

April 20, 2008

5th Sunday of Easter

Weekday Masses

Mon. Apr. 21st——— 9 AM-Mass-Chapel
Tues. Apr. 22nd——— 9 AM- Mass-Chapel
Wed. Apr. 23rd——— 5:30 PM-Mass-Chapel
Thurs. Apr 24th——— 9 AM-Mass-Chapel
Friday Apr. 25th——— 9 AM-Mass-Church

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

THIS 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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—April 20th-Masses

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

Monday—April 21st

1:00pm-Blood Drive-Renggli Room
6:30pm-Mission Choir Practice-Music Room
6:30pm-Call to Protect Class-Adult Ed. Room

Tuesday—April 22nd

6:30pm-Life Teen Band Practice-Music Room
6:30pm-Catholicism 101-Renggli Room
7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office
7:00pm-Catholic Daughters Officers Meeting-Library

Wednesday—April 23rd

6:30pm-Purity Retreat Info Night-Adult Ed. Room
6:30pm-Youth Comm. Discernment-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 24th

10:00-Women of Grace-Youth Room
7:00pm-Pastoral Council-Parish Office

Friday—April 25th

Saturday-April 26th-Mass
6:00pm-Ministry Fair-Dalton Hall

Sunday—April 27th-Masses

Faith Formation-CLOW
Ministry Fair after all Masses-Dalton Hall
5:30pm-Life Teen Mass followed by Edge and Life Night

Let Your Opinion be Heard

There is a suggestion box available in the narthex of the church. If you have a suggestion, please place it in the box. Father Bob reads all the suggestions placed there.

“Conversations with Fr. Bob”

Tune in Tuesday, April 22nd to “Conversations with Father Bob”. This week Fr. Bob Camuso will speak with **Monsignor Robert Dempsey**, who served for 10 years as the editor of the English edition of L'Osservatore Romano, the official Vatican newspaper, along with **Deacon Scott Aikin**, a newly ordained deacon for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Deacon Scott will discuss his Native American heritage as a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribe.

“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.

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.

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.

Ministry Fair Next Weekend

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. See flyer for details.

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

First Impressions: The Receptive Voices of STM

Everyone knows the importance of a good first impression. STM is fortunate to have a group of wonderful volunteer receptionists to make sure our first impression is a good one. Currently, eight members of the parish volunteer for eleven three hour shifts to attend to calls and visits from a diverse group of people including longstanding parishioners, new parishioners, visitors, families of deceased parishioners, priests, and people in need of direct assistance. Each is met with interest, good humor, compassion and a kind, receptive face—all of which adds up to a great first impression.

"*Reception Ministry* was first limited to answering incoming calls," reports Anne Duncombe, who began participating in the ministry when it was started nearly three years ago. Within six months, the ministry was expanded to include greeting people as they came in the front door and helping with copying and stuffing. Anne has earned the nickname Double Duty since taking on a second shift at the desk to help cover what is hoped to be a short-term shortage in volunteers.

Being a volunteer receptionist is just one of the ministries Anne joined upon coming back to the Church after a 40 year hiatus. In her enthusiasm to be back, she has also joined Catholic Daughters and ushers for weekend liturgies. It may be more accurate to call her Quadruple Duty Anne.

Jean Peck also joined the ministry early on. "I saw it as a chance to connect with people." Jean added this ministry to her longstanding participation in taking the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. Quick to welcome, she commented, "We need more people for the ministry."

Cathy Bellande, STM's multi-tasking parish administrative assistant, who knows more than anybody the importance of these wonderful volunteer receptionists, responds quickly when asked how much it means to have these eight women helping her, "It is truly a blessing to have these ladies here. They are the first people visitors to the Parish see, so it reflects well on the Parish to have their friendly faces at the front desk."

Thanks to the hard work and talents of Anne Duncombe, Shirley Turner, Jean Peck, Ginny Kowalczyk, Mary Charles, Janis Carrol, Mary Blanchette, Mary Mullins and Rica Hablero, this ministry has become an essential part of making sure people feel welcome at STM.

If you would like to be one of those voices, please contact Cathy at 425-743-2929, ext. 10.

