

# St. Thomas

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2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), April 7, 2013

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# St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment. Communal Penance services are held occasionally during the year.

### Sick and Home Bound

Call the Church Office to receive prayer/Eucharist from a priest, deacon or Minister of Care.

### Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated 2-3 Sundays each month at a 12:30 p.m. service. On selected dates, Baptisms are celebrated at weekend Masses. Parents are required to attend an awareness and renewal evening prior to the Baptism. Call the Church Office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

### Matrimony

A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church six months in advance. One year is preferred. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner for at least three months prior to calling to set a date.

### Religious Education

Call the 630.305.6318 to register.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or to join our Catholic community should call the church at 630.355.8980.

### Counseling Service

Call Samaritan Interfaith 630.357.2456 or Jan Olah, Pastoral Care 630.355.8980 x 124.

### Sunday Nursery

Nursery care is available for your child age one (walking) to four at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. For more information call the church office.

## Liturgy Schedule

### Daily

*(Monday — Friday)*

Communion Service — 6:30 a.m.

Rosary — 8:10 a.m.

Mass — 8:30 a.m.

*(Saturday)*

Mass — 8:30 a.m.

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil — 4:30 p.m.

Sunday — 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.,  
and 6:00 p.m.

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
every first Friday, 9:00 — 9:30 a.m.*

\*indicates part-time staff



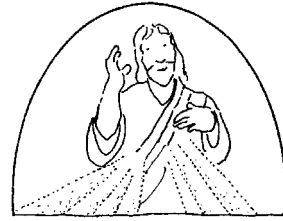
## From the Pastor's Desk...

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, which may still seem relatively new to us Catholics. In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II inaugurated this feast to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter each year. The designation has its basis in a revelation to Sister Faustina Kowalska, the Polish sister who died in 1938. These revelations concern the extravagant abundance of compassion available in Jesus

Christ. But it would not be necessary to appeal to a private revelation to know that we follow a Lord whose Sacred Heart is on fire with love and mercy for sinners. The cross of Christ, that most public of declarations, is on display around the world to remind us that the breadth and depth and height of divine compassion is beyond humanity's wildest estimations. Before Jesus died on the cross, mercy alone was on his lips – "Father, forgive them," and "Today you will be with me in Paradise." And when the Risen Lord returned, mercy was once more his agenda. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." - a power given to everyone in today's gospel. The one who as vigorously denied compassion became the one true source of hope for all in need of mercy being shown to them. To those troubled by grief or guilt, Jesus says, "Peace be with you." To those who struggle with doubt, Jesus says, "Put your finger here, and believe." Clearly, divine mercy isn't meted out only to the deserving, or to those who have paid their debt to God or society in kind. Divine mercy is offered to those who need it, precisely *because* they need it. All we have to do is want it, ask for it, and believe it!

*"Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand alongside the great mountain of the mercy of God."  
(Saint John Vianney, 1786-1859)*

I want to extend a special thank you to our Liturgy and Music staff, along with all the cantors, choirs, ensembles, instrumentalists, the art and environment committee, sacristans, youth Way of the Cross participants, ushers, greeters, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers – all of you made the liturgies of Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday such wonderful, prayerful, and uplifting celebrations! As we continue the joyful Easter season through Pentecost, may we all be filled with the peace of the Risen Lord!



# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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## 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2013

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.

— *Revelation 1:18a*

## Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you're here and invite you to walk the path of faith with us. St. Thomas strives to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God is shared by all. We believe the church is the sacrament of God's saving presence in the world, join us!

### Would you like to become a Parishioner?

Join us in the gym for Welcome Sunday between 9:00 and 9:30 or 10:30 and 11:15, April 14.

# Worship Commission—*Liturgy & Music*

## This is the Night

The *Exsultet* sings repeatedly of Easter eve: “*This is the night when first you saved our ancestors... This is the night when the pillar of fire destroyed the darkness... This is the night when Christians everywhere . . . are restored to grace and grow together... This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death...*” But didn’t these things happen long ago and far away? In one sense, yes. These were historical events that took place in specific places at certain times, once for always. But when we enter into the liturgy, we enter into God’s time. The saving events of the past are made present to us, and we participate in them.

It’s the same at Christmas when we sing “Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.” It’s not that we pretend that these things did not happen in history, once and for always. Instead, it’s this: With God, goodness is forever and salvation is now.

Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!

## What is the Purpose of the large Easter Candle?

The Easter Vigil begins in darkness as a symbol of Christ’s tomb, as well as of the multiple occasions when darkness enters our lives. The parish community, with unlit candles, gathers outside in the darkness around dry, dead wood that will soon be brought to life by a spark. The resulting flame dispels the darkness while symbolically affirming our resurrection belief. A tall, large, decorative candle is lit from the Easter fire, symbolizing the risen Christ, the light of the world. This Easter candle is the prominent Easter symbol of the risen Christ, of his Pasch or Pass-over from death to new life. As we process into church proclaiming Christ as our light, individual candles are lit from the Easter candle and we share Christ’s light with others. Once all have gathered with lit candles, the *Exultet*, a hymn of joy and praise to God for the gift of new life in Christ,

is chanted. The Easter candle is prominently placed in the sanctuary as a constant reminder of the risen Christ and our undying hope for resurrection. The Easter candle is kept lit during all the liturgical celebrations of the Easter season’s great fifty days. After Pentecost, the Easter candle remains prominently displayed, but is lit only for baptisms and funerals, celebrations which significantly attune us to our constant hope for resurrected life in Christ, our light.

