

# February 17, 2008

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

### Weekday Masses

Mon. Feb. 18th—9 AM-Mass-Church  
 Tues. Feb. 19th—9 AM-Church  
 Wed. Feb. 20th—5:30 PM-Church  
 Thurs. Feb. 21st—9 AM-Mass-Church  
 Friday Feb. 22nd—9AM-Mass—Church  
*On days with funerals, no daily Mass. Join us at the funeral.*

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*2nd Sunday of Lent*

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7  
 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
 Gospel: John 4:5-42

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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—February 17th-Masses

No Faith Formation-  
 CLOW

5:30pm-LifeTeen Mass only

#### Monday—February 18th-Presidents Day-Office Closed

6:30pm-Mission Choir Practice-Music Room

#### Tuesday-February 19th

9:30am-Scripture Study-Renggli Room  
 6:30pm-LifeTeen Band Practice-Music Room  
 7:00pm-Finance Council-Parish Office  
 7:00pm-ESL Class-Community Cntr Meeting Room  
 7:00pm-Scripture Study-Renggli Room

#### Wednesday—February 20th

6:30pm-Outreach Commission-Renggli Room  
 7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room  
 7:00pm-RCIA-Library  
 7:00pm-Matt Talbot-Parish Office Library

#### Thursday—February 21st

10:00am-Light Weigh-Youth Room  
 6:00pm-One Voice Choir Practice-Church  
 7:00pm-Pastoral Council-Parish Office  
 7:00pm-Welcome Back-Renggli Room  
 7:00pm-ESL Class-Community Cntr Meeting Room  
 7:00pm-Light Weigh-Adult Ed Room

#### Friday—February 22nd

6:00pm-Stone Soup-Dalton Hall  
 7:00pm-Stations of the Cross-Church  
 6:30pm-Vietnamese Prayer Group-Comm. Center Meet. Rm

#### Saturday-February 23rd-Mass

9:30am-Lory Misel Seminar-Renggli Room  
 10:00am-ESL Class-Adult Ed. Room

#### Sunday—February 24th-Masses

Faith Formation-CLOW  
 1:00pm-1st Eucharist Parent Meeting-Renggli Room  
 5:30 pm-LifeTeen Mass followed by the Edge and Life  
 Night  
 7:00pm-Fr. Ward talk-Renggli Room

### “Conversations with Fr. Bob”

Tune in Tuesday, February 19th to “Conversations with Father Bob”. This week Fr. Bob Camuso will speak with **Dominican Fr. Samuel Oloyede** who is serving as a hospital chaplain at Harborview Medical Center. Fr. Oloyede will speak with Fr. Bob about the Catholic Church in his home of Nigeria. Fr. Bob will also interview **Matt Eusterman**, the Campus Minister at Archbishop Murphy High School in Everett.

“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 Parish and is a listener-supported program. Archived programs can be accessed from **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.

**P3**

Is it time to renew your Progress subscription? This weekend, if you renew, or sign-up for the Catholic NW Progress not only will you be getting a great paper, but you will also be helping support our STM youth program. \$5 of every renewed or new subscription will be given back to our LifeTeen program. There will be papers available as well as subscription information after all Masses this weekend.

**Cooperative Healing Seminar**

There will be a Cooperative Healing Seminar conducted by Lory Misel, M.S.W. on Saturday, Feb. 23rd and Saturday, March 1st from 9:30am-1pm in the Renggli Room. Please see the flyer for more details and contact the Parish Office to pre-register.

**Accountant/Bookkeeper Wanted**

St. Thomas More Parish is seeking an Accountant/Bookkeeper to work 3 days per week:

- Full-charge bookkeeper through General Ledger for the School and Parish.
  - Maintains personnel records and generates monthly payroll.
  - Produces monthly Financial Statements and variance reports. Reviews statements with Department Heads.
  - Manages cash accounts to ensure adequate funds in operating accounts.
  - Reconciles asset and liability accounts including checking and saving accounts.
  - Prepares quarterly and year-end reports.
- Assists in the preparation of the Annual Budget and Annual Reports.

The ideal candidate has a degree in accounting, three years work experience and is proficient in various computer applications, including Excel and Word -- working knowledge of PDS a plus. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Please send cover letter and resume to the Parish Office, attention Fred. Or contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Could You be a Catholic Daughter?**

Catholic women are welcome to join the Catholic Daughters in the Community Center Meeting Room at 2:30pm on Saturday, March 8th. For more information contact Debbie Olson at 787-2490.

