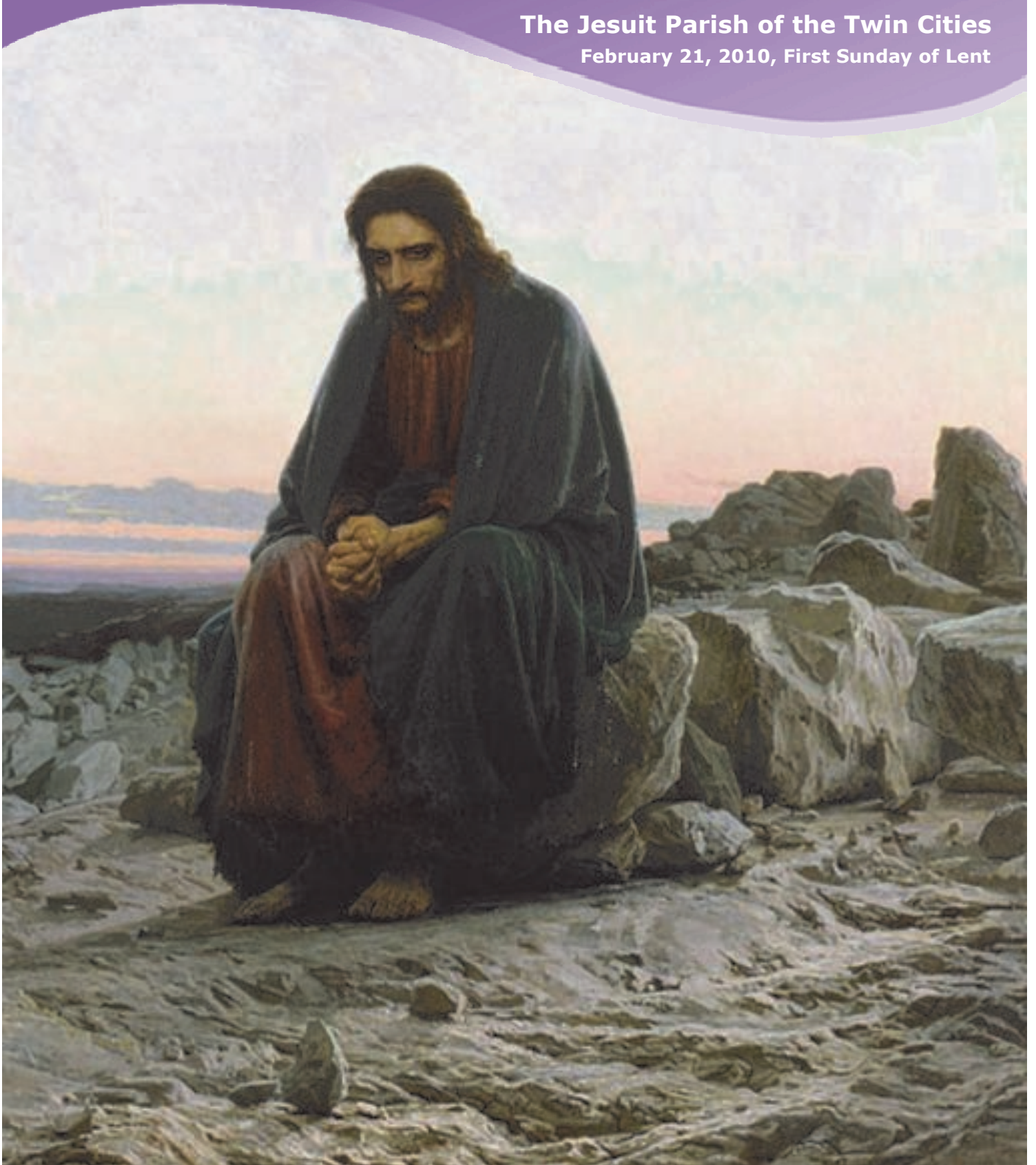




# SAINT THOMAS MORE Catholic Community

**The Jesuit Parish of the Twin Cities**

February 21, 2010, First Sunday of Lent



# Lent

## Liturgy

### Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm Fridays

Join us at 7:00 pm each Friday of Lent – East Campus Church – for a richly traditional devotion inviting us to “realize the certainty of the teachings” of Christ as we journey with Jesus in the Way of the Cross. For those interested, we need readers and people to carry the cross and candles in procession. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Sacristy; or you may contact Dana to volunteer or for information by calling 651.227.7669 x306 or e-mailing her at [dmccarthy@morecommunity.org](mailto:dmccarthy@morecommunity.org).