This Easter season attune yourself to the rich symbolism of the Easter candle, asking Christ to be your constant light.

## Thank You!

We would like to recognize all of our Liturgical Ministers for all the extra hours and love put in to making our Lenten Season and Holy Week special. From the Musicians, to the Eucharistic Ministers, to Lectors, to Host Greeters: Thank you! You bring alive the paschal mystery through your work in our church. Also, special thanks to the Art and Environment committee for their beautiful job of decorating the church during Holy Week. Their dedication helps us all to experience God’s love for us. You help to make Holy Week and Easter so special!

## Today’s Readings

**First Reading** — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalms** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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## Readings for the Week

**Mon:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Tues:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wed:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thurs:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Fri:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Sat:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sun:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

## Presider’s Schedule April 13/14

### Saturday

4:30 pm, Fr. Don McLaughlin, Deacon Pat Lennon

### Sunday

8:00 am, Fr. Don McLaughlin, Deacon Mike Barrett

9:30 am, Fr. Don McLaughlin, Deacon Jim Breen

11:15 am, Fr. Dof Arty

6:00 pm, Fr. Dof Arty

*Schedule is subject to change. Changes are posted to the St. Thomas website [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org)*

# Pray For Our Parish

*Lord Jesus,  
you showed your apostle Thomas  
the wounds in your hands and side  
and called him to believe in you,  
as Lord and God.*

*Risen and present everywhere,  
bless those who have not seen  
and renew our world of doubt  
and weakened faith.*

*Bless us, Lord, with the love  
that flows from your wounds,  
Renew our faith  
and help us to grow  
in believing in you.*

## Please Pray for our Men and Women Serving in the Military

*Our parish community would like to recognize and  
remember the following individuals in prayer:*

### U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Brooke Sica	Lt. Joseph Zito
A1C Maxwell Dempsey	Joseph Michalowicz
AB Jon Babiarz, Special Forces	

### Air Force National Guard

Senior Airman Jacob Brancaleon

### U.S. Army

Lt. Alanna Casey	Cpt. Matthew Haselhorst
Staff Sgt. Aaron Simms	Sgt. William Stuart
PFC Sean Wesley	1st Lt. Chris Turley
SPC Eric Servatius	Matt Nelson
Medic Jeremy See	SPC Zachary Howell
Warrant Officer Aviation Kyle Zimmerman	

### U.S. Marine Corps

Lt. Kevin Martin	John Osborne
Corporal Aaron Murphy	Jennifer Slown
Captain Brad Rothman	Pvt. Sonia Carrillo
Lt. Colin Miller-Ratcliffes	Cody Kolar
Lance Corporal Oliver Buckley	
Lance Corporal Tommy Baldacci	

### U.S. Navy

AT3 Amanda Schlarman	SN Joel Curry
Ensign Jason Coons	SR Jeffrey Bates
Alex Metzger	Airman Alex Dworak

### U.S. Coast Guard

*Call the parish office 630.355.8980 to include  
someone you love in the Military prayer list.*

### For the sick...

Richard Kuckelman, wife of Kathleen  
Kim Schnorr, sister in-law of Mindy & Andy Querio  
Tom Swieca, friend of Denny & Diane Rockett  
Lukas Panek (Panic), cousin of Mary Szczap  
Ruth Thorburn, mother of Kathleen Ford  
Michael Boone, brother of Eileen  
Pat Pelger, friend of Jim & Mary Jo Breen  
Jim Paul, husband of Nora  
Chester Wojcik, father of Ken

### For the deceased...

Genowefa Bogusz, friend of Lugenia Thomas  
Joseph E. McGlynn, father of Joseph T. McGlynn  
Mary Miller, friend of Jerry Galipeau  
Kazmer Dworzycycki, father of Mark

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 8, 2013

*(Annunciation of the Lord)*

**8:30** †Joseph Haynes, by Lee & Anne Gibson

### Tuesday, April 9, 2013

**8:30** †Joselito Enriquez, by Daisy Cruz  
†Vince Sheperd, by Shirley & Family

### Wednesday, April 10, 2013

**8:30** †Steve Dimas, by Bud & Marge Hildebrand

### Thursday, April 11, 2013

*(St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr)*

**8:30** †Shirley Mann, by Buddy & Mely Mallorca  
†Pat Gallagher, by Betty Gallagher

### Friday, April 12, 2013

**8:30** Sick & Homebound of St. Thomas

### Saturday, April 13, 2013

*(Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr)*

**8:30** †James Schlax, by Anne & Lee Gibson  
**4:30** †Steve Wojcik, by Sharon Styczynsky  
†Shirley Mann, by Don & MaryAnn Manderscheid

