

# March 9, 2008

## 5th Sunday of Lent

### Weekday Masses

Mon. Mar. 10th—9 AM-Mass-Church  
 Tues. Mar. 11th—9 AM- Mass-Church  
 Wed. Mar. 12th—5:30 PM-Mass-Church  
 Thurs. Mar. 13th—9 AM-Mass-Church  
 Friday Mar. 14th—9AM-Mass—Church

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

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*5th Sunday of Lent*

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14  
 Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11  
 Gospel: John 11:1-45

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Palm Sunday*

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

### PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

**425-743-2929**

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### Parish-Based Counselor

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### Consultative Bodies

Pastoral Council President: Janet Betts—673-1258  
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 Outreach Commission: Grace Dyer—478-1795  
 School Commission: John Miketinas—672-7713  
 Stewardship Commission: Laura Bragg—743-3423  
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**Parish Website-www.stmp.org**

### THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS MORE

#### Sunday—March 9th-Masses

Faith Formation-CLOW  
 1:00pm-Faithful Choir Practice-Music Room  
 5:30pm-Life Teen Mass followed by the Edge and Life Night  
 7:00pm-Parish Mission

#### Monday—March 10th

3:00pm-School Rosary Club-Chapel  
 6:00pm-Parent Meeting for Registration-Dalton Hall  
 6:30pm-Mission Choir Practice-Music Room  
 7:00pm-Maintenance Commission-Parish Office  
 7:00pm-Parish Mission

#### Tuesday—March 11th

2:45pm-Faithful & Kidz Choir Practice-Renggli Room  
 6:30pm-Call to Protect Training-Renggli Room  
 7:00pm-Stephen Ministry-Parish Office  
 7:00pm-Parish Mission  
 7:00pm-St. Vincent de Paul-Library  
 7:00pm-ESL Class-Community Cntr Meeting Room

#### Wednesday—March 12th

1:00pm-Penance Service-Church  
 7:00pm-School Commission-Adult Ed. Room  
 7:00pm-Multicultural Choir Practice-Music Room  
 7:00pm-RCIA-Library  
 7:00pm-Matt Talbot-Parish Office Library  
 7:00pm-Penance Service

#### Thursday—March 13th

10:00-Women of Grace-Youth Room  
 5:30pm-Sewing Bees-Dalton Hall  
 6:00pm-Stewardship Commission-Parish Office  
 6:00pm-Choir Practice-Church  
 7:00pm-Building Committee-Renggli Room  
 7:00pm-ESL Class-Community Cntr Meeting Room

#### Friday—March 14th

6:00pm-Stone Soup-Dalton Hall  
 7:00pm-Stations of the Cross-Church  
 6:30pm-Charismatic Group-Parish Office  
 6:30pm-Vietnamese Prayer Group-Comm. Center Meet. Rm  
 7:30pm-Vietnamese Choir Practice-Music Room

#### Saturday-March 15th-Mass

10:00am-ESL Class-Adult Ed. Room  
 6:00pm-St. Patrick's Day Dinner-Dalton Hall

#### Sunday—March 16th-Palm Sunday-Masses

Faith Formation-CLOW  
 1:00pm-Faithful Choir Practice-Music Room  
 2:00pm-School Play Rehearsal-Dalton Hall  
 5:30 pm-Life Teen Mass followed by the Edge and Life Night

### Support Our Troops

Join us in making HUGS (neck coolers) on the following Thursday evenings, March 13th, April 10th and May 8th in Dalton Hall from 6-9pm. Also, we will be sending cards, letters and items from the Troop Wish Lists, 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.

### Help Wanted

The parish needs an Information Systems Specialist to oversee the Parish Office's computers and computer networks. Examples of work include: maintenance of computers and network servers, development of backup and recovery procedures and the diagnosis and problem resolution of hardware and software problems. Compensation for work performed will be by retainer at an hourly rate. Please call Fred Liebhaber at (425) 743-2929 ext 15 if interested.

