Fr. Hai’s Corner

Welcome to the home of St. Thomas More School! We are excited to celebrate our 50th Anniversary (1965-2015) this Saturday, February 28, 2015. The Anniversary Mass will be a celebration of Faith, Life, History and Love of God, Catholic education and STM School. Who could have imagined 50 years ago how abundantly STM School would flourish? The blessings of strong, visionary leadership, great lay and religious educators, priests, a rich mix of cultures, and deeply supportive and loyal families and alumnae have made STM School a Blue Ribbon winner (twice) and a treasure in the Meyerland area.

The Anniversary Festivities begin with the Holy Mass, presided over by Cardinal DiNardo. Then, the Gala follows with 430+ former STM students and supporters. In addition to everything wonderful and nostalgic about the evening, let us always remember our STM motto: reaching minds, touching hearts, shaping souls.

As we celebrate 50 years of educating minds and hearts to leadership, let us enjoy our Golden Jubilee year. Let us work together to grow our Catholic education at STM for the next 50 years. Let us ask for God’s blessing on each member of the STM school and church community, with gratitude and joy.

May God bless us & our STM School. With love, gratitude and prayer, Fr. Hai Dang

PS. Do you know that we have our STM alma mater school song? Call STM school and have Ms. Pat Flippen sing it for you.

Parish Lenten Mission, given by Fr. Blaise Czaja, C.P. will begin on Sunday, March 1, 2015. Fr. Blaise will preach at all the Masses on Sunday and then the mission will be held on March 2, 3 & 4. There will be evening sessions beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church and there will be daytime sessions, starting with Mass at 11:30 a.m.

FR. HAI HAS ASKED THAT ALL ORGANIZATIONS / MINISTRIES CANCEL ACTIVITIES DURING THE MISSION...THIS MEANS NO MEETINGS ON THE EVENINGS OF MARCH 2, 3, 4.

At the close of the mission (Wednesday, March 4) there will be a reception in Servant Hall with light refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

This process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Begins with informal question and answer sessions. Inquiry sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m. For more information, just come on Wednesday evening, or talk to Deacon John Krugh on Sunday or call the church office, 713-729-0221.

Spread the Good News! St Thomas More Event Photo is free and open to all STM ministries. Ministry Heads may call Chris Moras at 713.305.4099 to schedule photography for their next parish event.

It is my great fortune to be in the STM family. All my family joins me in expressing our sincere thanks for all the support and prayers that sustained us recent illness and death. Deacon Dave’s visit with Bob not only ministered to Bob, but to the rest of us as well. I am so very grateful to all at STM.

Ann Lee

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

Yearly Budgeted Offertory $1,850,523.00

Weekend Collection

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Additional Collections:

- Children (Social Services) $ 5.00
- Building Fund $ 255.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Readings for the week of February 22, 2015

Sunday First Sunday of Lent
   Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Monday Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
   Lk 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent
   Gb 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116;
   Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Tired of writing checks and keeping up with parish envelopes? Please check out our ONLINE GIVING at www.stmhouston.org. If you don’t know your ID#, you will need to call the parish office first to get it.

Dignity Memorial & National Museum of Funeral History invite you... to a free guided tour of the exhibit plus lunch “Celebrating the Lives and Deaths of the Popes”

Located at the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FUNERAL HISTORY, the permanent exhibit, “Celebrating the Lives and Deaths of the Popes” is a product of three years of intense collaboration between the Vatican and the National Museum of Funeral History. The exhibit includes a full-scale replica of Pope John Paul II’s crypt, an exact reproduction of the coffin used in the funerals of three previous Popes as well as replicas of other Papal vestments by the tailor shop that has made the vestments of the last seven Popes. Please contact Deacon Ed Gosline to RSVP for the group tour (no charge)

Dates: Wednesday, March 25 or Saturday, March 28

Where: meet at the church parking lot and we will depart from there at 9:00 am, return at 2:00 pm

RSVP: deaconed@stmhouston.org or 713-729-0221
STreaMliners (Adults over 50 only)-Happy New Year!
$15 dues for the year—Adults over 50 only.

Thursday, Feb. 26, Coushatta Casino Day Trip- $15 pp, hot kolaches, donuts and coffee at 6:30 am, bus leaves at 7:00 am.
Saturday, March 14, monthly meeting-10:00 a.m. in Prinster Hall. Entertainment to be announced. Remember to bring canned goods for the STM Food Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Hospital.

