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.

SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS

Baptism Information
Next Baptism Preparation Class (English): February 18, 2017 in Donovan’s Den: 8:45am-12:00pm. For more information contact the Church Office, 713-729-0221 or register.

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.

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 Sunday mornings, 9:30am-11am and Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00pm. For more information contact Deacon John Krugh on Sunday or call the church office, 713-729-0221.

ANOINTING 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 or reservations needed.

Próxima Clase para preparación Bautismal será el 18 de Febrero del 2017 en El Salon Printer de 9:45am-1:00pm. Para mas información, favor de llamar a la oficina de Educación Religiosa 713-729-3435.

NOTA: PADRES SI TOMAN LA CLASE AQUI EN SANTO TOMAS, USTEDES BAUTIZARAN AQUI, NO SE LES DARA UNA CARTA.

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 CELEBRACIÓN DE QUINCE AÑOS
Para que su hija/o reciba una Bendición o celebración de los quince años debe registrarlo/a en la Oficina del Catecismo o para mayor información contactarse al 713-729-3435.
Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

What is it, O God, that you want from us? What do you require?
The words of Prophet Zephaniah of this Sunday’s first reading can be summarizing with these words from Micah 6:1-8. “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Now, let us admit that life is not always fair; it is very hard to love our enemies; it is very hard to be humble when we know ‘we are right; and, they are wrong.’ That is why we need to hear the Beatitudes.
The Gospel of this Sunday then is a reminder that the entire life journey of the Christian can be a journey guided by the Beatitudes. In Beatitudes, Jesus tells us what He wants us to be. Consider the beatitudes are the characteristics and attributes of the faithful disciples & believers.

For the next 3 Sundays, we will hear more about how to be a responsible disciple in the world.
- Matthew 5:1-12 Who are the Disciples (January 29)
- Matthew 5:13-20 The Responsibilities of Discipleship (February 5)
- Matthew 5:21-37 Discipleship in Community (February 15)
- Matthew 5:38-48 Discipleship in the World (February 19)

Whatever we do this week (and for the rest of our lives in that matter), know that we make sacrifices for the sake of the gospel and advance of the kingdom of God.

Ministry Highlight.
ESL (English as Second Language class). For over 30 years, new comers to Meyerland areas learn English in unique and effective English language program here at STM. Many blessings to all those who have taught & thank you to those who teach ESL at STM. For more information on how to become a ESL teacher, please call Norma & Ann Palms, 713-7280-0513 or email: normapalm@aol.com

Fr. Hai

Readings for the week of January 29, 2017

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Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús,

¿Qué es lo que quieres de nosotros Dios mío? ¿Qué es lo que requieres de mí?
Las palabras del Profeta Sofonías de la primera lectura de este domingo pueden resumirse con estas palabras de Miqueas 6: 1-8: “¿Qué requiere Dios de ti, que hagas justicia, que ames la misericordia y que andes humildemente con tu Dios?”

Ahora, admitamos que la vida no siempre es justa; Es muy difícil amar a nuestros enemigos; es muy difícil ser humilde cuando sabemos que tenemos la razón; y que ellos están equivocados, “por eso necesitamos escuchar las Bienaventuranzas. El Evangelio de este domingo es un recordatorio de que todo el viaje de la vida del cristiano puede ser un viaje guiado por las bienaventuranzas. En las bienaventuranzas, Jesús nos dice lo que Él quiere que seamos. Considere que las bienaventuranzas son las características y atributos de los fieles discípulos y creyentes.

Durante los próximos 3 domingos, escucharemos más acerca de cómo ser un discípulo responsable en el mundo.
Mateo 5: 1-12 ¿Quiénes son los discípulos (29 de enero)
Mateo 5: 13-20 Las responsabilidades del discipulado (5 de febrero)
Mateo 5: 21-37 Discipulado en la comunidad (15 de febrero)
Mateo 5: 38-48 Discipulado en el mundo (19 de febrero)

Hagamos lo que hagamos esta semana (y por el resto de nuestras vidas en esa materia), sabemos que hacemos sacrificios por el bien del evangelio y el avance del reino de Dios.

Ministerio:
ESL (ingles como segundo idioma). Durante más de 30 años, los recién llegados a la área de Meyerland de otros países tienen la oportunidad de aprender inglés en el programa de inglés aquí en STM. Se les agradece y muchas bendiciones a todos los que han y están enseñando inglés como Segundo idioma en STM. Para mayor información como ser voluntario para enseñar inglés, por favor llame a Norma & Ann Palms, 713-7260-0513. O bien correo electrónico: normpalms@aol.com.

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No pueden velar contigo una hora?
Mat. 26:40

Jesús desea abrazarte.

