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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.

#### In the Hospital or 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

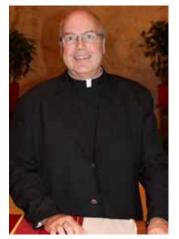
#### Daily

(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, and 11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every first Friday, 9:00 — 5:00 p.m.



# From the Pastor's Desk...

Since All Souls Day falls on a Sunday this year, it gives me the opportunity to clarify what we Catholics understand and believe about eternal life. Our understanding has evolved over centuries of reflection on the faith and belief of people living during Old Testament and New Testament times, as well as theologians and philosophers from the middle-ages to present days.

Often to deal with the emotional pain at the death of a loved one we

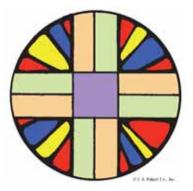
hear it said: "well, no one lives forever." We know that intellectually, at least on the physical level. Our minds try to make sense out of something that our hearts can't. BUT – (that three letter word means <u>B</u>ehold the <u>U</u>nderlying <u>T</u>ruth) – we **DO** live forever! At baptism we are given the pledge that "all who are buried with Christ in the death of baptism rise also with him to newness of life." Our minds try to grasp what eternal life, heaven and hell are like. Images are given to us in scripture... Heaven as a banquet, a home, a mansion and hell as a fiery furnace where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

While the images of heaven may be comforting and hell not, it is better to think of eternity not in terms of "places" but instead *"states of being"* - Heaven, knowing and feeling the perfect love of God FOREVER and hell being miserable, lonely and never fulfilled FOREVER. How do we get to either heaven or hell?

Ever since God gave Moses commandments which held a people responsible to God for harming a neighbor, our relationship with God has been tied up with our relationships to other people. How well we live our relationship with God and others determines our "judgment" – heaven or hell. Each decision we make in life turns us toward God and neighbor or away from them. One day our life ends and we die who we have become over the course of a lifetime, either loving or unloving. But for most of us, our lives are a mix of selfishness <u>and</u> generous love. That is why we believe purgatory exists...not as a "place" or punishment, but a state of purgation and purification to remove all that kept us in life from being as loving as God is. And that is why we pray for our faithful departed. We believe our prayers can ease the process of purification.

But we can also reject God's mercy and love, God's invitation to share in divine life. It's probably more accurate to say that we damn ourselves than to say that God condemns anyone to hell. Matthew's account of the last judgment says it all.... "When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat; when thirsty, something to drink....when you did it for one of my least brothers or sisters, you did it for me." In other words, I think there will be one question from God at the end of our life - did you love? Not just the ones easy to love, but the ones who you found difficult – the ones you would not like to sit at table with in the heavenly banquet – because until you can do that, you will not see God face to face!





### All Souls Day November 2, 2014

If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him.

- Romans 6:8

## 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 November 9 in the gym, with donuts anytime between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

# Worship Commission—Liturgy & Music



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

St. Thomas' Thanksgiving Day Mass will be Thursday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church. Fr. Don will be the Presider, assisted by Fr. Dof and Deacon Jim. All St. Thomas Youth Music Ministers (teens, middle school, and youth) will be the song leaders. All are invited to bring bread and wine that you will use over the Thanksgiving holiday to be blessed at this Mass. After the liturgy, you will take home the items that you brought.

## A Prayer for Our Parish

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. We pray in hope for family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

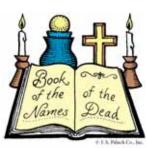
In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise for ever and ever.

Amen.



The annual All Souls Day Liturgy is being held at St. Thomas this weekend, Sunday, November 2 at the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Those who have died this past year will be remembered in a special way. You are invited to participate by bringing a candle forward during the Prayer of the Faithful when your loved one's name is called (candles provided). You may also bring a picture or memento to place on the tables in front of the sanctuary in memory of your loved one.

The liturgy will be followed by a reception in the Gathering Area. For More information, call Lori Culberson: 630.355.8980 x 120.



## Book of Life

There is a display to remember our beloved departed in the St. Thomas Narthex. Also, there is a book for you to enter names of deceased loved ones. All the names that are entered in this book will be prayed for in a special way during the month of November.

