

St. Thomas

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church . Naperville

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10.26.08

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YOU YOU

SHALL LOVE
THE LORD WITH
YOUR WHOLE
HEART, SOUL,
MIND +

SHALL LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF
MATT 22: 34-40



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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., or after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Fr. Joel is available during the week by appointment. Communal Penance services are held occasionally throughout 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 1:45 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 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 355-8980.

Counseling Service

Call Samaritan Interfaith 357-2456 or Jan Olah, Pastoral Care 355-8980 x 124.

Sunday Nursery

Nursery care is available for your child age one (must be walking) to four at the 9 & 10:45 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)

Communion Service — 8:30 a.m.

Weekend

Saturday Vigil — 4:30 p.m.

Sunday — 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every first Friday of the month 9 a.m. — Noon.

Dear Friends,

God is good, all the time! In the second reading today St. Paul tells the people who were obviously going through their own hard times, "...receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, you became a model for all the believers..."

God is good *all* the time, and it is that awareness that gives us joy in the midst of our own hardships. We need

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to always return to that place of gratitude to find the joy that is the strength for our lives. "The joy of the Lord is our strength"... joy from the Holy Spirit.

From that flows a spirit of *compassion*, that we might not let fear keep us from being the kind of people God calls us to be. **The Lord hears**

the cry of the poor. The Lord tells us in the first reading not to oppress aliens, not to wrong widows or orphans, not to lend money to the poor as extortionists, not to take a poor person's means of comfort and protection. "If they cry out to me, I will hear them, for I am compassionate."

We are to be compassionate as God is compassionate. The gospel tells us clearly to be caught up in the love of God wholeheartedly is to live in the love of God, to love neighbor as self. Jesus says the whole law depends on this, the entire order of life depends on this.

It is the law upon which we are to build our lives, and if we do that we shall have built on a solid and secure foundation. Not to build our lives on the word of God is to build on sand.

That is the vision out of which we strive to live and give to our children if we would have any hope for the future. **Today is World Youth Day.** It is that vision of the gospel we want and pray that they will have for life so they can be and become mature disciples of Christ. The whole law and right order of life depends on this!

Good stewardship of our own lives reflects this prioritization. We invest in the lives of our youth, our church, and the common good. The greatest and first commandment is this: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind..." The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

To grow in mature discipleship is to become "other directed", to grow out of being self preoccupied, to being concerned for the other. That our children must see and learn from us. Our whole world depends on it.

God bless you all, love,

Fr. Joel



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2008

*You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.*

— Matthew 22:37

Welcome...

Guests and Visitors!

St. Thomas is here to companion you on your faith journey. Come with us as we grow in closeness to Christ through liturgy, music, faith formation, special events, and countless ways to make a difference.

Would you like to become a Parishioner? Join us on November 2, at Welcome Sunday after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Masses, in the gym with Donuts.

Worship Commission

Julie and Robert Gave Farewell Talk at Masses Last Weekend

Thank you doesn't begin to express the depth of gratitude we have to you, the people of St. Thomas, for the love and support you have shown us and our family and for all your passion and participation at liturgy these past 14 years.

St. Paul said it so well in today's second reading when he spoke affectionately to the Thessalonians. These words ring true for us as we take stock of you.

*We give God thanks always for all of you
remembering you in our prayers
increasingly calling to mind your work of faith
and labor of love.*

*For the gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but in power and in the Holy Spirit,
and with much conviction.*

What a gift it has been for us to be a part of this faith community and to worship with you. You know that the word liturgy means, *the work of the people*; and what great and holy work we have been so fortunate to share. Here is a testimony to the blessedness of that work. It is an email we received from a person from out of town who visited St. Thomas for the first time this past Sunday, with Fr. Joel presiding and preaching and Voices of Faith leading our sung prayer:

"Last Sunday, I had the true pleasure of attending your 9:00 Mass with a friend who lives in Naperville. It was a wonderful experience for me. I am not a touchy-feely person. But the spirit of your church moved me. The homily was excellent, the music was moving and invited participation, and I had no difficulty holding hands with my neighbors. In fact, during the Our Father I had the privilege of holding someone's hand who was one of the people who stood for the healing ritual. Some people say a Mass is a Mass is a Mass. I disagree. The 9:00 Mass last Sunday represented the best of what the Eucharist is all about. I just wanted you to know how rare it is to find a Catholic church that is so inspirational and motivating. Thank you for all the effort and dedication that it takes to create and maintain this holy experience for your parishioners. I am sure that most people leave St. Thomas wanting to spend their week 'doing good'. Lord, I wish I lived in Naperville."

