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Catholic Community

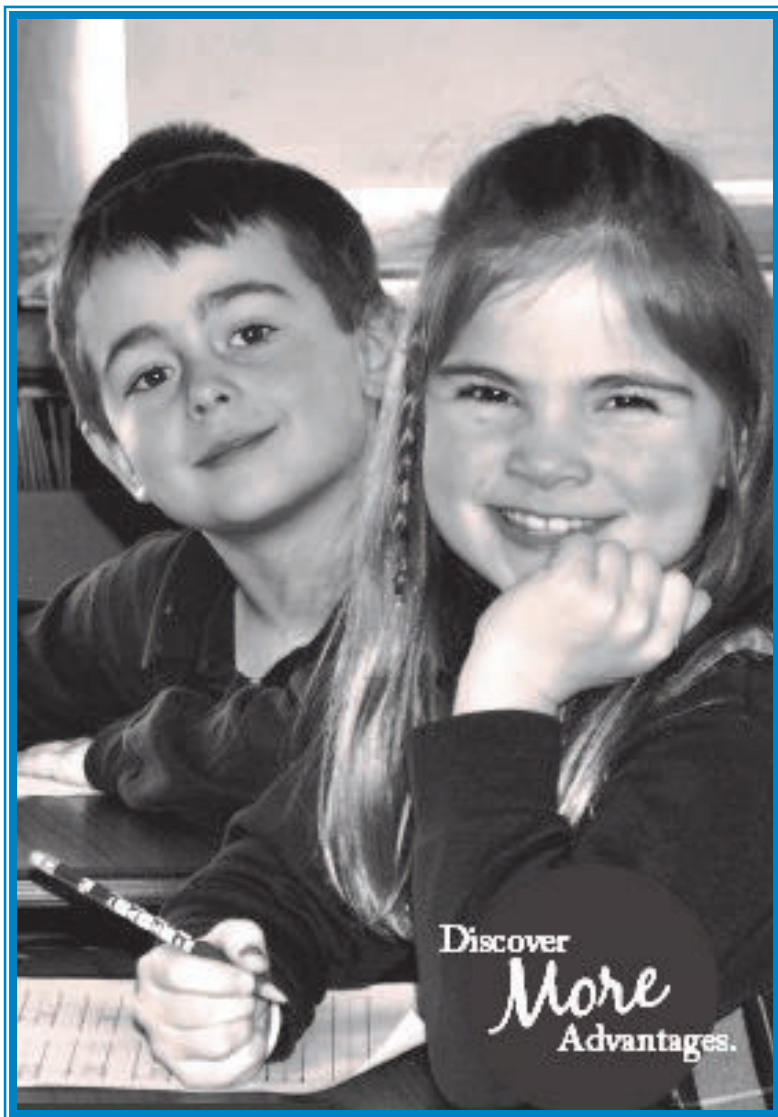
The Jesuit Parish of the Twin Cities

January 31, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Schools Week
January 31-February 6, 2010

*Shared Faith, Service, and
Academic Excellence*



Saint Thomas More
Catholic School

1065 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul MN 55105
651.224.4836

Open House

Thursday, February 4, 2010
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Faith, Justice & Stewardship

Stewardship, Phase 2

Let's Chat

As you've heard, we are striving to have 100% of us support the parish with our God given gifts. To achieve this we are calling 100% of our parish households. If you've recently *changed* your pledge as a part of the 2009 November Stewardship drive, these calls will simply be to thank you. If you have a pledge on the books, then we are calling to ask you to recommit to a pledge for 2010. If we don't have a pledge recorded, we are asking you to consider making one. Over 30 of our fellow parishioners are sharing their time and talent to place these calls. We started last week and already contacted 400 households! Thank you to all who helped and to those who are signed up to continue the calling.

Summit Faith Salon # 5

Subsidiarity/Participation



Please join us **Tuesday, February 2, 7:00-9:00 pm** at the West Campus Community Room (1550 Summit Avenue, St. Paul) as Dr. Jeanne Buckeye explores how subsidiarity and participation go hand in hand. The first ensures an appropriate decentralization of authority in service of the common good; the second, a method whereby individual gifts can be developed and genuine autonomy. Spiritually, the two concepts reflect Catholic Social Teaching's commitment to human dignity and human thriving in the workplace.

Jeanne Buckeye is an associate professor at the University of St. Thomas' Opus College of Business, where she is a member of the Department of Ethics and Business Law and a fellow in the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social thought.

