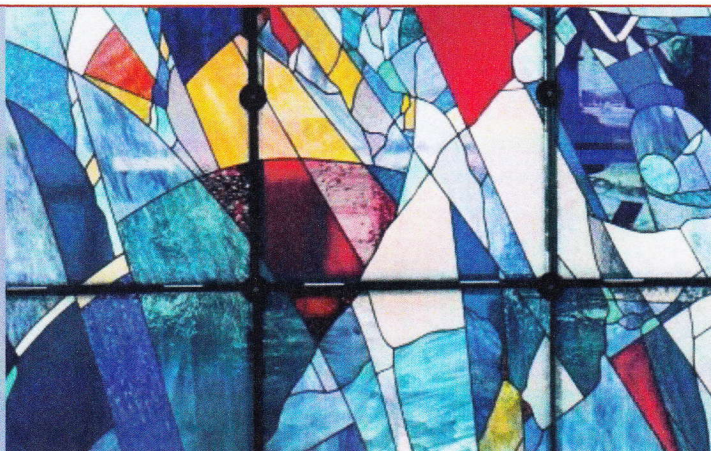
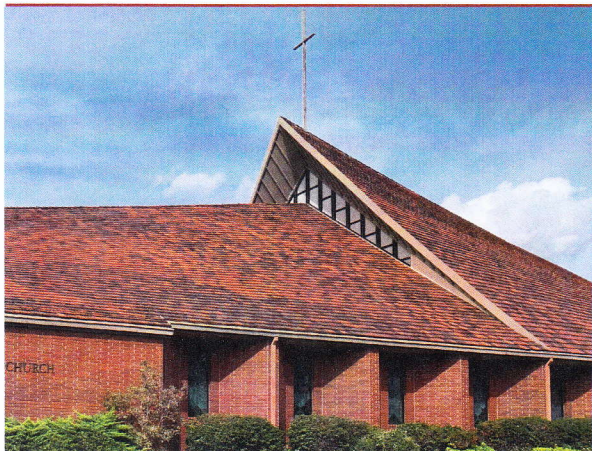


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Important Dates

14MAY: A Blessed Mother's Day to STM mom's!
14MAY: Dish sign-up 2day for June 11 dinner
 16MAY: Holy Is His Name Tuesday Study STM 6P
 17MAY: Holy Is His Name Wednesday Study STM 10A
 19MAY: Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary STM 3P
20MAY: Parish Tree Giveaway & BBQ STM 9A
 21MAY: Women of STM host Hospitality after Mass
 23MAY: Grupo de Apoyo Paradise de Mujeres STM 10A

Sunday Readings

Sixth Sunday of Easter
VI Domingo de Pascua
1st Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
 Los obras del Señor son admirables. Aleluya.
2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel John 14:15-21



MEDITATION OF THE DAY

Strengthened by the Spirit of Love
We read in the Song of Songs that love is strong as death, and the promise of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love, is that of an

Meditation of the Day continues on next page

MAY INTENTIONS of the HOLY FATHER

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements & groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Para movimientos y grupos de la iglesia

Oramos para que los movimientos y grupos de la Iglesia redescubran cada día su misión de evangelización, poniendo sus propios carismas al servicio de las necesidades del mundo.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SUNDAY MAY 14TH

Catherine Valenzuela Martin †
 Michael Morris †
 Rose Marie Leach †
 Tony Gerspacher †

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK LET US PRAY FOR



Brennan Lopez
 Camilo Ospina
 The Wise Family
 Karen Phillips
 Deacon Ray Helgeson
 Carrie Sue Sonsteng
 Theresa Durant
 Ken Keesling

Sharon Wilson
 Bruce Hasek
 Kathy & Greg DeCristofaro
 Kimberly Helgeson Avoy
 Maria del Refugio Garcia
 Monica Dominguez
 Cornejo

