

St. Thomas

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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...

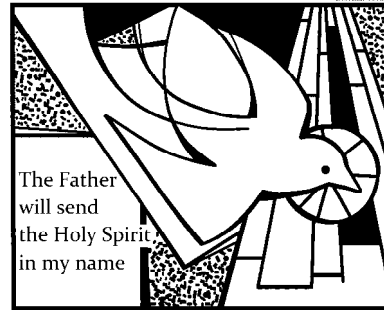
Last weekend and this weekend, we celebrate First Holy Communion with the children of our parish. What a special day it is for them and the families! To receive Jesus in this holy sacrament is the nourishment we all need to live and grow in our relationship with the Lord. As we all need to nourish our bodies daily with proper nutrition

to keep strong and physically

healthy, we, too, need to feed our souls, at least weekly, with the Eucharist to have a healthy spiritual life. Eucharist is the original "soul" food! So, I pray that this First Communion for our children won't be their last – that they won't become spiritually malnourished by missing the opportunity to receive Jesus weekly in Holy Communion. I want to thank Patti Dougherty, our Director of Religious Education, the catechists, and you parents for preparing these children for this special day. On behalf of the parish staff and St. Thomas parish family, I congratulate our children on the reception of their First Holy Communion, and am delighted to welcome them to the table of the Lord!

As we smile at the joy and excitement of our first communicants, perhaps nostalgically remembering our own 1st Communion Day, maybe it would be a good time to examine our own beliefs and attitudes toward our reception of the Eucharist. Has receiving communion become so routine that we forget the reverence and awe we should feel as we approach our Lord in Holy Communion? Is the Eucharist simply something you get for yourself, or does receiving communion transform you to become the Body and Blood of Christ for others? In recent surveys, sadly a significant number of Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist believing the consecrated bread and wine are only symbols of Jesus' presence. To BE Catholic is to accept by *faith* that, at their deepest reality, but not in physical characteristics, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ when they are consecrated at Eucharist. After consecration, the bread and wine still appear as such, but they actually are the Body and Blood of Jesus.

As we celebrate the simple faith of our children receiving 1st Holy Communion this weekend, may we have that same childlike faith when we come forward and receive the Body and Blood of Jesus!



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2013

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

— *Psalm 67:6*

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*

Help fill
the shelves!



GOAL:
500 Hymnals!

We're Almost There — 400 Hymnals Sponsored! Have You Ordered Yours?

St. Thomas will be purchase new hymnals in the near future. Through the support of parishioners, funds have been raised so far to sponsor **400** 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!

Mothers Day Speakers

On Mother's Day Weekend, May 11 and 12, St. Thomas will continue its tradition of having mothers from the parish speak at all weekend masses, sharing their story of motherhood.

May Crowning

The Crowning of Mary will take place on Saturday, May 11, after the 4:30pm Mass. There will also be a rosary said before Mass at 4:00pm.

You are invited to bring a flower from your garden to crown Mary. If you forget to bring a flower, there will be some available.



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.

Presider's Schedule May 11/12

Saturday

4:30 pm, Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Mike Barrett

Sunday

8:00 am, Fr. Dof Arty

9:30 am, Fr. Lawrence Jagfeld, Deacon Jim Breen

11:15 am, Fr. Bob Colaresi

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

In this is love, O God:

*not that we have loved you
but that you have first loved us
and sent your only Son into the world
so that we might live through Christ.*

*Teach us, by your Spirit,
to live as the Lord's true friends,
and to love one another as Jesus has loved us,
even to the point of sacrificial love,
knowing that there can be no great love
than to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.*

Amen.

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...

Susia Jarvis, granddaughter of Barb Jarvis-Paul
Kristen Trusk, friend of Eleanor & John McNicholas
Bill Huff
Bob Patricoski, husband of Janet
Claudia Fuentes
Ginger Walsh, aunt of Peggy Clark
Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Molly
Jim Butler, brother-in-law of Catherine Rhey
Eleanor Dobkowski, mother of Christine White
Angie Lazaman, sister of Dottie Storto
Marisa Deleon, friend of Dottie Storto
Joell Loutsis
Robert Greef, friend of Makau family
Brian Cornin, friend of Frank Trujillo

For the deceased...

