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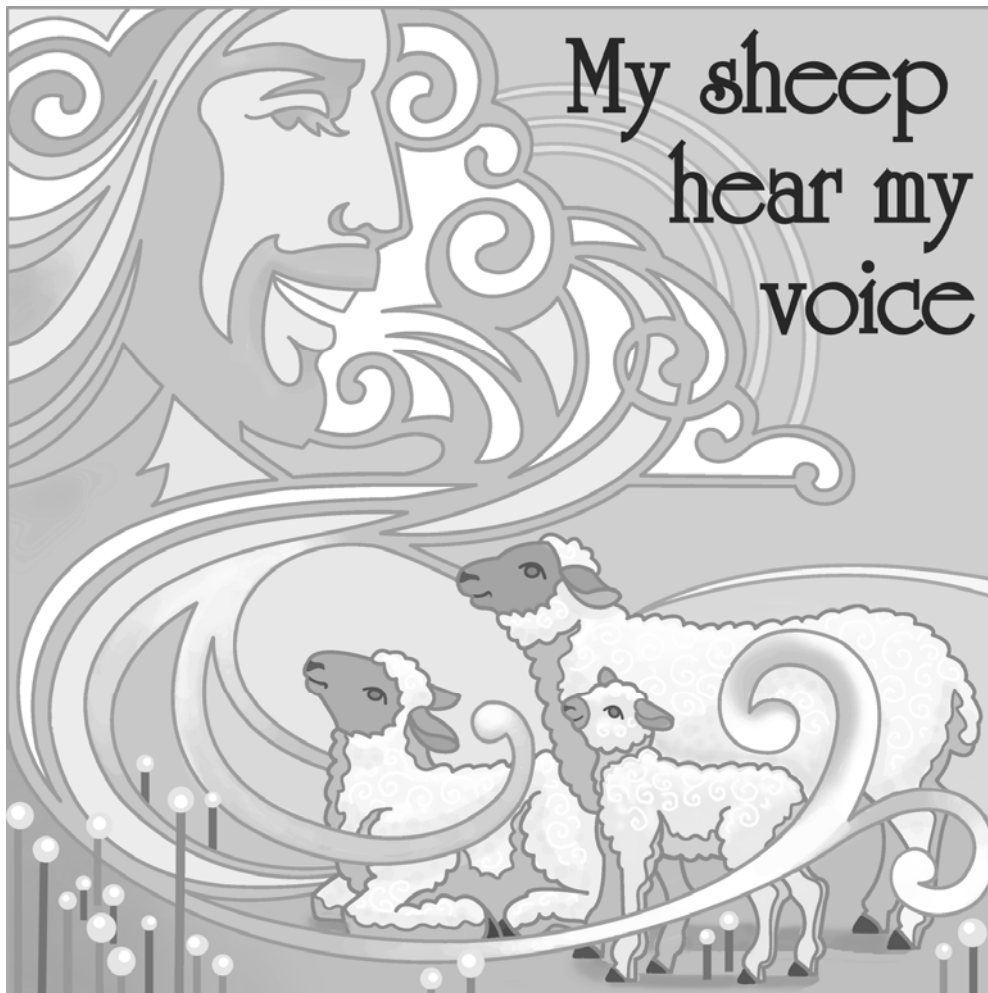
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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

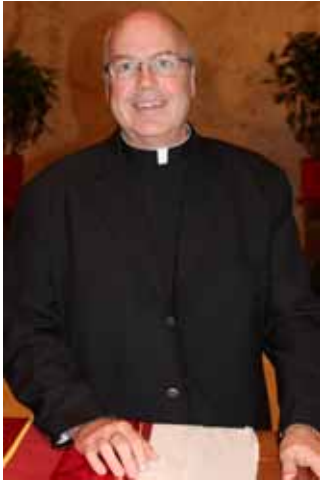
### Weekend

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.*

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## From the Pastor's Desk...