Angela Babcock
 John Johnson
 Judi Moreno
 Dan Hegenbart
 Barbara Maldonado
 Sam Kempner
 Renee Kelly
 Samia Zumout

This Week's Readings

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday; May 15th

1st Reading: Acts 16:11-15
Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
The Lord takes delight in his people.
Gospel: John 15:26 - 16:4a

Tuesday; May 16th

1st Reading: Acts 16:22-34
Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
Your right hand saves me, O Lord.
Gospel: John 16:5-11

Wednesday; May 17th

1st Reading: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Gospel: John 16:12-15

Thursday; May 18th THURSDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER - ASCENSION

1st Reading: Acts 18:1-8
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
Gospel: John 16:16-20

Friday; May 19th

1st Reading: Acts 18:9-18
Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
God is king of all the earth.
Gospel: John 16:20-23

Saturday; May 20th

1st Reading: Acts 18:23-28
Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
God is king of all the earth.
Gospel: John 16:23b-28



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MEDITATION OF THE DAY Strengthened by the Spirit of Love

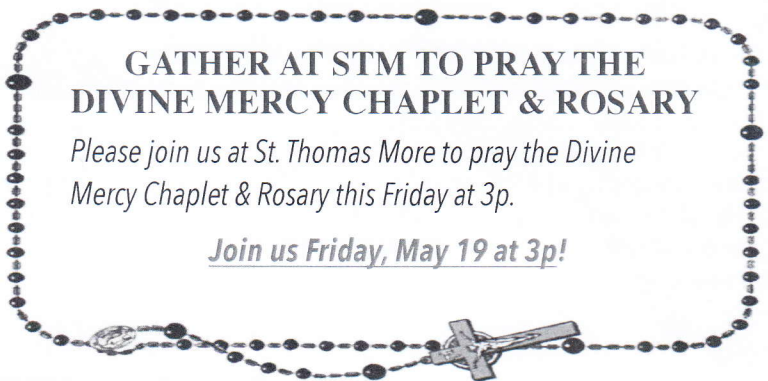
outpouring of strengths, of wisdom and fortitude and understanding, etc. Our human love is weak; but divine love is power itself, since it is the very root of being. Confirmation signifies the dwelling of the Spirit of love in the spirit of a person. He will not be alone to face the world, but rather infused with strength from God—not the phony strength of worldliness or of brutality, but the strength of that unconquerable faith that filled the saints.

The idea that virtue should spring out of the Holy Spirit may be understood by analogy to human love. We find that when two people fall in love, their personalities frequently change. A person, previously very smart in the sense of worldly shrewdness, through wonder at the reality of love will become smart in the sense of being gifted with understanding. A hard, ambitious person may become one characterized by fidelity to love and the spirit of sacrifice. Just as these qualities flow out of the inner experience of human love, so do the gifts of the Holy Spirit flow from the inner bond of love the Spirit brings. Real Christian love is so much stronger than any attempt to become virtuous simply through idealism, because the Spirit of love becomes ours in a much more intimate way through the sacraments....

If the idea of the Holy Spirit is still vague to you, think of it in terms of the irrepressible yearning within you to be saved from a life fragmented by so many conflicting desires and fears, ambitions and frustrations. Or think of it as that flame which you detected in some ardent priest or sister or lay person who conveyed to you something of Christianity that you can never succeed in forgetting. —RONDA CHERVIN

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GATHER AT STM TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & ROSARY

Please join us at St. Thomas More to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary this Friday at 3p.

Join us Friday, May 19 at 3p!

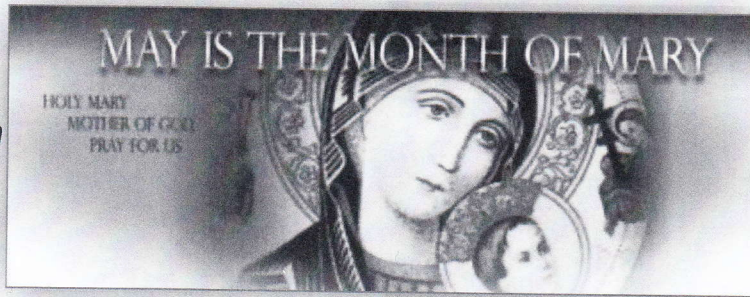


REGISTER HERE

ATTENTION NEW PARISHIONERS!

