

St. Thomas

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church . Naperville . Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome . November 9, 2008



The Dedication of the Basilica — St. John Lateran, the first Christian basilica, was dedicated on November 9 in the year 324. This building is the cathedral of the pope- not St. Peter's, but humble St. John Lateran. We celebrate all that it symbolizes: our unity in Christ, our call to be the community of believers, our worship and our going forth again and again to be Christ in the World.
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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,

Now that we're past All Souls Day and the election, (I write this on Monday so I have no idea how it turned out), we're well on our way into Fall and a new time for our country. It bodes well for us to have things to look forward to and leave behind the month of October with the economy, the stress of the election process, and prospects of an end to the war.

Let us put behind us the past and move on to new times and a

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brighter future. God's grace makes that possible, because we, you and I, can be the difference our world needs as we cooperate with God's grace and allow ourselves and our society to be built up into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.

Today is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. It may seem strange to us in our culture to celebrate this feast. Even

as we look to the future, we look to the past. We cannot know where we are going unless we understand where we come from.

St. John Lateran in Rome is the oldest Basilica in Rome, dedicated in 324, just as the Roman persecutions were ending and Christianity was being accepted. It was and is still the episcopal seat of the pope as bishop of Rome. It is honored as the "mother and head of all churches of Rome and the world."

It, and our very own church building, is a metaphor for us, a symbol of our enduring strength as the People of God, being built up as a dwelling place for God in the Spirit. We have been through a lot over two thousand years and we still bear the hope of God's sons and daughters in our hearts.

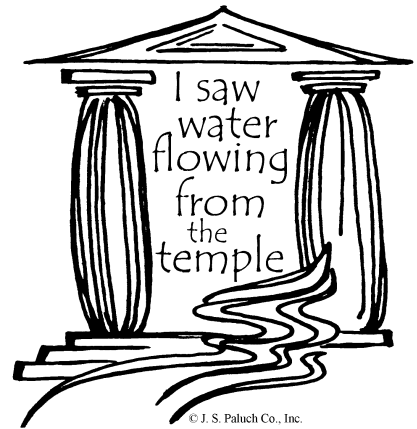
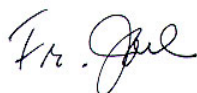
We do that individually and corporately. St. Paul says in the second reading, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" He says, "Brothers and Sisters: You are God's building...I have laid a foundation, and others built upon it..."

In the gospel we see Jesus' indignation as the temple is desecrated by usury and corrupt marketing that was going on inside it. Jesus' indignation was not casual. We must understand that the temple contained the ark of the covenant, the tangible sign of the covenant between God and the people, the core of right relationship between God and each other.

There, at the very heart of the relationship that established justice and maintained peace, was injustice and cheating, the abuse of people. No wonder Jesus was so indignant! Jesus makes a new covenant with us in his own blood. We are to be in right relationship with God and each other. We are to build each other up as a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, not tear each other down.

We are to build on the foundation that is Jesus Christ. Let the work begin anew! God Bless you all, and may God Bless America and our new President.

In Christ's love,



Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Roma

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*The Lord of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.*

— Psalm 46:8

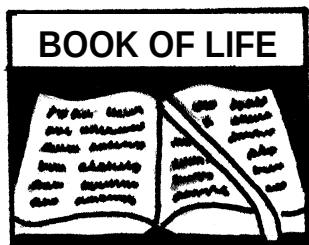
Welcome...

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 today, November 9, at Welcome Sunday after the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Masses, in the gym with Donuts.

Worship Commission



Stop by to Enter Names in Book of Life

There is a display in the Narthex to remember our beloved departed. Next to the Easter Candle and the names of deceased parishioners from this past year is a book for you to enter names of deceased loved ones. All whose names are entered in this book will be prayed for in a special way during the month of November.

Display Honoring Military Service

We have a display in the Narthex honoring those who currently serve or who have served in the military. Anyone may leave a picture at this display of someone who is serving or who has served in the armed forces, either living or deceased. There is also a book at this display for people to make an entry about those we are honoring.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be Thursday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m. Fr. Joel will be the presider and the Youth Choir and Spirit Song will be the music ministers. All are invited to bring Thanksgiving day bread and wine to be blessed for your holiday meal. After the liturgy you will take home the items that you brought.