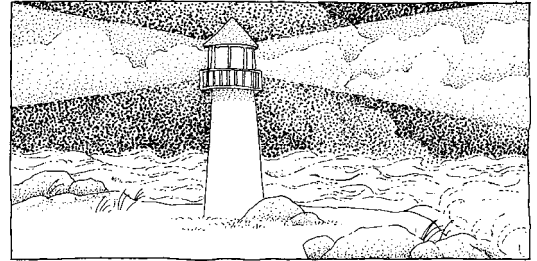
Today we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Easter which is often called Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospel in all three cycles of the Lectionary speaks of the Good Shepherd. The first two readings today put the role of the Shepherd in a particular light. In the first reading Paul insists that the word of God is not only for the Jews but also for the gentiles, for all the nations "to the ends of the earth." This got Paul and Barnabas thrown out of Antioch, but they continued to spread the word elsewhere.

In the second readings, John's vision is of a great multitude "from every nation, race, people, and tongue," a reminder that Paul's insight proved true. The Good Shepherd has sheep all over the world. The recent election of Pope Francis certainly reminds us that we are a culturally diverse church. As such, we have a responsibility not to act with jealousy, like the Jewish congregation in Antioch who felt their privileged relationship with God was threatened when Paul and Barnabas started talking about salvation including the gentiles. We have a responsibility to make sure that our lives are faithful to the teaching of Jesus. There is no room for self-interest or jealousy in the Christian because the voice of Jesus invites everyone without distinction. Jesus defines his sheep as anyone who hears his voice and follows him.

Also being Good Shepherd Sunday, it is a world day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood. Retired Pope Benedict XVI has prayed: "*O Father, raise up among Christians numerous and holy vocations to the priesthood, to keep the faith alive and guard the gracious memory of your Son Jesus through the preaching of his word and the administration of the Sacraments, with which you continually renew your faithful.*"

Additionally, I think we need to pray that those who are called will be able to hear the voice of the Shepherd. Many voices claim our attention every day: from external voices of family and friends, media and culture; interior voices speaking of weaknesses, fears, and desires. Listening to all of them can be as frustrating as trying to keep up with the rapid-fire emails, tweets, and texts that continually bid for our attention. So let us pray today that we ALL can hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, no matter how he is calling us to follow him, and that we may respond to His voice!

*Fr. Tom*



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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2013

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."*

— Acts 13:47b

## 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, May 19.

# 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.*

**First Communion Masses**—Please pray for St. Thomas First Communicants. See page 7 for a First Communion Mass schedule.

**No 6:00 p.m. Mass During the Summer**—The last 6:00 p.m. mass of this season will be on Pentecost, May 19. The mass will resume in the fall after a summer break.

## Today’s Readings

**First Reading** — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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## Readings for the Week

**Mon:** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

**Tues:** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

**Wed:** Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

**Thurs:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 6:15-20

**Fri:** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

**Sat:** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

**Sun:** Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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 27/28

### Saturday

4:30 pm, Fr. Dof Arty,  
Deacon Jim Breen

### Sunday

8:00 am, Fr. Dof Arty,  
Deacon Pat Lennon

9:30 am, Fr. Bob Colaresi,  
Deacon Larry Kearney

11:15 am, Fr. Don McLaughlin  
Deacon Mike Barrett

6:00 pm, Fr. Don McLaughlin

*Schedule is subject to change.*

*Changes are posted to  
the St. Thomas website*

# Pray For Our Parish

*May God support us all the day long,  
Till the shadows lengthen  
And the evening comes  
And the busy world is hushed  
And the fever of life is over  
And our work is done –  
Then in mercy –  
May God give us a safe lodging  
And a holy rest  
And peace at last.*

## 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 Brandyn Tagliavia  
Lance Corporal Oliver Buckley  
Lance Corporal Tommy Baldacci

### U.S. Navy

Ensign Jason Coons                              SN Joel Curry  
Alex Metzger                                      SR Jeffrey Bates  
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...*

