



Dear St. Helen Parishioners:

**“Burn in Me”** is the title of our upcoming Lenten retreat for all St. Helen parishioners. We are hoping that you will be able to participate in it with us. All family members 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up are encouraged to be part of it!

Several parishioners have helped us to develop a theme – a vision – for our future. This vision statement, *“Impelled by the fire of God's presence, we become ever more grateful and responsive disciples,”* emphasizes that God's grace – fire – is the source of all our resources and all our energies, and that, once touched by this fire, we respond as the original disciples of Christ responded.

“The fire of God's presence” has become an increasingly important motivation here at St. Helen. You may recall, for example, last spring's mission (Hakuna Mattata!), which revealed to us that people are hungry for being CHURCH in a serious way. It revealed that people deeply want to be touched by the fire of God and take their faith very seriously.

As we go forward, we want everything we do to reflect this vision, and we want to pare away ideas or plans that do not directly reflect this theme. And we want your help. This vision will only have power if all of us understand it and embrace it. We are excited about this event and hope that you and that many other parishioners will be excited with us.

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday morning, March 13**. We will meet in church for prayer, songs, two integral talks by Fr. Satish, and small group conversations about what this might mean for the future of our parish.

**Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., with coffee, juice, and donuts. The retreat begins at 9:00 a.m., and will be followed by lunch at approximately 12:30. There is no cost for you for this retreat.**

A registration form can be found on the back of this letter. If you would complete it as soon as possible and mail it to the rectory or return it in the collection basket, we would appreciate it. **Registrations MUST be received by Monday, March 1.**

May we all be on fire with God's presence!

Sincerely,

Rev. David E. Brinkmoeller  
Pastor

Rev. Satish A. Joseph  
Associate Pastor



**"BURN IN ME"**  
**ST. HELEN PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 13 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
 (Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Registrations are due in the parish office **NO LATER THAN Monday, March 1, 2010**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will need babysitting for \_\_\_ child/children age(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENDEE(S):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **8<sup>th</sup> gr.** \_\_\_ **HS** \_\_\_ **Adult**  
**Ministry/ies** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will be staying for lunch:** \_\_\_ **yes** \_\_\_ **no** (begins at approx. 12:30 (p.m.)  
**Adult T-Shirt Size** \_\_\_ **L** \_\_\_ **X Large** \_\_\_ **XX Large**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **8<sup>th</sup> gr.** \_\_\_ **HS** \_\_\_ **Adult**  
**Ministry/ies** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will be staying for lunch:** \_\_\_ **yes** \_\_\_ **no** (begins at approx. 12:30 (p.m.)  
**Adult T-Shirt Size** \_\_\_ **L** \_\_\_ **X Large** \_\_\_ **XX Large**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **8<sup>th</sup> gr.** \_\_\_ **HS** \_\_\_ **Adult**  
**Ministry/ies** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will be staying for lunch:** \_\_\_ **yes** \_\_\_ **no** (begins at approx. 12:30 (p.m.)  
**Adult T-Shirt Size** \_\_\_ **L** \_\_\_ **X Large** \_\_\_ **XX Large**

**4<sup>TH</sup> Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **8<sup>th</sup> gr.** \_\_\_ **HS** \_\_\_ **Adult**  
**Ministry/ies** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will be staying for lunch:** \_\_\_ **yes** \_\_\_ **no** (begins at approx. 12:30 (p.m.)  
**Adult T-Shirt Size** \_\_\_ **L** \_\_\_ **X Large** \_\_\_ **XX Large**

For office use only:

(Use the back for additional registrations)