### Sunday, April 14, 2013

*(Third Sunday of Easter)*

**8:00** †John & Jean Cwirko, by Martha Lopez  
†Bill Riordan  
**9:30** †Cecilia Fragassi, by Patti Dougherty  
†Marilyn Kane, by Ed Kane  
**11:15** †Anthony Rizzi, by Family  
†Ron Angelotti, by Marguerite Miller  
**6:00** For the People of St. Thomas

# Faith and Formation Commission– *Adult*



John 20:19-31

*Do you know that all of the Apostles at one time or another doubted Jesus' Resurrection? Our patron saint, St. Thomas was the only one to verbally declare Jesus "My Lord and my God." Your doubts do not stop Jesus from loving you and can even spur you to grow in the love and knowledge of Him.*

## C.A.R.E. CORNER

We were likely all astounded when Pope Benedict announced his resignation, giving a two week notice of his intention to step down as the visible leader of the world's one-billion-plus Catholics. Such a resignation was not unprecedented, but it was certainly unusual. And we likely just as intently followed the news as our cardinals gathered to select a new shepherd, who was introduced to us as Pope Francis. The Roman Catholic Church is somewhat unique with regard to religious institutions in that it recognizes one, visible head as a pastor who unites the universal Church.

The term "pope" is based on the Greek word for "father" and we often refer to our Pope as the Holy Father, which stands as a symbol of paternal authority. The Pope is also rightly called the Bishop of Rome. Where did this system of hierarchical structure come from and how did we get from the designated leaders of the first Christian communities to the designated leaders of our Catholic Christian Church today? Stay with us as this column takes a look back at those who have been called upon to shepherd this Church we call Catholic.



## St. Thomas Soul Searchers Saturday, April 13

St. Thomas Soul Searchers meet once a month to explore and discover truths in Simone Weil's *Waiting for God*. Weil was a philosopher, political activist, and agnostic turned Christian mystic who died in 1943. This collection of her letters and essays offers her non-traditional views of Christianity. Weil said, "Love of God is pure when joy and suffering inspire an equal degree of gratitude."

This month's reading: Essays p. 99-117. The next meeting of Soul Searchers is Saturday, April 13 from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the Rectory Basement. Contact Mary Maloney with questions at 630.355.8980. Come whenever your schedule allows and enjoy a thought provoking experience. All are welcome to attend this monthly discussion group.

## Vocation Information from the Joliet Diocese

### Listening To God's Call

All men and women, ages 18 to 40, are invited to gather with women and men religious to explore the possibility of religious life and priesthood. This is sponsored by JAVA (Joliet Area Vocation Association). The topic for April is "Vows – Obedience".  
April 9, 7 to 9 p.m. Loretto Convent in Wheaton Sr. Claire 630.868.2904 or clvand@aol.com.  
April 10, 7 to 9 p.m. St. Francis Woods in Frankfort Sr. Maria 815.464.3873 or vocations@fssh.net.

**Mundelein Seminary Retreats** – Mundelein Seminary offers three "Exploring Priesthood Weekends" during the school year for men who are juniors in college and older. Participants have a chance to experience seminary life, speak to current seminarians, and pray with the seminary community. There is no cost for these weekends. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Burke at [vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org) or 815.834.4004. For more information go to [http://www.chicagopriest.org/newsevents\\_col.htm#exp](http://www.chicagopriest.org/newsevents_col.htm#exp). The final retreat is: April 12-14





## Want to Become Catholic?

If you or someone you know has been thinking about the possibility of becoming a Catholic, you are invited to learn more about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) by contacting Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980 x138 or [crosales@stapostle.org](mailto:crosales@stapostle.org) for a conversation about your questions and needs. No commitment is required to begin the process, just an open mind and heart. All are welcome!

## Hope for All—April 7

Got Hope? Need Hope? Come to the Lighthouse from 4:15 to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, to take part in an interactive session, “What is the most you hope for?” “What do you hope for the most?”, facilitated by staff members of Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center. A combination of presentation, individual and group exercises, this session sponsored by St. Thomas’ Faith & Spiritual Formation Commission will explore the hows and whys of hope in our complex and complicated lives and world.

Walk-ins by teens and adults are welcome, but a reply is appreciated to Peggy Goralski by April 4 at 630.355.8980 x123 or [pgoralski@stapostle.org](mailto:pgoralski@stapostle.org)

## Sophia Circle, April 12

St. Thomas the Apostle Sophia’s Circle presents an evening of reflection, *Life on the Yellow Brick Road*, on Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. The event is presented by Dr. Mary Amore from Samaritan Interfaith. Cost is \$10.



*Pictured (L to R) are David Gowing, Amber Meyers, John Bae Kim, Allison Schroeder, and Debra Greenwood.*

## Welcome, new Catholics!

At the Easter Vigil, the “night that Mother Church gives birth,” John Bae Kim and Allison Schroeder were baptized, confirmed and received Eucharist. Welcomed into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church through a profession of faith, Confirmation and Eucharist were David Gowing, Debra Greenwood and Amber Meyers. Our faith community and the universal Church welcome them into our shared life of worship and service.