Welcome to St. Thomas More! We are so happy you are here. To ensure we can communicate important information to you, please register your contact information with us by completing a Parishioner Contact Information Form. This form can be found on the information table in the Narthex. Thank you!

Mayo es el mes de la devoción a María la Santísima Madre, que se originó en Roma en el siglo XVIII para contrarrestar la inmoralidad y la infidelidad entre los estudiantes de una universidad allí. Hacia fines del



May is the month of devotion to Mary the Blessed Mother, which originated in Rome in the 18th century to counter immorality and infidelity among students

at a college there. Toward the end of the 18th century a zealous Jesuit priest, Father Lalomia started,

entre los alumnos del colegio romano de su Sociedad, la práctica de dedicar el mes de mayo a la Virgen. La devoción, que otros habían promovido en pequeña medida, pronto se extendió a otros colegios jesuitas ya toda la iglesia latina y desde entonces ha sido un rasgo habitual de la vida católica. Esta devoción ahora se ha extendido por la mayor parte de la Iglesia latina. Debido a que la festividad norteamericana del Día de la Madre cae en mayo, los católicos aprovechan este tiempo para recordar y tratar de emular el papel de María como madre. Por lo tanto, la devoción a María en el mes de mayo se centra tanto en María como modelo a seguir para las madres cristianas, como en la eterna castidad y pureza de María, y su fidelidad a la voluntad de Dios.

among the students of the Roman college of his Society, the practice of dedicating May to Our Lady. The devotion, which others had promoted in a small way, soon spread to other Jesuit Colleges and to the entire Latin church and since that time it has been a regular feature of Catholic life. This devotion has now spread through most of the Latin Church. Because the North American holiday of Mother's Day falls in May, Catholics take this time to recall and try to emulate Mary's role as mother. Therefore devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses both on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers, and Mary's ever lasting chastity and purity, and her fidelity to God's will.

MARÍA: NUESTRA MODELO EN LA VIDA ORDINARIA

"No podemos olvidar que María pasó casi todos los días de su vida como millones de otras mujeres que cuidan de sus familias, crían a sus hijos y cuidan sus casas. María santifica las cosas ordinarias y cotidianas, lo que algunas la gente considera erróneamente como sin importancia e insignificante: el trabajo cotidiano, el cuidado de los más allegados, las visitas a amigos y familiares. Qué bendita cotidianidad, que puede estar tan llena de amor de Dios". Ofrezcamos hoy a nuestra Madre: Afectuosos detalles de servicio y atención a los más allegados".

(Este extracto tomado de homilias de San Josemaría Escrivá en *Es Cristo que Pasa* (=CPB) y *Amigos de Dios*(=FG), Princeton, N. J.: Sceptre Publications, 1968/1973. Este es de "Madre de Dios y Madre Nuestra", FG, 274.)

MARY: OUR MODEL IN ORDINARY LIFE

"We can't forget that Mary spent nearly every day of her life just like millions of other women who look after their families, bring up their children, and take care of their houses. Mary sanctifies the ordinary, everyday things -- what some people wrongly regard as unimportant and insignificant: everyday work, looking after those closest to you, visits to friends and relatives. What a blessed ordinariness, that can be so full of love of God." Let us offer to our Mother today: Affectionate details of service and attention to those closest to us."

(This excerpt taken from homilies of Saint Josemaría Escrivá in *Christ Is Passing By* (=CPB) and *Friends of God*(=FG), Princeton, N. J.: Sceptre Publications, 1968/1973. This one is from "Mother of God and Our Mother," FG, 274.)