All Saints - November 1

A mass will be celebrated this coming Saturday, November 1 at 8:30 a.m. in Church on the Solemnity of All Saints Because November 1 falls on a Saturday this year. This is not a holy day of obligation.

All Souls - November 2

The Church will observe the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed at all masses next weekend. This is due to November 2 falling on a Sunday this year. The 12:15 p.m. mass will include a special ritual for all who have celebrated the funeral of a loved one at St. Thomas during the past year.

Fourteen years ago, we stood here before you and said, *we look forward to sharing life, love and faith with you for many years.* Today we say, *That we've done and Lord, we're glad to have lived here with you!*

There is great power in what we do. It is always God with us and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit working through us to change hearts and to make a difference.

God called each one of us by name at baptism and has anointed us with the Holy Spirit to be Christ in the world. With God's help, the continued commitment of so many talented and dedicated people, and the gifts of those who will follow us, you — God's servants and chosen ones — you will continue to sing and soar in the Spirit, to beat the drums of justice and peace, to orchestrate the faith formation of our youth and adults and your own life-long spiritual growth, and, day by day, make great music with your lives; witnessing the Good News of Jesus before others. In short you will continue "doing good" by making the most of your God-given gifts.

As you have blessed us in so many ways, we take leave of you with this simple sung blessing that we have shared many times at weddings:

*May God bless you hold and keep you
may God's mercy shine on you;
Guide your work and guard your resting,
keep your love forever new,
and keep us one in Christ with you.*

—adapted from *A Nuptial Blessing* by Michael Joncas

Pray for Our Parish

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*To love you, O Lord our God,
with all our heart and soul and mind,
we must love our neighbor as ourselves,
and take as our neighbors
those you most love;
the helpless, the strangers and the poor,*

*Establish deep in our hearts
your compassionate justice,
that the measure of our love
may be like yours for us,
boundless and unconditional.*

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

From: *Prayers for Sundays and Seasons*,
Liturgy Training Publications. www.ltp.org

Today's Readings

First Reading — You shall not oppress an alien, for you yourselves were once aliens in Egypt (Exodus 22:20-26).

Psalm — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading — You became imitators of the Lord, so that you became a model for all believers (1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10).

Gospel — You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40).

Readings for the Week

Mon: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Lk 13:10-17
Tues: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Wed: Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
Thurs: Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35
Fri: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
Sat: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
Sun: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;
Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or
from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

For the sick...

Betty Enright
Pat Kessel, wife of Keith
Margaret Ford
Ruthann Moorhouse, mother of Pam Choate
Cuoma Panico, father of Rose Marino
Isabel Goss, mother of Denise Perkins
Paiton Kunsch, daughter of John & Vicki

For the deceased...

Ron Buonaro
Donald Tiseo, father of Vincent
The victims of the Lifeline Helicopter Crash
Lynn Rose Johnson
grandmother of the Oguike children
Eleanor Ghelardini, sister of Bettye Ellinghausen

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 27, 2008

8:30 †Tim Augustine, by Illinois Toll Workers
†Mike Cosenza, by Corinne Govern

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

8:30 †John A. Cook, by Mary Ellen &
Frank Niederman

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

8:30 †Marie Singson, by Lourdes Chew

Thursday, October 30, 2008

8:30 †Mila Diy, by Lourdes Chew

Friday, October 31, 2008

8:30 †Frank Duff, by Legion of Mary

Saturday, November 1, 2008

8:30 †Estoesta & Marzan Families, by Children
†Maria Spencer, by The Moriarty Family

