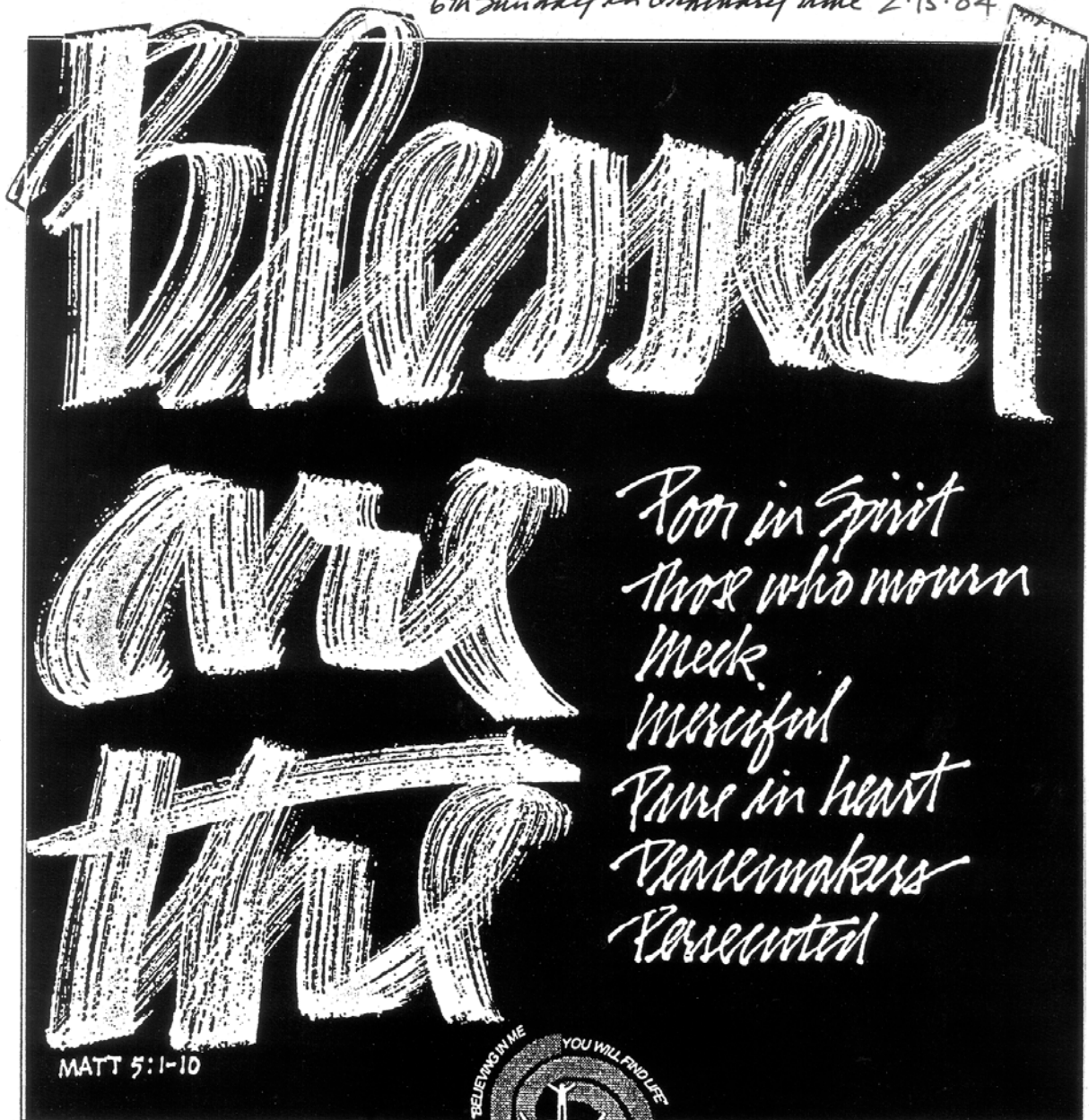


# St. Thomas

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., or after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Fr. Joel is available during the week by appointment. Communal Penance services are held occasionally throughout the year.

## Sick and Home Bound

Call the Church Office to receive prayer/Eucharist from a priest, deacon or Minister of Care.

## Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated 2-3 Sundays each month at a 12:30 p.m. service. On selected dates, Baptisms are celebrated at weekend Masses. Parents are required to attend an awareness and renewal evening prior to the Baptism. Call the Church Office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

## Matrimony

A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church six months in advance. One year is preferred. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner for at least three months prior to calling to set a date.

## Religious Education

Call the 305-6318 to register.

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or to join our Catholic community should call the church at 355-8980.

## Counseling Service

Call Samaritan Interfaith 357-2456 or Jan Olah, Pastoral Care 355-8980 x 124.