Para mayor información por favor de comunicarse a: adoration@stmhouston.org
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Sacrificial Offering - Ofrenda Sacrificial

January, 2017

Week Offering for 01/22/2016.........$ 23,076.50
Online Giving .........$4,244.25
Total Offertory for the weekend...... $27,320.75
Weekend Budgeted Goal .................. $34,650.00
Difference.......................... -$7,329.25

Special Collection: $4,086.92
Building Fund: $ 128.00

This weekend second collection January 29, 2017—
Bishops’ Fund for Latin America

Second Collection - DSF SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2017
Thank you for your continued generosity!
¡Gracias por su continua generosidad!!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Ministerio de la Juventud para jóvenes de
High School

Young Disciples Youth Ministry

Invites Youth grades 8th-12th

on

Sunday February 5, 2017

from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

at the Youth Center

for a great discussion

on

We Are His Body: Teens and Sexual Morality

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ~ Romans 12:1-2

Faith Formation News (CCE)

Noticias de Formación de la Fe (catecismo)

TIME* TIEMPO

Staring Wednesday February 15 through March 22, 2017 the children of CCE will begin receiving the sacrement of First Reconciliation in preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. The children have been divided into groups by class during the five Tuesdays and five Wednesdays. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the Faithful catechists who helped prepare for the children for this special important sacrament. We will continue to pray for all of you!

A partir del miércoles 15 de febrero al 22 de marzo, los niños de Catecismo comenzarán a recibir el sacramento de la Primera Reconciliación en preparación para el Sacramento de la Primera Eucaristía. Los niños han sido divididos por grupos durante los cinco martes y los cinco miércoles. Queremos extender nuestra gratitud a todos los catequistas fieles que ayudaron a preparar a los niños para este importante sacramento. ¡Seguiremos orando por todos ustedes!

Year Two Sacramental Preparation (ONLY CCE Students)
Segundo Año Preparación Sacramental (CCE)

Mandatory Attendance to classes for Parents / Guardians.

Sunday 9:00 am to 10:30 am English—
Prinster Hall
February 5, 2017 and March 5, 2017

Las siguientes clases Obligatorias para
Padres/ Tutores serán el
domingo 5 de febrero y 5 de marzo del 2017
de 11:00 am a 12:30 pm en Español
en el Salon Prinster

Youth Confirmation Year II Retreat
Retiro de Jóvenes de Confirmación Año II

Important Notice: There has been a change in the location for our Confirmation Retreat for Saturday, February 18, 2017. Our new location will be at St. Matthias Catholic Church located at 302 South Magnolia Blvd., Magnolia, Texas 77355. Your Confirmation retreat is a time set aside to grow in faith and community, it is mandatory. If you are not able to make it to the retreat on that day, you must call other parishes around our area to find a retreat to attend.


View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
STM SCHOOL BOOK FAIR will open Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the School Library.

Students attending the book fair on Sunday MUST be with an adult.

Books will be available for all ages - including adults.

We know that you will be excited by the varied selection and reasonable prices!

From January 30 – February 3, 2017, STM students have a scheduled time to visit the Book Fair during the school day.

Parents are welcome anytime.

In the school library, the Book Fair will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday PM is Open House till 6:30 PM Friday, the fair closes at 12 noon. All are welcome!

Catholic Schools Week
January 29 – February 4, 2017
Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is

“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service.”

Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES

Students applying to St. Thomas More Parish School must have a completed application on file and are required to take the Entrance Exam.

2017-2018 APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED

Open House date: Tour will start on the hour from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Next Open House - February 2—Private tours may be arranged for other times by calling the school office.

Entrance Exam -
Saturday, February 25, 2017 - 9:00 am

*Students entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the school year for which they are applying.

*Students entering 1st grade must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1 of the school year for which they are applying.

For more information contact the Parish School, 713-729-3434.
St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul strive to comfort, feed, clothe and assist those in need. We serve in person, keeping all things confidential preserving dignity. Call 713-980-3113 and leave a message on the answering service.

Christmas Giving follow up

On behalf of STM and other outreach ministry/organizations, THANK YOU for your participation and generosity in STM’s 2016 Christmas Gift Sunday. A special thanks to the many angels who prepared and hung gift tags, sorted gifts in Servant Hall and personally delivered those gifts. Your blessings and joy were shared with over 1,200 individuals in our community!

Recipients blessed by your gifts are served by St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, STM Gabriel Project, STM CCE, Kids Hope USA, HISD Young Parents, Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Philip Neri Church, St. Peter Claver Church, Casa de Esperanza, Casa Juan Diego and Catholic Charities. Please continue to pray and support our community and these organizations throughout the year.

Life Matters

The Gabriel Project is a pro-life parish-based apostolate of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offering assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need. If you need help please call 713-225-5826

Project Rachel seeks to give hope and healing to those suffering with the consequences of an abortion. If you need to speak to someone please call Julie at 713.741.8728

El Proyecto Gabriel es un apostolado Pro-Vida basado en las parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston, ofreciendo asistencia a mujeres que están pasando por situaciones difíciles durante su embarazo. Los voluntarios del Proyecto Gabriel ayudan para proveer consejo y ayuda practica así como apoyo espiritual a las madres que necesiten ayuda. Si necesitan ayuda por favor de comunicarse al, 713-225-5826.