4:30 For the People of St. Thomas

Sunday, November 2, 2008

7:30 †The Carias & Mallorca Families, by Children
†Deceased Members of 50+ Holding,

by 50+ Holding

9:00 †Edythe & Joe Caruso, by Joe & Gloria

†Stephanie Kolbaska, by The Wernecke Family

10:45 †Anthony Rizzi, by Mom

†Lois Mitchell, by Sue Nystedt

12:15 †Jim Cliff, by Phyllis Cliff

Forty Days for Life

Faith and Spiritual Formation Commission

Soul Searchers

Soul Searchers will meet once a month to explore and discover truths in *The Essential Writings of Christian Mysticism* edited by Bernard McGinn. "The roots of the current interest in mysticism defy easy characterization. Such a widespread revival across many religious traditions is a complex phenomenon," writes McGinn. He believes one factor in this revival is "the way in which the mystics invite us to imagine and even to explore an inner transformation of the self based on a new understanding of the human relation to God." The October discussion reading is Section Two, pp. 47-77.

The next meeting of Soul Searchers will be Saturday, November 8 from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the Rectory Basement. The text is available at Borders. Hand-outs are available in the pick-up drawer under "S". Deacon Will and Mary Maloney are group leaders. All are welcome to attend this monthly discussion group. Come whenever your schedule allows and enjoy a thought provoking experience.

C.A.R.E. CORNER

Scripture tells us that Jesus addressed all kinds of human brokenness, providing every imaginable type of healing. He cured people of their physical ailments, restoring sight to the blind, mobility to the lame and health to those with leprosy. He extended forgiveness to those who had been ostracized from their communities including the Samaritan woman and the woman caught in adultery. He cast out demonic spirits from those possessed, delivering them from the forces of evil. And He tried to restore the strained relationship between the tax collectors such as Levi and the Jewish community by including Levi among His chosen disciples. These were real people with real problems. So were Jesus' disciples, who also wrestled with their own issues, rendering them in need of healing.

Levi needed friendship and acceptance, because in his position as a tax collector, he was seen as exceptionally sinful by the Jewish people. Peter needed forgiveness for his betrayal and denial of Jesus. And the early apostles, including Peter and Paul, needed strength to endure the persecution they received for preaching and healing in the name of Jesus. Even strong Christian disciples are not immune from calamity.



Men's Christian Fellowship Group FALL MEN'S NIGHT

Friday, Nov 11

Dinner 6:30 PM

Speaker 7:45 PM

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
Lighthouse

Guest Speaker Pastor Dan Haas
Pastor at Aurora Community Church

Pastor Dan is a co-founder of the Prayer Coalition for Reconciliation in Aurora. The Coalition has as its focus, praying for the elimination of homicides, shootings, domestic violence, and abortions. The Coalition actually goes to the scene of the violence to bring community attention to violence in Aurora.

come for great food, Christian fellowship and an excellent speaker. All men of the parish are invited to come and bring a friend. Tickets on sale next weekend. Suggested donation \$10.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and the Diocese of Joliet present

EMPOWER

QUITO

NOVEMBER 22, 7:30 PM

CONCERT

with... John Angotti

\$20 ADULTS

\$10 CHILDREN UNDER 12

**Come and Support
Fr. Don Kenny —**
reaching out to the people
of Quito, Ecuador —
at this fund-raising concert
and silent auction held at
All Saints Catholic
Academy in Naperville.

Tickets can be purchased
at the door or contact
Angela DiMaio at
amdimaio@yahoo.com.

Religious Education

Liturgy of the Word with Children Leader Still Needed

There will be Liturgy of the Word for 4th and 5th graders on Sunday, November 2 at the 9:00 and 10:45 Liturgies. The 4th and 5th graders process out with the other children, (ages 4 through Grade 3) and go to the rooms next to the Cabin. No registration is required.

A leader for 5th grade is still needed at the 10:45 mass. They meet only 5 times during the school year. Training is provided. Please call Patti Dougherty 355.8980x109.

Safety Reminder

If the Fire Alarm were to go off during the liturgy, all children will be escorted immediately out of the building and taken to the fence by Dominick's. Parents should meet their child by the fence.

Learn About Your Faith Online!

Want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Does the thought of forming community with Catholics from all over the country intrigue you? University of Dayton Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is affordable, easy and accessible any time day or night from your computer. Open to anyone in the Diocese of Joliet at the discounted price of \$40 per course (normally \$90), the program features five week online courses (or three-week seminars) on Jesus, Catholic belief, evangelization and discipleship, sacraments, church history, liturgy and more. All courses use a message board posting format, so you can participate when it is convenient for you. You can view the calendar, course lists and descriptions and register by visiting <http://vlc.udayton.edu/>.

