



Today’s readings take us back to the basics, inviting us to reflect honestly on our deepest priorities in life.

In the second reading, from Galatians, St. Paul reminds us of the essence of the Christian life. “For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Just a few verses later Paul points out why this simple command is so challenging to live out. “The flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the

flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want.” Isn’t that the truth! Overcoming our tendency toward selfishness while striving to put Christ and others ahead of ourselves is a daily internal battle.

In today’s Gospel, from Luke, Christ refers to this struggle within as he encounters two “would be” disciples on His way to Jerusalem. “Follow me,” Jesus says to the first man. “But he replied, ‘Lord let me go first and bury my father.’ The other said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home.” These two want to follow Christ but only on their own terms, only after taking care of some other, more pressing matters (at least in their own minds).

To this, Christ says thanks but no thanks! Following Him requires an unqualified “yes” not a “yes but...” We are called to put Christ and His kingdom ahead of our own plans if we truly wish to be his disciples and to find victory in the battle of selfishness.

Living stewardship as a way of life can go a long way in arming us for victory. Stewardship living provides us with a custom-made “training plan” — the commitment to a specific offering of our time, talent, and treasure to the Kingdom of God. It is a plan discerned through prayer and by looking at the realities of our unique circumstances, strengths, and limitations. The daily discipline of committing to the plan strengthens us and helps us gradually move away from the “yes, but” attitude and towards an unqualified “yes!” to Christ and His will.

The beauty of this way of life is that far from constricting freedom, living out stewardship day by day increases freedom. Why? It frees us from unhealthy attachments to our comforts, our professional ambitions, and our possessions so that we can attach — fully and without reservation — to Christ. It creates in us the habit of putting first things first, of keeping our priorities aligned with Christ’s priorities.

Do not be afraid to give the best of yourself and your gifts to Christ. He deserves nothing less. And this way of life, while challenging, will be characterized by a joy and peace that only comes from giving Him an unqualified “yes!”

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**June 19, 2022**

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 4,446.33
Vigil Candles.....	\$ 118.50
Facilities Improvement Fund.....	\$ 77.00
Father’s Day Novena.....	\$ 28.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$ 70.00
Easter Offerings.....	\$ 2.00

*Second Collection - July 2 - 3:  
No 2nd Collection Next Week*



**St. Thomas More  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 7386  
BBQ Plate**



**When:** July 24, 2022 (Sunday)

**Where:** Carolan Hall

**Plate:** 1/4 chicken, 1 sausage link, beans, rice, jalapeño, pickles, bread & bottle of water

**Cost:** \$10/Plate ***CURBSIDE PICKUP ONLY***

**Serving:** 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Need more info?  
Ask any Knight.

## *Faith Formation News / Noticias de Formación de Fe*

**Registration is coming soon for the 2022 - 2023 school year!!**

Registration will begin August 1, 2022 and continue through August 31, 2022  
at the parish office,  
Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm.

Classes Begin as follows,

English – September 11<sup>th</sup>  
Spanish – September 24<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmation – September 25<sup>th</sup>

For more information, required documentation, or  
general questions, please contact  
Martha Guerra, DRE,  
at the parish office at (210) 655-5070

Note: Face Masks will be worn by all students in the  
classroom for the safety of your children.

***Las inscripciones empiezan pronto para el año escolar 2022-2023!!***

La inscripción comenzará el 1 de agosto de 2022 y continuará hasta el 31 de agosto de 2022  
en la oficina parroquial,  
de lunes a viernes de 9 am a 3 pm

Las clases empiezan de la siguiente manera,

Inglés – 11<sup>de</sup> septiembre  
Español – 24<sup>de</sup> septiembre  
Confirmación – 25<sup>de</sup> septiembre

Para más información, documentación requerida,  
o preguntas generales, por favor contacte a  
Martha Guerra, DRE,  
en la oficina parroquial al (210) 655-5070

Nota: Las máscaras faciales serán usadas por todos los estudiantes en  
el salón de clase para la seguridad de sus hijos.

### *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)*

Summer is here! Fall is right around the corner!

Interested in: Joining the Catholic Faith?

Completing your Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion / Confirmation)?

