

April 13, 2008

4th Sunday of Easter

Weekday Masses

Mon. Apr. 14th——— 9 AM-Mass-Chapel
 Tues. Apr. 15th———9 AM- Mass-Chapel
 Wed. Apr. 16th———5:30 PM-Mass-Chapel
 Thurs. Apr 17th———9 AM-Mass-Chapel
 Friday Apr. 18th———9 AM—Mass-Church

On days with funerals, no 9 AM daily Mass. Join us at the funeral.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25
 Gospel: John 10:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
 Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
 Gospel: John 14:1-12

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Pastoral Council President: Janet Betts—673-1258
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Parish Website-www.stmp.org

K of C website-www.orgsites.com/wa/kofccouncil5816

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—April 13th-Masses

1st Communion-All Masses-Reception-Dalton Hall
 Faith Formation-No CLOW
 9:00am-Ministry Fair Planning Meeting-Adult Ed. Room
 5:30pm-LifeTeen Mass, followed by Edge and Life Night

Monday—April 14th

6:30pm-Mission Choir Practice-Music Room
 6:30pm-Purity Retreat Info Night-Adult Ed. Room
 7:00pm-Maintenance Commission-Parish Office

Tuesday—April 15th

6:30pm-Life Teen Band Practice-Music Room
 6:30pm-Catholicism 101-Renggli Room
 7:00pm-Finance Council-Parish Office
 7:00pm-St. Vincent de Paul-Library

Wednesday—April 16th

6:30pm-Mission Trip Meeting-Youth Room
 7:00pm-Confirmation Rehearsal-Church
 7:00pm-Planned Giving Committee-Parish Office
 7:00pm-Women's Bible Study-Renggli Room
 7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room
 7:00pm-RCIA-Library

7:00pm-Matt Talbot-Parish Office Library

Thursday—April 17th

10:00-Women of Grace-Youth Room
 7:00pm-Welcome Back Class-Renggli Room

Friday—April 18th

7:30pm-Welcome Social-Renggli Room
 7:30pm-Vietnamese Choir Practice-Music Room

Saturday-April 19th-Mass

6:00pm-Family Fun Night-Dalton Hall
 7:00pm-Leaders Meeting-Renggli Room

Sunday—April 20th-Masses

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 Faith Formation-CLOW
 1:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room
 5:30pm-Confirmation Mass followed by a Reception-Church/Dalton Hall

“Conversations with Fr. Bob”

Tune in Tuesday, April 15th to “*Conversations with Father Bob*”. This week Fr. Bob Camuso will speak with **Fr. Bryan Dolejsi**, CYO basketball coach and Parochial Vicar at four South Tacoma parishes, along with **Rachael Becker**, the Campus Minister at the Newman Center at Western Washington University

“*Conversations with Father Bob*” is broadcast on Sacred Heart Radio KBLE AM 1050 every Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 PM and Thursday 9:00-10:00 PM. It also airs every Saturday morning, 8:00-9:00 AM on KKNW AM 1150. “*Conversations with Father Bob*” is an outreach ministry of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Lynnwood, WA and is a listener-supported program. Subscribe to our free podcast and listen to all of our past programs on the internet at www.conversationswithfatherbob.com Complimentary CD's of past programs are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a CD home, listen to it and then pass it on to a friend or return it to the Narthex.

Pastoral Assistant for Children's Ministry Needed

The Parish is seeking a Pastoral Assistant for Children's Ministry to oversee programs for the Christian formation of parish children 4 yrs-5th grade. Duties include overseeing the Children's Liturgy of the Word, VBS and activities during the year for parish children and their families, ie. All Saints Day costume party, Christmas Eve pageant, etc. They recruit, support and help to train catechists. They work as a member of the Children's Ministry Team. This is an 18 hour per week position. Desired qualifications include a Degree in Religious Studies or related field, be an active member of a Catholic Parish and have good communication skills. Please send your cover letter and resume to: Fr. Bob Camuso-6511 176th St SW, Lynnwood, WA 98037, or electronically to camuso@aol.com.