### Sacred Silence & Tolling Bell of Lent

Our Lenten liturgies end not with shared song, but with shared silence. This silence creates an open space in our hearts – a space where God’s voice can be heard with clarity for those with ears willing to hear. The tolling bell beckons us into that emptiness – into the limitless reaches of the soul’s transformation. It is our Lenten journey, a journey well worth taking.

### Liturgical Ministry Schedules

Did you pick up your Liturgical Ministry Schedule? If you are a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server or Sacristan, your new schedule is ready. At the West Campus, pick up your schedule from the main entry; at the East Campus, collect your schedule from the gathering space in the back of church. You can also access the schedule from our Saint Thomas More Website. Click on Liturgical Ministry and click the link at the top left side. Don’t delay; the new schedule has already begun. Thank you!

## Faith and Justice

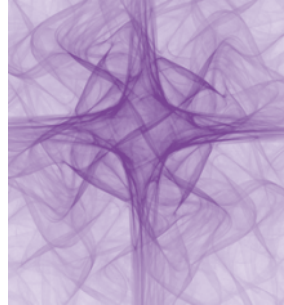
### “40 Days Toward Reconciliation” Lenten Series on Racism

Through Scripture, prayer and discussion, we hope to bring our brokenness into the light as a first step toward restoring the kind of community God intends for us. Please join members of the Social Justice Ministry in a Lenten series called *40 Days Toward Reconciliation*. Our goals are to discuss race openly and work toward racial equity, to identify systemic causes of racism so we can change them, and to deepen our connections and relationships within Saint Thomas More and our communities.

The series consists of five weekly sessions running on two simultaneous tracks, during the day and in the evening. **Both series begin this Wednesday, Feb. 24 and end Wednesday, March 24.** Morning sessions are 10:00-11:30 am in the Pastoral Center on the East Campus; evening sessions are 7:00-8:30 pm in the Oxford Room of Saint Thomas More School. To register, please contact Josh Brick, 651.227.7669 x301, or [jbrick@morecommunity.org](mailto:jbrick@morecommunity.org). Questions? Please contact Arline Datu, 651.699.4724 or [zbeans@aol.com](mailto:zbeans@aol.com).

## Lenten Regulations

### Our Annual Communal Retreat



The Season of Lent is the Church's annual Communal Retreat. During these 40 days, with help of the Holy Spirit, we take a serious look at our lives as Disciples of the Lord. It is a season to clear both the spiritual and material clutter from our lives and prepare to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on Easter by renewing our baptismal vows.

The Lenten Regulations are intended to assist us in opening ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit within us during these 40 days of prayer and renewal with the Lord. Lent began on February 17, Ash Wednesday, and concludes with the beginning of the Triduum, on April 1. The Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and concludes with vespers (evening prayer) on Easter Sunday, April 4.

**Fasting:** Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Good Friday (April 2) are days of fasting for those ages 18 through 58. Fasting is observed by one ordinary/full meal and two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength for the obligation of one's circumstances. There is no eating between meals.

**Abstinence from meat:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, as well as all Fridays during Lent, are days of abstinence from meat for those 14 years of age and older. There is no upper age limit for abstinence.

## More Social Justice

### Our Abundant Victories!



The annual Mardi Gras party saw 65 parishioners and friends celebrate the leadership our parish took in justice victories through our vehicle

of ISAIAH. So many people lent support in so many ways. These are YOUR Victories!

### Transportation

Securing 3 additional light rail stations in the most diverse and low-income community on Central Corridor. Making mass transit more just: changing the funding formula to prioritize community health through work with Congressman Oberstar.

### Ending Domestic Violence

Bringing statewide, the Saint Paul Blueprint for Safety that was implemented with the help of the ISAIAH Domestic Violence Task Force, started at our parish in 2002.

### Jobs for the Low Income

Winning \$1 million for job training, small business development and strict enforcement of the law after St. Paul was found in violation of a low-income hiring law. We worked side-by-side with African American pastors in a new and exciting partnership.

### Health Care

'Cover All Kids' – Worked to win passage of this bill and coverage for 22,000 kids through an action with State Senator Dick Cohen, Finance Chair.

### Immigration

Ongoing - hosted a forum last August and celebrated Immigration Sunday on January 3, to draw attention to our broken immigration system. We continue to work for civil rights for immigrants and comprehensive immigration reform with Latino and Anglo congregations.

