Fr. Hai’s Corner

Happy 50th Anniversary of STM Catholic School!!
St. Mark tells us today of Jesus’ transfiguration. In all three Synoptic Gospels, (Matthew 17:1–9, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36), the transfiguration is preceded by Peter’s confessing Jesus as Messiah.

How does Mark 9: 2-10 apply to us? It gives us hope in our own times of suffering. Suffering and death will not have the last word in the lives of those who follow and believe in Jesus. Just as Jesus could predict that He would be raised, He promises us a share in his glory and his kingdom.

This Week, March 1 to Wednesday, March 4, let us welcome Father Blaise Czaja, C.P. a Passionist priest from California, who will give us a Lenten retreat. Father Blaise will be present at the Sunday Masses on March 1. He will introduce himself and preach at all English Masses. The Lenten Mission with Father Blaise begins on Monday, March 2, Tuesday, March 3, and Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 PM. Father Blaise will offer 11:30 AM mass on Monday – Tuesday –Wednesday.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus. In Lent, we are asked to step away from “the usual,” to retreat, reflect, and renew. I challenge each of you to consider setting aside this extra time, and invite all parishioners to this year’s Lenten Reflection Series with Father Blaise. It should be a wonderfully intense spiritual experience!

Looking ahead, the Spanish mission at St. Thomas More will be in Fall of 2015.

God bless you and your loved ones. Fr. Hai

Parish Lenten Mission

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!

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) in the church...6:00 p.m. English / 7:00 p.m. Spanish.

K of C Fish Dinner Fridays during Lent, starting at 5:00 p.m. in Prinster Hall

Eucharistic Adoration several hours need coverage. You can volunteer just for Lent or for the rest of your life! God will not be outdone in generosity.

Check out our website for a daily Lenten meditation from Fr. Robert Barron.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tues., 1-2 p.m.
Wed., 12-1 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.
Friday, 11-12 midnight

Our chapel remains open 24 hours a day because of the commitment made by those who take a weekly Holy Hour. Please commit!!

On another note, if you are making New Year resolutions, consider making a weekly Holy Hour. The rewards are immeasurable! Call Suzie Hamilton for info, 713-557-3036 or 713-729-0221.

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

Yearly Budgeted Offertory $1,850,523.00

Weekend Collection (02/22/2015) $30,795.58

FISCAL YTD $1,209,088.28

WEEKLY $37,000.00

Over (+)/Under(-) $6,204.42

$ 48,911.72

Additional Collections:

Arch. Social Ministries $4,790.00

Black & Indian Missions $5,539.94

Children (Social Services) $3,000

Building Fund $532.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH ESL CLASSES

Our parish provides ESL (English as a Second Language) classes to the community on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, beginning January 27, 2015.

If you can Volunteer at least one evening a week with this worthwhile endeavor, or be a Substitute, please contact Norman Palms at 713-726-0513 or normpalms@aol.com.

You do not need to speak Spanish! A training session will be provided for new teachers at no cost.
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1...

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First Saturday Devotion

The Blessed Mother promised Sister Lucia, the Fatima Seer, if you
1. pray the rosary
2. go to Confession (within 8 days before or after first Saturday)
3. receive Holy Communion
4. meditate on the mysteries of the rosary for 15 minutes

for five consecutive first Saturdays, with the intention of making
reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of
Mary, you will receive all the graces necessary for salvation at the hour
of death. On first Saturdays, the rosary is prayed in STM chapel at...
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
HOUSTON, TEXAS
March 1, 2015

What impedes your ability to answer God's call to a religious life?

The Parish Vocations Committee

STreaMliners (Adults over 50 only)-Happy New Year!
$15 dues for the year—Adults over 50 only.

Thursday, Feb. 26, Coushatta Casino Day Trip- $15pp, hot kolaches, donuts and coffee at 6:30 a.m., bus leaves at 7:00 a.m.

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.

Thursday, March 19, “Girl’s Night” Musical at Stages Theater -$26/ticket, bus will leave at 4:30 p.m. from STM

Thursday, March 26, Coushatta Casino Day Trip- $15pp, hot kolaches, donuts and coffee at 6:30 a.m., bus leaves at 7:00 a.m.

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

All trips leave from the back parking area near Prinster Hall. Please leave at least 5 spaces open around the dumpsters and recycling bins. STreaMliner trips are open to all STM families and friends! For info, call Ed’s Tours 713-723-2035.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY
On Sunday March 1, at 9:00 p.m. in the chapel, please join the Respect Life Committee in praying the rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty.