Reminder for Parents

On Monday, April 14th at 6:30pm in Dalton Hall will be the first chance for the parents of 7th and 8th graders to register their children for STM's Purity Retreat: "Break Free". You will receive info and details about this valuable and life-changing retreat for your child.

Earth Ministries

Did you know that Caring for God's Creation is part of Catholic Social Teachings? If you attended last years meeting to make a five year plan and are one of the many who voiced your interest in Earth Ministries at that meeting, let's meet and discuss ideas about creating an Earth Ministry within our own parish. Let us learn together how to better Care For God's Creation. Please call, Claire Coupez at (425) 778-6514.

The Ministry Fair Is Coming!

Please join us in Dalton Hall on April 26th and 27th after all the Masses for our Parish Ministry Fair. Enjoy free lattes, refreshments, fellowship and great door prizes. This is your opportunity to explore the wide range of ministries St. Thomas More Parish has to offer. The Fair is sponsored by the Stewardship Commission.

Matt Talbot Fellowship meets Wednesday at 7 pm in the Parish Office Library. Our focus is, "Following Matt's path to sobriety, we are Christ to each other." Please contact Larry Kiel at (425) 745-3832 for more information.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE

If you need assistance with individual or relational issues, leave a message on the confidential line for our parish counselor

Connie Brousseau, MA LMHC at 425-742-6752
Insurance, sliding scale and parish assistance available

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

I will walk a mile and more in your shoes!

Thanks to you, there are hundreds of people walking about in Haiti with a little more sole! And, that has to be good for our souls here at STM since Jesus said, "Whatever you do for my brothers and sisters, especially those who have the least, you do for me."

No mission launches without the help of a community. The Moynihans would like to thank STM for sending us out with shoes, soap and other resources to help the poorest families in our hemisphere have a little more to get by on. The collections amounted to 12 suitcases. We would also like to thank the parish for the two Mass collections, Thanksgiving and Holy Thursday, which amounted to \$1,582.53—more than enough to provide a week of meals for the 335 children who live at the school.

How does a family of six with over a ¼ ton of luggage get to the airport? It takes more than one van—it takes a friend's van, too! Always ready to support a mission, Teresa and Stewart O'Leary volunteered to drive our van and a their van to get us to Seatac. New parishioners, Colleen and Peter Ruffin, volunteered to bring us back. The return to the house only required a van and a car since the bags were empty.

The donated shoes and other items were distributed by Christina and the kids as part of the school's annual "Reverse Rummage Sale". At this annual event, the school gives towels, sheets, shoes, soap, toiletries and other basic items to the people of the neighborhood around the school. Most of the people in the schools immediate neighborhood are struggling to survive on \$1 a day.

It was a great trip. If you are interested in making it with us next time, contact Deacon Moynihan at the office or just tap Christina on the shoulder and say, "Hey, I would like to go to Haiti." Even better than being outfitted and sent by a great community like STM would be having members of the community come along!

Love for Those in Need is Local, Too!

Every third Sunday, there is a special envelope for St. Vincent de Paul Society. These envelopes are either collected during the regular collection or tossed in the basket held by friends of SVdP in the vestibule. Ever imagine how much this almost silent collection amounts to? Last year, you, the generous people of STM, gave \$52,650.38! Wow, that's a lot of love for people locally who need food, temporary housing, utility relief, clothing and medical assistance.

Paul Roth, former SVdP Conference President and 17-year parishioner, points out, "When we make the home visits and assist people we make it clear that this is "love from STM" not a government program." Likewise, he notes, "The parish's help is the help we have to give. Keep it up!"

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

(Information stated below is based on Fiscal Year July 2007-June 2008)

Sunday Collections:

Week Ending	04/06/08	April Total	Year-to-Date
Needed	21,816.93	21,816.93	
Received	23,848.20	23,848.20	
Over/(Under)	2,031.27	2,031.27	1,946.65

Counters Needed

The Sunday collection is counted on Monday mornings. If you are numbers oriented, proficient on a calculator, and would like to work with a great group of volunteers and staff, we can use your help. Please call Fred Liebhaber at (425) 743-2929 ext 15, or Ann Kollock ext 17 for additional information.