Lee Gibson, husband of Ann
Tom Meno, father of Phil and Sally

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 6, 2013

8:30 †Anne Battisto, by Vito Battisto
†Ed Dillmann, by Betty Dillmann

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

8:30 †Shirley Mann, Buddy & Mely Mallorca
Special Intention for Isabella Chew, by Lola Marie

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

8:30 †Anne Ciccio, by Barbara Kaurin
†Lauriano & Gaudiosa Mallorca,
by The Mallorca Family

Thursday, May 9, 2013

(The Ascension of the Lord)

8:30 †James Cliff, by Phyllis Cliff
†Barb Diederichs, by Tom

Friday, May 10, 2013

(Saint Damian de Veuster, Priest)

8:30 †Ramona Lopez, by Viola Flores & Grandchildren
†Felisa Leda, by Buddy & Mely Mallorca

Saturday, May 11, 2013

8:30 †John Schrecongost, by Van & Lori Culberson
†June Halloran, by The Petersen Family
4:30 †James Armstrong, by Bob, Terri & Tony
†John Vesper, by Mark Vesper

Sunday, May 12, 2013

(Seventh Sunday of Easter)

8:00 †Lois Vanderhoof, by Kathy & Rudy Mensone
†Mary Lou Bunker, by The Hauter Family
9:30 †Ramona Lopez, by Viola Flores & Grandchildren
†Marilyn Kane, by Ed Kane
11:15 †Emilia Hlinka, by Tony Hlinka
6:00 †Nancy Deppeler, by The O'Keefe Family
†Johnathan Weiger, by Family

Faith and Formation Commission– *Adult*



John 14:23-29

Did you know that the peace Jesus gave was not an earthly peace, that is, the lack of violence? Even more, it is a gift of wholeness and right relationship with God. In times of anxiety, can you trust in this gift of peace?

C.A.R.E. CORNER

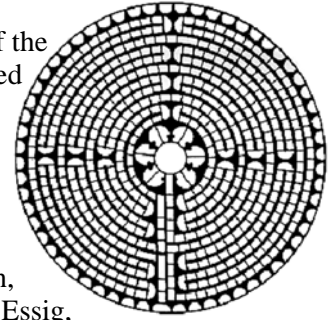
It seems clear that in gathering disciples to Himself, Jesus' intention was for His followers to carry on His legacy of teaching, healing and performing mighty deeds. In the ancient world, every great master had disciples and every great teacher and scholar had apprentices and student learners. Their job was to continue the good work of the master. Their own authenticity was determined by their association to their master. A true disciple pointed to the work of his master. And that's exactly what the disciples of Jesus did – they pointed to the works of their Master.

Luke 6:13 lists the names of the twelve disciples who Jesus chose and "whom he also named apostles." Peter's name is listed first among the twelve. Luke 9:1-2 records Jesus giving the Twelve "power and authority" to drive out demons, cure diseases, heal the sick and proclaim the kingdom of God. Knowing His earthly ministry would be short, Jesus had put into place those who were ready to step in when He returned Home to His Heavenly Father.



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.

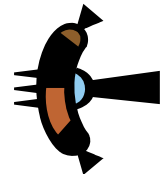


Walking the labyrinth is a spiritual journey designed to lead you away from the cares of everyday life and lead you closer to God by first emptying your mind of clutter and chatter, then filling it with a receptive openness to God's grace. The flower-like center has been compared to Mary as the Mystical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



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



The St. Thomas Men's Annual Brats Night will be Friday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas Lighthouse. Brett Adams, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, will talk about how he's found inspiration in his ministry through the people of this parish, especially the youth, and present "Answering Our Mission in Life – A Call to Serve". Brett will witness how serving others has transformed his faith, and challenge the Men of St Thomas to find their own call to serve.

Tickets will be available after all masses the weekends of May 4/5 and 11/12.

Celebrating 50 years



St. Raphael's Celebrates 50 Years!

