Fr. Hai’s Corner

This Sunday, we read from the Gospel of Mark 4:35-41—Jesus calms a Storm. We realize how fragile life can be. Life is short. In his death on the cross, Jesus takes all our fears of ‘death’ upon himself and assures us that God our Father will raise up those who trust in Him. Jesus, I believe in You.

Today is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.

To All Fathers. Happy Father’s Day!

If your Dad is still living, say the words, “I love you Dad.” If he is nearby, hug him. If he doesn’t like to be hugged, do it anyway.

And if you are a Dad, say the magical words we were created to hear: “I love you my child! I love you with all of my heart!”

My father died 37 years ago and I never celebrated Father’s Day. Every day when I say prayers for my Dad, I finish with this: “I will see you Dad, in heaven. Amen”

To Father Michael Faneye:

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Thomas More, I want to say:

“Thank you for your game, talents and priestly ministry here at STM. I know from my own personal experience that changes in assignments bring sadness and challenges for the priest, and parishioners who have come to know him and have been assisted in their faith by his pastoral care. Be assured also of our prayers for you, Father Michael, and for St. Anthony of Padua in The Woodlands, Texas.

Let us say “thank you and Godspeed” to Father Michael on Sunday, June 28, after the 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses. In coming weeks, when the priestly assignments are announced and the transitions get underway in our Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, I know you will support our priests as God calls them to new experiences in priestly ministry.

Fr. Hai

Join the Knights of Columbus
(Looking for a few good Catholic men)

1st Degree Exemplification

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2015
Time: 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Location: St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Prinster Parish Center
Contact: Eric Roeder 281-467-7792
roederhou@yahoo.com
Vincent Stasio 281-460-0047
vcstasio@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Southwest Council 3910
visit our website at www.kc3910.org

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS!!! The generosity of parishioners has stocked the SVDP Food Pantry and helped fund our home visitors to help our clients in need of assistance. Thank you St Thomas More!!!


Parish Goal $190,000.00
Total Amt. Paid $153,348.27
Total Amt. Pledged $177,183.27
Total # Participants 357

Remember, any amount collected over our parish goal, we keep half of it. The parish must make up the difference if we don’t achieve our goal.

Collection Information July 2014-June 2015

Yearly Budgeted Offertory $1,850,523.00
Weekend Collection (06/14/2015)

WEEKLY FISCAL YTD

Actual Collection 31,617.21 1,815,810.61
Budgeted Amount 37,000.00 1,813,000.00
Over (+)/Under(-) - $5,382.79 $2,810.61

The Actual Collection for Fiscal YTD includes Holy Day Collection amounts.

Additional Collections:

Children (Social Services) $ 6.09
Building Fund $ 309.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Eucharistic Adoration Needs:

Sunday, 6-7 a.m.
Tues., 1-2 p.m.
Wed., 2-3 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon-1 p.m., 3-4 p.m.

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

Call Suzie Hamilton for info, 713-557-3036 or 713-729-0221 or careysue@swbell.net
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for the week of June 21, 2015

Sunday
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107;
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Monday
Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday
Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Wednesday
The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
Is 49 1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday
Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16;
Ps 106; Mt 7:21-29

Friday
Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday
Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15;
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21...

Monday, June 22
6:30 a.m. †Guillermo Ilagan
5:30 p.m. †Genevieve Leverone

Tuesday, June 23
6:30 a.m. Mark Navo
5:30 p.m. †John Zepeda

Wednesday, June 24
6:30 a.m. R. Abaya, Thanksgiving
5:30 p.m. †Henry Nowak

Thursday, June 25
6:30 a.m. †Joe Peters
5:30 p.m. †Pablo Pineda

Friday, June 26
6:30 a.m. †Maria Chanh Nguyen
5:30 p.m. Peter Nhlam Nguyen

Saturday, June 27
9:00 a.m. †Robert Dugan
5:00 p.m. †James McNamara

Sunday, June 28
7:30 a.m. †Anna Mary Nwokenkwo
9:00 a.m. †Donald Petcosky
11:00 a.m. †Richard Endres
1:00 p.m. For the Parish
5:00 p.m. †Rita McDermott
7:00 p.m. †Favio Cerquera

This week around STM....