#### Presider's Schedule November 8/9

4:30 pm – Fr. Don McLaughlin, Deacon Pat Lennon 8:00 am – Fr. Dof Arty, Deacon Jim Breen 9:30 am – Fr. Joseph Atcher, Deacon Larry Kearney 11:15 am – Fr. Dof Arty, Deacon Larry Kearney 6:00 pm – Fr. Matt Lorenz

Schedule is subject to change. Changes are posted to the St. Thomas website www.stapostle.org

## Pray for Our Parish:

*The sick...* Dennis Miller, husband of Sharron Dorothy Paperiello, wife of Carl Andrewe Malley, father of Carlene Gerdis Carol Gapen George Carlson, uncle of Ben & Chari Rosales Ginger Morgan, friend of Don & MaryAnn Manderscheid Richard Kuckelman, husband of Kathleen Mary Chiltgen, friend of Jim & MaryJo Breen Paul Castellvi, brother in law of Fernando & Ada Casado

## 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 SicaLt. Joseph ZitoAB Jon Babiarz, Special ForcesJoseph MichalowiczCpt Joseph Bennington (Reserve)Cpt Bradley CrossonTechnical Sgt. Shanna CronesCpt Bradley Crosson

#### Air Force National Guard

Senior Airman Jacob Brancaleon Major Eric H. Dolan

John Osborne

Jennifer Slown

Pvt. Sonia Carrillo

LCpl Cody Kolar

Lt. Kevin Martin

SN Joel Curry

STG SN Jeffrey Bates

**Ensign Connor Binnig** 

CMDR Brendan Curran

#### U.S. Army

Cpt. Lynnea JensenMatt NelsonCpt. Alanna CaseySgt. William StuartStaff Sgt. Aaron Simms1st Lt. Chris TurleyPFC Sean WesleySPC Zachary HowellArmy Ranger Medic Jeremy SeeCpt. Mike ReillyCpt. Matthew HaselhorstStaff Sgt. Jeffrey Crones

#### U.S. Marine Corps

Capt Brad Rothman Lt. Colin Miller-Ratcliffes LCpl Brandyn Tagliavia LCpl Oliver Buckley LCpal Tommy Baldacci Col James Arthur Hogberg

U.S. Navy Ensign Jason Coons Alex Metzger Airman Alex Dworak

Naval Reserve CDR Lance Klosterman, MD

### U.S. Coast Guard

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

### The deceased...

Tom O'Connor, husband of Maria Derek Tat, friend of Caroline Soyars William Folowell, friend of Pat Wilkins Joseph Stefanko, father of Diane & Craig Barbret Jospehine Bartyzel, mother of Don

## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

#### Monday, November 3, 2014

(Saint Martin de Porres, Religious)

**6:30am** Communion Service

8:30am †Alejandro Esponella, Jr., by Buddy & Mely Mallorca

#### Tuesday, November 4, 2014

(Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop)

6:30am Communion Service

8:30am †Emilia Hlinka, by Family †Johnathan Weiger, by Mom & Dad

#### Wednesday, November 5, 2014

6:30am Communion Service

8:30am †Theresa Paul, by Judy Zeno

### Thursday, November 6, 2014

6:30am Communion Service

8:30am †Andy Mravca, by Family

#### Friday, November 7, 2014

6:30am Communion Service

8:30am †Sr. Kay Heidkamp, by Margot Worfolk & Joe Houston †Carol Schuster, by Judy & Tom Rossbach

### Saturday, November 8, 2014

(BVM)

8:30am For a Successful Fine Arts Fair at St. Thomas

4:30pm Vigil: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Special Intention for The Eschmeyer Family †Carol Rados, by Gene Rados

#### Sunday, November 9, 2014

(The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

- 8:00am †John Easton, by Audrey †Rose Mary Lopez, by Martha Lopez
- 9:30 am For the People of St. Thomas
- 11:15am †Sgt. David Caruso, by Mom & Dad †Leonard Gavelda, by Loretta Gavelda
- 6:00pm †Emil Bahnmaier, by Family

# Faith and Formation Commission—Adult

## Seek. Ask. Find. The GOSPEL for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries

To prepare for next Sunday's homily, read the Gospel several times during this week, and let your mind and spirit begin to nurture the seeds of God's word.