Prayer for Veterans

*You gave for peace with courage
that families may be free
so children could grow strong
and safe they'd ever be.*

*In giving for the sake of peace
You may have suffered loss
Your body may still show its wounds
from taking up the cause.*

*May remembrance of your time away
Your sacrifice for peace
Spur us on to strive more strongly
for freedom, that there'll be release.*

*From causes that sent some away
to fight that we may freely live
with gratefulness we thank you , veterans
for all you gave and give!*

Prayer by Susan Kramer

Pray for Our Parish

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*God most high and most holy,
whom the very heavens cannot contain,
in every generation and in every place on earth
you build a dwelling place for your Spirit,
on the one foundation, Jesus Christ,*

*On this feast of the dedication of the cathedral
of the bishop of Rome,
Strengthen our communion with each other
and with all your people across the face of the earth.
Purify the sanctuary of our hearts,
and build up as living stones into a holy temple.*

*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 — I saw water flowing out of the temple; wherever the river flows, every living creature shall live (Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12).

Psalms — The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High (Psalm 46).

Second Reading — Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17).

Gospel — Stop making my Father's house a marketplace (John 2:13-22).

Readings for the Week

Mon: Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
Tues: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
Wed: Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thurs: Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
Fri: 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37
Sat: 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8
Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

For the sick...

Mary Ellen Hass & James McGrath,
niece & nephew of Bill Huff
Cuomo Panico
Louie Meno, son of Sally & Phil
Stacy Wiora, wife of Marty
Theresa Wiora, mother of Marty & Peggy
Max Lacewell, friend of the Derrick family
Vincent Swint, father of Pam Widman

For the deceased...

Ray Lacsmana, uncle of Michael Garcia
Emilia Antoinio Gerona, friend of Mildred Garcia
Corrine Ohzourk, sister of Norma Liszka
Sgt. Kevin Greco
Richard Tauchus, brother of Betty Sinco
Ruthann Moorhouse, mother of Pam Choate

For those recently married...

Adrienne Pappas & Gary Grajek

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 10, 2008

8:30 †Benjamin Postels, by Russ Jo Kolkay
†Donald Tiseo, by The Hummel Family

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

8:30 †Mary Umbras, by Alberta O'Brien
†Aurelio Lopez, by Amy DeGuzman

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

8:30 †Rita & Hugh Armstrong,
by Beverly & Michael Radio

Thursday, November 13, 2008

8:30 †George Grandinetti, by Jill Versace

Friday, November 14, 2008

8:30 †Roberto Singson, by Lourdes Chew

Saturday, November 15, 2008

4:30 †Stephen O'Brien, by Diane Lowell Davis
†Anthony DiChiora,
by John & Eleanor McNicholas

Sunday, November 16, 2008

7:30 †Corinne Ohzourk, by Norma Liszka

9:00 †Rosa DeRosa,
by Deborah & granddaughter, Isabelle
†Marilyn Kane, by Ed Kane

10:45 †Ernest Wilkins, Pat Wilkins
†Marguerite Adams,
by St. Thomas Health Ministry

12:15 For the People of St. Thomas

Faith and Spiritual Formation Commission

NOW YOU KNOW...the rest of the story!

That tag line from Paul Harvey's popular radio program describes the discoveries waiting for you in McSherry Hall in All Saints Catholic Academy from 8:30 to 9:45a.m. on two Saturday mornings.

On November 15, we'll explore how much is packed into what we call "The Lord's Prayer," the way Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

On November 22, come discover the story behind the Nicene Creed, that charter of our basic beliefs that we recite at Mass.

Attend both or just one session. Your guide to discovery is Chari Rosales, Director of Adult Faith Formation. Come satisfy your hunger as we provide food for thought!

“Our Father
who are
in heaven...”

Men's Christian Fellowship Group **FALL MEN'S NIGHT**

Friday, Nov 14

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.

C.A.R.E. CORNER

Why did Jesus take the time to provide healing to so many people? Scripture tells us that great multitudes of people followed Him and gathered to hear Him speak. Jesus had precious little time to fulfill His mission on earth. Wasn't it important for Him to reach as many people as He possibly could in the time He had? Then why are the Gospels filled with so many stories of Jesus individually attending to the needs of ordinary, everyday people, especially those considered to be on the fringe of society?

