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Many of the crew members attended the
10:30am Mass on July 24.

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A Roman Catholic Parish in the Diocese of San Diego

Spirituality † Tradition † Community

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

July 31, 2011 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Column

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

What Is a Homily?

Homily? What is it? Is it just a fancy word for sermon? Or is there a difference?

Yes. There is a difference. A sermon's purpose is to educate in regard to some facet or tenet of the Faith. A homily is more of a personal reflection of the Scriptures that are proclaimed that day in the Liturgy.

The primary purpose of the homily is to help the congregation in their reflection on the Scriptures: "What am I hearing in these Scriptures that can be related to the events of my life?" "How is this Scripture being fulfilled in my life?" The homilist's reflection

assists the individuals of the congregation to reflect upon the movement of God in their lives. A homily attempts to bring together Faith and the ordinary events of our lives. In that sense, it is a very personal, subjective effort.

A sermon is much more objective and attempts to hand on the doctrines and tenets of the Faith. The sermon attempts to teach objectively more than to share personally.

There are times in which people express a desire to hear sermons rather than homilies: "How will Catholics know the Faith if it is

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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, 6:30am-7:30pm

Liturgical Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Music Ministry: Contact Douglas Lynn at 760-758-4100 x140

Communion for the Homebound/Hospitalized:

Contact Parish Office at 760-758-4100 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 760-758-4100 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 Sunday evenings per month

Preparation for the Sacraments:

Baptism (for infants):

Begins with an appointment with the Pastor

Baptism (7-14 vrs.)/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 760-758-4100 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 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org.

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not handed on objectively?" "At Mass, we need to be taught! Where else will people learn?"

The need for sermons belies an attitude of "one stop shopping," that is, it is an attitude of people who want to spend that one hour on Sunday and "get it all."

The Mass on Sunday, ultimately, is not about education. It is about worship. We come together to praise God and to enter into the Mystery of God's Presence. We delve into the Scriptures, the living word of God, to experience God's activity in our lives. Because we experience God's Presence in our lives and because we give God praise and glory, we desire to experience more. So, naturally, we desire to know and learn more about this God and about God's activity in the community, the Church. Now we have the need to be educated.

This education takes place not during worship, primarily, but in and through the life of the community during the week. Through adult faith formation, religious education classes, Parish organizations, small church communities, and reading and sharing with other Catholics who are on the same journey of Faith. This takes commitment, and involvement in the life of the community during the week. It means making Parish a way of life, not a "one-hour stopover" on Sunday.

St. Thomas More offers many opportunities in which Parishioners can grow in the understanding and knowledge of one's Faith. Take advantage of these opportunities.

Please don't expect to be educated (primarily) at Mass. Come to enter the Mystery of God's Presence and to worship in awe with the other members of the Parish Family. And because we desire to worship God, we will desire to be educated in God's ways. Because we desire to be educated in God's ways, we live our lives in union with a Parish, a community of people on the road of worship and education.

Happy Travelin'!



STM Vehicle Donation Program

Do you have a vehicle you want to donate?
The St. Thomas More program is easy!

Call us, and we'll have it picked up.

You get the tax deduction!

All we need is clear title. Non-operational is OK!

Since 2006 we have netted over \$22,000 from this program. Thank you donors!









For more information, contact the Parish Office: 760-758-4100 x100 or parishoffice@stmoside.org

Readings for the Week Ahead

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

Sunday, July 31 (112)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm 145:8-9,15-18 Romans 8:35,37-39 Matthew 14:13-21

Monday, August 1 (407/408) Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor Numbers 11:4b-15

Psalm 81:12-17 Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 2 (408) Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; Peter Julian Eymard, priest

Numbers 12:1-13 Psalm 51:3-7,12-13 Matthew 15:1-2,10-14

Wednesday, August 3 (409) Numbers 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,

Psalm 106:6-7,13-14,21-23

Matthew 15:21-28 Thursday, August 4 (410) John Mary Vianney, priest Numbers 20:1-13

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 Matthew 16:13-23

Friday, August 5 (411) The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

Deuteronomy 4:32-40 Psalm 77:12-16,21 Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 6 (614) The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9 Sunday, August 7 (115)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a,11-13a Psalm 85:9-14 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 30, 5:00pm Mary & Steve Montella ♥

