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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.

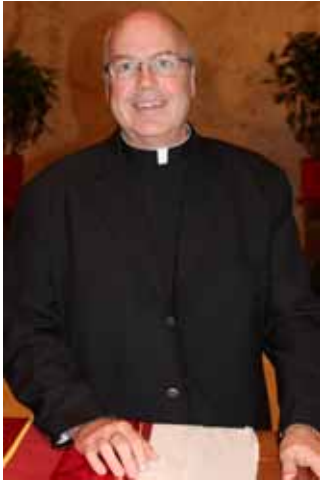
Weekend

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...

Last week I focused my bulletin article on the Divine Mercy, the forgiveness of God. The Gospel story today features the rehabilitation of Peter by the Risen Lord and the power given by Jesus to US to forgive. Remember how in the passion narrative Peter denied, **three** times, that he knew this Jesus of Nazareth who had just been arrested and was being tried for blas-

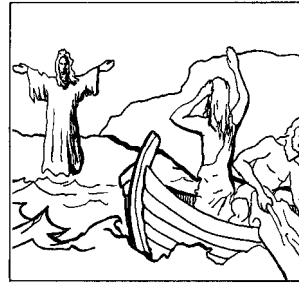
phemy? How would you have felt? How DO you feel when you have been betrayed? How did Jesus respond?

The risen Lord does not come right out and tell Peter that he must ask for forgiveness. The risen Lord does not try to make Peter feel guilty for what he had done. The risen Lord doesn't give Peter the passive-aggressive silent treatment by refusing to speak to him until he apologizes. Instead, the risen Lord has come up with an ingenious way to help Peter not only forgive him, but have that forgiveness rooted in love. In each instance of Jesus asking a hurt and confused Peter if he loved him, Jesus calls Peter to "Follow me"... he calls him to discipleship – and that discipleship includes rehabilitation of self and others through forgiveness.

Why do some find it so hard to forgive? I think it is either having a sense of moral superiority or allowing those who have wronged us to rent too much space in our minds! And I think we are often afraid to forgive because we think to do so is a weakness or a condoning of what was done to us. But forgiveness is not excusing hurtful behavior – it is deciding that you are no longer going to let that person and the power of that hurtful memory control your happiness now. It is NEVER about placing yourself back in an abusive relationship, it is embracing courage by letting go. Forgiving those who have hurt us badly is practically an inhuman task. We must ask for the strength and grace of the Holy Spirit through prayer. Only God can help us to forgive. When we eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ we gradually, little by little, Sunday after Sunday, become what we eat – the Body and Blood of Christ, the very Christ who prayed: "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

As Jesus has done, so must we (with the grace of God). Forgiveness is the mark of the Christian and it allows us to live a richer, fuller life in Christ. To refuse to forgive and still retain the name of Christian is the ultimate hypocrisy. Why not resolve to forgive at least one person during these fifty days of Easter?

Fa. Tom



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2013

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”

— *Revelation 5:12*

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, TODAY, April 14.

Worship Commission—*Liturgy & Music*



St. Thomas Music Makers present their third annual cabaret this spring. Mark Friday, May 3 on your calendar and plan to attend this “dreamy” musical extravaganza! We promise ... we won’t put you to sleep. Watch for details.

Today’s Readings

First Reading — God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tues: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wed: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thurs: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Fri: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Sat: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sun: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Help fill
the shelves!



GOAL:
500 Hymnals!

New Hymnals!

St. Thomas will be purchase new hymnals in the near future. Through the support of parishioners, funds have been raised so far to sponsor 300 hymnals!

Pick up a flyer (available in the narthex and gathering area) to order a bookplate that will celebrate the memory of a departed loved one, commemorate an important event, or to simply honor your family name.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the St. Thomas music ministry!

Presider’s Schedule April 20/21

Saturday

4:30 pm, Fr. Don McLaughlin,
Deacon Jim Breen

Sunday

8:00 am, Fr. Bob Colaresi,
Deacon Pat Lennon
9:30 am, Fr. Dof Arty,
Deacon Larry Kearney
11:15 am, Fr. Don McLaughlin
6:00 pm, Fr. Dof Arty

Schedule is subject to change.