FIRST FRIDAY NOCTURNAL ADORATION
NOCTURNAL ADORATION GROUPS will meet in the chapel on Friday, March 6 to pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament every hour on the hour beginning at 8:00 p.m. concluding at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7. You are welcome to join any group at any hour.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS
Join us in the Adoration Chapel each First Saturday at 8:30 a.m. as we pray the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next date will be March 7.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP
Will begin a new schedule commencing Saturday, March 7.
Meetings will be held the First Saturday of the Month in the St. Paul Room of the Adult Education Building.

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather, it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him. (“The Method of Centering Prayer: The Prayer of Consent” by Thomas Keating)

For more information contact Magda Garcia, 281-793-2510

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.

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 during Bob’s 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

Tuesday, March 3 will be our next Bridge game day! All card players welcome to join us in Donovan’s Den for a day of bridge. Bring a sandwich and $1.00, drinks and snacks provided. The fun starts at 9:45 a.m. so don’t be late.
Your Family is invited to support His Hands of Hope 2015
- Recruit golfers among family, friends, & co-workers to form a golf team
- Make any donation or, perhaps, sponsor a Priest to play golf at no cost
- Purchase a course sign through a Tee-Box sponsorship before April 10th
- Donate auction and door-prize items of value before April 17th

Important Charity
Golf Tournament
April 20, 2015
Quail Valley Course
$150
You can mail a check to:
His Hands of Hope
10016 Bob White Dr
Houston, TX 77096
OR
Go to website and pay with
a debit or credit card

Register Online Now hhhgolf.org
Early Registration Prize Drawing
Deadline March 20, 2015

His Hands of Hope
Men Helping Others to Keep Their Hope Alive

18th Annual Tournament
Quail Valley Golf Club
April 20, 2015 (map)
Quick HHHH
Online Registration
All online enrollments require golfer information to be provided and for payment with a credit or debit card.
Note: Enrolling as a team requires information for each individual golfer. It is recommended that a foursome registrant has each golfer’s email address and cell

You will be helping your Church and Community
Funds have been used to support seminarians, to purchase new clergy vestments, to fund Catholic school scholarships, and to provide support to church youth groups and activities, such as Scouting and Trail Life USA. Expectations are to donate to the archdiocesan project to build a new retirement home for priests.
Funds also help in the community beyond our Catholic parish by supporting tax exempt entities like Reel Recovery (men’s cancer support), Friends of Levitt Pavilion-Houston (new outdoor community facility), the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy (parks and nature), and non-traditional Boy Scouts of America troops (nearly 1,400 low-income, public school youth).

email HHOHGT@gmail.com for more information

**Note**: HHoH is recognized by many Corporate Gift Matching programs.
Once again, the STM school community “stepped” up to support Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. STM families turned out in great numbers on Saturday, February 21, to raise money for STM and awareness of Catholic education. Students, parents and faculty walked and ran through the streets surrounding the Co-Cathedral in this annual fundraiser. Pledges throughout the archdiocese totaled close to a million dollars and our STM families raised over $7000.00 which will directly benefit our school.

STM STUDENTS SHINE AT SPX MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

STM students bring home the Sweepstakes Trophy for the highest total points overall!

For eight of the last nine years, STM students have won the Sweepstakes Trophy at this prestigious middle school rally. This year over 1200 students from 21 area Catholic schools participated by competing in tests of various academic subjects, pre-submitted and on-site art and writing, speech competitions, and foreign language speech competitions and a Significa Tournament. Seventy students from STM brought home medals in Creative Writing, Art, Number Sense, Mathematics, English, Theology, Photography, Calculator Applications Technology, Spanish, Science, Social Studies, Spelling and Speech.

WELCOME TO STM PARISH SCHOOL

Are you considering STM for your child for the 2015—2016 school year? Come and see all the exciting things going on in your parish school. Contact the school office at 713.729.3434 to arrange a private tour.
Dignity Memorial
&
National Museum of Funeral History

Invite you...

to a free guided tour of the exhibit

“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.

Complimentary Shuttle Transportation, Admission, Guided Tour, Your Life Your Legacy Seminar and Lunch.

Space is Limited, Reservation Required.

Please contact Deacon Ed Gosline to RSVP for the next group tour

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

Duration of tour: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

RSVP: deaconed@stmhouston.org or 713-729-0221
Archdiocesan Young Adult and Campus Ministry Day 2015

Would you like to strengthen your relationship with God and others? Come join hundreds of young adults ages 18-39 from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for a day of workshops, music, fellowship and Eucharist. Twenty presentations by international, national and local presenters to choose from in English and Spanish.

