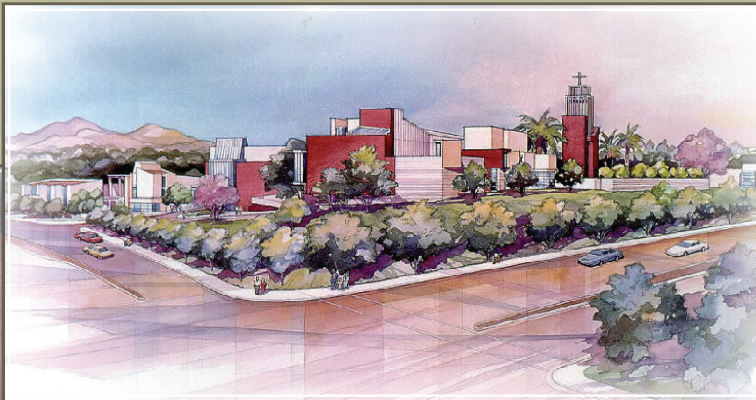


Church of St. Thomas More

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Spirituality + Tradition + Community

Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Pastor
Deacon Thomas A. Goeltz

Office Hours: Monday-Friday
8:30am-12:00 noon and 12:30-4:00pm

Mass Schedule
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am

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

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

October 18, 2009 • Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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Health Care Reform and the Catholic Bishops—An Update

The debate on health care reform continues, and the the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is still in the middle of the debate promoting the “pro-life” stance.

Now that the House and Senate proposals are coming into clearer focus, a letter, dated 10/08/09, was released by the USCCB to every member of both chambers. This letter states the “priority criteria” on what a reform package would need—and, at present, doesn’t contain—before it could receive the Church’s support. The letter is signed by the USCCB’s committee chairs for pro-life activities, domestic policy, and migration.

Here is the text of the letter:

On behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), we are writing to express our disappointment that progress has not been made on the three priority criteria for health care reform that we have conveyed previously to Congress. In fact, the Senate Finance Committee rejected a conscience rights amendment accepted earlier by the House Energy and Commerce Committee. If final legislation does not meet our principles, we will have no choice but to oppose the bill. We remain committed to

working with the Administration, Congressional leadership, and our allies to produce final health reform legislation that will reflect our principles.

We continue to urge you to:

1. **Exclude mandated coverage for abortion, and incorporate longstanding policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights.** No one should be required to pay for or participate in abortion. It is essential that the legislation clearly apply to this new program longstanding and widely supported federal restrictions on abortion funding and mandates, and protection for rights of conscience. No current bill meets this test.
2. **Adopt measures that protect and improve people’s health care.** Reform should make quality health care affordable and accessible to everyone, particularly those who are vulnerable and those who live at or near the poverty level.

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Our Mission is to: worship God,

Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm; Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am;
Tuesday-Friday at 8:15am;
watch bulletin for holydays

Rite of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration: Monday-Friday from 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 758-4100 x100

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Parish Office

Matrimony:

Contact Parish Office a minimum of nine months in advance

*For further information, call Rev. Michael Ratajczak
at 758-4100 x100 or michaelr@stmoside.org.*

teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

Inquiry into the Catholic Faith:

First and third Thursday evenings

Religious Education for Youth & Children:

Two times a month, September-May, on Sundays

Religious Education for Adults: Various times, September-May

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

Little Rock Scripture Study:

Weekly sessions, morning or evening

High School Youth Ministry: Monday evenings

Middle School Youth Ministry:

Two Monday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 yrs.)/RCIA:

One to two year process with children and parents

Baptism (adults)/RCIA:

One to two year process; weekly sessions

First Reconciliation: In home process begins in Level 1

First Communion:

In home process begins after First Reconciliation

Confirmation: Minimum two year process of preparation;
begins in high school

*For further information, call Kathleen Bell
at 758-4100 x110 or kathleenb@stmoside.org.*

and serve God's people in word and deed.

There are many groups who serve our Parishioners
and provide outreach to the local community.

