

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

I would like to thank everyone for their support over starting our BINGO night. Jim Higgins has told me we have an outstanding amount of interest for people to both work bingo nights as well as play. The proceeds from these games are going to help pay off our large back assessment balance. If these bingo nights are a big success maybe we can pay this debt off to the diocese very quickly. Again, I would like to personally thank everyone for their support.

This weekend our cluster will be going through some very difficult times. With the closing of Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Good Counsel this weekend, there will be a great sadness felt. With the closing of their doors and the saying of goodbye to old friends there will be a type of loss felt, a void if you will, in the heart of each and every one of the parishioners. I had the opportunity to celebrate Mass at Corpus Christi last weekend and caught up with old classmates, friends and fellow parishioners. It was a time of reminiscing. There was laughter and there were some tears, but as I said to them, and I say to you today, the doors may be closed, the building locked forever, but the spirit of Corpus Christi will live on in the hearts of all who have called Corpus Christi home. I believe this to be true no matter what parish you are coming from, whether it is Blessed Sacrament, St. Procop, or Ss. Philip & James, your love for your home parish will live on in you. It is my hope that as people are coming from all the parishes around us, that they bring some of that same love and spirit to us so that we can become the shelter of many who are seeking refuge and a new place to call home.

We have had many people over the past few weeks coming to us and registering here at St. Thomas More. I would like to extend a personal welcome on behalf of myself, Clare (my dog whom some of you may have already met), the staff and all the parishioners of St. Thomas More. God bless each and every one of you and WELCOME!

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill

BINGO

Bingo will be held at STM every Wednesdays beginning on April 21st in the gym. Doors open at 5pm and Early Birds begin at 6:30pm. Bingo computers are available with special pricing for the grand opening.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Irene Doebele and John Russo. God grant them eternal rest.

PARISH PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please pray for our troops, our country, and world peace. All are welcome to gather in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for peace on Tuesday, April 20th at 7pm.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

On Thursday, April 22nd at 7pm, we will gather in the Marian Chapel to pray the prayer of our Blessed Mother, in honor of her as our Patroness of the Unwanted, especially the unwanted children of abortion. All parishioners and friends are welcome to pray for America and a better sense of values. Pray with us that mothers-to-be will choose life, adoption rather than abortion, and that Americans would hold sacred the lives of the handicapped, the nursing home elderly, and of the poor, thus rejecting the false claims of mercy killing, euthanasia, and doctor-assisted suicide.

BIBLE STUDY- FAITH SHARING

When the year of St. Paul began, we thought it would be a good idea to read and discuss his letters. Our Bible "study" has become more of a faith sharing because we see what Paul wrote years ago really applies to us today. And we can testify what he said is true. If you would like to join us, we meet in the Church library at 7pm on Monday evenings, except on the third Monday.

BOOK RACK

Several months ago the announcement was made that due to the increasing cost of religious literature and the ever decreasing donations for them, we would be ending our consignment agreement for this material.

Sometime over the next few months, the actual book rack located in the main vestibule will be removed. This is the main entrance to the church and the rack itself is an eyesore especially with the various pieces of literature just stuffed on some of the shelves. The efforts we are making in various parts of the church will hopefully make a more prayerful surrounding and be more presentable to you and our visitors.

If anyone misses a particular religious magazine, paper or pamphlet, please drop a note to the rectory and we can provide you the information you would need to order your personal copy.

FROM DEACON MARTY

Although I will still be serving as a chaplain at the county jail, I will no longer be collecting items in the box in the rear of the church. As of May 1st, I will be removing the box. I want to THANK the people of St. Thomas More for their support over the past years. Many blessings to all of you.

JHYG DANCE

Please note that the date of the May Dance has been changed to May 7th. A valid Dance ID and \$5 is required for admission.

STM SENIORS

Our meetings are the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be April 22nd in Utopia Hall from 11am-3pm. All who are 55 and older are welcome to attend. Coffee and donuts are served. We play cards, Bingo, and Bunco. First visit will be free. Come join us!

STM WOMEN'S GUILD

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild will have a Spring Style Show and Luncheon on Tuesday, April 20th beginning at 12pm in Utopia Hall. Tickets are \$6 and fashions by Dress Barn. For reservations, please call Jean at 216-741-5991 or Diane at 216-749-6332.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, July 25th at 2:30pm, Bishop Richard Lennon will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for those couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2010. If you are interested in attending, please call the rectory so that we can register you before Wednesday, June 23rd.

CENSUS 2010

It is not too late to fill out your Census 2010 form. If you have not already done so, please fill out the form including information on every person living in your residence as of April 1st. This would include all family members: adults and children of all ages; as well as any unrelated persons living in the home. It is very important that these forms are accurately completed and returned to the Census Bureau. To avoid having a Census Representative visit your home in May, please return the form in the envelope provided as soon as possible. If you have not received a Census Form by April 12th, or if you have questions or need assistance in filling out the form call 1-866-872-6868 (English) or 1-866-928-2010 (Spanish).

Cluster Corner

CORPUS CHRISTI

Good bye!- Our official Closing Mass was Saturday, April 17th at 4:30pm with Bishop Lennon presiding.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Good bye!- On April 18th at 11am, Bishop Richard Lennon will preside at the official Closing Mass for Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Pancake Breakfast- Join us on April 18th in Lower Monaghan Hall from 8:30-11:30am. Help us get to World Youth Day 2011. Breakfast includes scrambled eggs, sausage, and pancakes with mixed berries and whipped cream toppings!

ST. LEO THE GREAT

Women's Reverse Raffle- The annual Women's Reverse Raffle is set for April 24th. Tickets are \$40 which includes dinner, drinks, and a chance at \$2,000. Tickets are available for \$25 for those not attending. For tickets call Vinny Funari at 216-401-2466.

QUARTERLY COMMUNION

The Quarterly Communion for the Knights of Columbus, Brookside Council #3297 will be Sunday, April 25th during the 10am Mass.

JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUP

You may have seen bulletin articles about a job search support group forming at St. Thomas More. While only a few parishioners have inquired about the group, we know that the need for this group is great. The Mission of the St. Thomas More Job Search Support group is to help members network with parishioners, provide free information on how to conduct a job search, and introduce members to other resources for help. Everyone is welcome to attend these free meetings. The first meeting is Thursday, April 29th at 7pm in the rectory. We will discuss the job market today and how to network within our community. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Tina Hovan at 216-402-2257. We hope to see you there!

HONOR ROLL

Trinity High School honors the following parishioners who have received academics honors for the third half term: **First Honors-** Benjamin Borkowski, Brooke Hareford, and Kathleen Nadson, **Merit Roll-** Alexander Nydza