

SAINT
THOMAS
MORE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

*"Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities."*
—Matthew 25:21



*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

Every Day, 7:00am-7:00pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday, 3:30-4:30pm

and by appointment

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StThomasMoreRCC



**St. Thomas More:
A Parish For All Seasons!**

Parish Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, November 29
7:00pm
See page 2 for more details.

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 19, 2017**

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Christian Stewardship—

"St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons"

We continue our journey through the month of November as we reflect upon Christian Stewardship, and reflect upon our Faith Community as a Parish for all seasons.

Christian Stewardship is a way of living, living as Disciples of the Lord Jesus, and as a people who care and tend for each other.

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

Our Stewardship Renewal Month reminds us of our interconnectedness, the web of relationship and community that gives meaning to life, in all the seasons of our lives.

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

This weekend, Doug D'Agrosa, our Parish Financial Liaison, will speak before all the Masses.

Doug will introduce us to our new Parish endeavor to raise the necessary funds for our Parish build-out with the completion of our Parish Offices. He will remind us of the good work that Parishioners have done in the past and of the financial challenges that still lie ahead of us as we pay down our mortgage, maintain two buildings, and soon to have three buildings (Parish Center, Church, Parish Offices) to support!

This information will ask all of us to accept the challenge that is now before us. Our Parish buildings are important "tools" in our efforts to help us tend to ourselves and to others in all the seasons of our lives. We are all a part of the web of relationships, of the interconnectedness that gives meaning to life and helps us to be at peace.

Last week, Michael and Lia Haubert and family reminded us of the gift that our Parish is in helping us in all the seasons of our lives.

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Our Church is a House of Prayer for all People!

Our Church and Blessed Sacrament Chapel are open
7:00am-7:00pm, every day.

The door on the left side of our main doors
remains unlocked.

Please enter and exit through that door.
You are always welcome!



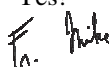
Pastor's Column *(continued from page 1)*

Through your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we will keep St. Thomas More Parish to be the vibrant Parish that it is.

Your commitment to our new three-year endeavor, "St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons," will help us to move into the future on a stronger foothold.

As Pastor, I am very grateful for your deep sense of stewardship for our Parish!

For all that has been, "Thank You!" For all that will be, "Yes!"


Parish Town Hall Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, November 29, at 7:00pm on the Parish Center Lower Level for a presentation on "St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons," our new three-year endeavor to continue our Parish build-out with the completion of our Parish Offices and the creation of our Memorial Garden.

Please RSVP to Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org with your names, contact information, and whether you need babysitting services for your children.

Fr. Mike Health Update

The surgery went very well, and Fr. Mike is now in rehab, walking with a walker and doing physical therapy. He appreciates all your prayers—keep them coming!

Considering Becoming Catholic?

Are you searching for

- A deeper relationship with God?
- A sense of belonging in a faith community?
- A greater fulfillment of your mission in life?

"Inquiry" is the first step in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process: a ministry that welcomes those who would like to explore **whether** full membership in the Catholic Church through Baptism or a Profession of Faith (if validly baptized in another Christian tradition), Confirmation, and Eucharist is God's call in your life.

For details, contact Kathleen Bell, RCIA Coordinator, at 760-809-6526 or 80bell80@gmail.com.

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

Welcome New Parishioner

Michael Todisco & Kira Skavinski & Family

Congratulations to

Bob & Glory Hartdegen

who celebrate their 39th anniversary of marriage on November 23.

Tom & Katie Padilla

who celebrate their 4th anniversary of marriage on November 16.

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:



Carole Dillon, who died November 2. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 28, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. Her vigil service will be on Monday, November 27, at 7:00pm at St. Thomas More. Please keep her husband, Joe, and her family in your prayers.

Frank Thompson, who died November 2. His Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 10, at 11:00am at St. Thomas More. He is a former Parishioner who had been living in Texas. Please keep his family in your prayers. Please also see below.

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

Frank Thompson and St. Bonaventure Mission

Our ministry to St. Bonaventure Mission was initiated many years ago by former Parishioner Frank Thompson, who, even after he moved out of the area, continued to support our annual clothing and blanket drive. Frank died on November 2, and in lieu of flowers, asked that donations in his memory be made to St. Bonaventure Indian Mission and School, Navarre Blvd., Thoreau, NM 87329. Thank you!

Collection for National Needs

The month of November has been designated for the Collection for National Needs, which supports the Black and Indian Missions, the Catholic Home Missions, the Catholic Communications Campaign, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic University of America. The envelopes that were attached to the bulletin recently may be returned any time this month. Thank you!

STM \$crip News

Buy Scrip gift cards after Masses on the weekend on the plaza, or Monday-Friday in the Parish Office, and a percentage of each card is returned to the Parish. You may also purchase Scrip online—visit www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm for more info.

Do you shop on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and raise money for STM while you shop! Click the link at www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm to get started. Do you shop at other online locations? Try Giving Assistant and raise money for STM while you shop! Click the link at www.stmoside.org/scrip.htm to get started.