Just knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

I invite you to join us on Thursday evenings beginning Sept 8th at 7 pm (*mark your calendar*)

***More to come...***



### *Grupo de Oración* *Familias compartiendo la palabra*



1 julio Hora Santa  
8 julio El Espiritu Santo y la Iglesia  
15 julio La Iglesia Preparada en la Antigua Alianza  
22 julio La Iglesia Instruida por Cristo Jesus  
29 julio La Iglesia Manifestada por el Espiritu Santo

El grupo de oración se reúne los viernes a las 7 pm.  
Contacte a: Maria Isabel Hernandez (210) 843-9756



### *St. Thomas More English* *Prayer Group*



Contacts: Olga Guerrero (210) 657-1610 or  
Stella Lopez: (210) 618-6977

One of our parishioners presented this last week at the Saturday, 5 pm Mass (thanks Melba) and asked that it be included in this week's bulletin to share with everyone. So... here it is (*don't get a big head Father Mike / Deacons*)...

**A special tribute and thank you to Fr. Mike, Deacon Tim & Deacon Rolando,  
who celebrated anniversaries of ordination this month of June 2022.**

**Fr. Mike:** 4 years as priest, ordained June 2, 2018  
**Deacon Tim:** 18 years as deacon, ordained June 11, 2004  
**Deacon Rolando:** 4 years as deacon, ordained June 16, 2018

I looked through our book of hymns that our musicians lead us in singing at our Eucharistic celebrations, and picked out a few phrases from those well-known hymns we sing that reminded me of the service that Fr. Mike, Deacon Tim and Deacon Rolando give to our parish and school community.

Ministry and mission is the call of the lord to which they responded with generous hearts. Here are a few lines from those hymns you might recognize, so I share them with you in a spirit of thankfulness for these who serve us so well.

*"Here I Am, Lord, I have heard you calling, I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart"*

The Servant Song: *"I will hold the Christ light for you, in the nighttime of your fear, I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear"*

The Celtic Alleluia: *"Now with the strength of your Word send us to be your disciples, to bring all the world to the joy of your kingdom"*

*"Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face; open my ears, Lord, help me to hear; open my heart, Lord, help me to love. I live within you, deep in your heart"*

Fr. Mike, Deacon Tim and Deacon Rolando: thank you for holding us up, helping us to show God's love to the world, for calling us to live and grow in the hearts of Jesus and Mary, for holding the Christ light for us and with us, for having a joyful heart, for being community with us, and for reminding us to always open our eyes and ears and hearts to what our Heavenly Father, the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit invite us to be.

May God bless you abundantly, now and always.

On behalf of our STM parish and school community  
by Melba Fisher



### **Beginning Experience Please Join Us for**

#### **Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning**

*Saturday, July 30, 2022 = 8:30 am - 4 pm*

*"Coping with Life Alone in the beginning"*

is an in-person, one-day grief support program to help participants come to terms with the loss of a spouse. It is intended for those whose loss is new and/or for those not yet ready for a Beginning Experience Weekend. The session focuses on such topics as the grief process, changes in family and other relationships, trust, and coping with memories of the deceased spouse or dealing with the former spouse.

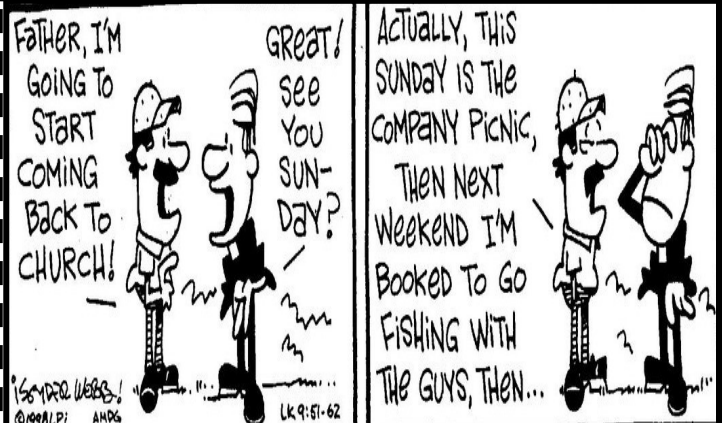
**Where:** St. Peter Upon the Water Spiritual Direction Center  
234 Indian Creek Rd, Ingram, TX 78025

**Cost:** \$40 (includes activity supplies - Please bring your own lunch. Drinks and snacks provided)

**Contact:** Barbara @ (210) 724-9269  
(If no answer, please leave a message)

#### **Additional Programs Offered**

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*  
Phil 4:13



## **A Woman's Haven™**

### **Pregnancy Crisis Center**

*"Are you passionately Pro-Life?"*

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**Counselors, Nurses & Receptionists.**

We provide all training!