*Changes are posted to
the St. Thomas website
www.stapostle.org*

Pray For Our Parish

*Of all God's gifts
Easter shows us our fate
Forgiven we will rise
And pass through Heaven's gate
This Easter remember
The sacrifice of a Son
And through His resurrection
Eternal life we have won
This Easter, pray
That the love of God
Is resurrected
Reborn, and renewed
Inside everyone's heart.*

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...

Maureen Milano, daughter of John & Carol Corrigan
Jack & Dan Gillen, husband and son of Betty Gillen
Maxine Wiejaczke, wife of Ken
Bonnell Wilson, aunt of Perry Grove
Mark Austin, friend of Anne Schultz
Pat Pelger, friend of Jim & Mary Jo Breen
Mary Ebinger, mother of Lori Lear
Eleanor McNicholas, wife of John
Graham Chadwick
Lee Gibson, husband of Ann

For the deceased...

Mary Louise Murphy, mother of Tim
Chester Wojcik, father of Ken
Chloe Vojtik, cousin of the Grosskopf Family
David Ward, friend of Sue Grove
Denny Shirmers, uncle of
 Jess Allured & Megan Poeping
Mary Lee Rossbach, aunt of Tom
Anne Zwarycz, friend of
 Don & Mary Ann Manderscheid
Roderick Heard
Burnett G. Bartley Jr.
Cinda Coss, friend of Kathy Edmunds
Louise Schweibs, wife of Bill

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 15, 2013

8:30 †Bob Wade, by Lois Evans

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

8:30 †Francis E. Pratt, by McDevitt & Bird Investments
Mgmt., Alan W. Bird & Martin A. McDevitt

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

8:30 †Madeline Palmisano, by Lois Evans

Thursday, April 18, 2013

8:30 †George Charnas, by Tom & Mimi Dillon

Friday, April 19, 2013

8:30 †Dionisio & Simeon Estoesta,
by The Mallorca Family

Saturday, April 20, 2013

8:30 For the Unemployed

4:30 For the People of St. Thomas

Sunday, April 21, 2013

(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

8:00 †MaryAnn Gustavson, by Jerry & Mary Kay
 †Joe & Pat Kempa, by Martha Lopez

9:30 †James Hillock, by Ann Clawson & Audrey Easton
 †Barbara Pellegrino, by Bob & Loretta Kurland

11:15 †Mary Kubica, by Fr. Don

 †John Renkosik, by Patti Dougherty

6:00 For All St. Thomas Volunteers

Faith and Formation Commission— *Adult*



John 21:1-19

Have you considered that Jesus gave Peter three chances to say “I love you, Lord” because he had denied Jesus 3 times after Jesus’ arrest? Yet Peter became leader of the Church and faithful even to death. Today our new leader is Pope Francis. Let us pray for his faithfulness to the task that the Holy Spirit has given him.

C.A.R.E. CORNER

We’ll begin our exploration of Church leadership by taking a long step back to our Jewish ancestry. The imagery of God as shepherd was common among the Israelite community from very early on. Jacob, one of the patriarchs, referred to God as “The God who has been my shepherd from my birth to this day . . .” (Genesis 48:15b) So many people owned livestock and shepherding flocks was part of everyday life for the common people. They well understood the work involved in tending their flocks and the importance of doing that job well. It’s no wonder they referred to God as their shepherd.

The words of the beloved and memorable Psalm 23 speak of God as shepherd: “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.” (verse 1). As shepherd, the Lord was seen as the One who leads us, restores our souls, guides us along right paths and brings comfort. And if God is shepherd, then the people of God are His flock: “Know that the Lord is God, he made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the flock he shepherds.” (Psalm 100:3) It wouldn’t have been much of a stretch to take the notion of God as a shepherd of people and apply it to other human beings, especially to those called by God to be shepherds of people.



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.

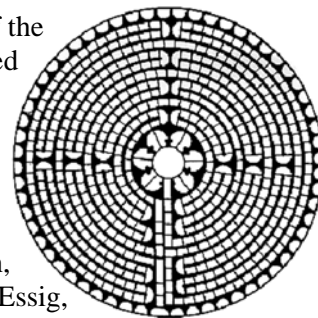
What does ALPHA offer? A relaxed setting in good company, to ask questions about faith, wrestle with modern challenges and to articulate what’s important to you. If you have questions about the claims of the Christian faith, or would like a refresher course on what you believe, sign up for ALPHA – open 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 by April 15. The ALPHA Team is waiting to welcome YOU!