Keeping Connected

Making the first contact is just part of building a community. Staying in contact is important, too. Today, *keeping connected* means more than just landlines and mail—it means email, internet and cell phones. STM invested \$10,311 in phone calls and \$3,365 in internet services last year to keep in touch and conduct the diverse communication needed to keep us together as one community.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday Collections:		April	
Week Ending	04/13/08	Total	Year-to-Date
Needed	20,277.88	42,094.81	
Received	19,622.80	43,471.00	
Over/(Under)	(655.08)	1,376.19	1,291.57

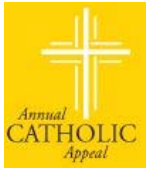
Counters Needed

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.

Annual Catholic Appeal



A Future Full of Hope is the theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please reflect for the remainder of this month on the blessings you have received in your life and make a grateful response according to your means.

You will be receiving a letter this week from the Archbishop regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal, which I support, and I hope you will support it also be bringing your pledge envelope back on Commitment Sunday, May 3/4th.

Fr. Bob

Mission Trip News

St. Thomas More youth will be going to Juarez, Mexico for their yearly mission trip from July 5th-11th this summer. In the past two years, the youth have gone on mission trips in the U.S., both to New Orleans, LA and to Pass Christian, MS, doing clean-up and rebuilding work after Hurricane Katrina. This year, they will be doing something a little different. They are returning to Mexico after four years to do construction labor and to work with the children of Juarez. As many of you know, the youth spoke about this mission trip at Mass the weekend of April 5th & 6th, and, through your generosity, raised over \$480. We are asking for your continued support to help them grow stronger in their faith through this volunteer effort. They need prayer, encouragement, and donations (About \$12,000 needs to be raised for the 26 of them to go to Juarez). Please keep watching the bulletin for further information about their fundraising efforts. Thank you for all of your support.

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.

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.

Fr. Armando Concert

The Catholic Daughters are proud to present the 2nd Annual Concert by Fr. Armando and the Publicans to be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church on Friday, May 16th at 7pm. Tickets are \$10. There is also a family rate and all proceeds benefit charities. For tickets call Sally at (425) 337-5945, Mary at (425) 481-8496, or Lois at (425) 585-0517.

Flores De Mayo

On May 4th at 2pm the community is invited to Flores De Mayo which is a wonderful tribute to Our Lady. Please plan on joining us for the Living Rosary, the blessing of your family statues of the Blessed Mother and the crowning of Mary. If you wish to participate in the Living Rosary, sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex. Watch for more information as May draws near.

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 .
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Violeta Juzon, Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation
Ext. 23 , violetaj@stmp.org.

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.

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.

Charismatic Group

The STM Charismatic Group will host a praise and worship and sharing on "The Message of Easter" in the Chapel at 7:30pm on Friday, April 25th. For more information, call Eddie or Ellen Abellera at (425) 402-8568.



In celebration of Confirmation, we will have a cake and punch reception in the Dalton Hall and no Life Night or Edge.

Gameworks permission slips due to Angela by Monday, Apr. 21st by the end of the day. For those of you who wish to join us, we are leaving St. Thomas More at 6pm on Friday, Apr. 25th to play games and we will return around 10:30pm. Youth are responsible for the cost of the games.

Sunday, Apr. 27th, the Edge and Life Teen will combine for an issue night on suicide. If you have any questions on the content of the talk, please call Angela.

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.

Datasite

Datasite shredding services will be in the basketball court from 10:30am-12 noon on Sunday, April 27th. The maximum number of boxes per person is 10. All donations for this event will go to the School's Endowment Fund, SEED (Seeking Excellent Educational Development). If you have any questions, please contact Jane Alpers, Development Coordinator at (425) 743-4242, or jalpers@stms.org. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for St. Thomas More School.

This Week at STM School:

We are taking IOWA and WASL tests this week. Please avoid unnecessary appointments, sleep well, and eat properly! Good luck to all students!

Coming Soon:

- Monday, April 28th is a noon dismissal day for teacher in-service.
- The all-school jog-a-thon is Friday, May 2nd.
- Spring Concert is Wednesday, May 7th.