

Church of St. Thomas More Christian Stewardship • November 2008
You also, as living stones . . . —1 Peter

We are most grateful to our parishioners who step up each year to facilitate the nearly 100 ministries that make St. Thomas More such a vibrant Faith Community.

Following are some facts and descriptions of a few of the things that happen during the year, both visibly and behind the scenes, thanks to the efforts of our Christian stewards. More hands are always welcome!

It Takes . . .

- ◆ **422 Masses** to fill our Parish's liturgical needs each year judging by the past 12 months.
- ◆ **5-6 People (10 Person Teams)** to set up the 495 chairs and arrange the Upper Level on Saturday mornings for Mass, every other week.
- ◆ **75 Liturgical Ministers** to cover three Masses on any given weekend, including Eucharistic ministers, Hospitality ministers, Greeter, Readers, Altar Servers and Sacristans for each Mass.
- ◆ **16 Eucharistic Ministers** to bring communion to Tri-City Hospital, on a weekly basis, each month on Tuesdays (four teams of four people).
- ◆ **12 Eucharistic Ministers** weekly to administer communion to our Parish's shut-in members and to the convalescent and retirement homes we serve.
- ◆ **61 Handbells** to make up the four-octave set that 10 to 12 ringers use to play during Mass. We're very grateful for the surprise Parishioner Handbell donation, which has made this choir possible!
- ◆ **6 Artisans** on our Art & Environment team to prepare and maintain our worship space for our various seasons, feasts, and solemnities.
- ◆ **83 Musicians** to make the music we currently hear at the Parish during the year.
- ◆ **6 Weeks** of rehearsal for every song that any of our choirs presents during a liturgy, an average of about 1-1/2 total practice hours each.
- ◆ **275+ Stewards** to help our Faith Formation and Evangelization Ministries flow so seamlessly.
- ◆ **35 Catechists and Assistants** (plus more helpers) to share faith in the RE.A.CH program for our youth twice a month. **265 children** are enrolled in this program which covers youth from 3 to 18 yrs. old.

- ◆ **50+ Parishioners** make our annual Vacation Bible School a success each summer. Enrollment is 160!
- ◆ **8 Adult Facilitators** for Liturgy of the Word for Children to allow our young parishioners, ages 4 through 12yrs., to share God's Word on their level during the first part of Sunday Mass. *Adult Facilitators are needed to help with this ministry!*
- ◆ **Many Hands** to help facilitate "Looking At Life Through The Eyes of Faith" which offers multiple opportunities for adult faith formation throughout the year. Help is especially needed for our Parish Retreat in March 2009, as well as ideas for future planning. Wayne Zych would welcome your participation on the committee!
- ◆ **6-Hour and 10-Hour Faith Formation Courses** to cover the needs of our teens. These are presented by those who enjoy interacting with teens. Help is needed to expand the courses offered. A team of young adult facilitators is a great alternative.
- ◆ **Great Faith for 40+ Parishioners** to participate in our weekly morning and evening sessions of Little Rock Scripture Studies.
- ◆ **Faithful Stewards** to help facilitate our RCIA team, led by Mario Diaz. This program conforms to fit the number of sponsors needed to welcome and prepare new members for initiation into the Catholic Church.
- ◆ **3 Catechists** to help with monthly classes to prepare parents presenting infants for Baptism.
- ◆ **10 Baptism Banner Makers** to make a special banner for each new Catholic.
- ◆ **32 People** to cover the details necessary for us to have Monday Night Mass on the first Monday of every month, as well as to provide music on certain weekend and special liturgies.
- ◆ **8 STM Parishioners** to staff the serving line at Brother Benno's on the first Saturday of each month. 12 members stand ready to fill in as it is necessary.
- ◆ **Many People** to provide dinners, on the last Sunday of each month, to North County Solutions for Change homeless shelter in Vista. Individual families, and/or ministerial groups provide the monthly dinners, which serve 35-40 people.

It takes over 1,400 stewards to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus at STM!