May Labyrinth Walk

To honor Mary as Queen of the Universe in the month dedicated to her, St. Thomas is offering a labyrinth walk on Monday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. Planned for the outdoor labyrinth, the event will be held in the St. Thomas gym in case of rain, and will be facilitated by Patti Essig, who has walked the labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral in France.



Walking the labyrinth is a spiritual journey designed to lead you away from the cares of everyday life and lead you closer to God by first emptying your mind of clutter and chatter, then filling it with a receptive openness to God’s grace. The flower-like center has been compared to Mary as the Mystical Rose. Join your prayer to hers this month.

No prior experience is necessary. To RSVP, or for further information, contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980 x138 or crosales@stapostle.org

SAVE THE DATE

**Men's Annual Brat's Night
Friday Evening May 17, 2013**

First Communion Weekends Planned

This year, First Eucharist Masses are scheduled for: April 27 at the 4:30 p.m. liturgy; April 28 at the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. liturgies; May 4 at a special 1:00 p.m. liturgy; and at the 4:30 p.m. liturgy; and May 5 at the 11:15 liturgy. In January, First Communicants and their families committed themselves to prepare for this beginning of their full participation in our liturgy. At that time, their names were put on the banner that hangs in the Gathering Area of the Ministry Center. As they finish their work, we ask the St. Thomas community keep these children in prayer. It is important for them to know that their community supports and cares for them.

Below is a list of the First Communicants and the Masses at which they will participate. If you have neighbors or friends making First Communion, you might want to attend the Mass at which they will participate. In the generous spirit which characterizes St. Thomas, please make these children feel welcome and loved on this special weekend.

4:30, April 27

Ramon Arteaga
Brooks Brummell
Sydney Brummell
Ryan Carroll
Olivia Duda
Kate Follin
Owen Gaccione
Aidan Gilbert
Jacqueline Gilhool
Jonathan Hernandez
Kylie Hulsey
Adriana Lathrop
Patrick McGrath
Reese McGuire
Natalie Madland
Kate Pastore
Ella Radeztsky
Marley Schroeder
Maeve Thurman-Keup
Kevin Tochmani
Lyric Trapp
Zachary Voakes
Luke Wagner
Hailey Zoeller

9:30, April 28

Amelia Kellen
Anthony Kosinski
Emma Miles
Isaac Serna
Thomas Swartz
Jacob Vu

11:15, April 28

Kimberly Alcantar
Seth Anslem
Colin Bishop
Nicholas Claussen
Anthony Cotner
Gabriella Danielson
Irene Egbers
Amelia Elsbury
Alina Gasior

Melissa Giacobbe
Dominic Guzman
Norah Hess
Alex Horn
Ethan Horn
Madeline Howorka
Abigail Matern
Alyson Mizanin
Reese Reichel
Allison Roach
Alison Sutton
Jacob Vonderheide

1:00, May 4

Alejandro Aquirre
Grace Ainger
Mya Ayala-Ruiz
Elizabeth Barbosa
Emily Barbosa
Richard Black
Rachel Boudeman
Alice Braun
Tyler Bresnick
Kayla Brock
Jacob Castro
Samuel Castro
Audrey Catuara
Jordan Chavarin
Lillian Cuculich
Allison Davids
Lucas De LaCruz
Kyras Drew
Sebastien Duchatellier
Courtney Fournier
Leonardo Garcia
Logan Jaramillo
John Kaindl
Katherine Kaindl
McKenzie Kolnicki
Joseph Koszala
Lucas Lombana
Claire Maroney
Mia Medero
Madalyn Morgan

Luke Mueller
Brooke Napolitano
Gerald Osterhaus
Evan Pellegrini
Kevin Ramirez
Nathaniel Reid
Halle Reifsnnyder
Lissette Rodea
Madilyn Saad
Richard Schefke
Gabriella Storino
Colin Schoo
Kaitlin Swanson
Samantha Tagliavia
Amy Tochmani
Jessica Tochmani
Kimberly Tochmani
Mary Tochmani
Omar Tochmani
Sofia Vitro
Ethan Wilson

