

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Epiphany Of The Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Baptism Of The Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Presider Schedule January 9th-10th

5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Ward
8:00am	Fr. Bill Cleary
9:30am	Fr. Bill Cleary
11:30am	Fr. Bill Cleary
5:00pm (LifeTeen)	Fr. Ward

Ushers for January

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Pat Portolese, Capt.	Dave Kowalski, Capt.
Patrick Wessels	Rob Balen
Vincent Nguyen	Dan Wood
David McWayne	Niniva Tupua
	John Balch
9:30am	11:30am
Jonas Mitchell, Capt.	Rick Jorgensen, Capt.
Dick Ptacek	Robert Wongkaren
John Alexy	Andra Amador
Donna Alexy	
John Abate	
Hieu Bui	

Altar Servers January 9th-10th

5:00pm (Sat.)	8:00am
Book: Daniel J.	Book: Martin B.
Bell: Fallon B.	Bell: Elizabeth D.
Cross: Michael T.	Cross: Lauren C.
9:30am	11:30am
Book: Anne F.	Bell: Albert M.
Bell: Charmaine B.	Book: Jacob M.
Cross: Caroline F.	Cross: Dana K.
5:00pm	
Book: Theresa L.	
Bell: Madeline J.	
Cross: Megan J.	



THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

Sunday—January 3rd-Epiphany Of The Lord

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Faith Formation Classes-CLOW

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with LifeNight following

Monday—January 4th

1:00pm-Blood Drive-Renggli Room

6:30pm-Edge-Dalton Hall

6:30pm-Mission Choir-Music Room

7:00pm-USCCA-Renggli Room

Tuesday—January 5th

9:30am-USCCA-Youth Room

6:30pm-Catholic Daughters Officers Meeting-Comm. Cntr. Meeting Room

7:00pm-Justice & Peace Commission-Parish Office

Wednesday—January 6th

6:30pm-Faith Formation Classes-Library

6:30pm-Confirmation Classes-Youth Room

7:00pm-9:30am Choir Practice-Chapel

7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room

7:00pm-RCIA-Comm. Cntr Meeting Room/Renggli Room

7:00pm-Liturgy Commission-Parish Office

Thursday—January 7th

7:00pm-Lux Mundi-Youth Room/Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

Friday—January 8th

9:30am-Adoration-Chapel

7:00pm-Vietnamese Prayer Group-Comm. Cntr Meeting Room

Saturday—January 9th-Mass

12:00am-Adoration-Chapel

No Benediction or Mass

9:00am-MOM's Retreat-Renggli Room

1:00pm-Baptism Class-Church/Renggli Room

5:00pm-Baptisms-Church

Sunday—January 10th-Baptism Of The Lord

Baptisms-Church

Faith Formation Classes-CLOW

3:00pm-World Youth Day Meeting-Adult Ed. Room

5:00pm-LifeTeen Mass with LifeNight following

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

Matthew 2:1-4

Parish News

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

(Information stated below is based on Fiscal Year July 2009-June 2010)

In gratitude to God for the gifts we have received, parishioners and visitors made this return to the Lord.

Sunday collection for the weekend of Dec. 26th-Dec. 27th
 Received: \$ 17,559.71
 Needed: \$ 18,105.57
 Year-to-date: \$ 415,297.31
 Year-to-date Over/(Under): \$ 11,781.63

Thank you for your faithful Stewardship of St. Thomas More Parish. May God bless you!

Parish Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their commitment cards for our annual Parish Stewardship Campaign. The totals are:

Number of Commitment Cards returned to Date: 665
 Registered Parish Households: 1,859
 % of Registered Households Returning Cards: 35 %
 Returned Commitment card goal for this year: 1,100
 % of Goal Achieved: 59 %

If you haven't returned your commitment card, please return it so we can meet our parish participation goal! It is our hope that all Parish families complete a commitment card and bring it to Mass next weekend or mail it to the parish office. Thank you for your support of the parish!

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive on Monday, January 4th in the Rengli Room from 1pm-7pm. There will be sign-up sheets available after all Masses this weekend. You can also contact Dan Wood at (425) 774-1409 for an appointment. As always, walk-ins are welcome.

Catholicism 101

Are you a Catholic with a good Catholic school or CCD background who feels like you didn't learn everything you need to know about our Faith?