*For further information, see page 10, or call Chris Smith
at 758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.*

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3. **Include effective measures to safeguard the health of immigrants, their children, and all of society.** Ensure that legal immigrants and their family members have comprehensive, affordable, and timely access to health care coverage. Maintain an adequate safety net for those who remain uncovered.

We sincerely hope that the legislation will not fall short of our criteria. However, we remain apprehensive when amendments protecting freedom of conscience and ensuring no taxpayer money for abortion are defeated in committee votes. If acceptable language in these areas cannot be found, we will have to oppose the health care bill vigorously. Catholic moral tradition teaches that health care is a basic human right, essential to protecting human life and dignity.

Much-needed reform of our health care system must be pursued in ways that serve the life and dignity of all, never in ways that undermine or violate these fundamental values. We will work tirelessly to remedy these central problems and help pass real reform that clearly protects the life, dignity, and health of all.

Sincerely,

Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Bishop William F. Murphy
Diocese of Rockville Centre
Chairman, Committee on Domestic Justice &
Human Development

Bishop John Wester
Diocese of Salt Lake City
Chairman, Committee on Migration

F. n. Mike

Looking for Information on the Catholic Faith?

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism, becoming a Catholic, or returning to the Catholic Church after being away? You're invited to Inquiry Sessions, which meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at the Parish Center.

For information, call Jim Treat at 760-598-3602.

Eucharistic Adoration



*Monday-Friday • 6:30am-7:30pm
Blessed Sacrament Chapel*

Exposition of the Eucharist on First Fridays.
Next date: Friday, November 6.

*For more information, contact
the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100.*

St. Francis and St. Thomas More Offertory Envelopes

Any St. Francis Offertory Envelopes given to the offertory collection at St. Thomas More will be returned to St. Francis.

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Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, October 18 (146)

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm 33:4-5,18-20,22

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

Monday, October 19 (473)

John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests, martyrs, and their companions, martyrs

Romans 4:30-25

Luke 1:69-75 (Psalm)

Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 20 (474)

Paul of the Cross, priest

Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,20b-21

Psalm 40:7-10,17

Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 21 (475)

Romans 6:12-18

Psalm 124:1-8

Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 22 (476)

Romans 6:19-23

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 23 (477)

John of Capistrano, priest

Romans 7:18-25a

Psalm 119:66,68,76-77,93,94

Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 24 (478)

Anthony Mary Claret, bishop

Romans 8:1-11

Psalm 24:1-6

Luke 13:1-9

Sunday, October 25 (149)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 126:1-6

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

Prayer List

Call 758-4100 x102 to add a name for four weeks.

Mary Alexander
Mary Baker
Patricia Barbour
Tom & Cathy Bartholomew
Cdr. & Mrs. T. J. Beckenbauer
Cindra Bell
John Bennici
Regina Bentz
Beatrice Brooks & Family
Monica Broussard
Janet Brown
Roseanne Burg
Herman Calandro
Shelby Campbell
Paul Cipowski
Marilyn Clarke
James Coleman
Thomas Cornwell & Family
Jean Crowell
Karen Flaharty Daley
Margie Daniels & Family
Julie Desco & Family
Cecilia DeSimone
Linda Dossman
Rhys Dougherty
Kathryn Ernst
The Fiore Family
Peggy & Jack Fischer
Ryan Flum
Kathryn Franklin
Joe Freire
Carmen Garcia
Peter Gavin
Bob Godley
Rick Gonzalez
Anita Hage
Susan Hallahan
The Harker Family
Rita Harnacker
Barry Henwood
Cynthia Horner
Sue Johnston
Colleen Kaup
Darleen Kelch
Paul Kennedy
Debbie Kinney
George Kleekamp
Carol Ann Kope
Sr. Anne Kremenik
Helen Kuhn
Lillian Lachance
The Lamelin Family
Bernie Lanzrath
Rick Laver
Brandon LeBlanc
David Leué
Cassandra Loretto
Lauren Loretto
Tony Lugo
James MacArthur
Ken Mauro
Helen McCullough
Tom McGeary
Bob McWilliams
Carol Michael
Carroll Tom & Nona Miller
Howard Montgomery
Nancy Moore
Margie Myers
Liliana & Luis Nagera
C'gourney Nakamoto