4:30, May 4

Emma Buranosky
Isabella Chew
Sarah Dziewinski
Jonah Elston
Diego Garcia
Raven Hageman
Noah Hrubesky
Abigail Lopata
Riley McCann
Melanie Mendez
Marlene Mendez
Trevor Pace
Leslie Pena
Catherine Rao
John Rawson
Nicholas Rawson
Caitlin Scharm
Valeria Sepulveda
Adam Zielke
Lucy Zitella

11:15, May 5

Miguel Amezquita
Kyle Campbell
Catherine Chang
Michael Culbertson
Nicholas DeNardo
Jonathan Erbacher
Eric Evans
Andrea Gerald
Brady Hayslett
Michelle Hess
Jack Krueger
Olivia Lankisch
Nathan Lee
Ethan Meyers
Alberto Patle
Jaclynn Patle
Nicolas Posada
Savannah Rodriguez
David Soto
Stephanie Soto
Aiden Spohn
Ysabel Spohn
Stephanie Svec
Katherine Walbridge
Hannah Widd
Gabriela Zawadzki

Also First Communicants

Emmanuel Cortes
Victoria Cortes

Faith and Formation Commission– *Youth*

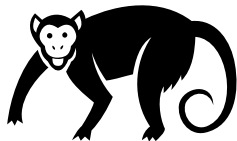
Liturgy of the Word with Children

Liturgy of the Word with the Children ends on April 21 and will resume in the fall. There will be no Liturgy of the Word on April 28 or May 5 due to the First Eucharist Masses those weekends.

If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please sign up on the Ministry Sign-Up Card which will be available the end of May and in June too.

Family Prayer Service for 1st Eucharist

The last Family Prayer Service for families of First Communicants is Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This service, *It's About Making Peace*, will last approximately 35 minutes. After the service details concerning First Communion Masses will be reviewed. Members of the St. Thomas faith community are asked to hold these children in prayer during their final days of preparation to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.



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 4th grade. Youth entering 5th grade or older, may sign up to help at Scripture Safari.

All forms, for youth and adult helpers, and for attendees, are available in the Gathering Area or the Religious Education Office beginning this weekend, April 13 and 14.

Forms are accepted 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.

Special Instructions for Receiving Communion at First Eucharist Liturgies

First Eucharist Liturgies are scheduled beginning April 27 (see page 7). During these liturgies, the First Communicant and parent/s are invited to come forward first to the front stations. Other guests in those rows and the rest of the assembly are asked to wait for Communion until all First Communicants and parents have received. Eucharistic Ministers will proceed to their assigned stations as usual but will remain facing the altar at their assigned station (*except in front*) until all First Communicants and parents have received. Once First Communicants have received the Eucharist, host-greeters will invite the rest of the assembly to receive. This will include the other guests in the First Communicant's pew.

Thank you for your patience as the children and their parent's receive Eucharist and thank you for the prayers you have said for these children as they meet Jesus in this most holy sacrament.

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 the Just5Days service trip to St. Joe, Michigan, July 8 through 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. Act quickly because the site is almost full!

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

Question of the Week...

When do you know Jesus is with you?



Middle School: Save the Date

What's 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 stop in the gym afterwards for John Angotti and ice cream! 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

Registration Ends April 15

St. Thomas is 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 is 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays, 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 .



Notre Dame Vision is a series of 5-day conferences, held at the University of Notre Dame, that includes dynamic large group experiences, reflective small group time, profound liturgies, and excellent music. Speakers from all across the country will break open important themes throughout the week and help participants to relate them to their own lives.

Notre Dame Vision is for high school students (incoming high school freshmen and students completing grades 9-12). Everyone wants to know who they are and where they are going in life. Notre Dame Vision helps young people on this journey. Participants may come alone, with a few friends, or in groups of five or more.

ND Vision 2013 dates:

Week 1: June 17–June 21

Week 2: June 24–June 28

Week 3: July 8–July 12

Week 4: July 15–July 19

The cost for the week is \$325 (\$350 after April 7). Information flyers are outside Peggy Goralski's office. Visit vision.nd.edu for more information.

