

# ***NURTURING YOUR FAITH & SHARING YOUR GIFTS THROUGH THE MINISTRIES AT ST. THOMAS MORE***

## **LITURGY**

- Altar Server (minimal age is 10 or 3rd grade) .....# 1
- Art & Environment.....# 2
- Audio Ministry .....# 64
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion # 4
- Lector .....# 7
- Linen Care .....# 8
- Ministers of Hospitality .....# 9
- Ministry to the Hearing Impaired .....# 57
- Music Ministry (Vocal) .....# 10
- Music Ministry (Instrumental).....# 11

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

- Baptism Preparation for Parents .....# 23
- Confirmation Catechist.....# 26
- Engaged Sponsor Couple (Marriage Preparation) # 27
- Older Student Sacrament Catechist .....# 29
- R.C.I.A. Sponsor .....# 31

## **PASTORAL CARE**

- Bereavement Committee .....# 3
- Cooking & Baking .....# 67
- Extraordinary Minister of  
Holy Communion to the Sick .....# 5
- Gabriel Project (Crisis pregnancy assistance).....# 51
- Good Samaritan Meal Ministry .....# 52
- Grief Support Group.....# 88
- Job Seekers .....# 83
- New Adventures Respite Program.....# 79
- Pastoral Care Team.....# 82
- Respect Life Project.....# 59
- Sewing Help .....# 73

## **PRAYER**

- Contemplative Prayer .....# 24
- Holistic Touch .....# 28
- Prayer Blanket Ministry.....# 85
- Prayer Line .....# 30
- Thesians.....# 32

## **RETREATS**

- Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) .....# 25
- Eagle's Wings Retreat Center.....# 12

## **CATECHETICAL MINISTRIES**

### **Children & Youth**

- Elementary Catechist .....# 13
- LIFE Teen Core Team .....# 14
- Middle School Catechist.....# 15
- Nursery Volunteer (During R.E. times).....# 16
- Preschool Volunteer.....# 72
- Sunday School Catechist .....# 17
- Vacation Bible School .....# 18

### **Adults**

- Adult Faith Formation – Catechist/Facilitator ..# 19
- Adult Faith Formation - Participant.....# 20
- Adult Faith Formation - Volunteer .....# 89
- Financial Peace University .....# 77
- Landings (Outreach to inactive Catholics)....# 56
- Library Volunteer .....# 68
- “Our Lady of Grace” Bible Studies .....# 87
- “That Man is You” Men’s Group .....# 86

## **MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

- Catholic Single Parents.....# 50
- Couples of Faith.....# 35
- Fathers of Faith.....# 89
- Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) .....# 43
- Mothers of School-Age Children  
(MOSAiC) .....# 90
- Natural Family Planning.....# 91
- Nursery Volunteer (During liturgies,  
parish activities, etc.) .....# 70
- Parents ROCK .....# 45
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter .....# 63
- Young Married Couples .....# 80

## **SOCIAL OUTREACH**

- Angel Food Ministry.....# 84
- Blood Drive Volunteer .....# 49
- Emergency Response Team.....# 81
- Habitat for Humanity .....# 53
- STM Hospitality Network .....# 55
- St. Vincent de Paul Society.....# 60
- Social Justice Ministry.....# 61

*\* Please use this form to sign up for any ministries in which you want to serve during the next 12 months.*

*\* Please complete the gifts of treasure section even if you are not filling out the Time & Talent section.*

*\* Return the tear-off portion to the parish and keep the remainder of the card for your records.*

*\* A brief explanation of stewardship and examples of suggested financial gifts are listed on the other side of this card.*

## **COMMUNITY**

- 2535 Catholic Crossings ..... # 92
- Boy Scouts - Adult Volunteer..... # 33
- Cub Scouts - Adult Volunteer..... # 36
- Girl Scouts - Adult Volunteer..... # 39
- Coffee & Donuts Volunteer..... # 34
- Communitas – Small Faith Communities .... # 93
- Fun Fest Planning Volunteer ..... # 38
- Knights of Columbus ..... # 40
- Men’s Club ..... # 42
- Round Robin Dinner Groups ..... # 46
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(Singles group for adults 45 or older) .... # 44
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## **PARISH SUPPORT**

