



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas More,

**Looking at Life through the Eyes of Faith!**

As we begin our new Parish Year, we are announcing a series of opportunities for faith enrichment. These events are geared for adults, but are open to people of all ages who may be interested.

This brochure details the various events and activities for 2008-2009 here at St. Thomas More.

The focus for this year is “looking at life through the eyes of faith”—in all of our daily activities, in the choices we make for our families, in the priorities we set in the work place, and in our political decisions and liaisons.

Please take time to review the brochure, and place some or all of these opportunities on your personal schedule.

**Take a good look at life once again—through the eyes of faith!**

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Michael Ratajczak  
Pastor

### My View

- Fr. Mike & Friends Bookies—Wayne Zych  
*Wed., Sept. 3, 2008 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm*
- Women’s Prayer Breakfast—Dotti Hulbert  
*Sat., Oct. 11, 2008 ▪ 8:00-10:30am*
- Fr. Mike & Friends Bookies—Douglas Lynn  
*Wed., Nov. 5, 2008 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm*
- Fr. Mike & Friends Bookies—Gale Gibbons  
*Wed., Jan. 7, 2009 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm*
- Men’s Prayer Breakfast—Fr. Michael Barry  
*Sat., Feb. 28, 2009 ▪ 8:00-10:30am*
- Fr. Mike & Friends Bookies—Fr. Michael Ratajczak  
*Wed., Mar. 4, 2009 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm*
- **Faithful Families—Our Parish Mission**  
*Sun.-Tue., Mar. 29-31, 2009 ▪ 7:00-8:30pm*
- Fr. Mike & Friends Bookies—Sr. Maureen Brown  
*Wed., May 6, 2009 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm*

### Additional Opportunities to Take a Look at Faith

- Little Rock Scripture Study  
*Masako Streling 760-295-2594*
- Rediscovering Catholicism  
*Patt Goeltz 760-727-8442*
- Small Church Communities  
*Sondra Parks 760-598-1269*
- Women’s Guild (selected programs)  
*Germaine Wilmott 760-758-9949*
- Spirited Seniors (selected programs)  
*Stelle Leué 760-726-3869*
- Diocesan courses and programs at neighboring parishes (*watch the weekly bulletin*)
- Book, tapes, CD’s, and DVD’s in our parish library



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The View for 2008-2009

## Fr. Mike & Friends "Bookies"



You are invited to become a "bookie!" Several staff members have joined Fr. Mike to continue the popular "Bookies" series. We invite all interested people to join us as we read, reflect, and discuss five books in the coming year.

Discussion of a specific book will take place on a specific day, once in the morning and once in the evening.

You are invited to join us in this faith-filled, literary adventure. You may read and discuss one book or all five. The plan is flexible.

All books are available through the Faith Formation Office for your convenience.

<b>Book Author</b>	<b>Discussion Date Time Facilitator</b>
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<b>Trinity:</b> <i>A New Living Spirituality</i> Fr. Joseph Girzone	Wed., Sept. 3, 2008 9:00am or 7:00pm Wayne Zych
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Come to a deeper understanding of the foundational concept of the Trinity. Understand why the Trinity is not antiquated theological dogma, but a living expression of the very essence of God.

<b>Why Catholics Can't Sing:</b> <i>The Culture of Catholicism and the Triumph of Bad Taste</i> Thomas Day	Wed., Nov. 5, 2008 9:00am or 7:00pm Douglas Lynn
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Explore the culture of American Christianity and what it does to our understanding of God, self, and community as reflected in the way Christians worship.

<b>Food and Faith</b> <i>Justice, Joy, and Daily Bread</i> Michael Schut	Wed., Jan. 7, 2009 9:00am or 7:00pm Gale Gibbons
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Feast with God! During our book discussion, we will explore the holiness of everyday meals.

<b>Christ the Lord:</b> <i>The Road to Cana</i> Anne Rice	Wed., Mar. 4, 2009 9:00am or 7:00pm Rev. Michael Ratajczak
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In this sequel to *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt*, Anne Rice imagines the "lost" young adulthood of Jesus and offers wise and haunting speculation where the Bible is silent.

<b>The Gift of the Red Bird:</b> <i>The Story of a Divine Encounter</i> Paula D'Arcy	Wed., May 6, 2009 9:00am or 7:00pm Sr. Maureen Brown
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Paula's journey of conversion began with the death of her husband and child which led her to question all of what she previously believed and led her full circle to new life and fullness of joy with a new understanding of God, life, and love.

	<b>Women's Prayer Breakfast</b> Saturday, October 11, 2008 8:00-10:30am
<b>Dotti Hulburt</b>	

**The Last Words of Jesus: The "Way" to Be Church—**  
To this presentation, Dotti brings a wealth of experience. She is currently DCM at St. Thérèse Parish, having worked for 30 years in pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical ministries.

	<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> Saturday, February 28, 2009 8:00-10:30am
<b>Rev. Michael Barry, SS.CC.</b>	

**The Good Samaritan in All of Us—**  
Fr. Barry is currently president of Mary's Mercy Center, a non-profit organization in San Bernardino that works with various agencies to serve the poor and marginalized.

## Faithful Families— Our Parish Mission

Sunday, March 29, 2009  
Monday, March 30, 2009  
Tuesday, March 31, 2009  
7:00-8:30pm



Keeping a family healthy and holy today can be quite an adventure! The Church is challenged with the difficult task of reaching the entire family in real and meaningful ways. The **Faithful Families Mission** is designed by Sound Mission Ministries to help individual families and the larger parish family.

It will give all types of families an opportunity to slow down and refocus their energy on their most important relationships. They will laugh at the lighter side of family life and leave with new tools to help them live as the healthy, HOLY families God intended.

This mission will help families to strengthen their:

- † Connection with Christ
- † Connection with the Catholic Church
- † Marriages, Families, and Friendships

Each evening will include dynamic music, a keynote speaker, small group sessions with age and gender specific teachings and discussions (men, women, teenagers, children), ending with a large group re-gathering for closing and music.

The retreat team includes **Chris Muglia**, a Catholic singer/songwriter known for his ability to connect with audiences of all ages; **Bob Perron**, known best for his "Stooge for Christ" ministry; **Fr. John Bonavita**, a gifted teacher and writer with a remarkable ability to meet people where they are and preach the Gospel in a way that gets their attention; **Yvonne Pastore**, a singer/songwriter who has toured with popular Catholic musicians; and **Simona Olson**, a singer/songwriter who has inspired thousands of people to come into a more intimate relationship with Christ.