- ◆ **60-75 Stewards**, depending on the size of the funeral, to help the Bereavement Ministry cover details of a funeral from start to finish, including:
 - Core Team Ministers** who work with the family
 - Liturgical Ministers** for Mass or Memorial Service
 - Bakers and Salad Makers** for the receptions
 - Kitchen/Reception Area** set up/clean up crews
 - Ushers and Greeters** for the Services (*More are needed please!*)
 - Paschal Choir Members** provide musical support at every funeral
- ◆ **8 People a week** to sell Scrip after each weekend Mass and during the week on Tuesday/Thursday mornings. It takes 23 people to run the Scrip program and a minimum of 1,000 families using Scrip to make this program worthwhile.
- ◆ **6-8 Stewards** to stuff our bulletins every week!
- ◆ **120+ People** to coordinate all the details of our annual Golf Classic. May 1, 2009 marks our 10th Annual Golf Classic and includes:
 - Golf Tournament** for adults
 - Miniature Golf Tournament** at Boomers! Vista
 - Happy Hour, Dinner & Dancing** at STM
 - Raffles, Live and Silent Auctions**
 - Childcare** provided (with dinner/entertainment)
- ◆ **8-10 Parishioners** to promote our Pro-Life efforts with Birth Choice in San Marcos, Life Walk and collections for newborn infants.
- ◆ **3 People** to keep our Library organized. *Got time?*
- ◆ **60+ People** to make our Christmas Angel Program a success with collections for the homeless shelters in Vista, stockings for local families in need, outreach gifts for our Sister Parish in New Orleans and infant items for Birth Choice, San Marcos.
- ◆ **Numerous Knights of Columbus** to help with:
 - 30-45/Sunday** Breakfasts,
 - 22 weekly/Lenten** Fish Fries,
 - 9-10/St. Bonaventure** clothing collection
 - 6 per weekend/Christmas** card, stickers and entertainment book sales.
- ◆ **10 Spirited Seniors** to plan and organize multiple annual events to enhance the spiritual, educational and friendship needs of all its members.
- ◆ **Multiple Women's Guild Members** to:
 - 56/facilitate** Bake Sales,
 - 10/quilters** to provide for annual raffle,
 - 40/coordinate** the annual Fashion Show,
 - 20/coordinate** Game Days.

- ◆ **36 Parishioners** to coordinate ongoing efforts with our Sister Parish, St. Peter Claver in New Orleans.
- ◆ **35+ More's Helpers** to help those in need in our own neighborhood with house repairs under the auspices of Interfaith Community Services. Emails go out when help is needed.
- ◆ **14 Parishioners** to facilitate our "Welcome Ministry" which introduces prospective members to the life and activities of our faith community.
- ◆ **14 Stewards** from our Membership Committee to host semi-annual Welcome Receptions for our newest members.
- ◆ **8 Women** to promote the work of Project Linus by making blankets for children undergoing physical or emotional difficulties. *Help welcome!*
- ◆ **4 Certified Instructors** to train and certify **300+ Parishioners** in CPR/AED with the American Red Cross classes offered at the parish.
- ◆ **10 Stewards** with Faith Works to assist our local community organizations to improve the quality of life and neighborhoods.
- ◆ **14 Interior Design Team Members** to attend to the numerous details involved with the Interior Design of a Roman Catholic Church!
- ◆ **13 Development Council Members** to address our ongoing build-out plans. These include Capital Campaign and New Construction members who monitor the many necessary components involved to bring our build-out to fruition.
- ◆ **10 Finance Council Members** to assist our Pastor with keeping our parish financially sound.
- ◆ **"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together"** Capital Campaign (\$12.4M total goal) to continue on course in order to turn our dreams into reality. We are grateful that, after nearly 4 years, 78% of our registered households have made pledges!
- ◆ **Money** to pay bills for our homes, and also costs money to pay the bills for our 22,500 sq. ft. multi-purpose Parish Center. We've occupied our first building for 6 years, and have ongoing maintenance. Your gifts to our operating budget are necessary to continue our current mission, as well as being able to move forward with any new buildings!
- ◆ **8 People per day, one per hour** for Eucharistic Adoration when we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Friday of each month.
Make time for Jesus!

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

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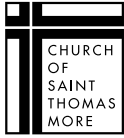
Christian Stewardship Opportunities Response Form

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

Please take time to carefully review the stewardship book and select the area(s) that best fit your desire to serve.

Make a heartfelt selection! Return this form

- via the collection basket at Mass,
- to the Parish Office during the week
- or by mailing to the Parish office.



God's Peace!