**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****All in the Family: Three Generations of Service**

What's a parish according to Albert Meucci? It's family. For Al this is not just a metaphor, it is a reality he lives and promotes. Albert and Donna, his wife who passed away in 1991, joined STM in 1975, just about the time Devin, their youngest, was born. Now the third generation of Meuccis, Brendon and Alivia, attend STM School.

Meuccis have not just grown up here as a family—they serve as a family. Al sets a great example for his kids and grandkids by being a “full service” parishioner. He is an extraordinary minister at mass and for shut-ins, he is part of the Tuesday cleaning crew, and he ushers. Few men in the parish can claim to have cleaned your seat, found your seat and delivered you the Eucharist!

Al will also offer to drive you to church or anywhere else you need to go. Like most grandfathers, he is happy to taxi his family—and that includes his STM family!

Devin Meucci follows his father's lead as an usher and Knight. Although, since they joined the Knights together, only they know who was the chicken and who was the egg on that one. In the past, Devin has lent his talents to SEED [School Endowment] and as a judge for the STMS speech competition.

Al's grandson, Brendon, just started his career as an altar server. A fifth grader at STMS, Brendon already puts in a lot of time on the Safety Patrol. He enjoyed helping raise salmon last year and looks forward to his class's successful purchase of a Flock of Hope, pig and llama for the Heifer Project—which provides farm animals to families living in the developing world. Al says with pride and confidence, “He [Brendon] will want to be an usher next!”

It is no wonder why Al thinks a parish is a family. He appreciates well how the parish family has served his family and guides his family to serve the parish family. It's just all one big family to this man of service.

**Willing to Walk in your Shoes****Gently Used Shoe Collection**

As we walk together this Lenten season, let's look around and notice others whose feet are bare for lack of shoes. Our friends in Haiti would appreciate walking in our gently used shoes. If you have an extra pair of shoes, maybe last year's favorite, please bring them to Mass during the next two weekends.

The Gently Used Shoes will be collected in a box in the Narthex. The collected shoes will be taken by the Moynihan family to Haiti the week after Easter. Christina and the children will distribute the shoes to the students of Louverture Cleary and the families who live in the neighborhood around the school.

Please give our Haitian friends a chance to feel soles under their feet on their walk with Christ.

## Wanted

The parish needs volunteer receptionists to help answer the phone in the parish office. We are in need of volunteers who can work either Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons, and or Friday afternoons. Please contact Cathy in the parish office if you can help.

### Can You Help?

The Mountlake Terrace Food Bank needs a person to pick up food items at the Starbucks outlets at the Alderwood Mall EVERY FRIDAY before 10am. It will take about an hour of your time. Please call Rev. Dick Gibson at (425) 774-7007 if you can help.

## Girl Scout Cookies

Girl Scout cookies will be for sale the first 3 weekends of March. If any Girl Scout that belongs to the parish (whether your troop meets here or not) would like to sell after any of the Masses, please contact Roberta Chang at (425) 742-4456 so that the sale times can be coordinated.

### Donations for Easter Flowers



Easter is approaching and the planning for decorating the church and sanctuary is already underway. We would like to continue the tradition here at St. Thomas More of parishioners making a donation in the name of a deceased loved one, or in their own name, for the purchase of Easter flowers and decorations. The names of all those being remembered will be published in the bulletin during the Lent and Easter season. We will have special envelopes in the pews and in the narthex after all the Masses which can be put in the regular collection basket or left at the church office.

### Operation Rice Bowl-Solidarity



A small influx of resources can make a big difference. Hamsatou Tangare in Mali, a country in West Africa, couldn't earn enough as a tailor to support her family.

With a small loan from Catholic Relief Services, she expanded her business and could ultimately purchase school supplies for her children. CRS microfinance projects work with a group dynamic—Hamsatou meets regularly with thirty other women in her village to ensure accountability and help one another during emergencies. St. Paul tells us to “bear your hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” Hamsatou and her neighbors are bearing it together. By praying and giving with Operation Rice Bowl, you too are shouldering their burden and expressing a profound message of solidarity. Initiatives like micro financing will someday lighten the burden of African poverty.

### What's the Outreach Commission?

Let's find out together at:

### The Outreach Commission Potluck

February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM

### Renggli Room

The Outreach Commission is currently gathering **NEW MEMBERS** as the Commission considers the needs of God's people, listens to STM's community of servants, and reflects on the gospels to determine its direction and purpose going forward. Here is a chance to get in on the process and share your talents and experience. All who are interested are invited—just bring your favorite dish to share. RSVP to Grace Dyer @ 425 478 1795.