## Nov 9 — John 2:13-22

In Jesus time, animals were sold in the Temple in Jerusalem to be sacrificed to God. Jesus, by his actions, is indicating that he will be the new Sacrifice and the new Temple. Do you realize that at every mass we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection? You receive the sacrifice of His Body and Blood when you receive the Eucharist.

# C.A.R.E. CORNER

Let's start our look at St. Paul with a physical description, offered by the second century writer, Onesiphoros. He described Paul in this way: A man rather small in size, bald-headed, bow-legged, with meeting eyebrows, a large, red and somewhat hooked nose. Yet he was strongly-built and full of grace. There are painted frescoes on Roman catacombs that confirm this description. But which came first – the description or the pictures? This we don't know. But at least the description and the pictures are consistent. Is this how you pictured Paul?

We know him as Paul, but his given name was Saul which is a Hebrew name. He was born in Tarsus in Asia Minor which is modern-day Turkey. Tarsus was a large, prosperous city in the Roman Empire. Tarsus was a highly Greek influenced city, with a university, a gymnasium, a theatre, an art school and a stadium. Paul was a Roman citizen and would have enjoyed all the privileges granted to Roman citizens, including the right to vote. The name Paul in Latin means "little." This might have been a nickname he was given early on in his life. So now you know a little bit about Paul's personal background.





## Fine Art and Craft Fair

Feast your senses at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Art and Craft Fair hosted by St. Thomas' Celebration of the Arts ministry November 7 through 9. Over 40 local artists will fill the Gym with various original art and crafts including paintings, photography, jewelry, ceramics, pottery wood crafts and fabric art. Browse to your heart's content, and take home a piece or two (a great place for one-of-a kind Christmas gifts – hint, hint!).

Take chances to win a piece donated by an artist. Proceeds from the raffle as well as a portion of sales will benefit the St. Thomas twinning parish of Ste. Marie-Madeleine in Duchity, Haiti.

Fair hours are Friday, 6:00 through 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.

## Language of Sacred Movement

Experience an evening of awakening your soul, spirit, mind and body in sacred gestures. The Language of Movement as an integral part of Catholic Liturgies can recreate, revitalize and renew God's Presence within and around us.

Through the music of John Michael Talbot, Judy Zeno will guide participants to...

- + **RENEW** an understanding of movements during Mass
- + LEARN the whys of many liturgical sacred gestures
- + **PRAY** the Magnificat with creative moves
- + **EXPERIENCE** ordinary liturgical gestures as extraordinary movements

This prayerful time will take place on Tuesday, November 18, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. To participate, RSVP to Marge Coronado (630.355.8980 x 118 or mcoronado@stapostle.org by November 14. A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted.

# **Meeting Jesus Anew**

Adult Faith Formation is pleased to present Fr. Robert Barron's beautifully produced video series about Jesus, "Priest, Prophet, King." All sessions are independent of each other, so enjoy one or more on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. through November 12. Don't miss this opportunity to connect or re-connect more deeply with the person of Jesus, the Christ.

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#### Thoughts on a Catholic School Education

In an Angelus message this summer, Pope Francis captured the essence of our mission in Catholic education. He said, "the encounter with the living Christ in his great family which is the Church fills hearts with joy, for it fills them with true life, with a profound goodness that endures."

Encounter with Christ in the Church is at the heart of the mission we share in Catholic education. The values we emphasize every day in every school across the diocese give form to our encounter with Christ. Foremost among what we value is that dedicated Catholic educators incorporate faith into our classrooms no matter the subject. Our students learn in a nurturing environment where high expectations find balance with love and respect. Knowing the sacrifices that parents make to send their children to Catholic school, we value the collaboration with families that happens through open and candid communication. We also hold our administrators, teachers and students to a higher standard and expect them to exemplify the life of Christ both inside and outside of the classroom. Lastly, we constantly look ahead to ensure that our schools remain vibrant so that they

continue to form Disciples of Christ. The result of what we value is evident every time one visits our schools: the joy-filled hearts of students and the profound and enduring goodness that Catholic education brings.