Sunday, July 31, 8:30am Linda Menendez &

Sunday, July 31, 10:30am Doris Arel ₽

Tuesday, August 2, 8:15am Joseph Doering &

Wednesday, August 3, 8:15am Pat Cope T

Wednesday, August 3, 9:30am Pat Whitaker Emeritus at Carlsbad

Thursday, August 4, 8:15am Joe Coccaro

Friday, August 5, 8:15am Fancis Scanapico &

Saturday, August 6, 5:00pm Charles Langeweg &

Sunday, August 7, 8:30am Gene Thompson &

Sunday, August 7, 10:30am Robert Ratajczak &

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

Mary Alexander Laura Allenfort Lucia Ambriz Patrick Attardo Mary Balli Alexandra Banwell Patricia Barbour Clarice Bednarz John Bennici Regina Bentz Roseanne Berg George "Whitey" Betus Mary Betz Betty Jean Bielich Lynda Brady Ethel M. Brogan Monica Broussard George Brown Janet Brown Shelby Campbell Brianne Campos Ed Canfield Claudia Caplinger Paul Cassidv Lolly Cervantes The Christensen Family Pat Christopherson Paul Cipowski Dick Clarke Dolly Cole

Carl Coleman James Coleman

Thomas Cornwell & Family The Dagdayan & Serrano Families

Karen Flaharty Daley The Dawson Family Claire De Ainza Beverly de Gelder Bernard Delanev Judith DiMatteo

The Dossman & Mitchell Families

Sharon Evans Bob & Boo Falconer Chuck Fay The Fiore Family Peggy & Jack Fischer Ryan Flum Matthew Foster Kathryn Franklin Joe Freire

Brian Frink Carmen Garcia The Golden Family Rick Gonzalez Eileen Gough Jeffrey Guyer

Rosemary Haeffelin Susan Hallahan The Harker Family Elizabeth Harrison

Lilian Hills Susan Hori Iolanda Iacobelli Sue Johnston Eileen Jones Paul Kennedy Peggy Kiernan Debbie Kinney

Sr. Anne Kremenik Helen Kuhn Lillian Lachance

The Lamelin Family Bernie Lanzrath Brandon LeBlanc Ashley Load Cassandra Loretto

Lauren Loretto Richard Lynn James MacArthur Claude Mann

Nancy Marley Virginia McWalters Bob McWilliams

Joyce Meehan Kalei Mendiola Carol Michael Walt & Rita Mikridge

June Mitchell Nancy Moore Mariana Mora Conrad Murphy Margie Myers Cosmo Nocida

R. Northrup Helen O'Connell Heidi Olson Marilyn Overton Lupe Casas Pelletier Helen Pingtella

James Porter Anne Post Jack Riley Clinton Ritchie Rita Ritchie Joanne Robinson Maria Rogers Dorothy Rouse

The Russo Family Linda Schmidt

The Douglas E. Schulte Family Bob, Joan, & Julie Shea Elizabeth Shirzad Richard Sikora Jeanne Sisson Mike Snyder Larry Solomon Nick Soltau

Fred Spiegl Gilda Spiegl Dorothy Staehr Jo & George Stephens Pete Sullivan Maria Surmenidis

David Sweet Stephen Toth, Jr. Mary Tysko & Family Laurie Updyke Barbara Upson Arnie Velasco Bob Vita

Vanessa Vitiello-Koble Paul & Mai Vo & Family Kevin Watson-Graff Patricia Whittaker John Whitton

DeKenya Williams & Family

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 Major Robert Bechtold, USMC PFČ John Brandone 1st Sgt Christian Bull, USMC Corp. Willie Deel Lance Corp. Brandon Doyle, USMC MSGT Steve Gallegos, USMC Maj. David E. Johnson, US Army Staff Sgt. Travis M. Meyers, USAF Pvt. 2 Jess Phillips, US Army LCPL Matthew Rocha Sr. Airman Robert Spear, USAF Lt. Col. Scott Wadle, USMC Sgt. Charles Watts, USMC

Calendar Highlights

Also check the Parish website (www.stmoside.org) for complete calendar information.