Youth Ministry Corner

There were several accounts in the media, this past week, of the death of film critic, Roger Ebert. One of the accounts told how, the day before he died, Ebert blogged that he was going to curtail some of his movie review writing and take a "leave of presence." The idea of a "leave of presence" seems very Easter-ish to me. We continue to celebrate Christ being raised from the dead. We sing and proclaim that HE IS ALIVE! Christ's presence is different from a physical presence, but yet is every bit as real. Sometimes at mass, or at prayer, we sense Christ's presence. Sometimes, when we encounter kindness along the path of our life, we are reminded that Christ lives. And sometimes, Christ uses us to be his 'leave of presence' in our world. How humbling! How totally awesome!

Another thing that struck me as I read accounts of Roger Ebert's passing was that there were many who felt that, as his physical condition deteriorated, he did his best writing. It seems like our God-given gifts can shine through regardless of our physical appearance or what's on the outside. For all of us, the best really is yet to come!

Easter Blessings,

Peggy

Last Journey Night of the Year!

The last Journey Night for the school year is Sunday, April 2 at 4:15 pm in the Gym. High school teens and their parents, who are enrolled in the High School Journey Program are expected to attend, but all are welcome. The topic this session is on prayer, and will be about finding different ways to connect ourselves to God through different prayer experiences. Join us! Contact Brett Adams, with questions or for details.

Summer Mission Spots Still Available

Three mission trips are being offered this summer through high school youth ministry. Openings are available as follows:

Local: S.W.I.M. (Summer Witness in Mission) – July 22-26 – Unlimited spots open

National: Detroit, MI

Young Neighbors in Action, June 16-22

5 youth and 2 adult spots open

International: Managua, Nicaragua

Ave Maria University, July 17 – 25

7 youth and 2 adult spots

Contact Brett Adams to sign up, or for more information.

Service Commission—Outreach & Social Justice



St. Thomas Parishioners Teach Giving to St. Nicholas Fourth Graders

Thanks to all who participated in the Schools of Faith and Hope Lenten Project. Donations totaling \$6,126 were received, exceeding the goal of \$5,000. The funds will be divided as follows:

St. Agnes Parish on the Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation in Mander-son, SD to develop, implement, and deliver a “School of Hope Work- shop” — providing tools to families for making healthier life choices.

St. Nicholas Pariah in Aurora to provide tables and chairs for their expanded “School of Faith” religious education program for youth.

St. Thomas parishioners Diane McQueen and Marge Coronado teach religious education to fourth graders at St. Nicholas. At the beginning of Lent they told the children about the “School of Faith” Lenten project at St. Thomas to benefit the St. Nicholas religious edu- cation program. They taught the children about the traditions of Lenten prayer, good works, and alms giving. Rather than ask the chil- dren do donate money, they asked them to make Lenten promises. And every week, if they kept their promises, Diane and Marge made a contribution to the “School of Faith”. So \$20.64 for our Lenten pro- ject was raised by the Lenten promises kept by the fourth graders at St. Nicholas.



THE TRUCK IS HERE!

The St. Vincent de Paul Spring Clothing Drive is this weekend with Vincentians present to collect donations from:

4-5:30pm on Saturday,

7am-12:30 on Sunday,

and for the first time, **5:30-7:30pm** Sunday evening.

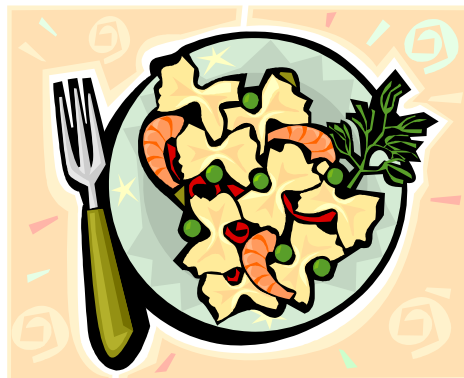
Clothing and home goods of all kinds are accepted – even non- working appliances (recycled for parts) and ripped/torn clothing (sent to a secondary market). Why should you save your castoffs for this collection? Some items will be given a new life and provided, at no cost, to those who have little. You will be helping the environment by preventing some items from ending up in a landfill. The majority of your donations will be sold in St. Vincent de Paul’s Joliet and West Chicago stores. Some of the money received is returned to the St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul ministry to help parishioners and neighbors with rent and utilities. Vincentians are in the parking lot awaiting your donations, so...**FILL THAT TRUCK!**