For more information, contact Joyce Donahue at 815.727.6411.

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

**Oct 26 Question
of the Week...**

**How can I make God
number one in my life?**



Procession of Saints!

Youth are invited to dress in a Saint's costume and be in the entrance procession at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, November 1. Parents should help their children choose and learn about a saint either through saint books or check on line: www.saints.catholic.org. Put together a simple costume, and dress up as your saint on All Saint's Day. Arrive by 4:15 in the church and find a seat up front. Then come to the narthex to line up for the entrance procession. We will put the name of your saint on your costume so that others can see who you remember and celebrate.

RSVP to Patti Dougherty 355.8980x109 or pdougherty@stapostle.org.

Improving Your Parenting Skills

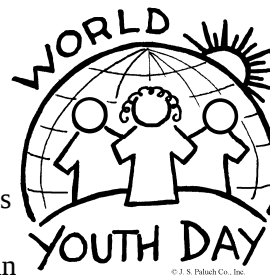
While your child is attending Religious Education classes, would you like to work on your parenting skills and attitudes? To help parents explore their own attitudes, to make choices that include God as our partner and that will be most effective for your own family, we will be using the book, "Ten Bible Characters Every Parent Should Meet" authored by Diane Overgard and Janice Rubin.

The sessions will be held at Brookdale School on Tuesdays at 4:30 or at All Saints on Saturdays at 8:30 or 10:30. Interested parents should contact Patti Dougherty in the Religious Education Office (305-6318). Please call by Tuesday, October 28 so that our groups can begin.

World Youth Day Saluting the Future!

This weekend the faith community of St. Thomas is encouraged to wrap their hearts around youth. Youth at every mass will speak to their work in their parish, neighborhood and community.

These experiences have helped them to shape an identity built upon the catholic values modeled in the Corporal Works of Mercy, the Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Beatitudes. Opportunities to enroll in St. Thomas ministries, Notre Dame Summer leadership workshops, and St. Thomas Teens with Character team building activities have strengthened their voice and their presence in the life of this faith community. World Youth Day recognizes their contributions today.



St. Thomas Teens with Character CORE Team Visit Corn Maze

For all St. Thomas teens with Character who have stepped up to lead a Pillar Meeting or a service project, you are invited to meet at St. Thomas on Saturday, October 25, at 4:00 p.m. to head out to the Corn Maze! Return is scheduled for 10:00 p.m. with pick up in the St. Thomas parking lot. Bring warm clothes, a good flashlight and some cash for corn and cider. Contact Ms. Corinne Seguin at cseguin@stapostle.org for RSVP before Friday, October 24.

St. Thomas Teens with Character Rewarding Volunteer Experience?

The Harvesting Hope Program at Hesed House is in need of caring and dependable volunteers to help run developmental/therapeutic play groups for children ages 2-10 years who live at the homeless shelter. Groups are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are asked to arrive 15-20 minutes early to help set up and learn about the program. This is an excellent opportunity for students in need of service learning hours or individuals who enjoy working with children. Contact Corinne or Kevin in the Faith Formation Office, cseguin@stapostle.org or 630.305.6318.

Junior High Parent Open House Hill Middle School—October 27!

Parents are cordially invited to attend the second open house scheduled on October 27 at Hill Middle School. The open house has been specially set aside for parents and their youth to team together to launch the Faith Formation year. Parents will begin in the LMC with a brief intro to the program. This will be followed by classroom visits to greet your child's instructor. Please check the schedule in your son or daughter's R.E. folder for room numbers and teachers. The youth and their teachers are very excited to have parents on board in this important journey of faith!

**See page 12 to read about the
St. Thomas Sophomore Retreat!**

FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER...

Harvest Sunday

In these economic times, the desperate need for food is much more visible than ever. Our food pantry and food pantries in our area are being taxed heavily. Sadly, more and more children are present. Can you imagine what it would be like to go home tonight and there is no food? Then tomorrow there's still no breakfast or lunch? Imagine, if you will, that this continues for the next two or three days – nothing but water. Now imagine how thankful, how incredibly joy-filled you would be to receive, on that third day, maybe a box of food, filled to the brim. That is what Harvest Sunday is about.