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.**

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, November 19 (157)

*Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalms 128:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

Monday, November 20 (497)

1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,
62-63

Psalms 119:53,61,134,150,155,158

Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 21 (680)

Presentation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Zechariah 2:14-17

Luke 1:46-55 (Psalm)

Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, November 22 (681)

Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Hosea 2:16bc,17cd,21-22

Psalms 45:11-12,14-17

Matthew 25:1-13

Thursday, November 23 (676)

Thanksgiving Day

Sirach 50:22-24

Psalms 145:2-11

1 Corinthians 13:9

Luke 17:11-19

Friday, November 24 (501)

Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest, martyr,

and companions, martyrs

Wisdom 3:1-9

Psalms 126:1-6

Matthew 10:17-22

Saturday, November 25 (502)

Catherine of Alexandria, virgin

Maccabees 6:1-13

Psalms 9:2-4,6,16,19

Luke 10:27-40

Sunday, November 26 (160)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Psalms 23:1-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Matthew 25:31-46

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

Changa Aguilera
Ernie Aichele
Mary Alexander
Carrie Autrey
Joshua Avery
Addison Abigail Avina
Bob Baker
Rosemary Ballard
Jose Luis Barbosa
Patricia Barbour
Francie Barron
Fr. Karl Bauer
Colleen Bechtold
Clarice Bednarz
Taylor Bell
Mary Bellantoni
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Lisa Berg
Roseanne Berg
David Blecki
Barry Botsford
Billy Botsford
Lynda Brady
Tawnya Brady
Zane Breier
Janet Brown
Anita Buerger
Amelia Buono
Roger & Pat Burkardt
Lynn Butcher
Shelby Campbell
Breanne Campos
Aria Cappelletti
Nanette Carey
The Carroll &
Cummings Families
Jorge Cartajena
Donald Cashmore
Anne Caywood
Ravy Chea
Della Clarke
The Clarke Family
The Vaughn Clevenger
Family
Anne Cline
James Coleman
Maria Colfer
Addie Colgan
Clara Collins
Judy Colson
Karen Connell
Geoff Coolidge
Sandra Cracchiolo
Steven Cresencia
Lené Crowe
Karen Flaherty Daley
Beverly de Gelder
Velia Deal & Family
Paul Del Vecchio
Hugo Delgado, Jr.
Cassandra D'Ercole
Cecilia DeSimone
Lydia deVilleneuve
The Dillon Family
Judith & Joe DiMatteo
Elizabeth Doherty's
Aunt Jackie
Art & Dave Dossman
Steven Douglas
Jerome Elbacha
Arthur Eral
Carolyn Erickson Ey
Victoria Lopez Fenton
The Fiore Family
Fr. James Flanagan
Mary Fleming
Ernie Follis
Eugene Franciscus
The Greg French
Family
Jim Gallagher
The Joe Garcia Family
Kathy Gardner
Joan Gay
Alyssa Gerhard
Dan Gilman
Betty Golden Brown &
the Golden Family
Wendy Gonzales' Dad
Rick Gonzalez
Matthew Gora
Lou Gordon
George & Liz Gritt
Luke Guent
Susan Hallahan
Tomo Hamasaki

Charlene Hammonds
Dwayne Hammonds
The Harker Family
Dorothy Harrison
Michelle Harrison &
Family
Barbara Hatem
Vanessa Hayes
LaNay Hazzard
Matthew Henry &
Family
Sunshine Hernandez &
Family
Lilian Hills
Georgia Ann Hodina
Samara Hook
Susan Hori
Courtney Jackman
Katherine Jacobs
Kristin Jacobson
Jacqueline Johnson
Sue Johnston
The Judy Mitchell
Family
Laura Kater
Dottie Kearney
Connor Kerzie
Peggy Kiernan
Debbie Kinney
Cathy Kleinschmidt
Mark Kneisel
Dewey Kolbo
Tony Korwin &
Kathleen Avina
Lorene Kundert
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Ashley LaMothe &
Family
Pauline Lapre's sister
Justine
Brandon LeBlanc
Susan Lee
Jake Lefferdink
Aleah Leon
JoAnne Lesser
Stella Leue
Fr. Rich Lewandowski
Ashley Load
Cassandra & Lauren
Loretto
The Maldonado Family
The Maldonado Trejo
Family
Larry Manquero
Paige Mansell
Gloria Maupin
Colleen McCall
Virginia McConnell
Paige McCoy
Gina McDermott
Jerry McEniry
Ann McGeary
The McGinley Family
Bob McWilliams
Joyce Meehan
Kalei Mendiola
Rita Mikridge
Steven Sr., Stevie, &
Noah Miller
Tom Miller
Harold Miller, Jr.
Phyllis Minaya
June Mitchell
Camille Mitkevich
Maria Molina
June Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Ryan Moquin
Elizabeth Muehlbacher
Conrad Murphy
Hope Murphy
Michele Murphy
Phyllis Murphy
Clay Murray
Margie Myers
Andrew Philip
National
Angela Nacional
Melanie Nacional
Nida Navarro
Richard Obsitnik
Gillian Ochoa
The Ochoa Family
Kare O'Dell
Isaiah Ornelas &
Trinity Coles

