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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

- Lk 2:51-52

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:30 pm.
Weekdays (Monday-Friday): 8:00 am
The Rosary & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy are prayed after weekday Mass on most days.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm
You can also call the Parish Office at 702-361-3022 make a weekday appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On the first Friday of the month (unless otherwise announced): 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
*Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm
The Office is not open on Friday and Saturday

Community Center Office Hours

Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monday-Wednesday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm
*Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm
The office is not open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Church/Chapel Hours (for personal prayer)

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday: 7:30 am to 9:00 am

Gift Shop Hours

Sundays: 9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am to 12 noon
The Gift Shop is not open on Friday and Saturday

Food Pantry

We have a food pantry on our property with non-perishables that are available to our parishioners, families and friends. Please contact Cheryl Schwarz at 725-205-0606 to schedule a time to visit the pantry. If you would like to contribute, please drop off donations in the labeled, grey bin outside of our back Community Center doors.

Become a Registered Member

In order that we may better serve you, please register with the parish by visiting www.stmlv.org and fill out the online Registration Form. If you prefer to not register online, you can also pick up a registration form in the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office at 702-361-3022 if you need to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at home or in a hospital. The Sacrament is also offered communally within the Mass. Announcements will be made about upcoming Anointing of the Sick Masses.

Funeral Planning

In the event of a death of a loved one, please call 702-493-1767 before making arrangements with any of the professional services.

Sacrament of Baptism

Our Baptism Preparation session, which is required, is offered on the first Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise announced) in the Community Center at 6:30 pm. This session can be attended at any time (even before the baby is born). More information, the required forms, and the class dates are available on our website.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please visit our website for detailed information. You may also contact Pamela Trendell at 725-214-7069 to discuss availability and the preparation requirements.

Holy Communion for the Sick

If you are homebound, please call Patti Sabo at 702-269-3110 and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will visit you. In case of hospitalization, inform the hospital staff that you are Catholic and would like to receive Communion.

Vocations

Please consult with one of the priests.

Connect With Us

We have many options for our parishioners and guests to connect with us online. We encourage you to visit our website at www.stmlv.org, download our app, and "like" or "follow" us on:

Facebook– [facebook.com/stmhendersonnv](https://www.facebook.com/stmhendersonnv)
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome To Our Newly Registered Members

The Castor Family

Karen Hodapp

Daniel Ortiz and Mercedes Bravo

We currently have 6,000+ registered households. Keeping our parish data system updated is very important to us. Please contact the Parish Office at 702-361-3022 to update your information.

Baptism Blessings

Jasmine Esmeralda Chamizo

Jaxson Joseph Chamizo

Riley Ronald Lippi

We recently welcomed these children into the Catholic faith. May our community embrace them and may our word and example be a reflection of God's love for them.

In Remembrance

Jacquelyn Zahrobsky-Gershak

Let us all keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Baptism Preparation

Our next Baptism Prep Session is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5th at 6:30 pm in the Community Center. More information, the required forms and the class dates are available on our website at <https://www.stmlv.org/baptism>

Engagement Experience

We offer a two-day program for engaged couples called Engagement Experience. This event is required for all couples getting married at St. Thomas More. It is also available for couples who are planning to get married at another Catholic Church. For more information and to sign-up, visit our website at www.stmlv.org/engagement

Welcome/Donut Sunday

Hospitality and Community Building are the goals of the Welcome/Donut Sunday. On the first Sunday of each month (unless otherwise announced), donuts and coffee are provided after the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and the 12 Noon Masses in the Community Center. All parishioners are invited to join in meeting and greeting one another, especially those who are newly registered in the parish. If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact CJ Campagna at 702-768-3862.