Norberto Navvarrow
R. Northrup
Helen O'Connell
Leticia Orantes & Nolberto Navarro
Leticia Ornelas & Patrick Nakla
The Palmer Family
Lupe Casas Pelletier
Helen Pingtella
Brandon Portman
Anne Post
Lana Marie Pressman
Otila Quiroz
Janet Raiman
Betty Rameriz
Cecy Rameriz
Isabel Ramirez
Dort Riley
Sr. Loyola Romey
Dorothy Rouse
Rose Rowland
The Russo Family
Nancy Scali
Richard Sikora
Nick Soltau
Ed Sox
Gilda Spiegl
Dorothy and Ray Staehr
Joan Stringer
Maria Surmenidis
Stephen Toth, Jr.
Arnie Velasco
Dominic Vienna, Jr.
Vanessa Vitiello-Koble
Barbara Voeltel
Kevin Watson-Graff
Ed Wesel
Marilyn Wesel
Terry Westlake
John Whitton

Deployed Military

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

Gunnery Sgt. Fernando Andrade, Jr.
1st Lt. Jeffrey Bauer, USMC
Pfc John Brandone
Capt. Gregory Day, USMC
Lance Corporal Brandon Doyle, USMC
St Sgt Joseph Duffy, USAF
MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC
Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army
Julian Torres, USMC
Corporal Jeffery Lee Wilcox, USMC

All-powerful God, be their constant companion and strength in every adversity. May they experience your faithful presence, gentle love, and compassionate healing.

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Calendar Highlights

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The Week Ahead

- Oct 17-18 Women's Guild
Bake Sale
- Oct 17-18 Knights of Columbus
Tootsie Roll Drive
- Oct 18 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at
8:30am and 10:30am
Masses
- Oct 18 New Member Reception
- Oct 18 RE.A.CH High School
Classes only

The Month Ahead

- Oct 21 Fr. Mike's Bookies
- Oct 24 Women's Prayer
Breakfast
- Oct 25 Liturgy of the Word for
Children at 8:30am
Mass
- Oct 25 RE.A.CH Classes

The Year Ahead

- Nov 8 Choral Concert:
Missa Romantica
- Nov 9 Women's Guild Meeting
- Nov 14-15 St. Bonaventure
Clothing Drive
- Nov 15 Blood Drive
- Nov 22 Stewardship
Appreciation Reception
- Dec 6 Towers of Faith
Reception
- Dec 14 Women's Guild Meeting

Next Year—2010

- April 30 Eleventh Annual
Golf Classic
- Aug 22 Second Annual
Pastor's Dinner

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17, 5:00pm
Florencio Aurecochea ☩

Sunday, October 18, 8:30am
Dolores Murchison ☩

Sunday, October 18, 10:30am
Paula Gurrera ☩

Tuesday, October 20, 8:15am
Laura Ludke ☩

Wednesday, October 21, 8:15am
Patrick McCarthy ☩

Wednesday, October 21, 9:45am
Nancy Scali
Emeritus of Oceanside

Thursday, October 22, 8:15am
Dolores Murchison ☩

Friday, October 23, 8:15am
Rita Mazarella ☩

Saturday, October 24, 5:00pm
Bill Votel ☩

Sunday, October 25, 8:30am
Leo Grassilli ☩

Sunday, October 25, 10:30am
Jerry & Judy Buoniconti

Announcing the Baptisms of

Lee Anne Marie Higuera
Lydia Lynn Wojcik
on October 18, 2009



Our Christian community welcomes you with great joy!

Congratulations to

Darian Gotti & Larry Kennedy
who were married on October 17, 2009

*May God keep you in love with each other,
so that the peace of Christ may stay with you
and be always in your home.*

**Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners**

Jay & Ann Banister
Robert & Anne Fallone & Family
Robert & Nicolle McCulloch & Family

Flower Donations

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the contribution of:

Dick & Ann McGeary
Paul & Kathy Santy

whose generosity helped to defray the cost of flowers last weekend and this weekend, respectively, in our liturgical environment.