Laura Paciorek Gloor
Rosalie Ruzicka Paite
Ethan Palm
Cynthia Pearson
Kaili Pearson
Salina Pearson
Jerry Peralta
Merri Phelps
Roxanne Pietila
Helen Pingtella
Delilah Plasterer
Perry Postulka
The Joe Prokop Family
Bernie Ptak
Barbara Ramm
Fr. Mike Ratajczak
Jenni Richard
Evelyn Richards
Rita Ritchie
Joel Rivera
Ralda Rizke
Lily Robinson
Mateo Rodriguez
Chuck & Maria Rogers
Paul Roofener
Britt Rossi
Roberta Rossi
Dick & Pauline
Rossmaessler
The Russo Family
Rachel Sainc
Cindy Sanelli
Lori Sanna
Rose Mary Saputo
Calixto Papa
Sarmiento
Lani Schiller
Linda Schmidt
Joan Shea
Teresa Sheehy
Elizabeth Shirzad
Ellen Simonson
Barb Slabaugh
Cinda Smits
Nick Soltau
Steve Soule
Gilda Spiegl
Darek, Vanessa, &
Elba Spizewski
Elba Spizewski
Don St. Pierre
Patricia St. Pierre
Joy Stanton
Sybil Staples
Mike Sterling
Betty Stewart
Laura Bernard Stover,
MD
Pete Sullivan
Pat Swanton
Laura Thiele
The Thompson Family
Tommy & Ginger
Thompson
Sarah Tillinghast
William Tompson
Stephen Toth, Jr. &
Family
Olivia Trejo
The Trejo/Beltran
Family
The Trejo/Maldonado/
Uribe Family
Wayne Twilliger
Martin Vertson
Lucy Viramontes
Vanessa Vitiello
Wilson Wanner
Kevin Watson-Graff
Jim Watters
Jerry Wechsler
Elaine Weiler
Mona Weir
Lee Welch
Rylee West
Linda Willingham
Gerri Wilmott &
Family
John Woodard
The Xavier Family
Patricia Zavala
Jeanne Zeltner

Calendar Highlights

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

Nov 19	Liturgy of the Word for Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses
Nov 19	REACH Classes at Church
Nov 21-22	Restaurant Fundraiser at Nucci's
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day— Mass at 9:00am
Nov 26	The Ark Nursery closed
Nov 29	Parish Town Hall Meeting
Dec 1	Mission Vista High School Choirs Concert
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary— Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm
Dec 10	Advent Reconciliation Service at 4:00pm
Dec 15	Parent Shopping Night
Dec 16	Cookie Exchange Party
Dec 19	Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon
Dec 24	The Ark Nursery closed
Dec 24	Christmas Eve— Masses at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm Caroling at 9:30pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day— Mass at 9:30am
Dec 31	The Ark Nursery closed
Dec 31	Mary, Mother of God— Mass at 5:00pm

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Jan 1	Mary, Mother of God— Mass at 9:30am
Jan 7	12th Night Choir Festival
Jan 28	Greater San Diego Coterie presents Rhapsody in Blue

Deployed Military

*As a faith community let us pray for all who
serve our country in these troubled times. We
pray especially for those connected to our
Parish who have been deployed:*

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
Lt. Devon Czarzasty
Major Branden M. Felker, USAF
ET1 Patrick G. Felker, USN
Grant Fischer
1st Lt. Eric Galamay
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Sgt. Alex Garcia
Adolfo Granados, MD, US Navy
PFC Samuel Haro, US Army
Cpl Caleb Lemons, 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 CTR2, US Navy
Col. Conrad Salinas, MD
Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF
Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC
MGY SGT Paul Weisinger

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 18, 5:00pm
Mike Bracci ☩

Sunday, November 19, 8:30am
Tom & Katie Padilla

Sunday, November 19, 10:30am
Lisa Mogno Marino

Monday, November 20, 8:15am
Karig McCloskey ☩

Tuesday, November 21, 8:15am
Peggy Chambers ☩

Wednesday, November 22, 8:15am
John & Magdalen Koch ☩

Thursday, November 23, 9:00am
Arthur Ammond ☩

Friday, November 24, 8:15am
Iolanda Iacobelli ☩

Saturday, November 25, 5:00pm
Vicente Magtibay ☩

Sunday, November 26, 8:30am
Pat ☩ Hannon

Sunday, November 26, 10:30am
Anna Camerota ☩

Social Ministries & Outreach

Got Candy?

If you have extra candy from Halloween...or the kids have too much, please bring it to the Parish Office before November 20, and we will make arrangements to have it sent across the border to Casa de los Pobres for the orphans and poor in Tijuana. It will be distributed by the Sisters as special treats and Christmas sweets.

Thanksgiving Pies!

It's that time again...the time we celebrate our thankfulness by an annual feast. Some, however, have little with which to celebrate. Brother Benno's helps with its annual Thanksgiving Feast...turkey and all the trimmings for a few hundred. For years STM has been the sole provider of dessert. Please help with your pumpkin or apple pies. Bring them to the Parish Office between 8:00am and 12:00noon on Wednesday, November 22, the day before Thanksgiving. Thank you and God Bless!

Attention Christmas Angels!

Thank you to everyone who have started their Christmas shopping and have already brought goodies for the children and families in need! There are still a few Camp Pendleton Military families that need sponsoring. We have various size families to fit your budget! Please see a Christmas Angel representative on the plaza or contact Lisa Seufert at 760-716-0977 or leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net for details.

Care for Creation Team Update

On Sunday, December 10, St Thomas More's Care for Creation Team will be going to Coastal Roots Farm, a local community farm that integrates biblical insights, traditional Jewish spirituality, and agricultural practices. Join us as we learn about how faith, food, agriculture, and the Earth intersect! To RSVP or for more information, please contact Eric van Maarth at ericv@stmoside.org.

Ignite! Updates Corner

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Ignite! Recap: This past Monday we had a Jon Moffat from Cyber Education Services come and talk to us about being smart when we use social media. After sharing a meal together, we went upstairs and had a hilarious and informative presentation on how social media can be a good tool and ways it can be a bad tool. Jon even showed us how he was able to look at our individual social media profiles and what they showed about us as Christians. We were happy to hear that many of our profiles reflected good Christian morals and behavior. I know the parents that attended were a little freaked but it made them feel better to know that kids at STM are not the average kid.

Reminder that auditions for our Christmas Program are being held Sunday, November 19, at 2:00pm.