Oración para esta semana: a la Madre del Señor por todas las Madres

María, en este día en que honramos a todas las madres, nos dirigimos a ti. Damos gracias al Señor a quien servís por el gran don de la maternidad. Nunca se supo que alguien que buscó tu intercesión se quedó sin la ayuda de la gracia. Querida Madre, gracias por tu "Sí" a la invitación del ángel que trajo el cielo a la tierra y cambió la historia humana. Te abriste a la palabra de Dios y la Palabra se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros.

Querida madre, intercede por todas nuestras madres. Pídele a tu Divino Hijo que les dé la gracia del amor entregado para que puedan unirse a ti dando su propio "Fiat". Que encuentren la fuerza diaria para decir sí a la llamada del amor sacrificial, el corazón mismo de la vocación de la maternidad. Que su amor y testimonio sean fuente de gran inspiración para todos los llamados a seguir a tu Hijo.

En este día de las Madres, Madre del Verbo Encarnado, ruega por nosotros que recurrimos a ti...

En el Nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

Prayer for this week: to the Mother of the Lord for All Mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace.

Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth & changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word & the Word was made flesh & dwelt among us. Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love & witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PARISH UPDATES



STM Tree Delivery and Parish BBQ Saturday May 20!

The Welcome Home to the Ridge Team invites all parishioners to join us for family fun & a BBQ next Saturday May 20 at 9A. We'll meet Saturday morning at 9A to deliver trees to homeowners new or rebuilding on the Ridge. Then we'll come back to the church for a delicious BBQ lunch. We did this last spring & enjoyed lots of fun, fellowship, and great food. **Questions?** See Chris Rehmann or Lori MacPhail.

- ✔ Please put Saturday; May 20th on your calendar.
- ✔ We'll meet in the STM church parking lot at 9A.
- ✔ And bring your appetite!

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN NEXT SUNDAY MAY 21

Next Sunday there will be a special collection to support the Catholic Communication Campaign. The Catholic Communication Campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message in the U.S. and developing countries using modern media tools to inform, inspire, and enlighten. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Sacramento to fund local communications efforts. Please support this collection to help spread the Gospel message!

To learn more: www.usccb.org/cc

To donate online: www.scd.org/commscollection

THE WOMEN OF STM SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TIL JUNE 1!

The scholarships offered by the Women of STM aren't typical. They are available to a wide variety of student types – adult learners, re-entry students, continuing college, advance degree or technical school students, as well as graduating high school seniors! If you would like a bit of financial help to achieve your educational goals The Women of STM are here to help!

- ☪ Applications now available at the STM church office.
- ☪ Return completed applications by June 1.

Questions? See Madeline Riley, Rosanne Valentine, Susan Bartek, or Rosemary Peterson.

KEY DATES WITH OUR LORD & SAVIOR WEEK of May 14th

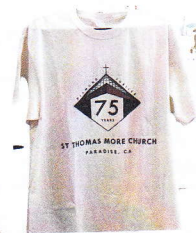
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday; May 15	9A to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday; May 16	1230p to 2P	Eucharistic Adoration
Wed.; May 17	12p to 2P*	Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday; May 18	11A to 2P*	Eucharistic Adoration
Friday; May 19	9A to 12P	Eucharistic Adoration

The Women of St. Thomas More Elect New Officers for 2023-24 Fiscal Year

The Women of St. Thomas More held their May meeting Thurs., May 11 and elected new officers. Thank you ladies!

- ★ Lori MacPhail - president (and acting treasurer)
- ★ Susan Oliver - vice president
- ★ Cheryl Barron - Chaplain & secretary
- ★ Julia Walker - Sunshine Chairman

Congratulations to the new leadership team!



GOTTA SHIRT? PICK UP AN STM 75TH ANNIVERSARY SHIRT AVAILABLE NOW!

