



The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. Today's readings show us the critical importance of recognizing the kingdom of heaven in our midst and prioritizing our lives in order to obtain it.

In our First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, God appears to Solomon in a dream and invites Solomon to ask Him for something he desires. Rather than asking for riches or power, Solomon asks for the gift of "an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong." In other words, he asks God to help him discern what is true and therefore what really matters in life. It is no surprise that God is

pleased to give him this gift and that Solomon has been known since then as the wisest of kings. God will give the same gift to us if we ask Him sincerely. And in fact, we must have a wise and understanding heart if we are to live the stewardship way of life, to guide our priorities and decision making in matters big and small.

When we pursue Godly — rather than worldly — priorities, we can do so with great peace because, as St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading, from Romans, "all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." All things — not just the major, life-altering decisions, but the countless tiny ones we make on a daily basis as we strive to serve the Lord and advance the kingdom of heaven.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, we arrive at the conclusion of three weeks of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom of heaven. In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. We need wisdom to recognize it. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His kingdom is meant for everyone and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

July 19, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$	2,223.25
Vigil Candles.....	\$	127.36
OnLine Giving	\$	305.00
Facilities Improvement	\$	155.00
Helping Hands	\$	983.44

**Second Collection - August 1 - 2:
Facilities Improvement Fund**



***** WE NOW HAVE ONLINE GIVING! *****

Go to our website - www.ThomasMoreSATx.org

Click on the "**DONATE**" option and select:

Online Giving - to make a donation...
or

Prayer Request - submit a prayer request.

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You may also go directly to the websites by entering:

<https://www.GiveCentral.org/location/885>

for online giving

or

<https://www.GiveCentral.org/Short-Form/885>

to submit a prayer request.

Questions? Contact the parish office at (210) 655-5070



The St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Pius X once again thanks you, our STM Parishioners, for your generosity!

Because of the current situation (lay-offs... quarantines... or just staying home to alleviate the spread of the Corona Virus) they are in need of donations to help support our local community.

They need donations of: cereal, jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, beans, soups, green beans and similar food stuffs.

If you can help... it will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance and...

God Bless-

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Wisdom of a Child

During his children's sermon, the pastor asked the kids, "What is gray, has a bushy tail, and gathers nuts in the fall?"

One five-year-old raised his hand, "I know the answer should be Jesus," he began, "but it sure sounds like a squirrel to me."



A Reminder

We are now able to attend Mass... *With the following restrictions:*

- We ask that no more than 100 persons attend any particular Mass.
- Face masks (coverings) are required... unless there is a medical reason (*you are on Oxygen... have asthma... or other respiratory problem*).
- We are obliged to maintain our "social-distance" (6 ft) from one another. *Unless you are attending as a couple or family.*
- There should be no hugging, shaking of hands etc. at the sign-of-peace... *again, unless you are attending as a couple or family.*
- During this time, Holy Communion is to be received "in the hand" only.

Additionally... While other parishes have been cutting Masses from their schedule... or combining them...

Fr. Tomy has added a Mass (Sunday @ 5 pm) to our schedule to help prevent over-crowding at other Masses.

Please take advantage of this Mass.

Un Recordatorio

Ahora podemos asistir a Misa... *Con las siguientes restricciones:*

- Pedimos que no más de 100 personas asistan a ninguna misa en particular.
- Se requieren máscaras faciales... a menos que haya una razón médica (*usted está en oxígeno... tienen asma... o otro problema respiratorio*).
- Estamos obligados a mantener nuestra "distancia social" (6 pies) *A menos que asista como pareja o en familia.*
- En la señal de la paz, No debe haber abrazos, saludos de manos, etc.. *otra vez, a menos que usted está asistiendo como pareja o son su familia.*
- Durante este tiempo, la Santa Comunión debe ser recibida "sólo en la mano".

Además... Mientras que otras parroquias han estado cortando las misas de su horario... o combinándolas...

El Padre Tomy ha añadido una Misa el (domingo a las 5 p. m.) a nuestro horario para ayudar a prevenir el exceso de personas en las otras misas.

Por favor, aproveche esta misa.



Knights of Columbus

St. Thomas More Council 7386

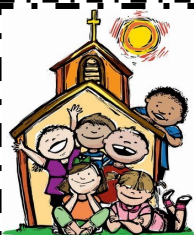


St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 7386 would like to congratulate the following individuals as officers for our new 2020 - 2021 Fraternal Year:

Grand Knight.....	Noah Carrizales	Warden.....	Gabriel Garcia
Financial Secretary.....	Gary Simons	Inside Guard.....	William Burris
Deputy Grand Knight..	Anthony O'Brien	Outside Guard.....	Peter S. Johnson
Chancellor.....	Paul Lamping	Lecturer.....	Lorenzo Acosta
Recorder.....	Jeremy J. Trescott	Trustee 3 Year.....	Francisco Guzman, Jr.
Treasurer.....	Roberto Silvas	Trustee 2 Year.....	William A. Torres
Advocate.....	Corey Chambers-Thompson	Trustee 1 Year.....	Poncho Mendoza

I speak on behalf of the parish when I say that we would also like to congratulate these men and thank our KoC Council 7386 for all it does in support of our Parish. "Thank you gentlemen and may God Bless each of you."

