

 **Masses For The Week**

**SUNDAY, January 24, 2010**

8:00 AM Soul of Ziggy Olkowski †  
9:30 AM Intentions of the members of STM  
11:30 AM Intentions of Joan Newman  
6:00 PM Protection of the unborn

**MONDAY, January 25, 2010**

12:15 PM Soul of Fr Jim Miceli †  
5:30 PM Intentions of Cindy Bronson

**TUESDAY, January 26, 2010**

7:30 AM Soul of Clementine †  
5:30 PM Soul of Riley Grace Hulbert †

**WEDNESDAY, January 27, 2010**

12:15 PM Souls of the deceased Akridge Family †  
5:30 PM Soul of Leo Meyler †

**THURSDAY, January 28, 2010**

7:30 AM Soul of Lana Turner †  
5:30 PM Soul of Robert Johnson †

**FRIDAY, January 29, 2010**

12:15 PM Soul of Pete Quilty †  
5:30 PM Intentions of Matthew Black

**SATURDAY, January 30, 2010**

9:00 AM Soul of Virginia Young †  
5:30 PM Soul of Iva Jean Fleming †

**SUNDAY, January 31, 2010**

8:00 AM Soul of John Hamilton Martin †  
9:30 AM Soul of Bob Woodland †  
11:30 AM Intentions of the members of STM  
6:00 PM Intentions of Ann & Paul McVey

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS  
January 25-30**

Mon	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18
Tue	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35
Wed	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20
Thur	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132; Mk 4:21-25
Fri	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34
Sat AM	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS  
January 30-31**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:4-13  
Gospel Luke 4:21-30

**STM CATHOLICS FOR LIFE**

The STM Catholics for Life will meet on Tues, Jan 26<sup>th</sup> in the family room at 6:45 pm followed by Holy Hour for the unborn at 8:00 pm.

**ATTENTION ALTAR  
SERVERS**

There will be an altar server training session after the 11:30 am mass on Sunday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

**MINISTER'S SCHEDULE  
January 30-31**

<p><b>5:30 PM MASS</b> <b>VAN DRIVER</b> Tim Shoemaker <b>LECTORS</b> Heather Abbott-Lyon Julie Donahue <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Gabe Hesketh Lily Hesketh Patrick Keyes</p>
<p><b>8:00 AM MASS</b> <b>LECTORS</b> David O'Connell Brian DiNapoli <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Michael Pate Denden Mussie Fevin Mussie</p>
<p><b>9:30 AM MASS</b> <b>LECTORS</b> Beth Morgan Steve Stoffle <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Katie Glen Sarah Marshall Caroline Rossiter</p>
<p><b>11:30 AM MASS</b> <b>LECTORS</b> Heather Bischoff Al Schweitzer <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Joseph Amoroso Brook Amoroso Claire Monsour</p>
<p><b>6:00 PM MASS</b> <b>LECTORS</b> Youth Mass Youth Mass <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Youth Mass Youth Mass Youth Mass</p>

The altar server, cantor & lector schedules are available on the parish website [www.stmqaparish.org](http://www.stmqaparish.org)

January 30  
No individual or family has signed up to receive the Elijah Cup at the 5:30 pm mass  
If a family or individual would like to receive the Elijah Cup the sign up sheet is outside the vesting room

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Paula Adams	Connie Hosier
Faith Bachner	John Hunt
Joseph Balemire	Joseph Hyde
Bill Barran	Ed Kilgore
Theresa Brady	Jose Leyton
Pat White Bryant	Michael Llop
Dwight Buller	Gerard Magri
Paula Camp	Mary Maher
Stan Camp	Genevieve McLendon
Flora Chen	Genny Mitchell
Galo Cimadevilla	Rudolphe Motard
Lilia Comendador	Otavia Muraro
Elma DeChant	Fr Peter Rau
Herb DeChant	Ruth Schwab
Jessica Finley	Susan Scaletta
Jane Gavin	Steve Schwab
Jody Harrison	Nada Sekelja
Lynn Hodges	Tyler Thomas
Betty Hoffmeyer	Sr M Thomasine
Charles Hoffmeyer	Ayleene Turner
Cyrus Troy Horton	Emmet Walsh, Jr

To add the names of those who are seriously ill or remove names please contact Marie Diebold 404-378-4588 or [mdiebold@stmga.org](mailto:mdiebold@stmga.org).