STEWARDSHIP: Time & Talent

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Faith Formation & Evangelization

- Evangelization
- Vocations
- Adult Faith Formation
- Little Rock Scripture Studies
- Small Church Communities
- Religious Education for Children
- Liturgy of the Word for Children
- Middle School Youth Ministry
- High School Ministry
- Young Adults
- Rite of Christian Initiation
- Adults
- Children
- Sacramental Preparation
- Baptism
- Reconciliation/Eucharist
- Confirmation

Liturgy

- Altar Linen Care
- Bereavement Ministry
- Ecumenical/Interreligious Affairs
- Environment & Art
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Interior Design Team
- Wedding Coordinator
- Liturgical Ministers
- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Hospitality
- Readers
- Sacristans

- Adult Choir
- Children's Choir
- Handbell Choir
- Monday Night Mass Music Team
- Paschal Choir

Marriage & Family Life

- Marriage Preparation
- Engaged Encounter Weekend
- Evenings for the Engaged
- Family Services
- Marriage & Family Enrichment
- Parents & Tots
- Widows & Widowers

Parish Organizations & Events

- Golf Classic
- Historians
- Knights of Columbus
- Parish Library
- Senior Ministry
- Social Activities
- Women's Guild

Social Ministries

- Bereavement Follow up Support
- Blood Drive
- Brother Benno's
- Christmas Angel Ministry
- CPR/AED Classes
- Disability Facilitation
- Faith Works
- Fraternity and Michaelle House
- Huggy Buddies Program

- Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice
- Interfaith Shelter Network
- Jail Ministry
- More's Helpers
- Parish Social Justice (PSJ)
- Prayer Request Line
- Project Linus
- Pro-Life Activities
- Sick and Homebound
- Sister Parish—St. Peter Claver
- St Bonaventure Mission

DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

- Annual Catholic Appeal
- Capital Campaign
- New Construction
- Parish Membership
- Planned Giving
- Publicity/Public Relations
- Sacrificial Giving/Tithing
- Scrip Sales
- Stewardship Coordinator
- Vehicle Donations
- Welcome Ministry

FINANCE COUNCIL

- Committee Chairpersons

OFFICE SUPPORT

- Chair Ministry
- General Support
- Kitchen Overseer
- STM Host Program

Name(s):	Phone:
Email:	
Ministry(ies) of choice:	

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Christian Stewardship Treasure Response Form

*... are built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood,
to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*
—1 Peter 2:5

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State / Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

There are 3 options for giving at St. Thomas More

OPTION 1 ~ TITHING

We will tithe 10% of our gross income
(8% to St. Thomas More, 2% to other charities)

Our tithe offering to STM will be

\$ _____ weekly, or

\$ _____ monthly

Payment Options

- Cash or check
- ACH (auto checking withdrawal)
- Credit card (VISA, Mastercard, or Discover Card)

OFFICE USE ONLY
Operational _____
Building Fund _____
Total Tithe _____

Your Tithe Includes:

- Capital Campaign/Building Fund
- Parish Operational Offering
- Religious Education Fees
- Sacrament Stipends
(Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc.)
- Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)
- All National Collections:
 - * Annual Lenten Appeal
 - * Collection of the Holy Father,
 - * Propagation of the Faith,
 - * World Missions Collection,
 - * National Needs Collection and
 - * Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

OPTION 2 ~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING (includes both sections below)

Operational Offering

My/our operational offering to STM will be:

\$ _____ weekly

or

\$ _____ monthly

If you choose to make an operational sacrificial gift, please also complete the building pledge section

“Our Journey Into the Future . . . Together”

My/our Building Fund Pledge will be:

\$ _____

AND

Please select payment option

o 3 years (36 months)

o 5 years (60 months)

Weekly \$ _____

Quarterly \$ _____

Monthly \$ _____

Semi-annually \$ _____

Annually \$ _____

Payment Options

- Cash or check (payable to St. Thomas More)
- ACH (auto checking or savings withdrawal)
- Credit card (VISA, Mastercard, or Discover Card)

OPTION 3

I/We are unable to make a building fund pledge at this time, but will continue to support the Operational Fund.

Donor Signature: _____

Date: _____

***Your commitment is made before God and is confidential.
It is not legally binding and may be changed if necessary by contacting the Parish Office.***

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