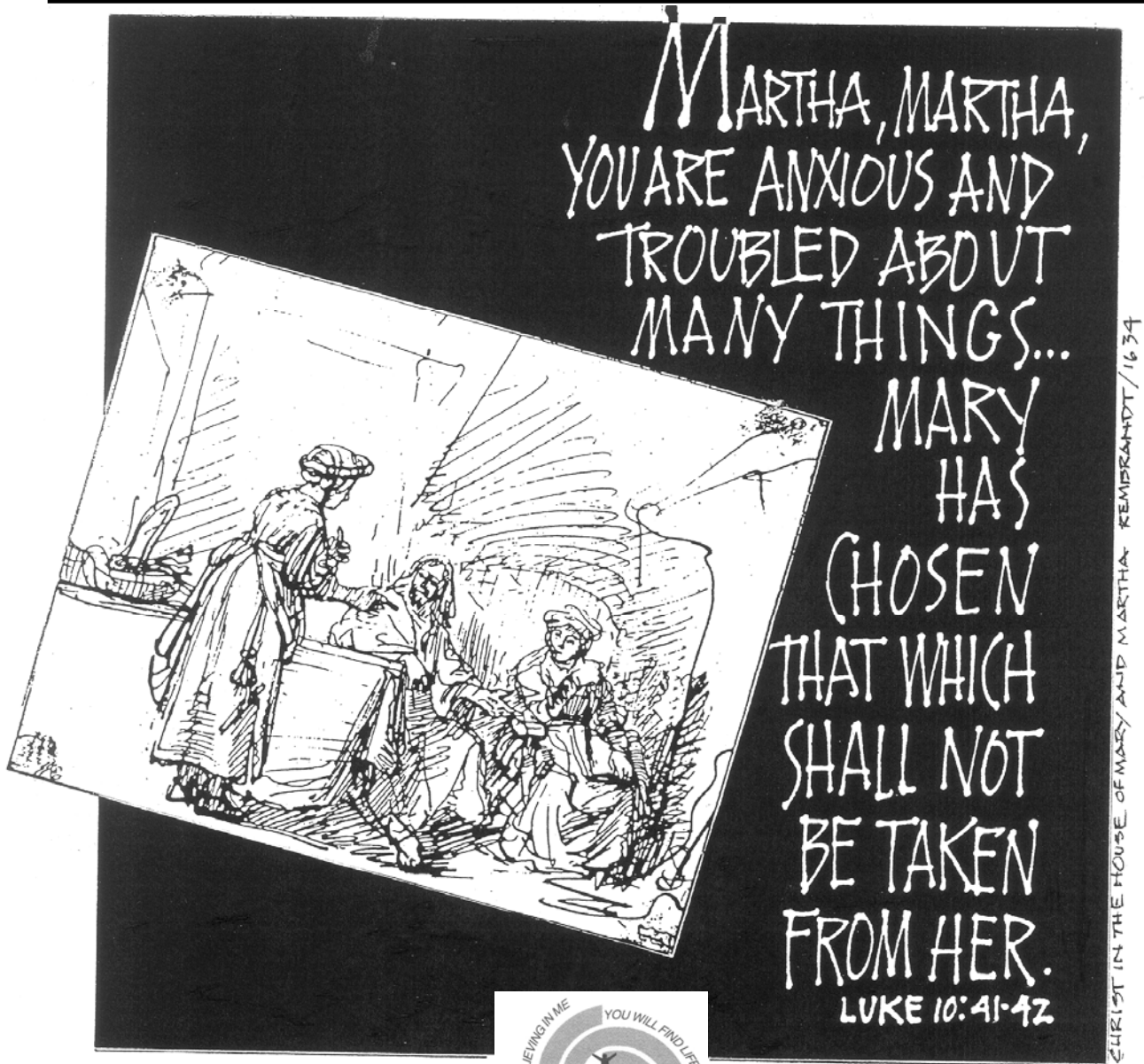


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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.**

Dear Friends,

Summer is a great time for hospitality, a time for gathering with family and friends. I love having such “get-togethers” here at the rectory and when I’m on vacation in Michigan. I love to have “mass on the grass” when I’m up at the Lake and then the social time afterwards when people can share some brunch and just sit and be with each other. It often goes on for two hours or more after mass, and then a day at the beach with friends.