- Bulletin Stuffer Volunteer..... # 94
- Christian Gift Store Volunteer ..... # 66
- Maintenance Ministry ..... # 69
- Office Assistance Volunteer ..... # 71
- Technical Support Committee ..... # 76
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## **Family Information**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are not a registered parishioner at St. Thomas More, then please call the parish office at 512-258-1161.*

## **Stewardship of Time & Talent**

List the <u>first name</u> of each family member that is signing up for a ministry	List the ministry number(s) that he or she wishes to serve in during the next 12 months.
<b>Example – Cathy</b>	<b>4, 15, 49</b>
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

## **Stewardship of Treasure**

In prayerful thanksgiving for the many blessings from God, this is my/our tax-deductible, financial commitment as a sign of gratitude. *Please indicate one of the gift frequencies below.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly

----- **e-steward program** (electronic contributions) -----

*If you are a current user of our e-steward program where your gift is taken directly from your checking account, or want to become a **new user**, please fill out the section below:*

- I want to become a new e-steward. Please contact me.
  - Please keep my e-steward withdrawal amount and day the same.
  - I want to make changes to my e-steward. Please change my withdrawal amount to:
    - 5th of the month \$ \_\_\_\_\_  20th of the month \$ \_\_\_\_\_
 Effective date of change (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_
- Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Thomas More Community A Parish Committed to Stewardship

Stewardship  
Commitment Card  
2010-2011

## St. Thomas More - A Parish Committed to Stewardship *Putting God at the center of our lives so we can live . . .*

Jesus' message to us in the Gospels is simple and clear – God must be at the center of our lives. This means that nothing is more important than loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves. All our efforts and energy to obtain wealth, prestige, and power are nothing more than folly. Jesus himself said, “*Sell your possessions and give to charity... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” - Luke 12:33-34. Jesus is not asking us to give everything away. He only wants us to rid ourselves of those things that keep us from God. One of the things we treasure most in our society is money. We often put our money, or the pursuit of gaining more money, ahead of doing God's will. iPhones, iPads, and iPods are no replacement for the I AM.

**What can I do to put God first?** We must prayerfully and honestly examine our lives and God's place in it. Is God important enough in our lives to attend Mass weekly or just when it is convenient? Is God important enough to spend time with Him in daily prayer, alone or with our family, listening to the Holy Spirit guiding us, or do we allow our TVs, radios, iPods, and cell phones to keep us from hearing and listening to God's voice?

**Isn't stewardship just about money?** Stewardship is about recognizing *all* of God's gifts to us; receiving them gratefully; sharing them with others; and returning them with increase back to God. The gifts of stewardship are our time, our talents, and our possessions. These are the three things that make up our lives. All of them can be used selfishly, or for God's glory as Jesus taught us. We must use all aspects of our lives for the benefit of the less fortunate, for our faith community at St. Thomas More, and for all of humanity. Stewardship includes caring for all of God's gifts to us; our fellow humans, the environment, and all of creation.

To help us use our treasure in the service of God instead for ourselves, the Bible has given us a minimum benchmark, the tithe – 10% of our income. The example table below is based on the biblical tithe of 10%. Consider taking a step by giving at the next level. For example, if you are presently giving 4% to the parish, consider committing 5%. *You are encouraged to give at least 5% to your parish, 1% to our diocesan Catholic Services Appeal, and 4% to other charities.*

Sharing your Gift of Treasure - Examples

Household Income Examples				Suggested Weekly Contribution (rounded)		
Hourly	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	5% to parish	4% to other	1% to C.S.A.
\$7.25	\$290	\$1,250	\$15,000	\$14	\$12	\$3
\$9.60	\$385	\$1,667	\$20,000	\$19	\$15	\$4
\$14.50	\$575	\$2,500	\$30,000	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$24.00	\$962	\$4,165	\$50,000	\$48	\$38	\$10
\$28.90	\$1,154	\$5,000	\$60,000	\$58	\$46	\$12
\$33.50	\$1,345	\$5,835	\$70,000	\$67	\$54	\$13
\$48.00	\$1,925	\$8,335	\$100,000	\$96	\$77	\$19
\$72.10	\$2,885	\$12,500	\$150,000	\$144	\$115	\$29