## Sunday Nursery

Nursery care is available for your child age one (walking) to four at the 9 & 10:45 a.m. Mass. For more information call the church office.

## Liturgy Schedule

### Daily

(Monday — Friday)

Communion Service — 6:30 a.m.

Rosary — 8:10 a.m.

Mass — 8:30 a.m.

(Saturday)

Communion Service — 8:30 a.m.

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil — 4:30 p.m.

Sunday — 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m.,  
and 6:30 p.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
every first Friday, 9:00 — 9:30 a.m.**

\*indicates part-time staff

# Dear Friends,

On this Valentine's weekend we are reminded about where our heart is. The question is posed for us in the scriptures today, "Where is our hope and our trust?" The word of the Lord from Jeremiah tells us, "cursed is the one who trusts in men, who seeks strength in flesh...whose heart turns away from the Lord....Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord. They are like a tree planted near running water."

Paul echoes that in the second reading, "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." We do not live for ourselves, our God is not our belly.

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*"Jesus is our rock...  
our fortress...  
and our  
deliverer."*

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Our hope and trust in God enables us to find a blessing even in our poverty. You may say, "we are not poor," and that is precisely the point. Jesus says in the gospel, "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." What is your poverty, your lack, your need? Can you find a blessing in it? Not trusting in humans or things at all, we discover in our

deep heart a power and faith that comes from trusting in the Lord even in our poverty. That's what we bring and give to others. Jesus takes the little we have and multiplies it when offered and shared in love.

Jesus is our rock...our fortress...and our deliverer. Where is our heart, our hope, our trust today? Scripture says, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." My heart, my hope, my treasure is in Jesus. He gives me strength in time of trials, in dealing with my own poverty of spirit and life.

We've often said of our relationship with our sisters and brothers in Haiti, that our solidarity with the poor has the power to save us. The Sacred Heart of Jesus was pierced and every drop of his life blood poured out for us. God is so helplessly and hopelessly in love with us that in ultimate vulnerability he let his heart be captured by us, and we lanced it with a spear. Jesus was literally struck by cupid's arrow, he was smitten for our sake.

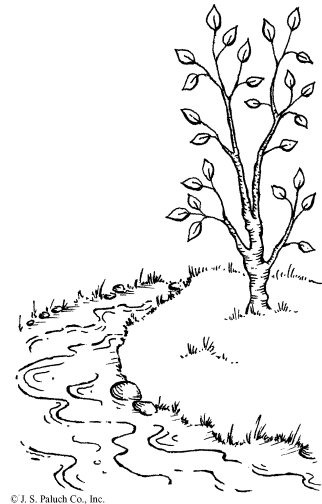
May the vulnerability of Christ's love for us capture our hearts and allow us to be smitten in the same way. In his blessing of all the poor, hungry, sorrowing, and persecuted of this world we find a blessing in the midst of our poverty and solidarity with the poor. Our hearts are set on Jesus, the compassion of God. And we harken to his words, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Jesus "unsettles the settled and settles the unsettled", he "comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable."

Blessed are you whose hope and trust is in the Lord. May cupid strike your heart today.

In Christ's Love,

*Fr. Joe*



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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14 2010

Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.

— Luke 6:20-21a

## Welcome Guests and Visitors!

St. Thomas is here to companion you on your faith journey. Come with us as we grow in closeness to Christ through liturgy, music, faith formation, special events, and countless ways to be Companions on the Journey.

*Would you like to become a Parishioner?  
Join us at Welcome Sunday after the  
following Masses this weekend:*

Sunday, February 21, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.  
in the gym with Donuts

# Worship Commission

## Bring Old Palms

We are collecting old Palm Sunday palms to be burnt and used for ashes. You can drop off your palms in the designated baskets in the Gathering Area and Narthex.

## Wedding Workshop

The next music and liturgy workshop to help couples choose music and prepare their wedding mass or ceremony will be Saturday, February 20 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Church. All couples who will be wed at St. Thomas must attend one of these workshops which are held several times throughout the year. This workshop should not be confused with the Engaged Couples Retreat Day, which couples must also attend. After February 20, the next workshops are April 10 and September 20. Contact Diane in the Main Office 630.355.8980xt101 or [dmcqueen@stapostle.org](mailto:dmcqueen@stapostle.org) to register.