You are always most welcome to add names or special intentions in the book outside of the Adoration Chapel.

**STAND FOR THE  
RIGHT TO LIFE**

Please, join us during our public prayer vigils at the abortion facility located on Cliff Valley Way on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am. Contact Aileen Barreca ([Stmcathforlife@aol.com](mailto:Stmcathforlife@aol.com)) 404-558-3276 or Jayme Caspall ([prolife@decatur-knights.org](mailto:prolife@decatur-knights.org)) 404-578-1623 for information.

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

Women who have had one abortion have a 36% increased risk of giving birth prematurely in a subsequent pregnancy. Women who have had more than one abortion have a 93% increased risk of premature birth. (Prakesh Shah et al., "Induced termination of pregnancy and low birth weight and preterm birth: a systematic review and meta-analyses," *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* 116:11 (2009) 1425 – 1442.)

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT



**Calling 64 lucky participants to play Texas hold'em and help benefit the St Jude's Children's Hospital**

**Friday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Mulhern Hall. Entry fee \$40 (includes dinner, entry into games to win prizes, & 3 complimentary drinks)**

**Out of the 64 participants the final 8 will be eligible to select prizes like an LCD TV, game tickets or restaurant gift certificates**

**To participate contact Andrew LaRocco at 770-235-9215**

#### **REMINDER:**

Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship, Sun, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> for girls and boys ages 10 to 14. Warm-ups start at noon and the competition begins at 12:30 pm in the gym

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**GOAL  
\$2.5 MILLION**

**74.6% OF  
GOAL MET**

**PLEGGED AS OF  
01/18/2010  
\$1,870,473.00**

It is never too late to make a pledge (one time, pay monthly, yearly, your choice). Or if you have completed your pledge consider making an extra gift to help us reach our goal. Your pledge or gift whether large or small is an important part of our goal. Thanks

**THE COLLEGE WOMEN'S CENTER NEEDS YOU!** TCWC, a local crisis pregnancy center, will be offering monthly parenting classes for their clients. The classes will be here at STM. Some of the young mothers will need childcare in order to attend. Volunteers from our parish are needed to help in the nursery. For more info contact Sofia Livorsi at [slivorsi@gmail.com](mailto:slivorsi@gmail.com) or 404-324-3157.

#### **MAGNIFICAT PRAYER BREAKFAST**

All Catholic women are invited to the Magnificat Prayer Breakfast to be held Saturday, February 20, 2010, 9:30-12:30 at Killian Hall, 908 Killian Hill Rd., Lilburn, GA 30047. In this Year for Priests, our speaker will be Father Timothy Gallagher, parochial vicar at St. Pius X in Conyers, who was ordained in June 2009. Father Timothy will speak about how Mary's intercession and guidance was decisive for him in embracing the mystery of the Church, hearing the call to Christ's priesthood and saying yes to his priestly vocation. **Reservations are \$10. Please mail check, payable to Magnificat, by Feb. 10 to: Lynda Cupell, 2140 Briarwillow Dr., Atlanta, GA 30345. No ticket will be sent back. Your name will be on a sign-in reservation list at the door. Advance reservations are required. Please carpool if possible. For information call Lynda Cupell 404-634-8303.**

**WEEKLY & MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**

ACTIVITY	TIME & PLACE
Perpetual Adoration	7 days/24 hours Chapel
Holy Hour (Tuesdays)	8:00 pm Adoration Chapel
Nursery	Sunday 9:30 & 11:30 am Mass
Baptism Class (1 <sup>st</sup> Sun monthly)	1:00 pm School Media Center
Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 and 11:30 am
Children's Choir (Sunday)	10:45 to 11:15 am Choir Room
Cherub Choir (Sunday)	10:45 to 11:15 am Church
Adult Choir (Thursday)	7:00 pm Choir Room
Nursery available for Adult Choir	

**YOUTH DOINGS...**

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Youth Mass followed by a Confirmation Class Meeting 7:00 -8:30 pm in the Youth room. The rest of the Youth Group will meet in the gym from 7:00 to 8:30 pm Sr High Youth Leaders will meet weekly at 5:15 pm in the Youth Room next to the gym. If you are interested in being a Youth Leader, please fill out the application on the STM website (stmgaparish.org)

Questions about the Senior High Youth group contact Mrs. Cindy Palmer at [cpalmer@stmga.org](mailto:cpalmer@stmga.org)

**EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> will be a busy day for EDGE members. From 4:00 to 6:00 pm participate and or enjoy the Rock Band Guitar Hero Competition. If you want to participate get your 3 member band together (guitar, drum & vocal). Be sure to register your group (name of the band and band members) to Mrs McP at [youth@stmga.org](mailto:youth@stmga.org). Great prizes for the top band (can you say I-Tune cards?) From 6:00 to 7:00 pm attend the Youth Mass – Following Mass there will be food and fun in the band room with open gym

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Our EDGE lock- in is planned for April. You must have attended or participated in 6 EDGE functions during the year to be eligible to attend.