Youth Ministry Commission

We are looking for people who want to help ensure that the youth ministry here at STM gives teens a cohesive faith formation experience and leads them into a deeper relationship with Christ. The purpose of the Youth Ministry Commission is to assist the Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry and the Pastor to ensure that the parish will offer faith formation to all the youth in the parish, that a parish youth faith formation plan is developed and implemented. The Commission's role includes: Assessing parish needs for youth ministry; advising the PA for Youth Ministry, the Pastor and their delegates regarding youth ministry needs; ensuring that quality youth ministry programs are implemented in the parish and to assist and support fund raising for the youth ministry program. We will be meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd at 7pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room. If you feel called to help in this ministry, please contact Angela at angelan@stmp.org, or (425) 743-2929 ext 22 for more information.

Pastoral Council

It's that time of the year again when we ask you to consider the gifts you have been given by God. Discernment is a reflective process by which you realize what your gifts are and then put them to use in the communities in which you reside. Your community of St. Thomas More needs leaders to serve on the Pastoral Council. We have several spots to fill this year. The role of the Pastoral Council is to serve as a consultative body to the Pastor. "Consultation, in the context of the church, is not a question of democracy or constitutional monarchy. Instead, consultation and consultative bodies establish a structure whereby the church-clergy and laity-attempt to listen to the Spirit who is leading the church and speaking to her through gifts and experience, as well as office and ordination." In April we will have an evening of Prayer and information on the role of a Pastoral Council member. This is a time for you to learn and pray about this role in community. Then, a second evening for those interested in serving on the Pastoral Council, we will gather and listen to your reasons for wanting to lead in this role. Please consider joining us. RSVP to Janet Betts at (425) 673-1258, or bettsmjhma@comcast.net.

Welcome Back

Have you, or someone you know, been away from the church, but are interested in returning? A new session of Welcome Back classes is set to begin on April 17th. This is a small group which helps answer questions and shares faith stories to aid those interested in returning to the sacraments. Please contact Mary at (425) 774-3703, or Luciann at (425) 743-2929 for more information.

Support Our Troops

Join us in making HUGS (neck coolers) on the following Thursday evening, May 8th in Dalton Hall from 6-9pm. Also, we will be sending cards, letters and items from the Troop Wish Lists (which are posted on the nursery door), so please bring the items to the nursery after the Saturday evening, or Sunday morning Masses. If you have any questions, please contact Charmaine Michlig at (425) 776-5393, or drop by the nursery after Mass.

Blood Drive

On Monday, April 21st from 2-8pm there will be a blood drive in the Renggli Room. Please contact Teresa O'Leary at (425) 481-0602, or email her at rowland_oleary@hotmail.com to sign up or for more information. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Called To Protect for Ministries Class

For all those who have unsupervised contact with minors and or vulnerable adults, you are required to attend the "Called To Protect for Ministries" class on Monday, April 21st at 6:30pm in the Adult Ed. Room in Dalton Hall. You can register on line at www.seattle.setanet.org and click on "register for classes". If you are unable to register online, please contact Cathy Bellande in the parish office.

Schedule and Availability-Kathleen & Fr. Bob

Kathleen: I am out of the office for the rest of April as I travel East to visit family. This was planned some time ago and I regret that it falls so soon after the adjustment to the news of Fr. Bob's move. I will be back in the office on May 1st but, until then, various staff members should be able to field questions that may arise.

Many of you have asked about Fr. Bob's schedule in the remaining months of his time here. While his actual transfer from St. Thomas More to St. Luke's is July 1st, he is not available in the month of June as that is his vacation month. His last weekend to be with us for all the Masses will be May 31st/June 1st. We plan to hold a reception for him following the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, June 1st. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Tree Removal

The oak tree on our campus located in the west end of the courtyard between the school building and the church has outgrown the area in which it was planted. With continued growth there is concern of damage to the surrounding sidewalk, which may result in injury due to a buckled and uneven sidewalk. In addition, the tree has been a nuisance because of leaves that cover the breezeway and the area around the tree year-round. With these concerns in mind, it is recommended that the tree be removed. Our plan is to remove it during the month of May. If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the proposed tree removal, please address them to Fred Liebhaber at 425 743-2929.

