

Called and Gifted STEWARDSHIP 2008 Blest and Shared

The Call to Discipleship

The Christian vocation is essentially a call to be a disciple of Jesus. Stewardship is part of that call. Even more to the point, however, Christians are called to be good stewards of the personal vocations they receive. Every human life, every personal vocation, is unique. And yet the vocations of all Christians do share common elements. One of these is the call to be a disciple. In fact, we might say that to be disciples—to follow Christ and try to live his life as our own—is the common vocation of Christians; discipleship in this sense *is* Christian life.

Following Jesus is the work of a life time. At every step forward, one is challenged to go **further in accepting and loving God's will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do**, alongside many other things suitable for Christians; it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion.

Stewardship plays an important role in the lives of people who seek to follow Christ. In particular, Christians must be stewards of their personal vocations, according to the circumstances of their individual lives. God wants them to cherish and serve a broad range of interests and concerns: life and health, along with their own intellectual and spiritual well-being and that of others; material goods and resources; the natural environment; the cultural heritage of humankind, the whole rich array of human goods, both those already realized and those whose realization depends upon the present generation or upon generations yet to come. Also, Catholics have to be stewards of their Church; that community of disciples, that Body of Christ, of which they, individually and together, are the members.

The way of discipleship is privileged beyond any other. Jesus says: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10). But discipleship is **not an easy way, it is costly. Costly, because it requires a disciple, for Jesus' sake**, to put aside the craving for domination, possession, and control; yet grace-filled because it confers true liberation and eternal life.

For Reflection

In what sense is stewardship more radical than the sharing of time, talent, and money?

What are some of the reasons why you might hesitate to respond to the Lord's call to discipleship?

If you were to be an ideal Christian steward, with the help of God's grace, what would it cost you in terms of personal sacrifice and hardship?

LITURGY & LEARNING

Sacramental Life

We Remember

† Muriel Ries, mother of parishioners
Mary Klein and Peter Ries

Newly Married

Mary Susan Eibert and Chad Herrlein

Special Collection

A second collection will be taken up for The St. Paul Seminary on Oct. 11 & 12. All funds collected will directly benefit **our seminarians through the seminary's 'I Will Give You Shepherds' campaign.** For info visit: saintpaulseminary.org.

Welcome Orientation

Our next session is Sunday Oct. 12, 9:15 am in the Pastoral Center, for anyone wanting to become a member of St. Thomas More. RSVP to S. Josetta, 651.227.7669, x312 or jmspencer@morecommunity.org.

Christian Initiation of Children

CIC is for children ages 7 & up, who have not been baptized and desire to become Catholic. Also for children who have been baptized Catholic or another denomination and did not receive First Communion in the second grade.

This process leads to the celebration of the three Sacrament of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

Please contact Mary Ann Zervas, mzervas@morecommunity.org or 651.227.7669, x311.

RCIA

Inquirers and other members of our parish, who serve as mentors, gather each Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Oxford Room of our school.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults offers you the opportunity to discern and to grow spiritually. To learn more, call S. Josetta Marie, 651.227.7669, x312.

Liturgy

We Need More Music!

Are there any ex-singers out there who might still have some music – **octavo's or choir hymnals** – sitting around the house?

We have new choir members stepping forward, but unfortunately our **music supplies have dwindled to the point that we're going to have buy** more choir hymnals, the green Gather Comprehensive, 1st Edition, unless some of our wayward music finds its way back to the music corner in church.

If you can help us and the music budget out, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Dana at 651.227.7669, x306 or dmccarthy@morecommunity.org, or **just drop the hymnals or octavo's** by the music corner some Sunday morning. Thanks!

Faith Formation

How Big Is Your God?

Has your experience of the divine become static and predictable? Let God challenge you to grow deeper in your faith by helping with our Faith Formation programs. For more info contact: Mary Ann Zervas, 651.227.7669, x311 or mzervas@morecommunity.org.

Please read about the ministry opportunities below and prayerfully listen where **God's silent whisper is directing you.**

Confirmation

This program begins Sunday, Oct. 12, 9:00-10:20 am in the Oxford Room for those in Grade 10. We are seeking 8 adults to assist our Faith Formation director. Come experience the great joy of working with teens in this important ministry of the Spirit.

Reconciliation

We begin Sunday, Oct 5, 9:15–10:15 am in the East Church, for grades 2-4. We are seeking 6 adults for our Reconciliation Team.

