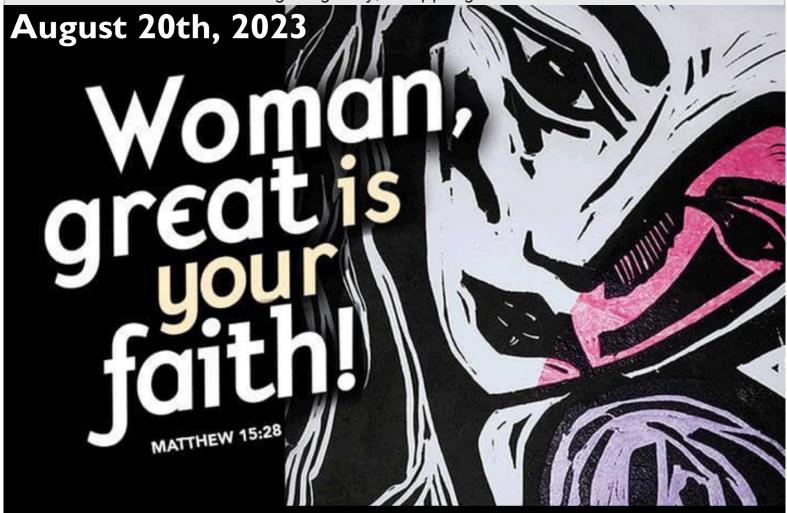
Catholic Church Community of

St. Thomas More

115 Kings Highway, Hauppauge NY 11788



Parish Mission

St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church is a parish community striving to share the Spirit of Love through Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments, the Teachings of the Church, and our concern for others, through Christian Stewardship.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Resources

Website:

https://www.stmli.org

Instagram:

@stm_church

@stm_yg

Facebook:

StThomasMoreChurchHauppauge

Flocknote:

Text SPIRITOFLOVE to 84576



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Masses August 19th- August 27th, 2023

Saturday, August 19th:

5pm- Lauren Qualtere by JoAnn Eyring

Peter Sanfratello by The Sanfratello Family

Sunday, August 20th: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Eileen Grippo by The Grippo Family

Casey Zavala (quince) by The Zavala Family

9:30am- Jack Gaudet by Molly & Frank Prisinzano

Lawrence Papola by The Papola & West Families

11:30am- Sheila Samson by The Redmond Family

Eleanor Thompson by The Hospitality Ministry

Monday, August 21st: Saint Pius X, Pope

9am- Giovanna DeRosa by Laura Alicastro & Vincent DeRosa

Tuesday, August 22nd:

9am- Jamie Rodriguez by His Family

Wednesday, August 23rd:

9am- Patricia Casey Murray by Vincent & Jessica Murray

Thursday, August 24th:

9am-Barbara Kinkel by Molly & Frank Prisinzano

Friday, August 25th:

9am- Mateo Crissera by Lisa & Gregg Corso

Saturday, August 26th:

5pm- Marie Drago by Molly & Frank Prisinzano

John "Jack" Kilbride by Phil & Dottie Castaldo

Sunday, August 27th: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am- Dominic Spinosa by Sal & Theresa Ferraro

9:30am-Patty A Gaudio

Edward J Thompson by Theresa & Will Recce & Family

11:30am- Mirabel & Johnathon Calcagni (18th Anniversary)



Matthew 16:13-20 (Ordinary 21)

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Focus Questions for 8/27/2023 Matthew 16:13-20

- 1: Who in your life is your rock? How does that person support you?
- 2: Describe a situation when someone you loved and admired gave you a lot of responsibility.
- 3: How would you answer Jesus' question, "who do you say I am?"

Family & Children's Question: Talk about the importance of Jesus in your life.

Readings for this Week

August 20th, 2023 (Ordinary 20) Isaiah 56:1,6-7 Psalm 67:2-3,5,6,8 Romans 11:13-15,29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

Readings for Next Week

August 27th, 2023 (Ordinary 21) Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm 138:1-2,2-3,6,8 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

Fr. Antony's Letter

Dear Friends.

