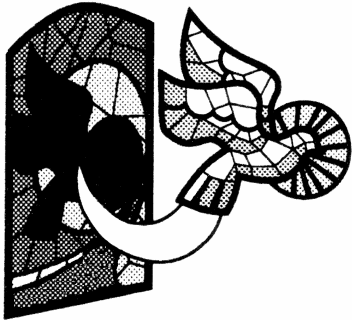


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STUDENT-LED BIBLE STUDY

By Rachel Faber Machacha

Five years ago a handful of undergraduates and a campus minister met in a basement storage room at St. Thomas Aquinas. Today, St. Thomas Aquinas bible study groups are student-led, with five groups meeting weekly either in the Catholic Student Center or campus resident halls. Crystal Caruana Sullivan, Campus Minister, and I have been with this program since its inception. We observed other campus ministry groups with successful bible study networks, and decided to offer something with a Catholic flavor.

Bible Study?

We began with a year long program examining the major biblical themes, from Genesis to Revelation, within the context of Catholic theology and

interpretation. Connecting the parables and Old Testament stories to Catholic teaching and tradition was a novel experience for many of us. We piloted a small group of leaders who underwent a year of training to facilitate their own bible study groups.

Now, ten group leaders meet weekly to discuss group leadership, presentation of the weekly themes, and ways to connect biblical teachings to our daily lives.

Catholics do that? Yes. Today, about 50 students take part in the bible study program. These groups serve as vehicles to help them in their quest to gain a deeper understanding of their rich Catholic heritage in scripture.

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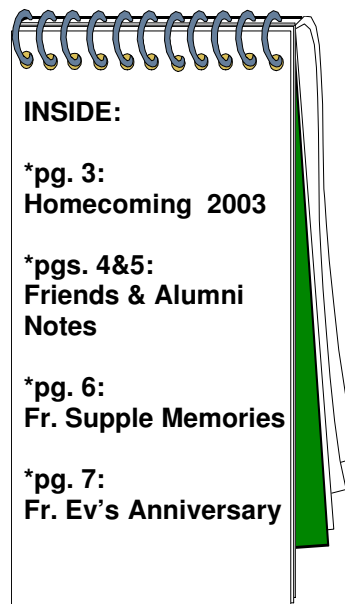
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STA Welcomes Fr. Scott Boone!

I am Fr. Scott Boone and I started here at St. Thomas in July. I was born in Marshalltown, IA, and I am the oldest of four children. I graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1992 and Loras College, Dubuque, in 1997 with majors in Philosophy and Classical Studies. While at Loras I spent 3 ½ years in St. Pius X minor seminary. I was sent by the archdiocese to the North American College in Rome, Italy for major theology. There I attended the Gregorian University for three years, earning an S.T.B. In my fourth year in Rome, I attended Angelicum University, where I worked toward an M.A. in Spirituality. Upon my 2001 ordination, I was assigned to St. Joseph Parish in Marion, IA. I am very excited about being here at St. Thomas Aquinas and working in campus ministry! If I haven't already met you, please stop by and introduce yourself.



Fr. Scott Boone



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Msgr. Supple Chair of Catholic Studies

By Anne Krapfl

David Hunter, in his fifth fall at Iowa State University, is the second holder of the Monsignor James A. Supple Chair in Catholic Studies. He teaches an Introduction to Catholicism (80 percent of the students claim a Catholic background) and a course on Christianity during the Roman Empire. He will teach two more courses spring semester.

The Supple chair was created in 1997 with a \$1 million endowment that included gifts from ISU alumni, Ames residents and the Supple Endowment Fund at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. It honors former pastor James Supple. Hunter's interest is early Christianity history and literature. He focuses on marriage and celibacy, especially in the fourth century.

Hunter grew up in New Orleans. He completed three masters degrees: Latin (Catholic University); Theology (University of St. Michael's College, Toronto); and Theology (University of Notre Dame). He has a Ph.D. in Theology from Notre Dame.