Don’t forget your donation for the “Fisher House”
Make checks payable to St. Thomas More Church
10330 Hillcroft St., Houston, TX. 77096

STM Woman’s ACTS Team will be hosting a Garage Sale on Saturday, March 7, 2015 in the Old Gym from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The proceeds of this Garage Sale will be used to offset expenses occurred for the upcoming 2016 STM Woman’s ACT Retreat. The Retreat is scheduled for January 14 - 17, 2016, located at Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, Houston, Texas. We will accept any donations of gently used and saleable items. Items can be delivered to Donoven’s Den, Friday, March 6, from 3:00 – 7:00 pm or Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 am. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Contact Lillie Vega at 713 - 271-0750, Lll53@aol.com, or Debbie Luquette at 713 - 728 - 5302, drlmba@hotmail.com.

www.houstonvocations.com
This is the vocations site for the Archdiocese, if you have been searching, check it out and see if there is a program you can attend.
Flocknote is a way for the parish to communicate with you! If you don’t have time to read the bulletin but want to know what’s going on, sign up for this service. There are 2 easy ways to register for Flocknote (pick one):

1. flocknote.com/stmhouston
2. Text “Hillcroft” to 84576
¡Bienvenido al hogar de la escuela de St. Thomas More! Estamos muy contentos de celebrar nuestro 50a Aniversario (1965-2015) este sábado 28 de Febrero, 2015. La Misa de Aniversario será una celebración de Fe, Vida, Historia y El Amor de Dios, Educación Católica y de la Escuela de STM. ¿Quién hubiera imaginado hace 50 años como prosperaría abundante-mente la escuela de STM? Las bendiciones de un liderazgo fuerte y visionario, grandes educadores laicos y religiosos, sacerdotes, una rica mezcla de culturas, y familias profundamente soli-darias y leales y un gran alumnado que ha hecho de STM una escuela ganadora del Listón Azul (dos veces) y un tesoro en el área de Meyerland.

Las festividades del Aniversario comenzaran con una Santa Misa, presidida por el Cardenal DiNardo. Seguida por una cena de Gala con mas de 430+ ex-alumnos de STM, padres de Familia de nuestros recientes alumnos y personas que apoyan a la escuela de STM. Además de todo lo nostálgico y romántico e la noche recordemos siempre nuestro lema de STM: alcanzando mentes, tocando corazones, formando almas.

Al celebrar 50 años educando mentes y corazones a un liderazgo, disfrutemos de nuestro año de jubileo de oro. Trabajemos juntos para hacer crecer nuestra educación Católica en STM por los próximos 50a años. Que Dios nos bendiga y a la escuela de STM. Con amor, gratitud y oración, Padre Hai Dang

¿Te gustaría mejorar y enriquecer tu vida matrimonial? ¡Te lo Mereces! Celebra este mes del amor y la amistad viviendo un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial los días 27, 28 Febrero y 1 de Marzo. Para más información comuníquese con: Jesús y Marisela mirón 713-261-0677 y 832-860-0712 o Antonio y Raquel Morales 281-467-5378 y 713-826-7466. Visita nuestra página, para más detalles e inscripciones en línea:

CONVALIDACIÓN DE MATRIMONIOS. Las parejas que deseen convalidar su matrimonio, es decir que están casadas civilmente, o en unión libre, y quie-ren casarse por la Iglesia, por favor llamen a Ana Luisa al 713-729-3435. Las Clases darán comienzo el martes 17 de marzo a las 7:00pm en el Prinster Hall.

Adoración Eucarística:

Miércoles., 12-1 a.m., 12-1 p.m. & 4-5 p.m. 
Viernes, 5-6 a.m. & 11-12 a la medianoche

Nuestra capilla permanece abierta las 24 horas del día gracias al compromiso hecho por aquellas personas que toman una Hora Santa semanal. Por favor haga un compromiso!!

Llama a la oficina de la Iglesia para mas información 713-729-0221.

Eduación Religiosa:

Actualización de Matrícula- ¡Gracias a todas las familias que han pagado su cuota para el año de doctrina 2014-2015. Sin embargo, a partir de este mes todavía tenemos una buena cantidad de la matrícula que todavía está pendiente. Estamos dedicados a pro-veer el programa de educación religiosa lo mejor posible en Santo Tomas More, sin embargo, esto sólo se puede hacer con su apoyo. Si es posible, por favor pague el saldo pendiente lo antes posible, hay planes de pago disponibles. Gracias por su cooperación.

Confirmación Para Adultos (mayores de 18 años)

Comenzando con un retiro el sábado, 21 de Febrero del 2015 de 9:00am a 4pm 
Para inscribirse para la preparación llame a Ana Luisa al 713-729-3435 analuisa@stmhouston.org

INICIO DE LAS CLASES MIERCOLES 4 DE MARZO DEL 2015 
HORARIO: 7:00PM a 9:00PM
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACION POR LOS ENFERMOS


PRAY FOR ALL SERVING IN THE MILITARY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY

SFC Paul Bergman, Col. David Eskelund, Megan Godsey, Traci Godsey, SPC Bryant Gradney, Sgt. Billy Janca, SSgt Bradley Louis, Mike McIntosh, Ebenezer E. Ohaegbuem, Charles U. Oparnozie, LCDR Russell Thiem, PFC Cristina Teresa Villegas

Austin Bennett Tice is a home schooled, Eagle Scout, National Merit Finalist, graduate of Georgetown University, former Captain in the United States Marine Corps and recipient of the 2012 George Polk Award for War Reporting. He is the eldest of seven children, and was born and raised in Texas.

In May of 2012, the summer before his final year at Georgetown Law School, he chose to go to Syria as a Freelance Journalist to report on the conflict there. Two days after his 31st birthday, on August 13, 2012, his editors, family and friends lost contact with Austin, as he was preparing to travel from Daraya, near Damascus, to Beirut, Lebanon.

Please continue to pray for the safe return of Austin to his family.

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