### Lenten Prayer

Good and Gracious God,  
You who are full of compassion,  
Help us to show compassion towards others this Lent.  
During this Holy Season we:  
**Pray** that we may be transformed,  
**Fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry,  
**Learn** to live with less, and  
**Give** so that others may live.  
May we join in solidarity as one human family  
And love one another as you love each of us.  
Amen.

### Catholic Daughters Day of Reflection

Mark your calendars now! Well-known author/lecturer, Dr. Tom Curran, will be the guest speaker at the Catholic Daughters Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 8th from 11am-1:30pm in the fellowship hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. All women are invited. Lunch will be provided. Reservations are required. A donation of \$10 per person is suggested, the proceeds going to Trinity Formation Resources. For reservations please call, Eileen Brown at (425) 337-6486 by February 29th.

### Fr. Ward Talk

Recently Fr. Ward spoke with our Edge and Sr High teens on understanding Homosexuality as Catholics. His talk was so well received we are offering it for adults. Please join us on Sunday, Feb. 24th at 7pm in the Renggli Room for this wonderful opportunity.

**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.”

## Faith Formation For All

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The time is near to begin preparation for **First Communion**. Parent Meetings are Thursday, Feb. 21st at 7pm or Sunday, Feb. 24th at 1pm. The Retreat will be held on March 15th, with families choosing either the morning or afternoon gathering. The celebration of First Communion will be at the 5:00pm Mass on April 12th and the 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:30am Masses on April 13th.

**Preparation for Confirmation for those over 18 begins March 18th.** Confirmation is required to be a godparent, to be a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister, and in some parishes to be married. For information call Luciann. Confirmation will be celebrated here on April 20th.

**Faith Formation won't meet this weekend.** Celebrate the wonderful leaders of our country. Classes are held for Pre-K, K, and 1st grade during the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses, and between those Masses for 2nd-5th grades.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** continues at the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. All children 2nd-5th grades are welcome. A few more grown-up helpers would be appreciated, especially during the 11:30am Mass.

**RCIA** meets on Wed. evenings, at 7pm 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. The children's group will not meet on Jan. 30th.

**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.

Faith Formation Office: (425) 743-2929  
Luciann, Pastoral Asst. for Faith Formation, Ext. 21  
lucianm@stmp.org

### Save the Date

All married couples are invited to join two upcoming Marriage Enrichment Evenings, Saturday, April 12th and April 26th from 6-9pm at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. These events are free of charge and day care will be available. The evenings will begin with a complimentary "Happy Hour" following the 5pm Mass, with the presentation beginning shortly thereafter. On April 12th, the guest speaker is Fr. Tom Vandenburg speaking on "The Sacrament of Marriage". On April 26th, the featured speakers are Mitch & Kathy Finley speaking on "The Sacred Cycle of Marital Intimacy."



### SAVE THE DATE!

For High school students:  
Feb. 23rd Snowshoeing trip  
Friday, Feb. 29th-March 1st Food Fast

### Junior High Students:

The Junior High Rally is March 8th at Highline Community College. 6th-8th graders are invited to attend this day long rally with other youth from our Diocese. The day includes workshops, keynote speakers, Mass and a dance. Contact Angela for more information.

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

### MEATLOAF MADNESS!!!

**Calling all parishioners!** Here's a great way to help out with the Life Teen program for our 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth: **make a meatloaf** (or two), and bring it to the parish hall kitchen before the Life Teen Mass on **February 24<sup>th</sup>**. Your contribution will help to not only feed, but *nourish* the youth of our parish! Questions? Call Rhonda at 672-7713.

### Fr. Treacy's Book

Signed copies of Fr. Treacy's book "He Is My Brother" are on sale in the Parish Office for \$20. Please stop in and purchase your copy today. If paying by check, please make it out to: Camp Brotherhood.

### CYO Baseball

All 7th and 8th grade boys interested in playing CYO baseball, please contact Tom McDonough at (425) 778-8555 by February 29th.

Even if you are playing on another team, you are still invited to contact Mr. McDonough.



### This Week at STM School:

- No School on Monday for Presidents' Day
  - There is school Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Primary Speech Program is Friday at 1:45 in Dalton Hall

### Coming Soon:

- The STM Speech Tournament is Feb 27th-28th.  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> is a half day for in-service