As an act of service, they prepared some of the bread consecrated for Eucharist at the Vigil, prompted by the Eucharistic Prayer’s description of bread as “fruit of the earth and the work of human hands.” In this act of community sharing, may we all grow together in and as the Body of Christ!

## Come and see! Come and eat!

On Wednesday, April 17, ALPHA will host a Celebration Supper for the guests concluding the current series. The Supper begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse and is also an invitation for everyone to experience a ‘taste’ of ALPHA through dinner and an introductory video and consider signing on for the next series, which will begin in September 2013.



What does ALPHA offer? A relaxed setting in good company, to ask questions about faith, wrestle with modern challenges and to articulate what’s important to you. If you have questions about the claims of the Christian faith, or would like a refresher course on what you believe, sign up for ALPHA – open to all ages and denominations.

Please RSVP to Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980 x138 or [crosales@stapostle.org](mailto:crosales@stapostle.org) by April 15. The ALPHA Team is waiting to welcome YOU!

# Faith and Formation Commission– *Youth*

## Pray for First Communicants



Parishioners are invited to pray for St. Thomas children making First Communion this spring. You can pray for a specific child by taking a hand print off the narthex doors the weekend of April 6/7. The hand prints are made from colorful construction paper and will have the child's first name on it. On the back side is the catechist's name or that the child attends All Saints Catholic Academy (ASCA). "Communion" means "one with". Please pray for this child to become "one with Jesus and our faith community."

## Tree Made by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Religious Education Students

Check out the bulletin board in the back hallway of the Ministry Center at church. Watch for the Lenten cocoons to turn into Easter butterflies.



## Fifth Grade Peek-Ahead Pizza Party



Fifth graders who will be attending the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education (R.E.) Program are invited to the Peek-Ahead Pizza Party on Friday, April 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area at St. Thomas Ministry Center. Students will hear all about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade R.E. program, getting input from Middle School students. This will be followed by pizza and games.

Parents interested in hearing about Middle School Faith Formation or in helping are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Patti Dougherty, 630.355.8980 x 109 or pdougherty@stapostle.org by Monday, April 8.

## Liturgy of the Word with Children

The last Sunday of Liturgy of the Word with Children is on April 21 since the following two weekends have many masses focused on First Eucharist.

On April 7, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be included in Liturgy of the Word with Children. They will meet in the Youth Center, next to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade room.

## First Communicants Practice and Church Visit April 13

First Communicants have a church visit scheduled on Saturday, April 13 at either 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. or 10:30 to Noon. Please see assigned times below. They should be brought to the narthex for a tour of the church, to practice their songs for their First Eucharist celebration, and to practice receiving the bread. Parents are not required to stay, but are always welcome.

Questions may be directed to the Faith Formation / Religious Education Office 630.305.8318 or by emailing Patti Dougherty pdougherty@stapostle.org.

### 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Catechists:

Mrs. Drew

Mrs. Fournier

Mrs. Scarpino

Mrs. Wagener

### 10:30 – Noon

Catechists:

Mrs. Balda

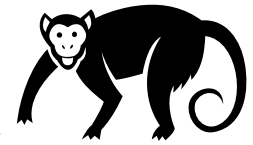
Mrs. Serna

Mrs. Simmons-Trapp

As well as...

All Saints Catholic Academy students and older students

## Scripture Safari Vacation Bible School



Scripture Safari will be held June 10 through 14 with a closing mass on Saturday, June 15 at 4:30 p.m. Scripture Safari is for parishioners entering Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older, may sign up to help at Scripture Safari.

All forms, for youth and adult helpers, and for attendees, will be available in the Gathering Area or the Religious Education Office starting the weekend of April 13/14. Forms are taken on a first come – first served basis until openings are filled. Non-parishioners will have the opportunity to sign up after May 1 where there are openings. Final deadline is Friday, May 3. Please contact the Faith Formation / Religious Education Office with questions at 630.305.6318.

*Families: Take some time to discuss and reflect on the readings.*

Question of the Week...

How are you like St. Thomas the disciple?



## Grandparents Day at St. Pat's

Middle school students...come for Grandparents Day at St. Pat's on Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers should meet at St. Thomas and walk over to St. Pat's together. At St. Pat's, students will help residents get to and from mass, serve coffee and cookies, and bring smiles to many faces. Middle school students and friends are welcome.

## Middle School: Save the Date

### *Is anything better than John Angotti AND ice cream?*

On Sunday, April 14, John Angotti will join middle school students and families for the end-of-the-year celebration. Come for the 6:00 p.m. mass, and come to the gym afterwards for John Angotti and ice cream! All middle school students (both RE students and Teens with Character) and families are welcome. More details to follow. For now, just save the date: Sunday, April 14!

## Growing Up Sexually

St. Thomas is once again offering Growing Up Sexually (G.U.S.), a human sexuality program for sixth grade boys and girls. This program offers a Catholic perspective, while helping to open the dialogue between parents and their children. The five week program will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays from April 22 through May 20. Registration forms are available in the Religion Education office. For questions or if for additional information, contact Peggy Goralski at 630.355.8980, Ext. 123 or pgoralski@stapostle.org .