Thank You...

...for all your prayers and good wishes during my recent surgery and recovery. May your blessings of support be multiplied and returned to you a hundredfold. —Ann Buko

STM \$crip News

Let's take the merchants up on their offer to help build our Sanctuary! Stop by the Scrip table on the Plaza to find out how.

In order for St. Thomas More to benefit from your shopping at Ralphs, Food4Less, and Albertsons you must update your cards. Please stop by the scrip table to find out how, or call Theresa Goeltz at 760-453-2876.

Scrip is sold after weekend Masses and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:00am in the Parish Office.

I Want to Earn STM Building Fund \$\$\$ with My...

Albertson's Card #(11 digits)

Ralph's Card—Please visit Scrip table for flyer.

☐ Please send me a Food 4 Less Card

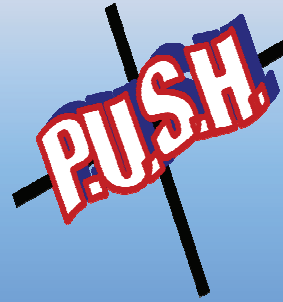
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Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please place completed form in the collection basket or return it to the \$CRIP table after weekend Masses or the Parish Office during the week. Thank you!

St. Thomas More Middle School Youth Group



**P.U.S.H.
Meets Monday
October 19
7:00-8:30pm**

*You think you know....
But you don't really know!!??!!
(Bring your Best Friend)
All 6th, 7th & 8th
graders are "Welcome".*

Visit our website:

www.stmoside.org/ym

Email: ronb@stmoside.org

Call Ron or Louise Briseno @ 758.4100 x 153

OH, GROW UP!!!

at
high school youth group
monday
october 19
7:00-8:30pm
info 760-726-7236

ACTTS—Adult Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties who Socialize

Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 30, 8:00pm—Halloween Party
at O'Sullivan's Irish Pub in Carlsbad (costumes encouraged).

For more information, contact:
actts@stmoside.org or 760-453-2870.

World Mission Sunday Collection

Envelopes were stapled to the bulletin the first weekend in October for World Mission Sunday, our opportunity to support the Church's effort to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Envelopes may be returned any time during the month of October. Thank you for your support!

Women's Guild News

Women's Guild members look forward to the November 9 meeting at 11:00am on the lower level of the Parish Center. We will hold a *Book Faire* for the first time. There will be a book exchange, and we will have the honor of hosting author Jennifer Lanzrath. Lunch will be served. There will also be raffle prizes and an opportunity drawing. For more information and reservations, please call Valerie Thompson at 760-630-1703, Mary Coxon at 760-599-8760, or Elizabeth Remsberg at 760-727-0751.

Christmas Angel Time!

The Angel Tree Ministry is about to start its 2009 Christmas Season. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 28, at 7:00pm on the lower level of the Parish Center. A second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, at 7:00pm. Please join us in this wonderful ministry to bring Christmas joy to those in need at several local charities. We need volunteers to prepare and man the angel tree adorned with ornaments for children's gifts and infant/toddler stocking stuffers at all the Masses, and then package the smaller items in stockings and gift bags on Saturday December 12. We look forward to seeing you.

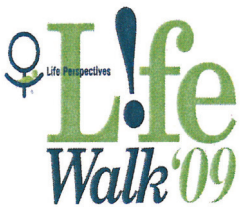
For more information please contact John or Marti Harper at 760-724-1181 or 4johnnyangel@cox.net



Disaster Relief for the Philippines, Samoa, Tonga, and Indonesia

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has quickly responded to the disasters in the Philippines, the Pacific Islands of Samoa and Tonga, and Indonesia. Individuals can send contributions to CRS directly and indicate "Typhoon Ketwana" or "Samoa/Tonga tsunami" or "Indonesia" in the memo area. The mailing address for Catholic Relief Services is 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201-3413.