Once a reporter asked an aging actress, "What is your age?". She replied, "I really don't know my age. It keeps changing from minute to minute."

She is right. We grow older every minute. There is steady growth taking place in our body, for better or worse. Every minute adds a fraction of time to our lifespan. So, how can we give any fixed number as to our age at any time? But still, we must settle for a particular number in order to identify how old we are for practical purposes.

When God became human in Jesus, God too had to settle for human particularities. God has to appear in human terms so that He can relate with humans. Thus, Jesus as human being chose a gender (man), culture (Jewish), life-span (33 years), time (two millennia back), space (Israel) and so on. God's eternity and the abstractions cannot be grasped or experienced unless it is given in human particularities of culture, time, space, etc. God's infinity appeared to human eyes in human finitude. God's omnipresence lived among us in human limitedness.

Today's Gospel explains the struggle when the human exclusiveness of Jesus clashes with His divine inclusiveness. As a human, Jesus limited His ministry within the borders of Israel. He clearly said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The scope and focus of His ministry were to the lost sheep of Israel within the land of Israel. But as God, should not Jesus include all people? How could He say to the woman, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."?

These words of Jesus would sound harsh and hurtful unless we understand them as the expression of God's inclusiveness in Jesus's exclusiveness.

Though God is merciful to all, His mercy itself comes to each of us in the way we respond to God's presence among us. God's mercy works with us without destroying our human particularities. The plan and purpose that God expresses and executes in us, will in no way eliminate our human character and traits. God limits almighty power to a human standard so that it may be received and understood by humans without their nature being destroyed or exploited.

Today's Gospel explains that Jesus, the incarnated God has His limitation as a human being when He responded to the plea of the Canaanite mother, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But when the women appealed to Him in faith saying, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters", Jesus was touched in His divine nature. Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

The message is simple here. As human, Jesus may decide to minister according to what God has planned to do through the incarnated human nature. But as God, Jesus is always open and generous to minister to the need of those whoever appeal to Him in faith. Though Jesus, as human came to minister locally at a particular time and space, as God He does not hesitate to work globally beyond all human particularities (creed, color, race and religion). Faith removes all the stumbling blocks and keeps the heart open for God to come and work wonders with the humans.

You are invited to the St. Thomas More Beach Mass and Picnic. Please remember to mark your calendar; September 3rd is the date at Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue, starting with Mass at Noon. A picnic follows the mass. Please, bring lunch and spend some social time after the Mass at the Beach. The Knights of Columbus will keep the grill hot and ready to help those who want to barbecue their food.

Catholic Ministry Appeal 2023: Our Parish's assessment this year is \$69,300. This year we have reached a pledged total of \$26,455 so far, which is 38.17% of our goal. Please consider making your pledge that the mission of serving our poor may continue in the diocese.

With love and prayers, Fr. Antony



His Presence Is Real - Reflections on the Eucharist by Deacon Matt

The Mass: Liturgy of the Word Part I

Let us return to our examination of the Mass and begin to take a look at the second of its four sections, The Liturgy of the Word. You'll recall that the first section of the Mass, which we recently looked at, is called the Introductory Rites. At the conclusion of that section, the assembly is seated, and we begin to listen to God's Word.

At virtually all Masses, you'll notice a lay person will come forward from his/her seat, bow to the altar, and then approach the ambo, the place where the Word is read. This person, known as a lector, has been trained in and entrusted with a critical task: the proclamation of sacred Scripture. Before Vatican II, only those men who were in the process of becoming priests were instituted as lectors, and only they could read Scripture at Mass. However, after Vatican II and the subsequent apostolic letter *Ministeria Quaedam* (August 15, 1972) the possibility of lay persons being commissioned as lectors became a reality. For many of us (myself included) this was our first opportunity to serve as a minister at Mass.

The proclamation of Scripture is critical because this is one of the ways Christ is made present during Mass. Jesus wishes to speak directly to us in all the readings we hear. The Liturgy of the Word prepares our minds, hearts and souls to receive Jesus further in the Eucharist later in Mass, and also

helps us on our journey in life.

