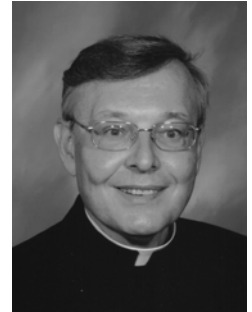
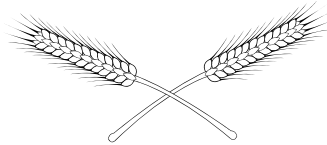


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*You are cordially invited to the  
Installation of  
Reverend Gregory S. Sakowicz  
As the ninth pastor of  
St. Mary Parish, Evanston*

*On  
Sunday, September twenty-sixth  
At  
The eleven o'clock A.M. Mass  
Bishop Francis Kane Presiding*

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*Reception will follow the Mass*



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# Fr. Greg Shares Personal Stories

## Haitian Mission

Sr. Claire will be back in town for the annual Haitian mission from September 17-19. The opening of the mission will be at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 84th and Marquette, on September 17, from 7-10 P.M. The remaining two sessions will be at St. Mary's. The Saturday schedule is from 7-10 P.M., and the Sunday mission will begin with a 12:30 P.M. Mass and continue throughout the day, with a pause for the usual 3:00 parish Adoration.

The featured speaker at the mission, Sr. Claire, is a renowned healer who lived in Haiti for over 40 years. She is a leader in the Charismatic Renewal Committee.

SING HIS PRAISES!

*As promised in our last issue, we reprint more of a February 3-16, 2008 article by Delores Madlener, about Fr. Greg Sakowicz, the new pastor of St. Mary Parish. (With permission from The Catholic New World)*

**He is:** Father Gregory (Greg) Sakowicz, born February 20, 1953. Alum of Mary, Seat of Wisdom School, Park Ridge; Notre Dame High School in Niles; Niles College and St. Mary of the Lake Seminaries. Ordained May 9, 1979.

**Deep thoughts in first grade:** "I wanted to be like Father Hugh O'Brien who would come in the classroom and have everyone laughing."

**Old Polish custom:** Hoping to charm at least one religious vocation from the heavens, he and his brother Adrian were named for two popes. His sisters are Pam and Marya. "My parents supported my vocation to the priesthood, especially my mother; she was #1."

**Son of radio/TV legend Sig Sakowicz:** As a kid, his dad was a radio broadcaster on WGN. "Sometimes on Saturdays he'd take me to the studio. He had a live program at 8:30-9:30 p.m. and again on Mondays at 11:05 p.m., just before Franklin McCormack. He'd say, 'Greg, once that light goes on, you cannot talk. If you're a good boy I'll buy you ice cream when I'm off the air.' I sat still for the ice cream." His mother, a former opera singer, had also sung professionally.

**Dreams change:** "In high school I wanted to be a sportscaster. I put priesthood way in the back of my mind." As a senior in 1970, he was accepted on early admission to Northwestern University, with a scholarship for radio and television. "But as happy as I should have been, the deepest part of me was not at peace."

**Seminary 10 min. from home:** He recalls meeting with Holy Cross Father Chuck Lavelly at school. "I told him my dilemma. Lavelly said, 'Have you ever thought about a call to priesthood?'" "Yes," he said,

"But I wanted God to call somebody else." Lavelly said, "If you go to Niles and don't feel it's for you, you gave it a try." He turned down the scholarship, thinking, "This might be the dumbest thing I've ever done."

**No guarantees:** At Niles and Mundelein, he dreamed of doing radio and TV in the Archdiocese. At 22, making the decision to continue on in the program, he met with Father Bill Clark, pastor at Mary Seat of Wisdom. Clark said, "Greg, only get ordained if in your heart you can say, 'If I never do TV or radio, I can still be OK as a parish priest the rest of my life.'"

"He was telling me, 'Don't dictate your priesthood; trust in the Lord.'" He trusted. "Ironically, I've done more radio and TV than I ever dreamed of, and as pastor of St. Mary of the Woods, I've had the best of both worlds."

**His best sport:** "Football! My brother Adrian and I played sports together as kids. I was an average athlete with a ferocious competitive attitude. Uncle Ted, my mother's brother, a bachelor and great athlete, spent a lot of time with us. At age three or four, I'm catching a football or baseball."

**Chicago Bears are favorites:** He's also a White Sox fan. "I don't cheer against the Cubs unless they're playing the Sox. I'm a die-hard Chicago sports fan. I was raised playing sports."

**Favorite musical group:** As a priest/disk jockey years ago, he wasn't limited to Christian music. "I liked Elton John, Neil Diamond, the Beach Boys, Chicago, Styx, the Rolling Stones."