Life Walk '09—Reaching Hearts and Minds through Education and Outreach



Life Perspectives' Life Walk '09 is on Saturday, October 24, 10:30am, at Kit Carson Park in Escondido. The Life Walk is a family-friendly fundraiser that supports pro-life education for faith-based and public schools. Join us for a two-mile walk, prizes, and Chick-fil-A picnic lunch. The Most Reverend

Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop of Oakland and a member of Life Perspective's Advisory Council, will be a special guest. Register on the Plaza after Masses or at www.LPLifeWalk.com or call 619-516-1236.

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

November is a special time in our Church for remembering our beloved dead, especially on Monday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls. There will be a special Mass that evening at 7:00pm, in order to pray for our deceased relatives and friends. All those who have died this past year and were buried from our Church will be especially held up in prayer. Let us gather as a Parish community to pray for the dead and to support our parishioners who are grieving the recent deaths of their loved ones.



Little Rock Scripture Studies: Praying the Scriptures

The Word of God is a seed. We have to nurture the ground before the seed can grow and bear fruit within us. Plan to attend our Parish Scripture Study, *Praying the Scriptures*, beginning Wednesday, October 28, at 9:00am or Thursday, October 29, at 7:00pm for seven sessions. This study explores the always-relevant ways God has transformed history and invites participation through praise, thanksgiving, and the many other ways scripture teaches prayer. Registrations begins the weekend of October 17-18. For more information, contact Masako Streling at 760-295-2594 or mstr0619@cox.net.

Knights of Columbus Entertainment Book Fundraiser

The Knights are offering *Entertainment Books* again this year. The books are \$40 each. All proceeds go toward supporting St. Thomas More and various charities. See the Knights on the Plaza after most Masses throughout the remainder of 2009 to purchase your book.



Indian Mission Needs Your Help

On November 14-15, the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 11439 will be collecting donations for the St. Bonaventure Indian Mission of Thoreau, New Mexico. They desperately need warm clothing (infants, toddlers, teen, and adult sizes), bed linens, household items, small appliances, and toys (new or used, but not abused). Please place donations in large plastic bags. Donations may be tax deductible and receipts will be given, if requested. Start gathering your items **now**. For more information, contact Jim Baker at 760-630-2471 or Bill Carrothers at 760-940-8992. Thank you and God Bless.

Blood Drive

Our fall Blood Drive will be on Sunday, November 15, in the upper parking lot. Start eating your iron-rich foods now. Sign ups on the Plaza after Masses on the weekends of October 31-November 1 and November 7-8. For more information, contact Linda Dicus at 760-726-5081.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

On October 25, we celebrate Mass at St. John's in Encinitas, followed by lunch at CoCo's (RSVP to Al Rowe at 760-753-7501). Our active calendar of events this month includes dining, dancing, concerts, bowling, golf and a picnic/wine tasting event. For further information, please see the bulletin board on the lower level of the Parish Center or contact Carol Kope at 760-726-0533.

Liturgy & Music

Worship God

Douglas Lynn
Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgical Ministries
douglasl@stmoside.org; 760-758-4100 x140



The combined choirs of
First United Methodist
St. John the Baptist Catholic
St. Thomas More Catholic

present

James Mulholland's

Missa Romantica

and other choral gems

to benefit

Interfaith Community Services



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
2:00PM**

**A free-will donation of a food item
is appreciated**

- Canned soup of all kinds
 - Canned vegetables
- Jelly, jam, and peanut butter
 - Canned meats
 - Cereal
- Beans (canned or bagged)
 - Canned pasta meals
 - Juice or juice boxes
- Other canned or dry-packaged foods
- Apples, oranges, grapefruit, avocados, lemons

We look forward to seeing you there!

Music Ministry Next Week

OCTOBER 24/25

5:00pm Mass

Adult Choir

8:30am Mass

Cantor

10:30am Mass

Handbell Choir

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR (NAPA) FRIENDS

Two years ago, a friend and colleague of mine from the American Choral Directors Association invited St. Thomas More's Adult Choir to sing with her choir at First United Methodist Church in Napa, California.