## Presider's Schedule—Feb 20/21

4:30 Fr. Fritz Louis

7:30 Fr. Joel Fortier, Deacon Will Worden

9:00 Fr. Pat Brennan

10:45 Fr. Dolphe Arty

6:30 Fr. Joel Fortier

4:30 *Occasionally schedules may change.*



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## Smudged with Ashes, Smeared with Oil

On a somber Wednesday we will gather to smudge every forehead with ashes, admonishing each other to remember that dust returns to dust and that the only way through death to life is Christ. The ashes are made by burning palms—given to us on Passion Sunday a year ago with the invitation to “go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah, as did the crowds that welcomed him into Jerusalem.” Our baptismal life is a lifelong pilgrimage with Christ toward Jerusalem. Yet like our best intentions, last year’s palm branches now have become dried and brittle—fodder for the fire. So our pilgrimage leads us to Lent. And a hostile climate of sin and suffering necessitates drastic measures: We are marked with ashes as a sign of our willingness to pray, fast and give alms.

But this gritty smudge that we accept on our foreheads is not a death sentence. It is not the mark of Cain. A reminder of our fragile mortality, it is nonetheless shaped in the great sign of salvation: The ashes form a cross, a thumb-printed cross that marks the same heads that were smeared with chrism at baptism. Anointed with that royal oil, we are committed to conversion, to continually setting out for the new Jerusalem, to leaving behind forever our captivity in Egypt.

This gritty ashen sign reminds us that on the way there is soil and toil, sweat and hard work before we come to the oasis in this desert—the Easter bath of baptism. At the font, on a damp and chilly night, water will wash away soil and oil will soothe away toil to make new Christians royal: heirs of the reign of God. The dusty smudges will be gone, and in the light of the paschal candle the oily heads of the newly baptized will shine like the moon and the stars, reminding us of our destiny. What begins in ashes ends in water and in fire.

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## Ash Wednesday Schedule

February 17 is Ash Wednesday. The distribution of ashes will be available at all of the following services:

6:30 & 8:30 AM Eucharist

12:00 Noon - 12:15 PM Prayer Service

with ashes available until 1:00 PM

4:30 PM Family Prayer Service

7:30 PM Eucharist

# Pray for Our Parish

*Not from on high  
do you summon us, O God,  
to tasks beyond our power.  
But through Jesus,  
you come into our midst  
with promises of blessing  
and warnings of woe.*

*Shield us from the false security  
of possessions and privilege.  
Fix our hearts instead on the blessings  
promised those who trust in you alone.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.*

From: *Prayers for Sundays and Seasons*,  
Liturgy Training Publications. [www.ltp.org](http://www.ltp.org)

## Mass Intentions...

### Monday, February 15, 2010

8:30 †Anne Battisto, by Vito Battisto  
†Marilyn Kane, by Ed

### Tuesday, February 16, 2010

8:30 Special Intention for Steve Singson,  
by The Chew Family

### Wednesday, February 17, 2010

8:30 †Thomas Ayers, by The Caswick Family

### Thursday, February 18, 2010

8:30 †Remo Bacchi, by Fr. Joel Fortier

### Friday, February 19, 2010

8:30 †Stephanie Joseph, by Mom & Dad  
†Terese Joseph, by Joe & Mary Joseph

### Sunday, February 21, 2010

7:30 †John Easton, by Audrey  
9:00 †David & Steve Caruso,  
by Helen & Tim Swanson  
Special Intention for Jack Eschmeyer,  
by Karen & Dave Muthler  
10:45 †Leteselassie Yohannes, by Mimi  
†Gebremarian Hadera, by Mimi

## for the sick...

Jenna McKeown, daughter of Jerry & Amy  
David Withaar, son-in-law of Chet & Gail Stefani  
Mike Perlowski, father of Pat Werner  
June Knox, mother of Erick  
Raymond Mertens, father of Diane & Jean  
Peter Jonker & Ken Zwarycy,  
friends of Don & Maryann Manderscheid  
John Renkosik, father of Paula Urso  
Virginia Cervenca, friend of Marion Schmitz  
Julie Sanchez, friend of many  
in Countryside Neighborhood  
Bob Schmidt, husband of Pat  
Fred Tuck, husband of Florence  
Natalie Turner, friend of Pat & Ruth Harrison  
Edye Newsome, friend of Gail Micheau  
Debbie Starr, niece of Jim & Shelia Maul

## for the deceased...

Louise Dane, mother of Arthur  
Ruth Lawson, mother of Becky Bartosz  
Courtney Fate, friend of  
the Labarbera & Mecaskey families  
Rena Majewski, mother of Carol Rabiansky  
Mary Silagi, mother of Mary Pable

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings; blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

**Second Reading** — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

## Readings for the Week

Mon: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13  
Tues: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21  
Wed: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6,  
16-18  
Thurs: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25  
Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15  
Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32  
Sun: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13;  
Lk 4:1-13

# Faith and Spiritual Formation Commission

## Gathering...

with the **WORD**

### A Six-Week Lenten Scripture Study Written by Fr. Pat Brennan

Fr. Pat Brennan is writing a 6-week series for St. Thomas parishioners to use in small groups throughout the Lenten season to deepen their experience with the Word and strengthen the bonds of parish community.