Kathleen Johnson;  
Cathy Casado & Paul Castellvi, daughter in-law and  
brother in-law of Fernando & Ada Casado;  
Gretchen Patey, friend of Sue Bowler;  
John Clark, husband of Kathy;  
Laura Johnson, fiancé of Stephan McBride;  
Lee Gibson, husband of Ann;  
Jim Burns, husband of Mary Ann;

### *For the deceased...*

Edward Pinto, father of Monica Rodrigues;  
Sarah Addante, mother of Andrea Polizzi;  
Dolores Doyle, sister of Carol Healy;  
Katen Haney, friend of Gloria Caswick;  
Edna Brogan, mother of Barbara Masters;  
Fritz Kaefer;

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, April 22, 2013**

**8:30** For all children making First Communion

**Tuesday, April 23, 2013**

*(Saint George, Martyr, Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr)*

**8:30** †Shirley Mann, by Richard & Dorothy Jaracz

**Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

*(Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr)*

**8:30** †Anthony Amato, by Tom & Mimi Dillon

**Thursday, April 25, 2013**

*(Saint Mark, Evangelist)*

**8:30** †Joe Simon, by Sue Hummel

**Friday, April 26, 2013**

**8:30** †Helen Wozniak, by Helen & Tim Swanson  
†Shirley Mann, by Dave McGuire

**Saturday, April 27, 2013**

**8:30** †Mary Mills, by Family

†Thomas Jakubowski, by Family

**4:30** †Hugh Armstrong, by Bob, Terri & Tony  
†Shirley Mann, by Carol & Gene Rados

**Sunday, April 28, 2013**

*(Fifth Sunday of Easter)*

**8:00** For the People of St. Thomas

**9:30** †Richard Strassburger, by The Brohan Family  
†Ron Angelotti, by Jim & Sheila Maul

**11:15** †Lou Fashoda, by Fr. Don

†Ray Schaeffer, by Kay Agustin

**6:00** †Karen Haney, by Gloria Caswick

# Faith and Formation Commission– *Adult*



Acts 13-14, 43-52

*Do you realize that Paul and Barnabas were speaking to both Jews and Gentiles? God wanted the Jews to model and invite faith in Him. Some accepted this teaching while others rejected it. How do we model and invite others to Faith in God?*

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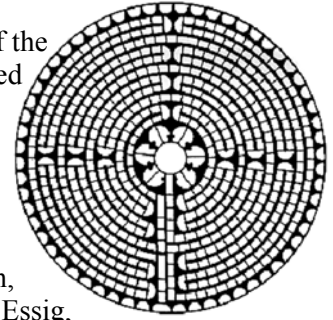
Scripture gives us the accounts of numerous visible shepherds that God selected to lead His chosen people. These included Moses, as well as those who served as judges, such as Gideon and Samson. The period of judges gave way to those who served as kings, such as David and Solomon. But not all the kings of Israel were faithful to God's commands and expectations. So God also set Prophets among His people to pronounce God's voice and to interpret His meaning.

The prophets of the Old Testament were typically at odds with the kings of the Jewish people. The prophets saw most kings as bad shepherds who had lost touch with the will of God and were leading the people astray. The Lord speaks especially harshly through the voice of the prophet Ezekiel (Ezekiel 34:2-4): "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who have been pasturing themselves! Should not shepherds pasture the flock? . . . You did not strengthen the weak nor heal the sick nor bind up the injured. You did not bring back the stray or seek the lost . . ." This passage gives us great insight into the duties expected of a good shepherd. Those God called to be shepherds of His people were expected to be faithful to their calling and to provide for and feed their flock.