First United Methodist, Napa

Last year, when we were deciding where to attend Mass during our trip, it became obvious that a stop at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Napa and an invitation to their choir to join our merry group of singers were the next logical steps.



St. John the Baptist, Napa

This past Memorial Day weekend, we all sang at Saturday evening Mass at St. John the Baptist and at the Sunday morning worship service at First United Methodist.

Now, we are returning the favor.

You can join the ecumenical festivities when our friends from Napa visit on November 8:

- At the 10:30am Mass
- At our Annual Thanksgiving Choral Concert to benefit the food pantry at Interfaith Community Services. 2:00pm on the upper level.

Mark your calendars! It's going to be BIG!



The Combined Choirs at First United Methodist Church, Napa

Faith Formation

Teach and Live the Gospel

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

Date Night !

Not many parishes make this offer as part of their religious education program!

For some families, all their children are involved in RE.A.CH from 5:00-6:30pm here at STM, two evenings a month. This becomes a 90 minute opportunity for husband and wife to go out to dinner and enjoy a child-free environment. It doesn't have to cost a lot of money, but it can pay dividends in building a relationship!

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses' community of persons, which embraces their entire life. . .

they are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving. (1644)



I am also aware of a number of our families where the **unity of spouses** is no longer a reality, and so, to those who are living in this **day-to-day fidelity**, don't take it for granted, but take the time just to be together without children and television, and nurture the very special gift that is yours. . .your children thank you!

Your partner in ministry,

Kathleen

Last Call!



MAGNIFIKID! is geared for children from 6 to 12. The booklets are sent on a monthly basis. Every month, the child will discover a booklet of 16 color pages for each Sunday at Mass, and also special issues for all major feast days.

Individuals may subscribe at their website for \$34.90 a year. We get a bulk order at STM for \$15.00 a year. Order forms are available at the Faith Formation Office.

To be included in the 2010 order, forms and payment need to be returned by October 25.

Today is a **RE.A.CH** day
Religious Education for Adolescents & Children
at Home

Faith: The Main Ingredient ! Upcoming Events

Fr. Mike's Bookies ~

- Wednesday, October 21, 9:00am or 7:00pm
- Fr. Mike is the facilitator
- ***Finding God in 'The Shack'*** by Roger Olson is the book
- It is available outside the Faith Formation Office



People often ask "Where is God?" when pressed down by the Great Sadness . . . Probably no question about God disturbs Christians and non-Christians more than this one: How can an all-good, all-powerful God cause or even allow such horrible loss of human life?

Women's Prayer Breakfast ~



- Saturday, October 24, 8:00-10:30am
- Mark your calendar, invite your friends and teen daughters
- Great food and an excellent opportunity for spiritual growth
- Dotti Hulburt's topic is: "Mary, in Her Own Words."
- Sign up now so we will have a breakfast count for the Knights of Columbus who are generously hosting our meal.
- A free-will offering will be taken.

PBJ Update

(Food for children at the Emergency Crisis Center)

2009 GOAL: 365 jars
Collected to date: 604 jars !



Stewardship & Development

Serve God's People

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

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP *Humble Servants*

Our lifetime is best lived by modeling the life of Jesus. Jesus came, not to be served, but to serve. He didn't quit when the going got tough, but faithfully and prayerfully continued His *lifetime journey* to fulfill His Father's Will.

Remember that we are on a lifetime journey as well, with eternal life as our goal. Scripture doesn't give us a green light to quit doing the Will of God, no matter how much extra credit we feel we have accumulated.

As Christians we realize that we are the Church. We, like Jesus, are on a mission to fulfill God's Will. This knowledge prompts the following questions:

- ♦ What am I doing to demonstrate my love of God and to fulfill my obligation as a member of God's family?
- ♦ Am I as generous toward God's family as I am to my own?
- ♦ Do I make excuses, pretending I don't have time to devote to my Church family?
- ♦ Or, do I sacrifice a portion of personal pleasures or social life to use my time and resources in expression of love of God to help in the work of my Church family?

This week I share with you the true story about my late father-in-law. He was abandoned as a young child and ended up being raised by a poor farming family in a tiny Midwest town. He often slept in a barn with the pigs and learned many life lessons from watching various farm animals care for their young.

