



MY RECIPE

- Fr. Mike's Bookies—Fr. Mike
Wed., Oct. 21, 2009 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm
- Women's Prayer Breakfast—Dotti Hulbert
Sat., Oct. 24, 2008 ▪ 8:00-10:30am
- Fr. Mike's Bookies—George Jones
Wed., Dec. 2, 2009 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm
- New Resolution Retreat—Fr. Rich Lewandowski
Jan. 4-7, 2010
- Men's Prayer Breakfast—Fr. Rich Lewandowski
Sat., Jan. 9, 2010 ▪ 8:00-10:30am
- Fr. Mike's Bookies—Sr. Maureen Brown
Wed., Feb. 3, 2010 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm
- Gospel Living Mission—Fr. Jude Winkler
Sun.-Thurs., Feb. 27-Mar. 4, 2010
- Fr. Mike's Bookies—Wayne Zych/Kurt Schwend
Wed., Apr. 7, 2010 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm
- Fr. Mike's Bookies—Gale Gibbons
Wed., June 2, 2010 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm
- We Only Have Each Other—Yaja Boren
Sun., June 13, 2010 ▪ 12:00-2:00pm
- Fr. Mike's Bookies—Douglas Lynn
Wed., Aug. 11, 2010 ▪ 9:00-10:30am & 7:00-8:30pm

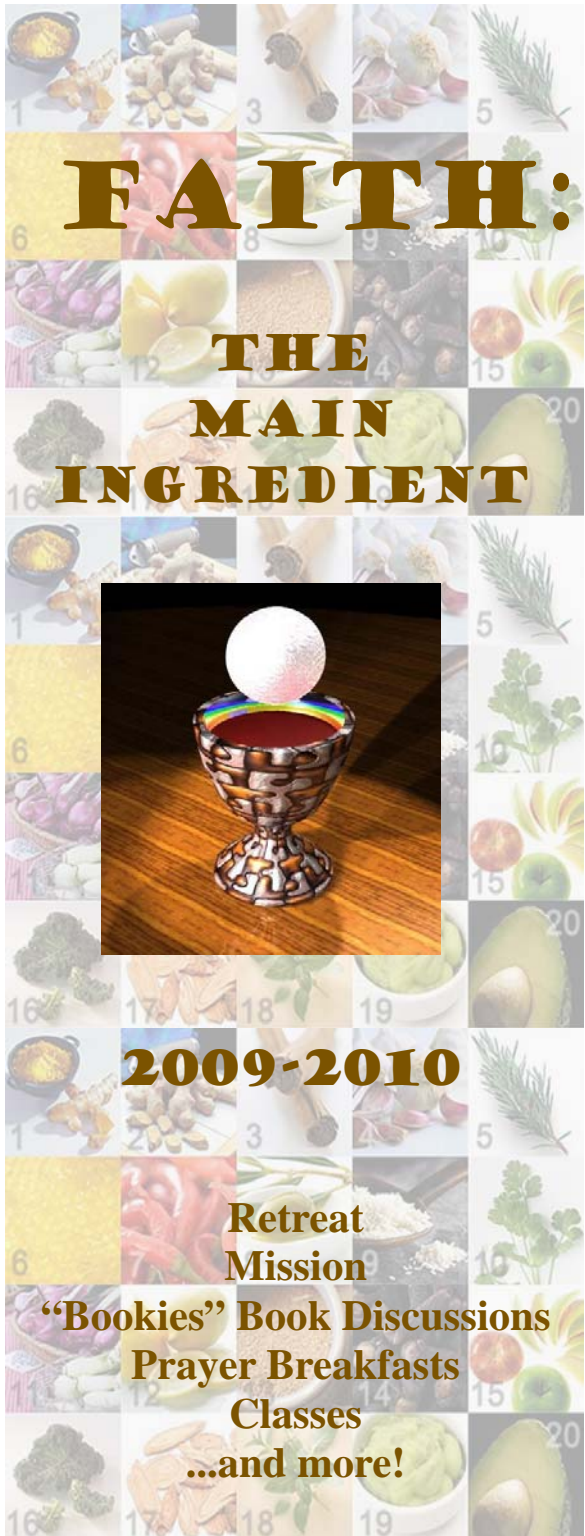
Additional Opportunities

Little Rock Scripture Study

- *Masako Streling* 760-295-2594
- Rediscovering Catholicism Series
Patt Goeltz 760-727-8442
- Small Church Communities
Sondra Parks 760-598-1269
- Women's Guild (selected programs)
Valerie Thompson 760-630-1703
- Spirited Seniors (selected programs)
Jerry & Judy Buoniconti 760-758-5113
- 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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FAITH: THE MAIN INGREDIENT

2009-2010

Retreat
Mission
"Bookies" Book Discussions
Prayer Breakfasts
Classes
...and more!



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas More,

Faith: the Main Ingredient!

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.

The brochure included with this letter details the various events and activities for 2009-2010 here at St. Thomas More.

This year's theme is ***Faith: the Main Ingredient!*** Hopefully, all that we offer this coming year will help us to ensure that our Catholic Faith will be the main ingredient 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.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Michael Ratajczak
Pastor



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WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 24, 2009
8:00-10:30am

Dotti Hulburt



Mary—In Her Own Words—a scriptural reflection based on the four passages where Mary actually speaks as a look into the whole of spiritual life/discipleship.

Dorothy (Dotti) Hulburt has been at St. Therese of Carmel Parish since 1992. She brings a wealth of experience to her role, having worked for over 30 years in pastoral, catechetical, and liturgical ministries. In addition, she is a retreat master, spiritual mentor, and a popular presenter at parish, diocesan and national levels.