The Week Ahead

Liturgy of the Word for July 31 Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses

The Month Ahead The Year Ahead

Restaurant Fundraiser at Aug 2-3 Famous Dave's BBQ Exposition of the Eucharist Aug 6 Liturgy of the Word for Aug 7 Children at 8:30am and 10:30am Masses Potluck with Presentation Aug 10 on Faith and the Internet Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at 8:15am and 7:00pm Aug 26 JustFaith Potluck and Information Session Aug 28 Third Annual Pastor's Dinner

Restaurant Fundraiser at

Treasures 2011 Flea Market

Men's Fellowship Retreat

Vodka Tasting Party

Sept 6-7

Sept 25

Oct 14-16

Oct 8

Next Year Jan 14-31 Stewardship Awareness and Renewal Towers of Faith Reception Jan 22 June 1 13th Annual Golf Classic

Chili's

Questions? Contact Henny at 760-758-4100 x100 hennyj@stmoside.org.

Pray for Women Religious

Please join us in praying for the women religious who serve in the Diocese of San Diego. They have been assigned to days of the year in alphabetical order.

August 1
Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, OSC
August 2
Sr. Cecilia Flores, OP
August 3
Sr. Mary Ann (Sis) Flynn, RSCJ
August 4
Sr. Frances Michele Francese, CSJ
August 5
Sr. Claire Frawley, SFCC
August 6
Sr. Sally Furay, RSCJ
August 7
Sr. Patricia Gage, CSJ

Welcome to Newly Registered Parishioners

Patricia Feeley Peter & Janet Weiss & Family

In Memoriam



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Howard B. Dawson, who died on July 21. His funeral celebration will be in Kansas. He is the father of Parishioner Sonny Dawson. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

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 Kathleen Bell at 760-758-4100 x110.

Helping Seminarians

We continue to collect laundry supply items and personal hygiene items for our seminarian, Ricardo Juárez Frausto, and his fellow seminarians. Bring items to the Parish Office. Thanks!

Annual Catholic Appeal—Paying It Forward

The Diocese has assisted us greatly in helping to develop our Parish, and now we have the opportunity, and obligation, to help our 'sister Parishes in the Diocese.' Responses so far:

Total pledges to date: \$49,605 Number of families contributing: 388

80% of the amount over our assessment of \$48,000 will be returned to our Parish to help with our operating budget.

Thank you!

STM \$crip News

TRY US NOW! FREE Fundraising. Ask about our travel Scrip opportunities!

Thanks to all who support our Parish Building Fund by purchasing Scrip gift cards!

Remember, Scrip is available for purchase FOUR ways!

- 1. Monday-Friday during business hours in the Parish Office
- 2. Online at *www.stmoside.org*, click on Contact Us, then click on Scrip
- 3. Email at scrip@stmoside.org
- 4. Phone at 760-758-4100 x150

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

Social Ministries/Outreach

The Mission of the St. Thomas More Social Justice Committee is to:

- † provide awareness and education of Catholic social justice teaching;
- † participate in creating a society with more just laws and social structures;
- † work with other faith groups on justice issues within social, economic, and political structures.

JustFaith: A "Soul-Satisfying" Experience

When was the last time you had an experience that was "soul satisfying?" If you are looking to encounter your faith in a way that challenges you to reflect on how you are to live as a Christian in today's world, then *JustFaith* may be for you. The 30-week program includes weekly meetings in a small group setting, thought-provoking readings and discussions, retreats, and immersion experiences. The program begins the week of September 18. A potluck dinner and information meeting will be held Friday, August 26 from 6:00-9:00pm. Mark your calendar now! For further questions: call Sr. Maureen at 760-758-4100 x131.

I was relatively new to North County when Sr. Maureen extended the invitation to join Just Faith at St. Thomas More Parish. My motivation for signing on for JustFaith was to get to know people more personally and to have time away from a challenging ministry operating Hope House, a residence for women rescued from human trafficking. Looking back, my decision to join Just Faith was perfect for me at this time.

We were a small but diverse group (men/women; working/unemployed/retired; struggling with health issues, with trying to sell a home; with looking for work; married/single/divorced/vowed religious; etc.). We differed in our political views and in how well versed we were in our theology. But these differences only enhanced what we brought to the evening discussions, since we kept the JustFaith rule of "being respectful listeners and learners."

And learn we did! The reading was current, broad-ranging, and balanced. We saw some excellent films. We had well-led sessions thanks to our dedicated co-facilitators and the good guidelines offered by Just Faith. There were opportunities to be exposed to social outreach and justice action locally and in the San Diego area. Just Faith is a rich experience!"