It’s summer! And I believe that summer is a lot about having that kind of time to be present to Jesus, yourself and to others.

Those are the themes we see reflected in the scriptures

*“Our ego
wants to affirm
our own
self importance.”*

today, about Abraham in the first reading, and the mystery of “Christ in you”. Paul proclaims in the second reading, and in the gospel story of Jesus with Martha and Mary.

It’s all about Presence, about being in the now, about being present to the mystery of Christ in us; about us being present to God even as God is present to us. It is the Presence which “holds all

things” as St. Paul told us last week, in which all things are held. We need to rest in that Presence.

Presence requires nothing but presence. It is a nurturing and fulfilling experience in and of itself. That is what God invites us to in Jesus, and what we hear Jesus inviting us to in the gospel today. In Jesus’ words, “There is need of only one thing.”

Our ego wants to affirm our own self importance and so is caught up in all we do, kind of a self validation. Jesus invites us not just to “do”, but to “be”. Religion does not exist to bolster our own self-image but to help us be directed and attached to God.

As Fr. Richard Rohr says, “Christian life has little to do with me doing anything right. It has everything to do with falling in love with a Lover who always does everything right. What I love is that Lover and not my own accomplishments; nor am I surprised or unduly humiliated by my own failures. We must come to know who is always the Lover and who is the beloved.”

Those are great words I think and it describes exactly the posture Jesus invites us and Martha and Mary to take in the gospel today. Summer is a time to assume such a posture, to know and experience the Presence of the Lover and to know that we are the beloved!

That is the joy and beauty of Summer! Enjoy it!

God Love you and Bless you,

Fr. Joe



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2010

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching
everyone with all wisdom;
that we may present everyone
perfect in Christ.

— Colossians 1:28b

Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We’re so glad you’re here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Thomas strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference.

Would you like to become a Parishioner?

Come to Welcome Sunday,
August 8, after the 9:00
and 10:45 a.m. Masses.

Worship Commission

Order of Christian Funerals I: The Vigil

The vigil (or wake) service is the first of the three primary rites of the Catholic funeral liturgy. Along with the funeral liturgy itself and the rite of committal, these rites mark significant moments for the mourners as they come to terms with the loss of their loved one. Frequently, the vigil is the first public gathering of the deceased's family and friends—an acknowledgment of the reality of the death when it feels so unreal. This time of keeping watch in the presence of the deceased is an invitation to share the memories that forged the bond between the deceased and the mourners. It includes both formal and informal opportunities for all to express their sense of loss and grief.

It is in this context that the church invites mourners to recall "God's designs for a world in which suffering and death will relinquish their hold on all whom God has called his own." In the words of the scriptures and through prayers of intercession for both the deceased and mourners, the church reminds us that death is not the last word. Music plays an integral role in this rite, touching unspoken dimensions of both feeling and faith. Sung prayer allows the mourners to hear the faith that surrounds them. A priest, deacon, lay minister or even a family member may lead the prayer at the vigil.

This more formal vigil service may be preceded or followed by the recitation of the rosary or other devotions, if these prayers have special meaning for the gathered community.

Cultural practices are changing regarding funeral services. Certain elements are sometimes telescoped, resulting in one major liturgical moment (often the funeral liturgy) with an abridged time of vigil immediately before the liturgy or perhaps a private interment the next day. Christians are challenged to balance carefully what is lost and what is gained by these practices. The options chosen should respect the wishes of the deceased. But in a sense, funeral rites are for the survivors and so should best serve the mourners and the faith community.

