: debbief@stmoside.org or 760-758-4100 x110

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