Sunday, June 21
9:30 a.m. RCIA, Adult Ed Bldg.
10:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Sick, Church
2:30 p.m. Sp. Baptisms, Church
3:00 p.m. Medical Mission Team, Scout House
6:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary
6:30 p.m. Young Disciples (Youth Group), Youth Center

Monday, June 22
6:00 p.m. Parishioner Assistance Ministry, Rectory
6:30 p.m. Sp. Legion of Mary, Room F

Tuesday, June 23
9:30 a.m. Sr. Citizen Bingo, Scout House
7:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee, Rectory

Wednesday, June 24
7:00 p.m. OMOPH Prayer Group, Chapel
8:00 p.m. K of C, Prinster Hall

Thursday, June 25
7:30 p.m. Word of Truth Bible Study, AE-St. Peter
11:00 p.m. Precious Blood Prayer Group, Donovan’s Den

Friday, June 26
9:15 a.m. Altar Society, Church
5:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
6:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Jr. (Sp.), Room F
6:30 p.m. Sp. Altar Servers, Church
7:00 p.m. Sp. Choir, AE-St. Mary

Saturday, June 27
3:30 p.m. Confessions, Church
6:15 p.m. Confessions, Church

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STreamliners (Adults over 50 only)
$15 dues for the year—Adults over 50 only.

Thursday, June 25, Coushatta Casino Day Trip, $15pp
(includes $10.00 Freeplay) Coffee, Donuts & Hot Kolaches
at 6:30am. Bus leaves at 7:00am from the rear parking
area near Prinster Hall. Returning around 7:00 pm.
Saturday, July 11, Monthly Meeting,
10:00 a.m. in Servant Hall, free hot dogs for paid members.
Don’t forget food for the STM Pantry and toiletries for LBJ Hospital.

Wednesday, July 29, County Bus Trip,
Stages Theater, "Honky-Tonk Angels" a country music extravaganza,
6:30 p.m. Young Disciples (Youth Group), Youth Center

The Parish Vocations Committee
Fathers who teach their children the value of commitment, service and prayer will help them to make a strong vocation decision as adults and to live out that vocation with success and fulfillment. Happy Father’s Day!

The U.S. Bishops Fortnight for Freedom:

Freedom to Bear Witness will take place from June 21 to July 4, 2015, a time when our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. The theme of this year’s Fortnight will focus on the “freedom to bear witness” to the truth of the Gospel.

Text the word FREEDOM (or LIBERTAD) to 377377 for updates
Redefining Marriage and the Threat to Religious Liberty

The Catholic Church teaches: “Marriage and the family are institutions that must be promoted and defended from every possible misrepresentation of their true nature, since whatever is injurious to them is injurious to society itself” (Sacramentum Caritatis, 29). The following examples illustrate that efforts to redefine marriage are harming the religious freedom of believers in the true definition of marriage.

Idaho – In 2014, two Protestant ministers (a husband and a wife) who operate a wedding chapel in Coeur d’Alene said they would not officiate at a same-sex “wedding.” City officials informed the ministers that their refusal to officiate violated the city’s ordinance outlawing discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of “sexual orientation.” The city eventually declined to prosecute the ministers.

New Mexico – The owners of a photography studio would not take the pictures of a same-sex “commitment ceremony” because they did not want to participate in behavior contrary to their religious beliefs. In 2013, the New Mexico Supreme Court ruled against the owners of the studio. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

Washington – A florist who declined to provide flowers for a same-sex “wedding” was sued by the state Attorney General. In February 2015, a state judge ruled against the florist and found that she “cannot comply with both the law and her faith if she continues to provide flowers for weddings as part of her duly-licensed business, Arlene’s Flowers.”

Colorado – Two men “married” in Massachusetts requested a Denver bakery make a “wedding” cake for their wedding reception in Denver. For religious reasons, the owners of the bakery declined to make the cake. The two men filed a complaint with the Colorado Division of Civil Rights, which found that the bakery violated the law. Then the Attorney General’s office filed a complaint against the bakery, resulting in further court rulings against the bakery.

Vermont – For allegedly not hosting a “wedding” reception for a same-sex “couple,” Catholic owners of a bed and breakfast settled a discrimination lawsuit, requiring them to (1) pay a $10,000 civil penalty, (2) pay $20,000 to a charitable trust, and (3) not host wedding receptions of any kind. Upon settling the lawsuit, the owners of the bed and breakfast said, “But no one can force us to abandon our deeply held beliefs about marriage.”

New Jersey – The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights found that a Methodist organization violated a public accommodations law by not allowing a same-sex civil union ceremony at its boardwalk pavilion.