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Music Ministers Find Harmony in Hard Work

If you see a music minister, chances are great that they were a part of what we have dubbed, The Great Music Sort. Many of these people gave up a great deal of summer leisure time to come and help sort, file, and toss what we had worn out! We filled the gym with 26 years of repertoire, and spent six days pulling it back together.

Many thanks to Mary Szcap for allowing us the extra day that we needed. And to ALL who helped, your halos are glowing!! WE THANK YOU.

— Kate and Jess

Directors Attend Conference

Kate and Jess have been to Detroit Michigan for the National Pastoral Musicians Conference. They had an opportunity to hear new performance works, and new music for the church by all three major publishers.

They performed with John Angotti in a praise/prayer event, and Kate co-presented a workshop with John. They hope to greet the parish with a renewed sense of excitement about music and liturgy. A heartfelt thanks to the ensembles who kept great liturgy happening in their absence.

Good and gracious God...

*Please open our eyes to see
the beauty of your season:
the sky, the grass, the trees and flowers.
May your creation remind us to be grateful;
For our lives, our friends, our family, and our faith.
May this become for us a season of restoration
and loving witness of your goodness.
May the sun heal our brokenness,
may the rain wash away our sorrows,
and may the wind energize
our sense of purpose in this world.
May we love well, laugh often,
and delight in your creation
as we strive to live the life you would want for us.
Be with us, guide us, guard us,
and flow with us gently...We pray.
Amen*

— KC

Presider's Schedule—July 24/25

4:30	Fr. Dolphe Arty, Deacon Jim Breen
7:30	Fr. Dolphe Arty, Deacon Will Worden
9:00	Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Larry Kearney
10:45	Fr. Fritz Louis, Deacon Mike Barrett
6:30	Fr. Joel Fortier

Pray for Our Parish

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Through strangers in need, O Lord our God,
you gave Abraham and Sarah the promise of a child.
In the person of Jesus
you graced the home of Martha and Mary
with your living Word.*

*Let your gracious presence here in word and at table
remind us that one thing only is necessary,
and that in those to whom we offer hospitality,
it is you whom we receive as a guest.*

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

From: *Prayers for Sundays and Seasons*,
Liturgy Training Publications. www.ltp.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 19, 2010

8:30 †Madelynne & Henry Albert,
by Lee & Anne Gibson
†Kay Zelasko, by Jim & Helen Ferguson
Special Intention for Healing for
Polycarp Onaga, by The Onaga Family

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

8:30 †Barbara Dederich, by Joanie McMahon
†Albert Lindner, by Marion Smith
Special Intention for Healing for
Polycarp Onaga, by The Onaga Family

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

8:30 †Genevieve Iwanowicz, by The Buria Family
†Robert Hofer, by Marge

Thursday, July 22, 2010

8:30 Special Intention for Healing
for Efraim Cordero, by Buddy & Mely Mallorca

Friday, July 23, 2010

8:30 †Edward Mazzenga, by Rosemary Peebles
†Barb Dederichs, by The 6:30 a.m. Mass Group

Saturday, July 24, 2010

4:30 †Lu Johnson, by Regina Keely
†Carter Kettner, by The Koszala Family

Sunday, July 25, 2010

7:30 †Marie Ryan, by Greg & Pat Cork
†Barb Dederichs, by Susie Santilli
9:00 Special Intention for Jack Eschmeyer,
by Karen & Dave Muthler
†Donna St. Germain, by Audrey Easton
10:45 †Rena Majewski, by Family
†Edwardo Bentain,
by Eleanor & John McNicholas
6:30 †Victorina Moulic, by The Storto Family

for the sick...

Jessie Yumping, grandmother of Monica & Michael
Linda Thompson, sister of Lisa Berry
Bob Deiss, father of Sue Katzenbach

for the deceased...

Antonion Bernardo, father of Bernadette
Willard Jenrick, father of Regina Keely
Dan Dolsey, brother-in-law of John & Carol Ball

for those recently married...

