Welcome New Families!

We are very glad you are here and pray that you become active in our vibrant church community where we love God, one another, our community, and our world with our thoughts and actions. We invite you to come by the parish office to register or by visiting our web page for more information at www.stmhouston.org

Bienvenidos Nuevas Familias!

Estamos muy contentos de que estén aquí y oramos que se conviertan en miembros activos en nuestra comunidad vibrante en la que amamos a Dios, el uno al otro, nuestra comunidad y nuestro mundo con nuestros pensamientos y acciones.

Los invitamos a pasar por la oficina para registrarse o visita nuestra página de web para mayor información: www.stmhouston.org

In Your Prayers / En Sus Oraciones

Josephine LeDay James Swanson Therese Flaherty Barbara DeMarco Marie Jo Swanson Latonda Banks James Murphy Deanna Murphy Gregoria Barrera Margaret Schueler Angela Gannucci Edgar Sharp Dorothy Marak Alfonso Gutierrez Maria Ruiz Evangelina Corrales Jose Asuncion Romero Martha Reyes Grace Riley Alicia Vagas Vincent Graceffa Frankie B. Mandalia Kate Garcia Marc Valas Harris Family Grace Riley Yvonne Mayberry Orlando Medina Henry Hill Alberto & Maria Luisa de Leon

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS OREMOS POR NUESTROS SOLDADOS

SFC Paul Bergman Col. David Eskeland
Megan Godsey Trad Godsey
Sgt. Billy Jancia TSgt Bradley Louis
Mike McIntosh Ebenezer E. Okigbulem
Charles U. Oparozie LCDR Russell Thiem

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF AUSTIN TICE TO HIS FAMILY, Favor de continuar orando por Austin Tice para su pronto regreso a casa con su familia.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH HOUSTON, TEXAS

September 11, 2016

YOUTH MINISTRY

Invitation to Youth
GRADES 8TH THRU 12VE
GATHERING TO RELAUNCH OUR NEW YEAR 2016-2017
of Fellowship, Prayer and Faith Sharing.
COME BY FOR
PRAYER, GAMES AND FOOD TO SEE WHAT
YOUNG DISCIPLES IS ALL ABOUT
On Sunday September 11th
6pm—8pm, Youth Center
MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
“ We meet every Sunday from 6pm to 8pm ”

See you all Next week!

Mass Intentions

Intenciones de Misa

Sunday/ Domingo 09-11-2016
7:30am Cristina Reyes - Health
9:00am Clara Maycot
11:00am Lucy Shepherd
1:00pm ___
5:00pm Lorraine Sheppard - Health
7:00pm ----

Monday /Lunes 09-12-2016
6:30am † Julie Ovalle
5:30pm ___

Tuesday/ Martes 09-13-2016
6:30am Emelia Morales
5:30pm † Clyde Perrere

Wednesday/ Miércoles 09-14-2016
6:30am ___
5:30pm Cruz Barelas - Birthday

Thursday/ Jueves 09-15-2016
6:30am Veronica Sauseda - Birthday
5:30pm † Mary Bishop

Friday/ Viernes 09-16-2016
6:30am Francisco Garcia
8:15am ___
5:30pm Mr. & Mrs. Costa Anniversary

Saturday/ Sabado 09-17-2016
8:00am ___
5:00pm † Stephen Korkmas

Sunday/ Domingo 09-18-2016
7:30am All souls in Purgatory
9:00am ___
11:00am † Emil Bednar
1:00pm Alejandrina Rojas - Health
5:00pm † Roger & Myrella Ribas
7:00pm ----Antonio Marquez - Health

FOR MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE COME BY THE PARISH OFFICE.
PARA INTENIONES DE LA MISA FAVOR DE PASAR POR LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS PLEASE COME BY THE PARISH OFFICE.
Today marks the fifteen anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Tuesday, 11 September 2001. In this time of Remembrance, let us bring our fears and concerns before God. We ask the God of Peace to bring peace to this earth.

Let us pray that Peace will begin in our hearts, our homes, our cities, our country and that the power of our prayer will help Peace spread throughout the world.

Welcome to “Lost and Found Sunday”. This Sunday’s Gospel of Luke, 15:1-32, are beautiful parables - parables that could inspire and renewed faith in anybody who might read it and sense how God looks for his ‘lost coin’, lost ‘sheep’, and lost ‘son.’

Redemption always begins with God, the Father; and ends with His Mercy. Our Pope Francis, in his book, The Church of Mercy, discusses the parable of the Prodigal Son.

“Maybe someone among us here is thinking, My sin is so great, I am as far from God as the younger son in the parable; my unbelief is like that of Thomas. I don’t have the courage to go back, to believe that God can welcome me and that he is waiting for me, of all people.