Gift Shop Hours

The Gift Shop will be closed through Saturday, January 1st and will re-open on Sunday, January 2nd, for Donut Sunday. We invite you to stop in!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25th

8:00 am For Priests
10:00 am † Alan Newbert
12:00 pm † Eugene & Walter Valdez
† Lydia E. Galindez

Sunday, December 26th

8:00 am Members of the Parish
10:00 am † Jose Trinidad Perez
12:00 pm † Vera Marie Flores
5:30 pm † Henry Flores

Monday, December 27th

8:00 am † James & Mary McGrane
† Alan Newbert

Tuesday, December 28th

8:00 am † Janet Villano
† Nellie Alcantara

Wednesday, December 29th

8:00 am † Julian & Ciciliana Wevita
† Maribel Villaroman

Thursday, December 30th

8:00 am † Rodrigo Pizarro
† Jacqueline Rose Jackson

Friday, December 31st

4:00 pm † Antonio Baldonado
† Ronald Sheehan
† Novena for the deceased

Saturday, January 1st

9:00 am For Peace
11:00 am † Delores Saggio
4:00 pm † Jesse Smith

Sunday, January 2nd

8:00 am † Bruce Heller
10:00 am † Charlie Alaimo
12:00 pm † Clarita Perucho
5:30 pm Members of the Parish

If you're interested in reserving a Mass Intention, please visit our Parish Office during business hours. These intentions are prayed for silently by the priest at Mass and are not announced during Mass.

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



I regret to inform you that I will be taking a medical leave of absence in late January. I will be traveling to my home country of Sri Lanka to receive medical care, which will involve a possible kidney transplant (if I am a candidate).

Fr. Edmund Nnadozie, MSP will be coming to us in January and will be assigned Parochial

Administrator of St. Thomas More, effective January 17th. Fr. Edmund was ordained in 1997. He served on the seminary faculty in Nigeria before coming to the U.S. in 2005, where he has served since. His assignments have included hospital chaplain, pastor of a large parish in the Houston area, and most recently pastor in the Chicago Archdiocese. Fr. Edmund joins four of his brother priests who are also members of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) and who are already serving in the Diocese of Las Vegas. Please give Fr. Edmund a warm welcome.

I will be discussing this at all the Masses in person and will continue to provide updates along the way. I want to thank you for all your help, for your support to me, and for your dedication to this great parish. Please keep me in your prayers that I return soon in good health and I will continue to pray for you all.

We have been blessed by many good stewards with willing spirits and helping hands. I would like to personally thank these wonderful volunteers and ministers. Without our volunteers and those who give generously and sacrificially, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to continue the many programs and ministries that we provide to this faith community. Thank you also to the many people who sent us cards and gifts for Christmas this year. It would be difficult to speak to each of you individually, but please know that your thoughtfulness means so much to us and that you will be remembered in my prayers.

Today we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This feast day is still within the Octave of Christmas. The message of Christmas is so wondrous that we can't celebrate it all in just one day, so we continue to rejoice for eight days as if it were one.

As you know, the Christmas Season goes beyond the Epiphany to the Baptism of Jesus. We do not stop celebrating this special season simply because the stores have. We continue to rejoice and celebrate Christmas with festivities, food, song, dance, rituals and seasonal greetings to one another.

This week we will celebrate the beginning of the 2022 New Year. The word January comes from the word Janus (who was a Greek god). Janus had two faces,

one to look forward and one to look back. So, it is fitting that at this time we take a look back and decide if we need to make resolutions for a new start.

On the 1st, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. To honor this Holy Day of Obligation, we will celebrate Mass at 4:00 pm on December 31st and at 9:00 am and 11:00 am on January 1st. Mary is our model in so many ways in looking to the past and future. She knew of God's covenant – His promises, and believed in their fulfillment. Mary is the model of stewardship par excellence. Mary teaches us the meaning of stewardship by her own life witness and her obedience to God's Will.

Another staff change that I want to address is that John Rinaldo has resigned from his position as Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation effective January 10th, 2022. John joined us this past summer and brought a lot of new great ideas, enthusiasm and energy for the program and I thank him for that. We appreciate him and what he has given to our community. Please rest assured that all adult faith programs will continue as planned. Please join us in praying for John as he moves on.