Robin Berry & David Franczyk

Today's Readings

First Reading — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the LORD (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — Paul speaks of the stewardship given to him to complete the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages past (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

Readings for the Week

Mon: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42
Tues: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9
Thurs: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Fri: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30
Sun: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Faith and Spiritual Formation Commission

Spread the Word — Bible Study at St. Thomas

Spread the word! That's what we tell people when we have exciting, wonderful news to share – and we do! As Catholic Christians, we have the GOOD NEWS of God's astounding love and compassionate care for all of us. It's found within the pages of the Bible – the greatest love story ever told. But you need to know the story in order to tell it to others. Want to know more – experience the good news first-hand? St. Thomas offers many options for Bible study...

Gathering with the Word: three times a year, 6-8 weeks each session

Small communities of 8-10 people gather weekly for 90 minutes-with each community choosing its own day, time, and meeting place-to talk about the Sunday Scriptures, using a guide booklet prepared by Fr. Pat Brennan. Choose to participate in the fall, during Lent, the Easter season – or all 3.

Thursday Bible Study: 9:15-11:15am OR 7:30-9pm, Sept.-June

A lively, interactive study of a book of the Bible, incorporating prayer, study, and discussion. Fall 2010 will focus on "Israel on the Move", Genesis-Chaps. 30-50. Following that, group consensus decides what to explore next. Facilitated by Chari Rosales, Director of Adult Faith Formation.

Friday Women's Bible Study: 9-11:30am, Sept.-May, Child care provided

Faith-sharing, prayer, and service in a supportive atmosphere. Fall 2010 topic TBA; 2009-10 centered on "Prayer in the Bible: An Adventure with God". Facilitated by GERALYN PARRILLO.

For more information, or to register, contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980 x138 or croales@stapostle.org.

Parish Picnic August 29

Your help is needed!

Please consider helping in the following areas:

- Food
- Drinks
- Children's Games
- Adult Games
- Set up
- Take down
- Finances
- General Helper
- Contact Patti Dougherty

630.355.8980x109

If we each take a small piece,
a lot can happen!



C.A.R.E. CORNER

Last week, we focused on how God communicates His divine love to us through actions. Today's focus dwells on a somewhat more subtle form of communication through the use of words. Most of us are very visual and we come to know and believe by what we see. Fewer of us are good listeners so we may have to work harder at coming to know God through what we hear. But God our Father talks to us through Scripture and our response needs to be one of great attention. After all, God's revelation of Himself through Scripture is one of the primary ways we have to learn about God.

Our Gospel reading today was the familiar story of Mary and Martha. Mary comes out the hero in this story because she chooses to sit and listen to Jesus, who is her house-guest. The problem is not that Martha was serving her guests. As good hosts and hostesses, we would do the same. The problem is that she got caught up in the busyness and ended up feeling "burdened" with the serving aspect of hosting. She forgot to enjoy the company of her very special guest. What busyness might you need to let go of this week in order to enjoy the company of a friend or your family or your God?



Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education

Registration forms for Religious Education and High School Youth Ministry are now due for all grade levels (Pre-K through High School). New parishioners / participants may pick-up a registration packet from the Religious Education / Faith Formation Office or in the Gathering Area or online at www.stapostle.org.

A deposit is required with Registration. A late fee is also in place at this time for returning families. Please stop by or call the Religious Education / Faith Formation Office at 630.305.6318 if the deposit presents an impossible financial burden.



Father & the Sems Coffee House

The Friday evening Coffee House at St. Thomas on July 9 was a fun evening for all. About 70 people enjoyed the Haitian coffee and the entertainment headlined by Father & the Sems ... our visiting Haitian priest (Fr. Frandtzy, and the three seminarians (Rosemond, Alain, and Guerson).

Also entertaining were Robert and Julie Frazier from St. Raphael's, Kate Cuddy and Jessi Allured from our St. Thomas Liturgy Office, and some of our own St. Thomas choir members.