St. Raphael Catholic Church and School is celebrating its 50th anniversary. A lot has changed in 50 years! Naperville has grown; new parishes have been formed. If you or someone you know has ever been a St. Raphael parishioner or student, you are invited to this special celebration. They are hosting a 50th Anniversary dinner dance at Bobak's Signature Events on June 15 at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the parish office at 630.355.4545 to request a mailed invitation. The 50th anniversary mass will be celebrated on June 30 at 12:15 p.m. All are most welcome to join the festivities! Please visit www.st-raphael.com for more information.

Today's Readings

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or* Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29) *or* John 17:20-26.

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tues: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wed: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thurs: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 *or*
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for
Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4;
Jn 16:16-20

Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sun: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14,
16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; *or*, for Ascension,
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 *or*
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

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

Faith and Formation Commission– Youth

Attention Parents of Pre K and Kindergarten students

You are invited to start building a faith community for your child. The Faith Formation / Religious Education Office offers sessions on Saturday mornings during the school year for children who are age four or five or in Kindergarten by September 1. Sign up in June for the year for only \$120. Sessions are offered at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. and are held at All Saints Catholic Academy. Your child can join with a group of children the same age, for crafts, music and Bible stories. Contact Patti Dougherty with questions 630.355.8980 ext. 109 or pdougherty@stapostle.org.

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

Question of the Week...

How are you a peace maker?



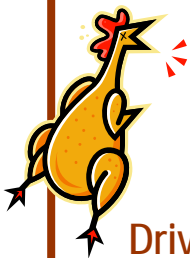
The Faith Formation/Religious Education Department would like to extend their heartfelt “Thank you” in appreciation to those who have served with the formation of our children’s faith and, especially those who helped with this celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Gratitude is extended to Kate Cuddy, our Liturgy and Music Director; Scott Knisley, Assistant Director; our choirs and musicians for their beautiful music; to Theresa Sheliga and other Sacristans; to Lori Culberson, our Liturgy Coordinator, our Greeters and Eucharistic Ministers; to the Altar Servers; All Saints Staff, but especially to the children and their parents.

A special “Thank You” to our Pastor, Fr. Don McLaughlin, Fr. Rodolphe Arty, our Associate, and Fr. Bob Colaresi, (Weekend Associate); our Deacons: Michael Barrett, Jim Breen, Larry Kearney, Chuck Lane, and Patrick Lennon; Tricia Serna, our 2nd Grade Coordinator; Nancy Cirno and Marge Coronado, our Religious Education Assistants and last but not least, to the Catechists and Aides who have given of their time, love and a sharing of their faith to these First Communicants.

May we all grow closer to the Lord through the gift of Eucharist.

~ Patti Dougherty



BBQ

Drive-Thru BBQ on May 18!

Support this summer’s middle school mission trip and get a delicious meal to go!

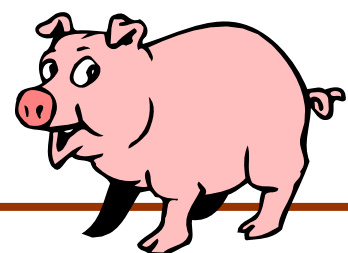
WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 4-6:30 pm

WHERE: St. Thomas Church parking lot

MEALS: Two-meat entrée (pork chop and/or quarter-chicken, two of one meat or one of each): \$12
One-meat entrée (pork chop or quarter chicken): \$10
Kid’s meal (hot dog): \$5

TICKETS: Sold after masses May 4/5 and 11/12.

Pick up a flyer for more information!



High School Missions

Please note, as of Monday, April 29, there were still three youth spots available for the Detroit mission trip (June 16 – 22), and five youth spots available for the Nicaragua trip (July 17-25). Since the local experience is done planned and coordinated through the Joliet Diocese (July 22-26) there are plenty of additional spots available as well.

Act now if you're interested! Contact Brett Adams ASAP!

Care for God's Creation and Help Clean the DuPage River

The DuPage River Sweep will be held on Saturday, May 18 starting at 9:00 .am. The DuPage River Sweep is an effort by The Conservation Foundation to clean up debris along the DuPage River. It is a wonderful way to care for God's creation and it's FUN! Join the group of St. Thomas participants. All ages are welcome. Permission forms and more information are available outside Peggy Goralski's office or by emailing pgoralski@stapostle.org.