I have challenged St. Thomas to collect 1,000 boxes of food – more than double what we have done the past four+ years. I know we are up for the challenge, but who will help me and the teens? Start spreading the word now, in your neighborhoods and among your friends that the food drive is November 16. We can't wait until the week before to begin making others aware of this opportunity – this necessity – to share our resources to those who are starving.

Join with me, will you? Let us, together, bring food to those who are hungry. Let us, together, help the teens feel they are doing something worthwhile. It starts at home and in our everyday attitude. Contact me to become part of the Harvest Sunday team. I don't have much experience making routes, planning such a large food drive, but I do have faith in the shared wisdom and abilities of St. Thomas. There are already several individuals willing to help, but we need more. Let St. Thomas continue to be known for not just doing the bare minimum, but going the distance – even maybe to talk to a neighbor we don't know just to tell them about the food drive. If, by any chance, some of you may be suffering right now, struggling to put food on your table, know help is coming. We are coming. St. Thomas will collect 1,000 boxes of food. God bless you all!

Sleep Out Saturday!

That's right, next Saturday October 25 begins the annual Sleep Out Saturday event. It begins here at St. Thomas with check-in from 3 to 5:30 p.m. This is an incredible event that is not only fun, but also does a fantastic job at raising the awareness of all involved regarding homelessness. Grab your cardboard boxes, tents, or just sleep in your car for the evening. The sad note, of course, is that while we only have to sleep out for ONE NIGHT, for the homeless in DuPage and elsewhere they have to sleep out EVERY NIGHT. It's easy to just drop a few coins in a cup or to give a homeless person a dollar. It is much more difficult to actually be willing to experience a small glimpse into their everyday life. Join me to sleep out against homelessness! See the Youth Minister or the booth in the Gathering area for more information or for a family information packet.

Service Commission

Outreach & Social Justice

Thanksgiving Pie Sale – Pie Tasting!

Transitional Housing Ministry along with the Care Pantry is once again sponsoring a Market Day pie sale to benefit both ministries simultaneously. There are 10 varieties of pies and three varieties of single serve desserts. There will be a pie tasting on Sunday, November 2! Order forms are available in the Gathering Area. Pie orders must be pre-paid. (Checks to "St. Thomas OSJ" with "Pie" in the memo section).

By purchasing pies for the Care Pantry, you stock their freezer, and contribute to the Transitional Housing Ministry budget at the same time ... a wonderful way to double the impact of your donation. Pies donated directly to the Care Pantry will be included in Thanksgiving food baskets to needy families.

Sleep Out Saturday – Sign-Up Now!

Saturday November 1 will be the 5th Annual - Sleep Out Saturday. Families, youth groups, and individuals are invited to sleep out in boxes, tents, and cars on the lawns and lots of St. Thomas. This is a county-wide event to raise funds and raise awareness, in a very tangible way, about the growing number of homeless families in DuPage County. Spiritual and educational activities will take place at St. Thomas and a large county-wide rally will be held that evening (bus transportation provided from St. Thomas).

Sign-up forms and fliers are available on the credenza in the Gathering Area. For further information about Sleep Out Saturday or the work of the St. Thomas Transitional Housing Ministry, call facilitator Larry Drummond @ 630-203-2462. You can also visit: www.bridgecommunities.org/sos/index.html



St. Thomas Long Beach Update

As we all know, the St. Thomas Long Beach church and other buildings were destroyed by Katrina. We have supported the re-building program. There is a more complete update on the St. Thomas Website, but the following are some highlights:

- Leaders at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, after reviewing results of a parish survey, have decided to continue with plans to rebuild on the beach property where their former sanctuary stood.
- Levens (Pastoral Council chairman) said the architects on the project found ways to harden the building to survive a flood and suggested they raise it 2 more feet, making it 2 feet above FEMA requirements and 4 feet higher than the one that was destroyed by Katrina's storm surge.
- Also under consideration with this issue was the fact that moving to a new location would require buying suitable land and could delay the project for up to two years. With construction costs escalating, the delay could cost millions of dollars.
- Church leaders were also concerned about FEMA deadlines for funding reconstruction.
- "About 75 percent of the survey sheets had notes, comments, ideas, suggestions, fears and hopes," Father Louis Lohan said in a statement to the parish. "I read every single one of them. Now once again I ask you for your support, your prayers and encouragement in moving forward."

