

Get Ready for Festa Italiana

Cancel your lunch and dinner plans from Friday to Sunday, **Oct. 14-16**, because you won't be able to resist the mouth-watering aromas from Festa Italiana. St. Thomas will once again welcome thousands of visitors to campus for a dynamic weekend of live music, dancing, food, grape-stomping, wine-tasting and a market of art, jewelry, gifts and more. But before the *♪ moon hits your eyes like a big pizza pie ♪* keep these details in mind:

- Expect a lot of activity and detours on campus during festival set-up on Monday, **Oct. 10** (during mid-semester break).
- Graustark will be closed between Crooker and Guinan from Tuesday-Thursday, **Oct. 11-18**. Please make sure to move your car before you leave for semester break.
- Students, faculty and staff get in free with a UST ID.
- Invite your friends and family and buy tickets online for \$6 until **Oct. 1** at www.houstonitalianfestival.com.
- Come hear Hamilton Loomis, funk/rock musician and UST alumnus, play live.
- Buy tickets online to taste and discuss five distinct Italian wine styles.

Festival hours (rain or shine):

Friday, **Oct. 14** – Saturday, **Oct. 15**:

11 a.m. - 10 p.m. (admission is free until 4 p.m. on Friday)

Sunday, **Oct. 16**:

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Visit www.houstonitalianfestival.com for more information. Get a preview of Hamilton Loomis' live act at www.hamiltonloomis.com.



Use your smart phone to watch a video of last year's festival. No smart phone, visit www.stthom.edu/italianfestivalvideo



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Dr. Jensen Edits Book on Organ Transplantation

Catholic University of America Press has published a book edited by Dr. Steven J. Jensen, *The Ethics of*



Organ Transplantation. Jensen has been an associate professor of philosophy at the University of St. Thomas since 2007.

The taking of organs raises ethical concerns. Is brain death truly death, or by taking the heart of the brain-dead individual do we thereby kill him? When a person's heart stops beating is it permissible to prepare his organs for transplantation, even though we could choose to resuscitate him? Can we take organs from an infant born without a brain? If a woman no longer wishes to live, can she donate her organs to others in an act of beneficent suicide? Is a market in organs acceptable?

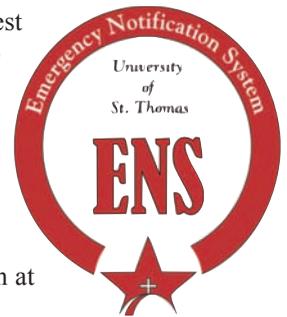
Jensen's book is a compilation of essays and articles from theologians, philosophers, physicians, biomedical experts and an attorney exploring these questions.

The book is available online at www.cuapress.cua.edu.

UST To Test Emergency Notification System

The University will conduct an all-campus test of its emergency notification system (ENS) on Thursday, Oct. 6. In order to simulate a real emergency situation, the time of the test will not be disclosed prior to the test.

- Update your PeopleSoft record NOW to reflect any changes in your emergency contact information.
- Find instructions to update ENS information at www.stthom.edu/ens.
- Note that if you have entered a text messaging number as part of your contact information, messages can come from either 23177 or a new short code 63079.
- Update your contact list to add SMS short codes 23177 or 63079 as UST Alert to avoid confusion and ensure acknowledgement of your notifications. Standard text messaging fees will apply.
- Alert your family members (if they are included in your emergency phone numbers) that the University is conducting an ENS test.



SMS messages will significantly increase the ability to receive alerts in a timely manner. Your safety and well-being is very important to us at the University of St. Thomas.

U.S. News & World Report Releases Rankings

For the 18th consecutive year, the University of St. Thomas has been named to the top tier of the *U.S. News & World Report's*, "America's Best Colleges" list of universities offering master's degrees in the Western region of the United States. St. Thomas currently ranks 30th in the 2012 rankings.

"We are fortunate to be recognized again by our peer institutions of higher learning for academic excellence," said President Dr. Robert Ivany. "Our faculty and staff deserve our appreciation for their daily commitment to our students. The reopening of our Nursing School will offer our students increased opportunities for an outstanding St. Thomas education in the field of health care."

UST is categorized among schools that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs, but few doctoral programs. University of St. Thomas offers 10 master's programs and one doctoral program in philosophy. The universities in this category are ranked within four geographic areas – North, South, Midwest and West – because these schools tend to draw students heavily from the surrounding states. Read the complete story at stthom.edu.

Catholic Identity Lectures

Monsignor James Moroney presents Monsignor William Steele Lecture

The 2011 Monsignor William Steele Lecture, “Welcoming the Roman Missal,” will be presented by Monsignor James P. Moroney, executive secretary of Vox Clara, the international committee of Catholic bishops which advises the Vatican on English liturgical translations. The lecture, sponsored by St. Mary’s Seminary, University of St. Thomas School of Theology and the Archdiocesan Office of Worship, will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday, **Sept. 23** at St. Mary’s Seminary, Nold Auditorium, 9845 Memorial Drive. Monsignor Moroney will speak about how the new translation of the Roman Missal – the ritual book containing the prayers used in the Mass – is expected to benefit the English-speaking faithful throughout the world. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Cathy Irantalab at 713-686-4345 ext. 225.