### Leadership Included:

Marita Valencia, Sarah Mullins, Mary Lou Klas, Dave Greene, Noreen and Tim Farrell, Mary Jo Leier, Lisa Amman, Arline Datu, Bryan Paulsen, Brandon Drazich, Heather Koop, Art Walzer, Carolyn Gay, Phil Steger, Barb Thomalla, Mary Hearst, Donna Kemmetmueller, Kate Cole and Saint Thomas More Pastoral Associate, Lonnie Ellis.

## More Community

### History Day - Judge Invitation



Saint Thomas More Catholic School is seeking enthusiastic parishioners to serve as judges for its annual eighth grade History Day event to be held on **Thursday, February 25**, from 9:00-11:00 AM in the school auditorium.

History Day is a national competition in which students choose topics related to the theme of "Innovation in History: Impact & Change" and conduct extensive primary and secondary research. After analyzing and interpreting their research, students present their findings in the form of original papers, exhibits, performances, documentaries and websites. Judges are needed to assess the final products and assist in determining which students will advance to the regional competition. Interested parishioners should contact Mr. Michael Rogers at 651.224.4836 x326 or [mrogers@morecommunity.org](mailto:mrogers@morecommunity.org).

### STM Women's Group



Thank you, thank you to everyone who in one way or another participated in the bake sale last weekend! We raised \$675 to use towards funeral ministries and other projects that will support our community. Wow! Whether you baked treats, bought treats for yourself, friends or family, or volunteered, we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you especially to Mary Sobasky, Carol Ney, Judith Reis, Roxanne Maxam, Rachel Wachlarowicz, Patty Brick, Barbie Molitor, Walker and Maddie Lee, Myriam and Gabriella Grady, Ann Gleeson and Karen Steger for volunteering their time to bag, sort, price and sell goodies. A special thank you to Patti Day and Cindy Nedved for their assistance.

### Catholic Services Appeal Update

We would like to express our gratitude to those of you who have made a gift to the 2010 Catholic Services Appeal. So far, Saint Thomas More parishioners have donated over \$17,000! Your generous gift provides essential programs and services to the thousands of people who depend on them. If you have not yet contributed, please make your pledge today. Envelopes can be found in the racks near the church entrances.

# More Community

## *Saint Thomas More Hunger Ministry*

### **Our March Campaign**



In 2009, the March Campaign raised 12,020,197 pounds and dollars. **Our parish made a difference by contributing 1,080 pounds of food and \$4,990.00 to last year's campaign. Super!**

2010 marks the 28th anniversary of the Minnesota FoodShare, an interfaith collaboration program that sponsors the March Campaign. This year's March Campaign goal is 12 Million pounds and dollars. Be a "Super Hero" in the fight against hunger in Minnesota!

Each week during March, food shelves are required to report the number of dollars and pounds of food donated to qualify for the "incentive allocation." The more food and money that a food shelf collects in March, the more they receive of the "incentive allocation." Every donation we contribute to our community food shelves, Sharing Korner and Keystone Services, will help them obtain free money!

The need is continually increasing at food shelves throughout our state. Last year, there were over 2.8 million food shelf visits, the most on record. This campaign generates more than half of the food distributed each year at local food shelves and raises public awareness about the need for food shelves and the contributions that they make to our communities.

In the coming weeks, grocery bags will be available to remind us to bring our donations to Mass. Those interested in giving a monetary donation can do so by check made out to Saint Thomas More indicating "food shelf" on the memo line. You may drop it in the collection baskets or bring/mail to the Pastoral Center.

Suggested Donations: Laundry, bath and dish soap, shampoo, toothpaste, cereal, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, boxed dinners, cooking oil, and tuna. \*Reminder: No perishable items, please. Your support is greatly appreciated - it makes such a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors!

## *Opportunities in the Greater Community*

### **Who is an Ignatian Associate?**

Ignatian Associates are apostolic people, single and married, formed by the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. We are available for service with other Ignatian Associates and with Jesuits in ministries, which proclaim Gospel values that have special concern for the poor and marginalized ones of this world. Currently there are 37 promised Associates in the Twin Cities area and 7 members who are in formation. If you would like to strengthen your relationship with God; enhance your spiritual growth; learn more about prayer, contemplation, meditation, discernment, and have a desire to serve others, we invite you to explore further by contacting Bob Satterstrom 651.452.0264 or [rsatterstrom@gmail.com](mailto:rsatterstrom@gmail.com).