## Good Friday Living Stations Thank You

The following St. Thomas students were part of the Good Friday Living Stations prayer service: Jonah Crosby, Ellie Curtis, Andrew Eber, Grace Eber, Paige Eber (assistant director), Kyle Loughlin, Jeremiah Montiero, Joshua Montiero, Angelo Perriwickel, Katherine Stewart, Emma Thurman-Keup, and Ryan Thurman-Keup.

Thank you so much for the many hours you put into practicing and making this service the prayerful experience that it is. The St. Thomas faith community is fortunate to have such faith-filled young people who are willing to share their gifts with the community.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## High School Faith Formation Dates

**April 14:** Journey Unplugged, 7 pm, Youth Center

**April 21:** Journey Night, 4:15 pm, in the gym

**April 27:** High school mission trip formation day

## Middle School RE

The final class for middle school religious education is Monday, April 8.

Middle school religious education at St. Thomas happens because of a dedicated group of catechists and volunteers. These volunteers include our catechists: Maureen Overman, Amy Duran, Nancy Trattner, Christina Coronado, Josh McCormack, Kate Caruso, Pat Caruso, Steve Purduski, Evan Thurman-Keup, Darlene Dionne-Karales, Mary Szczap, Brooke Eber, Joan Vitro, Monica Parker, John Kennedy, Steven Grumbine, Christine Cast, Sharon Meyer, and Amy Trujillo. There are also several administrative helpers hall monitors, and substitute catechists who help to make each class session run smoothly. These volunteers are: Chris Baker, Ann Clawson, Mark Goralski, Lorna Perry, Lourdes Chew, Ronnie Stewart, Else Mendez, Myrna DeLara, Cindy Newendyke, Sue LaBarbera, Marge Coronado, and Wanda Fattes. Thanks to all of these volunteers for sharing the gifts of their time and talent with St. Thomas middle school students.

## Middle School Summer Mission Trip to St. Joe, Michigan

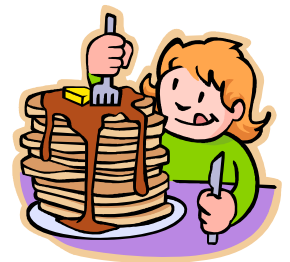
Just5Days is a five-day experience of service, hands-on learning activities, prayer and liturgy, and community building designed for groups of middle school youth. Would you like to experience Just5Days? There are still openings for our Just5Days service trip to St. Joe, Michigan, July 8-12.

Applications and information are available. Call or email Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org , 630.355.8980, Ext. 123 or pick up an application outside of Peggy's office. Additional information is also available at [www.just5days.org](http://www.just5days.org) . Act quickly because the site is almost full!

## Pancakes after Mass, Sunday, April 7!

St. Thomas the Apostle's teens are hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, April 7, to support this summer's mission trips. Pancakes will be served after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. masses. Enjoy delicious pancakes, scrumptious sausage, orange juice, fruit, and coffee. Yum...yum!

A free-will offering accepted at the door before or after your tasty meal. All of the proceeds will help purchase supplies and cover expenses for youth missions. Please plan on attending and getting to know your fellow St. Thomas family better at the table.



# Service Commission—Outreach & Social Justice

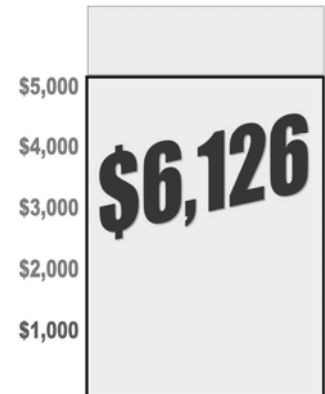


**Goal Exceeded** — Thanks to all who were able to participate in the Schools of Faith and Hope Lenten Project. Donations were received totaling \$6,126, exceeding the goal of \$5,000. If you still have a change collection box to return, bring it to Mass on the weekend and leave it at the reception desk.

**School of Faith:** St. Nicholas Parish in Aurora is expanding its youth faith formation program to include students from pre-school through high school. The program is entitled “School of Faith”. Funding is needed in order to provide tables and chairs for all in attendance.

**School of Hope:** St. Agnes Parish in Manderson, SD is interested in developing a “School of Hope” workshop to provide tools to families for making healthier life choices. Funding is needed to develop, implement, and train people on the reservation to deliver the workshop.

**Goal** \$5,000  
**Thank You** St. Thomas!



## *Pacem in Terris* April 11, 1963 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



In 1963 when, in the midst of the Vietnam War, racial tension, the Cuban missile crisis, the feminist movement and the Cold War, Pope John XXIII addressed his encyclical to all people of good will, and not just to the Catholic population as his predecessors had done. His message of economic, social/cultural, and political rights became the foundation for the growing peace movement that would take root in the U.S. some 10 years later, i.e. Pax Christi USA. [www.paxchristiusa.org](http://www.paxchristiusa.org)

“Peace needs to be founded on truth, built according to justice, vivified and integrated by charity, and put into practice in freedom, or else peace remains an empty-sounding word.”

– Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*  
<http://www.papalencyclicals.net>

With the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Pacem in Terris*, Pax Christi USA celebrates 40 years of being the National Catholic Peace movement. Pax Christi USA strives to create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence.

*Holy One, as members of Pax Christi USA, we pray... banish from our hearts whatever might endanger peace. Transform us into witnesses of truth, justice and love. Enlighten leaders of nations so that they may, in addition to caring for the welfare of their citizens, also defend and guarantee the great gift of peace. May they overcome barriers that divide, cherish the bonds of mutual love, understand others and pardon those who have done them wrong. May all people of the earth come together as brothers and sisters, and may the most longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always among us. AMEN.*

The next meeting of Pax Christi will be Saturday evening after the

## St. Vincent de Paul Spring Clothing Drive



The collection truck will be in our parking lot **next weekend** with attendants present to collect your donations before and after the Saturday mass as well as the Sunday morning and, *for the first time, the 6:00 evening masses.* Clothing and home goods of all kinds are accepted – even non-working appliances (recycled for parts) and ripped/torn clothing (sent to a secondary market).

Why should you save your castoffs for us? Not only will you be helping the environment by preventing them from going to the landfill but some of these items will be given a new life and provided, at no cost, to those who have little. While the majority of your donations will be sold in our Joliet and West Chicago stores, some of the money received is returned to the St. Thomas St. Vincent dePaul ministry to help our parishioners and neighbors with rent and utilities. Vincentians will be handing out bags this weekend so please take a couple home to fill and return next weekend!

## Habitat Volunteers Wanted

Today at Mass you heard a short witness talk about the annual Habitat Mission trips to Tutwiler, Mississippi. Tutwiler is a very small town, more like a village, in the Mississippi Delta that nurtured the "birth of the blues". The week is a very rewarding experience. It is about relationships, with those you work with and with the Tutwiler community.

Volunteers are needed for the week of June 1-8 and June 8-15. **NO CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**, but welcomed. Experienced foreman from St. Thomas are on each mission team.

- This is a **GREAT** experience for families! (youth 16 or over)
- This is a **GREAT** mission trip for learning about poverty in the USA.
- This is a **GREAT** mission trip to build community with the people of the Mississippi Delta and our community at St. Thomas the Apostle.

Whether you are an experienced member of mission trips or if this is your 1st mission trip, Habitat for Humanity in the Mississippi Delta is a wonderful experience for everyone!

Questions or to register, contact Amy Lane (630.918.8515, stapostlehabitat@sbcglobal.net. Cost is \$150. If that is unaffordable, sponsorships can be arranged through the OSJ Office (Mike Ryder).



## Naperville CARES Benefit

The St. Thomas Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry frequently partners with Naperville CARES to provide emergency rent and utility help to people in Naperville. Parishioner Janet Derrick is the Executive Director of Naperville CARES.

Their annual Cuisine for a Cause fundraiser is a fun evening full of excellent food from more than 26 prominent Naperville restaurants. ***The food is excellent!***

The benefit will also feature an open bar, wine and beer tasting, and live entertainment. An extensive silent auction and a live auction add to the evening.

Saturday, April 27, 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm  
Tellabs, 1415 West Diehl Road, Naperville  
To register (\$100) go to  
[www.NapervilleCARES.org/cuisine.asp](http://www.NapervilleCARES.org/cuisine.asp)  
or call 630.369.0200.

## Project Love Benefit Breakfast

Parishioner Eileen McGleam is very involved in Project Love, the charitable division of Illinois Citizens for Life. In the past 17 years, it has given almost 1,000 grants to pregnant women in a financial crisis through various pregnancy centers like Women's Choice and Waterleaf. Sometimes they need help with rent or utility bills, food or day care.

Please join Project Love on Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m. at the Naperville Country Club, 25 W 570 Chicago Avenue. There will be entertainment, a raffle and a silent auction all to help moms in these tough financial times. Tickets are \$30 and reservations are required. You can print out a form at [www.icl-life.com](http://www.icl-life.com) and mail it to Project Love, 5021 Fairview Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515 or call Eileen at 630.963.8039.

The highlight of the event will be the presentation of the *Caritas Award* to Mr. Reed Callahan, in recognition of his outstanding pro-life work with the Knights of Columbus and through his Special Camps. Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Diamond and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Dolehide will accept the *Caritas Award* as founders of Birthright of Illinois over forty years ago. Please come out to honor these award winners and to enjoy a lovely event that will help moms in need and their children.