-Sr. Jean Schafer

Social Justice Email "Hotline"

Do you ever wonder where you fit in the social justice picture?

How do you respond as a Christian when a social justice issue arises?

Sign up to be on an email list to be informed about some of the issues the Parish Social Justice Committee is working on or be invited to participate in an event in North County.

Send your e-mail address to: maureenb@stmoside.org
You are not alone in your desire to follow
Jesus' call for justice for all God's children.

Parish Events

Women's Guild News

Hope everyone is having a good summer. The Women's Guild Board is working on an excellent year of programs for you to enjoy. Remember to sign up for this year if you haven't done so. We want to see you.

Many of you signed up for "Hospitality." Please call me if you are interested in helping with our luncheons in that capacity.

Enjoy the summer and be safe!! —Vera Bayliss, President

St. Thomas More Parish Cookbook

While enjoying a meal during a recent parish campout, many commented on the unique and varied dishes that adorned the evening table. The discussion soon turned to the possibility of creating a cookbook.

Fr. Mike liked the idea and thought it appropriate that the cookbook reflect the tastes of the entire Parish and suggested that the project also raise money for our building fund.

To this end, we are asking each of you to send us your favorite family recipe. We would like to receive all recipes by mid-August. Please contact Bob Jacobson for additional information at *jacobsonr@cox.net* or Henny Jocelyn at 760-58-4100 x100.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County

Meets the second Sunday of each month for a general meeting and potluck. On the fourth Sunday of each month, we meet for Mass at various Parishes in North County followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please RSVP if you're planning to attend the luncheon. Prospective members are welcome anytime. See the bulletin board on the lower level for our monthly newsletter of activities; contact Gerri Wilmott at 760-758-9949 or Carol Kope at 760-726-0533 for more information.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

The Bishops' Letter on Marriage—The Human Body: "Pope John Paul II's theology of the body speaks of the human body as having a spousal significance. This means that the human body by its very nature signifies that we humans are directed to relationship—that we are to seek union with others. It is only in relationship that we achieve a true wholeness as a communion of persons." To read the document go to http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/.

Marriage Moments—What's the difference between constructive criticism and nagging? Repetition. Unless your spouse is hard of hearing, trust that saying your criticism once (or at most twice) is enough. If this doesn't work, suggest a hearing test. Of course it could be selective listening!

Parenting Pointers—Water: Part 5. At some times of the year and in some places we have too much water (floods) and at other times not enough (droughts) Pray at dinner for those whose lives are impacted by these extremes. Be thankful for what you have.

For more information, visit *www.diocese-sdiego.org* and click on Ministries, Marriage & Family Life or contact Jen Frost at 760-758-4100 x100.

Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together! Phase II ~ Working to Break Ground

St. Thomas More, pray for us!

Pledge Statistics as of July 26

of Families
Total Phase II Responses Responding

Total Pledges/Gifts \$1,572,319 667
Still Needed \$427,681 350
Total Goal \$2,000,000 1,017
Total Collected \$1,324,678



- † We continue to add new commitments, and also to adjust existing pledges as necessary. Our weekly figures reflect all current additions and adjustments.
- † We have now heard from 65% of the Parish and are at \$1,571,769 toward our goal of \$2 million. Every gift helps!
- † Thanks to all of our donors! We appreciate hearing from all our households, even if you choose not to donate. Please pray for our success at this time!

www.stmoside.org; click on Our New Church. Chris Smith, Director of Stewardship and Development 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org

Got Costume Jewelry?

Parishioner Debbie Ipsen is getting a head start on next year's Golf Classic—she plans to design and create a Christmas tree wall hanging from costume jewelry similar to the one pictured and donate it as an auction item.

If you have any costume jewelry you would like to contribute to this project, please bring it to the Parish Office during the week. Any items not used for the project will be forwarded to the Treasures 2011 Mega Flea Market. Visit www.stmoside.org/golf to see a full color rendition of the sample.

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100. Thanks!



Liturgy & Music



Douglas Lynn
Director of Liturgy and Music
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MENTORS

by Patricia Datchuck Sánchez and Rafael Sánchez Alonso, Celebration August 2011. with permission. Each time he led the service at the cathedral, a preacher famous for his eloquence always drew a capacity crowd. Whenever he spoke, an eccentric, elderly lady sat in the front row, directly beneath the pulpit. She took every opportunity to mumble complaints and contradictions—just loud enough for the preacher to hear and understand that he wasn't as wonderful as he was reputed to be. Others seated near her glowered with annoyance and tried to hush her. But she went right on needling the preacher to her heart's content.