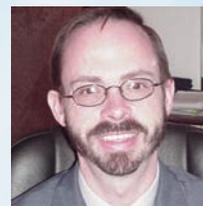
Dr. Waldstein Presents Archbishop J. Michael Miller Lecture

Dr. Michael Waldstein will present the annual Archbishop J. Michael Miller Lecture, “Overcoming the Mechanization of Nature: John Paul II’s Theology of the Body,” from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, **Sept. 29** in Jones Hall. Waldstein has served as the Max Seckler Professor of Theology at Ave Maria University since 2008. His published works include a critical edition of the four Coptic manuscripts of the Gnostic *Secret Book of John* and a new translation of John Paul II’s *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body* as well as articles on the Gospel of John, Gnosticism, St. Thomas Aquinas, John Paul II and Hans Urs von Balthasar. The lecture is named in honor of former University of St. Thomas president Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, who was appointed as the archbishop of Vancouver in January 2008. This lecture is made possible through the generosity of the John W. and Alida M. Considine Foundation and is sponsored by the UST Catholic Studies Program. The lecture is free and open to the public. Contact Sr. Paula Jean Miller, FSE, at 713-525-6989 for more information.



John Allen Presents Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza Lecture

John L. Allen Jr., senior correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter* and senior Vatican analyst for CNN, will give the annual University of St. Thomas Center for Faith and Culture Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza Lecture at 7:30 p.m. on **Oct. 4**, in Jones Hall. Allen’s lecture will explore, “Religious Freedom: Its Roots in Catholic Thought and its Place in Vatican Diplomacy.” During the event, the UST Center for Faith and Culture will present the Faithful Citizen Award to Joe Tortorice, President and CEO of Deli Management, Inc., which operates the Jason’s Deli restaurant chain. Allen is the author of six best-selling books on the Vatican and Catholic affairs including, *Cardinal Ratzinger: The Vatican’s Enforcer of the Faith*, *Conclave: The Politics, Personalities and Process of the Next Papal Election* and *All The Pope’s Men: The Inside Story of How the Vatican Really Thinks*. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Greg Arbogast at 713-942-5066 or cfc@stthom.edu.



Salsa Dance, Recipe Contest

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the 7th Annual Salsa Dance and Salsa Taste Contest from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, **Sept. 22**. Free salsa lessons will be offered and dinner is provided followed by a dance. Contact Angie Montelongo at montela@stthom.edu. to sign up for either contest.



River Oaks Chamber Orchestra

The University of St. Thomas and the River Oaks Chamber Orchestra (ROCO) will host a new series of chamber concerts featuring the ROCO String Quartet. Three concerts will be presented this season at 7 p.m. on **Sept. 29**, **Feb. 23** and **April 12** in Cullen Hall. Single ticket prices are \$20 for general admission and \$10 for students. Purchase tickets at www.rocohouston.org.



Tango Time

The UST Department of Classical Languages, Casa Argentina de Houston and the Institute of Hispanic Culture of Houston will present, "Tango Time," a recital of music and dance at 7 p.m. on Saturday, **Oct. 1** in Jones Hall. Purchase tickets for \$22 for the public and \$10 for students at www.casaargentina.org or call 713-622-2212.



Celtic Spring

The University of St. Thomas William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies will host Celtic Spring, a concert of traditional Irish music and dance, at 2 p.m., Sunday, **Oct. 2** in Cullen Hall. Tickets are \$15; students are free. For tickets and more information contact Lori Gallagher at 713-525-3592 or irishstudies@stthom.edu.



Business Career Fair

Career Services will host the Business Career Fair at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **Oct. 4**. The event will feature employers looking to hire UST students and alumni for full-time positions and internships. Dress in business attire and bring plenty of resumes. For a full list of employers visit www.CeltCareers.com or call 713-525-3160.



UST Grad Joins Franciscan Sisters

Members of the University of St. Thomas community may have known her as Rebecca Heffern, but this 2010 graduate now goes by a new name. Heffern, a joint major in Spanish and Catholic Studies, is the first UST student to join the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, the order that has resided on campus since 1999. Last month Heffern received her veil and was given the name Sr. Mary Kolbe.



"The Franciscan community has been delighted with Sr. Mary Kolbe's first year in formation," said Sr. Paula Jean Miller, FSE, professor of theology and director of the Catholic Studies Program at UST. "She has had many opportunities to use and develop what she learned here at UST."

Since graduation, Sr. Mary Kolbe has been busy at the order's Motherhouse in Meriden, Conn. She taught Spanish at a Catholic elementary school and religious education in a local parish, visited Hispanic families through a special grant program and is continuing her education in theology at Holy Apostles College.

"We're proud of her and are excited to see how beautiful and happy she looks in her new Franciscan habit and veil," said Sr. Paula Jean. "We hope she'll be the first of many UST vocations and start a new trend!"

Education Title V PPOHA Update

Twenty-eight students were awarded a Title V PPOHA scholarship for the 2011-2012 school year. School of Education Dean Nora Hutto will serve as the project director for the grant. For more information contact Deborah Fernandez at 713-525-3829.

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