



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

I am sure that you will be hearing lots of rumors about our school over the next few weeks, so I wanted to inform you about the school before the rumors begin to run wild. The school is in fine shape but with the economy the way it is and the mad rush of young families running out to the suburbs, we need to look at restructuring the present school structure.

The school itself is holding its own. We are very blessed that the school has been running self-sufficient for the past couple of years. Many of the pastors when I tell that our school for the most part is self-sufficient are completely amazed. But we must look to the future and make sure that our school remains vibrant and viable as it is today.

We must look to see where we can cut costs and still give our students the same high quality education that they are currently receiving. We have had some students shadow at other schools lately only to find out how much further ahead our students are in comparison to many other schools. We have good and dedicated teachers, as well as a staff, that cares about the well-being of each of our students.

It is our hope that after we finish re-structuring the school we will then be able to take a hard look at the tuition and the cost of educating each student. Once we have completed this study and with the economy being so unstable, it is our desire to make a Catholic education for our children more affordable.

For those who are seeking a Catholic education, St. Thomas More strives to teach our children Catholic values, morals and a discipline that would prepare them for high school and for life. We have weekly Masses, devotions, prayer services and confessions as well as sacramental preparation for all of our students. To send your child to St. Thomas More he/she will learn about God, about the Church and how we are called to live a faith-filled life. If you or someone you know may be interested in taking a look at our school, please feel free to call Mrs. Francis or Mrs. Briggs at 216-749-1660 for a tour of our building. They would be able to answer any questions you may have about curriculum or the greater course of study for your child.

Peace and Goodness,

*Fr. Bill*

## BINGO

Bingo is held at STM every Wednesday in the gym. Doors open at 5pm and Early Birds begin at 6:30pm.

## MAY CROWNING

Please join us on Tuesday, May 11th for the rosary at 6:45pm and liturgy at 7pm. The crowning of the Blessed Mother will immediately follow the liturgy. Social to follow in Utopia Hall. Please feel free to bring flowers for the May altar.

## 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 Tuesdays at 7pm. Please note that there will be NO peace rosary on May 11th and 18th.

## BIBLE STUDY- FAITH SHARING

Our Bible "study" has become more of a faith sharing because we see what St. Paul wrote years ago really applies to us today. If you would like to join us, we meet in the Church library at 7pm on Monday evenings, except on the third Monday.

## FROM SR. ET'S PEN

With heartfelt gratitude, we'd like to thank those parishioners who made a commitment as Ministers of Prayer and Praise to pray for and offer their sufferings for our parish. They are Jeanne Hertzell and Tony & Janet Kozak. Thank you for loving and praying for us.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

On June 27th, the parish will have a celebration of our patron saint, St. Thomas More. The day will be filled with food, entertainment, and family activities. Thank you for your support of the raffle. Tickets can be dropped off at the rectory or in the collection basket.

## CASINO TRIP TO WHEELING ISLAND

On Tuesday, June 15th there will be a trip to Wheeling Island leaving from STM at 8am and returning around 8pm. Cost is \$25 and includes snacks, games, and \$25 in free play. Registration forms are available at the rectory and due by June 8th. Please contact Mrs. Barker at 216-749-0414 with questions.

## RICE BOWL

The Risen Christ gives all people a new hope. Our efforts with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl have also given hope and new chances to many of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Through the generous efforts of the STM community, we were able to raise \$815.67 for Operation Rice Bowl. Thank you!!!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Thomas More will be hosting this fun week from 8:30am until 12:30pm each day from June 21-25th. The theme is "High Seas Expedition." Registrations for VBS have already been distributed to day school and PSR students at St. Thomas More and St. Leo the Great for students ages 5-11. If you have not received a registration form you can obtain them from the rectory at STM or St. Leo the Great. To make this week a success we need interested adults and teens. There are many ways you can volunteer such as preparing snacks, leading a group, or helping with games and crafts. To volunteer, please call the rectory or email [bbarker@stmschool.com](mailto:bbarker@stmschool.com).

## STM SPIRIT DAY

Celebrate the spirit of Pentecost and the new spirit of St. Thomas More Parish at our first Spirit Day. The fun will include meeting new people and visiting with old friends. Join us for entertainment and refreshments after the 10am Mass on Sunday, May 23rd in Utopia Hall.

## HSYM UPDATE

There is no High School Youth Ministry activity this weekend due to Mother's Day. Upcoming events for the HSYM are in the works and include cookouts, softball, Cedar Point and more. Check out the group's website and watch the parish bulletin for more details.

## STM WOMEN'S GUILD

The STM Women's Guild will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 11th. We will have our May Crowning at this meeting and also our election of officers for 2010-2011.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11th in Utopia Hall following the May Crowning reception. All the men of the parish are welcome.

## TEARS OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

"Tears of Hope" Bereavement Support Group will meet Sunday, May 16th at the Church rectory (side rear door) from 2-3pm. Note change in meeting date-third Sunday rather than fourth for this month only. Meeting #4 topic will be Influence of Religion on Grief. Hope to see you. If you have any questions, please call 216-749-0414. Remember by reaching out to one another through God's Word and Deed, we can find comfort where the heart hurts most.

# Cluster Corner

## MARY QUEEN OF PEACE

**Parish Bingo-** Bingo is located in the Parish Center every Friday at 7pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Early Bird at 7pm. 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

**Bus Trip-** On May 25th, the Senior's will host a trip to Seneca Allegany Casino. The cost is \$25 and includes a Casino Bonus: \$25 slot dollars and \$10 food. Call Joanne Todd to book the trip at 440-526-3505.

## IMPORTANT MANNA UPDATE

The Manna gift card program at STM was discontinued as of April 30th. We do still have a limited amount of cards left for sale at the rectory. Please call or stop by the rectory for availability.

## JH MUSICAL: GODSPELL JUNIOR

Save the dates of May 21-23 as STM's Youth Ministry proudly presents, Godspell, Jr. Friday and Saturday's shows are at 8pm and Sunday's curtain is 3pm. More information on tickets sales will be printed in the coming weeks. Come help, "prepare ye the way..." as some of the most talented 6th, 7th, and 8th graders from the parish sing, dance, and act out the Gospel.

## FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

Registration for 4-8th grade boys and girls for football, volleyball, and cheerleading will be held on May 11th and 25th in the school cafeteria from 6-8pm. Physicals will be available on location on May 11th at 6pm. For information, call Rob at 216-548-6748.

## STM SENIORS

Our meetings are the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be May 13th 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!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Brookside Council Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for Children with "Intellectual Developmental Disabilities" after all Masses next weekend. Please be generous to this worthy cause.