Pick up a special 75th Anniversary shirt in the Narthex now just in time for next

Saturday's tree delivery & BBQ party. These are very attractive shirts emblazoned with a specially-designed 75th Anniversary logo that you'll be proud to wear. View the available shirts in the Narthex after Mass.

Questions? see Jim or Barbara Collins after Mass.



CALLING ALL CHEFS! SIDE-DISH SIGNUPS OPEN TODAY AFTER MASS FOR THE 75TH ANNIV. DINNER SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Side-dish signups open today! We need volunteers to prepare menu-based side dishes. Select one or more sides to prepare from our sides menu: GREEN BEANS | RICE & BEANS | GREEN SALAD | PASTA SALAD. The pan(s) for your side-dish will be provided to you today at sign-up. Then, on the day of the event, drop-off your prepared side-dish at the Veterans Hall (next door) on Sunday, June 11, between 9A and 11A. **Questions?** See Lori MacPhail, Yvonne Kidder, or Rolawn Rehmann.



St. Thomas More 75th Anniversary Celebration 2.0!

We survived Snowmageddon 2023 and have reset the date for our anniversary celebration to Sunday, June 11, 2023. This date coincides with the Mass of Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ or Corpus Christi.



SAVE THESE DATES! AN EXCITING WEEKEND STARTS FRIDAY JUNE 9TH TO CELEBRATE ST. THOMAS MORE'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH

NIC'S

LITE BITES/MEET & GREET - 5P to 7P

SATURDAY - JUNE 10TH

ST. THOMAS MORE

STM COMMUNITY CONCERT - 4P

SUNDAY - JUNE 11TH

ST. THOMAS MORE

75TH ANNIVERSARY MASS - NOON
GROUND BLESSING - 1P

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL

COCKTAILS & APPETIZERS - 1:45P

SILENT AUCTION

DINNER

SPECIAL PROGRAM

This celebratory weekend ushers in our Year of Grace which will focus on commitment, acknowledgement, and accountability. We will feature special ministry programs, study groups, activities, events, and more.

Over these past 75 years, we've experienced many changes and events, some catastrophic or nearly so; yet the whole armor of God & His grace has kept us protected & strong!

Thanks Be to God!

Let's celebrate!!

What's the Same

Our celebration activities remain pretty much the same — there will be three days of celebration starting with a Friday night meet & greet at Nic's; Saturday afternoon STM Community Concert; Sunday Mass followed by a groundbreaking with blessing of the grounds, pre-dinner appetizers, silent auction, 75th Anniv. wine sales, dinner & featured speakers.

What's Different

We'll need some participation from the parish. That is, cooking sides. The church will provide the rolls & butter, wine, and the main course which will be grilled chicken prepared by local chef & parishioner, our own Francisco Rivera. (Thank you Francisco!)

Here's where the parish comes in: We need volunteers to prepare certain menu-based side dishes. Our menu of sides includes the following: green beans, rice & beans, green salads and pasta salads.

How We'll Do This - Key Dates

- **Sunday May 7:** Side-dish signups open.
- *Note: The pan(s) for your side side dish will be provided at sign-up.*
- **Sunday, May 21:** Side-dish signups end.
- **Sunday June 11:** Deliver your side dish to the Veteran's Hall next door to STM between 10A to 1130A. We'll have folks there to accept delivery.

(Note: Sunday May 14: RSVPs & Table sign-ups)

ONE MORE THING!

Please mark your calendar: Sunday May 7th BBQ & tree party after Mass!

It's Spring! Time to kick off our Welcome Home to the Ridge program for 2023. This is the STM program to give trees to homeowners new or rebuilding on the Ridge.

Questions? See Chris Rehmann



The Women of STM will meet Thurs., May 11 at Noon.

This will be a potluck. It's a packed agenda!

- Elections for new president, VP, and treasurer.
- 75th Anniversary Celebration 2.0 Planning



¡Celebración del 75.º aniversario de Santo Tomás Moro 2.0!