## 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.



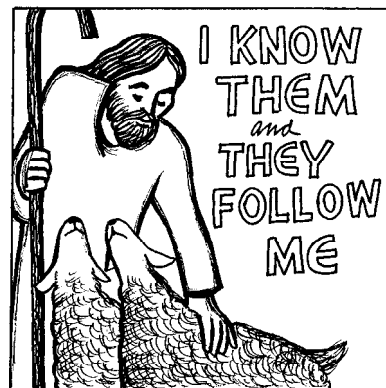
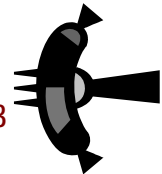
Walking the labyrinth is a spiritual journey designed to lead you away from the cares of everyday life and lead you closer to God by first emptying your mind of clutter and chatter, then filling it with a receptive openness to God's grace. The flower-like center has been compared to Mary as the Mystical 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](mailto: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  
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  
Sarah Dziewinski  
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  
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

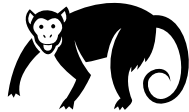
Emmanuel Cortes  
Victoria Cortes

# Faith and Formation Commission– *Youth*

## Family Prayer Service for 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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/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.

## Global Medical Brigades

*Dear St. Thomas,*

*Thank you so much for your medical donations to Marquette's Global Medical Brigades trip to Nicaragua. The donations helped many of the hundreds that traveled to our clinic March 10 through 17. I was surprised and inspired at how quickly and generously the St. Thomas community responded. The donations were much appreciated by the brigaders collecting and the patients that received care. Thank you again, God bless.*

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

**Question of the Week...**

How do you listen for Jesus' voice?



## Special Instructions for Receiving Communion at 1st 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 Needs Some Guys!



Just5Days is a 5-day experience of service, hands-on learning activities, prayer and liturgy, and community building designed for groups of middle school youth. There are still openings for the Just5Days service trip to St. Joe, Michigan, July 8-12. **Ten girls have signed up and ONE boy, so GUYS are needed!** Applications and information are available. Call or email Peggy Goralski pgoralski@stapostle.org , 630.355.8980, x 123 or pick up an application outside of Peggy's office. Additional information is available at [www.just5days.org](http://www.just5days.org) . Act quickly because the site is almost full!

## Thank You Middle School RE Volunteers

Middle school religious education at St. Thomas happens because of dedicated individuals. This includes 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 administrative helpers, hall monitors, and substitute catechists who help make class sessions 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.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### DuPage River Sweep—May 18

The DuPage River Sweep is an effort by The Conservation Foundation to clean up debris along the DuPage River. Help form a St. Thomas group to participate--all ages are invited and it is a wonderful way to care for God's creation. This year's 'sweep' will take place Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Participants should gather at St. Thomas at 8:00 a.m. Permission forms and more information available outside Peggy Goralski's office or by emailing pgoralski@stapostle.org.



### Grandparents Day Thank You

For several years, middle school students have participated in Grandparents' Day at St. Patrick's Residence next door to St. Thomas. Students help residents get to the chapel for mass, serve coffee and cookies at the social, and visit with residents. This effort is facilitated by parishioners Dawn and Gary Bausch. Thank you to Dawn and Gary (and Emily and Logan!) and to middle school students for being the hands and feet of Christ and spreading joy this way.

### Last Journey Night of the Year!

The last Journey Night for the school year is Sunday, April 21 at 4:15 p.m. in the St. Thomas Gym. High school teens who are enrolled in the High School Journey Program, are expected to attend, but all are welcome. The topic will be on prayer, discovering ways to connect to God through different prayer experiences. Contact Brett Adams with questions.

### High School Mission Formation Day

On Saturday, April 27 there will be a mandatory Mission Formation Day for all high school youth planning on participating in a mission trip this summer, whether that is a local, national, or international trip. The focus of the day is to start building relationships with mission team members, as well as to discuss basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching and what it means to be a servant leader. The day begins at Noon and will conclude with attendance at the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Light snacks will be provided, but teens should eat lunch before arriving. Contact Brett Adams with questions.

### Youth Garage Sale

A Garage Sale is planned to benefit youth missions this summer. More information about the dates for the sale, and for receiving items will be announced soon. Think of the St. Thomas teens as you do your spring cleaning in the coming weeks! They would greatly appreciate your donations.

