

# *St. Thomas the Apostle*

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

*Who Do You Say*

*I Am*

January 7, 2024

**GOD'S PEOPLE IN EXTRAORDINARY VARIETY**

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# Welcome!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to journey in faith with us. We believe the church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world. Our goal is to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God flows through us to all people. If you have any questions about our parish, please call or email our parish office.



FROM THE

## Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Thomas the Apostle,

As we prepare to come to the end of the Christmas season I draw your attention to several items:

### **Epiphany Home Blessing**

This weekend at Mass, please pick up blessed chalk to mark your homes for the new year. This sacramental has a long history in the Church where we bless the doors of our homes to ask for God's blessings in this new year of grace.

At the 10 AM mass this weekend, we bless the doors of our church building to ask for God's protection and blessing in this new year.

On Monday, January 8th we will pray together as a school community to bless each of the doors of our classrooms to continue to ask for God's blessing on our students.

### **Thank you to those who made Christmas possible at St. Thomas**

I extend a word of thanks to the many who supported our work this Christmas season. I'm grateful for those who helped decorate, the choir for sharing their gift of music, and for the parish staff for their continued support of the mission of the Church and School.

I am especially grateful for those who donated this Christmas to support our work in Hyde Park - thank you!

This is a truly blessed season and I am grateful for those who have worked so hard these past weeks to help celebrate the holidays.

### **Welcome back U of C, CTU, and STA Students**

I warmly welcome back our school students at St. Thomas and the other schools in the neighborhood as we begin the second half of the school year. I pray you had a restful break and I am glad to see you back in Hyde Park and in our school building.

### **Other things for the upcoming year:**

We're doing the planning for our gala for the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Church which will take place on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at the Rubinstein Forum at the University of Chicago. Look out for details in the next few weeks, but please save the date.

The list of Distinguished Preachers for 2024 has now been released. Please see the flier located in the bulletin and make sure to save the date to hear our dynamic preachers. I don't want to wish 2024 away already but I am excited to hear our Distinguished Preachers break open the Word of God.

We are working on redesigning our website - stay tuned for more details!

There are some construction updates coming down the pipeline; again stay tuned for more details as we continually beautify, preserve, and enhance our entire campus.

The feast of the Epiphany is a reminder of the presence of God in our life, I hope that in this new year we can continue to see how God makes himself known to us as a community and parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Trail



# Worship

## TODAY'S READINGS: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60:1-6 ♦ Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11) ♦ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 ♦ Matthew 2:1-12

✠ Gabrielle Perrin

*We encourage you to prepare yourself for next weekend's liturgy by reading and praying the scriptures (visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)).*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 ♦ Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a) ♦ 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 ♦ John 1:35-42

## DAILY READINGS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.*

### MONDAY, January 8

#### The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Is 55:1-11 | Is 12:2-3, 4abcd, 5-6 (3)/1 | Jn 5:1-9 | Mk 1:7-11

✠ Osazuma Oviawe

### TUESDAY, January 9

Readings: 1 Sm 1:9-20 | 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd | Mk 1:21-28

✠ Mark Elliot Lewis

### WEDNESDAY, January 10

Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 | Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 | Mk 1:29-39

✠ Tom Bacik

### THURSDAY, January 11

Readings: 1 Sm 4:1-11 | Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 | Mk 1:40-45

✠ Steve Albert

### FRIDAY, January 12

Readings: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a | Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 | Mk 2:1-12

✠ Wendy Williams

### SATURDAY, January 13

#### Saint Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a | Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Mk 2:13-17

✠ Norma McCall



## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

parishioners and friends who are ill:

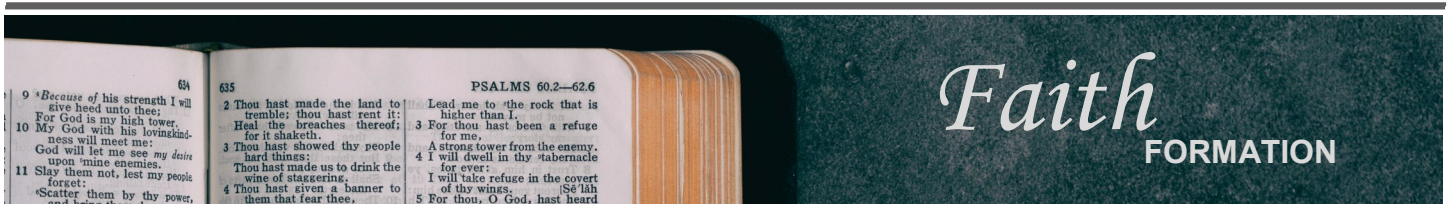
Dorla Allen, Lucas Allen, Rita Allen, Alexandria Banks, , Romulo Barreno, , Dorothy Bonds, Bradford family, Diane Clarke, Emil F. Cocco, Thomas & Carol Cole, Patricia Comeaux, Romy Crena, Esther Dionisio, Sr., Jean Douglas-Washington, Sheldon Dugan, Barbara Dunn, Pat & Dick English, Marilyn Epps, Joan Gallagher, Lina Garcia, David Giles, Pamela Granicz, Albert Hines, Kathleen Holden, Maria Jimenez, Olga Jimenez, Carolyn Jones, Connie Jose, Terri Kilbane, Charlie King, Carol Landrum, Mary Lerps, Linda Loggins, Mankowski Family, Anastacia I. Mebane, Clara Morgan, Caridad Neal, Carmen Orendain, Edmond Peirre, Agnes Pelt, David Nathaniel Robinson, Dick Russel, Nelson R. Sample, Justina Sentino, Zahari Simmons, Bobby Sims, Olustee Smith, Ernest Talbott, Sheree Tilford, Ronald Spencer, Ed Vaughn, Charles Walker, Sr., Jo Washington, Julia Washington, Terrence Watson, Mavis Willis, Marie Bijou Wong, Joan Yedinak.

### And for those who have died:

Richard West







## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### Overcoming Jealousy

*Then Herod sent the [magi] to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."*  
(Matthew 2: 8)

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

*Glory of the New Zion*

**Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6**

*Commission to Preach God's Plan*

**Matthew 2: 1-12**

*The Visit of the Magi*

**ADULTS:** When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

**CHILDREN:** When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?



## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

#### Pleasing to God

*"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased"*  
(Mark 1: 11)

**Isaiah 55: 1-11**

*Invitation to Abundance*

**1 John 5:1-9**

*God's Testimony of Love*

**Mark 1:7-11**

*The Baptism of Jesus*

**ADULTS:** Do you ever feel that you are a beloved child of God and God is well-pleased with you?

**CHILDREN:** When do you feel most loved?



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### MONTHLY THEME

#### CONVERSING WITH GOD

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines five forms of prayer, which we are exploring over the next few weeks.

This week, you are invited to consider prayers of petition, which includes contrition. In this form of prayer we present our needs to God and ask for forgiveness. We seek the outpouring of God's mercy, love, and grace into our lives. We are expressing an awareness of God's presence in our lives; we recognize that we have need of a Savior and seek to turn back to him.

Any prayer of petition begins with a prayer of contrition, of returning to God and seeking forgiveness so that we may receive the blessings of God. Our prayers of petition express our desire to unite our lives with the mission of the Holy Spirit and Christ, to bring about the Kingdom of God.

How will you petition God and turn back to him this week?



## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### PRESCHOOL FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

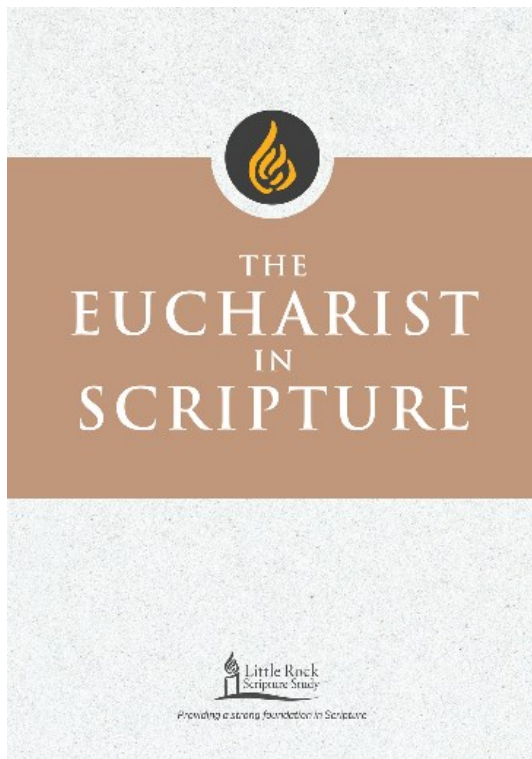
Sunday, January 28, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