Hunter's wife, Lynn, works from their Ames home as an editor with Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Minneapolis. The Hunters met as graduate students at Notre Dame. They have two teenage sons, Gregory and Robert.

N and V: Why were you interested in the Supple chair?

Hunter: After 15 years teaching at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., I was ready for a new challenge. I liked the idea of teaching about Catholicism in a secular university. I was looking to move out of a strictly theological environment. This position is ideal. Part of the responsibility is to present the official Church teaching, but I feel free to take a more independent stand. I was attracted to teaching in a more research-oriented university. I love teaching undergraduates, but I also enjoy research and writing; the Supple chair enables me to do both.

N and V: What are the "requirements" of the chair holder?

Hunter: I teach two classes each year on some area of Catholic studies – one of which usually is the Introduction to Catholicism class – and two other courses negotiated with the department. I also present

the annual Supple public lecture at Iowa State. The lectures have dealt with different aspects of early Christian teaching on marriage: the origins and first two centuries, Augustine's teaching on sex and marriage, and a fourth-century controversy that surrounded a monk named Jovinian, who believed that married Christians and celibate Christians were equal. These topics are part of a book on marriage and celibacy I am writing. Also, the topic is interesting because of the importance of celibacy in the history of the church, and everyone has to deal with sexuality in some way.



Dr. David Hunter

N and V: What sort of an impact do you think you have made as holder of the Supple chair?

Hunter: Word of mouth is that my classes are substantial and interesting. My classes are full. If students come away more knowledgeable and more respectful of the Catholic tradition, then I have done my job. I am visible on campus. I served as president of the Phi Beta Kappa chapter and on several university committees. I've been active with the Classical Studies program.

It was Fr. Supple's vision, from the beginning, that there was a need for a deeper intellectual formation of the students than the parish could provide, and that this should come from an academic position, not a campus minister. The existence of a chair in Catholic studies gives automatic visibility to this position, particularly at a public university.

The perception may be that I'm working for St. Thomas, but it's very much a university position. It's important for me to be active in research and grant writing and a good citizen of the university, as well as someone who's sensitive to the interests and needs of the Catholic population.

I try to be responsive to speaking invitations I receive, locally or nationally. For example, I presented a "Catholic" response on a campus panel addressing the question, "Where was God on Sept. 11?" and was interviewed by (New York) *Newsday* (May 4, 2002) for a story on the history of priestly celibacy. I've tried to be an informed and reasonable voice on Catholic matters.

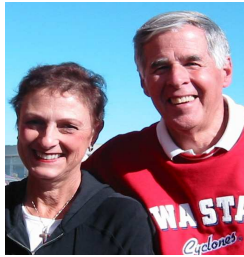
Homecoming 2003



Fr. Ev & Nick Lovell ('00)



Al ('66) & Mary Jo ('75) Talkington



Terry & Joe ('63) Longval



Sharon & Pat ('80) Hunt



Heather Raney & Shawn Spooner ('01)



Paul Wernimont ('61) & Fr. Ev



Sandi ('69) & Steve ('70) Gibney



Kristie Smith & Jeff Kelly ('90)



Marlys & Paul Kelly ('57)



Mary ('91) & Francisco ('95) Melendez



Jerry Anderson ('85) & Adam Gauger



Audrey Dankbar, Fr. Scott, & Roman Dankbar ('48)



Fr. Ev, Greg Schaffer ('02) & Jen Schaffer ('99)



Loral & Bob Kirke ('57)



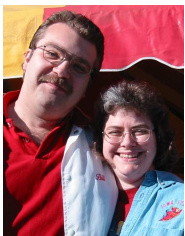
Fr. Ev, Mary ('62), & Joseph Reckard ('62)



John Donaghy & Curt Cretin ('02)



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Bill Klink ('90) & Kathy Kriener Klink ('89)