St. Pius X High School
811 W. Donovan St, Houston, Texas 77091 USA
Saturday, April 11, 2015
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Fees
Registration: $25.00 before March 11, 2015
$35.00 after March 12, 2015
Fee includes T-shirt and lunch if registered by March 22, 2015

Registration Deadline
Saturday, April 4, 2015

http://www.archgh.org/yacam/

Adopt a Golf Ball

On March 20th Father Hai will be elevated above a golf green with a drum of golf balls. He will pour out 1,000 numbered golf balls. The first golf ball, if any, that goes into the designated hole on the green wins the grand prize. If no ball enters the hole, the closest ball to the hole wins the grand prize. Some consolation prizes will be awarded based on each ball’s distance from the hole. Grand Prize is $1,500 Visa Card. To adopt a golf ball a minimum $5 donation is required. See a member of the Knights of Columbus to participate.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

TUITION UPDATE
Thank you to all the families who have paid their tuition for the 2014-2015 CCE year. However, as of this month we still have a fair amount of tuition that is still outstanding. We are dedicated to providing the best possible religious education program at St. Thomas More; however, this can only be done with your support. If at all possible, please pay your outstanding balance at your earliest convenience, payment plans are available. Thank you for your co-operation.

NEW INTERN!
Hello St. Thomas More Parishioners! I am Kehinde Femi Fowode, but I go by Kenny. I was born and raised in Lagos Nigeria, the only girl in a family of six; I am also a twin. I came to the United States when I was 17 years old. I have my Associate degree in Art from Houston Community College and a Bachelor’s degree from Prairie View A & M University. Currently I work with Alief ISD as a pre-k Teacher, and I am pursuing my Master’s degree in Social Work at the University of Houston. I am excited to be working and learning in the STM community, and I look forward to meeting many of you.

Vocation Awareness Opportunities for Spring:
Discover the Road Less Traveled
Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14 – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - A monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary's Seminary for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Meets every second Thursday of the month, September to May. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood and religious life. 9845 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77024. Registration, video and information: www.houstonvocations.com/discover

Women Seeking the Road Less Traveled
Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14 – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. - A monthly discernment gathering for women ages 18 and older who are discerning a vocation to religious life. Meets in different convents around the Archdiocese every second Thursday of the month, September to May. Program includes supper, a brief presentation and time for sharing, followed by prayer. Sisters from several religious orders who live and minister in the Archdiocese will be present. Information on sites, registration and video about program is available www.houstonvocations.com/women-seeking

Meet the STM Saintly Staff
Pat Flippen is an Admission Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to the Principal at St. Thomas More Parish School. Ms. Flippen has worked at STM for 25 years. Pat has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Stephen F. Austin University. Her daughter, Lisa, and son, Brian, are both graduates of STM. Pat has 3 grandchildren, one of whom attends STM now. Pat loves spending time with her family, reading, traveling, and sewing. Pat states “I love working at STM because of the lifelong friendships (staff, students, and parents) that I have developed over the years. These friendships have enriched my life in many wonderful ways.”

RAYS OF ENLIGHTENMENT
Divine Mercy Conference
Families Rebuilding
The Temple of the Lord
March 21st 9-5pm
SPEAKERS
Steve Pokorny- Fr. Roy Oggero
Don & Sherry Burns, Sally Flowers
Fr. Christopher Plant
GRACE FILLED DAY- Music/Refreshments/Teachings/Power Point Presentations/3:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy Adoration / 5pm Mass
Registration is required – No Charge
Call 281-469-5533 (Seating is limited)
Jack Alexander jalexander@ctrcc.com.

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
¿Qué impide a tu habilidad de contestar el llamado de Dios a una vida religiosa?
El comité de Vocaciones de la Parroquia

Pat Flippen es la Coordinadora de Admisiones y la Asistente Administrativa de la Directora de la Escuela de San Tomas More. Pat ha trabajado en STM por 25 años. Pat tiene una licenciatura en grado de ciencia en Educación de la Universidad de Stephen F. Austin. Su hija, Lisa y su hijo, Brian, son graduados de STM. Pat tiene 3 nietos, uno de ellos está ahora en STM. A Pat le gusta mucho compartir tiempo con su familia, leer, viajar y cocer. Pat dice: “a mi me gusta trabajar en STM debido a las largas amistades de (compañeras de trabajo, estudiantes, y padres de familia) que he desarrollado a través de los años. Estas amistades han enriquecido mi vida en muchas maravillosas maneras.”

BENDICIONES PARA LA PRESENTACION AL TEMPLO DE NIÑOS DE TRES AÑOS Y QUINCEANERAS
Para que sus hijos reciban la bendición se necesita registrarse en la Oficina de Religión al 713-729-0221.

CONVALIDACIÓN DE MATRIMONIOS. Las parejas que deseen convalidar su matrimonio, es decir que están casadas civilmente, o en unión libre, y quieren 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.

Educarion Religiosa:
Actualización de Matricula- ¡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 proveer 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.
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. Ohaegbulem, 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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