When the old woman died, the congregation was astounded at the depth and sincerity of the preacher's grief. When asked about his sorrow, he replied, "Now who will help me to grow?" This story, speaks poignantly to all who seek out the sacred texts week after week, year after year, in search of their truth and wisdom. Both preachers and the people who gather with them to pray and to celebrate have mentors like the elderly woman in the story. These are the authors of the texts, and the faith communities who have interpreted, preserved, and passed on these texts to future generations of believers. If we listen carefully, these mentors will clarify the meanings of the texts, point out their challenges, and encourage us to find the courage and strength that are necessary to allow these living words to set our agendas and prompt our growth.

On August 7, that living word, mediated by the authors of Kings, will speak of the tiny whispering

sound or the still small silence that Elijah experienced in God's presence. To recognize and know God's presence requires a quiet calm and uncluttered heart—a heart that surrenders to the experience of prayer as a dialogue that originates with God, rather than a monologue in which I am the sole speaker and petitioner. God's presence in the word speaks to the heart of who we are and invites our noblest responses.

Thomas Merton referred to the divine whispers of God as words of liberation and transforming power (*Opening the Bible*, 1970). The basis of this power, said Merton, is the word's ability to answer the question "What is this word?" with another: "Who is this who reads it?" The message of God's word is bound up with determining the true identity of its readers, a process that includes acknowledging and entering into a relationship with God.

On August 14, our mentors and the word they mediate will affirm the universal embrace of the God who loves us all. Isaiah will defend the rights of foreigners to come to God, to serve and keep covenant; the prophet will also declare that God's people all are welcome to find shelter and pray in God's house. In a similar vein, the Matthean Jesus will minister to a Canaanite woman's daughter and praise the woman's great faith. As they hold out this word to us, our mentors invite us to consider our own attitude toward the "foreigners" among us. Do we see them as God does-as beloved images of their divine Lover-or are



they beyond the parameters of our love, our concern, our compassion?

Those called to the service of leadership are specially mentored on August 21. Isaiah will insist that when leaders prove unworthy, irresponsible, and neglectful of those in their care, others should be entrusted with the keys of authority. In the Gospel, the Matthean Jesus will entrust Peter and the other disciples with the care of all who believe. This responsibility was rooted in Peter's faith, which enabled him to identify Jesus as the Christ. and in his willingness to be identified by Jesus as a rock on whom others could rely and in whose care they would find safe shelter.

Jeremiah's mentoring will surprise us on August 28 with his description of the word as a seductress whose power he could not resist, and whose message he could not desist in proclaiming. Graced and made gutsy by that word, Jeremiah endured the consequences of persistently speaking an unpopular and unwelcome word to often-hostile listeners. Jeremiah's experience offered a prelude to that of Jesus, who understood that his words would lead to his demise, but spoke them nevertheless. As August draws to an end, the Matthean Jesus will charge his disciples to shoulder their cross, to always speak the truth, to work for justice, and to mentor and minister to all others with his message of love, peace, hope, and joy.

Upcoming Music

AUGUST 7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Mass

Cantor & Congregation

8:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

10:30am Mass

Cantor & Congregation

Eucharistic Exposition ◆ Friday, August 5 ◆ 8:45am - 7:30pm

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR IN ROME

Faith Formation



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

for preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and middle school

All Classes meet on Sundays

Ages 3, 4, 5

- Meet September 11-May 20
- Two times a month
- During the entire 10:30am Mass

Ages 6-13

- Meet September 11-May 20
- Two times a month
- Either 12:30-2:00pm or 5:00-6:30pm

Home Sessions are outlined for the weeks that are not Church Sessions.

Faith Formation is a partnership with Church Catechists supporting parents in their responsibility to develop children in the Faith.

If you are a registered Parishioners and would like to sign up for this program, please contact the Faith Formation Office right away. It would be our privilege to share in forming faith in your family!



Kathleen Bell Director of Faith Formation

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

How Does the Internet Intersect with the Road for Life?

with Lorraine Doering and friends

August 10 6:00 pm Potluck 7:00pm Presentation



Use the internet to feed your faith and share your faith starting with

- The Parish Website
- Facebook and Twitter
- Suggestions from friends

Please call the potluck hotline at 760-758-4100 x158 so we will know how many places to set for dinner!