Faith Formation For All

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues at the 9:30am and 11:30am Masses. All children 2nd through 5th grade are welcome. On those weekends when no one steps forward to lead it is unavailable. There is easy-to-use material for the leaders, and the children are delightful. Please consider volunteering. Leaders choose the Sunday they are involved so it is an easy commitment. Call Violeta in the parish office for more information or to volunteer.

RCIA meets on Wed. evenings, 7:00pm, in the Community Center Library. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring becoming Catholic please call Luciann.

Children seven and older who are not yet baptized and want to explore receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are prepared in our RCIA process. If you have such a child and wish to learn more about this please call Luciann at 743-2929, ext. 21.

Baptisms for infants and young children are scheduled for the weekends of May 11th and June 22nd. Parents must be registered in the parish and take a class to prepare them for their role as Catholic parents. Godparents must be Confirmed Catholics and take classes before the baptisms. Call Luciann for more information.

Looking Ahead. The dates have been set for **Vacation Bible School**. Kids and catechists will gather every morning August 4th – 8th for fun, adventure, and more learning about Jesus. Mark your calendars.

Faith Formation Office 743-2929 .
Luciann, Pastoral Asst. for Faith Formation Ext. 21
lucianm@stmp.org
Violeta Juzon, Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation
Ext. 23 , violetaj@stmp.org.

Can You Help?

The Mountlake Terrace Food Bank needs a person to pick up Starbucks pastries on Saturday mornings. The Starbucks stores are located in and around Alderwood Mall. If you can help EACH Saturday, please call Rev. Dick Gibson at (425) 774-7007 for more information.

A Concert of Music from Around the World

The Seattle University Fine Arts Department Presents: The Seattle University Choirs in "Tazen Und Singen!" a concert of music from around the world on Friday, April 25th at 8pm and Sunday, April 27th at 2pm. The concerts will be held at St. Joseph Church-18th Ave E & E Aloha Seattle. The tickets are \$25 Reserved, \$16 general and \$7 Student. For tickets and information, please call (206) 296-5372.



Youth group this Sunday for both Edge and Senior High.

Confirmation rehearsal is Wednesday, April 16th at 7pm in the Church.

Confirmation will be held during the 5:30pm Life Teen Mass on Sunday, April 20th with Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Hall for a cake and punch reception after Mass.

Sunday, April 20th the Edge is going Bowling from 3-5pm. Permission slips are available at the Edge and in the Parish Office building.

Friday, April 25th the Senior High Youth are invited to go to Game Works in Seattle from 7-10pm.

For more information about Edge or LifeTeen events, contact Angela Northquist, Pastoral Assistant for Youth and Young Adults (425)743-2929 Ext 22.

Could You be a Catholic Daughter?

Catholic women are welcome to join the Catholic Daughters in the Renggli Room at 2:40pm on Saturday, May 10th. For more information contact Debbie Olson at 787-2490.

Return Visit of Fr. Aloysius Ssensamba from Uganda

Fr. Aloysius plans, once again, to visit St. Thomas More starting at the end of May and staying until July 3. He will be staying at the parish rectory and will be helping out at our Masses. We look forward to his return.

This Week at STM School:

- **Monday, April 14th**, students from STM will be traveling to Seattle to participant in "Seed of Compassion" with the Dalai Lama.
- **Wednesday, April 16th is Picture Day!** Students will wear Full Dress Uniform for class pictures. Eighth Grade will have graduation pictures taken.
- **Friday, April 18th** the fifth grade goes on a field trip to the zoo.
- **Saturday, April 19th is Family Fun Night.** Come join the fun! Everyone is invited.
- **Sunday, April 20th** the school sponsors the coffee and donuts after Masses. Miss McNamara, Mrs. Musser and the Third Grade will be singing at the 11:30am Mass.

Coming Soon:

- **April 21st-25th is standardized testing**
- **April 28th is a half day for teacher in-service.**
- **May 2nd is the jog-a-thon to raise money for the new playground and Sparrow Club.**