God bless you all and may you have a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

Fr. Bede

Fr Bede Wevita
Pastor

PROMISE TO PROTECT

PLEDGE TO HEAL

BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

Your local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. We will listen to your needs and support you. We will help you make a formal complaint and arrange a personal meeting with the bishop, or his delegate, if desired. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator in your (arch)diocese/parochy is

Diocese of Las Vegas (702) 235-7723

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Arlene Borski
Athena Gam Lake
Barbara Livingston
Bob Starbird
Brian Cross
Bruce & Darlene Zombory
CarolAnne Kardash
Ceferino Arboleda
Charlie Hensel
Danny Jacobs
Darryl & Ginny Abelt
Dave Wirshing
Delores Brown
Diana Stater
Dr. Nick Fiore
Elizabeth Martano
Franny & Jimmy Reyes
Felix Aguto Jr.
Fred & Bea Guidry
Jean Siriani
Jeanne Amlund
Jerry Thiele
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Justin Askari
Kaiden Cruz
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Margaret Watson
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Martha McKinnon
Marty Marino
Mary Berndt
Mary Gallagher
Mary Solares
Michael Crisci
Michael David Gam
Michael Stanziale
Michelle Natale
Minerva Ciccarelli
Nelly Macahilas
Pasquale Amatulli
Pat Amatulli
Patrick Arboleda
Peter Selman
Raymond & Marion Lewis
Reiner Staffa
Reseth Oberg
Richard Fellrath
Rita Grillo
Ruth Ochoa
Selma Sikes
Simona Dye
Stella Van Aken
Stephanie Fiore
Suzanne Lutter
The Carranza Family
The J. Ferry Family
The LaMonte Family
The Mlagan Family
The Nuguid Family
Verilyn Bona
Virginia Guglielmo
Walter Gudaitis
Wendy Dwyer
Wilrose Robles

If you would like to add someone to the Pray For List, please contact Amanda Dwyer at amandad@stmlv.org or 725-214-5789. Names remain published for 3 months, unless otherwise requested. Thank you.

Men's Prayer Group:

Join us on Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the Community Center as we grow in faith and fellowship through prayer and studying the weekly Liturgy. The content is week to week...not a multi-week class, so drop in any time! If you're interested in learning more, please call or text Mark at 708-287-7120 (not 702). New members are always welcome!

Virtual Parish Book of Prayers

We have a virtual page for prayer requests. You can submit a prayer request or spend some time praying for the other public requests. It is a great way to stay connected. The direct link to this page is: www.stmlv.org/virtual-book-of-prayers/

Book of the Names of the Dead

We invite you to write names of those who have gone before you in our *Book of the Names of the Dead*. It will be available throughout the month of November next to the glass doors in the back of the church.

Altar Flowers

Would you like to honor a loved one, give thanks for an anniversary or accomplishment, or commemorate a loved one's birthday or death by sponsoring flowers on the altar? Please visit the Parish Office during business hours to discuss details and secure your preferred date.

Novenas

Our Perpetual Mass Cards are now a 9 month Novena, which are said the last Friday at our morning Mass for nine consecutive months. A novena is a form of a traditional Catholic prayer that is prayed over nine days. A novena may be prayed nine days in a row, on the same day of the week for nine weeks, or on the same day of the month for nine months (for example, the First Friday). A novena may consist of prayers, intercessions, hymns, and readings from Scripture.

These are for the living and deceased and the suggested donation is \$20.00. If you're interested, please visit our Parish Office.

Masks Are Required

Masks are required by all individuals regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for your cooperation. If you are interested in purchasing one of our STM masks, please visit our Gift Shop during business hours.



WEEKLY CONTENT

Today's Readings:

First Reading

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD."
(1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.
(Ps 84)

Second Reading

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are.
(1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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Readings for the week of December 26th:

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm
1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.
5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/
Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
[11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/
Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/
Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Observances for the week of December 26th:

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday:

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother
of God; World Day of Peace

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Live The Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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Gospel Meditation—Gain A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

Questions of the Week—We Encourage You To Reflect & Respond To Scripture

First Reading:

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?

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Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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A Simple Prayer—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, you call your people to holiness. Come and take up residence in the lives of our families, giving us opportunities to respond to your love in the ways we love one another. Multiply your goodness in our lives so that where there is division, we may be instruments of your healing.