Garage Sale Coming Soon

The St. Thomas youth will again be having a Garage Sale to benefit youth missions this summer. The sale is going to be held either the weekend of May 31 through June 2 or June 7 through 9, depending on coordination with the Brookdale Neighborhood Garage Sale.

Smaller items will be collected the weekend of May 18-19 and up until the day before the sale. Please think of the St. Thomas youth as you do your spring cleaning in the coming weeks! They will greatly appreciate your donations!



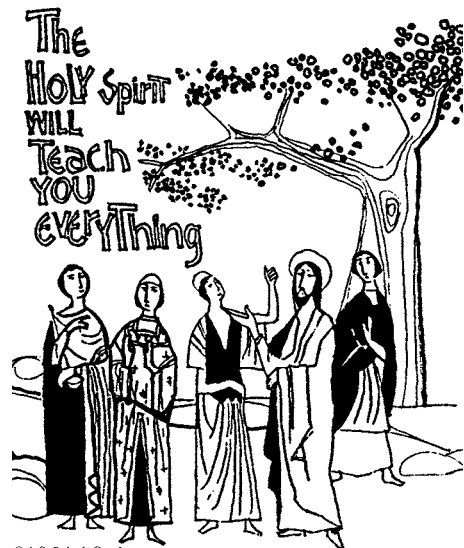
Notre Dame Vision is a series of 5-day conferences, held at the University of Notre Dame, that includes dynamic large group experiences, reflective small group time, profound liturgies, and excellent music. Speakers from across the country will break open important themes throughout the week and help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

Notre Dame Vision is for high school students (incoming freshmen through graduating seniors. 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 can be found outside Peggy Goralski's office. You can also visit vision.nd.edu for more information.



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Service Commission—Outreach & Social Justice



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL for GOLFERS by May 15

The St. Thomas the Apostle Third Annual Charity Golf Outing, Holes for Hope, is slated for Monday, July 15 at the Cress Creek Country Club. This annual charity event benefits St. Thomas Cares, a ministry of the Outreach and Social Justice Ministry.

Register for golf by May 15 to receive the Early Bird Special Pricing of \$175 for golf. Stop by the table after Mass today to register to qualify for the Early Bird pricing; payment can be made at a later date.

You don't need to golf to enjoy this year's charity golf outing. Come to the dinner and enjoy the silent and live auctions. Those that have participated the last two years have had a wonderful evening. The event this year we will be at Cress Creek Country Club. Dinner will include an open bar social hour. The cost of the dinner remains at \$75, the same as last year.

Last year, St. Thomas Cares provided \$57,000 in emergency assistance to local families. The demand continues. St. Thomas Cares depends on proceeds from the golf outing to maintain this level of service.

Care Pantry Garden Planting – May 11

If the weather cooperates, the St. Thomas Care Pantry garden will be planted the morning of Saturday, May 11. Come for the planting and help tend the garden once or twice during the summer.

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, 630.355.8980 x 113) in the Outreach and Social Justice Office.



Sign Up This Weekend to Walk for Wellness!

The St. Thomas Walking Ministry is sponsoring "Walking for Wellness" - a

walk around St. Thomas to raise awareness and funds - on Saturday May 25. Register to walk and solicit pledge donations to benefit the St. Thomas Counseling Fund. Go to the St. Thomas website, www.stapostle.org or stop by the Gathering Area for more information.



Knights of Columbus Support Special Olympics

You can enjoy an afternoon at one of three sporting events and help the Illinois Special Olympics at the same time. The Knights of Columbus is partnering with the three Chicago Area professional teams on the dates shown. A portion of your ticket price will go directly to the Special Olympics. See the St. Thomas website for ticket purchase information.

- Chicago Fire – May 11
- Chicago White Sox – June 26
- Kane County Cougars – August 11

Peace in the Middle East

Fr. Jamal Khader will speak at Wesley United Methodist Church in Naperville on Sunday evening, May 5, from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., preceded by a reception at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Jamal was born in the Christian Palestinian village of Zababdeh in the northern part of the West Bank. He teaches Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution Strategies at Bethlehem University. Fr. Khader is the co-author of "Kairos Palestine: A Moment of Truth."