Naperville CARES

Van with Chairlift Available

Naperville Cares accepts car donations and provides vehicles to families in need. They currently have a van with a chairlift and would like to place it with a family in need of a chairlift. If you know of such a family, please call Naperville CARES (630-369-1078).



Pastoral Care

Need a Shot in the Arm? Keep the Date!



On Saturday, November 1, St. Thomas will host a Flu Clinic in association with CNS Home Health and Hospice. The clinic will be held in the Gathering Area from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. CNS will again be offering only the flu shot this year. The cost is \$25.

The influenza vaccine composition to be used in the 2008-2009 year in the US will consist of three brand new influenza strains: (H1N1) A/Brisbane like virus, (H3N2) A/Brisbane like virus, and B/Florida like virus.

- CNS payment guidelines include:
- Medicare part B, Cash, or Check.
- Medicare card verifying part B coverage is required
- Secondary insurance cards are also recommended
Any Hospice, Humana Gold, Sterling and

Champus/Tricare clients will need to obtain their flu shot from their personal MD.

*Looking forward to a very successful endeavor,
Your St. Thomas Parish Nurses*

Health Promotion Offering

Health ministry volunteers are available after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45 Sunday masses next weekend for blood pressure screening and education. The screening site is the Deacon's Office, the first office off the Narthex, left as you exit the Church.

All health conscious individuals are welcome. Call the parish nurse at 355-8980 x 104 with questions, concerns, or to schedule another time.



Empty Your Closets for House Guests SVDP Clothing Drive November 1/2

The work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is funded by your gifts, both monetary to the St. Thomas conference and by your donations to the SVDP stores. Clean out your dressers, closets, and cabinets and help provide needed household and clothing items to area families. A truck will be in the St. Thomas parking lot after all Masses the weekend of November 1-2.

Donations of gently used items ... clothing, shoes, coats, purses, dishes, cookware, towels, bedding, jewelry, toys, etc. are greatly appreciated. NO HANGERS, PLEASE. Receipts will be provided.

If you have large items to donate, please call St. Vincent de Paul at 630.231.4658 to arrange a pickup at your home. If you miss the clothing drive, items may be put in one of the two drop boxes across from the rectory at any time. SVDP also accepts donations of vehicles to pass onto people in need of transportation to and from their job. Please call 630.293.9755. All donations are tax deductible.

November Care Pantry Food Collection

Next Weekend November 1/2

Here are the items we especially need...

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Cereal | FOR HOLIDAY BOXES |
| • Brown paper grocery bags | • Flour |
| | • Sugar |
| FOR ST NICHOLAS | • Turkey Gravy |
| • Corn Oil | |
| • Bagged Pinto Beans | |

If you can't bring food to Mass next weekend, bring it whenever convenient... just leave it outside the Outreach Office or in the Gathering Area.

Caring is thinking with your heart!

NOVEMBER KIDSKARE

Please ask if there is a chore you can do during the week-raising leaves perhaps-to earn a box of **Cereal** to bring up to the altar when you come to church Saturday or Sunday. **Thank You!**

Stewardship Commission

Sophomore Retreat

Forty-four sophomores went on retreat to La Salle Manor in Plano, IL on October 12-13 for an intense experience of God, fellowship, and fun. The teens responded well to the event and many have emailed or personally thanked me and St. Thomas for giving them this opportunity. Below are just a few comments from teens and parents:

- *“My daughter truly enjoyed it and had lots of positive comments about the whole weekend. She definitely would do it again!”*
- *“My daughter had a great time and said she really took away a lot from the two days”*
- *“I had so much fun at the retreat and I really enjoy you as our leader”*

These are just a few of the comments we have received about the retreat. Each teen filled out an evaluation form, the retreat center compiles the information and will send them all to me. Once they have, I will release the summary. I believe it is important for you all to know how our teens rate our programs – the good or the bad. God bless you all.