Does this sound appealing to you? Would you like to take part in a short-term Lenten scripture study exploring the Sunday readings within the context of a small group? Gathering with the Word may be for you!

Gathering with the Word will take place once a week on the day of your choice, with communities of 6-8 people in homes, at the local coffeehouse, in the workplace, or in any locale agreeable to the group. A study booklet, written for St. Thomas by Fr. Pat Brennan, will be provided to each participant. "Gathering with the Word" communities will begin with the Sunday readings following Ash Wednesday, February 17, and run through the six weeks of Lent.

Registration forms are available in the Gathering Area and Narthex. Registration will also take place after Masses Jan 30/31 and Feb 6/7. There is NO COST to participate.

Participants may also use their At Home with the Word along with the "Gathering with the Word" booklet.

For more information, contact Chari Rosales or Anne Schultz.

Allow Jesus to be a companion on your journey. Come, Gather with the Word and make biblical living part of your lived experience!

### Save These Important Dates!

March 20, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

"Theology of the Body,  
Creating a Joy Filled Marriage"

an event for all married and engaged couples

April 24, 8:30 a.m.

Annual St. Thomas Men's Prayer Breakfast

Speaker: Fr. Burke Masters, head of the  
Diocesan Vocations Office

## C.A.R.E. CORNER

"And they all lived happily ever after." These words should be familiar. We all had a favorite childhood fairy tale and it was likely one that had a happy ending. As children, we believed this was possible. But for the most part, we still believe this as adults. Because isn't that what we spend our lives striving for? Our adult desires include being accepted into the best schools, landing the enviable job package, finding the house that's just right and marrying the perfect spouse. Our own happiness is the standard of success by which we measure all of life's events. But our happiness is not the standard that Jesus uses to measure our success on this earthly journey.

Jesus throws us a curve ball in today's Gospel when He says the more blessed are the poor, the sorrowful, the excluded and the persecuted. Because their "reward will be great in heaven." Future gratification – something most of us are not very good at. God created us with a desire to know and love Him. Indeed, our lives should focus on the pursuit of happiness. But Jesus reminds us that the ultimate in happiness and joy can only be found in God. True blessedness comes in knowing and loving God, which is itself a gift from God. We would all do well to pray for more of this gift.



## HELP WANTED — DIOCESE OF JOLIET

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking a Manager of Ministry Appeals & Parish Stewardship Programs.

Working directly with the Chief Development Officer, the Manager is responsible for the organization, development, implementation and management of the Catholic Ministries annual appeal and the Parish Stewardship Program. Develops strategic plan and design of the annual appeal including, but not limited to, draft and setting of overall and parish goals, evaluation and assessment procedures, etc. Is also responsible for the Parish Stewardship Program including training, support materials, etc. Must have a Bachelor's degree in a related field,

and further training in Church related development and stewardship programs. Must also have a minimum of five(5) years of successful, demonstrable, relevant fundraising management experience along with excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills. To see a more detailed job description look under employment at [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org). Applicants possessing the necessary qualifications should submit a cover letter and resume to Nancy Siemers, Director of Human Resources at: [www.nsiemers@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:www.nsiemers@dioceseofjoliet.org).

**Turn Around!**

Come and walk the WAY  
together with Jesus... with us

**St. Thomas 2010 Parish Mission**  
**February 27 - March 2**

**Presented by MEGAN McKENNA**  
**Theologian, Storyteller, Spiritual Writer & Lecturer**

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For information, contact Chari Rosales ext 138. Childcare is available for toddlers through age four.  
Call Patti Dougherty ext 103 for details and to reserve a space for your child.

**MEGAN McKENNA**  
is a theologian who tells stories, delighting and inspiring along the way... with scripture, tales, poetry, images and phrases. Come and walk the way with us, your companions on the journey.

**WEEKEND LITURGIES**  
Saturday 4:30 Mass  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**WEEKDAY SESSIONS:**  
Mon 9:15-10:30 a.m., Gym  
7:15-8:30 p.m., Church  
Tue 9:15-10:30 a.m., Gym  
7:15-8:30 p.m., Church  
(Tues sessions will include Lenten Reconciliation)

# Religious Education

## Engage Your Child in the Sunday Mass

In your child's Religious Education book, *Blest Are We*, around page 240, there are pictures and text about the mass. Pull these pages out of your child's book and bring them to church. During the liturgy have your child follow along and mark off each part of the mass. After a couple of weeks, quiz each other and see if you can remember the order.

You can always follow the Order of the Mass by using the *Gather Song Book*, stored under the pew, starting on page 153.

