

Chili Cook-Off, Turkey Sales Raise Money for World Youth Day Trip

Campus Ministry is offering two tasty ways in November to help support 12 UST students who plan to attend World Youth Day in Madrid and make a pilgrimage across Spain this summer.

Barbeque Master Fr. Michael Buentello, CSB, will use his talents to raise money for the trip through the sales of smoked Thanksgiving Day turkeys and the Second Annual Chili Cook-off.

Prior to attending WYD in Madrid, Fr. Mike and his student delegation will hike 215 miles of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela as spiritual preparation to meet the Vicar of Christ. The Camino, known in English as the Way of St. James, is a 1,000 year-old pilgrimage route ending in northwest Spain at Santiago de Compostela. The UST group will spend nearly a month in Spain beginning with a two week long backpacking trip on the Camino, and culminating at WYD with the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

The estimated cost for attendance is \$3,500 per person. Their goal is to raise \$1,000.

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to dust off their favorite chili recipes and form teams to compete in the **chili cook-off on Thursday, Nov. 11**. Contestants must prepare a minimum of four quarts of homemade chili, made with either beef or pork. Non-participating UST community members can pay \$10 to sample all of the chilis and vote for their favorites. The entry fee for the competition is \$20. The deadline for team registration is Nov. 10. Interested teams should contact Campus Ministry at campusministry@stthom.edu for more information and to register.

Chili cook-off set-up and cooking will begin at 9 a.m. and must be completed by noon when the judging and tasting begins. The award ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, **Nov. 24**, Fr. Mike will use his famous "Holy Smoker" to barbeque and sell **Thanksgiving Day turkey breasts**. The cost is \$20 for approximately 7-8 pounds of smoked turkey breast. The meat will be available for pickup on the afternoon of Wednesday, **Nov. 24**.

Orders for the Thanksgiving turkeys will be taken in early November. All those wishing to place a turkey order or otherwise support the UST pilgrimage group, should contact Fr. Mike at buentem@stthom.edu.

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Chili Cook-off

9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday,
Nov. 11

\$20 to compete,
\$10 to attend and taste
Competition Registration
Deadline: **Nov. 10**

Fr. Mike's Smoked Turkey:

\$20 turkey breast
Order at buentem@stthom.edu
Pick up **Nov. 24**

UST Hosts Lecture on Caravaggio's Art, Life

The Crossroads Cultural Center-Houston, the Consulate General of Italy and the University of St. Thomas will host a lecture on Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, one of the most important and mysterious painters of the human condition. "Caravaggio – Art & Life," will be held at 6:30 p.m., **Nov. 12** in Cullen Hall.

Speakers will include Dr. Dominic Aquila, vice president of Academic Affairs, and Henry Artis, a New York painter, sculptor and installation artist. The lecture will explore the art and life of Caravaggio, showing why he is considered one of the greatest witnesses of the mystery of Christ.

Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio, 1571 –1610 was an Italian artist active in Rome, Naples, Malta and Sicily between 1593 and 1610. He took his name, Caravaggio, from the village where he was born. He entered the art scene in Rome in 1600 with the success of his first public commissions, the Martyrdom of Saint Matthew and Calling of Saint Matthew. His paintings combine a realistic observation of the human state, both physical and emotional, with a dramatic use of lighting and had a formative influence on the Baroque school of painting.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact 713-832-2263 or houston@crossroadsculturalcenter.org.



Houston Arts Alliance Awards Grant to Irish Studies Cultural Outreach

The University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Program was recently awarded a \$2,500 grant from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance (HAA). HAA is a non-profit arts organization supporting and promoting artistic life in Houston that provides grants annually to hundreds of arts and cultural organizations through a competitive grant allocation process. Organizations are selected to receive grants based on their expertise, objectivity, and ability to reflect the diversity of the Houston community.

Since the Center for Irish Studies began in 2003, it has hosted monthly cultural outreach events featuring Irish history, literature, politics, art, music, culture and society. The Center has welcomed Irish storytellers, musicians, speakers and performing artists to share their expertise and talent with the community. The HAA grant will help offset the cost of these events.

In addition to sponsoring many cultural events, the Center for Irish Studies offers undergraduate and graduate courses in history, literature, political and social science, law, theology, language, art history and drama. The Center actively enhances the academic mission of the University by integrating an intellectual examination of Irish heritage and promoting peace and reconciliation using the Irish model. Through the Center, the University offers a minor and an MLA graduate concentration in Irish Studies, as well as a study abroad program to Ireland and Northern Ireland.

For more information about the University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies, visit www.stthom.edu/irishstudies.



UST Center for Irish Studies Hosts Two Cultural Events in November

The Center for Irish Studies will host two cultural outreach events in November. Irish fiddler Jesse Smith and button accordion player, Colm Gannon will perform the concert, **“Buttons, Fiddles and Bows: Rising Voices in Traditional Irish Music,”** at 2 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 7** in Cullen Hall.