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Saint of the Week—Examples of our Faith

St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26th

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation Opportunities For All Adults

Here at St. Thomas More, we provide opportunities for you to continue your own faith journey and growth. On our website is a schedule of different formation sessions for you to consider. Each event is a one-off formation session that does not require you to have attended any previous session (with a few exceptions as indicated). You can drop in anytime that works for your schedule. The sessions are open to **ANY adult**. Registration is not required and there is no cost. For more information, visit our website at www.stmlv.org/adults

Adult Confirmation

The 2022 Spring Session begins in March! More information can be found on our website at www.stmlv.org/adult-confirmation

RCIA

Interested in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist? Want to find out more about the Catholic faith? Join us!

The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), also called the Baptismal Catechumenate, is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation.

The first step is to attend our Inquiry sessions. They take place on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Community Center. There is no beginning or end to Inquiry and will continue all year round. You are welcome to drop in at any time to join us.

More information can be found on our website at www.stmlv.org/rcia

Senior Groups

If you are an active single senior (55+), looking to meet new friends in our community...then join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Community Center. For more information on these gatherings, please contact Carol Capino Sturm at 702-606-3900.

Our seniors games group gather for lunch (provided by the church) and games in our Community Center the second Thursday of each month at 11:30 am. Anyone 55+ is welcome!

GriefShare Bereavement Ministry

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

"Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering."

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

St. Thomas More will be launching its 13-week GriefShare Bereavement Ministry beginning on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 from 9:30 am-11:00 am in Room 9 of the Community Center. Pre-registration is required and costs \$20 to purchase materials for the ministry.

All meeting dates are available on our website. You can also register and pay online as well. Go to www.stmlv.org/bereavement

If you have any other questions, please contact John Rinaldo at johnr@stmlv.org or 702-476-2281.



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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE LITTLE KINGDOM COORDINATOR: GERALDINE AT 702-236-4332

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Youth Ministry

The STM Youth Ministry is open to all high school teens in grades 9-12 (no registration needed). This ministry is for all teens—whether they are committed to growing in their Catholic faith, are still seeking answers about the faith, or are just simply looking for a fun and safe place to hang out.

Join us on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Community Center!

We encourage you to check the calendar for our meeting dates before coming. The full calendar is available on our website at www.stmlv.org/youthministry

As long as they are also in high school, teens may bring a friend with them.

Our primary goal as a youth ministry is to create a safe, positive, faith-based environment for teens to learn about and grow closer to Christ, all while building fellowship and community. Our mission is to guide our youth to become the disciples they are all called to be because they are all made for greatness!

"Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." – 1 Timothy 4:12

For more information on Youth Ministry, please contact Rolyssa at rolyssa@stmlv.org or at 725-204-9995

Faith Formation (Religious Education)

The Faith Formation Team at St. Thomas More welcomes you and your family. Our mission is to help you grow in your Catholic faith, regardless of age or where you are on your journey. We have opportunities for ALL AGES. Our K-8 programs have classes on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. If you're interested in more information about any of our programs or if you'd like to volunteer, please visit our website at www.stmlv.org and click on Faith Formation, contact us by phone at 725-204-9995, email us or stop by the Community Center to see us in-person!

All calendars, required workshop dates for parents/guardians, and other forms are available on our website at www.stmlv.org/downloads



Closed for Christmas/New Year

Our Parish Offices and Community Center Offices are closed and will re-open on Tuesday, January 4th.

Current Information

For all the latest information on events, meetings, etc., be sure to visit our newly designed website at www.stmlv.org/current-announcements

Bulletin Deadlines

All remaining bulletins in December, as well as the first week of January have an early transmission deadlines from our publisher. Please note this for prayer list requests and other items. If you have any questions, contact Amanda at amandad@stmlv.org.