Fr. Mike's Bookies

Discussion of *The Future Church* by John Allen Jr.

It is getting "curious-er and curious-er" that each time we re-schedule this book conversation, Fr. Mike's health progress takes a step back!

Once again we will be postponing our discussion until further notice. Procrastinators like me will have no excuse for not having completed the reading!

For Fr. Mike's return to a strong back, we pray to the Lord.

PBJ Update

Food for children at Catholic Charities in Vista

2011 GOAL: 365 jars Collected to date: 362 jars

YOUTH MINISTRY

Marc Raymundo, Youth Advocate 760-758-4100 x161 marcr@stmoside.org

Steubenville was amazing, and I pray that the Holy Spirit moved through all your hearts! This week, we are going to bring that same energy and give God everything we've got, because that is who we are called to be. WE want you here! Monday @ 7:00pm!

▼ LEAD

LEAD meetings are still every Thursday at 7:00pm. It's time to get ready for Retreat, so let's begin to look at where the Spirit will lead us in helping in this ministry. Let the Holy Spirit use YOU to make a difference in the world through our community.

Mass on the Beach

We are going to Mass on the Beach in Huntington Beach on Monday, August 8!!! This event has had over 1,000 teens attend our local shores in our greatest prayer. If you would like to come to this event, sign-up today! We will be leaving early morning to claim a fire-pit, enjoy a day at the beach, and attend Mass, then back home! The cost of this event is \$20 for food and transportation for the day! Let's go!

Confirmation Interviews for our candidates this year begin this week! Confirmation students, please remember your scheduled times. Please pray for our teens as they begin this journey! God Bless.

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Stewardship & Development



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

Stewardship Is All about Christ

Contrary to popular belief, stewardship is not about raising money. It's not even about building up our Parish ministries and increasing participation. Stewardship is all about Christ. That is the most important thing to remember.

The true steward makes a commitment to the Lord . . . He gives his life to God because he wants to follow him, and everything else—his time, his talent, and his treasure—follows suit.

That being said, however, it is important to recognize that some Parishioners may come to conversion through participation in Parish ministries. One Parishioner, for example, may love to knit, so when she hears of the Prayer Shawl ministry, she decides to join, merely because it gives her an opportunity to do what she loves. Meanwhile, as she does so, she is bound to interact with other Parishioners who have given their lives to the Lord as His disciples. Their examples will inevitably have an impact on her. She is bound to see the joy in selfless giving. She is bound to recognize Christ working through her fellow Parishioners, and, in that, she and many others will grow closer to Christ.

Christ is what it's all about—in our prayer times, in our ministries, and even in our offertories.

My parents taught me, at a very early age, that our lives belong to God, that we are merely stewards of our lives and of the many gifts we have, and, thus, we must live our lives for Him. I watched as they did just that. They made family prayer time a daily practice in our home. They loved and cared for my siblings and me selflessly. They were highly involved in the life of our Parish community—giving both their talents and their finances.

And they did it all with a deep joy, a sincere gratitude, feeling as though it was a blessing that they were able to live for the Lord. We talked about what it meant to be a Catholic—to be a follower of Christ, but what spoke louder than their words, to me, were their examples. I saw how much they loved the Lord. I saw how much they gave back to Him. And I saw the joy that they received as they gave of themselves so selflessly. I learned, very early on, what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

—excerpted from Msgr. Thomas McGread, The Catholic Steward, July 2011 (with permission)







From arrival, to outdoor Mass and sign of peace, to mealtime and beyond, the annual STM campout was a wonderful time and experience for all!

Nothing, and I mean nothing, takes the place of a good example.

A WAY TO GIVE ~ A WAY TO RECEIVE



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Planned Giving is a generic term that covers the many ways an individual can give to a charity while, in many cases avoiding taxes. A few examples of Planned Giving are: Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks, Life Insurance, Mutual Funds, Endowments, and Real Estate.

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

For more information please contact:

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

"Our Journey Into The Future . . . Together" includes our Faith journey as well as the build out of our Parish Campus.

Collection for Week of July 23/24, 2011

Total	\$	7,066.81
Children's envelopes		1.00
Offertory (Loose Collection)		1,489.50
Offertory*	\$	5,576.31
Number of Registered Households		1,017
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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).

