FR. HAI'S CORNER / EL RINCON DEL PADRE HAI

Being generous and ready to share isn’t just a command for the rich, but it is for all. Hebrews 13:16 tells us: “And do not neglect doing good and sharing, with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

The first reading from the Book of Kings (1Kings 17:10-16 – prophet Elijah and the widow of Zarephath) and the Gospel (Mark 12:38-44—the widow and her two coins) give us examples of generosity.

When it comes to living and giving generously, let us remember two truths:

1. Generosity is a heart issue.
2. Generosity is a hand issue.

Our attitude (our heart) of giving must be rooted in love because God is love (1 John 4:16). He is also a giver. He sets the example of giving motivated by love.

Whenever we give, we should remind ourselves that we are giving our gift to the Lord himself. The widow in Mark 12:41-44 gave what she had, beyond her “wealth,” and surely experienced the satisfaction of being a cheerful giver.

Please continue to:

* Give your love offerings to St. Thomas More Church
* Support our St. Thomas More Parish School
* Participate in Gift Giving Sunday this year, providing Christmas gifts for children in struggling families

Silver.generoso y dispuesto a compartir no es solo un manda- miento para los ricos, sino para todos. Hebereros 13, 16 nos dice: “No se olviden ustedes de hacer el bien y de compartir con otros lo que tienen; porque éstos son los sacrificios que agradan a Dios.”

La primera lectura del libro de los Reyes (1 Reyes 17, 10-16—el profeta Elías y la viuda de Sarepta) y el evangelio (San Marcos 12, 38-44—La viuda y su ofrenda de las dos monedas) nos dan ejemplos de generosidad.

Cuando se trata de vivir y dar generosamente, recordemos dos verdades:

1. La generosidad es una cuestión del corazón.
2. La generosidad es una cuestión de mano.

Nuestra actuíd (nuestro corazón) de dar debe estar arraigada en el amor, porque Dios es amor (1 San Juan 4, 16). Él es también un dador. Él nos pone el ejemplo de dar motivados por el amor.

Cuando sea que damos, debemos recordar que estamos dando nuestro regalo al Señor mismo. La viuda en San Marcos 12, 41-44, dio lo que tenía, mas de todo lo que tenía para vivir, y seguramente sintió la mayor satisfacción y alegría de poder donar.

Por favor, continúen de:

* Dar su ofrenda de amor a la Iglesia de Santo Tomás Moro
* Apoyar a nuestra Escuela Parroquial de Santo Tomás Moro
* Participar este año en el Domingo de Regalos, que ofrece regalos navideños a los niños de familias en necesidad
COMMUNITY CORNER

NURSERY
The nursery is available during the 9am Mass for newborns to 4 years. There is no charge nor reservations needed.

BAPTISM INFORMATION
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): November 21, 2015 Adult Education Building St Peter 8:45am-1:00pm.

MARRIAGE PREPARATIONS
Engaged couples please contact the parish office for more information at least 6 months to a year ahead of the wedding.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?
This process is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It begins with informal question and answer sessions. Inquiry sessions are held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
This Sacrament is offered every Sunday following the 9am Mass.

El Rincon de la Comunidad

GUARDERÍA
No hay Guardería disponible para las misas de 1pm o 7pm

INFORMACIÓN DE BAUTISMOS
Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el 21 de noviembre del 2015 en El Salón Prinster de 9:45am-1:00pm. Para mas información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

CONVALIDACIONES—DESEA USTED CASARSE POR LA IGLESIA
El curso dará comienzo en Marzo 15, 2016 a Abril 19, 2016 por 6 semanas los martes en el Prinster Hall de 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Favor de llamar a la oficina de CCE para información. La misa en grupo será en Junio 4, 2016 o Diciembre 3, 2016. Para mas información llamar al 713-729-3435

BIENVENIDOS A NUESTRA PARROQUIA
Si usted y su familia son nuevos en el vecindario y desean ser miembros de nuestra Familia de Santo Tomas Moro los invitamos a registrarse en la oficina de la parroquia o visitando nuestra página web www.stmhouston.org.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS
El sacramento de Unción de los Enfermos se da cada Primer Domingo del Mes después de la misa de 1pm. Si no puede asistir a misa comuníquese a la oficina parroquial 713-729-3435

RICA- RITO DE INICIACIÓN CATOLICA PARA ADULTOS
RICA es un programa para adultos que no estén Bautizados, Para mas información favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa 713-729-3435

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10AM ADULT EDUCATION BUILDING, ST. PAUL ROOM
Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer. 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. *

*Excerpts from “The Method of Centering Prayer: The Prayer of Consent” by Thomas Keating
After 9 am Mass there will be Instruction on Scriptural Ways of Praying.