Legislation called the Marriage and Religious Freedom Act has recently been introduced in the U.S. Congress to try to remedy some of these problems and ensure that people can live out their beliefs on marriage.

What can you do to ensure the protection of religious freedom at home and abroad?

The U.S. Bishops have called for a Fortnight for Freedom from June 21 to July 4, 2015. Please visit www.fortnight4freedom.org for more information on this important time of prayer, education, and action in support of religious freedom!
Registration is now available for the 2015-16 Religious Education Programs

Catechism for Children
The 2015-16 CCE School Year for PreK4 - 8th grade begins on September 13, 2015. Classes will be held on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. A copy of both the child’s baptismal and birth certificates will be required for registration. Registration will be from June 21 - August 14. You may sign up at the following times:

- CCE Office on Sundays in June - July from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- CCE Office from 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm on Monday – Friday

High School Confirmation
The High School Confirmation program begins on October 7, 2015 for students in grades 9-11. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:45 p.m., and attendance at class is mandatory in order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. A copy of the teen’s baptismal and first communion certificates will be required for registration. Registration will be from August 10 – September 8. You may sign up at the CCE Office at the following times:

- Monday - Thursday from 10am – 12 noon and 1 – 3 pm

Special Needs Programs
We welcome children with special learning needs (i.e., mentally or physically challenged) to participate in our small group CCE program. Parents are asked to indicate their children’s special needs at registration time.

Religious Education for Adults – Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Are you or someone you know 18 years or older and interested in becoming Catholic? Or are you a Baptized Catholic who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist? If the answer to either is yes, you are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building for our RCIA program. Please call 713-729-3435 for more information.

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER
+ Remember to bring your child To Sunday Mass +

Las inscripciones ya están disponibles para el Programas de Educación Religiosa 2015-2016

Catecismo para Niños
El año escolar de CCE 2015-16 para PreK4 - 8vo grado comienza el 13 de septiembre 2015 las clases tendrán lugar los domingos de 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Se requerirá una copia del certificado de bautismo y nacimiento del niño para su registro. La inscripción será del 21 de junio al 14 de agosto. Usted puede inscribirse en los siguientes horarios:

- En la Oficina de Educación Religiosa los domingos, en junio y Julio de 10:00 am a 3:00 pm
- Durante la semana de 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. y 1:00-3:00 pm de lunes a viernes

Confirmación para los jóvenes de Preparatoria (High School)
El programa de Confirmación para jóvenes de preparatoria comienza el 7 de octubre de 2015 para los estudiantes en los grados 9-11. Las clases se impartirán los miércoles de 7:00 p.m. a 8:45 p.m., y la asistencia será obligatoria para recibir el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Se requerirá una copia del certificado de bautismo y primera comunión para su registro. La inscripción será el 10 de agosto hasta el 8 de septiembre. Usted puede inscribirse en la Oficina de Catecismo en los siguientes horarios:

- Lunes - jueves de 10 a.m.-12:00 p.m. y 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Programas de Necesidades Especiales
Damos la bienvenida a los niños con necesidades especiales de aprendizaje (es decir, mental o físicamente desafiado) a participar en nuestro programa de catecismo en grupos pequeños. Los padres deben indicar las necesidades especiales de sus hijos al registrarllos.

Educación Religiosa para Adultos - Rito de Iniciación Católica para Adultos (RICA)
¿Está usted o alguien que usted conoce de 18 años o más interesado en convertirse en católico? ¿O es usted un católico bautizado que le gustaría recibir los sacramentos de la Confirmación y de la Eucaristía? Si la respuesta es que sí, se le invita a que se comunique con nosotros al 713-729-3435 para más información. Nunca es tarde para comenzar.

LA FAMILIA QUE ORA UNIDA PERMANECE UNIDA
+Recuerde que debe de traer a sus niños a la Santa Misa los Domingos+

La familia que ora juntas permanece juntas
+Recuerde que debe de traer a sus niños a la Santa Misa los Domingos+
Este Domingo, leemos en el Evangelio de Marcos 4:35-41 - Jesus calma la tormenta. Nos damos cuenta de lo fragil que puede ser la vida. La vida es corta. En su muerte en la Cruz, Jesus toma todos nuestros temores de "la muerte" sobre si mismo y nos asegura que Dios nuestro Padre resucitara a aquellos que creen en El, Jesus, en ti confio.

Hoy es una celebracion honrando a los padres y celebrando la paternidad, lazos paternos, y la influencia de los padres en la sociedad.