Sundays, February 4 and 18, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

For more information, please email Rosina Hendrickson at [rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org](mailto:rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org).

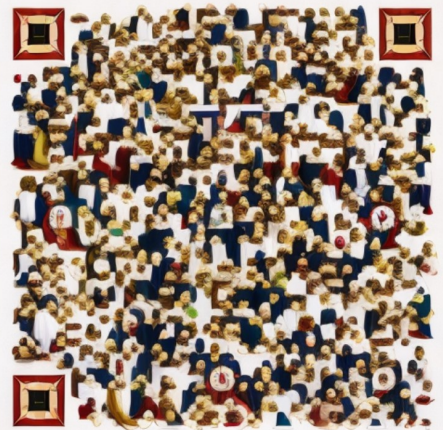
# JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY



## **WINTER ORDINARY TIME: THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE**

*The Eucharist in Scripture explores the biblical theme of meals shared in faithful fellowship and in covenant relationship with God. Old Testament meals and promises provide a foundation for gospel meals with Jesus, culminating in the Last Supper as it is understood throughout the New Testament. Jesus' bread of life discourse and the early church's practice of "breaking bread" are also explored.*

## SCAN ME



### **Tuesdays January 9, 16, 23 and 30 and February 6**

Group One: 11:00 a.m. | Parish Hall  
Group Two: 7:00 p.m. | Parish Hall

**Suggested Donation**     \$25.00

*This donation helps cover the costs of materials.*





**24  
25  
Feb**

**4:00 PM**

**8:00 AM  
10:00 AM**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Rev. Paul Whittington, OP  
*Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish*



**29  
Mar**

**7:00 PM**

## GOOD FRIDAY

Dr. C. Vanessa White  
*Associate Professor of Spirituality and Ministry,  
Catholic Theological Union*



**17  
18  
Aug**

**4:00 PM**

**8:00 AM  
10:00 AM**

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN OT

Rev. Michael C. Wurtz, CSC  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, King's College*



**15  
Sep**

**10:00 AM**

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN OT / 100TH ANNIVERSARY

His Eminence Blase Cardinal Cupich  
*Archbishop of Chicago*



**11  
Dec**

**6:30 PM**

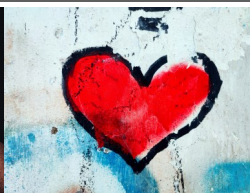
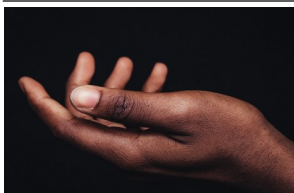
## ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Dr. Gennifer Brooks  
*Professor of Preaching and Director of the Styberg  
Preaching Institute, Garrett-Evangelical  
Theological Seminary*

# Distinguished Preachers Series 2024

Saint Thomas the Apostle | 5472 South Kimbark Avenue | Chicago, IL 60615





# Stewardship

SHARING OUR GIFTS

## OFFERTORY

Thank you for your donations for the month of December & January. Due to the holiday deadlines for the bulletin we will provide the offertory report as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity and support of our mission.

*Thank you!*

Your generosity is essential to the life of our parish family.

## Disciples as Stewards

Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:

- ✦ Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- ✦ Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- ✦ Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives
- ✦ and the way in which we live.

Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards.

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## THE HYDE PARK KENWOOD Food Pantry

is open to give out groceries from 10am until 1pm on Saturdays at the **Hyde Park Union Church** at 56th & Woodlawn.