Susan ('70) & Duke ('72) Wilgenbusch & Fr. Ev

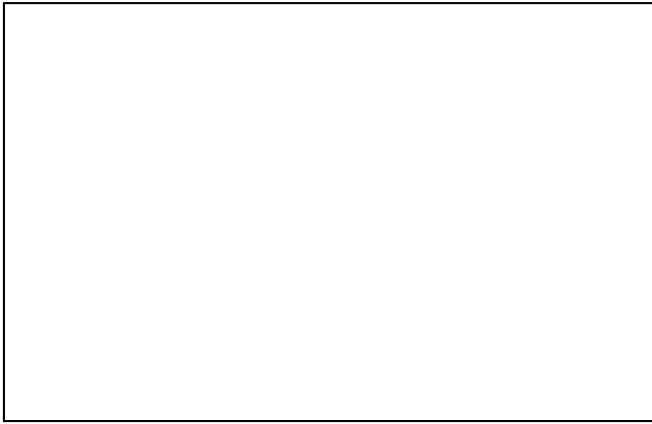


Jennifer Fliehler ('98), Anne Shimerdla ('99), John Donaghy, Tim Shimerdla ('99), & Crystal Caruana Sullivan



Sarah Berns ('03)

Friends and Alumni *Notes*



Front L to R: Darlene Ann, G'ma Lucy Gralapp, and Don Lansink.
Back L to R: Lisa & Robert ('88) Lansink and their two sons, Tyler and Justin, Therese Lansink ('90), Nancee Lansink ('92), Jerome Lansink, Gerard Lansink ('95), Kathryn & Sam Wallace, Correy Lansink, Mickey Lansink, and Bridget Lansink. Missing: Gerard's wife, Rosi, and daughter, Ana, and Don and Darlene Ann's other two sons, Vincent and Steven, and their families.

Don and Darlene Ann Lansink from Battle Creek, IA, have always felt connected to St. Thomas. Seven of their 11 children have attended ISU beginning in 1984. Their children are Robert, Therese, Nancee, Jerome, Gerard, Kathryn, Correy, Mickey, Bridgett, Vincent, and Steven. Correy, Jerome, and Kathryn attended ISU for several semesters. Robert, Therese, Nancee, and Gerard all graduated from Iowa State. Their son, Mickey, is in Fort Carson, CO, prior to deployment to Egypt for a UN peace keeping mission. He may also attend ISU when he returns. Their youngest daughter, Bridget, a high school junior, plans to attend ISU Fall of '04. Darlene Ann is praying for the grandest of parties to be held at their home. Their 11 children have never been home at the same time. Darlene Ann said: "Being a Catholic family away from home, it is obvious that Msgr. Supple has been an important part of our children's lives and a regular correspondent with me." Don and Darlene Ann have owned an auto body repair business since 1957. On May 1, 2004, they will celebrate 25 years in business. (picture above left)



Back row L to R: Brian Becker ('83), Roger and Bridget ('90) Mach, William ('91) and Ben Cahalan, Mindy and Paul Becker. **Middle row L to R:** Pam Becker, Gloria and Frank ('61) Becker, Michelle Cahalan ('91). **Front row L to R:** James and Emily Becker, Adam Cahalan, Michael and Matthew Becker. Since the photo was taken Frank has been blessed with yet another granddaughter, Lauren Cahalan.

Frank Becker (I Ad 1961) and his wife, Gloria, currently reside in Bettendorf, IA. Frank is retired after a career with John Deere. Frank and Gloria enjoy their seven grandchildren. Three of their children graduated from Iowa State; Brian, Bridget, and Michelle, who married William Cahalan. Their fourth child, Paul, graduated from St. Ambrose. Frank writes to Msgr. Supple: "My dad, Paul, talked a lot about you during those Iowa State years. One of the reasons I got to go to Iowa State is because he and my mother knew you were there. ... Thank you for the many happy and prosperous years, and may God bless you."
 (picture above right)

Steve Hantelman (1975) from Littleton, CO, writes in an email to STA: "I just received the News & Views from St. Thomas . . . The Thursday Night Liturgies were very special to me. I used to play guitar for them and plan them. I currently