Precious Blood Prayer Group meets every Thursday in Donovan’s Den to pray during the “Gethsemane Hour”, which starts at 11:00 p.m. and continues to 3:00 a.m. on Friday mornings. Anyone is welcome to join.
Se Acerca la Temporada Navideña
Es hora de empezar a prepararnos para la elaboración del nacimiento. Estamos necesitando de tu ayuda. Ya sea económicamente o aportando material para su elaboración. Mantengamos nuestras tradiciones y enseñemos a nuestros niños a conservarlas. Tu puedes participar en la elaboración del nacimiento. Si estás interesado en hacer una donación, contacte: Luis Angel Hernandez al 713-277-5769; luishernandez196675@gmail.com

Ya estamos distribuyendo bolsas de alimentos para el Día de Acción de Gracias en la Despensa de SVDP ¡Necesitamos su Ayuda!

Aquí está su lista de compras:

- 1 mezcla & Jarabe de Panqueques
- 1 lata de jamón o pollo
- 1 caja de Relleno/Estofado
- 1 bolsa de arroz de 2 lbs
- 1 lata de papas instantáneas
- 1 paquete de mezcla salsa
- 1 lata de frijoles verdes
- 1 lata de maíz/elote
- 1 lata de salsa de arándano
- 1 paquete Crystal Light
- 1 mezcla de gelatina
- 1-2 bolsas reusables nuevas (de tela)

¡Coloque todo en una bolsa!

Por favor traiga sus donaciones a la despensa el Martes y Jueves de 9-10:45 am & 1-3 pm, o tráigalas a la Oficina Parroquial

Para más información favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa al 713-729-3435

Today, turn off the worldly noise and listen to what the Spirit is saying. Heed what He is telling you.

The Parish Vocations Committee
Hoy, apague el ruido mundano y escuche lo que el espíritu está diciendo. Presta atención a lo que Él está diciendo. El Comité de Vocaciones de la Parroquia
Mission Team Updates: We want to thank you, our family of families, for your continued support and prayers for this ministry. We returned safe & sound from the mission trip held October 23 to 31, 2015 where we served over 2500 persons providing medical care, medicines, eyeglasses, shoes for the children, some clothing for children and dentistry. The impact of this mission on the poor of El Salvador is great as is the impact on each of us attending the mission. The Holy Spirit was with us and gave us the strength and endurance to work in the rain and heat to provide compassionate care and to spread the Good News of Christ to all those we met on our journey. Please contact Christine or Branson Hunter at chunter@bcm.edu or 832-338-3002 for information or to volunteer. Thank you! God Bless!

STM Sewing/Craft Guild
We are now working on items preparing for our Christmas Sale, December 5th and 6th. The guild will be meeting on Thursdays from 10a.m. until noon in Donovan’s Den. If you are unable to join us, please be working on your items at home. THANK YOU again for your continued generosity to our Parish & School. Contact: Margaret Schueler 713-666-1311 or schueler@bigplanet.com

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW BLUE BIN FOR DONATING YOUR GENTLY WORN CLOTHES TO THOSE IN NEED?
St. Vincent DePaul Organization is in desperate need of clothes and shoes to help those people who shop at our thrift stores in Houston. The bin is located by Prinster Hall and is awaiting your generous donations. As the weather changes in the fall and winter, please consider donating warm clothes for adults and children. THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH ESL CLASSES (REGULAR & SUBSTITUTE)
Our parish provides ESL (English as a Second Language) classes to the community on Tuesday & Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 pm, in the STM Parish School. If you can Volunteer at least one evening a week to 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.

St. Thomas More Woman’s ACTS Ministry
Retreat: January 14 – 17, 2016
- Calling all women interested in building a closer relationship with Christ and establishing lasting relations with like-minded women
- Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3417 West Little York, Houston, TX, 77091
- Early Registration through December 6, 2015, $200
- Late Registration after December 7, 2015, $240.00.
- Registration Deadline January 1, 2016
- Contact Lillie Vega at Lill53@aol.com; Debbie Luquette at DRLMBA@hotmail.com.