Sobrevivimos al Snowmageddon 2023 y hemos restablecido la fecha de celebración de nuestro aniversario al domingo 11 de junio de 2023. Esta fecha coincide con la Misa de Solemnidad del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo o Corpus Christi.



¡RESERVA ESTAS FECHAS!
UN FIN DE SEMANA EMOCIONANTE COMIENZA EL VIERNES,
9 DE JUNIO PARA
CELEBRA ST. 75 ANIVERSARIO DE TOMÁS MÁS

VIERNES: 9 DE JUNIO

NIC'S
BOCADILLOS LITE/ENCUENTRO Y SALUDO -
5P a 7P

SÁBADO - 10 DE JUNIO

ST. THOMAS MORE
CONCIERTO COMUNITARIO STM - 4P

DOMINGO - 11 DE JUNIO

ST. THOMAS MORE
MISA DEL 75 ANIVERSARIO - MEDIODÍA
BENDICIÓN TERRESTRE - 1P

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL
CÓCTELES Y APERITIVOS - 1:45P
SUBASTA SILENCIOSA
CENA
PROGRAMA ESPECIAL

Este fin de semana de celebración marca el comienzo de nuestro Año de Gracia, que se centrará en el compromiso, el reconocimiento y la responsabilidad. Presentaremos programas ministeriales especiales, grupos de estudio, actividades, eventos y más.

Durante estos últimos 75 años, hemos experimentado muchos cambios y eventos, algunos catastróficos o casi catastróficos; sin embargo, ¡toda la armadura de Dios y Su gracia nos han mantenido protegidos y fuertes!
¡Gracias a Dios!

Lo que es lo mismo

Nuestras actividades de celebración siguen siendo prácticamente las mismas: habrá tres días de celebración que comenzarán con un encuentro y saludo el viernes por la noche en Nic's; Sábado por la tarde Concierto comunitario de STM; Misa dominical seguida de una inauguración con bendición de los terrenos, aperitivos antes de la cena, subasta silenciosa, 75º aniversario, venta de vinos, cena y oradores destacados.

Qué es diferente

Necesitaremos algo de participación de la parroquia. Es decir, lados de cocción. La iglesia proporcionará los panecillos y la mantequilla, el vino, y el plato principal que será pollo a la parrilla preparado por el chef local y feligrés, nuestro propio Francisco Rivera. (¡Gracias Francisco!)

Aquí es donde interviene la parroquia:

Necesitamos voluntarios para preparar ciertos platos de acompañamiento basados en el menú. Nuestro menú de guarniciones incluye lo siguiente: judías verdes, arroz y frijoles, ensaladas verdes y ensaladas de pasta.

Cómo lo haremos: fechas clave

- Domingo 7 de mayo: Abiertas inscripciones para guarniciones.
- Nota: La(s) bandeja(s) para su guarnición se le proporcionarán al registrarse.
- Domingo 21 de mayo: finalizan las inscripciones de guarniciones.
- Domingo 11 de junio: Entregue su guarnición en el Veteran's Hall al lado de STM entre las 10A y las 1130A. Tendremos gente allí para aceptar la entrega.

(Nota: domingo 14 de mayo: confirmaciones de asistencia y registro de mesas)

¡UNA COSA MÁS!

Por favor marque su calendario: ¡Domingo 7 de mayo BBQ y fiesta en el árbol después de Misa!

¡Es primavera! Es hora de dar inicio a nuestro programa Welcome Home to the Ridge para 2023. Este es el programa STM para dar árboles a los propietarios de viviendas nuevas o que están reconstruyendo en Ridge.



Las Mujeres de STM se reunirán el jueves 11 de mayo al mediodía

Esto será una comida compartida. ¡Es una agenda repleta!

- Elecciones para nuevo presidente, vicepresidente y tesorero.
- Celebración del 75 Aniversario Planificación 2.0