Ignite! Tomorrow: See you **Monday, November 20**, 6:30-8:30pm for games and dinner on the Parish Center Lower Level!

—Tilly Rudolph / tillyr@stmoside.org

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! We have park play dates twice a month at a local park, and there are many other events throughout the month posted on our private Facebook page. Join us! Contact Natalia Sada at vzlanaty@yahoo.com or Estelle Eral at estelle.eral@gmail.com.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter—starts with the love you have for your spouse and helps you build, expand, and deepen that relationship. We invite all married couples to sign up for one of our upcoming weekends: January 26-28 and March 9-11. The weekend starts at 8:00pm on Friday and ends at 4:00pm on Sunday. Your meals and lodging are provided. There is a \$75 fee and a voluntary donation requested at the end of the weekend. Sign up today at www.wwme-sandiego.org

For more information, visit www.sdccatholic.org Ministries/Marriage and Family Life or call Caleb and Sheila McKinley at 858-245-1761.

Prayer Garden

The Parish's Prayer Garden (north of the plaza) is available for praying the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, or for personal prayer or meditation 24 hours a day.

STM Mental Health Ministry Network

STM is a member of the San Diego Diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network (MHMN) and has made a commitment to become a faith community that both understands mental illness and can provide compassionate support. If you or a loved one is experiencing mental health challenges, or if you would like to find out how to become a member, please contact us at 760-758-4100 x104 or MHMN@stmoside.org.

Anyone seeking the service of a Licensed Mental Health Professional affiliated with the San Diego Diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network can visit: eTherapyFinder.com/osm. Then, click on "Find Affiliated Therapists."

Therapists interested in affiliating with the San Diego diocesan Mental Health Ministry Network may visit eTherapyFinder.com and click on "CLINICIANS CLICK HERE" to register for a free profile. Once the profile has been acknowledged by eTherapyFinder.com (usually within one or two business days) visit eTherapyFinder.com/osm to view and accept the diocesan pledge.

Looking for a Way to Be Involved?

Visit our website (www.stmoside.org) and click on Get Involved for an easy way to find the perfect ministry to fit your time and talent!



Parish Events

No Thanksgiving Dinner at STM This Year

Unfortunately, we are **not** able to have the Thanksgiving Dinner at STM this year. May everyone have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Women's Guild News

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever.
—1 Chronicles 16:34*

Many thanks to Douglas Lynn, for an informative and interesting experience at our November luncheon meeting. He did a great job of explaining the history and workings of the handbell choir. I hope he will consent to return next year with another musical topic. Thanks Douglas!

Game Day was Saturday morning, and what a fun time it was! We had 75 attending at last count! We will have more information on Game Day statistics at the December meeting. Thanks to everyone for donating food, baskets, door prizes, and your time and money. Another successful fundraiser! Go Women's Guild!

The Christmas Raffle mailing is in the mail. Three winning tickets will be picked on December 17 on the plaza after the 10:30am Mass. Your participation and generosity in this fundraiser is very appreciated.

Our next monthly luncheon meeting is Monday, December 11, when we celebrate with a delicious Advent luncheon and seasonal music to get us in the mood for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Kathy Santy, our Parish pianist, and Judy Smith, VP of Women's Guild programs, will play beautiful music for us at the luncheon. Always a festive event for Women's Guild, be sure to set the date on your calendar and consider inviting a guest or two. Please bring a nonperishable item or canned food to donate to the STM shopping cart, any extra teaspoons that you may have to donate to the luncheon, and remember your RSVP with Patty Remington at 760-805-6935 or remingpatty@gmail.com.

Anna Marie Martinet, Corresponding Secretary, requests any extra cards that you can donate. Just bring them to the December meeting or place in box 35.

Remember in your prayers all of those who may be alone this Thanksgiving and those that cannot be home with their families. May God Bless them and keep them safe.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Trish Feeley, St. Thomas More Women's Guild President

Men's Fellowship Update

iHunger continues on Saturday mornings at 6:45am with an engaging new program called *Be a Man! Becoming the Man God Created You to Be* by Fr. Larry Richards. The morning starts with breakfast in the Parish Center Lower Level. We have breakfast off-site on the first weekend of each month all year round. We hope you can join us! No registration necessary!

To stay informed of what's going on with iHunger via text messages, text **iHunger to 84576** or email Deacon John at johnf@stmoside.org to have your email added to the iHunger distribution group.

iThirst: Are you thirsty for some occasional fellowship over a beer at a local micro-brewery with some other great men from the Parish? If so text **iThirst to 84576** to stay connected with what's going on.

Coming Up in December...

Christmas Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 16
\$20 each (\$10 tax deductible)



Sign up online at stmoside.org or on the Plaza after Masses

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

Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe Mosaic Update

Three of the 54 panels of the mosaic are still available for sponsorship at \$5,000/panel. Once all of the panels have been sponsored, we will be able to begin the restoration of the mosaic and its placement outdoors in our Memorial Garden.

Please contact Chris Smith for details:
760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org to sponsor a panel.



Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Come as a guest to our Annual Christmas Party December 17, Sunday afternoon, at the El Camino Country Club. The event includes dinner, entertainment, and the Billy Harper Dance Band for \$33. Must reserve before December 5. Check our website www.cwwnc.com or the bulletin board in the Parish Center Lower Level for our calendar of events each month. RSVPs are required. For more information, call Carol at 760-726-0533.

Advent Candles and Calendars

Advent is coming! Ready the way of the Lord!

Advent Items on Sale after all November Masses.