St. Thomas More Woman’s ACTS Ministry
We are already Distributing Thanksgiving food bags at the SVDP Food Pantry
We need your help!

Here is your shopping list:
- 1 Pancake Mix & Syrup
- 1 box Stuffing Mix
- 1 box Instant Potatoes
- 1 can Fruit Cocktail
- 1 can Corn
- 1 pkg Crystal Light
- 1 -2 new reusable Cloth Grocery Bags

Pack Everything in the Bag or Bags!

Please bring your donations to the Pantry on Tue & Thur from 9-10:45am & 1-3pm or drop off at the Parish Office
Please do not leave food by the Adoration Chapel
Thank you for your support
We can’t do it without you!

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Group
Meets every Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother our prayers may be heard.

ATTENTION: FOR POSTING ANNOUNCEMENTS PLEASE SEND COMPLETE INFORMATION TO: bulletin@stmhouston.org DEADLINE MONDAY 12:00 NOON
AVISO: PARA PUBLICAR ANUNCIOS FAVOR DE ENVIAR SU INFORMACION COMPLETA AL: bulletin@stmhouston.org ANTES DEL LUNES A MEDIODIA
Mrs. Kinsel is a Pre-K3 teacher at the STM Parish School. She has been a teacher for 13 years. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies with a Minor in Spanish from Texas A&M University and a Masters in Elementary Education from Texas State University. Ms. Kinsel was born in San Jose, Costa Rica, and grew up in Central and South America. She has been married for 13 years to Jeremy. Their 3 children, Alexander (7th grade), Benjamin (4th grade) and Camila (Kindergarten) all attend STM. They have been members of the STM community since 2008 when they moved to Houston. Ms. Kinsel’s interests and hobbies include spending the day at home, working on a new sewing project, watching Aggie Football, and spending time with her family. She states “I love teaching at STM because I can teach my students to love God! I love being able to start my day with prayer along with my students. It is truly a blessing to see my students grow not only academically, but spiritually at such a young age!”

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**Meet the STM Devoted Staff**

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**This week around STM, Continued...**

**Saturday, November 14**

10:00am STreamliners Monthly Meeting—Prinster Hall

12:00pm Spanish Legion of Mary—Scout House

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**This week around STM....**

**Sunday, November 8**

8:00am Religious Articles will be sold in Servant Hall

Choir Bake Sale—Church Plaza

KC’s Thanksgiving Sausage Pre-Sale—Church Plaza

9:30am RCIA (ENG)—St. Peter

10:00am Sacrament Sick-Church

12:15pm Nigerian Catholic Women Meeting—Scout House

2:00pm Young Disciples-Youth Center

2:30pm Spanish Baptisms

3:30pm Girl Scouts “Project Gift Tags”—Scout House

6:00pm Sp. Choir 7pm-St. Mary

**Monday, November 9**

9:30 am Bible Study—Rectory

3:00pm Scout Meetings-Scout House

3:00pm Pre-School-Early Childhood Assoc. Mtg.—Servant Hall

6:00pm ACTS Women Mtg.—Prinster Main Hall

6:30pm Spanish Legion de Maria-Rm F

7:00pm Bible Study-Servant Hall

Spanish Choir (Combined) Practice—Church

7:30pm Apostle of the Cross—AE—St Paul

Sp. Danza- Rehkopf

**Tuesday, November 10**

9:30am Senior Citizens Bingo-Scout House

3:00pm Scout Meetings-Scout House

Parishioner Assistance Ministry in Rectory

3:00pm Pre-School-Early Childhood Assoc. Mtg.—Servant Hall

7:00pm OLOG(Practice)- Hispanic Ministries—Church

ESL— School

**Wednesday, November 11**

10:00am Bible Study– Servant Hall

3:00pm Scouts Meetings-Scout House

7:00pm Confirmation Class 1-Youth Center

Confirmation Class 2-School

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Grp. Ad. Chapel

7:30pm Fishers—AE-St. Peter Rm.

Legion of Mary—AE-St. Paul Rm.

Sp. Choir 1 Church

Sp. Danza- Rehkopf Gym

8:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting—Veterans’ Day

**Thursday, November 12**

9:30am Craigs Guild – Donovan’s Den

3:00pm Scouts—Scout House

6:30pm Bill Ledbetter (Band Pract.)—Donovan’s Den

6:45pm Sp. Choir 7pm-St. Mary Room

7:00pm Combined Choir Practice—Church

ESL— School

Bible Study– Servant Hall

7:30pm Word of Truth Bible Study— AE St. Peter Rm.