Men's Club

Hey men! Guess what, if you are over the age of 21, you are a member of the Men's Club. Have you been struggling with your faith? Would you like to help others and share in some fellowship with other like-minded men? Then come to our next meeting on January 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Community Center. Our Men's Club concentrates on having fun while learning and helping. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Dave Libby at 702-808-3589 or stmoremensclub@gmail.com

Women's Guild

All women are invited to join our Women's Guild for their monthly meetings. For more information, please contact Marie at 702-501-2638 or Pat at 702-283-8926.

Piecemakers

We have beautiful, scripture quilts available for anyone that sick, going through treatment, grieving, etc. If you'd like more information on joining the group or you're interested in receiving a quilt, please contact Pat Burkitt at 702-376-5410.

If you are able to donate, we encourage you to utilize one of the options below:

Online Giving is secure, easy to set up and allows you to schedule recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have internet access. We use an online company called Vanco (which may also say eservicepayments). You can visit our website for more information.



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Scan our QR Code which was created specifically for our community. When you scan this image here (simply open your phone's camera and direct it toward the QR), it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of our online giving web page.

In-person Options If you are attending Mass, you can participate during the offertory with cash, checks or your weekly envelopes. If you are a registered parishioner and you want to start receiving envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. We also have a drive up option for parishioners to drop off their donations. This dropbox is also a secure and easy option.



The weekly financial reports for December 18th/19th and for Christmas were not available at the time of this bulletin's early transmission.

We are very grateful for your continued support for this great community. Thank you!

Weekly Financial Report for December 11th/12th

Received (mailed in, dropbox, loose, etc.)	\$8,525.00
Vanco (online giving)	\$19,531.96
Total Mass Collection	\$18,212.90
Total Combined Collection	\$46,269.86
Weekly Collection Goal	\$32,500.00
Over/(Under)	\$13,769.86
Immaculate Conception Collection	\$4,843.00
Retirement Fun Collection	\$4,171.10
Christmas Flowers	\$897.00

2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal Report as of December 12th

Assessment Goal	\$251,945.00
Parish Goal	\$351,945.00
Pledged	\$305,053.00
Received to date	\$292,621.00
Current Balance (from parish goal)	\$59,324.00
Number of Participating Households	708

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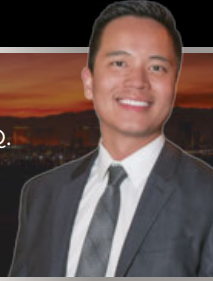
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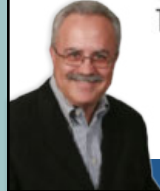
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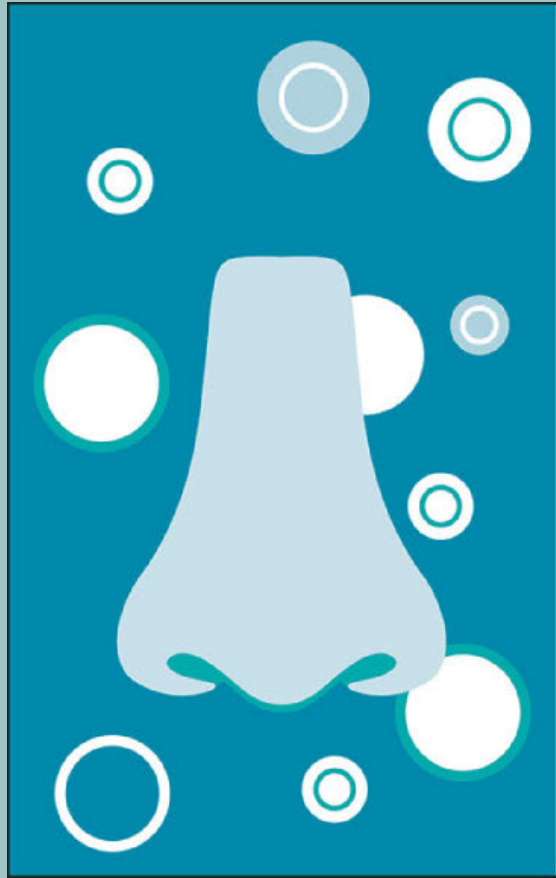
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