Faith and Social Justice

Social Justice Hosts Faith Sharing Lenten Series on Racism

As the Community of Saint Thomas More, we understand that we are all God's children and that God has created us to live together in community. Yet there is no end to the ways we can separate ourselves from one another and create divisions in our communities. We are aware of some of this separation and its causes, but much of this is subtle and easily overlooked. Please join members of the Social Justice Ministry, who will be facilitating a Lenten series called *40 Days Toward Reconciliation* (there is no fee for this series).

The goals of this faith sharing series are:

- ❖ To discuss race openly and work boldly toward racial equity.
- ❖ To identify systemic causes of racism so we can change them as we live and work together.
- ❖ To deepen the connections and relationships within Saint Thomas More and within our communities.

Through Scripture, prayer and discussion, we hope to bring our brokenness into the light. This is the first step toward restoring the kind of community God intends for us. The series consists of five weekly sessions that will run on two simultaneous tracks, during the day and in the evening. **Each series begins on Wednesday, February 24 and ends Wednesday, March 24.** The morning sessions will run from 10:00-11:30 am in the Pastoral Center on the East Campus; the evening sessions will run from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Oxford Room (corner of Summit & Oxford St.) of Saint Thomas More School on the East Campus.

To register for the series, please contact Josh Brick, 651.227.7669 x301, or jbrick@morecommunity.org. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Arline Datu, 651.699.4724 or zbeans@aol.com.

More Community

Saint Thomas More Opportunities!

STM School's Open House



Saint Thomas More Catholic School will be opening its doors to current and prospective families on **Thursday, February 4, between the hours of 5:30 & 7:30 pm.** Prospective families are especially encouraged to attend our Open House to learn more about the many unique aspects of Saint Thomas More. Visitors to our school are encouraged to visit classrooms and talk with our outstanding faculty and staff during our Open House to learn about the many advantages of attending our parish school. A formal program will begin at 6:45 pm in our school gym that introduces prospective families to our K-8 program. If you are unable to attend our Open House, you are encouraged to arrange a personal tour of the school with Principal, Patrick Lofton. Please call the school office at 651.224.4836 to schedule a tour.

Wine + Warhol: Saturday the 6th



Join us for *Wine + Warhol* featuring fine wines from the Wine Thief and collaborative works of art by Saint Thomas More School students on **Saturday,**

February 6 (doors open at 7:00 pm), at 287 East 6th St., Suite 160, St. Paul. Wine and art will be available for purchase. Hors d'oeuvre will be served with wine tasting available throughout the evening with a cash bar at 9:00 pm. Make your reservations by sending a check (made out to Saint Thomas More School), including your list of attendees to Saint Thomas More School, Attn. Wine + Warhol, 1065 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105.

You're Invited: Sunday, February 7 All Community Pancake Breakfast

Breakfast will be served after the **8:00 am mass (9:00-10:15 am)** and after the **10:30 am mass (11:30 am-1:00 pm)** in the Cafeteria of Saint Thomas More School on the East Campus. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, fruit and beverages. ALL ARE WELCOME, free will offering.

Holiday Bake Sale



Looking for a Valentine's treat or something to sweet to eat on Fat Tuesday? **Come to the STM bake sale after all three masses on February 13 & 14!** We need your help in one of two ways – please consider donating baked goods (Valentine or Mardi Gras theme appreciated but not necessary) for the sale and/or come and buy something yummy for your tummy. Baked goodies can be dropped off at the West Campus on Saturday (Feb. 13) afternoon, *only from 1:00-3:00 pm* or before each mass at the East Campus on Sunday (Feb. 14). Please contact Debbie Lee: APL1881@bitstream.net for further information. Proceeds will be used by the newly revived STM Women's Group as we "*stretch out our hands in service*" to our community.

Abundance Party - Fat Tuesday!

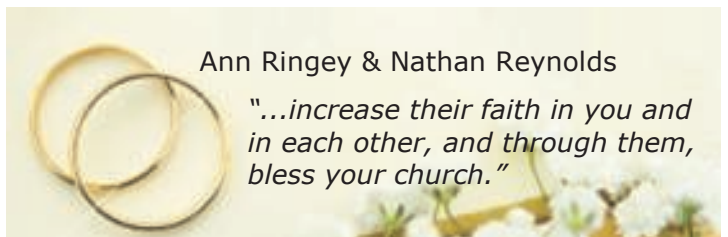
The annual Mardi Gras Social Justice Party is just around the corner: **Fat Tuesday, February 16, 6:00-8:30 pm in the Cafeteria of Saint Thomas More School** (Note change from previous years). Come for a fun dinner party with jambalaya and conversation about sharing God's abundance. This year's theme is *Parish Pride!*, particularly in the victories for social justice over the years. You will hear of great things the parish has accomplished that you never even knew about! Please RSVP to Lonnie Ellis: 651.227.7669 x310 or lellis@morecommunity.org. A free will offering is appreciated.