More than 22,000 students in grades from pre-K to 12 have chosen to embrace the core values of Catholic education for their children in the Diocese of Joliet. After all, our core Catholic values unite us, from the office to the farthest corners of the playground. In the labs, on the playing field, in the lunch line and in the class-room....this is who we are and why we are here.

A Catholic education is an act of love. It is an act of love that forms the next generation of Catholics in our faith and tradition; that manifests a parent's sacrifice and commitment; that results in leaders for our world who serve like Christ himself. At Catholic schools, our high standards create more than successful students. They create faithful leaders educated for excellence and sent to serve. What better gift to give than a Catholic education for your child.

From Rev. John Belmonte, S.J., Ph.D., Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Joliet

· Have you ever thought about a Catholic school education for your child?

· Are you interested in visiting All Saints?

• Would you like to visit and take a personal tour?

· Would your child look forward to a shadow experience?

 $\cdot$  Would you like to meet with faculty and staff to discuss how All Saints can meet your child's and family's needs?

You are invited to call the All Saints Catholic Academy at 630.961.6125 to investigate how All Saints might partner with you in the formation of your child.



## Volunteer at St. Thomas in a Welcoming Way:

We are looking for smiling faces, pleasant and welcoming personalities (people) to help out at the reception desk. The volunteer position would include greeting and helping parishioners and the public when they come to St. Thomas, as well as answering phones and light clerical work as needed.

The shifts are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays. Our greatest needs at this time are Monday afternoons, Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings. We could also use people who are flexible to be called on an as-needed basis for any of the weekday shifts.

Another area of help is needed at Welcome Sunday: If you have about 45 minutes one Sunday a month to be on the Welcome Committee, we could use you to register new parishioners and spend a few minutes talking to them about St. Thomas. Please consider sharing the valuable gift of your time with us. Call Kathy at 630.355.8980, ext. 100. Training provided as needed.

# Faith and Formation Commission—Youth

# Catechist Meeting

Catechists who teach at the elementary level are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday, November 4. The session begins at 7:15 p.m. in the Gathering Area with a presentation on the Scriptures with the meeting immediately following.

## Unusual November Religious Education Dates Parents: Just a reminder



that there are **no Religious Education sessions on the following Tuesdays:** November 4, 11 and 25. Also, no R.E. sessions on Saturday, November 29.

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

# Question of the Week...

Jesus promises, "You are with me always." How can you remember deceased family members?



Strong families talk at the dinner table. See the bulletin board in the hallway by the Faith Formation Office for a set of questions.

Upcoming Donut Sunday Dates November 9 December 7 with Santa



# Family Mass with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

All are welcome to come to the 4:30 p.m. Liturgy on Saturday, November 15 which is being prepared by students from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education Program. Many of these students will participate in this liturgy as liturgical ministers, such as: communion bread makers, lectors, host greeters, gift bearers, singers, etc.

Please join these youth and their families in this celebration of the Eucharist. A simple reception will follow the liturgy. Families that would like to donate a plate of goodies, are invited to do so. Bring your donation to the Gathering Area before mass begins.

In addition, thank you to the following volunteer cate-\* chists, aides and Grade Level Coordinators who helped prepare these youth for this liturgy and their year of Religious Education:

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Volunteers

Cindy Bass Jeff Berta Tanya Galer Lauren Guzman Jean Hannigan Gendy Jaramillo Lorraine Katz Cari Pellegrini

Cathie Riddle Jackie Ruiz Laura Svec Laura Swanson Maria Tardif Jacquie Vu Thuc Vu

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Volunteers

Donna Brock Chris Davila Jim Eber Samantha Fattes Gina Howley Melisa Kennedy Joseph Mayoralgo John Morris Ella Sondker Kelli Sondker \* Sharon Sugas Tina Theis Mari Walbridge

\* Grade Level Coordinator

# Stay, Pray and Play!

Your family is invited to Stay, Pray and Play! Come to the St. Thomas Gym from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. on October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24 and December 1, 8, 15, 29. Children of all ages are invited to attend, along with a parent or guardian. There will be open gym play time for chil-



dren along with family prayer time. On occasion, the group will move to the Nursery if the gym is not available. Questions may be directed to the Faith Formation Office at 630.305.6318 or email parishioner Gina Howley ginahowley@comcast.net.