Kate, Jesse, Julie, and Robert spent the week teaching music to our Haitian visitors. They learned well as they demonstrated with their voices, acoustic instruments, keyboards ... and featuring Fr Frandtzy on the guitar.

News

We have a webpage for youth ministry! Check out <http://www.stapostle.org/ym> or go to the St. Thomas main website and click "YM" and tell us what you think. It's still coming together, but it should help a lot, especially the "Calendar" page. God bless you all and thanks for supporting our youth!

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

July 17 Question of the Week...

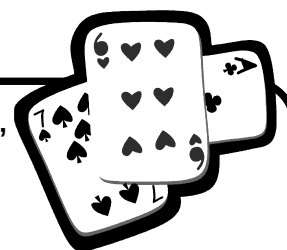


What can I do this week to help or serve someone?

St. Thomas Ladies' Marathon Bridge

Attention bridge players!

Our parish's marathon bridge group is forming for the 2010-2011 season and has openings for new players. Bridge is played once a month from September to May in the homes of members. Players of all ability levels welcome – this is a friendly group. To sign up or for more information please call Patti at 630.369.7896



Service Commission

Outreach & Social Justice



Third Annual Kermes Fair Fun for the Child in All of Us

St. Thomas parishioners provided a booth with children's games on Sunday afternoon. The duck pond was again

a huge hit and this year we introduced "Bozo Buckets" and a Lollipop Pull. Some of the youngest children did not want to leave the duck pond...neither did the adults as it was a warm day!

Thank you to all who supported the event — by helping at the booth, building frames for the games, or being present to our sisters and brothers at St. Nicholas.



Pastoral Care



Pantry Shelves are Getting Bare! Summer Food Drive Coming Up...Sat, July 24

You are invited to come to the St. Thomas gym between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, July 24 to help sort the donated food. Families, singles, teens looking for service hours...all are welcome!

And if you would, please bring some canned goods to add to the collection. If you are able to help, contact the St. Thomas General Office 630.355.8980.

The food drive occurs in the Stonebridge neighborhood and at local Dominick's and Jewel locations. Donations will be distributed to three pantries: Marie Wilkinson, St. Nicholas, and St. Thomas.

St Thomas the Apostle Hosts Health Screenings That Could Save Your Life

Last minute reminder – afternoon appointments still available:

St Thomas the Apostle is pleased to offer a preventive health event. *Life Line Screening*, the nation's leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on Tuesday, July 27. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart-beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1.888.653.6441.

July is UV Safety Month

Wellness Series: Guides to Sunscreens (Number 2)

Are Sunscreens safe?

One perennial concern is that certain ingredients in sunscreens may cause skin cancer. Numerous studies have looked at the issue, and none have confirmed any link. Some researchers have speculated that sunscreens, ironically, may increase the risk of cancer by encouraging users to stay out longer in the sun.

Recently, some researchers have raised worries that nanoparticles (microscopic particles) of zinc oxide and titanium dioxide in many brands of sunscreens pose a danger if inhaled or absorbed through the skin. To date, there's no evidence that sunscreen nanoparticles are harmful, at least when applied to healthy, unbroken skin. An NIH-funded study this year in *Toxicological Sciences* found minimal skin absorption of titanium dioxide nanoparticles, and other studies confirm this. Some research has found that inhaled aerosolized nanoparticles, however, may be risky (one study found that they caused lung inflammation in lab mice). So if you use a spray, play it safe by not spraying it on or near your face. Instead, apply it first to your hand, then rub it on.

Choosing the right sunscreen

For most people, a sunscreen with an SPF of 15-30 is adequate. SPF stands for sun protection factor, a rating that measures the product's ability to screen out UVB light. Unless you are very sensitive to the sun or have a history of skin cancer, SPF's over 30 are not necessary, since they offer only slightly more protection.

It's crucial to make sure the sunscreen also protects against UVA light. UVA-absorbing products typically contain such chemicals as avobenzone, benzophenone, or ecamsule, and often say "broad spectrum" on the label. Finding the best UVA and UVB protection should become easier when the FDA comes out with its long-awaited revision to the labeling guidelines.