Apostleship of the Cross— AE St Paul

Danza Rosary—Rehkopf Center

11:00pm Precious Blood Prayer Group-Donovan’s Den

**Friday, November 13**

9:15am Altar Society-Church

3:00pm Scouts—Scout House

6:30pm Legion of Mary Jrs.—Prinster Rm. F

6:00pm Legion of Mary Jrs.(youth-sp.)—Prinster Rm. F

6:30pm “Concierto y Prédica”—Church

Overeaters Anon.—AE St. Peter

7:00pm Young Disciples H.S. (Social)-Youth Center

Sp. Choir 7pm-St. Mary

7:30pm Danza Tonantzin Practice—Rehkopf Center

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**Conozca al Personal Devoto de STM**

La señora Kinsel es maestra de PreK-3 en la escuela de St. Thomas More. Ella ha sido maestra por 13 años. Ella tiene una licenciatura en Estudios Internacionales y una Maestría en Educación Primaria. La señora Kinsel nació en San José, Costa Rica y creció en Centro y Sur América. Ella ha estado casada por 13 años con Jeremy. Sus tres hijos, Alexander (7to), Benjamin (4to) y Camila (Kindergarten) todos son alumnos de STM. Ellos han sido miembros de la comunidad de STM desde 2008 cuando se mudaron a Houston. Los intereses de la señora Kinsel son pasar el día en casa, trabajando en un proyecto nuevo para coser, ver jugar fútbol a los Aggies y pasar el día con su familia. Ella dice, “Me encanta trabajar en STM porque les enseño a mis alumnos a amar a Dios! Me encanta poder empezar mi día en oración con mi clase. Es una bendición poder ver a mis alumnos crecer no solo académicamente, pero espiritualmente a una edad tan pequeña.”

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**This week around STM, Continued...**

Saturday, November 14

10:00am STreamliners Moonthly Meeting—Prinster Hall

12:00pm Spanish Legion of Mary—Scout House

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### Yearly Budgeted Offertory/ Ofertorio Anual $ 1,830,400.00

#### Weekend Collection/ Ofertorio Semanal (10/25/2015)

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Thank you for your continued generosity!!

**Gracias por su generosidad!!**

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STreaMliners’- November 2015

Nov. 14, Sat. STreaMliners' Meeting – 10:00a.m. in Prinster Hall
Adults over 50 only!!! $15 dues are due for 2015
Entertainment: Vocalist, Cindy St. Cyr (Glenn Miller Songs
*****Don’t forget to bring can goods for the STM Pantry!!
Your toiletries for the LBJ Charity Hospital
Don’t forget your donation to our Christmas Charity
“The 100 Club” Make out checks to: ST. Thomas More
Call Joyce Coles for more info @ 713-774-2628

Nov. 18, Wed. - County Bus Day Trip – “Old Town Spring” Lunch on your own. – Call Jane Falk for more info @ 713-729-2592. Bus leaves at 9am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall

Nov. 30, Mon., Coushatta Casino in Kinder, LA – “Day Trip” $15pp pp (includes $10.00 Freep Coffee, Donuts & Hot Kolaches at 6:30am Bus leaves at 7:00am from the rear parking area near Prinster Hall. Returns abt. 7:00pm

Streamliners’ trips are open to all of STM’s families and friends!!!!! For info: call Ed’s Tours at 713-723-2035

St. Catherine’s Montessori is looking for you!
St. Catherine’s Montessori, formerly known as Dominican Montessori, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during the 2016-2017 school year. We are looking for former students, parents, and faculty and staff members to join us for the special events we have planned! You can fill out a form on our website, stcathmont.org, e-mail your contact information to Rachel Wamp at rwamp@stcathmont.org or call (713) 665-2195.

Holy Family Church in Missouri City
has an opening for a part-time Liturgy Coordinator. For a complete job description, please email: gail.hutchins@holyfamilychurch.us or call Gail Hutchins at 281-499-9688.

Compulsive eating is an illness...but There is a Solution!
For more information on compulsive eating and the 12-step program of recovery: Overeaters Anonymous meets on Fridays @ 6.30 p.m. in the Adult Education Building adjacent to the parish office. Contact Sarah Tighe @ (832) 801-3998 or email @ ssarahtighe@yahoo.ie if you have any questions.

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