Questions about the Edge Middle School Youth group contact Mrs McP 404-378-4588 X119 or email [Youth@stmga.org](mailto:Youth@stmga.org)

For Youth activities check out the parish website [www.stmgaparish.org](http://www.stmgaparish.org)

**the lighter side**

**Little Missy:** Little Billy, why aren't you playing your violin?

**Little Billy:** Because every time I play, Rover howls along.

**Little Missy:** They why don't you play something he doesn't know?

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members – the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

**Parish Offertory Goal                      \$24,500.00**

**January 9-10                                      \$24,012.91**

**SECOND COLLECTION NOTICE**

Archbishop Gregory has requested each parish in the Archdiocese to have a special collection to help the people of Haiti. St Thomas More will have a special second collection Jan 30-31. Please be generous.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL  
APPEAL**

**YOUR  ARE  
NEEDED TO HELP US MEET  
OUR GOAL**



**2010**

**Parish Goal                                      \$95,082**

**Amount Pledged                              \$78,069**

**Pledge percent                                82.11%**

If you need a pledge envelope they are available in the narthex. Special thanks to all who have already made pledges

Stop by Mulhern Hall for donuts & coffee after the 8:00 & 9:30 am Masses

#### RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

##### **PATH (POST ABORTION TREATMENT AND HEALING)**

PATH will be offering a Bible Study starting in January 2010, and a weekend retreat Feb. 26-28, 2010 that could lead to wholeness and healing. Please register by Feb. 21, 2010 for the retreat. Compassionate, confidential care is available to women, men, siblings, grandparents, and friends. Contact Mary Ann McNeil for details at 404-717-5557 (voice mail), [pathmcneil@earthlink.net](mailto:pathmcneil@earthlink.net), or visit our website at [www.healingafterabortion.org](http://www.healingafterabortion.org)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS** - Are you getting the maximum enjoyment from your Greatest Gift: your Spouse?? For "Take-Home Lessons" join us for a romantic Weekend Retreat February 19 - 21 or April 23-25 at the Marriott Norcross. You can register or learn other dates at [www.wvmeatlanta.org](http://www.wvmeatlanta.org) or call Bob & Joy Lambie at 770-587-1506.

We also offer Spanish speaking weekends. Call Esteban & Gloria Nolasco at 770-425-1328 for those dates. World Wide Marriage Encounter - Making Good Marriages Great

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL RETREAT** The retreat will take place on March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at Saint Jude the Apostle Parish, The Retreat leader is the internationally-known speaker, presenter and author **FATHER JOHN DEAR, SJ**. The retreat is entitled **THE ROAD TO PEACE: GOSPEL NONVIOLENCE IN A WORLD OF VIOLENCE**.

This retreat will give participants a unique opportunity to grow in faith and understanding with a remarkable man of peace. A website has been set up [www.paxchrististjude.webs.com](http://www.paxchrististjude.webs.com) which makes registration very simple and quick. Registration deadline is Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donations to cover the expenses of the retreat are \$35 per adult and \$20 for students. The retreat takes place on Fri evening 7:00 -9:00 pm and all day Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, with lunch provided on Saturday.

#### **MORE EATS**

Wednesday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Mulhern Hall

\$5.00 adults

\$2.50 Children

All individuals or families who are new to the parish come enjoy a complimentary meal and meet your fellow parishioners

If you plan on attending, please RSVP (via the signup board, call 404-378-4588 or email [mdiebold@stmga.org](mailto:mdiebold@stmga.org)) so enough food will be prepared

#### **ONGOING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE JOIN OUR STM NURSERY**

- **Do you have small children and still want to be able to enjoy full participation in Mass?**
- **Looking for a volunteer opportunity to share your Time and Talent?**
- **Do your children who attend STM School need to fulfill More Service Hours?**

The Nursery is available and has an ongoing need for volunteers to help care for our youngest parishioners at the 9:30 and 11:30 am masses each Sunday. We serve ages three months through preschool year-round. We ask that parents of children using the nursery serve as a volunteer caregiver at one mass per month. Volunteer caregivers are supervised by a staff person. If you are interested in helping please contact Nursery Coordinator: Mary Ann Brock [dmabrock@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmabrock@bellsouth.net) or 404-284-1367.