But God is indeed waiting for you; he asks of you only the courage to go to him. How many times in my pastoral ministry have I heard it said, “Father, I have many sins”? And I have always pleaded, “Don’t be afraid, go to him he is waiting for you, he will take care of everything.” We hear many offers from the world around us; but let us take up God’s offer instead: his is a caress of love. For God, we are not numbers, we are important; indeed we are the most important thing to him. Even if we are sinners, we are what is closest to his heart.

From The Church of Mercy, p. 4ff, by Pope Francis.

“I will rise and go to my father.” Said Psalm 51. Let us praise the Lord!

Father Hai
**Apostleship of the Cross**

The Apostleship of the Cross encounters (or meetings) will start Monday, September 12 (for the Spanish group) and Thursday, September 15 (for the English group). The group meets in the St. Paul Room of the Adult Education building, from 7:30 PM to 9 PM. All are welcome!

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**Could you not watch one hour with me?**

Matt. 26:40

*Jesus wants to embrace you.*

*No pueden velar conmigo una hora?*  
Matt. 26:40

*Jesús desea abrazarte.*

Our parish offers adoration of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day / 7 days of the week in our parish chapel.

¿La vida es demasiada agitada? Necesita un lugar para descansar y tomar tiempo para estar con Jesús en Su presencia?

Nuestra parroquia ofrece adoración a Jesucristo realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento 24 horas al día / 7 días de la semana en nuestra capilla de la parroquia. For information on Eucharistic Adoration / Para información sobre Adoración Eucarística: Questions / Preguntas? Contact the volunteers group by email at adoration@stmhouston.org or call/text 832-869-7483, 832-869-7488.

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**Readings for the week of September 11**

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**Lecturas de la semana del 11 de Septiembre**

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Children's Religious Education program WELCOMES the Parents, their children and all volunteers to the beginning of our New Catechetical year 2016-2017. Together with Joy and Enthusiasm let's make this year another successful one with your support and prayers.

Baptism Information
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): September 17, 2016
Adult Education Building, St Peter Room; 8:45am - 12:00pm

Marriage Preparations
Engaged couples please contact the parish office 713-729-0221 for more information at least 6 months to a year ahead of the wedding.

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ACCOUNTING OF THE SICK
This Sacrament is offered bilingual on Saturdays after the 8:00am mass

NURSERY
The nursery is available during the 9am mass for newborns to 4 years. There is no charge.

BIBLE STUDY

DOORS OF MERCY

EXPLORE GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU
8 Sessions to Change Your Life
Learn God's "Plan of Mercy" — from Adam and Eve to you today
Discover how sacraments are "Door of Mercy"
Experience the power of the Divine Mercy message and devotion
Where: Servant Hall
Session Begin:
Monday Session, September 12, at 7:00 PM;
Wed Session, September 14, at 10:00AM;
Thur Session, September 15, at 7:00PM
CONTACT: deacondave@stmhouston.org
or call the Parish Office 713.729.0221

RESPECT LIFE

Please join Respect Life the second Sunday of every month from 9-9:40 in the evening in the chapel. We will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the protection of life from conception to natural death, and for the protection of traditional marriage and religious liberty.

Sacramental General Information

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Información General Sacramental

Información de Bautismos
Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el 17 de Septiembre del 2016 en El Salón Prinster de 9:45am-1:00pm. Para más información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa.

Unción de los Enfermos
El sacramento de Unción de los Enfermos se ofrece todos los sábados después de la misa de 8 am.

BENDICIONES PARA TRES AÑOS Y CELEBRACION DE QUINCE AÑOS
Para que su hijo(hija) reciba una Bendición o celebración de los quince años debe registrarlo/a en la Oficina del Catecismo o para mayor información contáctese al 713-729-3435

NOTA: PADRES SI TOMAN LA CLASE AQUI, EN SANTO TOMAS BAUTIZARAN AQUI, NO SE LES DARÁ UNA CARTA.
This week around STM....