Do you wish you knew more about the Bible or the Sacraments or the Mass? Are you Catholic but never Confirmed, and would like to be? Are you married or engaged to a Catholic and wish you knew more about the Church, but don't want to make a commitment to becoming a Catholic?

This class is for you!!!! We will meet on Tuesday evenings beginning January 19, 7:00, in the Community Center Library. Materials fee \$30. Registration forms are in the narthex, the Faith Formation Office and the Parish Office. For more information call Luciann at 743-2929, ext. 111.

We look forward to you joining us.



St. Thomas More Parish School



Do you have a child who will be starting Preschool or Kindergarten next year? If so, please consider St. Thomas More Parish School! You are cordially invited to our Catholic Schools Week Open House Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 10:40 a.m. until 11:50 a.m. During the Catholic Schools Week Open House, you are invited to meet school administrators, teachers and staff. Tour the school campus and see the classrooms, the computer lab, music room and library. There will be a Book Fair going on in the library. If you have further questions or are unable to attend the Open House, please contact the school office at (425) 743-4242 to arrange a tour or get your questions answered. You can also visit our website at www.stms.org. We are a caring Catholic community that inspires academic excellence and spiritual growth for Preschool through 8th grade students. STMPS is NCEA Accredited until 2012.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please say a prayer for the men and women of the Armed Forces who proudly serve in the military stateside and in harm's way in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other parts of the world, especially during this holiday season. We thank them and their families for their sacrifices. The following service members have family/relatives in our Parish:

- Andrew Rieck, USA, (Camp Humphrey, Korea);
- Brad Shimek, USN, (Pearl Harbor, HI);
- Brian Shimek, USAF, (Vandenburg Airbase, CA);
- Sean Miles, USN, (Virginia Beach, VA);
- Robert Espejo, USAF, (Tyndall Airbase, FL);
- Jeffrey Carlock, USN, (Afghanistan);
- Alex McKenney, USA, (Afghanistan);
- Aaron McKenney, USA, (Iraq);
- Jeremiah Lewis, USAF, (Korea);
- Dan Leidheiser, USA, (Okinawa);
- Thomas VeCera, USA, (Afghanistan);
- Rick Drew, USA, (Afghanistan) and
- Patrick Henrichs, USA, (Manheim, Germany)



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Parish News (cont.)

Thank You from St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul appreciates the continuing support from the parish and the school. The week before Christmas the parish Vicentians delivered food for the holiday and gift cards for the children to over 50 families in the Lynnwood area. Inserted in the boxes were Christmas cards made by the 2nd graders in the school. Many of these families also received new coats donated by Aeropostale, some of which were also given to needy families attending the Christmas breakfast at Trinity Lutheran Church. It is through the generosity of this parish community we are able to provide support to the unfortunate in our area. A big thank you to all.

Thank You!

Please thank and support the bulletin advertisers, whose generosity provides this bulletin free to the Parish.

Advertiser of the Week:

Catholic Community Services



Youth News!

Join us for Life Teen Mass at 5 p.m.!

We are back in full swing for the New Year! Youth group tonight at 6pm and the Edge Monday at 6:30 in Dalton Hall!

Confirmation this week! Remember to bring your Journals.

Summer Mission Trip

Did you miss out on getting information about the summer mission trip to Yakima? Well, we are meeting next Sunday the 10th at 3 pm in the Adult Ed room to give final details and confirm who is going.

WORLD YOUTH DAY MEETING SUNDAY JAN.

10th at 3:30 in the Adult Ed room. If you are between the ages of 16-35 and would like to attend WYD 2011 in Madrid Spain, join us.

Contact Angela if you have questions about anything above or just general questions at 743-2929 x106 or at angela@stmp.org

Ongoing Opportunities

United States Catholic Catechism

Sessions on the study of the United States Catholic Catechism will be held on Mondays from 7pm-9pm in the Renggli Room. There are also sessions Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-12noon in the Youth Room. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Olson at (425) 787-2490 or email her at debieolson@comcast.net.

Marriage Encounter

As good and solid as your marriage already is, if you haven't experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend, the best may be yet to come. Make a New Year resolution together to attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend and use the tools you will learn to strengthen your marriage. The next weekend is Feb. 26th-28, 2010. To register, or for additional information, please call, Bruce and Judy at (425) 771-9003 or Rory and Dawn at (206) 772-2344

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.