In 2006, the FDA allowed manufacturers to market sunscreens that feature ecamsule (brand name Mexoryl SX), a very effective UVA absorber that has been popular in Europe and Canada for years. A 2008 review of sun protection products in *Dermatology Nursing* found ecamsule highly effective in preventing UVA-related photoaging and skin pigmentation. When combined with avobenzone and another chemical, octocrylene, ecamsule was even more protective. Sunscreens containing ecamsule are expensive, however.

Source: UC Berkeley Wellness Letter, July 2010

Administration Commission

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

JULY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Wednesday, July 21, 7:00 p.m.:

Learn Through Video Interview Clips

You will cringe and cheer as we watch and discuss five video clips of actual candidate interviews in this fun and interactive session. Come learn the three biggest mistakes you may be committing yourself and the five action strategies you must use during your formal or informal interviews. This practical, interactive session is for you if you want to learn how to present yourself even more effectively in this competitive market.

If you're getting the initial interview but then getting screened out or getting to the finalist stage but not getting the job offers you really want, you can't afford to miss the insights and reminders you will experience during this session.

Ms. Terry Kozlowski, speaker, consultant, and author is President of Achievmentor Group LLC, advisors for career success. She has been seen as an interview expert twice nationally on NBC, and in April 2010 was seen across the country on Fox News. She is a frequent contributor to media, including The Wall Street Journal, Reader's Digest and Chicago Tribune, and been heard on the radio sharing her career and interview success tips. She shares proven success strategies with those in transition through her popular website at <http://JobInterview911.com> which uses innovative audio and visual methods to entertain as well as educate.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563 630.355.8980. Friday meeting formats include announcements, speaker presentation, and 2 rounds of networking. Prepare your elevator speech, and bring enough handbills to pass out to 20 fellow networkers. Wednesday night is speaker only, no formal networking. Contact Jim Breen at jimb4853@yahoo.com for more info.

Wed, July 21, 7:00 p.m.: **Ms. Terry Kozlowski**, speaker, consultant, author, and President of Achievmentor Group LLC, advisors for career success, will present "**Learn Through Video Interview Clips**". You will cringe and cheer as we watch and discuss 5 video clips of actual candidate interviews in this fun and interactive session. Learn the 3 biggest mistakes you may be committing and the 5 action strategies you must use during your formal or informal interviews. This session can help you learn how to present yourself more effectively in this competitive market.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

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Monday, July 19

7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym

Tuesday, July 20

10:00—11:00 a.m. Care Pantry, Lighthouse

7:00—9:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Judea

7:00—9:00 p.m. Adult Basketball, Gym

Wednesday, July 21

7:00—9:00 p.m. Baptism Class, Senior Center

7:00—9:00 p.m. Jobs Ministry, Gym

7:00—9:00 p.m. STEP, Judea

Thursday, July 22

Friday, July 23

Furlough Day

Building closed after 8:30 am Mass

Saturday, July 24

9:00—10:30 a.m. Men's Saturday Sharing, Deacon's Office

10:00am-12:30 p.m. Stonebridge Food Drive, Gym

Sunday, July 25

12:30—1:30 p.m. Baptism, Church

50 *and Holding*
Mature Adults
Young at Heart

Wed, August 4, Luncheon at 1:00 at Olive Garden Restaurant. Call Barbara Bigus 1.630.357.8958 for reservations.

Stewardship... A Way of Life

Last Weekend's stewardship
of financial gifts...

Weekly Sunday Offertory

July 11, 2010 (week 2)	\$23,717
Automatic Direct Debit	n/a
Mailed in & stock donations	\$4,315
Total for week	\$28,032

*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$69,930
Weekly Average 7/1/10 to date:	\$34,965
Offertory Goal Year to Date	\$71,478
Over/short of goal to date:	(\$1,548)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,858,400
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,788,470