#### **JOIN "MORE STEPS" AND FIGHT HUNGER**

Sign up today for the Atlanta Hunger 5K Run/Walk on Sun, Mar 14. Make a donation or join the St. Thomas More team online at <http://acfb.convio.net/goto/more.steps> For more info e-mail [teri.nagel@hotmail.com](mailto:teri.nagel@hotmail.com)

#### **GEORGIA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

The Archbishop John Francis Donoghue Scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded to two high school seniors residing in the Archdiocese of Atlanta as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>. Place recipient \$1,500, and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Place recipient \$1,000. All entries are due by March 1, 2010 to GFCU's Catholic Division, 6705 Sugarloaf Parkway, Suite 100, Duluth, GA 30097. Winners will be announced by April 1, 2010. Application and guidelines are available at [gfcuonline.org](http://gfcuonline.org) by choosing the Member Groups link, and selecting *Catholic Community*, or by calling Hilda Zamora, at 770-476-6400, ext. 6826, or email at [hzamora@gfcuonline.org](mailto:hzamora@gfcuonline.org)

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO JAMAICA?**



Are you interested in leading a group of teens to Jamaica to work at a Mustard Seed Community? The Senior High Youth Group would like to make a missionary trip in 2010 but need additional adults to lead them. If you would like to join this group contact Cindy at [cpalmer@stmga.org](mailto:cpalmer@stmga.org)

#### **COOKS NEEDED**

St. Thomas More will be preparing meals for Hagar House the week of Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to help prepare the meals, the signup board is available in the narthex. For additional information contact Linda Fitzgerald at 770-220-5881



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Mr. Joe Messina, Music Director  
Ms. Marie Diebold, Parish Secretary  
Mr. Vince DeSantis, Plant Manager  
Ms. Terry Collis, Principal, S.T.M. School  
Ms. Cindy Palmer, Senior High Youth Minister  
Ms. Michele McHale Pickard, Edge Middle School Youth Minister

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

Saturday 9:00 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am & 6:00 pm  
Daily Mon, Wed, Fri: 12:15 & 5:30 pm  
Tue & Thurs: 7:30 am & 5:30 pm

**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

Seven days a week, 24 hours

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday 4:00–5:00 pm or by appointment

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

For information concerning Baptism, call the parish office at 404.378.4588.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Arrangements with the Church should be made at least 6 months in advance.

**SPONSORS**

Those wishing to act as sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation please note the requirements.

1. The person must be a registered parishioner for at least 3 months.
2. They must be active in the parish community by Mass attendance and by support of the church.

**SUNDAY BULLETIN**

Deadline for bulletin notices is Monday by 9:00 a.m. in writing. Inserts must be scheduled with the parish secretary.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

We welcome new families and individuals to our parish. Registration packets are available in the parish office Mon–Fri, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, by asking a priest or usher after the weekend Masses, or in the Immaculata Gift Shop. Those who move away, change addresses, phone numbers, or family status are asked to notify the parish office.

**SAINT THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK**

All rising kindergartners and prospective applicants for 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade please mark your calendars for **Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Saint Thomas More School invites you to attend an information night at 7:00 pm in Mulhern Hall. Refreshments and curriculum displays will be set up from 6:30 pm to showcase the many programs and activities offered at this National School of Excellence. STM staff, parents, and students will speak about what makes a Catholic education “right for your child”. Classroom observations and tours will be given on the mornings of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Come see how St. Thomas More is the right path for your child – in faith, family, and a solid academic foundation!

Prospective applicants from the STM parish and their families will be invited for coffee and donuts in Mulhern Hall after the 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am masses on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Catholic Schools week Committee will be available to answer questions and hand out applications. Applicants will be able to submit their Parish Verification forms at this time. Interested students who bring their completed applications to the Information Night on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, will be able to register for a testing time at this time.

For more information call the STM School Office at (404) 373-8456.