### Choir Director Wanted

The parish is looking for someone to form and direct a new SABT choir for the 9:30am Mass. This person must be familiar with Catholic liturgy, the liturgical year, Archdiocesan guidelines, the Rites of RCIA, and be trained and experienced in church music. Please send cover letter and resume to the Parish Office, Attn: Kathleen, or email to: kathleenk@stmp.org.

### 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 Liebhaber. Or contact the Parish Office 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

### Serving the Parish: It's Family—it's Automatic!

What more can one do to serve her parish than bring another great servant into it? That is exactly what Lisa Laush [née Bartle] did in 1979 when she convinced her future husband, Jay Laush, to switch from Holy Rosary to STM. This topped off her service as a first grade CCD teacher although still a teen herself. It was only a short while until Jay began impressing his new girlfriend by singing in the 8:30 AM choir. In 1984, they married. And, people say nothing exciting happens at church!

Given that the Laush family itself got its start at STM, it should be no surprise that the children of this now nearly 25 year marriage are also dedicated servants in the parish. Daniel [18] has shifted from serving to lecturing opening space for his two sisters, Maggie [16] and Anna [13], to take their place at the altar. "David [10] is too young still, but he is looking forward to getting his chance," adds his dad. Meanwhile, David puts his ability to connect with the truly young to use by volunteering in the nursery during mass. All four have attended STMS—three still do.

The Laush's service at STM has ranged from leading scouts to shouting out songs. Early on, Lisa cleaned the church. She also opened her home to host the RENEW program in order to fill it. Jay is a Knight and Lisa, a charter member of STM's Catholic Daughter chapter. Both have helped organize and coach CYO teams. Lisa coordinated Preschool Faith Formation and Jay led scouting activities for the parish. Suffice to say, if you visit the parish, you are likely to see at least one Laush on any given day.

It is only fair to wonder where the Laushes get the drive to serve. Jay reports, "STM is home—it is an extension of our family." Lisa adds, "STM is where I found God. There is always something to volunteer to do." While Laushes claim that STM is a big part of their lives, it is equally true that their lives are big part of the life of our community.

People who say nothing exciting happens at church obviously haven't spent a day with the Laushes.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

### Sunday Collections:

Week Ending	03/02/08	March	Year-to-Date
<b>Budget</b>	22,664.93	22,664.93	
<b>Actual</b>	23,682.46	23,682.46	
<b>Better (Worse)</b>	1,017.53	1,017.53	(3,609.34)



## Connecting in the Catholic World

For Encyclicals [Past and Current] and Papal statements:

<http://www.vatican.va>

For the latest on what the US Bishops are saying:

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

To find topics in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* google CCC [Topic], for example: CCC Scripture. There is also the complete Catechism available at: [www.vatican.va/archive/catechism/ccc\\_toc.htm](http://www.vatican.va/archive/catechism/ccc_toc.htm)

## Irish Mass For Peace

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Mass for Peace will be held on Saturday, March 15th at 10am at Plymouth Congregational Church, 6th and University Streets, Seattle. The Presider and Homilist is Archbishop Alex J. Brunett who will be joined by concelebrating priests of the Archdiocese. The Post-Communion Speaker is John Bruton, European Union Ambassador to the U.S. and former Irish Prime Minister (Taoiseach). There is poignant ecumenical symbolism in Catholics and others gathering in a Protestant Church on St. Patrick's Day to pray for peace in Ireland and in the rest of the world. All are encouraged to participate. Parking will be available in the adjacent IBM parking garage.

## "Conversations with Fr. Bob"

Tune in Tuesday, March 11th to "Conversations with Father Bob". This week guest host Sr. Miriam James Heidland will speak with **Jim Thomas**, the Director of Faith Formation, Catholic Social Teaching and Family Life for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Jim is going to speak about the recent initiative that seeks to legalize physician assisted suicide in the state of Washington. Sr. Miriam will also interview **Isaac Govea**, the Assistant Director for Cultural and Ethnic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Seattle. Isaac will speak about Hispanic Ministry.

"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](http://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.