## Family Mass with 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

All are welcome to come to the 4:30 Liturgy on February 20 which is being prepared by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Religious Education students. A simple reception will follow, food provided by these families. Many of these students will be participating in this liturgy as liturgical ministers; such as Lectors, Host Greeters, Gift Bearers and Song Leaders. We will use the readings from the Lectionary for Masses with Children. We thank the following Third Grade catechists, aides and grade level coordinator for helping these youth participate fully in this special liturgy and for their year of Religious Education.

Wendy Balda	Sharon Meyer
Carol Bax	Kristin Nold
Margaret Crowley	Christine Ramirez
Dawn Eber	Marielisa Ramos Negron
Amy Elston*	Jackie Rouse
Mary Garramone	Breanna Sterling
Sherry Hulsey	Jenny Tapia
Lorraine Katz	Vicki Varzino
Catherine Kolet	Kathryn Ward

\*Grade Level Coordinator

*Families: Take some time to discuss and reflect on the readings of the week.*

**Feb 14 Question of the Week...**

When have you felt the joy of our faith?

## Teens with Character (TWC)

**Who:** Middle School and High School students (and their families are always welcome)

**What:** Group meetings, community projects (opportunities for service hours) and fun!

**Why:** Serve others and practice leadership

**Where:** St. Thomas Cabin and Gym

**When:** Various Thursday evenings and other special days during the month

### FUTURE EVENTS:

**Service Project: Fox River Pavilion (meet at St. Thomas)**

Sat, Feb 13, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Contact: Rory Donohoe at 630.364.2736

**Service Project: Grandparent's Day at St. Patrick's Residence (meet at St. Thomas)**

Sat, Feb 20, 9 to 11 a.m. Contact Dawn/Gary Bausch, 630.965.4491 or dawn10408@yahoo.com

**Service Project: Midwest Vets**

Wed, Mar 3, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Tom Berta 630.579.4294

**Pillar Meeting at St. Thomas (in the gym)**

**Come learn more about TWC at this meeting**

Thurs, Mar 4, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Theresa Hay 630.212.9890

Middle School, High School students, and families are welcome to all of these events. RSVP to the indicated contact person for service project or questions or Brett Adams at 355.8980 or badams@stapostle.org, or Mrs. Hay, 630.212.9890.

## Living Stations of the Cross:

*Actors, stage crew, parent help needed!*

LIGHTS... CAMERA...

This year's Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday, April 2 at 3:00 p.m. about 12-15 Junior High and High School students are needed to play the various roles and for stage crew, along with a couple parent volunteers to help keep everything organized. Rehearsals start February 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse and generally meets Thursday evenings. Please contact Brett Adams (badams@stapostle.org) or Kevin Pranaitis (ym@stapostle.org) to volunteer or for more information.



**The Lector Ministry of St. Thomas the Apostle  
Presents the 17th Annual**

# **Soup & Bread Night**



**Wednesday, Feb 24**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**St. Thomas the Apostle Gym**

Bring the family for a simple Lenten meal  
to benefit relief efforts in our twinning parish  
in Duchity, Haiti.

Soup served: 6:45 p.m.

Frs. Dof and Fritz will share their reactions to the earthquake in Haiti  
and give an update on the current situation.

*A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.*

# Service Commission

## Outreach & Social Justice



### Quarterly Newsletter-Winter 2010 for Catholics Confront Global Poverty

Please see the Website for the complete newsletter. It includes Upcoming Events, Lenten Opportunities, Updates on Global Poverty Issues, and Ways to Confront Global Poverty. Copies can also be found on the credenza in the Gathering Area.



### Operation Rice Bowl

Our faith community will again be participating in Operation Rice Bowl, which is the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services. Rice Bowls will be sent home through the St. Thomas RE classes and will be available at St. Thomas beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17. See the Lenten Bulletin for further information.

### Catholics at the Capitol (Springfield)

Last year nearly 5,000 Catholics gathered in Springfield to meet, pray, and have meetings with legislators on issues concerning Catholics. The gathering will occur again this year on Wednesday, March 3. The Bishops of Illinois would like every parish to be represented. If you would like to represent St. Thomas, please contact the OSJ Office (Mike 630.355.8980 x121, mryder@stapostle.org). For more information, go to [www.CatholicConferenceOfIllinois.org](http://www.CatholicConferenceOfIllinois.org).

**Here I am; send me!**



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### Walker's Charhouse

#### Haiti Benefit

#### Fr. Dof and Fr. Fritz to Speak

**Monday, Feb 15, 5 – 9 PM**

**8 West Gartner (just off Washington)**

A \$20 minimum donation includes tastes from some of your favorite

Naperville restaurants AND two raffle tickets for dinner & spa gift certificates (no need to stay until the end to win). Additional raffle tickets may be purchased during the evening. Frs. Dof and Fritz will participate and 50% of the proceeds will be given to St. Thomas for use in our Haiti relief efforts.