Para **Todos los padres. Feliz dia de los Padres!!**

Si tu papa esta vivo, dile, Te quiero mucho Papa." Si esta cerca, abrazalo. Si no te gusta que lo abrances, hazlo de todas maneras. Y si usted es un papa, diga las palabras magicas que estamos creados para escuchar:"Te amo mi hijo! Te amo con todo mi corazon!"

Mi padre murio hace 37 anos y nunca celebre el dia de los padres. Todos los dias cuando digo mis oraciones para mi papa, termino con esto: "Te vere papa, en el cielo. Amen."

Para el Padre Michael Faneye

En nombre de los feligreses de St. Thomas More, quiero decirle: "Muchas gracias por tu tiempo, talento y ministerio sacerdotal aqui en St. Thomas More. Se por mi propia experiencia personal que los cambios en las asignaciones traen tristezas y desafios para los Sacerdotes, y los feligreses que han llegado a conocerlo y han sido asistidos en su fe por su cuidado pastoral. Tenga la seguridad tambien de nuestras oraciones para usted, Padre Michael, y para St Antonio de Padua en The Woodlands, TX.

Digamosle: "Muchas gracias y que Dios lo bendiga" al Padre Michael el Domingo 28 de Junio despues de las Misas de las 7:30, 9:00 y 11:00 de la manana. En las proximas semanas, cuando las designaciones de los sacerdotes se anuncien y las transiciones se llevan acabo en nuestra Arquidiocesis de Galveston-Houston, se que apoyan a nuestros sacerdotes como Dios los llama a nuevas experiencias en el Ministerio Sacerdotal.

Padre Hai

VERANO DE ALIMENTOS UNIDAD ÉXITO !!!
La generosidad de los feligreses ha abastecido el SVDP Food Pantry y ayudó a financiar nuestros visitadores para ayudar a nuestros clientes en necesidad de asistencia.

Gracias St Thomas More !!!

BENDICIONES PARA LA PRESENTACION AL TEMPLO DE NIÑOS DE TRES AÑOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Para que sus hijos reciban la bendicion se necesita registrarse en la Oficina de Religión al  713-729-3435

**CLASES DE INGLES**

Las registraciones para el nuevo curso de ingles serán el Martes 8 de Septiembre, y el Jueves 10 de Septiembre del 2015 en la escuela de St. Thomas More, de 7:00 pm hasta las 8:30 pm. El costo es de $30.00. Las clases son los Martes y los Jueves de 7:00 pm a 9:00 pm y comenzaran el Martes 15 de Septiembre hasta el 17 de Diciembre. Para mas informacion por favor llame a la oficina al 713-729-0221.

Visita nuestras paginas para mas detalles e inscripciones en linea www.emmhouston.org www.emmseccion15.org

**DANZA PARA HONRAR A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE**

La Danza Tonantzin de esta comunidad les comunica que las practicas darán comienzo el miércoles 8 de Julio del 2015 de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm en el antiguo gimnasio. Si usted desea participar llame a Gabriel Villarreal al 713-815-0547, Bruno Hernández al 832-267-7986 o a Arturo Macías al 832-867-9374

”Tonantzin quiere decir Nuestra Madre”

**Bendiciones para la presentacion al templo de niños de tres años y quinceañeras**

Para que sus hijos reciban la bendición se necesita registrarse en la Oficina de Religión al  713-729-3435

**Horas para cubrir en nuestra Adoracion Eucaristica:**

Domingo, 6-7 a.m.
Martes, 1-2 p.m.
Miércoles, 2-3 p.m. & 4-5 p.m.
Jueves, 12 mediodia-1 p.m., 3-4 p.m.

Llame a la oficina para mas información 713-729-0221

**Buscas poner a CRISTO en medio de tu matrimonio? Te gustaria mejorar y enriquecer tu vida matrimonial? Te lo merces! A todas las parejas les invitamos a vivir un fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial los dias 17,18 y 19 de Julio. Para mas informacion comunicate con:**

Jesus y Marisela Miron 713-261-0677 y 832-860-0712
Antonio y Raquel Morales 281-467-5378 y 713-826-7466
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK / ORACIÓN POR LOS ENFERMOS

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

SFC Paul Bergman, Col. David Eskelund, Megan Godsey, Traci Godsey, Sgt. Billy Janca, SSgt Bradley Louis, Mike McIntosh, Ebenezer E. Ohaegbulem, Charles U. Oparnozie, LCDR Russell Thiem

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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.