As for the readings themselves, they are arranged in a book called the Lectionary. The Sunday readings follow a three-year cycle that begins on the First Sunday of Advent and concludes on the Feast of Christ the King. We are currently in Cycle A. The daily Mass follows a two-year cycle based on the calendar year; we are currently in Cycle I.

Let us all renew our commitment to the Lord by truly opening our ears attentively to what he says to us through his Word at every Mass. "In the readings ... God speaks to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation ... and Christ himself is present in his word"

-General Instruction of the Roman Missal. no. 55.

Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact me at eucharist@stmli.org.



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Young at Heart Anna Beltrani	631-234-0714

Prayers for Our Community

Pray for the Deceased

Louis Petrozza

Nicholas Conzo

Cathy Schawn

Phyllis Masiello

Dorothy Gillan

Harold Whalen

We continuously pray for our deceased loved ones.

Altar Bread & Wine Memorial



To arrange the memorial for the Altar Bread & Wine, contact the Rectory. Donation for the week is \$50.

Pray for Our Military

Please continue to pray for the brave members of our parish family who serve our country:



We also pray for our veterans, that they receive the support they need here at home.

Pray for the Sick

Anabel
Maggie Andersen
Kencito Allaire
Mike Babach
Gregory Bennett
Pat Camera
Vincent Carlino
Barbara Cassetta
Joseph Cassetta
Anthony Ceriello (2yrs)
Joey Cullum
Carolyn D'Amore
Robert Driscoll
Michael Fiorentino
Barbara Foberg

Patty Golembiewski

Linda Heller

Jean Herlihy

Jean Kelly

Susanne Martin Scarlett LaMariana Michael LaMonica Richard Landi Joe Madonia Kevin McGuinness Len Munzer Ellen Murphy Carole Nichols Deacon Al Pankus Stetson Pignataro (2yrs) Nunzio (Steve) Puleio **Bob Sawyer Derrick Simon** Noah Simonetti John Spadaro Peter Sturnialo Lorraine White

*this listing will expire on September 30th, 2023



Pray for the Sick Instructions

Submit this information to the rectory or cut out and drop in the collection basket.

- 1. Name of person (s) who is (are) ill:
- 2. Your relationship to the person who is ill:
- 3. Person making the Request:
- 4.Today's date:

Prayer Request Instructions

All prayer intentions can be placed in a basket near the altar before each Mass. The basket will serve as a silent reminder that we are united in faith, hope and love as we lift one another up in prayer and support, while placing our trust in the Lord.

Parish Operations

SUPPORT COLLECTION

Collection from: August 12th & 13th

\$ 5579

Weekly Goal: \$6700

St. Thomas More Parish needs your support now more than ever!

Envelope users: Please enter the amount of your donation in the space provided on the envelope. This will greatly help us when counting the collection and for recording your contribution.

(If you want to receive envelopes, please fill out the form on the literature rack.)

Faith Direct: Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY227, or text 'Enroll' to 631-250-8141. More information is available in the literature rack

Rectory Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

If in need of the immediate attention of a priest during non-office hours please call (631) 234-5551 and choose option 4

All other calls received after office hours will be returned the next business day.



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INCREASE;

GOD, OUR GOD,

HAS BLESSED US.

PSALM 67:6

Calendar Club Winners					MARCH				
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				August 18 (\$25): Walter Brennan (643)					
6	ADRIL						JUNE		
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				August 20 (\$50): Mr & Mrs John Fontana (803)				1	
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Parish Social Ministry

"For it is in giving that we receive."

This week we are very low on...

Pancake Mix
Syrup
Boxed Milk
Juice/Drink Mixes
Non-Dairy Creamer
Paper Towels
Body Wash/Shampoo
Toothpaste

We appreciate all of your donations!
Please remember that it is difficult for us to use large cans, bottles, bags of rice, etc. as many of our neighbors do not have the ability to store extra food.