In Memoriam: **Donna (O'Brien) Willett (1954)** writes to tell us that her husband, Thomas Willett, passed away last September. Thomas was a highway engineer employed for 38 years by the Federal Highway Administration. He retired as Director of Engineering in Washington, D.C. in 1993. One of his assignments was Division Administrator for Arizona from 1975-1986. He is survived by Donna, his wife of 47 years, five children, and 13 grandchildren. Thomas graduated from Iowa State in 1955 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Donna says, "Thomas and I met at St. Thomas. He saw me singing in the choir. We have fond memories of St. Thomas and were both quite active."

play every Sunday at Light of the World Catholic Parish in Littleton, Colorado. I have been working for Lockheed Martin (Denver Aerospace Division) since 1981. I am employed as an engineer, designing software applications. My wife, Rosemary, and I have three daughters: Katie who is 18 and just graduated from Columbine High School; Anne who will be a sophomore at Columbine; and Gracie who will be in 7th grade.” (picture below left)

Bob & Charlotte Loizzi (1966) from Lombard, IL, stopped to visit STA this fall. Bob received his Ph.D. in Cell Biology. He is now a retired professor from UIC Medical School. Their daughter, Mary Frances, was baptized at St. Thomas.

Jason (1998) and Holly (1999) Madison were married at St. Thomas in 2001 and reside in Ames. Holly writes, “April was a busy month for us. We bought our first house in early April, and the day after we moved in, our daughter was born! We named her Sydney Ann. She is such a joy, and we love being parents! Jason is the Assistant Manager for US Cellular, and I have returned to Greater Iowa Credit Union part time. I love being able to stay at home with her when I can and would do it full time if I could!” (picture below center)

Gene (1958) & Eileen Scallon of Lincoln, CA, were back to visit STA during Homecoming weekend. They attended Mass and visited with Fr. Ev afterwards. Gene told Fr. Ev that Msgr. Supple was

still after him. During the offertory the baskets were being passed, and Gene thought that he would contribute \$20. As the basket passed on, Eileen said to Gene, “Did you intend to contribute \$50?” He had pulled the wrong bill out! Gene has many fond memories of Msgr. Supple and continues to feel his presence.

Dr. Charles A. Smith (PhD. 1995), Associate Professor of Chemistry at Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) in San Antonio, TX, has been named the University’s Moody Professor for the 2003-2004 academic year. Moody Professorships were established simultaneously at OLLU and the University of Incarnate Word in 1971 through the generosity of the Moody Foundation. Moody Professors deliver two public lectures during the academic year. Chuck has been at OLLU since 1998. He earned his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from ISU in 1995. Chuck met his wife, Anna, here at STA. They are parents of two handsome young boys, Tony and Paul.

Sr. Mary Supple sent birthday greetings to Fr. Supple on his 91st birthday. She is related to Fr. Supple in that her father and Fr. Supple were second cousins. Sr. Mary says: “He (Fr. Supple) was instrumental in steering me towards the Sinsinawa Dominicans.” Sr. Mary is now retired from teaching and lives in her new convent home in Des Plaines, IL. (picture below right)



L to R: Steve ('75), Anne, Gracie, Katie, and Rosemary Hantelman



Holly ('99) & Jason Madison ('98) & daughter, Sydney



Sr. Mary Supple

Attention Friends & Alumni: If you would like to be included in these “notes,” please fill out the information sheet on the back of this newsletter and return it to St. Thomas Aquinas.

ALUMNI PRIESTS ORDAINED



L to R: Jennifer Fliehler ('98), Fr. Troy Richmond ('97), Fr. Jim Dubert ('79), Bob Horton and son, Mark, Fr. Ev Hemann, and Mike Gadzik ('99).



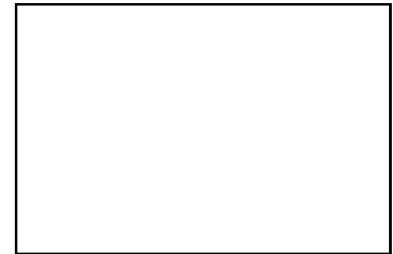
Fr. Czapla's Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Cecilia's Church. L to R: Fr. Scott Bullock ('86), Fr. Ev Hemann, Fr. Don Czapla ('91), Fr. Jim Dubert ('79), and Msgr. Russ Bleich.