Reconciliation

Parent Meeting

Our second parent meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 12, 9:15 am at our East Campus Church. Fr. Joe will be our speaker. All are welcome!

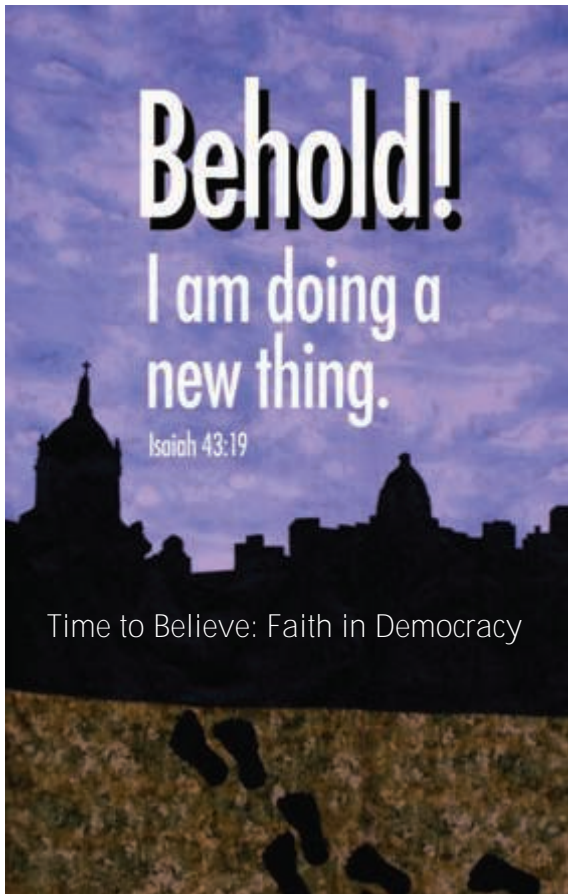
Adult Faith Formation

Come Join Us!



There is a Little Rock Scripture Study group meeting in the Community Room at the West Campus on Tuesdays, 1:00–2:30 pm.

We are looking for more members; please call Clare at 651.452.0450. The \$25 cost includes a book and a workbook.



Time to Believe: Faith in Democracy

Social Justice Time to Believe

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008
3:00-5:30 pm
St. Paul River Center
175 Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul,
MN

ISAIAH is part of a growing coalition that believes major societal change is necessary to create our health and the health of our democracy. We have faith in a democracy that has the power to inspire and create:

Racial & economic equity.

A willingness to pool our collective resources into public investments for the common good.

Deep democratic participation in all aspects of our common lives.

Please join us and our allies, including public officials, legislators, labor unions, business leaders, as we act on our values as people of faith and citizens of our democracy.

This is our call. This is our moment. This is our Time to Believe.

Reserve Your Seat On The STM Bus!

1:30 pm: Boarding at the East Campus parking lot

2:00 pm: Departure for River Center.

RSVP or for more information contact: Lonnie Ellis, 651.227.7669, x310 or Arline Datu, 651.207.7487.

Summit Faith Salons

Exploring Practical Implications Of Faith In Our Everyday Lives

Please join us on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7:00-9:00 pm in the Community Room at the West Campus for the first in this year's Summit Faith Salons. Phil Steger will lead the salons with presentations and guided discussions to help members of the Saint Thomas More Catholic Community connect more deeply to scripture, faith, and our Catholic tradition.

As we are in the Year of Paul, this first Summit Faith Salon, "Praying Always": **How We Can Fulfill Paul's Great Commandment, will look at the different ways that Christians have tried to put Paul's injunction into practice, and explore ways that we today can "pray always."** Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. Treats will be provided.

Principally Speaking Fall Phone-A-Thon

The 2008-2009 school year is off to an exceptional start! The 350 students of St. Thomas More Catholic School have settled into the school year with enthusiasm and a desire to grow. Two weeks ago, we kicked off our annual fall Marathon for Non-Public Education with a goal of raising \$50,000 for our school.

On Sunday, Oct. 5 & Monday, Oct. 6, members of our 8th grade class will be conducting a phone-a-thon to ask you for your financial support. I ask that you prayerfully consider donating to this important school fundraiser.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and for sharing the good news about our parish school!

Mr. Lofton

Service

Loaves and Fishes

On Friday, October 24, we will be hosting Loaves and Fishes at Faith Lutheran Church, corner of Charles and Mackubin.