The concert is presented by the University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Forum, the Houston Young Professionals Supporting Irish Studies and The Irish Society. Cost for adults is \$10, children and students are free.

James Silas Rogers, managing director of the University of St. Thomas (Minnesota) Center for Irish Studies, will share his expertise on the Irish in America in his lecture, **“The ‘Greatest Generation’ Irish Style: The Mid-Twentieth Century Reinvention of the Irish in America.”** The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, **Nov. 18**. Taking issue with those who say the Irish in America jettisoned their cultural distinctiveness in the supposedly conformist years of the 1950s, Rogers argues that the Irish-American community re-invented itself in new, creative ways, often deliberately staying outside the mainstream. Novels, plays, movies, sitcoms and music all came together to create an Irish-American efflorescence.

The University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies Cultural Outreach Program is funded in part by a grant from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance.



Spiritual Hike with St. Bonaventure



Sr. Damien Marie Savino, SFSE, will present, "Spiritual Hiking with St. Bonaventure: The Created World as a Path to the Spiritual" at 6:30 p.m. on **Nov. 18** in the Ahern Room, Crooker Center. This is the third lecture in the "Words, Deeds & Arts" fall lecture series hosted by UST, the

Serra Club of Houston, and Notre Dame Club of Houston. According to St. Bonaventure, the great Franciscan Seraphic Doctor, the first steps of the spiritual journey begin by relating to the created world, which then become the entrance point and path to the spiritual world. Sr. Damien Marie will reflect on this process in terms of its relevance to our own spiritual journeys and to contemporary questions regarding nature and the environment.

Admission is free for students with an ID and \$20 for all others. For more information, contact Cathy Connors at 281-914-0703.

Farr Speaks on Religious Freedom

The University of St. Thomas Center for International Studies and the John Paul II Forum will present, "Religious Freedom, John Paul the Great and American National Interests," a lecture by Dr. Thomas F. Farr, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, **Nov. 11** in Cullen Hall.



Farr is a visiting associate professor of religion and international affairs at Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service. He is also a senior fellow at Georgetown's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, where he directs the Religion and Foreign Policy program.

A former U.S. diplomat, Farr was the State Department's first Director of the Office of International Religious Freedom.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Diana Garcia at 713-525-3530.

Upcoming Events



2010
First Basketball Home Game

Cheer on the Celts Men's Basketball Team as they play their first home game of the season against Southwestern Assemblies of God University. The game will be played at 7 p.m. **Nov. 2** in Jerabeck Gymnasium. Admission is free for UST students, faculty and staff, and \$3 for the general public.



CBS Guest Speaker

The Cameron Business Society invites you to listen to Stacy Solenne as she discusses the financial industry and shares her experience as an assistant vice-president and project manager at Amegy Bank. The event will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, **Nov. 4** in Robertson Hall. For more information, contact cbs@stthom.edu.



Alumni Memorial Mass

The University of St. Thomas alumni, faculty and staff who have passed away will be remembered at the first Alumni Association Memorial Mass, to be held Saturday, **Nov. 13** at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil. RSVP by **Nov. 11** to hank.Emery@stthom.edu. Please note if there is a specific person in whose memory you will be attending.



Graduate Open Houses

The Master in Liberal Arts Program will hold an open house at 10 a.m., Saturday, **Nov. 6** in the Malloy Boardroom. RSVP to www.choose-ust.org/mla. The Cameron School of Business will hold an MBA and MSA open house at 6 p.m., Tuesday, **Nov. 9** in the Basilian Room. RSVP to www.choose-ust.org/mba.



UST&HCC Music Ensemble

The University of St. Thomas and Houston Community College Chamber Music Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Reynaldo Ochoa, will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **Nov. 16**, in Cullen Hall. For more information, contact Monique Dupleich Stuart at 713-525-3560.



Social Networking and Your Career

Learn how to project a positive online Limage when the Office of Career Services hosts "A Focus on Social Media and Your Career," at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, **Nov. 17** in the Crooker Center, Council of Clubs Room. Learn how to use these resources to network and find jobs. For more information, call 713-525-3160.

Campus Ministry Presents Program on Life of Beatified Teenager



The University of St. Thomas Campus Ministry and the Focolare Movement will host a presentation about Blessed Chiara Luce Badano, an Italian teenager who was beatified on Sept. 25, 2010. The event will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 6** in Cullen Hall, 4001 Mt. Vernon. Guests will hear Chiara's

inspiring story through testimonies from a group of young adults who attended the beatification ceremony. The presentation will be followed by a Mass at 5 p.m., in Cullen Hall. Born in 1971, Chiara Luce Badano died in 1990 at nearly 19 years of age. She is the first member of the Catholic lay Focolare Movement to be beatified.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 713-869-1571 or e-mail Houston.w@focolare.us.

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