Fr. Troy Richmond ('97) was born and raised in Ottumwa where he is now associate pastor of St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Visitation parishes. Fr. Richmond attended seminary at St. Ambrose in Davenport where he completed his Pre-Theology and from there went on to Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein, IL, where he completed four years of theology. Fr. Richmond graduated in December of 1997. He was ordained a priest in the Davenport Diocese on June 14, 2003. Fr. Ev Hemann vested him in a chasuble as part of the ordination.

Fr. Don Czapla (ISU MS Inorg. Chem '91) from Genoa, NE, was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque on May 31, 2003. Fr. Czapla worked in Ames for seven years at Hach Co. before studying for priesthood at the St. Paul Seminary and School of Divinity in St. Paul, MN. Fr. Czapla attended church at both St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Cecilia in Ames and ministered as a deacon two summers ago at STA. He now serves as Associate Pastor at St. Jude in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Fr. Supple Memories

Fr. James from Ames had a profound influence not only on the thousands of people who've passed through the doors of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, but on all the lives he touched throughout the years. Many of you have heard his jokes and stories. Now you have an opportunity to bring his life into your home again, and forever.



Msgr. James Supple

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*From
the
Pastor*

Dear Alumni & Friends:

“The torch has been passed to a new generation.” Many recall the inaugural words of John F. Kennedy whose 40th anniversary of death was last week. Since I last wrote, Msgr. Supple has also followed the Lord Jesus, through death to new life.

We celebrated the funeral liturgy for James of Ames on a Friday. The next Sunday, already planned, was the party to celebrate the 10th anniversary of my arrival at St. Thomas Aquinas. In one way, it was uncomfortable. But in another, it seemed like a natural transition for this faith community.

St. Thomas Aquinas has grown and changed in many ways in our 56 year history. The torch has been passed to a new generation of

leadership. But it is the same torch – the flame of faith handed down to our ancestors through the centuries.

I am reminded of that at the beginning of the year, when hundreds of new students step forward to help lead this community. I am reminded of that at homecoming when so many alumni come to worship with us again. Whether they graduated in '53 or will graduate in '07 we share the same faith, we love the same Church and we are committed to serving the same Lord.

This is the most exciting assignment in the archdiocese. One of the reasons is because of the unity and community of the many generations. Thank you for your commitment.

Rev. Everett Hemann, Pastor



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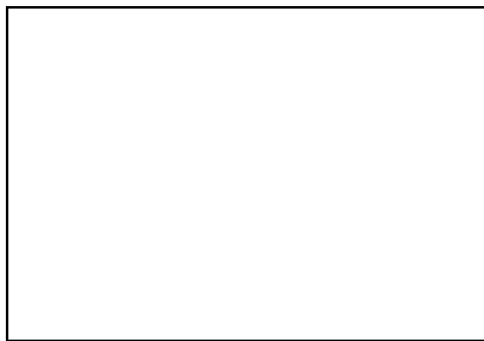
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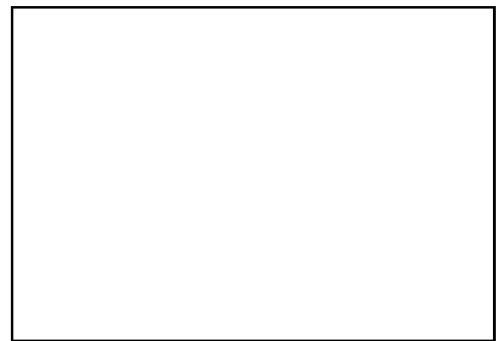
Sr. Elizabeth Huber
Sr. Mary Supple

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Fr. Ev Celebrates 10 YEARS at STA!



Fr. Ev enjoying the humorous program of his life. He often tells people he washed into STA with the floods of '93!



Honoring Fr. Ev's work at STA with a gift to the Fr. Ev Hemann Endowment Fund.



Blessing Fr. Ev at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, September 7.

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