Fr. Tomy Thomas



School News

(A Message from the Principal - Mrs. "G")

We are enrolling for the 2020-2021 school Year!

Tours can not be given during this time but we encourage you to email us with any questions regarding our school.

Leticia Brown, our Admissions/Office Manager can be reached at lbrown@stmcs62.org or myself, at kgutierrez@stmcs62.org

Visit us on our web site: st-thomas-more-school.org

Hope for the Future Tuition Assistance applications are also still available through the following link:
www.archsa.org/hope/

Blessings,

Mrs. Kimberly A. Gutierrez,
Principal



Faith Formation News Faith Formation Registration

Registration has begun! You may register your child / children for next school year (2020-2021) at the church office Monday - Friday between 9 am and 3 pm. The last day to register is Aug 31st. When you register there will be an explanation of the new procedure(s).

Starting Dates / Times: Sept 6, 2020; Confirmation 1 & 2: Nov 8, 2020 / Sunday: 9:00 - 11:30 am

Note: Please make sure you have a zero balance before registering for the new cycle.

Noticias de Formación de Fe Inscripciones de Catecismo

¡Las inscripciones han comenzado! Pueden inscribir a sus hijos para el siguiente ciclo (2020-2021), los lunes a viernes de 9 a.m. a 3 p.m. en la oficina parroquial. El ultimo día para registrar es el 31 de agosto. Cuando usted inscriba a su hijo/a les vamos a explicar el procedimiento cuando empiezan las clases.

Fechas de las Clases / Horario: 03 de oct del 2020 / sabado: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Nota: Favor de asegurarse que no tenga ningún balance antes de registrar a su hijo/hija.

Office Hours / Horas de la Oficina: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



**St. Thomas More English
Prayer Group**



Prayer Group meets at 7 pm
Contacts: Olga Guerrero: (210) 657-1610 or
Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977



**Grupo de Oración
Familias compartiendo la palabra**



El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.
Para mas informacion contacte Maria Isabel Hernandez.

This Week at our Parish

Sunday, July 26, 2020
Monday, July 27, 2020
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Thursday, July 30, 2020
Friday, July 31, 2020
Saturday, August 1, 2020
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - Rectory Court Yard
Sunday, August 2, 2020

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25, 2020
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners**
 5:00 pm †Luis Miguel Perez by Family

Sunday, July 26, 2020
 8:00 am **Health - Gladys Larson**
 10:00 am †Leo Blea by Juanita Blea
 †Betty Jane LaCombe by Roy Hirschak
 †Lydia Tsi by Tsi Family
 †Max Pena Sr by Mary Ann Garcia & Amelia
 12:00 pm †Luis Miguel Perez by Family
 5:00 pm **Health - Baldemar Saldiva**

Monday, July 27, 2020
 8:00 am †John TV Duong by Wife
 †William Larson by the Mannings
 †Jose Luna by the Mannings

Tuesday, July 28, 2020
 8:00 am †Betty Jane LaCombe by Hirschak Family

Wednesday, July 29, 2020
 8:00 am †Edgar Richardson by Family
 †Rosie Reyes by Eddie Reyes
 †Suzell Waller by Eddie Reyes

Thursday, July 30, 2020
 8:00 am †Vincent Hyiep by Kim Nguyen

Friday, July 31, 2020
 8:00 am †John C. Carrillo

Saturday, August 1, 2020
 8:00 am †Jose (Joe) Garcia
 5:00 pm †Christina Dominguez by Family

Sunday, August 2, 2020
 8:00 am †John (TV) Duong by Jerry & Pat Klar
 †Marian Falconi by Jerry & Pad Klar
 10:00 am †Betty Jane LaCombe by Roy Hirschak
 †Lydia Tsi by Tsi Family
 †Jovita Sanchez by Sanchez Family
 †Paul Blea by Juanita Blea
 12:00 pm **All Those Affected by the Corona Virus**
 5:00 pm †Ray DuMenil

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE:**

May God comfort the family and friends of

Mary Nguyen

and

John Carrillo

(Father of Parishioner Carol Brown)

Both of whom died this past week

Our sincere sympathy and assurances of prayers are extended to Mary's Family and to Carol and the Carrillo / Brown families.

**Sanctuary Light Intention:**

†John (TV) Duong

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, August 1, 2020
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - M.Fisher

Sunday, August 2, 2020
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Tim
Lector - O.Weich

10 am **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - W.Torres

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers - Dcn Rolando
Lector - A.Martinez / Gil.Torres

5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)
Eucharistic Ministers -
Lector - Volunteer

Lecturas de la Semana del Julio 27 - Agosto 2

Lunes: Jr 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Martes: Jr 14:17-22; Sal 79:8,9,11,13; Mt 13:36-43
Miércoles: Jr 15:10,16-21; Sal 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27
Jueves: Jr 18:1-6; Sal 146:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Viernes: Jr 26:1-9; Sal 69:5,8-10,14; Mt 13:54-58
Sábado: Jr 26:11-16,24; Sal 69:15-16,30-31,33-34;
 Mt 14:1-12
Domingo: Is 55:1-3; Sal 145:8-9,15-18; Rom 8:35,37-39;
 Mt 14:13-21

Readings for the week of July 27 - Aug 2

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8,9,11,13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10,16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5,8-10,14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16,24; Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34;
 Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9,15-18; Rom 8:35,37-39;
 Mt 14:13-21