Dotti brings to her ministry the gift and ability to share her love of the Lord in very human terms, especially through scripture, story, and our Catholic spiritual traditions.

Dotti and her husband Roger have been happily married for over 30 years. They have three grown children and a grade-schooler. Home, she says is her greatest school of theology!

WE ONLY HAVE EACH OTHER

Sunday, June 13, 2010
12:00-2:00pm

Yaja Boren



“My name is Yaja Boren, and I am a Holocaust survivor.” This is how she introduces herself when giving college lectures.

Ms. Boren now resides in our community, and has offered to share her story with our parishioners, especially our teens. Yaja Boren will participate in our Youth Group Mini Course: *Together We Stand, Divided We Fall* on April 19, 2010, 7:00-8:30pm.

On Sunday, June 13, 2010, we will have a potluck for parishioners and friends following the 10:30am Mass. Yaja Boren will then speak to the group about her experiences during the Holocaust, based on her book: ***We Only Have Each Other.***

FR. MIKE'S "BOOKIES"

We invite all interested people to join us as we read, reflect, and discuss seven 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 seven. The plan is flexible.

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

Book Author	Discussion Date	Time Facilitator
<i>The Shack</i> William Paul Young	Wed., Aug. 12, 2009	9:00am or 7:00pm Regina Aulisio

A grieving father encounters the worst of all evils, but is summoned to the last place you would expect, to be healed and to find God.



<i>Finding God in "The Shack"— Seeing Truth in a Story of Evil and Redemption</i> Roger E. Olson	Wed., Oct. 21, 2009	9:00am or 7:00pm Fr. Mike Ratajczak
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*Dr. Roger Olsen, professor at Baylor University, views **The Shack** with a theologian's eye and finds much to endorse. While he offers his own criticisms and questions of the book, he believes we largely find the truth about God in **The Shack**. The Great Sadness described in the book is part of the human condition, and it compels us to ask, "Where is God?" and "Who is God?"*



What's So Amazing About Grace? Philip Yancey

Wed., Dec. 2, 2009
9:00am or 7:00pm
George Jones

This wonderful book gives us a probing look at grace: what it looks like...what it doesn't look like...and why Christians can and must reveal that grace.



The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully Joan Chittister

Wed., Feb. 3, 2010
9:00am or 7:00pm
Sr. Maureen Brown, CSJ

This book is an amazing compendium of wisdom, not only for people who face aging or provide support, but for everyone who wants to live a spiritually centered and balanced life.



The Apostles Pope Benedict XVI

Wed., Apr. 7, 2010
9:00am or 7:00pm
Wayne Zych/Kurt Schwend

"The Church was built on the foundation of the Apostles as a community of faith, hope, and charity. Through the Apostles, we come to Jesus himself."



An Altar in the World: a Geography of Faith Barbara Brown Taylor

Wed., June 2, 2010
9:00am or 7:00pm
Gale Gibbons

Recharge, renew, and discover new depth and meaning of everyday life through chapters such as "The Practice of Saying No," "The Practice of Wearing Skin," and "The Practice of Getting Lost."



The Cloister Walk Kathleen Norris

Wed., Aug. 11, 2010
9:00am or 7:00pm
Douglas Lynn

*Part Memoir, part meditation, **The Cloister Walk** is the movingly written and thought-provoking record of a married, Protestant woman's time spent in a community of men in a traditional Benedictine monastery in Minnesota. Any reader seeking a meaningful life—not necessarily a religious one—will be inspired by author Kathleen Norris's experiences among monks.*



A RETREAT FOR A NEW YEAR AND NEW RESOLUTIONS

January 2-9, 2010

Fr. Richard P. Lewandowski



Fr. Rich Lewandowski was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Worcester MA in 1974. Before his retirement in 2005, his ministry had included serving in parishes and college campuses, while also assisting as chaplain to the Fitchburg Police and Fire Department. He is a licensed mental health counselor and has written children's books, including *The First Easter Bunny*, *Babci's Angel*, and *It's Christmas Again*. While presently assisting in weekend parish and weekday ministry to the elderly, Fr. Rich also conducts retreats and counsels first responders and combat veterans dealing with post traumatic stress disorder.

Monday evening, January 4

*It's None of My Business What
Other People Think of Me But
Affirmation Sure Feels Good**

Tuesday morning and evening, January 5

*From Resentments to Forgiveness**

Wednesday morning and evening, January 6

*Sharing Secrets and Finding Freedom**

Thursday evening, January 7

*Letting Go...A Time for Healing**

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 9, 2010

8:00-10:30am

Fr. Richard P. Lewandowski

A Spirituality of Imperfection

Join us for breakfast, prayer, and reflection.

PARISH MISSION: THE GOSPELS ARE SPEAKING! ARE WE LISTENING?

February 27-March 4, 2010

Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.



Fr. Jude comes to us from St. Joseph Cupertino Friary in Maryland. As a highly regarded Scripture scholar, Fr. Jude has lectured throughout the world. He has authored numerous articles for magazines on scripture themes and has written many books for adults and children. In recent years, Fr. Jude directed the San Diego Diocesan Priests' Retreat.

We are privileged to have Fr. Jude at St. Thomas More for a Scripture-based Parish Mission.

Gospel Living

The Gospels, written 2,000 years ago, still speak to us today. This retreat examines the major themes of the four Gospels, applying the insights to our lives today.

Saturday, February 27

*Parish Leadership
Morning of Reflection**

Sunday, February 28

*Parish Masses
Interaction with youth during RE.A.CH*

Monday-Wednesday, March 1-3

*Morning and evening presentations**

Thursday evening, March 4

*Close of Retreat and
Parish Reconciliation Service.**

*Specific times to be announced at a later date.