Please do not leave other items such as clothing or household items in the donation bins. Clothing can be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the back right corner of the parking lot. Please contact Outreach regarding other donations.

Thank you!



THOMAS MORE † PARISH OUTREACH† Please reach out to Parish

Outreach out to Parish
Outreach if you are, or
know of someone, in need
of support. Keep our
elderly neighbors in mind
and let us know if there is
anyone you would like us
to reach out to.

Monday – Thursday 10AM to 2 PM 631-234-3149 Outreach@stmlil.org

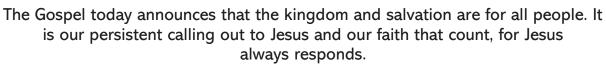


School Supply Drive!

As part of our Back to School program, Outreach tries to provide our families with gift cards so they are able to purchase new clothes, shoes, or extra supplies for their children. We are in need of \$25 gift cards for Walmart (preferred) or Target.

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul



With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and donate it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you!

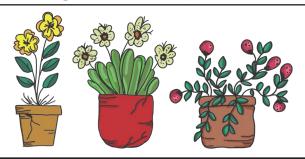


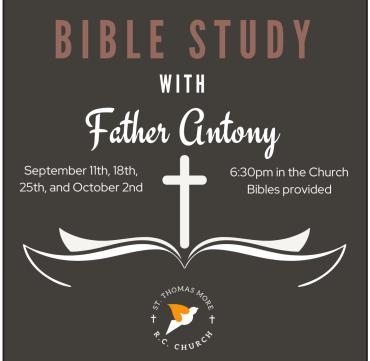
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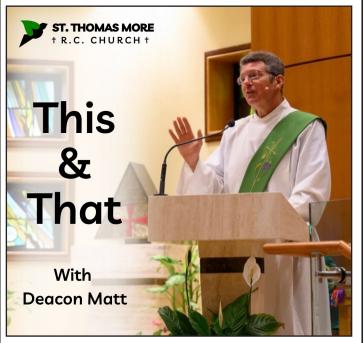
Young at Heart

New Members Always Welcome
Next Meeting: September 8th @ 12:30
Cutco Demo by Geno

Call Anna @ 631-234-0714 with questions







This summer, Deacon Matt will be making time to visit with small groups of parishioners in the home.

Do you have questions about our faith?

Do you find it difficult to follow teachings of the Church in this day and age? Are there issues you'd like to discuss, or suggestions you'd like to make? The floor is yours! Deacon Matt will be the facilitator. The format is simple: find 6-10 people to gather at your home on a specific date, serve dessert, and come with your questions/topics.

Deacon Matt is especially interested in hearing the voices of the young. So teenagers and young adults are most certainly encouraged to get a group together!

To discuss a specific date, you can send an email to ThisAndThat2023@stmli.org or leave a message at the rectory.

Circle of Women

It is the mission of the Circle of Women Book Group to focus on the spiritual influence of contemporary writing that facilitates our own reflections of God's action in our daily lives.

We do not meet in July and August. Our next meeting is 9/18/2023. Our book discussion will be <u>It Ends With</u>
<u>Us</u> by Colleen Hoover. Facilitator: Jo Garvey

For further info or to register, call Marilyn @ 631-234-5805 or Joan @ 631-234-1739

Have you been called by name?

Come and follow Jesus and his teachings!

If you are missing any or all of your Sacraments, or are converting from another religion, come on an incredible journey of faith, love, and community that is the Catholic Church. Contact RCIA by calling the rectory @ 631-234-5551

In Our Parish

Linen Ministry Opportunity

The St. Thomas More Linen Ministry is looking for new members. This ministry takes care of washing and ironing the linens used during Masses and Baptisms. Your commitment can be for once a month, or once every two months. Call Patti Surico at 631-366-2004 for more information.

St John the Baptist High School

Congratulations to these young Catholics who have achieved high honors during the school year.

Please keep them in your prayers. We wish them all the best as they move to the next step of their education.