He only made it through grade school and wore borrowed clothes for graduation. He was so proud to have a picture taken of that moment...and rightly so. My son and his wife now proudly display that photo of grandfather in their home.

When he was 12 years old, knowing that he was resented by one of the siblings in the farm family who adopted him, he left and made his way to Chicago. He slept on benches, with newspapers serving as blankets. He worked wherever he could to survive.

Eventually, at the age of 15 years, he *somehow* managed to get accepted in the U.S. Coast Guard, as he looked older than his age. He served in World War II and worked his way to the top of enlisted ranks. Memories of his wartime experiences overseas haunted his dreams for years—a well-kept secret until now.

He never complained about his mother who had abandoned him. In fact, if he ever heard someone complain about their mother, he gave them a piece of his mind about it.

This man was one of the hardest-working human beings I've ever met. He earned all of his money by honest sweat and hard work. He was a crusty man with a hilarious sense of humor. And he was one of the most generous people I've ever known.

My favorite idiom from him was the "Waaa, waaa, waaa" principle. When he heard people complaining about trivial things, he would simply say, "Waaa, waaa, waaa!" Amen to that.

We miss him, but thankfully, cherish many valuable memories!

Have you counted your blessings today?

St. Thomas More Vehicle Donation Program



Do you have a vehicle
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Call us, and we'll have it picked up.
You get the tax deduction!

Call the Parish Office at
760-758-4100 x100.



Collection for Week of: October 10/11, 2009

Number of Registered Households:		1,009
Offertory*	\$	7,337.86
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,089.00
Children's envelopes		1.50
Total	\$	8,428.36

* Offertory Envelopes, Credit Card Withdrawals,
Automatic Checking or Savings Account Deductions
(Credit Card and Automatic Bank Account Withdrawals
are posted at STM on the 5th and/or 20th of each month.)

*Special thanks to our young donors using the Children's
offertory envelopes for their Christian Stewardship efforts.*

There are many ways to help support your Parish.

We offer a variety of options for easier giving. In addition to the extra "mail-back" envelopes included in your packet, we offer automatic:

- ♦ Credit Card Withdrawal (Visa, MC, or Discover)
- ♦ Automatic Checking/Savings Account Deduction

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please contact the Parish Office at:

760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org.

News from the Larger Church

Lunch Served for Seniors in Oceanside—The Salvation Army Senior Dining & Social Center, 3935 Lake Blvd, Oceanside (near Emeritus of Oceanside and Pacific Place) serves lunch for \$3 at noon, Monday-Friday, for any seniors 60 and over. For more information and reservations, call 760-631-8279

Free Concert in Rancho Bernardo—On Sunday, October 18, 4:00pm, at San Rafael Catholic Church, 17252 Bernardo Center Drive, Rancho Bernardo, presents Haydn's *Missa Cellensis "Mariazellermesse,"* featuring the San Rafael Parish Choir and the USD Immaculata Parish Choir, accompanied by the University of San Diego Symphony Orchestra. For more information, contact 858-487-4314.

North County Regional Young Adult Group Monthly Mass and Dinner in Carlsbad—Sunday, October 18, 5:00pm at St. Patrick Church, 3821 Adams St., Carlsbad, followed by dinner at Norte (formerly Fidel's) Mexican Food, 3003 Carlsbad Blvd, Carlsbad. Look for the welcome signs at the entrance of the Church and plan to sit together for Mass. For more information, contact Carrie Giebel at cgiebel@diocese-sdiego.org.

Theology on Tap Series for Young Adults in San Diego—Wednesdays, October 21-28, 7:00-9:00pm at Lotsa Pasta. For more information contact 858-490-8260 or www.yamsd.org.

Vocation Retreat Day for Young Women in San Diego—Sunday, October 25, 9:00am-2:30pm, at Nazareth House, 6333 Rancho Mission Rd., San Diego. For reservations or more information, contact Sr. Margaret at 619-563-0480 or Sr. Fintan at 310-216-8170.