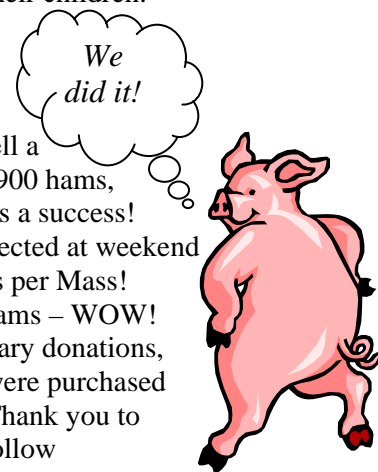
## Easter Ham Drive Results

Although the parish fell a little short of the goal of 900 hams, the Easter Ham Drive was a success! Over 470 hams were collected at weekend Masses – about 118 hams per Mass! One family donated 15 hams – WOW! Through generous monetary donations, an additional 402 hams were purchased for a total of 874 hams. Thank you to everyone who chose to follow Christ and "feed the hungry."

### Hams were distributed as follows:

96 hams for St. Thomas Care Pantry clients  
50 hams to St Nick's  
728 hams to Marie Wilkinson's Food Pantry in Aurora, where they distribute further to other pantries and churches.

A special thank you to those who volunteered for this ministry - handing out reminder cards during St Patrick's weekend and accepting donations at the truck during the weekend of Palm Sunday. Lorna Perry gets special thanks for coordinating the event. St. Thomas the Apostle parish is truly blest! **THANK YOU!**



# Pastoral Care

## Building With Broken Pieces

*This event for divorced or widowed people is sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet, The Center for Family Ministry*

On Saturday, April 13, The Center for Family Ministry is sponsoring a conference entitled **Building with Broken Pieces**. The day exclusively for the divorced and widowed and those who care about them, features nationally recognized speaker, teacher and retreat director, Amy Florian.

The day offers time for reflection, prayer, discussion, and relaxation and ends with a 4:00 p.m. liturgy, celebrated by Bishop Siegel. The requested \$35 donation includes morning coffee, lunch and resource materials.

You may register by calling The Center for Family Ministry 815.838.5334 or email [familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
If you have questions or concerns, call Desiree Marciani 815.838.5334

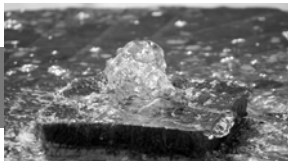


Tuesday April 30, 2013 7:30-9pm  
in the Lighthouse

Join Wheaton Franciscan Chaplain Fr. Tom Borkowski as we discuss our baptismal call to live a life of filled with hope.

This event is sponsored by Wellspring, a ministry dedicated to presenting interactive educational experiences to integrate a wholistic way of living . To RSVP or for more information, contact Rose Grumbine at 355-8980 x140 or [rgrumbine@stapostle.org](mailto:rgrumbine@stapostle.org).

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## April is National Child & Youth Protection Month

The Diocese of Joliet offers Friday, April 26 as a day of prayer and fasting for all who have been impacted by abuse. All are asked to acknowledge those who have been impacted by child abuse and pray for the protection of children.

### *A Prayer for Survivors from the US conference of Catholic Bishops*

*Come, Holy Spirit, to rest in our broken hearts  
and tend to our broken lives.*

*Bear us up on wings of eagles when our hope lies  
crushed below the cross of our past.*

*Release us from the shame and grieving  
that hobble our pursuit of joy  
in our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.*

*Comfort our pain.*

*Help us trust in Christ's complete victory over evil,  
so we may endure what we have suffered  
until that day when all we cannot see and cannot  
know is finally made clear.*

*Heal us with a fuller understanding of God's grace,  
so we may be open to sustenance  
to continue our recovery.*

*Help us discern the sure direction  
of God's whisper when noise and confusion  
threaten to send us on mistaken pathways.*

*Provide us generously with Your counsel,  
so we may not be lost in a wilderness of sorrow,  
doubt and despair but, rather,  
are able to hear over our shoulder which way to go,  
what turn to choose, which time to rest  
and which time to push forward.*

*We ask in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.  
AMEN*

## WIN-WIN-WIN Seniors Trip

**Where:** Horseshoe Casino  
**When:** Thursday, May 2  
**Who:** 40 people needed  
**Cost:** \$25 includes bus trip and buffet



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# Administration/Finance Commission

Last Weekend's stewardship of financial gifts...

## Weekly Sunday Offertory

March 24, 2013

Sunday Collection Offering	\$20,902
Automatic Direct Debit	\$24,683
Mailed in & stock donations	\$2,234
Total for week	\$47,819

\*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$1,386,121
Weekly Average 7/1 to date:	\$35,542
Offertory Goal Year to Date	\$1,428,726
Over/short of goal to date:	<b>(\$42,605)</b>
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,904,992
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$518,871

## April 7 SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER

*He saw and he believed.* They have done the running for us. These witnesses who followed Christ, rose before dawn, felt fear at the tomb, ran to get others, ran back, and probably breathless, peered in and then walked into the tomb. It is not what they saw, but what they did not see that gave them great hope; that makes this day glorious for us.



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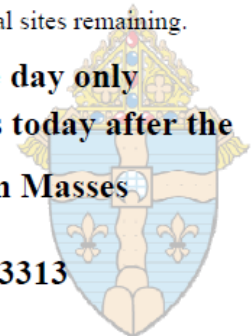
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Consecrated in 1847, Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Cemetery has only a few burial sites remaining.