There will be a cash bar (a portion of the profits to Haiti). This great night will include the former US Ambassador to Haiti (unless he is in Haiti) and wonderful local entertainment.

See the website for more information.

### Breakfast on Immigration

#### Monday, February 15

The Community Allies Breakfast on Immigration will be held Monday, February 15 at 8:00 a.m. This breakfast is for people who interact with the immigrant community. There will be a short presentation and then a roundtable discussion about how a *whole* community is affected by the broken immigration system.

RSVP to Sheena Kauzlarich at 641.895.2566. This event is sponsored by St. Margaret Mary Church and The Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

## Free Tax Return Assistance

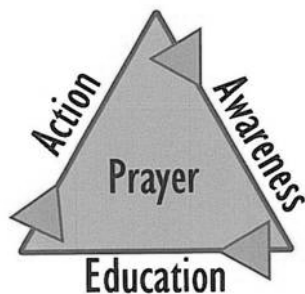
For the thirteenth consecutive year, the Notre Dame Club of Greater DuPage and students and faculty from Benedictine University and North Central College will assist low income families and individuals with preparing their tax returns. The Tax Assistance Program (TAP) is designed to assist lower income households receive the tax benefits to which they are entitled, free of cost. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) can be worth as much as \$5,657 this year for qualified taxpayers.

**Families and individuals with income of less than \$49,000 are eligible to participate.**

Those who are interested in receiving help should bring identification and tax information such as: W-2 forms, 1099 forms, copies of tax returns for 2008, bank routing and account number for direct deposit of refunds, and any other relevant income and expense information.

TAP services will be offered at the Naperville Public Library, Nichols Library location (200 W Jefferson St, Naperville) on the following Saturdays: Feb 20 and 27, March 13 and 20. Site hours will be from 9:00am to Noon

Questions? Please call Mario Mauro at 630.355.7177 for more information.



## Pastoral Care

### Prayer Shawl Ministry...

#### Chemo Caps

Are you experiencing medical or chemical hair loss, or know of someone who is, and would be interested in a stylish knit or crocheted cap? (known as a Chemo Cap) to wear while awaiting new growth? St. Thomas Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to help.

Those interested in receiving a Chemo Cap or are in need of a pattern for a knitted/crocheted Chemo Cap please contact the Prayer Shawl Ministry through the Parish Nursing Staff at St. Thomas.

Chemo Cap patterns are difficult to find and a variety of stylish ones have been found recently that should fit the needs/likes of most individuals. An individualized selection of style and/or color is possible. Please contact Parish Nursing at x 104 or x 140 with questions and for more information.

### In the hospital or homebound?

Call the parish office  
355-8980 and one  
of our parish nurses or  
ministers of care  
will visit, bring Eucharist  
or assist you  
with your needs!  
Let us know if you or  
someone you know  
is in need of a  
prayer shawl.

## Have you heard about the National Marrow Donor Program?

### *St. Thomas Hosts Registry Feb 14/March 14—Be the Match!*

The “Be The Match” Registry (operated by the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP)) helps people who need a life-saving marrow or blood cell transplant. Since the NMDP began operations in 1987, it has facilitated more than 33,000 marrow or blood cell transplants for patients who do not have matching donors in their family. This is more than 350 transplants each month. The “Be The Match” Registry connects patients, doctors, and researchers to the resources they need to help more people live longer and healthier lives. To achieve this they:

- Search their bone marrow donor registry, which is the largest listing of volunteer donors and cord blood units in the world.
- Support patients and their doctors throughout the transplant process
- Match patients with the best donor or cord blood unit using innovative science and technology.

Every year more than 10,000 men, women and children get life-threatening diseases such as leukemia and lymphoma, and do not have a marrow donor in their family. Only 30% of patients in need of a marrow or blood cell transplant find a match in their family, the rest may turn to the NMDP to search for an unrelated donor or cord blood unit. The other 70% need to find an unrelated marrow donor whose tissue type matches their own, most likely donors of their same race and ethnicity. Patients diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma or other blood cancers make up 72% of transplants. The remaining patients undergo a transplant to treat a variety of immune system and inherited disorders

You may be the one to give hope to children and adults in need all over our nation without leaving Illinois. **If you’re ever found to be a match for someone, you’d be one of the few people, if not the only person in the world that could save that particular patient.**

St. Thomas will be hosting a “Be the Match” Marrow Donor Registry Drive on February 14 and March 14 after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:45 masses. Healthy individuals 18 to 60 years old, can be tested with a cheek swab after the necessary paper forms are completed. It is approximately a 5-10 minute process.