Meal Assistance for Parishioners

A St. Thomas family continues to go through very difficult times. The mother is trying to keep the family together after the death of the father in the fall of 2011. The older son, age 29, is severely handicapped and functions at an 8 year-old level. He is blind, au- tistic, has cerebral palsy, and has been diagnosed with the same rare, fatal brain disorder that caused the death of his father. He is having more seizures, often keeping his Mom and younger brother up all night taking care of him.

Volunteers are being requested to bring dinner to the family. You can volunteer for one meal or as often as is convenient for you. To volunteer, con- tact Sherry Weddle (630.369.6332, sherryweddle@juno.com). The family lives within a mile of St. Thomas.

The family is very easy to cook for. The kids don’t like spinach and are tired of meatloaf, but almost anything else is welcome! They do have a fond- ness for Mexican food, salads, pasta, and fresh fruit. A pizza is a welcome addition! No great cooking skills are needed. A home cooked meal is al- ways welcome.



This is a Social Justice Weekend

There are seven basic tenets of Catholic Social Teaching. The fifth Social Justice Weekend, highlighting one of the basic tenets, is April 13-14.



The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve the people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be protected --- the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property and to economic initiative. — US Conference of Catholic Bishops

Jobs in DuPage County — There are 40,000 unemployed in DuPage County. Yet one-third of open Manufacturing jobs (offering good salaries and benefits) go unfilled. Why? DuPage United (including the St. Thomas Core Team) has the answer and is doing something about it. Do you want to know more? Can you help? Do you know someone that could benefit from such a job? There will be two meetings to present and discuss the situation: Sunday, April 14 at 10:45 am (after the 9:00 Mass), and Tuesday evening, April 16, at 7:00 pm.

Dignity of Work Action Opportunity — United Farm Workers of America

Founded in 1962 by Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers of America is the nation's first successful and largest farm workers union currently active in 10 states. The UFW continues to organize in major agricultural industries across the nation. The UFW is pushing its historic bipartisan, broadly backed AgJobs immigration reform bill.

The United Farm Workers has been working with key Republican and Democratic lawmakers, to ensure Congress approves the Agricultural Job Opportunities, Benefits and Security Act (AgJOBS)--or includes language that addresses farm workers' needs as part of any immigration reform legislation. The bill would give professional career farm workers presently in the U.S., who have been contributing to our country's economy, the right to earn legal status by continuing to work in agriculture.

Educate yourself on this "Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers" issue. If you are in agreement, contact your Congressional representatives and communicate the message: It is time for a new immigration process that includes a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million immigrants, including farm workers. This pathway should have provisions which encourage current skilled farm workers to remain in agriculture through making the path to permanent status briefer on condition that farm workers remain in agriculture. It also makes sure that farm workers can make at least the wages they are making today.



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 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
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To register (\$100) go to
www.NapervilleCARES.org/cuisine.asp
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Fr. Fritz' Work in Haiti Achieves Milestone

Father Fritz Louis was the founding pastor of Ste. Marie-Madeleine, the Haiti Twining Parish of St. Thomas. He also spent some time at St. Thomas as Associate Pastor. For the last two and a half years, Fr. Fritz has been working in Bay Tourib, Haiti for the KANPE Foundation (based in Canada). He has managed the program to help families living in extreme poverty become self-sufficient. Working with Paul Farmer's Partners in Health and the Fonkoze Bank, the program provided literacy education, health care services, self-sufficiency counseling, agricultural training, as well as micro-loans.

Recently 338 women from Bay Tourib graduated from the program. To see portions of the graduation and hear Father Fritz speaking about the program, visit YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RkJZdoToh8Q>).

Pastoral Care

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*

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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.