## Harvest Sunday: Food Collection THIS Weekend November 2



Harvest Sunday food collection is THIS Sunday, November 2. Remember to leave a bag of food on your front porch and Harvest Sunday volunteers will pick it up.

# Growing Up Sexually Program

St. Thomas is once again offering Growing Up Sexually (G.U.S.), a human sexuality program for middle school students. This program is an excellent opportunity to offer your middle school student the Catholic perspective on sexuality and to open up discussion on those highly emotional issues that students begin to face as they grow into young adults. The five-week program will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sundays, November 9, 16, 17, 23 and December 7 and 14. Registration forms are available outside the Religious Education office. The cost for the program is \$35.

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact Peggy Goralski at 630.355.8980, Ext. 123 or pgoralski@stapostle.org.

## Thank You



On October 23, St. Thomas middle school students, friends, and family members met at Feed My Starving Children and helped to pack18,360 meals. That's enough to feed 51 children for a year. Thank you so much for sharing your time.

SAVE THE DATE! The next Feed My Starving Children meal packing opportunity

will be Thursday, November 20, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

## Middle School Religious Education Class Schedule

No middle school RE classes on Monday, Nov 3 Saturday classes will meet on Nov 8, 15, 22 Monday classes will meet on Nov 10, 17

## Youth Ministry Corner

My mother-in-law spent her last three weeks of life in Naperville. It was a gift and a privilege for my family to spend those last weeks with her and to be able to be at her side when she died. I sometimes wonder how she's doing. As we celebrate the feast of All Souls this weekend, words from our first reading, the book of Wisdom, offer profound comfort. "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them." (Wisdom 3:1) My motherin-law is in the hand of God. How awesome is that!

We all know people who are in the hand of God and we long to be reunited with them. Joan Chittister once wrote, "There is only one breath between life and death. The important thing is to make every breath count—not only for myself but for someone else as well." Until that reunion, we need to make every breath count.

Blessings,

Peggy

# Middle School Catechist Meeting

Middle school catechists meeting: Monday, November 3 7:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse.



## Amazing Young People The Celebration Continues!

Be sure to visit the Gathering Area and see the display celebrating many amazing young people who have graced St. Thomas over the last 30 years. Read about how they are living their faith. And the celebration continues! Would you like to add someone to the display? Tell us about a young person you know who is living out their faith in ways that their life is an example to others? We would like to hear about them. Forms to provide information about an amazing young person can be found in the Narthex or Gathering Area. For questions or more information, contact Peggy at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, Ext. 123.

# Service Commission—Outreach & Social Justice

### Harvest Sunday-Food Pick Up Leave food on your porch by noon Sunday, November 2

Volunteers will be in the neighborhoods to pick up donated food today, November 2, from noon until 4:00 p.m.

If you still have food on your porch on Monday morning to pick up, contact Anne in the Outreach and Social Justice (OSJ) Office at 630.355.8980, x113 and arrangements will be made for pick up. OR bring the food to St. Thomas and leave on the wire shelving unit outside the OSJ Office.

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# Christmas Card Project - 2014

*Companions Journeying Together* sends out thousands of Christmas cards to incarcerated men and women in prisons throughout Illinois. They let the imprisoned know that someone is thinking about them at a time when they can feel so alone. Here is one example of the responses they receive showing the impact this has:

"Thank you for the Christmas cards you sent. I'm in the choir. We sang to the inmates as they went to receive their gifts from our warden. I saw how excited many people were to be getting a card. Many here do not get mail from home. Thank you for taking the time to even sign the cards and even write simple messages Your simple gesture made very many people's Christmas.. May God bless and keep you." — Brenda

Please sign one or more Christmas cards. You can safely sign your name. *Companions* return address will be used. Please do not attach stamps to the envelopes. Sheets of "Forever" stamps and monetary donations are appreciated. Provide cards by November 16 to the box in the Gathering Area. Add a message if you wish, but please do not be preachy.