## Youth Ministry Corner

It's not too often we come across a Sunday Gospel reading that is as short as today's. So instead of assuming that the Church felt our minds needed a break this week, I thought this as an opportunity to really dive into the details. In the passage from John, we hear Jesus describing the obedience of his sheep (us in other words), and the promise of eternal life for those who follow his voice. In unpacking this common metaphor of Jesus as the Good Shepherd leading us, his sheep, to the Father, I decided to dust off my biology cap and examine just what it is about sheep that makes them such a good analogy for our relationship with Jesus.

Despite growing up in Iowa, I knew very little about sheep, so in my very basic search, I discovered a few new facts that I found particularly interesting. 1) Sheep are not able to see very far in front of them, however they have a nearly 360 field of vision to see what is immediately around them, and even behind them. 2) As a result of their poor long-range vision, sheep have excellent hearing, but since they see their immediate surroundings so well they tend to be very social and follow the movement of those next to them. 3) On the contrary, when sheep are isolated they tend to become very stressed and uncomfortable.

So how is this analogy relevant to our lives today? Well obviously, we need to follow Jesus in order to stay on the right track in our lives, and to ultimately lead us to eternal life. But how often do we really let ourselves to see that far ahead? Aren't we like sheep in our short-sidedness sometimes, seeing only what's immediately around us? Aren't we easily swayed by our peers, and are far more comfortable following where everyone else is going? So what happens then if we follow those who don't listen to Jesus' voice? We find ourselves in the wrong crowd, with the wrong attitudes, engaging in the wrong behaviors, or perhaps worst of all, we find ourselves isolated from others completely, lost and alone.

Let the challenge be today, then, to listen more carefully to where Jesus is calling you in your life, and to make sure you're surrounding yourself with other sheep listening to Christ's voice. Then surely, he will, "lead (you) to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from (your) eyes," (Revelation 7:17).

Peace & Prayers,  
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Middle School Students  
SEE PAGE 13  
for information on  
CAMP R.O.C.K

# Service Commission—Outreach & Social Justice

## Feed My Lambs, Tend My Sheep



Last weekend was a Social Justice Weekend on the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. Below is an excerpt from the witness talk given at the homily time. To read the entire talk, go to [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org), type “Feed my Lambs, Tend My Sheep” in the Search Window and open the article.

“In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks us a number of times if we love Him. When we answer, “Yes”, His first request is to “Feed my sheep.” St. Thomas does that very well with our Care Pantry. No one coming to St. Thomas for food has ever been turned away. Our Care Pantry is an excellent example of Outreach Justice where we are directly addressing an immediate need.

But is Jesus’ message to us today as simple as that? Is the message of Jesus ever that simple?

The second request Jesus makes of us is to “Tend my sheep”. But how easy is that? What is involved in trying to “Tend my Sheep”? We first have to clearly understand the issue and then we have to determine the best action to take. Where “Feed my Sheep” is a rather straightforward outreach task ... “Tend my sheep” is a more complex problem and is more like a social justice action.

Social Justice attempts to eliminate the root cause of the outreach need. If we could take steps that would provide jobs for all that were able to work --- If we could assure a living wage for all workers, then fewer families would need food from our Care Pantry.”



## Feed My Lambs!

The weather is getting warmer and the Care Pantry Garden is calling. If the weather holds, the garden will be planted the morning of Saturday, May 11, so HOLD THE DATE. Come for the planting and help tend the garden once or twice during the summer – that’s all it takes to “Feed My Lambs”.

Don’t know much about gardening but want to give it a try? No problem! The Care Pantry Garden Ministry includes volunteers willing to share their gardening experience. To join the ministry, contact Anne ([aschultz@stapostle.org](mailto:aschultz@stapostle.org), 630.355.8980 x113) in the Outreach and Social Justice Office.



## Jobs in DuPage County

As part of last week’s Social Justice Weekend on the Dignity of Work, DuPage United held two meetings on the jobs gap in DuPage County.

There are some 30,000 people unemployed in DuPage County. At the same time, about one-third of the open manufacturing jobs go unfilled. These are good paying jobs, in clean work environments, with benefits and career advancement opportunities. There are excellent training facilities available. The government provides funds for workforce development.