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Amazing 2012 Spiritual Giftedness:

In 2012, the talented and selfless Prayer Shawl Ministers created and donated 101 prayer shawls. Of these, 97 have been shared with those in need, crisis, or in celebration. In 2012, Ninety-eight (98) Baby Blankets were created and eighty-seven (87) have been given to the families of newly Baptized babies. Also in 2012, twenty-six (26) prayer squares were carefully chosen to match the media information we had regarding the 26 Angels of Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. The squares were individually packaged and mailed to the families with an explanation and prayers from St. Thomas the Apostle and the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

This is a remarkable 2012 effort and a fantastic accomplishment. Prayer Shawl Ministers and those who support this ministry with monetary gifts, yarn, or other crafted items as Chemo caps or Prayer Squares, please accept a heartfelt Thank You for your time, effort, and prayer. You are truly the Hands and Feet of Jesus.

— Pastoral Care and Parish Nurse, Felicia

Administration/Finance Commission

Last Weekend's stewardship
of financial gifts...

Weekly Sunday Offertory

April 7, 2013

Sunday Collection Offering	\$24,639
Automatic Direct Debit	\$21,668
Mailed in & stock donations	\$4,203
Total for week	\$50,510

*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$1,440,218
Weekly Average 7/1 to date:	\$35,127
Offertory Goal Year to Date	\$1,501,994
Over/short of goal to date:	(\$61,778)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,904,992
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$464,774

Committee Needed for Parish Picnic

What better way to end the summer than a Parish Picnic! How about the afternoon of Sunday, August 25, after the 11:15 a.m. mass?! Would you be interested in planning this event? If so, please contact Mary Wright or Patti Dougherty at 630.355-8980 or Mary at nitecrew@stapostle.org or Patti at pdougherty@stapostle.org. The first planning meeting is Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in St. Thomas Ministry Center.



PART TIME SECRETARY AT ST. ANNE'S

Saint Anne Parish, Oswego, IL is seeking a part-time secretary for the Religious Education Office. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic. This is a job shared position and evenings and weekends are required as follows:

Monday-Thursday

Two days per week the day shift is worked
Two days per week the night shift is worked.
10:00-3:00 PM (day shift)
2:30-7:30 PM (night shift)

Friday

8:30 AM-12:00 (alternating Fridays)

Sundays

3:30-8:30 PM

(one Sunday per month during school year)

The secretary provides assistance to Director of Religious Education and program volunteers. Basic secretarial and office skills are required including courteous phone manner, greeting visitors, monitoring email and US mail, use of basic office equipment.

Computer knowledge required. MS Word. Training provided on parish specific software. Monitor data base of volunteers and students. Assist with registration for religious education programs and necessary documents required as well as receiving and maintaining accurate tuition records.

Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality.

**Please email resume to
stanne@stanneparish.org.**

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, 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.

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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THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday, Apr. 15

4:15—5:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Church
7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym
7:00—8:30 p.m. NAMI, Youth Center
7:30—9:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group, Rectory Basement

Tuesday, Apr. 16

9:00am-3:00 p.m. Jack Shea, Lighthouse
6:30—9:00 p.m. DuPage United, Lighthouse
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. Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, Apr. 17

9:00—10:00 a.m. Walking Ministry, Gym
7:00—9:00 p.m. Baptism Class, Galilee
7:00—9:00 p.m. PLC, Cana
7:00—9:30 p.m. Sojourners Rehearsal, Church
7:30—9:30 p.m. Elias Rehearsal, Senior Center
7:00—9:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, Youth Center
7:30—9:00 p.m. Pro-Life, Resource Center

Thursday, Apr. 18

9:00—10:00 a.m. Walking Ministry, Gym
10:00am-12:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cana
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
6:30—8:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cana
7:30—9:00 p.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center

Friday, Apr. 19

9:00—11:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study, Senior Center
9:15am-12:00 p.m. Jobs Ministry, Gym

Saturday, Apr. 20

8:30—11:00 a.m. Ensemble Rehearsal, Senior Center
8:45am-5:30 p.m. Wedding Retreat Day, Lighthouse
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. 21

9:00am-12:00 p.m. RCIA, Senior Center
9:30am-12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with children, Ministry Center
12:30—1:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class, Cana
12:45—1:45 p.m. Baptism, Church
4:15—6:00 p.m. Journey Night, Gym

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