12 inch taper candle sets: \$12

3x6 inch pillar candle sets: \$35

Daily Calendars: \$3 to \$5

To place an order by email, send your requests to Davis Berry at davisb@stmoside.org or to Tilly Rudolph at tillyr@stmoside.org. All email orders will be available on or before Sunday, December 3.



Liturgy & Music *Worship God*

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

SCRIPTURE IN THE MASS

The words spoken by the people and the priest during the Mass and other Christian liturgies are not just loosely based on the Bible, many of them are direct quotations from particular biblical texts.

Can you match the words of the Mass to the passages of Scripture?

- A. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- B. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
- D. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...
- E. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
- F. Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you. ... Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- G. Do this in remembrance of me.
- H. Our Father, who art in heaven...
- I. Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- J. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "I leave you peace, my peace I give you."
- K. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- L. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
- M. Go in peace.



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"'Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.'"

Matthew 25:21

1. Psalm 118:26
2. Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8
3. Matthew 6:9-13
4. Matthew 8:8
5. Matthew 28:19
6. Mark 5:34
7. Luke 2:14
8. John 1:29,36; Revelation 19:9
9. John 14:27
10. 1 Corinthians 11:24-25
11. 1 Corinthians 11:24-25
12. 2 Corinthians 13:13
13. Titus 2:13

Answers next week!

Upcoming Music



NOVEMBER 26
Our Lord
Jesus Christ,
King of the
Universe



5:00pm
Cappella Choir
8:30am
Sanctuary Choir
10:30am
Tower Bells

Decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas

Saturday, Dec 2	Saturday, Dec 16	Monday, Dec 18	Sunday, Dec 24!
1:00pm 60 minutes	8:00am 90 minutes	9:30am 90 minutes	12:00noon 60 minutes
Set up Advent Banners Candles	Manger Manger Animals Trees	Manger Manger People Poinsettias	Holy Family Set up Magi Remove Advent

Can you help? Contact Theresa Berry, Art and Environment Coordinator, at theresab@stmoside.org

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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Youth Advocate

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Debbie Fredette
Director of Faith Formation

760-758-4100 x110; debbief@stmoside.org

Family Faith Formation

Today Is A REACH Sunday

Make faith an important part of your whole family's life!

Call the Faith Formation office today to register your child. Classes for children ages three through high school are available. Come join the fun! debbief@stmoside.org.

First Reconciliation/Eucharist News Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Children who have been preparing to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation are asked to attend the Advent Communal Penance Service on **Sunday, December 10**, at 4:00pm. Parents, please have your child to the church no later than 3:45pm. The children will be sitting as a class for the service. The next Parent Meeting for children receiving their First Communion will be on Sunday, January 21, at 12:30pm.

Confirmation News

Our next M3 (Mass/Meal/Message) is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, beginning with the 5:00pm Mass, followed by a family potluck and an engaging talk by **Cy Kellet, host of Catholic Answers Radio**. All Year 1 and Year 2 families are asked to attend to fulfill Confirmation requirements.

Christmas Production

Auditions! Auditions!

STM IGNITE PRESENTS

"The Littlest Angel"

Performance Date is Sunday, December 17

Casting For Youth Grades 6-12

Auditions will be held Sunday, November 19

2:00-3:30pm, Parish Center Upper Level

For more information, contact:

Tilly Rudolph at tillyr@stmoside.org

Debbie Fredette at debbief@stmoside.org

Parent's Shopping Night Out



Order SCRIP
before you
shop!

Looking for an evening to get all your Christmas shopping done without the kids? STM teens are here to help! We will offer babysitting on **Friday, December 15**, 6:00-9:00pm, on the Parish Center Lower Level for a reasonable fee. All proceeds go to support Youth Ministry. Watch for more details!

St. Thomas More ARK News



The **ARK**, is now open during the 10:30am Mass on **Sundays**! For more info on volunteering in the ARK or purchasing your ARK card for just \$3 a visit, please contact Lia at liak@stmoside.org. All children ages 0-5 welcome!

Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study News

Convinced Life Is Too Busy for a Bible Study?

- Watch video sessions when you want to—from your own home—from anywhere you have Internet access
- Same cost—same workbook—same great video series!
- Contact Faith Formation to find out how to register for a study today!



Morning/Evening Adult Bible Studies

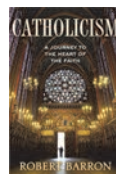


Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance will begin Wednesday, January 17, 9:00-11:00am on the Parish Center Upper Level. Contact Patt Goeltz at pattg@stmoside.org for more information and to register. Please register by December 13 to receive your workbook in time for the first session. Cost is \$25 for 8 weeks.

ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom Meets Thursday evenings 7:00-9:00pm on the Parish Center Lower Level. Contact Faith Formation office at debbief@stmoside.org for more information and to register.



Young Adult Bible Study



Young Adults in your twenties—join us for **Catholicism: Journey to the Heart of Faith** with Bishop Robert Barron two Sundays a month from **7:00-8:30pm**. Contact Rory at roryg@stmoside.org and text **young-adult** to **84576** to receive updates about the classes and other Young Adult events.

Youth Ministry



Teens, are you looking for additional ways to complete service hours? Ask Tilly how!

- Tommy's Café
- Parents Shopping & Date Night Out
- M3 & Family Fun Night Set Up
- Angel Tree
- Christmas Light Hanging
- Bother Benno's Saturday Food Line

FOOD, FUN & FRIENDS

High School All teens grades 9-12

Welcome!