Stewardship... A Way of Life

Last Weekend's stewardship of financial gifts...

Weekly Sunday Offertory (week 16) For 10/19/08	\$22,852
Automatic Direct Debit	\$0
Mailed in & stock donations	\$3,599
Total for week	\$26,451

*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$536,511
Weekly Average 7/1/07 to date:	\$33,532
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,993,000
% of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	26.92
Remaining for Fiscal Year	\$1,456,489

Diocesan Appeal Updated Results

Parish Appeal Goal:	\$148,768
Pledges Received:	118,703
% of Goal pledged to date:	79.8%
Remaining amount to goal	\$30,065
Number of Donors:	653

Facility Improvements Thanks to Journey of Faith Contributions

WE want to express our sincere thanks to the more than 650 donors whose contributions to the Journey of Faith campaign in the past 18 months have brought forth the exciting new meeting rooms, child care center and improved library facility that we blessed and dedicated this week.

As of September 30, gifts and pledges to the campaign totaled \$1,131,837 and our agreement with Project 12 Baskets netted an additional \$6,000 from the sale of donated items. To date we have received \$495,275, and remaining pledge balances total \$642,562.

In June, with the prior approval of the diocese, our leadership team of PLC, Building Committee, Finance Committee and Administration Commission jointly gave approval to devote the early proceeds from the campaign toward the renovations during this summer, as they were urgently needed.

You are welcome to tour the renovations that include the four meeting rooms named for places in the Scriptures, the Nazareth Child Care Center, the kitchen and storage improvements, and the renewed Library (Rm. #44) at your leisure.

God bless all who contributed financially and otherwise to these wonderful enhancements to our facilities, where we can Be The Difference in time for our 25th Anniversary in 2009.

Parish Life Commission

50 *and Holding*
Mature Adults
Young at Heart

Dues due in October

Wed, Nov 5, 1:00 p.m., Lunch at Cracker Barrel on Diehl Road west of Rt 59 Contact Barb Bigus for reservations

Tues, Nov 18, 1:00 p.m., Meeting, Fr. Burke Masters will speak.

December Christmas Party at Cress Creek TBA!



Knightly News

Naperville Knights of Columbus Council 1369
615 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville, IL 60563
Web site: napervillekofc.org

Upcoming future events:

10/26/08 Priesthood Sunday	11/28/08 and 11/29/08 Crèche Set Up SSPP
11/04/08 Men's Monthly Business Meeting	12/06/08 Breakfast with Santa
11/11/08 Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting	12/13/08 Caroling at St. Patrick's Residence
11/27/08 Happy Thanksgiving	12/13/08 Annual K of C Christmas Party

The Naperville Knights of Columbus have a limited supply Tootsie Rolls for sale. Each sleeve contains 50 pieces of candy at \$5 per sleeve. (10 cents per Tootsie Roll) These would make very inexpensive handouts for Halloween. Contact Bill Beckwith at 630.445.9970 or Terry Ross at 630.268.9022 if interested.

Keep Christ in Christmas lapel buttons and Car Magnets —The Naperville Knights of Columbus have lapel buttons with the saying, “It’s OK to say Merry Christmas to me” available for \$2 each and Car Magnets with the words “Keep Christ in Christmas” available for \$3 each. Contact Terry Ross 630.268.9022 to purchase.

Six more volunteers are needed for the Naperville K of C’s 40 Days for Life campaign. The Knights staff the first 6 hours of the day in prayer outside of the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Aurora on Tuesday October 21. For details and to volunteer, contact Terry Ross 630.268.9022.

Officers and Director meeting Tuesday October 21 — The Naperville Knights of Columbus will hold an Officers and Directors meeting at 7:30 PM at the K of C Hall on Ogden Avenue. All Knights are invited to attend.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men’s Fraternal Service Organization that focuses on Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth activities. For further information please visit our web site at www.napervillekofc.org, or contact at one of the following men who are part of our Membership Committee: Gerry Ellensohn 630-536-8427, Darrell Hutton 630-961-0526, John Gallagher 630-355-6508, George Flannery 630-579-9758 or Terry Ross, Grand Knight, at 630-268-9022. Information and applications can also be found in the vestibules at both Ss Peter and Paul Church and Ministry Center and the Vestibule of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

Parish Pictorial Directory

Coming soon!
Did you get your letter in the mail?