El Proyecto Raquel busca traer esperanza y sanación a todos aquellos sufriendo por las consecuencias de un aborto. Para más información acerca de nuestros proximos retiros, por favor llame a Miriam al 713.440.3443

Respect Life

Please join Respect Life the second Sunday of every month from 9-9:40 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.

SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
This week around STM....

Sunday, January 29
9:00am—1:00 pm—CCE, School
9:00 am Apostleship of the Cross, Youth Prayer Room
1:00 pm Knights of Columbus, Rehkopf Gym
Boy Scouts, Prinster Hall
2:00 pm Spanish Baptism
6:00 pm Youth Ministry, Youth Center

Monday, January 30
9:00 am Bible Study, Conference Room
7:00 pm Troop 99, Scout House
Crecimiento Del Retiro Nueva Vida, Youth Center
7:30 pm Apostleship of the Cross (Spanish), Youth Prayer Rm

Tuesday, January 31
9:30 am Moms & Tots, Youth Center
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones
Praise & Worship, Church

Wednesday, February 1
3:30 pm Girl Scouts, Scout House
6:00 pm Open House, New Gym
Pack 99, Scout House
6:15 pm Confessions / Confesiones

Thursday, February 2
6:00 pm Pack 99, Scout House
7:00 pm Combined Choir, Church
Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
7:30 pm WOTBS, School Library
Troop 99, Scout House

Friday, February 3
8:30 am School Mass, Church
5:00 pm Legion of Mary (Sp), Scout House
5:30 pm Knights of Columbus, Prinster Hall
7:00 pm Spanish Choir, Church

Saturday, February 4
12:00 pm Boy Scouts, Prinster Hall
3:30 pm Confessions / Confesiones

Sunday, February 5
9:00 am—1:00 pm CCE classes
2:00 pm English Infant Baptisms, Church
6:00 pm Young Disciple, Youth Center

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

SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you are unable to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or if you know of anyone who is home bound and would like to receive communion, please call the parish office, 713-729-0221.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
Be super on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. It all starts at 8:30 right after mass and continues till 2:30, in Servant Hall.

**Senior Citizens**

Senior Citizens, Come and join us for some Bingo fun on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Scout House at 9:30am.

Next Bingo, February 13 and February 27, 2017

See you there!

**JOIN THE CHOIR!**

All the English choirs are recruiting for the Lenten and Easter seasons.

We especially need more children ages 9 and up. Practice are Wednesday from 6:00-7:00pm in Adult Ed. Building.

The Saturday 5:00 pm mass Choir and the St. Thomas More Choir on Sundays also would like new members... some fresh blood. Call or email Mary Endres if you have any questions, 713 980 3111, mary@stmhouston.org

**Pilgrimage to Holy Land**

**The Holy Land Pilgrimage 9 Days / 8 Nights:** October 13-22, 2017, All entrance fees and sightseeing excursions include a Shabbat dinner and tour of local winery at $3,485 person from Houston. Book your pilgrimage now! For further information, contact: Deacon David, deacondave@stmhouston.org or Consuelo Haller, Owner - www.discoverpegasus.com PEGASUS TRAVEL & TOURS • 832.886.4707 • 9920 HWY 90A Suite 175D, Sugar Land, TX 77478

**MENS RETREAT**

“Behold! A Retreat with Our Lady: Mother, Intercessor and Disciple” is the theme of this year’s St. Thomas More Men’s Retreat, March 31 – April 2, at the Holy Name Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Road in the Memorial Area. This Friday evening through Sunday lunch experience is open to all men of the Parish and their guests.

The retreat takes its inspiration from Mary’s intercession at the Wedding Feast at Cana, where she shows the way by instructing the servants to “Do as He tells you.” Join some 20+ of your fellow Parishioners by registering at www.HolyNameRetreatCenter.com or contact Parish Retreat Coordinator Hiett Ives at Hiett@Hiettlives.com or 832-372-6900 for more info. We look forward to your joining us!!

**Out of our parish—Respect Life Mass**

Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass

Saturday February 18, 2017

Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart

5:00 pm

1111 St. Joseph Pkwy

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NOW that Christmas time has passed and we have been renewed with hope and filled with joy we will continue our journey of serving Jesus in our daily life and offering to Him our all.

Soon, Lent will come and culminate with the most loving and merciful act the world has ever known - Jesus’s Death and Resurrection.

Take time to communicate with Jesus in the silence of your heart. He waits for you!

Growing in Intimacy with God and Ourselves”

CENACLE RETREAT HOUSE

March 10-12, Fr. Louis Arcenaeus, CM

REGISTER NOW before the retreat is open to the public.
Call the Cenacle at 281-497-3131 x112

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