

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

A couple of weeks ago we had a meeting with the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. We reflected, prayed and worked out a few details. One of the concerns that the Eucharistic Ministers brought up was what to do when someone brings up a Pix in the Communion line.

First of all, only Eucharistic Ministers may take communion to the sick. If it is a special circumstance, then the one taking the Eucharist to a homebound person must get permission from me. Only the Pastor is able to give permission to a non-commissioned person to take the Eucharist to a homebound person.

Please remember this permission is given only in extra-ordinary circumstances. We have Eucharistic Ministers to take Communion in most every circumstance. If you think you have a special circumstance, then please see me either before or after Mass. Please **DO NOT ASK** a Eucharistic Minister or just **EXPECT TO GET THE EUCHARIST FROM THE COMMUNION LINE.**

All the Eucharistic Ministers have been retrained this past year. If you did not attend one of these sessions and have been taking Communion to a homebound person, please know that under Bishop Lennon's new rules you are now unable to do so. Please call the Rectory with the name of the person you take Communion to so that we can put that person on our Communion list.

I want to thank everyone for your understanding as we begin to implement Bishop Lennon's new requirements for Eucharistic Ministers.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill

MINISTRY OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

It won't be long before we'll be into Lent. It's during this time that we invite parishioners to consider becoming a Minister of Prayer. In this spiritual ministry members offer their physical sufferings to Jesus and pray for the needs of others and the Parish. If you have any questions about this ministry you can call the Rectory. To join this ministry, please fill out the form below and drop it into the collection basket.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ His DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
If married couples join: Her DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wedding Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations and welcome to Joshua Joseph Blasco. God bless you!

## HOLY HOUR

Due to the Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays from 2-7pm, there will be no Holy Hour on Wednesdays during Lent.

## 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, February 16th at 7pm.

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION AND OPEN HOUSE

If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) at St. Thomas More School (Grades PreK-8), would like a tour of the school or for more information, please contact Jennifer Francis at 216-749-1660 x224. Registration for new and returning families is now taking place. This also includes our Full and Part Time Pre-school Programs.

## LENTEN REMINDERS

Ash Wednesday, February 17, and Good Friday, April 2, are days of **abstinence** from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days of fast. The day of **fast** is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. **Prayer** opportunities include the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm and Evening Mass on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. An **almsgiving** opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl (boxes are available in the vestibules). **Confession** opportunities include Saturdays from 3:00 to 4:00PM, all Monday mornings following the 7:00AM Mass during Lent, and all Sundays during Lent following the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses. Our Cluster Communal **Penance** Service will be announced. **Eucharistic Devotion** will be held on Fridays from 2-7pm in the Church.

## MEMORIAL CANDLES

Additional inserts are available from the Rectory for \$2 each. Please stop in during our normal business hours to make your purchases.

## HSYM OVERNIGHT RETREAT

The annual HSYM Overnight Retreat, Time Out XX: Hanging By a Moment will be held on March 6 & 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](http://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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY- CAVS TICKETS

St. Thomas More Youth Ministry has a block of tickets reserved for Tuesday, April 6th as the Cavs take on the Raptors at the Q. Tickets are \$22 and any parishioner is welcome to purchase tickets by February 26th. Members of the JHYG and HSYM who purchase tickets will be eligible to go on the floor to high-five the Cavs before warm ups. More details and order forms are available on the youth ministry website ([www.stmparish.net/ym](http://www.stmparish.net/ym)) or by contacting the Rectory.

## JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUP

Are you searching for a job and getting frustrated? Would you like to meet other people who are also job hunting in order to share ideas? St. Thomas More is interested in starting a job support group in order to help people find job leads, learn more about proper job hunting techniques and provide an opportunity for networking. The free group would meet once a month and will be lead by someone who is also frustrated with the job search and the lack of opportunities. If you are interested in this group, please contact the Rectory at 216-749-0414 and someone will contact you back with more info.

## TEARS OF HOPE: BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

The STM "Tears of Hope" Support Group will meet on the fourth Sunday of each month at 2pm. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, February 28th at 2pm in the Rectory. Our support group will offer a safe place for people to mourn the loss of a loved one. We provide personal and spiritual understanding to help one cope and to provide information and referrals for any additional support services that they may need. Our beginning topic will be "Telling Our Story." Please come and share and /or listen as together we strive to help one another on our Faith Journey. Please call the Rectory and leave your name and number and someone will contact you.

# Cluster Corner

## CORPUS CHRISTI

**Memorabilia-** The parish is collecting memorabilia to be displayed in the back of the church until April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any pictures, mementos, T-shirts, bulletins, etc, please contact Rose 216-351-6073.

## 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.

## ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

**Ireland-** Fr. Carlin is leading a trip to Ireland from June 24th through July 5th. Please call 440-884-3030 for more information or to sign up.

## ST. LEO THE GREAT

**Senior Trip-** On February 22nd, St. Leo's will be traveling to Wheeling Isle in West Virginia. The group will meet at 7:30am and leave at 8am. The cost is \$25 but you get back \$30. Please call Joanne at 440-526-3505 for more information.

## HSYM BASKETBALL & EVENING PRAYER

The HSYM will hold an evening of Basketball and Evening Prayer on Sunday, February 28th from 7-9pm in the parish gym. This event is free and open to any high school student. This is a great time to hand in your permission slip for Time Out XX.

## DRESS FOR SUCCESS: SOS WEEKEND

During the month of February, STM is collecting new or gently used suits and other items appropriate for job interviews. February 25-28th is this year's Dress for Success Send One Suit event. Every year, Dress for Success issues an S.O.S. to all women nationwide: Donate one new or nearly-new business suit to help another woman enter the workforce! Founded in New York City in 1997, Dress for Success is an international not-for-profit organization offering service designed to help female clients find jobs and remain employed. Items that have been worn must be clean. A donation box will be at the main doors of the Church until February 28th. Visit [www.dressforsuccess.org](http://www.dressforsuccess.org).

## 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 need to be made.