IGNITE High School Youth Group meets on Monday evenings on the **Parish Center Lower Level** **6:30-8:30pm (dinner served)**



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

Chris Smith

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

Collection for Week of November 7-13

Number of Registered Households	1,250
Offertory	\$9,144.94
Offertory (Loose Collection)	\$1,266.00
Total	\$10,410.94

Mortgage/Building Completion Fund Income

October 2017

Mortgage Offering Collected	\$55,035.42
Mortgage Offering (Special Collection)	\$ 0.00
Mortgage Offering (Total for October)	\$55,035.42
Mortgage Payment Due	\$44,806.21
Mortgage Payment Overage/(Shortfall)	\$10,229.21
Payment toward Parish Reserves*	\$10,229.21

Memorial Items toward Building Completion Fund \$10,360.00

Please continue to support the
Mortgage/Building Completion Fund!

* Mortgage Payment overage will be applied to Parish Reserves

"Did You Know " Collection October 2017

\$5,033.00

Got Deductions? 2017 YEAR-END CHECKLIST



- † **BE SURE TO COMPLETE** all gifts by December 31 to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return. **Advance planning with the Parish Office is essential, since the Parish Office will be closed after Friday, December 22, at 4:00pm and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.**
- † Donations received at the Saturday, December 30, Vigil Mass and Sunday, December 31, Masses will be counted toward the 2017 tax year.
- † **Envelopes POSTMARKED by Sunday, December 31, will be counted toward the 2017 tax year.**
- † **Annual Catholic Appeal** ~ Parishioners with a balance due on their pledges made to this year's ACA are requested to conclude payments by December 31. *(Tithing families, know that your tithe covers your ACA contribution.)*
- † Keep all gift receipts and acknowledgment letters, especially for gifts of \$250 or more.
- † **Stock Donations** can be made at: www.sdcatholic.org, **Giving, Stock Donations.** Legal Name/Parish Name: Pastor of Saint Thomas More Catholic Parish, Tax ID# 27-3936812.

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

"St. Thomas More: A Parish For All Seasons"
In God, we live and move and have our being!
—Acts 17:28

Every December, we hear much talk of "keeping Christ in Christmas." But sometimes in the national discussion of Thanksgiving here in the United States, we talk about being thankful but at times leave out God as the source of all. Good stewards never miss an opportunity to thank our loving God. Here are a few thoughts for keeping God in Thanksgiving.



- † Many Parishes see as many people attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day as on holy days of obligation. Make sure you're in the crowd, and bring your kids to Mass to say **"thank you"** to God on this special day.
- † Food banks and shelters need food all year long, but many launch special drives on Thanksgiving Day. Fill up your trunk with donations, and remain mindful that you are acting out of a spirit of gratitude to God.
- † Make grace at your family feast especially memorable. Let people know ahead of time that they will be asked to name a person, a situation, an experience, for which they are grateful to a loving God.
- † Make that phrase, "Thank God," a little more frequent and sincere in your conversation. Don't be afraid to use the language of a grateful steward.
- † Set time aside to pray over some experience in your life that was difficult for you. Let God show you His presence in this moment and feel your heart respond with gratitude.
- † Set aside another time in which you recall an experience of deep happiness and joy—the birth of a child, a special moment with a loved one, a gift you received that was beyond your expectation. Let God be with you in these moments and express your deep thankfulness.

—ICSC November 2017 Stewardship e-bulletin (with permission)

Prayerfully consider being in charge of a team at STM who will revive our Thanksgiving Dinner at the Parish for those who are alone or have nowhere else to spend Thanksgiving. This dinner has been a popular tradition here, but needs new energetic people to organize and provide this dinner in 2018. Call or email me at the contact information above to help!

Blessings upon all of you, our many faithful stewards who keep the mission and ministry of Jesus alive through our ministries here at STM. I am extremely grateful for your varied gifts of time, talent, and resources! ~ Chris

Memorial Item Donations Available

Jesus, Divine Redeemer and Master of the Universe Mosaic Panels for Memorial Garden (54) 3 available	\$5,000 /each
Priests' Concelebration Vestments (4) 4 available	\$400 /each
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Daily Mass Chapel and Choir Chairs (200) 93 available	\$300 /each
Altar Server Albs (15) 5 available	\$125 /each
Pipe Organ —Our pipe organ is our "pipe dream"...but dream we must... donations of any amount toward the pipe organ will be accepted	\$850,000

11/15/17

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



STM Vehicle Donation Program

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As of September 29, we have netted \$71,922 from this program. Thank you donors!



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St. Francis Church News

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St. Francis School is our Parish School!—Families from St. Thomas More are extended the same benefits and rewards as St. Francis Parishioners, including:

- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

The Larger Church News

Thanksgiving Meal for the Needy at St. Francis—Thursday, November 23, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. Donations to this effort can be mailed to St. Francis Parish Office, Attention Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner. Please help. For more information, contact Mike Pritchard, Soup Kitchen Ministry, 760-630-9575.

Centering Prayer and the 11th Step—Saturday, December 9, 10:00am-5:00pm, St. Brigid Parish, 4735 Cass St., Pacific Beach. If you are in a 12-Step Program and are interested in deepening your practice of the 11th step, centering prayer is a simple, easy to learn, silent prayer. To register for this event contact Kdowns2@san.rr.com. There is no cost to this event.

Lessons and Carols Celebration—Saturday, December 9, 7:30pm or Sunday, December 10, 2:00pm, Founders Chapel, University of San Diego. A reflection on the birth of Jesus through scripture, music, and carols. For more information, contact cctc@sandiego.edu.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples—A program to help struggling marriages regain their health. For more information about upcoming weekends for couples, contact 951-259-9474 or visit HelpOurMarriage.com.