For more information, contact Margaret Mitchell at [mmm17@uchicago.edu](mailto:mmm17@uchicago.edu).

## Why Do We Need To Teach Children To Give?

Stewardship is not just for adults. It is important that young people also learn that they are greatly blessed by God and that God, in turn, expects them to share their blessings. Due to the extraordinary emphasis on commercialism and materialism in our society today, there is an increased awareness within charitable organizations across the country, including parishes, that we must teach our children the importance of giving while they are young and before they are caught up in a culture that teaches them to constantly strive for more and better material possessions for themselves.

Consider the following:

- ▶ All charities are seeing a noticeable and alarming decline in giving by young people.
  - ▶ Typically, giving only happens after all our needs are met.
- ▶ Advertising trends are convincing young people that new technology, material possessions and lifestyles that would have once been considered as luxuries and “wants” are now “needs.”

As advertisers excel at teaching young people that everything is a need, we must excel at teaching them stewardship – that giving is a need, too.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Council 17129

The Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas the Apostle invite you to discern joining the fraternal organization founded by Servant of God Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882.



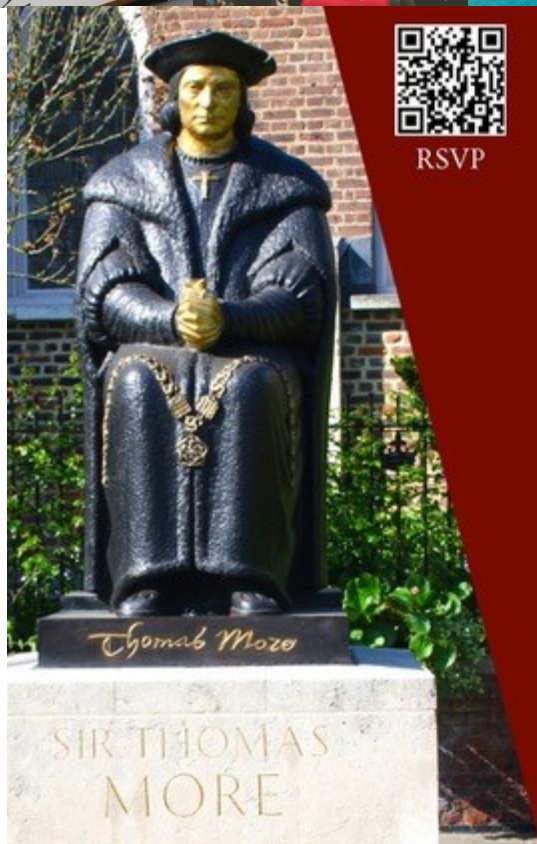
Please contact Allen Hawkins, 630-945-4133 for more details.





# Events

## COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP



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Join other legal professionals in Hyde Park  
to offer God the fruits of our labor

## Red Mass

Saturday, February 10

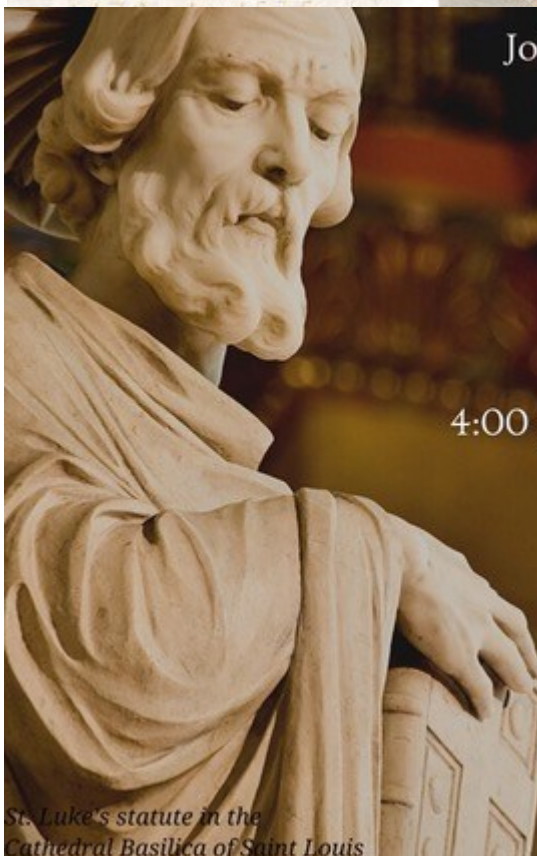
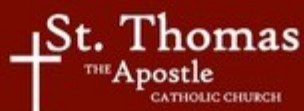
4:00 pm Eucharistic Celebration