A.D.O.P. T. Pet Shelter – Blessed Bonds

On a number of occasions, St. Thomas Cares, a ministry of the St. Thomas Outreach and Social Justice Office, has worked with clients in need of emergency shelter. It is always a problem for clients who are pet owners. The A.D.O.P.T. Pet Shelter in Naperville has a program called Blessed Bonds that can help in these situations. They are in need of additional pet foster home families.

Blessed Bonds works with members of the community who are facing a crisis (such as medical emergencies, homelessness due to evictions/foreclosures, or domestic abuse). Some pet owners have no one who can care for their animals. That's where Blessed Bonds comes in! They provide emergency pet foster care in the homes of volunteers for up to two months. Owners can get the help they need and are reunited with their pets once they're back on their feet. This assistance is provided at no cost to the client, and is available to residents across Chicagoland.

The program provides the volunteer foster home with everything they need (leashes, collars, toys, bowls, food, kennels, vet care). Volunteers can choose which pets to foster, and A.D.O.P.T happily arranges interim care when foster families go on vacation. For more information, contact Blessed Bonds 708.710.2493, blessedbonds@gmail.com).

For Whom the Bells Toll

Have you noticed the easel in the Gathering Area containing the name of someone who has been a recent victim of the death penalty in the United States?



Pax Christi St. Thomas started this action several years ago and, by doing so, joined a national campaign called "For Whom the Bells Toll". Religious organizations throughout the country toll their bells whenever there is an execution somewhere in the United States. The tolling bells are a reminder to all who hear them that all of us are diminished by the continuing use of the death penalty. Many churches, abbeys, monasteries, temples, and synagogues have joined in this action.

The death penalty continued its decline in 2012 as more states and jurors rejected death as an appropriate punishment. The 2012 year-end report released by the Death Penalty Information Center provides more evidence that the current death penalty system is broken and unfair. Last year only nine states carried out executions, the fewest in twenty years.

The state of Illinois has already repealed the death penalty and has joined sixteen other states without the death penalty.

The St. Thomas bells ring at 8:00 p.m. on the evening following an execution. The name of the prisoner executed, the state where the execution occurred, and the names of the victims are posted on the board in the Gathering Area. Jesus teaches us not to kill. Pray for the victims, the condemned, their families, and for all involved in the executions.



Pastoral Care

We're Almost There! Blood Drive Goal in Sight

This is the last leg of the year-long 240 pint challenge. There has been an overwhelming response. **Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 14 from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the gym for the St. Thomas Blood Drive.**

Please donate blood and give the gift of life in honor of the woman who gave it to you! You can make a difference.

You can make an appointment by calling 630.355.8980 or on line at www.heartlandbc.org

Helpful Donation Tips:

Increase your water intake 1-2 days prior to your donation.
Eat iron-rich foods such as red meat and/or dark green, leafy vegetables 1-2 days prior to your donation.
Eat a good meal prior to your donation. If you've had donation issues in the past, make sure your 2 prior meals are substantial.

Basic Requirements:

Must be at least 16 years old by the day of the blood drive to donate - No upper age limit
Photo IDs are required for ALL donors
Must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds
Must be feeling healthy & well (no cold, flu or allergy symptoms)

If taking these medications:

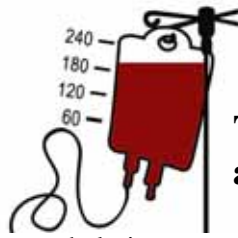
Cholesterol Medication: may donate
Blood Pressure Medication: may donate
Thyroid Medication: may donate
Anti-depressants: may donate
Antibiotics: acceptable after last dose.

Must be symptom-free

Insulin: may donate (provided you've never taken a bovine-derived variety)

In the Hospital?

Our Naperville Community of Churches joins together to bring Eucharist and prayer to Edward Hospital Catholic patients. However, if you wish a visit from St. Thomas while in the hospital or homebound call the parish office 630.355.8980 or the Pastoral Care Office at extension 124 .