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) and automatic checking/savings account deduction. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 760-758-4100 x100 or parish office@stmoside.org.

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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News from the Larger Church

CEO Position Available in San Diego—After 30 years of service, Fr. Joe Carroll recently announced his retirement as CEO of Father Joe's Villages and St. Vincent de Paul Village. The Board of Directors is seeking to hire a new CEO. Anyone interested in applying for the position can see the job description posted on *www.neighbor.org* and send a resume and compelling letter of interest to: Diane Plaster, Director of Human Resources, Father Joe's Villages, 3350 E St., San Diego, CA 92102 or *diane.plaster@neighbor.org*.

Camp H.O.P.E. (Healing-Outdoor-Play-Experience)—Providing a one-day outdoor therapeutic healing experience for grieving children and their families in a safe, fun environment. Sponsored by Hospice of the North Coast. Visit www.hospicenorthcoast.org for information and a registration form or call 760-431-4100 x103.

Catholic Radio in San Diego—Includes Catholic Answers, interviews and discussions by Diocesan staff, youth programs, and more. Visit www.catholicradioofsandiego.com for details.

Pregnancy Resource Center in San Marcos—Birth Choice of San Marcos, 760-744-1313 or *www.birthchoice.net*.

Young Adult Ministry Activities in San Diego County—Visit *www.yamsd.org* for complete information on events for young adults., including *Theology on Tap* and the World Youth Day Commissioning Mass with Bishop Brom on Thursday July 21, 6:30pm, Diocesan Pastoral Center.

Summer Lectures and Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside—Visit www.sanluisrey.org or call 760-757-3659 for

details on several different presentations by Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, and Barbara Hughes during August.

Concert at Áegis Assisted Living in Oceanside—Thursday, August 11, 6:00-8:00pm, right next door to St. Thomas More! Enjoy an evening of uncompromising fun with free valet parking, delightful live music, and delicious food and wine—a free community event. Features Smokestaxx, specializing in classic soul, R&B, and Rock & Roll. Please RSVP by July 11 to 760-806-3600.

Second Annual Mother of Life Conference in San Diego—Saturday, August 13. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, San Diego Chapter. For more information, visit www.MotherofLifeConference.com.

Venetian Masquerade in San Diego—A Night When Everyone Is Italian—Saturday, August 13, Amici Park, corner of State and Date Sts., San Diego. Benefitting three organizations dedicated to the historical preservation of San Diego's Little Italy. For more information, visit www.ferragostosd.org or call 619-234-4820.

"Come and See" Day for Women Exploring Religious Life—Sunday, August 14, 10:00am-3:00pm, Marywood Retreat Center, 2811 E. Villa Real Dr., Orange, CA. Hosted by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. For more information, contact 800-860-1840 x2897.

Volunteers Needed as Advocates for Foster Children—Become a child advocate and make a lasting difference in the life of a foster child. More than just a mentor, you can give hope to a child who has none. For upcoming information session dates, contact *www.speakupnow.org* or 858-569-2019.

News from St. Francis Church

- St. Francis School is now our Parish School. St. Thomas More Parishioners are extended the same benefits and rewards as a St. Francis Parishioner, including:
- Parishioner priority for enrollment at St. Francis School,
- Equal tuition rates,
- Financial aid opportunities, and
- Fundraising support.

For more information, contact the school at 760-945-7960.

Did You Attend St. Francis School?—We are seeking information on our alumni! The school will be 50 years old this fall and we want YOU to be a part of the celebration!

Have you taken our online alumni survey, or joined the alumni Facebook page? Start getting in touch before the school's 50th birthday celebration!

Visit www.sfs-vista.org for more information.





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Solving Family Homelessness—Permanently

Solutions for Change is a Vista-based organization with a vision of solving family homelessness in North County. Through their unique Solutions University, they offer a field-tested, 1,000-day program of education and coaching that equips homeless families with the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to succeed.

Find out more
August 6 and 7
on the Plaza after each Mass

St. Thomas More community has made a financial commitment to support a family through the 1,000-day program. Next weekend you will have a twofold opportunity. Your contribution will help a family break its cycle of homelessness and help STM fulfill its commitment.

Watch for an envelope attached to the bulletin!

Questions? Contact Dick Belprez at dcbelp@cox.net or 760-295-1431.





August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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