**Representatives from the Diocese will be on hand one day only to day provide a short presentation and to answer questions today after the**

**Sunday April 14, 2013 8:00am—9:30am & 11:15am Masses**

**For Additional Information Please Call 630-668-3313**



# Administration Commission

## St. Thomas Jobs Ministry

### April Keynote Speaker Night Presentation

Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 pm:

#### "Overcoming Sales Reluctance in the Job Search"

What a fantastic opportunity to learn from an expert who has mastered the art of cold calls, warm calls, sales calls and growing a business that focuses on helping those of us who are reluctant to doing that in our job search and business lives overcome that reluctance!

David Berens is a dynamic sales trainer/coach with 20 years of effective sales leadership. He's proven to be highly skilled in the development and implementation of results driven selling strategies. He has transferred those skills into developing a powerful and proactive strategy for job seekers to set themselves apart and position themselves to be chosen to receive a job offer.

David is also partnered with a team of psychologists to help salespeople and job seekers overcome the emotional and psychological barriers that keep them from comfortably self promoting themselves. David is a managing partner with Dynamic Sales Innovations in Aurora and the Founder and President of the Fox Valley Chamber of Commerce.

So it's not just about the sales calls or the cold calls to possible leads or potential employers. It's also about having the right mindset to promote ourselves in our job search without hesitation or self-doubt. We are all sales reps selling ourselves to everyone we meet and especially in the job search, it is so critical to have that positive and promoting outlook and demeanor. This is a "must attend" event for everyone looking to take their job search to the highest level of success.

**Fri, April 12, 9:30 am:** Cathy Goodman, PhD will present "Refresh Your Resume". This will be an interactive workshop and review of the 3 steps to a 21st century resume, including title and description, accomplishments, formatting, and how to get your resume into the right hands. Bring a copy of your resume, no matter how old it is! Cathy has worked as a process engineer, resource, project and portfolio manager, and communications specialist. She is a professional writer, editor, and personal historian for TFD Writing Services.

**Fri, Apr 19, 9:30 am:** Kent Palmer presents "Your Job Search at Your Library". Learn how library resources can enhance your job search. Naperville Public Library's online resources will be introduced. Research potential employers, prepare resumes, prepare for interviews and create networking lists of companies and executives. Kent is the Business Librarian for the Naperville Public Library, and brings years of personal experience to the job seeker.

## THE WEEK AHEAD...

### Monday, Apr. 8

4:15—5:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Church  
7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym  
7:15—8:30 p.m. Middle School R.E. at All Saints Academy  
7:30—9:00 p.m. School of Prayer, Senior Center

### Tuesday, Apr. 9

10:00—11:00 a.m. Care Pantry & BP Screening, Gym  
7:00—9:30 p.m. Adult Basketball, Gym  
7:00—9:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Lounge  
7:00—9:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Cana  
7:00—9:00 p.m. Voices of Faith, Church

### Wednesday, Apr. 10

9:00—10:00 a.m. Walking Ministry, Gym  
6:30—9:30 p.m. ALPHA, Lighthouse  
7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym  
7:00—9:00 p.m. Commission Night, Ministry Center  
7:30—9:30 p.m. Myriam Rehearsal, Church

### Thursday, Apr. 11

9:00—10:00 a.m. Walking Ministry, Gym  
9:15—11:15 a.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center  
4:15—5:15 p.m. Jammers, Church  
6:00—7:00 p.m. Journey Praise, Church  
7:30—9:00 p.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center  
8:00—10:00 p.m. Genesis Rehearsal, Church

### Friday, Apr. 12

9:00—11:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study, Senior Center  
9:15am-12:00 p.m. Jobs Ministry, Gym  
7:00—9:00 p.m. Sophia Circle, Lighthouse  
6:30—8:30 p.m. 5th Grd Pizza Party, Gath Area, Senior & Youth Center

### Saturday, Apr. 13

8:30am-12:00 p.m. Church Visit & 1st Eucharist Practice, Church  
9:00—10:30 a.m. Men's Saturday Sharing, Senior Center  
9:15—10:30 a.m. Soul Searchers, Rectory Basement  
10:15—11:15 a.m. Rainbows, Ministry Center

### Sunday, Apr. 14

8:00am-1:00 p.m. Donut/Welcome Sunday, Gym  
9:30am-12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with children, Ministry Center  
10:00am-12:00 p.m. DuPage United, Lighthouse  
12:30—1:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class, Cana  
5:30—8:30 p.m. RCIA, Senior Center  
7:00—8:15 p.m. Middle School R. E. John Angotti, Gym  
7:00—8:30 p.m. Journey Unplugged, Ministry Center

**Wed, Apr 24, 7:00 pm:** "Overcoming Sales Reluctance in the Job Search" a 2-hour presentation and interactive workshop presented by David Berens. Are you part of the majority of people who are reluctant to pick up the phone and call a possible job lead? Is the receiver super-glued to the base? This presentation is perfect for everyone who needs to overcome that fear, that reluctance, that inner voice of self-doubt that keeps you from moving your job search productively forward.

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