Administration Commission

Jobs Ministry Weekly Networking Meeting Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (after the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy) Lighthouse

The November St. Thomas the Apostle Jobs Ministry Meeting will be held on Thursday evening November 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse. Scott Kane, our speaker, is founder and partner of Gray Hair Management, a career coaching and networking company, helping professionals enhance their careers, and find new opportunities. Scott will present his highly effective presentation titled **"The Gray Hair Laws of Networking"**. Since there is a better than 80% chance that your next opportunity will come from someone you know, **"The Gray Hair Laws of Networking"** presentation will help you better understand how to use networking to:

- Establish yourself as your own brand
- Use your elevator speech to attract attention
- Get yourself in front of the right person

Scott has held senior executive positions in the tele-production industry for over 25 years and is an experienced leader, innovator, negotiator, marketer, and manager. Scott founded Gray Hair Management in 2000, with the mission to help professionals find new opportunities and employment. Gray Hair Management provides coaching to professionals to help them win the race for new opportunities, using unique techniques and processes. In addition Gray Hair sends over 1,500 monthly job leads and networking opportunities in the Gray Hair Network. Scott, has co-authored the book **"Winning the Job Race: Pathways Through Transition"**.

Contact Jim Breen at jimb4853@yahoo.com for more information.

NEXT WEEKEND IS TIME TO "Fall Back"!
Don't forget to set your clock.



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THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday, Oct. 27

9:00am-12:00 p.m.	Gathering Place Café, Gathering Area
4:15—5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir, Church
7:00—9:30 p.m.	New Wine, Senior Center
7:30—9:30 p.m.	Haiti Twinning, Galilee
7:30—9:15 p.m.	Marketing Communications, Judea

Tuesday, Oct 28

8:00—8:45 a.m.	Wholistic Practices, Gym
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Bible Time Line, Cana
10:00—11:00 a.m.	Care Pantry, Lighthouse
4:30—5:45 p.m.	R.E. Classes at Brookdale School
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Adult Basketball, Gym
7:00—8:00 p.m.	Choir Reception, Gathering Area
7:30—9:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Church

Wednesday, Oct. 29

9:00am-12:00 p.m.	Gathering Place Café, Gathering Area
9:00—11:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Senior Center
4:15—5:30 p.m.	Joyful Jammers, Church
5:30—7:00 p.m.	Rosary Ministry, Gathering Area
:6:00—10:00 p.m.	ALPHA, Lighthouse
7:00—9:30 p.m.	Coed Volleyball, Gym
7:30—9:30 p.m.	Sojourners Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, Oct. 30

9:00am-12:00 p.m.	Gathering Place Café, Gathering Area
6:00—7:00 p.m.	TREC Band, Lighthouse
6:30—9:00 p.m.	St. Thomas Teens with Character, Youth Center
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Dance Class, Gym
7:30—9:00 p.m.	Jubilate Rehearsal, Lighthouse

Friday, Oct. 31

9:00am-12:00 p.m.	Gathering Place Café, Gathering Area
9:30am-12:00 p.m.	Jobs Ministry, Lighthouse

Saturday, Nov. 1

8:00—11:00 a.m.	Flu Shot Clinic, Gathering Area
8:30—9:45 a.m.	Parent Session for 1st Eucharist, All Saints Academy
8:30—11:45 a.m.	Religious Education at All Saints Academy
9:00am-3:00 p.m.	Grief Training, Rectory Basement
9:00—10:30 a.m.	Men's Christian Fellowship, Senior Center
10:15—11:15 a.m.	Rainbows, Ministry Center

Sunday, Nov. 2

7:30am-12:30 p.m.	Blood Pressure Sunday, Deacon's Office
8:30am-12:30 p.m.	Welcome & Donut Sunday, Gym
8:30—12:30 p.m.	Transitional Housing Pie Tasting, Gym
8:30am-1:30 p.m.	Sign up for Pictorial Directory, Gathering Area
9:00am-12:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center
9:00—11:45 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word for 4th & 5th Grades, Ministry Center
6:30 p.m.	Mass, Church
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Quest Night, Ministry Center