Weddings

We Congratulate:

Kelly O'Toole and Bryan Moeller, married at Saint Thomas More Church on Saturday, January 30, 2010.

Wedding Banns



Ann Ringey & Nathan Reynolds

"...increase their faith in you and in each other, and through them, bless your church."

More Community

Liturgical Ministry

LAST CALL for Scheduling Requests



If you are a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan or Altar Server, please let us know if you have any scheduling conflicts or requests. Our new schedule will cover weekend masses from Feb. 20 through May 23. If you have already responded – Thank You. If you don't have any special requests or information for us – Thank You – no need to respond. If you DO have information for us, please get back to us now. **The new schedule will be distributed next weekend – February 6/7.** Information received after February 3rd will not be reflected in the new schedule. Like last year, Triduum/Easter Sunday will be a separate schedule and we'll keep you posted on ministry opportunities for these liturgies. Leave your requests with Dana: 651.227.7669 x306, dmccarthy@morecommunity.org, or drop them off (or mail them to) the Pastoral Center, Attn: Dana.

Community Notice

Security & Policy Implementation Update

Over the past several weeks there have been "security" incidents reported to our Pastoral Center that necessitate a change in facility management and security reporting procedures. Several people have reported that they have been approached by aggressive panhandlers both inside the church and in the parking lots/public spaces. Incidents have occurred both in broad daylight and in the evening. These incidents along with the recent burglary at the Pastoral Center and an incident with aggressive panhandling at our school help necessitate the new procedures that we will be rolling out in the next few weeks for the St. Thomas More Catholic Community (STMCC). These changes apply to both the East and West Campus.

These new policies are being implemented to assure the safety of all in our community - students, guests, parishioners, and staff at the school, the churches and the Pastoral Center. These policies and procedures are largely adapted from our neighboring parishes at Lumen Christi and Nativity of Our Lord as well as recommendations from our insurance carrier, Catholic Mutual.

Beginning February 1, both churches, our most sacred spaces, will be locked to the public. While the West Campus church has always been locked following weekday Masses, this is a new policy for the East Campus church. **During non-Mass hours access and exit to and from the East Campus church will now be through the Pastoral Center.** Visitors and parishioners will be asked to sign in and out of the church on a visitor register. Beyond security issues, this will also allow us to greet and welcome visitors to our faith community.

In addition, we will soon install a new security system, similar to what is already in place at the school. As many of you know, we now have a manager on site to coordinate entry and exit to our facilities. Exterior locks for the Churches, Oxford Room, Gymnasium and Pastoral Center will be changed during the early part of February. Keys will no longer be issued.

Additionally, all scheduling of rooms/facilities will now be managed through the Pastoral Center/Event Coordinator, Josh Brick: 651.227.7669 x301 or jbrick@morecommunity.org. Event leaders will be required to complete specific forms prior to being added to the schedule. We may also ask for a Certificate of Indemnification if you are a non-certified STMCC organization/event and if you are serving alcohol. There will be a nominal charge to cover facility costs for all non STMCC approved events.

Lastly, please notify the Pastoral Center if you have a safety concern or if you would like to report an incident. We are in the process of formulating a security log to track the incidents in order to respond in a way that makes our campus a safe, welcoming community for the work of Christ.

STMCC Staff

Church Notes for Children

Candlemas

February 2 is Candlemas, the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. It comes 40 days after Christmas. Today is the customary day to take down the nativity scene and to say good-bye to Christmas.

According to folklore, by February 2, even the animals begin to look forward to springtime. Wintry weather on this day is supposed to mean an early spring. And spring-like weather means winter will come back harshly. That's where the story about the groundhog comes from. If the groundhog wakes up and sees its shadow (which means the day is sunny), it goes back to sleep for 40 more days.

When Jesus was 40 days old, a man named Simeon called him "a light to the nations and the glory of Israel." So Christians celebrate Candlemas as a festival of light. In the temple, Mary and Joseph offered up two doves on this day. In today's church, a blessing of candles and a candlelight procession is traditionally offered in many parishes.