**Best advice:** "It was probably from Father George Kane, my first pastor at Holy Spirit in Schaumburg, 'We're not in control; trust God and things have a way of working out.'"

**Leisure times:** His hobbies include "bird watching at Montrose and Lake Shore Drive, where migratory birds feed, and vintage baseball cards and memorabilia - stuff from the '60s."



# Guaranteeing the Well-Being of the World

**E**ach Sunday, members of First United Methodist Church hand-wash about 80 mugs (no Styro-foam!) used in coffee hour. The members of the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation on Dodge Avenue increased their construction budget significantly to build a synagogue that conforms to the U.S. "green" standards and will not allow Styrofoam in their building. The Friends (Quakers) compost all their organic waste.

Each of these faith communities, as well as many others in Evanston, is committed to sustainability. But what does this buzz word mean? Quite simply, sustainability is the capacity to endure. It is a way to guarantee the well-being of the world by a responsible use of its resources.

Evanston is fortunate in having the Interreligious Sustainability Circle,

founded about ten years ago to bring together people concerned with developing a sustainable approach based in religious/spiritual values to the use of environmental resources. The Circle sees its mission as involving more congregations in the search for sustainable practices within their buildings and activities, and in the daily lives of members.

The Circle meets monthly. They have initiated CFL distributions in congregations and produced brochures about sustainable practices in resource usage, such as, energy, water, and transportation. We have these pamphlets in the church racks. At present, two members of St. Mary Parish attend these meetings, but more would be most welcome. Contact Steve Perkins, [steve@cnt.org](mailto:steve@cnt.org) or Elliot Zashin [emzashin@hotmail.com](mailto:emzashin@hotmail.com) for information.

## What You Can Do

**Recycle, recycle, recycle!** Evanston has an extremely responsible system of curb-side recycling for glass, metal, plastic, and paper. Use your bin. If you live outside Evanston, check your community's Website for the location of recycling. Please remember that Pope John School has a container in the parking lot for recycling newspaper, catalogues, and office paper. The school earns money for this.

Be responsible about purchasing foods in recyclable containers. Avoid the #6 plastics and Styrofoam. For your parties, do not buy plastics that will end up in a landfill. Set aside a garbage can for the cans, bottles, and plastics that can be recycled.

**Recycle. Can we say it too many times?**

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## Let Jesus Love You!

"Let Jesus Love You!" This is the message that greeted the students as they began the 2010-2011 school year. This message is on banners and is included in each morning prayer over the PA. Another message that is part of this school year's theme is "Let your good manners show." Together these messages remind students of their inner goodness and of their mission as "Children of God" to let their inner goodness show in their words and actions. The goal is to create a community of caring in each classroom.

Improvements in technology also greeted the students and teachers this August. Students were thrilled to see the new "Mini Mac" computers as they entered the computer lab. Pope John XXIII has leased these new computers to enhance the educational technology of every student from PreK to eighth grade. All-new computers for the lab allowed the old computers to be placed in classroom computer centers. A generous donation of 30 four-year old computers from Carthage College also made significant upgrades in classroom computer centers possible. Many old (7-10 years

old) computers were donated to the St. Nick's Rummage Sale. Now, the computer centers in each classroom have newer and better computers than last year.

The teachers were also welcomed back with new technology. Following the Archdiocesan recommendation, Pope John XXIII School has joined Power School. This online student information system requires that teachers have individual lap-tops to keep attendance, grades, and other information for instruction. Power School includes an online grade book to enable parents to access their child's grades for homework, quizzes, and tests. We trust that this new communication tool will improve the parent-teacher partnership, spurring our students to academic success.



Everyone is looking forward to an exciting new school year where our faith and our academics flourish.

— Rosalie Musiala



# Welcome Fr. Greg

Join the parish family for an evening of food, music, games for the kids, and a relaxed chance to socialize. Chef Gerry Hubbarth will again be manning the grill to provide everybody's favorite hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and a few surprises. The Clarks will supervise a cash bar with wine, beer, and soft drinks. Lori Edwards has promised a variety of kids' games. John Sharp and his band will entertain with live music. It promises to continue St. Mary's tradition of great parties.

As an added attraction, the organizers plan to provide a big-screen telecast of the White Sox-Royals game in honor of special fans, Fr. Greg and Fr. Ken. Even if you are a Cubs fan, you can enjoy a taste of open-air baseball.

For further information about tickets and event details, see the bulletin and the St. Mary Website, [stmaryparish-evanston.org](http://stmaryparish-evanston.org).

**September 11, 2010**  
**5:30-9:30 P.M.**  
**Lake Street,**  
**Between Oak and Maple**

**Rain date: Sunday, September 12, 12-4 P.M.**

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