To all St. Thomas Visitors and Parishioners:

Health Ministry nurse volunteers are available after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:15 a.m. Sunday Masses **this weekend** for Blood Pressure Screening and Education. The screening site is the Deacon's office, the first office left as you exit the Church (West Wing).

All are welcome; participants who are B/P curious, and those who are known hypertensive. Call your Parish Nurses 630.355.8980 Felicia x 104 or Rose x 140, with questions, concerns or to schedule another time.



Administration/Finance Commission

Last Weekend's stewardship
of financial gifts...

Weekly Sunday Offertory

April 21, 2013

Sunday Collection Offering	\$18,009
Automatic Direct Debit	\$25,168
Mailed in & stock donations	\$5,158
Total for week	\$48,335

*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$1,533,382
Weekly Average 7/1 to date:	\$34,850
Offertory Goal Year to Date	\$1,611,896
Over/short of goal to date:	(\$78,514)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,904,992
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$371,610

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.*



Summer Office Hours Coming Soon!

St. Thomas offices will close at
Noon on Fridays during the summer
(Memorial Day through Labor Day. The
office will also close 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Welcome NEW St. Thomas Parishioners...

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The O'Connor Family

Administration Commission

St. Thomas Jobs Ministry

May Keynote Speaker Night Presentation

Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 pm:

"LinkedIn Light"

This is an explanation of LinkedIn, how it works, what you could do, and what you should do. Some of the "gotchas" associated to Social networking will be covered. The LinkedIn topic is displayed and explained during a two hour session, including demonstrations and examples utilizing live LinkedIn sessions projected on the screen. A Question and Answer opportunity will be available for all.

Larry New - Larry is a Senior Network Engineer for TCS Education System who has worked for major corporations in the area, including Amoco, BP, MCI, WorldCom, Armour-Eckrich Meats, INEOS, Chicago Bridge and Iron, McDonalds and The Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Larry's expertise spreads across a broad range of networking and telecommunications systems and technologies, including LAN, WAN, video, audio and TCP/IP networking. Unlike many technology professionals, Larry brings the ability to convey technical topics in the manner that anyone can understand and comprehend difficult subject matters.

David Rahn - David, the Director of Information Technology at the Chicago Campus, has an extensive career of information technology management positions in a wide variety of industries that include Capital Goods Manufacturing, Money Center Banking, Process Manufacturing, Systems Integration & Consulting, Legal Services, Government Services and Higher Education. . He has expertise in focusing technology teams in resolving business issues and implementing cost-effective, technology-based solutions for companies in a wide variety of industries.

Over the past several years, Dave and Larry have explored, investigated and used LinkedIn. They are pleased to share their experiences and knowledge with other interested individuals.

Fri, May 10, 9:30 am: Tim Murphy will present "Self Assessment". Periodically throughout our lives and in the job search we need to self assess. Tim will take us through this methodical investigation into ourselves in order to discover facts about where we are in the process, and then develop a plan of action based on what we discover. Tim is the Managing Director at SearchPath Career Source in Lisle and has 13 years of recruiting experience.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday, May 6

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
7:00—9:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds, Judea

Tuesday, May 7

10:00—11:00 a.m. Care Pantry & BP Screening, Gym & Senior Center
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
7:00—8:30 p.m. National/International Mission Team Planning, Youth & Senior Centers

Wednesday, May 8

7:00—9:00 p.m. Commission Night, Judea, Cana & Galilee
7:00—8:00 p.m. Elias Rehearsal, Church
8:00—9:30 p.m. Myriam Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11

8:30—11:00 a.m. Ensemble Rehearsal, 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
4:00—7:00 p.m. RCIA, Senior Center
5:30—6:00 p.m. May Crowning, Church

Sunday, May 12

Happy Mother's Day

Fri, May 17, 9:30 am: The "Job Search Tips for 50+" session will address challenges particular to the over-50 job seeker. Participants will learn how best to present themselves to employers in both written and spoken communications. Resources presented will include job search websites and a list of the best employers for 50+ workers. In over 30 years as a Human Resources professional, **Ed Cunningham** has hired (literally!) hundreds of people.

Wed, May 22, 7:00 pm Speaker Night: See article

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>; or Ben Willingham <Benwillingham11@gmail.com>; for more info.

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