Do <u>Not</u> seal.

Do Not use stickers, glue or tape on the cards or envelopes. Do Not enclose anything.

Please be sensitive to the fact that many of these cards will be sent to people of color.

Choose cards which represent a diverse population.



## Haiti Twinning Medical

St. Thomas has been twinning with Ste. Marie-Madeleine and the village of Duchity, Haiti since 1999. In the medical area, initially there was one medical mission every couple of years. A large clinic facility was built and a full time doctor is now employed. St. Thomas for some time has been sending two medical missions each year.

#### Medical Missions 2015 Volunteers needed WITH and WITHOUT medical training!

St. Thomas parishioners are needed to staff the medical missions for next spring. Individuals with no medical training and with a desire to help are most welcome on these teams. There are many tasks to be done that do not require medical training.

Of course, doctors in any discipline, nurses, others with medical background are also needed.

Last year there was one team of 14 without a St. Thomas parishioner! While it is wonderful that the effort has grown beyond the parish, St. Thomas owns the relationship and needs to be represented on each team. Please consider becoming a medical mission team member. It is a very rewarding experience. Contact Mike in the Outreach and Social Justice Office (see below).

#### Medical Team Fundraising

Help is needed for the Twinning Medical efforts, in support of the clinic and the mission teams. Team members pay their own travel expenses, but funds are needed to purchase medication for use during the visits. The Twinning Medical Team also supports the salary of the full-time doctor and some level of medications for the clinic. The clinic income from patients and prescriptions supports the additional clinic employees.

The Twinning Medical Team needs some fundraising help. If you have any fund raising ideas and/or are willing to work on the medical team's fundraising efforts, contact Mike in the Outreach and Social Justice Office (mryder@stapostle.org, 630.355.8980 x121).



## October 2014 Letter from Fr. Don Kenny

Fr. Don, second pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, spent 12 years ministering to the people in the barrios of Quito, Ecuador. He is now back in the area and below is an excerpt of his comings and goings. To read his entire letter, go to www.stapostle.org and enter Fr. Don Kenny-October Letter in the search engine.

Queridos amigos y amigas:

This is the first letter I've written since coming back from Quito. I knew I was going to miss the people in Ecuador. But then something dawned on me. I realized that, just as I have kept up contact with and visited people in my previous parishes up here, so I can go back to Quito and hopefully stay in the same blue-colored casa where I stayed in my last year there.

Now I'd like to say a little about the Quito programs. Both the Food Pantry and the Adult Education Program have reached the goal of self-sufficiency. Going forward, Quito Barrio Outreach (<u>www.QuitoBarrioOutreach.org</u>) will continue to fund the Day Care Center and the Medical Clinic, with a plan in place that anticipates the Medical Clinic being self-supporting by end of 2015.

What have I been doing? In my official Diocese of Joliet, I am saying Mass, meeting with a men's group, facilitating a Spanish speaking study group, and doing home Masses in Spanish. But I feel that God is calling me to a third mission in my priesthood, after 36 years in suburbia and then 12 years in Ecuador, to work with poor Spanish-speaking people, especially the elderly housebound and those near death.

There is a parish in Aurora-St Teresa's-in the Rockford diocese. I have agreed to give a Bible class in Spanish every Saturday night and often to say Mass in Spanish beforehand. Along with the principal of the struggling Catholic school, we will start a Young Christian Student's group like I had in Ecuador. We are also going to start an English language program for men and families, expanding on the program given for women during the day.

Thanks for your constant support. Please keep me in your prayers. Father (Padre) Don (Donaldo)



# Election Day: November 4

"Responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." -- Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

# Service Commission — Pastoral Care

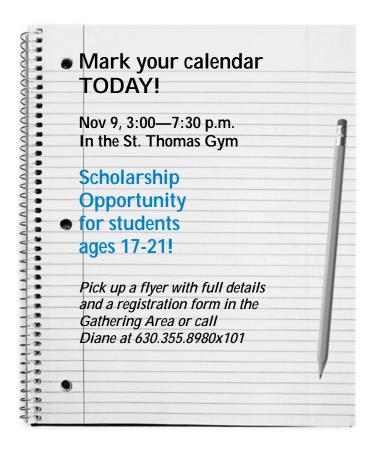
## Tree of Light Memorial Mass

The Tree of Light Memorial Mass will be held on Sunday, November 9 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road in Crest Hill.