**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."

## Pastoral Council

Could you, or maybe someone you know, be a good candidate for the Pastoral Council? Please contact Janet Betts at (425) 673-1258, or email her at [bettsmjhma@comcast.net](mailto:bettsmjhma@comcast.net).

## 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.

## WANTED

Outgoing, enthusiastic individuals to join the Welcome Committee. We meet once a month to plan and carry out various activities to welcome new parishioners. Our next meeting is this Thursday, March 13th at 6pm in the Parish Office Meeting Room. Call Pearl Nordquist at (425) 672-7228, or Lana Liebhaber at (425) 787-5183, for more information.

## Could You be a Catholic Daughter?

Catholic women are welcome to join the Catholic Daughters in the Renggli Room at 5:30pm on Tuesday, April 8th. For more information contact Debbie Olson at 787-2490.

## Divine Mercy Feast 2008

All St. Thomas More parishioners are welcome to come to St. Luke Parish-322 N. 175th St, Shoreline to again celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, March 30th at 2:30pm. The Choir Director will lead members of the choir in singing the Chaplet with everyone. After the service there will be a catered reception. If you have any questions, please contact Marian Menstall at (206) 363-1758.



## Can You Help?

A female with a disability needs a caregiver/driver/housecleaner from 6am-9am, 2-5 days a week. She lives in the Edmonds area about 4 minutes from St. Thomas More. This is a paid position. If interested, please call (425) 879-8807.

## Ministry Fair

Calling all committees and commissions! Save the date for the annual Ministry Fair **April 26th-27th**, sponsored by the Stewardship Commission. Each committee and commission will have a spot to share their ministry with the whole parish community. There will be more information to come.

## Faith Formation For All

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

**Faith Formation** Classes are held for Pre-K, K, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade during the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses, and between those Masses for 2nd through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. For information or to register call Luciann.

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

**RCIA** meets on Wed. evenings, 7:00, 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.

Faith Formation Office 743-2929 .  
Luciann, Pastoral Asst. for Faith Formation Ext. 21  
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### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The annual St. Patrick's Day dinner will be held on Saturday, March 15th at 6pm in Dalton Hall. The tickets are on sale this weekend after all Masses. The tickets are \$20 per person, or \$15 for seniors. All are invited to come and enjoy corned beef and cabbage, authentic Irish dancing and fellowship with our friends at Maplewood. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, Maplewood Presbyterian Church, the STM Stewardship Commission and the Knights of Columbus. For ticket information, please contact Shirley Turner at (425) 745-5078.



### Easter Egg Hunt



Mark your calendars for the Knights of Columbus sponsored Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn after the 11:30am Mass on Easter Sunday, March 23rd. More details to follow.



This weekend is LOVE YOUR YOUTH Weekend.

Come see what the youth of our parish are doing and ways you can help support our growing youth program. Join us in Dalton Hall after all Masses

Sunday Night's events are going to be great. We can't wait to see you there.

There will be NO LIFE TEEN Mass on Easter Sunday.

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

## This Week at STM School:

### Daylight Savings Time

Be sure to change your clocks and get to school on time!



### Parent Registration Meeting

This **very important meeting** for all school parents is Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in Dalton Hall. Registration packets and tuition information will be explained.

### Stone Soup

Students will be participating in a simple "Stone Soup" lunch on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to bring specific items to contribute to the meal and a \$1.00 donation for the rice bowl. This activity helps students identify with people around the world who experience hunger and the Lenten experience of fasting.

### In-service Day

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Development In-service Day for the deanery. Students will be dismissed at noon. St. Thomas More School is hosting this event.

### Second Trimester

The second trimester ended on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Good Friday/Living Stations

Good Friday is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will present the Living Stations at noon. The doors **will be closed** when the performance begins. Please arrive and be seated promptly. The balcony will be open to **adults only**. We ask all visiting students to please sit with their parents. The solemnity of this event requires silence for thoughtful reflection.



Students will be dismissed immediately following the stations at approximately 12:30pm. This is a full dress day for students. There will be no school on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Easter Holiday.