

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who donated to the Christmas Flower Campaign. Because of your generosity our church looks outstanding. With the help of many hardworking volunteers and many creative hands, our church looks picture perfect. In fact, the church looks so nice that many people were taking pictures. Many people have suggested that we should make Christmas cards from pictures of the church. If you were one of the people who took a picture of the church and you feel it turned out really well, please make a copy for me. The parish staff and parish council will review all the pictures we receive and maybe your picture will be used for one of the Christmas cards. Again, thank you for all your support and hard work in making our Christmas so beautiful.

While I am thanking people, Clare and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who remembered us during this Christmas Season. Your gifts of goodies, treats, presents and cards were, as always, overwhelming. Thank you again for your kindness.

I would like to remind everyone, with winter upon us and the snow falling, once again to please be careful. Tom and Dave work very hard at trying to keep ahead of the snow as it is falling but sometimes the snow is faster than the snow plow. They put the ice melt down, but it does take some time for it to start working. If it seems that the steps, the walkways or the parking lot aren't shoveled, blown or plowed, it is not that we aren't trying, it just takes time. So I ask you to please take your time, watch your step and hang on to the railing or the arm of someone you trust. Hopefully this will help to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Helen Malames. God grant her eternal rest.

A TIME FOR CHANGE- BULLETIN CONTEST

Sharpen your pencils and put on your thinking caps. We are looking to redesign our cover for the Church bulletin. Flyers will be posted soon with all of the requirements. Look over the current cover and see what changes you think we need to make. Look for the posters and additional announcements in future bulletins. Any questions, call Peggy at 216-402-2773.

HOLY HOUR

There is a Holy Hour at St. Thomas More every Wednesday evening in the Marian Chapel from 6-7pm. Don't forget to bring your Bible and rosary!

PARISH PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please pray for our troops, our country, and world peace. "For where two or more come together in my name, I am there with them." (Matthew 18:20). All are welcome to gather in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for peace on Tuesday, January 12th at 7pm.

MARDI GRAS PRIZES

Prizes continue to arrive for the parish's annual Mardi Gras. To see a full list of those who have donated go to the parish website www.stmparish.net. If you, your family, parish organization or company would like to donate a prize or basket, please contact Jeff Stutzman at the Rectory. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Plan on attending the annual Mardi Gras festivities on February 12th and 13th to see all of the prizes!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

For January, the Men's Fellowship Group will meet in the Church library on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 7:30pm. We come together to pray, to share our faith and for fellowship. Men 18 and older are welcome. The scheduled topics for discussion are The Flesh is Weak (Moral Decision Making) and Lead Us Not into Temptation (Temptation). Please consider joining us.

STM SENIORS

Our meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Our next meeting will be January 14th in Utopia Hall from 11am-3pm. All who are 55 and older are welcome to attend. Coffee and donuts will be served. We will play cards, Bingo, and Bunco.

STM WOMEN'S GUILD

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 12th at 1pm in Utopia Hall. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Sue Levinsohn from the Brooklyn Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th at 7pm in Utopia Hall. All the men of the parish are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

YOUTH MINISTRY SNOW TUBING

Members of the Junior High Youth Group and High School Youth Ministry are invited to an evening of Snow Tubing at Brandywine Ski Resort on Sunday, January 17th from 5-9:45pm. The cost of the trip is \$25 and includes bus transportation. A permission slip and tubing release is required and can be downloaded from the youth ministry website (www.stmparish.net/ym). Parent chaperones are needed.

HSYM OVERNIGHT RETREAT

The annual HSYM Overnight Retreat, Time Out XX: Hanging By a Moment will be held on Saturday, March 6th and Sunday, March 7th at the St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center in Avon. This retreat is open to ANY high school student. The cost of the weekend is \$20 if you sign up before February 21st. A permission slip and more information can be downloaded from the Youth Ministry website (www.stmparish.net/ym) or picked up at the parish Rectory. Please keep the entire youth ministry team in your prayers as they prepare for their annual retreat.

TEARS OF HOPE: BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation is planning a Support Group with the hopes of reaching out to bereaved persons through God's Word and Deed. This support group will offer comfort and understanding where the heart hurts most. Meetings will be led by members of the Ministry of Consolation based on personal experiences and faith. We will provide an opportunity for bereaved persons to share in confidence their own personal experiences with the grieving process, with the hopes of gaining strength from one another. We will begin this Support Group in February. Please be sure to watch for more information. If you feel you would like to be a part of this group, please call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number and someone from "Tears of Hope" will contact you.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following young artists at STM! Jenna Stutzman- 2nd Place- Kindergarten, Emma Kelley-1st Place- Grade 1, Brianne McGinty- 2nd Place- Grade 2, and Natasha Didytch- Honorable Mention- Grade 3. These students have been selected as winners in Padua's 2010 Elementary Art Show. You are invited to join us in celebrating this art event on Sunday, January 10th at 1pm in Padua's gym.

Cluster Corner

CORPUS CHRISTI

Reunion- The Corpus Christi Classes of 1968 and 1969 are planning to have a reunion before the parish closes. Please contact Janice (Gulan) Havasi '68 at 216.267.3812 or Bonnie Kalista '69 at bkluvsport@sbcglobal.net with your contact info.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Parish Bingo- Bingo is located in the Parish Center every Friday at 7pm. Doors open at 5:30pm (Early Bird). Food and snacks available. Police security inside and outside. Come give Bingo a try!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

Divorce Recovery Workshop- A Divorce Recovery Workshop will begin on Sunday, January 10th and run for ten weeks. The first session will begin at 7pm in the Borromeo Room of the Parish Activity Center. Come and find support through friends and fellowship. For more info, please call Dave (440-845-3367).

ST. LEO THE GREAT

Drama Club- Do you have an old artificial tree just sitting in your attic. Were you planning to dispose of your tree at the end of this season? If so, the drama club is looking for any possible donation to be used in a play this year. Please contact Judi at 216-661-2120 to make arrangements for your donation.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Please remember to pick up the candle you purchased at the Rectory. There are still a few unclaimed. Finally, if you purchased a candle and would like to purchase additional inserts, they are available from the Rectory for \$2 each. Please stop in during our normal business hours to make your purchases. Again, thank you for your overwhelming support of this project.

FROM DEACON MARTY

On behalf of the Catholic Ministry to the Incarcerated, I would like to thank the people of St. Thomas More for their continued support throughout the year- starting with Christmas in July, the reading material and their support of our need for stamps at this time of year. Thank you very much.

JHYG DANCE

The next JHYG Dance is Friday, February 5th (note this is the 1st Friday of the month due to Mardi Gras) from 7:30-10pm. A valid dance ID and \$5 is required for admission. Chaperone Team B is assigned.