Bp. Jeffrey Grob, JCD, Presider & Homilist

5:00 pm Reception & Lecture

Dr. Lu Ann Homza, "When Witches Litigate"

6:30 End



St. Luke's statue in the  
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

Join other medical professionals in Hyde Park  
to offer God the fruits of our labor

## White Mass

Saturday, February 17

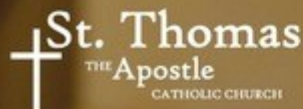
4:00 pm Eucharistic Celebration (Bond Chapel)

5:00 pm Reception & Lecture (Swift Hall)

6:30 End



RSVP







# Events

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

## BLOOD DRIVE



### St. Thomas the Apostle Blood Drive

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

8:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

5472 S. KIMBARK AVE.

CHICAGO, IL 60615

PARISH HALL

To schedule an appointment, contact Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org) and use Group Code **ORD0Q429**. Or, scan the QR Code to go right to the appointment schedule to make your appointment.

**Appointments Required.**



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Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

Scan here to schedule.



Kick off 2024 in style with Vitalant's 24 in '24 Blood Donation Extravaganza Giveaway! All donors are automatically entered for a chance to win one of 24 \$500 gift cards in our donor rewards store.\* Donors must have an on line donor account and be opted into the donor recognition program to qualify for this drawing.

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ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

# Celebrate Catholic Schools **WEEK**

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

**ONE  
MASS**

**ON SUNDAY  
10:00 AM**

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## ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

# General Information

### Church Address

5472 S. Kimbark Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60615-5297

### School Address

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Chicago, IL 60615-5299

### Parish Offices

Hours: 7am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday  
Located in the school building.

Phone: (773) 324-2626

Fax: (773) 891-0602

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[parishoffice@stapostleparish.org](mailto:parishoffice@stapostleparish.org)

### School Offices

Hours: 7:30am-3:45pm, Monday-Friday  
Phone: (773) 667-1142

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[admissions@stapostleschool.com](mailto:admissions@stapostleschool.com)

## CLERGY

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**Religious Orders Assisting at St. Thomas**

The Franciscans

The Jesuits

The Passionists

**Bishop Joseph N. Perry, in residence**

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**Kianda Boyd, director of marketing**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday:</b>	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
<b>Monday:</b>	8:00 AM
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:30 AM
<b>Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:</b>	8:00 AM
<b>Saturday:</b>	4:00 PM VIGIL
<b>Holy Days:</b>	8:00 AM
<b>Confession:</b>	Sundays, 9:00-9:45 AM Saturdays, 2:30-3:30 PM or by appointment

**BAPTISM:** Visit our website for additional information or contact Rosina Hendrickson at [rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org](mailto:rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org)

**MARRIAGE OR MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Contact Fr. Michael Trail at least six months before your wedding date.

**TO SCHEDULE A FUNERAL:** Email the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or call 773-324-2626

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH AS A MEMBER?** Contact the parish secretary, Lisa Couch or visit our website for the registration form.

**INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR BECOMING CATHOLIC?** Contact Rosina Hendrickson at [rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org](mailto:rhendrickson@stapostleparish.org)

**Any school related matters or interested in having your child enrolled St Thomas the Apostle School?** Email [marketing@stapostleschool.com](mailto:marketing@stapostleschool.com)

**IN NEED OF MATERIAL ASSISTANCE?** St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to help. Call the parish office at 773-324-2626 and dial ext. 108. Please leave your name, phone number, and state your need and someone will return your call.