Please consider giving some of your time to this rewarding ministry. You can help from home by donating cookies or bars or volunteer onsite to prepare, serve or clean-up after the meal. A sign-up board is in the entry of the West Campus Church or call the Pastoral Office, 651.227.7669.

Swap Shop News

We had 30 shoppers on our opening day! Almost all were new to the Swap Shop. Four men found out about us through Dorothy Day. They are seeking warm winter coats, and one is in need of a black overcoat to wear to work.

If you're beginning your Fall cleaning, please keep us in mind. Clothes, shoes, underwear, small household items are welcome. You can bring items on Saturdays, Noon-3:00 pm.

STM School

We Needs You!

Over the years we have trained volunteer tutors to assist teachers in meeting the needs of our students. We are currently in need of additional tutors to fill some requests. Specifically, we need a tutor for Wednesday & Thursday afternoons, 12:00-2:45 and Friday mornings, 9:30-11:05.

We can negotiate half-shifts, but ask that you commit to a weekly schedule. For more info: please call Connie Wittek, 651.224.4836, x341.

Community Events

Bandcake Breakfast

Please join us at Cretin-Derham Hall, Sunday, Oct. 12, 8:30 am-12:30 pm for our **Fourth Annual "Bandcake Breakfast" in the CDH school cafeteria.** Pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee will be served. Please enter on through Albert Street entrance.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors. Family discounts are available.

This family event is hosted by Cretin-Derham Hall Band members and their families. The morning will include live music and a raffle for some great prizes.

We hope to see you! Thanks for your support of the CDH Band program!

Autumnal Thoughts

"In the garden, Autumn is, indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us the fruition of months of thought and care and toil. And at no season, save perhaps in Daffodil time, do we get such superb colour effects as from August to November."

- Rose G. Kingsley-
The Autumn Garden, 1905

WORSHIP

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 4	4:30 pm STM Community	WC
Sunday, Oct. 5	8:00 am † Dorothy Ohnsorg	EC
	10:30 am † Mary Ellen Sarafolean	EC
Monday, Oct. 6	8:00 am Word & Communion	WC
Tuesday, Oct. 7	8:00 am † Judy Wienand	WC
Wednesday, Oct. 8	8:00 am † Ruth Zawistowski	WC
Thursday, Oct. 9	8:00 am † Tom Kane	WC
Friday, Oct. 10	8:00 am † Virginia Heuer Bower	WC
Saturday, Oct. 11	3:30 pm Private Reconciliation	WC
	4:30 pm † STM Community	WC
Sunday, Oct. 12	8:00 am † Name	EC
	10:30 am † STM Community	EC

EC-East Campus Church, 1093 Summit
WC-West Campus Church, 1550 Summit

Pray For Us

Bev Boehm, Mary Carley, Ken Day, Sr., Laurie Garfield, Julie Horvath, Steve Hughes, Ann Fennell Kjolhaug, Annika Kozachok, Phil Kormann, Emilie Lemmons, Pat Jennings, Larry Pfundstein, Jeanne Sieleni.

Scripture Readings

Week of October 5, 2008	
Sun.	Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Mon.	Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tues.	Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wed.	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thurs.	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Fri.	Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Sat.	Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Sun.	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Worship Schedule

Vigil Mass		
Saturday 4:30 pm		WC
Sunday Mass		
Sunday 8:00 am		EC
10:30 am		EC
Monday—Word & Communion		
8:00 am		WC
Tuesday-Friday Mass		
8:00 am		WC
Reconciliation		
Saturday 3:30 pm		WC
Adoration		
Tuesdays 12:30-9:00 pm		EC
Centering Prayer		
Tuesday 5:30-6:15 pm		EC

Marriage

Please call Cindy Nedved at the Pastoral Center, 651.227.7669, x305.

Prayer Request

If you have a prayer request, call Pat Bearth, 651.644.6976 or S. Jozetta, 651.227.7669, ext. 312.

Welcome Orientation

Welcome Orientation is held on the third Sunday of each month between masses. If you plan to attend or for more information, please call, S. Jozetta, 651.227.7669 x312.

Question of the Week

October 12, 2008
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Reading II: Philippians 4:12-14,
19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Reflection Question

Today's Gospel reminds us that God invites each of us to his kingdom.

How have I responded to God's invitation?