Vocal Concert in San Diego—Sunday October 25, 3:00pm, at St. Mary Magdalene Parish. The first concert of the seventh season of their Music Series features *Pacific Camerate*, an a cappella group performing sacred Renaissance music. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served after the concert.

Healing Mass in Solana Beach—The St. James Healing Ministry invites you to attend our quarterly Healing Mass Tuesday, October 27, 7:00pm, at St. James Church, 625 S. Nardo Ave., Solana Beach. Praise and worship, followed by testimonies, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

Chili Cook-Off and Hoedown in Vista—The St. Francis Catholic School's first annual Chili Cook-Off and Hoedown will be held on Friday, November 6, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on the school blacktop. Come and enjoy the fun along with favorite chili recipes, hot dogs, and delicious desserts! If you are interested in entering your own recipe in the Chili Cook-Off, a limited number of "at large" spots are available. St. Francis School is located at 525 W. Vista Way, Vista. For more information, call 760-630-7960.

Central San Diego Magnificat Women's Group Meeting—Saturday, November 7, 9:30am at the Mission Valley Sheraton. Marie Schaefer will share her compelling and extraordinary conversion experience. To RSVP or for more information, contact 858-578-1256.

Annual Christmas Boutique in Escondido—November 21, 4:00-7:00pm and November 22, 8:00am-1:00pm, Church of St. Timothy, 2960 Canyon Rd., Escondido. Will include Catholic Charities "Tomorrow Project" soups and dips, "Prayers &

Squares" Quilt Ministry and Raffle, Knights of Columbus. Vendors welcome—6x6 table space \$25 (reserve by November 6). For more information, contact Linda at 760-743-1500 or lsteiner453@yahoo.com.

Natural Family Planning Teacher Training in San Diego—Classes to train Natural Family Planning teachers will be offered in October for both the Sympto-thermal method and the Ovulation method (October 30-31). For more information, contact Peggy at 858-490-8295.

Diocesan Workshops in October—Various topics related to religious education. For details, contact www.diocese-sdiego.org/evangelization.htm or 858-490-8230.

Marriage Encounter Weekends—For more information, contact broy2@san.rr.com.

Natural Family Planning Classes—For more information, contact daveandcheryl@cox.net or 619-303-5053.

Church of the Resurrection Catholic Gift Shop in Escondido—Open Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm and before and after Masses on the weekends. 1445 Conway Drive, Escondido. For more information, contact 760-747-2322.

Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS) Looking for Volunteers—Thousands of faith-based volunteer opportunities available from nearly 200 programs all over the world for all ages and walks of life. For more information, contact 800-543-5046 or visit www.cnvs.org.

Decluttering? Call Fr. Joe's Villages—Did you know that every week, St. Vincent de Paul Village is in your Parish area to pick up usable discards from you and your neighbors? Those items are needed by Father Joe to assist him in helping over 3,400 neighbors in need each day. You can call 1-888-FatherJoe(1-888-328-4375) to arrange a free pickup and receive a tax deductible receipt (please call at least one week in advance) or donate online at www.neighbor.org.

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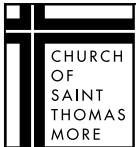
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Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas More!



*Our Parish Family will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner
on Thursday, November 26, at 1:00 p.m.*

We would love to have you share this holiday with us!

The traditional dinner dishes (all of the hot dishes and cranberry sauce) will be provided, although if you would like to bring a cold, side-dish to share, that will certainly be welcomed. Reservations are requested, so we know how many people to plan for.

Please return this form to the Parish Office with the pertinent information by November 18. You may drop it off at the office, mail it or place it in the Offertory basket at Mass.

For more information, or to R.S.V.P., please call Henny at the Parish Office, 760-758-4100 ext. 100.

*Yes, I/we will be attending Thanksgiving Dinner
at St. Thomas More.*

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of people attending: _____

(A "free-will" offering will be taken at the Dinner. This will be used to pay personnel hired to help serve and clean-up. Any additional donations will go to the Church of St. Thomas More.)

(This event is privately funded—no cost to the Parish.)

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