It is necessary for the “Be The Match” organization to solicit funding to help cover the more than \$100 per sample costs incurred in tissue typing the sample and adding member donors to the registry. They do have various sources of funding, but seek to recover a minimum of \$25 per new member to offset costs. St. Thomas will be accepting freewill tax-deductible donations to assist the parish and families to defray the costs. Those not eligible due to age or health conditions may consider making a monetary donation to show support and help defray the cost of this “Be the Match” Donor Registry Drive.

St. Thomas parishioner, Jenna McKeown (daughter of Jerry and Amy) and Matthew Furibondo (grandson of Nick and Fran) have used or will use the Registry to find a donor.

More information and details are forthcoming. Please call the parish nurse office 630.355.8980x104 or 140 with questions. Mark your calendar now for this important event!

*“To the world you might be one person, but to one person you might be the world”-Anonymous.*

Source: National Marrow Donor Program

### That’s a FACT!

Commonly held misperceptions about marrow donation can discourage some from joining the Registry. Let us set the record straight.

### MYTHS VERSUS FACTS

**MYTH:** Marrow donation is painful.

**FACT:** Donors experience no pain during marrow donation, as this procedure uses general or regional anesthesia.

**MYTH:** All marrow donations involve surgery.

**FACT:** Some donations involve surgery and some do not. The patient's doctor requests either a marrow donation, a surgical procedure, or a peripheral blood stem cells (PBSC) donation, which is non-surgical.

**MYTH:** Pieces of bone are removed from the donor.

**FACT:** No pieces of bone are removed in marrow donation. Only the liquid marrow found inside the bones is needed to save the patient's life.

**MYTH:** Donating marrow is dangerous and weakens the donor.

**FACT:** Though no medical procedure is without risk, there are rarely any long-term effects from donating marrow. The National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP) screens all donors carefully before they donate, to ensure they are healthy and the procedure is safe for them. After donation, the body replaces its marrow within four to six weeks.

**MYTH:** Marrow donation involves a lengthy recovery.

**FACT:** Most donors are back to their normal routine within a few days. Marrow donors can expect to feel some soreness in their lower back for several days or longer. They may also feel tired or experience discomfort walking for a short while before symptoms disappear. PBSC donors may have symptoms such as headache, bone or muscle pain, nausea, insomnia or fatigue. These symptoms disappear shortly after donating.

**MYTH:** Donors have to pay for costs associated with donation.

**FACT:** Donors never pay for donating. All medical costs are covered by the patient's medical insurance, sometimes with NMDP assistance. Donors are also reimbursed for travel expenses.



## ***Welcome guests and visitors, we're so glad you are here!***

*Please visit the information areas located at the entrance to the church and in the gathering area before or after Mass. You will find available materials about the Catholic Church and St. Thomas which may be of interest to you. If you have questions or concerns, and would like to speak with Fr. Joel or another member of staff, there are a variety of ways you can make contact, including signing the guest book, leaving a completed comment card in the provided box, or taking home a staff contact list and making the call at your convenience. Whichever way you choose, we look forward to getting to you know you, and hope to see you again soon!*

### **Stewardship... A Way of Life**

Last Weekend's stewardship of financial gifts...

#### **Weekly Sunday Offertory**

Jan 31, 2010 (week 32)	\$25,952
Automatic Direct Debit	n/a
Mailed in & stock donations	\$12,538
Total for week	\$38,490

\*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$1,135,749
Weekly Average 7/1/09 to date:	\$35,492
Offertory Goal Year to Date	\$1,132,800
Over/short of goal to date:	\$2,949
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,840,800
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$705,051

#### **Diocesan Appeal Updated Results**

Parish Appeal Goal:	\$146,500
Pledges Received:	\$131,922
% of Goal pledged to date:	90%
Remaining amount to goal	\$14,578
Number of Donors:	660

## **50** *and Holding* Mature Adults Young at Heart

**Wed, Mar 3, 1:00 p.m.** Lunch at Olive Garden—  
Meeting to follow. Call Barb Bigus with reservations 630.357.8958

**Wed, Apr 7, 1:00 p.m.** Lunch at Olive Garden—  
Meeting to follow. Call Barb Bigus with reservations 630.357.8958

**Wed, May 5, 1:00 p.m.** Lunch at Olive Garden—  
Meeting to follow. Call Barb Bigus with reservations 630.357.8958



### **Avoid Your Next Biggest Mistake**

Meet new people at this program for Single Adults while you learn how to improve your chances of healthy and lasting relationships. Held at the University of Illinois Extension, 1100 E. Warrenville Rd., Naperville, "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk/Jerkette", will be presented on Thursday evenings, Feb. 18 through March 18 from 7:00 – 9:00. The cost is 10.00.

Register by Feb. 14 by calling Manette at 630 235-0849 or at [www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage](http://www.extension.uiuc.edu/dupage).