Email: [Susan.perez@awomanshaven.org](mailto:Susan.perez@awomanshaven.org)

*"Be the change you wish to see in the world and  
light up the darkness!"*

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**  
*Grupo de Oracion-Chicharrones Sale (After ALL Masses)*  
 10:00 am CDA Mass - Church

**Monday, June 27, 2022**  
 5:00 pm Cenaculo de la Divina Misericordia - RMR

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022**  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy - Rectory Mtg Rm  
 6:30 pm Coro Alegria Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Rm  
 7:00 pm Grupo Choir Practice - Church

**Wednesday, June 29, 2022**

**Thursday, June 30, 2022**  
 7:00 pm Grupo Retreat Prep - Rectory Mtg Room

**Friday, July 1, 2022**  
 6:30 pm Guitar / Choir Practice - Rectory Mtg Room  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion - Church

**Saturday, July 2, 2022**  
 4:00 pm Reconciliation - Church

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**  
 10:00 am KC Mass - Church

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Juan Vicente Cordova Reyes by Josie Cordova  
*In Thanksgiving* by Kim Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Antonio Cortez by Debra Cortez  
 †Susie & Fred Davis

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**  
 8:00 am **STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**  
*In thanksgiving* by Kim Nguyen  
 10:00 am †Carrington Michael Brown by Family  
 †Pete and Adolph Perales by Family  
 12:00 pm †Guadalupe Aguilar by Anita Gaytan  
**Thanksgiving for Graduate - Joshua Espinoza**  
 by Mom, Grandparents, and Family

**Monday, June 27, 2022**  
 8:00 am **Souls in Purgatory** by Catalina Reyes  
*In Thanksgiving* by Kim Nguyen

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022**  
 8:00 am †David Krause by Family  
*In Thanksgiving* by Kim Nguyen

**Wednesday, June 29, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Florentina Castro by Anita Gaytan  
*In Thanksgiving* by Kim Nguyen

**Thursday, June 30, 2022 (Communion Svc)**  
 8:00 am **All Ordained Clergy and Religious**  
 †Mary Williams  
 †Sarah Vasquez

**Friday, July 1, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Enrique Orosco Luerano by Pereida Orosco Family  
**Souls in Purgatory** by Anita Gaytan

**Saturday, July 2, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Guillermo Cortez by Oralia Esparza  
**For Orphans** by Kim Nguyen  
 5:00 pm †Christina C. Dominguez by Dominguez Family  
**STM Parishioners - Living and Deceased**

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**  
 8:00 am †Felipe Gonzales  
 †Carrington Michael Brown by Family  
 10:00 am †Alice T. Ramirez by Her Children  
 †Brady Dupree by Margie Murray  
 12:00 pm †Enrique Orosco Luerano by Pereida Orosco Family  
 †Kathryn Sweet by Maria T. Sweet



 **Sanctuary Light Intention:**  
*Jeff Manning*

**Lecturas de la Semana del 27 junio - 3 julio**

**Lunes:** Am 2:6-10,13-16; Sal 49:16-23; Mt 8:18-22  
**Martes:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Sal 5:4-8; Mt 8:23-27  
**Miércoles:** Hch 12:1-11; Sal 33:2-9; 2Tim 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
**Jueves:** Am 7:10-17; Sal 18:8-11; Mt 9:1-8  
**Viernes:** Am 8:4-6,9-12; Sal 118:2,10,20,30,40,131; Mt 9:9-13  
**Sábado:** Am 9:11-15; Sal 84:9-14; Mt 9:14-17  
**Domingo:** Is 66:10-14; Sal 65:1-7,16,20; Gal 6:14-18; Lc 10:1-12,17-20

**Readings for the week of June 27 – July 3**

**Monday:** Am 2:6-10,13-16; Ps 50:16b-23; Mt 8:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2Tm 4:6-8,17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8  
**Friday:** Am 8:4-6,9-12; Ps 119:2,10,20,30,40,131; Mt 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9-14; Mt 9:14-17  
**Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7,16,20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12,17-20

**Liturgical Roles**

**Saturday, July 2, 2022**  
 5 pm **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando (+2 Vol - If Needed)  
**Lector** - T.Garza

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**  
 8 am **Altar Servers** - (None)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - ~~Den Tim~~, P.Klar (+2 Vol - IN)  
**Lector** - P.Klar

10 am **Altar Servers** - (Volunteers)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - Dcn Rolando, DC John, W.Torres  
**Lector** - M.Briseno

12 pm **Altar Servers** - (Volunteers)  
**Eucharistic Ministers** - ~~Den Tim~~, C.Torres, Gil.Torres, Guad.Torres  
**Lector** - R.Borrego / A.Chavez