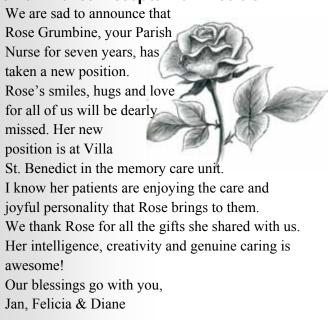
2:00 pm There will be a Tree-Blessing Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.—preceding Mass– and a reception following. This Mass is sponsored by The Office of Family Ministry, Diocese of Joliet

All families and individuals are welcome to attend this Mass, in remembrance of babies who have died. A special tree blessing ceremony will take place for family members to commemorate the lives of little loved ones. Persons unable to attend who wish to have a baby remembered, can call 815.838.5334. Space is limited, early registration is encouraged. **RSVP** with the following information and note if you need a map/directions.

Estimated number attending Number of babies being honored Baby Name (s) Your Name, Address, City & Zip Your phone Your Parish Your email for map and confirmation Phone 815.838.5334



# Parish Nurse Accepts New Position



## Resources

If you want a St. Thomas Minister of Care to visit you at home or while in the hospital, please call the Pastoral Care Office 630.355.8980 x 124.

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



NAMI offers support for family members of individuals with mental illness. Family Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday evening of each month at Linden Oaks Outpatient Center, Room 207 1335 North mill Street, Naperville 7:00-8:00 p.m.

## A.E.D. LOCATIONS Automatic External Defibrillator



1. Gathering Area

- 2. Church
- 3. Lighthouse Entrance Wall
- 4. Rectory Basement

# **Stewardship Commission**

Last Weekend's stewardship of financial gifts... Weekly Sunday Offertory October 26, 2014 Sunday Collection Offering \$17,605 \$27,557 Automatic Direct Debit (5th & 20th each month) \$5,049 Mailed in & stock donations Total for week \$51,015 \*Based on Collection Counters Reports Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date: \$588,923 Weekly Average 7/1 to date: \$34,643 Offertory Goal Year to Date \$612,125 (\$23,202) Over/short of goal to date: Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30 \$1,872,383 Remaining for Fiscal Year goal \$1,283,460 **Diocesan Appeal 2014** Parish Appeal Goal: \$139,729 Pledges Received: \$147,709 % of Goal pledged to date: 105.71% Unpaid pledges: \$23,598 Paid to Date: \$124,111 Percent of goal paid to date: 88.82 Number of Appeal Donors: 724 Please take time to pay your pledge!

## Help St. Thomas—Help Yourself!

Now's the time to sign up for ACH/direct withdrawal from your checking account or online credit card giving! All new donor signups through October 31 will be entered to win a \$100 gas card. Go to the St. Thomas website www.stapostle.org and click on the "Ways to Give" box (bottom right on homepage) for details on how to begin!





Are United Way enrollments happening now at your workplace? Make St. Thomas your choice for 501c(3) giving through United Way. Contact Janet in the Business Office for details. jsimmons@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980 x 106. Thank you for your generosity!



The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people. — Leo Tolstoy

# Today's Readings

The readings listed here are chosen from the broad selection available for this Sunday.

**First Reading** — The souls of the just are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them (Wisdom 3:1-9). **Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts (Romans 5:5-11) *or Romans 6:3-9.* 

**Gospel** — This is the will of the Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes may have eternal life (John 6:37-40).

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# Readings for the Week

Mon:	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tues:	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wed:	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
	Lk 14:25-33
Thurs:	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Fri:	Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8
Sat:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;
	Lk 16:9-15
Sun:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
	1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

# Administration Commission

# St. Thomas Jobs Ministry

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 note from one of the Jobs Ministry presenters.