### **Haiti Earthquake Relief Donations**

A new tax relief law allows people who contributed in 2010 to charities providing earthquake relief in Haiti to take a tax deduction for the contribution on their 2009 tax return instead of their 2010 return. If you have made a donation by check to St. Thomas Haiti earthquake relief in 2010 and wish to deduct it for 2009 please make your request to Marilyn DeMeo in the business office so we may provide a receipt for your records. [mdemeo@stapostle.org](mailto:mdemeo@stapostle.org) or 630 355 8980 ext 107. For further information, please visit the IRS website: [irs.gov](http://irs.gov)

# Administration Commission

**Jobs Ministry**  
**Weekly Networking Meeting**  
**Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**  
**(after the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy) Lighthouse**

## February 2010 Meeting Announcement

The February St. Thomas the Apostle Jobs Ministry Meeting will be held Thursday evening February 25, at 7:00 pm in the Gym. Back by popular demand, Lillian D. Bjorseth's presentation is titled "Face to Face Networking is Still the # 1 Way To Get A Job". In Lillian's presentation she will explore how to prepare before and after the event or meeting, how to work the meeting, and how to follow up for maximum results.

Please join Lillian on Thursday evening February 25, for a lively interactive and practical program that shows you how to be ready for that all important meeting or event.

It is our pleasure to welcome back Lillian Bjorseth, a nationally known communication and networking expert, prolific author and Networking authority. Lillian has helped tens of thousands of people build social capital and better relationships since starting Duoforce Enterprises Inc. in 1990. Her corporate experiences include AT&T and Nicor.

Please plan to attend this very informative meeting on Thursday evening February 25, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Contact Jim Breen at [jimb4853@yahoo.com](mailto:jimb4853@yahoo.com) for more information.

**St Thomas the Apostle Church**  
**1500 Brookdale Road**  
**Naperville, IL 60563 . 630-355-8980**

Friday meeting format include the speaker, followed by structured networking sessions. Bring business cards, handbills and resumes. Contact Jim Breen at [jimb4853@yahoo.com](mailto:jimb4853@yahoo.com) for more info.

**Fri, Feb 19, 9:30 am: Mike Skarr**, President and CEO of the not for profit, Strategies and Solutions, an organizational and leadership development consulting firm, will explore the real world realities of job transition, how to get ahead of the transition learning curve, and what works and what doesn't, in a presentation titled "Job Transition Lessons Learned".

**Thurs, Feb 25, 7:00 pm: Lillian Bjorseth**, trainer, skills coach, prolific author and networking authority, will explore how to prepare before an event or meeting, how to work the meeting, and how to follow up for maximum results in a presentation titled "Face to Face Networking is Still the # 1 Way to Get a Job".

## THE WEEK AHEAD...

### Monday, Feb. 15

4:15—5:15 p.m.

Youth Choir, Church

7:00—8:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer Ministry, Cana

### Tuesday, Feb. 16

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Care Pantry, Lighthouse

7:00—9:00 p.m.

Adult Basketball, Gym

7:00—9:00 p.m.

Charismatic Prayer Group, Judea

7:00—9:30 p.m.

Voices of Faith, Church

### Wednesday, Feb. 17

6:00—9:30 p.m.

ALPHA, Lighthouse

7:00—9:30 p.m.

Coed Volleyball, Gym

### Thursday, Feb. 18

10:00am-12:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cana & Chapel

6:00—7:15 p.m.

Journey Praise, Church

6:30—8:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cana

### Friday, Feb. 19

9:00—11:30 a.m.

Bible Study, Senior Center

9:30am-12:00 p.m.

Jobs Ministry, Gym

### Saturday, Feb. 20

8:30—11:45 a.m.

R. E. Classes at All Saints Academy

9:00am-12:00 p.m.

Art Class, Senior Center

9:00—10:30 a.m.

Men's Saturday Sharing, Resource Center

10:00am-12:00 p.m.

Wedding Music Workshop, Church

10:00—11:15 a.m.

Rainbows, Ministry Center

4:30—6:00 p.m.

3rd Grade Mass & Reception, Church & Gathering Area

### Sunday, Feb. 21

7:30am-12:30 p.m.

Donut & Welcome Sunday, Gym

9:00—11:40 a.m.

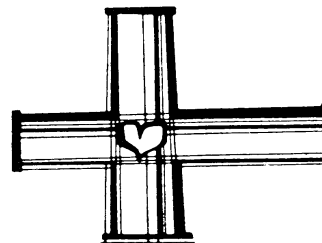
Liturgy of the Word with Children, Ministry Center

10:15am-1:15 p.m.

RCIA, Senior Center

1:30—3:00 p.m.

Growing Up Sexually, Gym & Lighthouse



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