Gia Cimino 9th Grade, Magna Cum Laude

> Guilianna Corbino 10th Grade, Cum Laude

Christian Doblan 1 1th Grade, Summa Cum Laude

> Rocco Cimino 12th Grade, Cum Laude

Braden D'Andria 12th Grade, Summa Cum Laude

Presentation of the Babies

It was a delight to see so many beautiful babies at 9:30 this weekend for the presentation. Please pray for them and their families as they approach their baptism.



Banns of Marriage

We congratulate the couples of our parish that will be married soon. Please keep them in your prayers.



First Announcement

Dionna Keeler & Robert Walters September 8th

Second Announcement

Brianna Mulligan & Brian Frey September 1st

Third Announcement

Taylor Alicanti & Kevin Spoto August 20th



Golf Outing Raffle!

Raffle tickets for the Parish Golf Outing are now being sold after all masses. \$10 each, 3 for \$20, 9 for \$50. Please help support our parish.

In addition to our cash prize raffle, we are holding a raffle for a twosome for the Golf Outing.

These tickets are \$10 each. We will only sell #40. Once all 40 are sold, a winner will be drawn and receive passes for two people to play golf at the Parish Golf Outing on September 11th.

Tickets sold after all masses.

Happening at St. Thomas More

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

> Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00 PM-4:45 PM

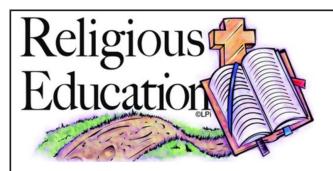
Coming Up @ STM

Sun Aug 27th, 12:30pm Youth Group: Alpha

Sun Aug 27th, 1:30pm Community Baptism

Sun Sept 3rd, 12:00pm Beach Mass

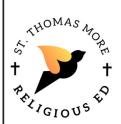




St. Thomas More

Religious Education Registration 2023/2024 School Year

-- Sharing the Spirit of Love --



If you have a child entering First Grade in September or are new to our Parish, call us at 631-234-0397 or email us at RelEd@stmli.org for information about registering for the fall program



St. Thomas More Employment Services

NEW - Uncle Giuseppe's (Melville): Pizza Makers. Inquire at: jeannew@uncleg.com

NEW - Suburban Bus: Part-time Drivers. Go to: www.suburbanbus.net

Or call: 516-781-5151

NEW - Nanny (West Islip): Private. Email resume to: pdevita1111@gmail.com

NEW - Long Beach Public Schools: Nurse, Bus Drivers, Sub Teachers, Sub Nurses.

Go to: www.olasjobs.org

<u>NEW – Lawrence Public Schools:</u> Substitute Teachers, Teacher Aides, School Nurses.

Contact HR Department at: 516-295-7036 or 516-295-7037.

NEW - Eastern Suffolk BOCES: Three Staff Developer positions.

Apply by August 27 at: https://esboces.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities

NEW - Horse Grooms: John C Kimmel Racing (Elmont).

Send resume to: J Kimmel, PO Box 5151, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

NEW - Construction Workers: Send resume to:

On Time Field Services, 30 Neil Dr, Farmingville, NY 11738

NEW - Montalvan Fence Company (Uniondale): Administrative Assistant.

Contact: info@vomontalvanfence.com

Chipotle: Great benefits. Go to: jobs.chipotle.com or,

text: "CHIPJOBS" to 97211

Newsday: Many, many positions available.

Go to: https://newsday.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/Newsday

or email: NewsdayHR@Newsday.com

<u>Shoprite (Hauppauge):</u> Multiple Positions.

Call: <u>631-979-0110</u>, ext3901

United Parcel Service (UPS): Drivers & warehouse personnel needed. Farmingville.

Go to: www.upsjobs.com

IRS: Contact Representatives Needed, Holtsville Location. Go to: www.jobs.irs.gov

Northwell Health: Many positions still available at multiple locations.