Stephen Ministry

Christmas Day is over, but the season of Christmas is with us still as we go into the new year. Should you make any New Year's resolutions? If you do, will or can you keep them? You've prayed for a job, for healing, for reconciliation with a loved one; yet those prayers are still not answered. If you have a story you'd like to share and have it held in **confidence**, then Stephen Ministers are here to listen. For questions, contact Karen Biermanski at (206) 920-0174.

Light Weigh

Would you like to eat your favorite foods while you learn how to lose weight? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. The meetings will be held on Thursdays from 10am-12(noon). Please call Debbie Olson at (425) 787-2490 for more information on joining the Light Weigh Bible Study.

Eucharistic Benediction and Rosary

There will be no Eucharistic Benediction on Wednesday evenings from Dec. 23rd-Jan. 27th due to Father Maurice's absence. It will resume on Wed. Feb. 3rd. All are welcome to come and say the Rosary during this time.

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Faith Formation For The Parish

Catholic parents promise at Baptism to bring up their child to know God and follow His Commandments. Catholic parishes provide both Catholic schools and Faith Formation programs so that the development of the Faith is available to all.

Faith Formation classes are available to children of our parish from age 4 through 5th grade, when they then enroll in the Edge for Jr High faith development. Many of our Sunday morning classes are full, but there is still room in the Wed. evening class.

Sacraments

Baptisms for babies and young children will be the weekends of Jan. 10th and Feb. 14th. Parents and godparents must take two classes to prepare for raising children in the Catholic Faith. At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are celebrated when children are in 2nd grade or higher. **(They must be in their second year of religious education, at the parish school or in Faith Formation classes.)** They prepare for the sacraments in a family setting.

Parent Meetings for First Communion will be Thursday, March 11th or Sunday, March 14th at 7pm in the Renggli Room. Retreats are on April 24th, and the celebration is the weekend of May 16th.

Becoming Catholic

Those who would like to explore becoming Catholic are invited to join the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, which meets on Wed. evenings at 7:00 in the Renggli Rm.

For more information on any of the programs, please contact Luciann at ext 111 or email luciannm@stmp.org or Sharon at ext 114 or email sharong@stmp.org.

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism: Held during Mass six times a year. Call the Faith Formation office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage: Notification of intent to marry must be given to the Pastoral Associate at least six months before the date you wish to be married.

Sacrament of the Sick: This Sacrament is celebrated with those who are seriously ill, injured, or preparing for surgery. **Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick** are available to bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the Pastoral Associate to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick or for a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick.

Funeral Masses are celebrated on Mon., Tues., Wed., or Fri. at 11am. To schedule, call the Parish Office.

Our Catholic Cemetery is: Holyrood Cemetery
205 NE 205th St. Seattle Phone (206) 363-8404.

This Week at STM School

We hope you all had a wonderful, safe, and refreshing Christmas vacation with your friends and families. Welcome back!



- School resumes Monday, January 4th.
- Parents club meets on Wednesday January 6th at 8:30 am in the Renggli Room.
- Snow Dragons begin their season this Friday, January 8th.
- There is no school on Monday, January 18th in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Monday, January 25th is a half day for students.

Ongoing Opportunities (cont.)

Retrouvaille of Seattle

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Or boring you to death? Retrouvaille, a Catholic Program, can help. Learn more at www.helpourmarriage.com. Please call (206) 706-2608 for more information and to register.

Project Rachel

If you are hurting from a past abortion experience, the Church is calling you home to heal. Healing and hope are awaiting you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. The next retreat is February 19th-21st. Please call Valerie at 1-800-822-HOPE (4673) for more information. Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

Compassionate Volunteers Needed

Providence Hospice and Home Care is looking for volunteers to serve patients and their families. The next information session is on Wed. Jan. 20th from 2-4pm at Providence Hospice & Home Care of Snohomish County-2731 Wetmore Ave, Everett 98201. Please call (425) 261-4815 by Jan. 15th to pre-register.

Healing The Culture

Healing the Culture is looking for a part-time volunteer to come in one day a week to help with office administration and office support. If being an integral part of a great pro-life mission, partnering with a loving Christian team, working in a peaceful and comfortable environment, and having your choice of days to volunteer is appealing to you, please call (425) 481-6583. The office is located in Kenmore.

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