Thank you very much for allowing me to present at the St. Thomas the Apostle Jobs Ministry meeting on Friday July 18, 2014. I was very impressed with the enthusiasm of those in attendance. It was very heartwarming for me to know that programs like yours are still going strong and are helping people when they most need it. I appreciated it very much that you were kind enough to present me with not only a plaque, which I have hanging on my wall but a stipend. I hope that you will not take offense but I would like for the stipend to be spent in the manner that I know you will find the best need. Thank you and those that keep your program alive and available for those that are truly seeking guidance and assistance.

#### Assistant Program Director for Young Adult and Youth Ministry

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking an Assistant Program Director in Young Adult and Youth Ministry. The Assistant Program Director will assist with the administration of youth ministry and young adult ministry, will have primary responsibility for campus ministry efforts at one non-Catholic campus and young adult efforts in that same area of the diocese. This staff person will participate in the visioning, creation and development of diocesan and regional (multi-parish) programs and other forms of outreach to junior high and high school students, college students and young adults in the Diocese of Joliet. This staff person will provide consultation, training and evaluative services to parish staff, leadership, coordinators of ministry, ministry teams, leaders and clusters as directed. Bachelor's degree required preferably in theology, pastoral ministry or a related field. Must be bi-lingual in English and Spanish. Must have previous diocesan experience, or at least three years of Parish experience required. Must be a practicing Catholic. To view a full job description visitwww.dioceseofjoliet.org under Employment. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org. The position is full time with benefits.

## THE WEEK AHEAD...

#### Monday, Nov. 3

4:15—5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir, Church
4:15—5:45 p.m.	Stay, Pray, Play, Gym
7:00—9:30 p.m.	Coed Volleyball, Gym
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds, Judea
7:00—8:30 p.m.	Middle School R. E. Catechists, Lighthouse

#### Tuesday, Nov. 4

:30—7:30 pm.	Choir Chili Fest, Lighthouse
:00—9:00 p.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group, Lounge
:00—9:00 p.m.	Adult Basketball, Gym
:00—9:00 p.m.	Voices of Faith, Church
:00—9:00 p.m.	Haiti Medical, Senior Center
:15—9:00 p.m.	Pre K—5 Catechist Meeting, Ministry Center

#### Wednesday, Nov. 5

6:30—9:30 p.m.	High School Leadership Night, Youth Center
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Jesus Series, Lighthouse
7:00—9:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul, Galilee
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Baptism Meeting, Cana
7:30—9:30 p.m.	Sojourners Rehearsal, Church
7:30—9:00 p.m.	Elias Rehearsal, Senior Center

#### Thursday, Nov. 6

9:15am-12:00 p.m.	Jobs Ministry, Gym
9:15—11:15 a.m.	Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center
6:00—7:00 p.m.	Journey Praise, Church
6:30—8:30 p.m.	Life Retreat Meeting, Youth Center
7:30—9:00 p.m.	Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center
7:30—9:30 p. m.	Genesis Rehearsal, Church

Friday Bible Study, Senior Center

## Friday, Nov. 7

9:00-11:00 a.m.

#### Saturday, Nov. 8

8:30—11:45 a.m.	Elementary R. E. at All Saints Academy
8:30—11:45 a.m.	Middle School R. E. at All Saints Academy
9:00—10:30 a.m.	Men's Saturday Sharing, Senior Center
9:15—10:30 a.m.	Soul Searchers, Rectory Basement
9:45—10:30 a.m.	Jammers Rehearsal at All Saints Academy
9:45—10:30 a.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal at All Saints Academy
10:00am-6:00 p.m.	Art Fair, Gym
10:15—11:15 a.m.	Rainbows, Ministry Center

#### Sunday, Nov. 9

8:00am-1:00 p.m.	Donuts & Welcome Sunday, Gathering Area
9:00am-1:00 p.m.	Art Fair, Gym
9::30am-12:30 p. m.	Sunday Nursery
9:30am-12:00 p. m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children , Ministry Center
10:45am-1:45 p.m.	RCIA, Rectory Basement
12:45—1:45 p. m.	Baptism, Church
1:30—3:30 p. m.	G.U. S., Youth & Senior Centers
4:30—5:30 p. m.	Sunday Fall Confirmation Class, Emmaus & Galilee
6:00—7:30 p. m.	Pax Christi, Cana



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