Go to: https://jobs.northwell.edu/job-search-results/

<u>Newsday:</u> Newspaper Delivery Persons. Early morning. Car and NYS driver's license required. See ad in Sunday Newsday for locations.

Target: Multiple locations. Go to: www.target.com/careers

Stony Brook Medical Center: Clinical and support staff positions available.

Go to: https://www.stonybrookmedicine.edu/careers

FedEx Office: Local positions available.

Go to: https://careers.fedex.com/office/jobs

CVS Health: Many local positions available. Go to: https://jobs.cvshealth.com/

Walmart: Positions available. Go to: www.careeers.walmart.com

Catholic Health Services: Many positions available - health care and non-health care positions.

Go to: https://jobs.chsli.org/

Nassau County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.nassaucountyny.gov/3341/Employment

Suffolk County: Many P/T and F/T positions available.

Go to: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/employment or call: 631-853-6540

United States Postal Service (USPS): Many career opportunities available.

Go to: www.usps.com/careers

If your business or your employer would like to be included in the available job postings that we will be listing please send an email to John White at: jmtwhite@optonline.net Please include the position title, the location of the job, and contact information (either yours or the employer's).

St. Thomas More Annual

BEACH MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

Otto Schubert Beach, Nissequogue Mass is at 12:00pm on the beach!

Please bring lunch to enjoy in the picnic area after mass!





There will be grills available if you want to barbecue! The Knights will keep them hot and ready.



MSGR. FRANCIS S. MIDURA MEMORIAL

GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, SEPT. 11TH
9:00AM SHOTGUN START

Want to play a fun round of golf, have some dinner, and get a cool jacket?

Register by August 25th to secure your spot!

\$175 per golfer Cart included Lunch, Dinner Buffet with 2-hour open bar

Smithtown Landing- 495 Landing Avenue, 11787

Contact Ed Rogan @ (516) 319-8643 or Tom Prunty @ (631) 682-4177

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE: 1/\$10, 3/\$20, 9/\$50

St. Thomas More / Msgr. Francis S. Midura

Annual Golf Outing

9/11/23 at Smithtown Landing CC 9:00 AM shotgun start





Registration Form

Golfers: Name		Contact N	umber
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Please fill out a separate form form form form form form form form	or each Foursome.	Singles or Two	somes will be paired
Include a check for \$175.00 per	golfer made out to	o: St. Thomas N	More Parish
Please include Shirt size for eac	h golfer		
MedLarge	X-Large	xx	xxx
Registration begins at 7:30 AM	with coffee and do	nuts.	
Dinner Only Patrons: Please ind Thomas More Parish	clude a check for \$	80.00 per perso	on made out to St.
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Return Form in envelope provided by mail or drop off at Church.

PARISH OUTREACH: DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parish Outreach will be collecting school supplies for our families from now until August 14th.

Donations can be left in the food bin inside the Church or dropped off at Outreach.

Whatever you are able to donate will be greatly appreciated!



FILL A BACKPACK! ELEMENTARY-GRADE K-S 1 Backpack 5 Composition Notebooks 2 Packs of Crayons (24 count) 2 Packs of Markers (fine & broad tip) 5 Two Pocket Folders 2 Packs of Pencils 2 Pair Fiskar Scissors S Glue Sticks I Pencil Case or Box 3 Highlighters 2 Packs Post-it notes (2" square) MIDDLE/ HIGH SCHOOL l Backpack 2 2" Binders 2 Packs Dividers 8 Two Pocket Folders 2 Packs Loose Leaf Paper l Pack Black Pens 4 Highlighters 2 Composition Notebooks 4 Packs Post-it Notes (2" Square)

There are multiple ways you can help!

I. Fill a backpack:

Please purchase a backpack and fill it with the supplies listed above. To maintain consistency we ask that you only include those supplies.



2. Donate Supplies Only:

You can donate any combination of the listed supplies and/or a backpack.



3. Donate Gift Cards:

We are collecting \$25 gift cards from Walmart or Target so our families can fill in additional supplies or purchase clothing, shoes, etc. for their children.