Sunday, September 11
7:00 am KofC, Servant Hall
8:30 am Boy Scouts, Scott House
12:45pm Nigerian Catholic Women, Scout House
2:00 pm Spanish Baptism
6:00 pm Young Disciples Group

Monday, September 12
9:00 am Bible Study, Conference Rm
6:30 pm Legion of Mary (Spanish), Rm F (Prinster Hall)
7:00 pm Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym
    Bible Study “Doors of Mercy”, AE St. Paul
    Troop 99, Scout House

Tuesday, September 13
9:00 am Senior Citizen Bingo, Scout House
3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
7:00 pm St. Vincent Paul Society, Conference Room

Wednesday, September 14
10:00am Bible Study, Doors of Mercy, Servant Hall
3:00 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
7:00 pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer Grp- Chapel
    Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym
    KofC Officers, Room F
    RCIA (Spanish), Prayer Rm Youth Center
7:30 pm Legion of Mary- AE-St. Paul Rm.
    RCIA (English), AE St. Peter

Thursday, September 15
10:00am Craft Guild, Donovans Den
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
6:30 pm Bill Ledbetter(Band Pract.)-Donovan’s Den
7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
7:30 pm Word of the Truth Bible Study— AE St. Peter

Friday, September 16
8:15 am Parish School Mass, Church
5:00 pm Legion of Mary Junior (Spanish), AE-St. Paul
6:30 pm Overeaters Anon— AE St Peter
7:00 pm Danza Tonantzin, Rehkopf Gym

Saturday, September 17
8:45 am English Baptismal Class, AE- St. Peter
9:45 am Classes Pre-Bautismales, Prinster Hall
3:30 pm- 4:45pm Confessions / Confesiones
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, September 17
2:00 pm Spanish Baptism
6:30 pm Young Disciples, Youth Center

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Singing the Praises of Singing in the Choir
Gladys Knight, seven time Grammy award winning singer, has been singing in her local church choir for over fifty years! So have Ed Sharp and John Biondi, members of our STM church choir. I guess it must agree with them (and us too). “Recent research on the biological effects of music and singing shows just how good belting out a song is for everyone.” Researchers in the UK found that singing with a group for 70 minutes a week resulted in positive immune responses and improved mood.

Imagine that Choir singing improves your health! And if that’s not enough motivation, consider that it is also a ministry, an opportunity to give back to God and to your church community. Call or email Mary for more details. Mary@stmhouston.org or 713 980 3111.

ESL—ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Registration - Inscripcion
Clases de Ingles
Inscripcion para el Nuevo curso de Ingles
Martes—13 de Septiembre o
Jueves—15 de Septiembre 2016 a las 7pm 8:30pm
Registrations
Tuesday- September 13 or
Thursday September 15, 2016 at 7pm 8:30pm

Costo / Tuition: $ 30.00

Lugar/ Where: En la Escuela de la Parroquia
St. Thomas More Catholic Church
10330 Hillcroft St.
Para mayor informacion/ for more information: 713-729-0221

OUT OF THE PARISH

Loving Embrace Infertility Support Group:
September 15, 2016, 7:30-9:00PM, St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Msgr Jamail Family Center, Room 202
The September 15th meeting will feature guest speaker Brooke Jemelka, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Jemelka is one of three practitioners with Caritas Women’s Care, part of CHI St. Luke’s Medical Group Sugar land. Caritas is dedicated to providing holistic, comprehensive, and restorative services for women from adolescence through menopause. Honoring womanhood and the sanctity of human life, Caritas Women’s Care offers on-site education about natural family planning and infertility in a loving, faith-based environment.

STM Financial Stewardship for September, 2016
Week Offering for 09/04/16 ............ $25,844.65
Online Giving ........................................ $ 2,293.00
Total Offertory ................................. $28,137.65
Weekend Budgeted Goal ............... $34,650.00
Difference.......................... -6,512.35
Building Fund: $704.00

Thank you for your continued generosity! ¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!!
One simple thing will make a big difference in the life of an at-risk child: One-on-one, positive attention from a responsible, caring adult.

If you would like to become a mentor for a child one hour a week, please contact Ms. Marion Costa, 713-723-9762

“No matter how hard you try, you cannot make a miracle happen for yourself. But you can put yourself in a position to help a miracle happen for someone else.”

David Staal

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**Fun for Seniors**

2016 - STreamliners’ – September

The Second Saturday of the month,

**Sept. 14, Wed.** Day Trip - Stages Theater
“Dream On with the Wonderettes” – Lunch on you own at the Bamboo House.

Bus is full - We will leave at 4:00pm sharp from the rear parking area in the back near Prinster Hall.

Please call if you can’t make it.

**Sept. 22 –Thurs.** Coushatta Casino in Kinder, LA
$15pp cash includes ( $10 Freeplay)
Coffee, donuts & Hot Kolaches at 6:30am.
Bus leaves at 7.00am from the rear parking area in the back near Prinster Hall. Call Frances Landry-713-723-2035

**Streamliners’ trips are open to all of STM’s families and friends!!!**

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Senior Citizens,

Come and join us for some **Bingo fun**, on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Tuesday of the Month. Next Bingo Tuesday September 13th and Tuesday September 26th in the Scout House at 9:30