The blessed candles are used for ordinary times, for instance, at dinner. And they are used for special times, when anointing the sick or when communion is brought to the home. If you bring blessed candles home from church, use them at dinner. Take one last chance to share your best memories of Christmas. With an adult's help, you can light all the other household candles from the blessed ones and enjoy the candlelight while you sing "Hark the herald angels" one last time and say good-bye to Christmas until next year.

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Dear Jesus,

When I am criticized
and even rejected
when I bring pressure
and anxiety,
as I speak the truth,
please stand by me.

Amen.

Bringing Home the Word

The Home Church

It's an unfortunate reality in most people's lives that those closest to home are rarely seen in their true light. That is why a Confirmation sponsor comes in handy preparing a teenager for that sacrament. This outside mentor is seen as a remarkable pillar of faith, while Mom and Dad are merely vessels emptied of God's wisdom.

The dynamic of family relationships requires humility and patience on the part of parents. Jesus knew where the locals stood on his qualifications as prophet, but in a riveting challenge he calls them to task and his neighbors were enraged. If parents are to follow Jesus' lead they must know that there are times, as they guide their teenager, when nice doesn't work.

Young adults must be challenged to face the truth and live obedient and faithful lives. It is the difficult job of caring parents to set boundaries, establish consequences and keep track of mistakes. It is hard and thankless work. The parents who shrink before this challenge regret it later as their children leave home unprepared for the rigors of the moral, faith filled life. So, all of you parents of teenagers, hang in there, speak the truth and know that in about fifteen years, you will suddenly get smart.

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More Worship

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

A prophet learns what important work God has in store for him. They will preach the word boldly no matter what hardship they must face.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Paul describes Christian life. It is a matter of loving others in all circumstances.

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus declares himself to be the fulfillment of Isaiah's promise for the restoration of Israel. The people of Nazareth reject him.

Reflection Questions

1. Have you experienced rejection? Share your story.
2. Why did the people of Nazareth have a hard time accepting Jesus?
3. Jesus faced a great deal of pressure in the synagogue. What kind of pressure do you experience in your life?
4. Is Jesus still controversial today? How?
5. Who is disregarded in your parish and yet respected elsewhere?

Liturgy Schedule

Mass, Saturday, 4:30 pm
West Campus, 1550 Summit

Mass, Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am
East Campus, 1093 Summit

Weekday Masses, West Campus
Tuesday-Friday, 7:15 am

Reconciliation, West Campus
Saturday, 3:30-4:00 pm

Adoration, East Campus
Tuesday, 12:30-5:00 pm

Centering Prayer, East Campus
Tuesday, 5:30-6:15 pm

Mass Intentions

Jan. 30, Saturday
4:30 pm STM Community

Jan. 31, Sunday
8:00 am † Dolly & Bert Williams
10:30 am † Ruth Zawistowski

Feb. 2, Tuesday
7:15 am † Anne Wilson

Feb. 3, Wednesday
7:15 am † Deacon Marciano Lacqui

Feb. 4, Thursday
7:15 am † Mary Ellen Sarafolean

Feb. 5, Friday
7:15 am † John O'Leary

Feb. 6, Saturday
4:30 pm † Ron Lau

Feb. 7, Sunday
8:00 am † William Taboni
10:30 am STM Community

We Remember

† Elsie Wenos

Pray For Us

Jim Brandl	Julie Horvath
Dorothy Fabian	Ted Kay
Chuck Fried	Fr. Pat Malone
Vicki Gabler	Lowell Rehmke
Kathleen Gay	Maryah Tift
Ann Gilsdorf	Tim Towle
Doug Hess	

Week of January 31

Sun. Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-
--13:13

Mon. 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/
Mk 5:1-20

Tue. Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk :22-40

Wed. 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thu. 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Fri. Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29

Sat. 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sun. Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-
11, 11/Lk 5:1-11

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Pastoral Center

8:30 am-5:00 pm Tue. - Fri.
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East Campus Church

1093 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

West Campus Church

1550 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

Saint Thomas More School

7:45 am-3:45 pm, Mon. - Fri.
1065 Summit Ave., 651.224.4836



Handicap Accessibility:

The East Church: use the east parking lot ramp entrance. The West Church is ground level. The School: use the elevator at the main north entrance. The Pastoral Center is not handicap accessible.