So why are so many good jobs going unfilled? DuPage United has some answers and is looking for others.

If you were unable to attend the meetings, but would like to understand more about the situation, go to [www.stapostle.org](http://www.stapostle.org) and type “Jobs in DuPage County” in the “Search” window. Opening the article will provide links to the information. If you have questions, contact the Outreach and Social Justice Office (Mike – [mryder@stapostle.org](mailto:mryder@stapostle.org), 630.355.8980 x121)





## 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  
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.



## Walking for Wellness – Sign-up Next Weekend

The St. Thomas Walking Ministry is sponsoring “Walking for Wellness — a walk around St. Thomas to raise awareness and funds — on Saturday May 25. See today’s insert for more information.

The St. Thomas Pastoral Care and Outreach and Social Justice Offices work together to subsidize payments for those in need of counseling due to the situations in their lives in need of healing (individuals, couples, children, families). St. Thomas partners with Samaritan Interfaith which provides services at reduced rates when needed.

There will be sign-up after masses next weekend ... or you can sign-up on the website. Volunteers for the day of the event are also needed.

## St. Thomas Cares Benefits from Holes for Hope

Soon you will be hearing more about the Third Annual St. Thomas Cares charity golf outing. The proceeds benefit the St. Thomas Cares financial outreach to parishioners and other local area families.

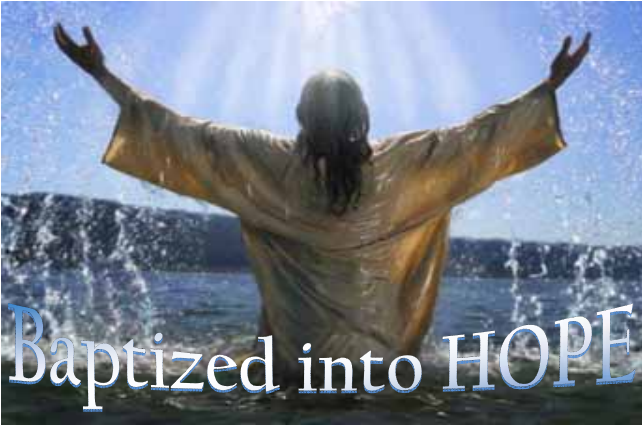


*Last month St. Thomas Cares helped a grandmother who is disabled, yet has responsibility for her three teenage grandchildren. She is on a fixed income that barely gets her through each month. The only car in the family was in need of significant repair - timing belt, three drive belts, and water pump plus other minor maintenance items. Total cost was \$775. The grandmother was able to pay \$200. St. Thomas Cares paid \$575.*

*Last month St. Thomas Cares helped a woman keep her apartment. She had injured herself on the job in February and was struggling with workman’s compensation that was 2/3rds of her normal salary. She is just getting back to work. She was \$175 short on her rent and the landlord was threatening to send it to court for eviction. St. Thomas Cares paid the \$175.*

*In March, St. Thomas Cares distributed \$5,170 to 25 client families.*

# Pastoral Care



**Tuesday April 30, 7:30—9 p.m.**

## **St. Thomas 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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What can you do to protect your brain?

Try these tips to stay safe:

- Wear a helmet during sports, horseback riding, bicycling and other actions that can lead to falls or hard impact.
- Don't use alcohol or drugs when driving or playing sports.
- Wear a seatbelt in a car.
- Use proper safety seats, booster seats or seatbelts for children.
- Set up guards on windows and safety gates on stairs to keep children from falling.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## **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**

April 14, 2013

Sunday Collection Offering	\$20,831
Automatic Direct Debit	n/a
Mailed in & stock donations	\$3,521
Total for week	\$24,352

\*Based on Collection Counters Reports

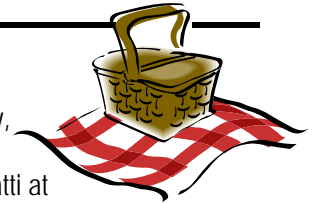
Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$1,464,570
Weekly Average 7/1 to date:	\$34,871
Offertory Goal Year to Date	\$1,538,628
Over/short of goal to date:	<b>(\$74,058)</b>
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,904,992
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$440,422