Support Group for Separated and Divorced—Sundays at 9:15am, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Parish Center, lower lot, Carlsbad. For more information, contact Jan Nadler, Ph.D. at jnadlerphd@gmail.com or 750-814-8604.

Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St. Paul—April 25-May 5, 2018, with Fr. Ron Kelso. Brochures available in the Parish Office.

St. Francis Women's Retreat—October 5-7, 2018, Vina de Lestonnac, Temecula. Space is limited—register now! For more information, contact Pat Swanson at 760-758-7008 or Rae Arnold at sonraetoo@gmail.com.

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The Vatican—w2.vatican.va.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops—usccb.org.

Diocese of San Diego—sdcatholic.org.

24/7 Catholic Radio on AM 1000 or RelevantRadio.com—Sunday Mass is broadcast at 7:00pm on Saturdays and 7:00am and 6:00pm on Sundays, plus a wide variety of programming.

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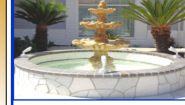
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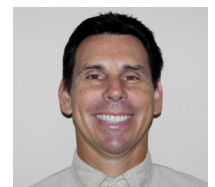
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Christmas Angels / Birth Choice



Would you like to be an angel this season? Collect and distribute gifts to infants and children in need from Solutions for Change, Catholic Charities, Camp Pendleton, and Birth Choice for baby items.

Contact Lisa Seufert:

760-716-0977

leprechaun81@sbcglobal.net

Disability Facilitation



Can you provide support to Parishioners with physical challenges, including rides to and from Church, doctor appointments, shopping, etc.? We have Parishioners who are in need of transportation assistance.

Contact Ann Eriksson:

760-305-9985

eriksson1@att.net

"For Purchase Lunch Program"



Are you able to institute, coordinate schedules, and supervise teen workers at Tommy's Café after the 10:30am Mass on REACH Sundays for families with children in Faith Formation? We need four adults to help with this program!

Contact Debbie Fredette:

760-758-4100 x110

debbief@stmoside.org

Eucharistic Ministers



Would you like to help the Priest and Deacon distribute Holy Communion on weekends, holydays, or during the week at Church, Tri-City Medical Center, or residential communities?

Contact Douglas Lynn:

760-758-4100x140

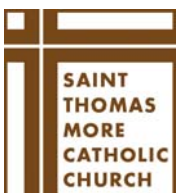
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For other ministries with immediate needs, go to www.stmoside.org and click on *Get Involved/Parish Ministries*, then *I'm Ready to Help Now* or scan the QR Code.

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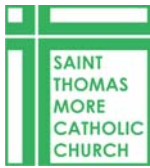
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Our 3-Year Endeavor to Complete the Build-out of Our Parish

(January 2018-December 2020)

Transcript of Financial Update

by Doug D'Agrosa

Parish Financial Liaison

November 18-19, 2017



Good morning, my name is Doug D'Agrosa, and I am the Parish Financial Liaison here at St. Thomas More. It's my responsibility to represent Fr. Mike and the Finance Council and update you on how we are doing with the Operations Budget and the Mortgage and Building Completion Fund. Hard to believe, but it has been a year since the last update I provided to the Parish. Today, I will cover three areas. First, some news updates (and no, they are not "fake news"); second, review our financial situation; and third, introduce Endeavor 2020, our new three-year Capital Campaign to complete our Parish build-out, including the completion of our Parish Offices, the creation of our Memorial Garden, and ensuring our monthly mortgage payments going forward.

On the news front, I am happy to report that Fr. Mike's back surgery went well, he's feeling good and wishes he could be here with us every Sunday. He thanks you all for the prayers, warm wishes, support, and keeping our St. Thomas More spirit alive. Secondly, we have settled on our final payment with our general contractor, T.B. Penick & Sons, for the construction of our worship space, and the Diocese has helped us in making that final payment. Last, lucky for you and for me, I will be providing these financial updates twice a year going forward. You can thank me later.

In the meantime, since we have celebrated our Dedication Mass and moved into our Worship Space, the Parish has experienced quality growth with dedicated new Parishioners on board after meeting with our Welcome Ministers. As you may have also noticed, there are many new, younger families and children in the Parish. A few years ago, during one of the New Parishioner Luncheons, as I was talking with a young father who was balancing multiple kids on his lap, he apologized for the volume and

energy of his kids. As a father of three myself, I told him not to apologize, that if it was not for his kids, and all the new young families who are attending Mass each Sunday with their energetic kids, there would be no need to build the new Church. And our new families, couples, and singles are contributing their time, talent, and treasure, just as Michael and Lia Haubert's "lay witness talks" last week so wonderfully demonstrated. We are truly blessed here at St. Thomas More.

Now, onto our financial situation. As a reminder, our mortgage payment is \$45,000 per month. This is based on our mortgage with the Knights of Columbus, a 20-year agreement, for \$6.6 million at a fixed interest rate of 5.345%. On the bright side, we have completed 38 payments and now have less than 17 years of monthly payments left.

Last year, I shared that we were consistently behind in our monthly mortgage payments, an average of about \$3,500 per month. In this past year, we have averaged a monthly shortfall of about \$5,100 per month. Last year, we were able to "cover" some of the shortfall from Parish Reserves that we had accumulated during construction and unexpected donations from the Towers of Faith. However, we need to eliminate this monthly deficit so that we don't have to pay the mortgage payment from funds designated for other purposes.