### **Healthcare Professionals' Retreat, "Only say the Word and I shall be healed"**



Healthcare professionals often face emotional and spiritual challenges in their work of caring for the sick. Curatio, a Catholic lay apostolate for healthcare professionals is sponsoring a weekend retreat, **March 5-7**, 2010 at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Frontenac, MN. The retreat is open to all in healthcare. Father Aquinas Guilbeau, OP, nationally known retreat master and host of "Word to Life" radio series, will explore the vocation of healing in this retreat entitled "Only say the Word and I shall be healed." Father Rolf Tollefson, Curatio's chaplain will be available for spiritual direction and reconciliation that weekend as well. This will be a wonderful opportunity for healthcare professionals to get spiritual refreshment. **The deadline for registration is Feb. 22.** For more information, please call Patricia at 651.695.0278 or Dianne at 763.786.4945 or you may e-mail [curatioevent@gmail.net](mailto:curatioevent@gmail.net).

# More at Home

## Church Notes for Children



### Three Pillars of Life

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are called the “three pillars” of the Christian way of life. They help support a full and healthy life. During Lent we try to repair and strengthen these three pillars, which also are called the “three disciplines” because they help people become better disciples of the Lord.

Prayer is conversation with God. Make a good habit of daily prayer. Read the psalms, and each Lent learn one or two by heart. Try to sing your prayer at home, and make every effort to sing well when you worship with others.

To prepare himself for his life’s work, Jesus fasted in the wilderness. As Christians grow up, they need to learn traditional, healthy ways to fast. When we fast, we deny ourselves some food or other good thing. We remind ourselves of how dependent we are on God’s gifts, which always must be shared fairly and never taken for granted.

Almsgiving means “sharing compassion.” Almsgiving means more than giving away the things we don’t need. It means giving away some of the things we do need because someone else also needs them. It means giving until it hurts.

Saint Augustine said that fasting and almsgiving are the two “wings” that help our prayers “fly to heaven.” Prayer, fasting and almsgiving go together. They are ways we ask God to root out selfishness from our lives. They are ways we Christians live life to the fullest.

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## Bringing Home the Word

### The Home Church

If the devil had three shots at you, what would they be? In our Gospel, we hear that Jesus faced three classic temptations: food, power and pride. In response, the church follows Jesus’ lead in countering these temptations in our own time. Food can be a temptation. Lent is a time to shock our system back into frugal eating. Greed and power plague our world. Jesus recommends surrender and poverty as the way to live. Instead of pride, Jesus says humility is the preferred choice for servants.

A great challenge facing parents in our time is to raise children who can face these and many other temptations with wisdom. If we are not careful we, too, will be blindsided by the dark side and yield to all the invitations to addictions, power, and pride. That is why we are listening to this Gospel today as we begin Lent. The conversation between parents and children, especially young adults needs to be ongoing. As each new “near occasion of sin” parades into their lives, parents must be walking with them, talking with them and protecting them. The teenage years are the real test of courageous parenting. It seems Satan is still up to his old tricks.

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Jesus, Lent comes again  
and I have no idea  
where it will lead me.  
I ask that you and I  
travel a new course  
into the desert.  
Lead me into  
a deeper presence  
of your spirit.  
Speak to me  
the words I need to hear.  
Allow me to stay  
close by your side,  
walking into the final  
moments of the cross.  
Amen.

# More Worship

## First Sunday of Lent



### Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses has something important to tell the people. They should never lose respect for God's gifts to them

### Romans 10:8-13

Paul speaks of faith. The gift of faith is offered to all, both Jews and gentiles.

### Luke 4:1-13

Jesus is tempted by the devil to achieve legitimate ends through illegitimate means.

## Reflection Questions

1. When are you most tempted?
2. What can help you resist temptation?
3. What food would tempt you?
4. How does power tempt you?
5. Have you ever had an encounter with evil?
6. How are the three temptations similar?

## 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

### Feb. 20, Saturday

4:30 pm † Dorothy O'Neill

### Feb. 21, Sunday

8:00 am † Robert Nordloh

10:30 am STM Community

### Feb. 23, Tuesday

7:15 am † Robert Federer

### Feb. 24, Wednesday

7:15 am † Rev. Msgr. Ellsworth  
Kneal

8:30 am STM School

### Feb. 25, Thursday

7:15 am † Ron Lau

### Feb. 26, Friday

7:15 am † Dolly & Bert Williams

### Feb. 27, Saturday

4:30 pm † Cal Reeck

### Feb. 28, Sunday

8:00 am STM Community

10:30 am † Bob Cronquist

## Pray For Us

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

## Week of February 21

**Sun.** Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/  
Lk 4:1-13

**Mon.** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

**Tue.** Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

**Wed.** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

**Thu.** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt  
7:7-12

**Fri.** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

**Sat.** Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

**Sun.** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil  
3:17---4:1 or 3:20---4:1/Lk  
9:28b-36

# FYI

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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.