## 2013 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Pledge Reminder

*Monthly pledge payments for the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached goal in paid pledges, 50% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.*

### 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, 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.



## R.O.C.K. 2013

- WHAT:** Camp Rock is a 4-day, 3-night camp for middle school students sponsored by the Joliet and Rockford dioceses.
- WHEN:** June 8-11 OR August 3-6
- WHO:** Any student currently in grades 6, 7, or 8
- WHERE:** Dickson Valley Camp, Newark, IL (near Plano, IL)
- COST:** \$300.00 (including \$80 non-refundable deposit)
- QUESTIONS/REGISTRATION:** Contact John Lamperis at 630.846.0688 or john@camprock.me .
- ACTIVITIES:** swimming, canoeing, prayer, archery, Bible study, campfire, indoor gym and climbing wall, mass, hiking, sports, music, skits, crafts

# 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.

**Wed, Apr 24, 7:00 pm:** "Overcoming Sales Reluctance in the Job Search" a 2-hour presentation and interactive workshop presented by David Berens. See above.

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563 (630)355-8980. Friday meeting formats include announcements, speaker presentation, and 2 rounds of networking. Prepare your elevator speech, and bring enough handbills to pass out to 20 fellow networkers. Wednesday night is speaker only, no formal networking. Contact Bob Hronek <[rhronok@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rhronok@sbcglobal.net)>; or Ben Willingham <[Benwillingham11@gmail.com](mailto:Benwillingham11@gmail.com)>; for more info.

## THE WEEK AHEAD...

### Monday, Apr. 22

4:15—5:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Church  
7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym  
7:00-8:30 p.m. Growing Up Sexually, Lighthouse & Youth Center  
7:00—8:30 p.m. Parish Picnic Planning, Cana

### Tuesday, Apr. 23

10:00—11:00 a.m. Care Pantry, 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. Voices of Faith, Church

### Wednesday, Apr. 24

9:00—10:00 a.m. Walking Ministry, Gym  
7:00—8:00 p.m. 1st Eucharist Prayer Service, Church  
7:00—9:00 p.m. Jobs Ministry, Gym

### Thursday, Apr. 25

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  
7:30—9:30 p.m. Jubilate Rehearsal, Church

### Friday, Apr. 26

9:00—11:30 a.m. Friday Bible Study, Senior Center

### Saturday, Apr. 27

9:00—10:30 a.m. Men's Saturday Sharing, Senior Center  
10:15—11:15 a.m. Rainbows, Ministry Center  
11:00am-4:00 p.m. High School Mission Formation Day, Ministry Center

### Sunday, Apr. 28

7:30-10:30 a.m. RCIA, Senior Center  
9:30am-12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with children, Ministry Center  
10:30am-2:00 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class, Rectory Basement

## Jobs Ministry Thank You

The St. Thomas Jobs Ministry meets three Friday mornings and one Wednesday evening a month. Each meeting has a speaker on some aspect of the job search. Below is a thank you from one of the many people who benefit from the Jobs Ministry.

*I'm writing to let you know how grateful I am for the St. Thomas Job Ministry! They were instrumental in helping me land a job after 7 months. In September 2012, I returned to the Chicago area after 30 years in Boston. When I returned, I had no local professional network. I learned that the St. Thomas Job Ministry was one of the most active and closest to my home. I also joined a Job Search Work Team accountability group that meets at St. Thomas Monday mornings. My career coach, Dave Gruenewald, is also a member of your parish.*

*The St. Thomas Job Ministry welcomed me, as they do all others in job search, and helped me establish a local network with support and encouragement. I attended nearly all of the morning and evening meetings. The St. Thomas Job Ministry helped keep me going during challenging times. And now my efforts, with everyone's support, have paid off. I have obtained an excellent fulltime position exactly in the career I wanted, thanks in no small part to the support of the St. Thomas Job Ministry.*

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