If you remember, last year we won the San Diego Architectural Foundation's Grand Orchid for the best new Architectural Design in 2016. In Fr. Mike's remarks at the award ceremony he tied the design highlights of our Church to our faith journey: softwood reflecting the warmth of the Church; the unfinished concrete walls representing how we are all unfinished, imperfect beings; and the windows that provide the transparency necessary

for us as Church to be clear and honest about acknowledging our strengths and weaknesses.

So in the spirit of transparency, how did we end up in this position of being consistently short on our mortgage payment? In August of 2014, St. Thomas More had completed two very successful Capital Campaigns and had raised \$5.4 million, enough for our down payment and to secure a loan from the Diocese to build our permanent Church and Parish Offices building. As the finance council was moving forward on our building plan, the Diocese was planning on providing our Parish with a 30-year loan of \$6.6 million with a 4.4% adjustable rate.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond ours and the Diocese's control, they were unable to extend that loan and we were directed to secure our loan from the National Office of the Knights of Columbus, under terms I mentioned earlier. The difference in those terms was a monthly payment difference of approximately of \$12,000 per month and payments started 16 months earlier than expected. For that reason, we are not on the financial path that we had planned for some time.

So that leads to me to introduce "St. Thomas More: A Parish for All Seasons," our three-year Endeavor to complete the build-out of our Parish. The goal of this Endeavor, or to be perfectly transparent, our Capital Campaign, is to raise \$3.3 million over three years starting in January 2018. So what does the \$3.3 million pay for? Before I review the breakdown, know that we will be holding a Parish Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, November 29, at 7:00pm to provide more details, and more importantly, to answer any questions you may have on the Endeavor, the building plans, and anything else you may want to know.

So what does \$3.3 million cover in our new Endeavor? Well, one million dollars to complete the Parish Offices building and renovations on, as Deacon John referred to it, our "Churchnasium," as we continue to support the growth of our younger Parishioners. Secondly, \$400,000 to cover the final payment to our Church contractor that the Diocese loaned us. Thirdly, \$300,000 to complete the Memorial Garden, including the Mosaic portion, that many have been so generous in securing. And lastly, \$1.6 million to cover our monthly mortgage payments over the next three years.

Fr. Mike, the Finance Council, and I are very confident regarding the ability of our Parish and this new Endeavor. In 2008, when we were in the middle of our two previous Capital Campaigns, the economy was on the verge of a depression, the Dow Jones dropped to 6,450 in March of 2009, and unemployment eventually peaked at 9.6% in 2010. Today, the Dow Jones is over 23,000, and unemployment is steady at just over 4%. Now I understand that everyone's situation is different, but overall, we are in a much better position economically today than we were back during the last two capital campaigns. And God provided...and is still providing. As of mid-November we have over \$300,000 already pledged from several of our Parishioners toward this Endeavor.

In closing, there are three things I ask. First and most importantly, please pray, for Fr. Mike's healthy recovery, for the Parishioners of our St. Thomas More Faith Community, church leaders, and political leaders to make us united and not divided. Second, as we start the holiday season, remember how you can contribute to St. Thomas More by just doing what you are already doing. When buying gas, groceries and gifts, make an effort to stop by the scrip table and see how with a little planning, you can contribute to STM just by buying gift cards for things you were going to purchase anyway. Plus, if you shop on Amazon—and who doesn't nowadays—by going to *smile.amazon.com*, you can contribute half a percent of most of your purchases with Amazon to St. Thomas More. Nothing extra out of your pocket, just use *smile.amazon.com* instead of *amazon.com* or the phone app.

And lastly, please attend the Parish Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, November 29, at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served, and childcare will be available. Everyone who RSVPs will receive an informational packet on this new Endeavor. RSVP information is below and in the bulletin. We will review Endeavor 2020 in more detail, share how you can participate in the capital campaign, and answer any and all questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you, God bless you and God bless St. Thomas More Parish!

Parish Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, November 29, 7:00pm | Parish Center Lower Level

In order to properly accommodate all who will be coming, please RSVP to Henny by Monday, November 27, at 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org with your names, contact information, and whether you need babysitting services for your children.

St. Thomas More Spirited Seniors WINTER LUNCHEON



Tuesday, December 19

Doors Open—11:30am

Lunch—12:00-1:30pm

Parish Center, Lower Level

\$20 members, \$22 non members

Catered by Bobby's Hideaway Cafe



Please complete the registration form, Place it in an envelope marked "Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon" and return it to the offertory collection or the Parish Office, Box 12, by December 11.

For more information, contact Jim and Marilyn Day at 760-509-4545 or jandmday@cox.net.

MENU

California Spring Greens Salad with Choice of Dressings
Meatloaf and Mushroom Sauce on Cheddar Garlic Mashed Potatoes

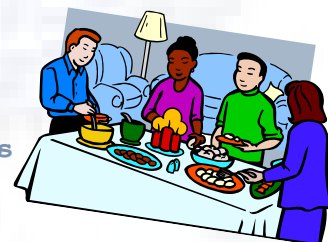
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Assorted Pies for Dessert

Wine, Sparkling Apple Cider, Coffee, and Tea

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The Spirited Seniors Winter Luncheon • December 19 • Reservation forms due by December 11

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“The Littlest Angel”

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Everyone will get a part in the Performance
Auditions will be held Sunday, November 19
2:00-3:30pm Parish Center Upper Level**

For more information contact:

Tilly Rudolph at tillyr@stmoside.org

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Performances: Sunday, December 17

1:00pm Dress Rehearsal | 5:00pm Performance

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