Because Jesus had a passion for healing. He preached the coming of the Kingdom of God. But He did a lot more than just preach. His ministry was marked by action. And what better way to actually show people that the Kingdom of God was indeed at hand then to provide healing from their every ill.



SAVE THE 2009 DATE!

Men's Retreat: Jan. 30 - Feb. 1

Women's Weekend: Feb. 20 - 22

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

Feed My Starving Children

The St. Thomas Elementary Religious Education program is hosting a time to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children located by the Fox Valley Mall on Tuesday, November 11. Jesus asks us to care for others, and here is an opportunity for your family to make a difference in the lives of children who go hungry every day in our world by packing meals for them. Our time to pack is from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. (We do not have class this day.) Please contact Patti Dougherty by November 9 at church 630.355.8980 x109 or email pdougherty@stapostle.org. Leave your name and phone number or email address. Please follow the FMSC adult to child ratios: Age 5-8 ratio 1:1 Age 8-12 ratio 3:1 Age 12 – 18 ratio 5:1. You will be contacted to confirm your attendance and directions. Space is limited.

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.

Harvest Sunday News!

Harvest Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, November 16. As has been the tradition at St. Thomas, a robust number of volunteers from the Jr High Faith Formation program are needed to sort the groceries being collected by the high school Quest groups. Sorting will begin in the Gym from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.. All are welcome!

To assist at this very important food collection for the Care Pantries in this area, please call the Faith Formation Office to reserve a volunteer slot; 630.305.6318 or email at cseguin@stapostle.org. Watch for flyers coming home in R. E. folders. Information is also posted in the Gathering Space.

Family Mass with 4th and 5th Graders

All are welcome to come to the 4:30 p.m. Liturgy on Saturday, November 22 which is being prepared by students from the 4th and 5th grade Religious Education Program. Many of these students will be participating in this liturgy as liturgical ministers, such as: communion bread makers, lectors, host greeters, gift bearers, 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. Please bring your donation to the Gathering Area before mass begins.

In addition, we thank the following volunteer catechists, aides and Grade Level Coordinators who helped prepare these youth for this liturgy and their year of Religious Education.

4th Grade Religious Education Volunteers

Helen Burkard
Phyllis Erikson
Lisa Faulhaber
Sheila Fleming
Kelly Hopp*
Molly Keogh
Jen Kolb
Catherine Kolet
Jose Mendoza
Bev Phelan
Natalie Storey
Cathy Strickland
Vicki Varzino
Jackuie Vu
Dona Windisch
Ken Windisch
Laura Witt
Michael Yumping
Telly Yumping

* Grade Level Coordinator

5th Grade Religious Education Volunteers

Tom Brancato
Mary Jo Budnick
Margaret Culkeen
Sue Grove*
Gerry Hayes
Dave Hunt
Nancy Hunt
Alex Knoll
Julie Knoll
Julie Knox
Susi Krason
Debbie Loughlin
Marty Loughlin
Joseph Mayoralgo
John Morris
Cheri Obendorf
Melanie Stoffregen
Jenny Tapia
Marilyn Wendell
Ashley Wesolowski
Jenni Wesolowski

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

Oct 26 Question of the Week...

How do I need to love better?



NEWS from...

All Saints Catholic Academy



Technology Center News

The tech center at All Saints is a center for learning for students and teachers alike. Wednesday after school, many of the teachers met here to participate in a webinar from Education City, providers of one of the software programs to which we subscribe. Many of the teachers are also accompanying their students to the lab as the focus this year is to integrate technology into the classroom curriculum.

The children are learning many of the basic computer skills while doing lessons that enhance what they are learning in their classrooms. First graders have done a lot of work with vowel and consonant sounds. Second graders are splitting their time between learning to type and phonics activities. Learning to type, interactive science, Word Munchers for language arts skills and PowerPoint to create vocabulary flash cards have kept the third graders busy. Keyboarding has been occupying much of the fourth and fifth graders time, but we have had time to fit in research, math fact drill, word processing and study aide creation activities.

The junior high, from their laptop lab have done word processing while utilizing Word Art and graphic images from the Internet. Along with the fourth grade, they have produced documents where the citation for any graphics they used is listed directly under the graphic in recognition of intellectual property rights. The students are learning to be responsible citizens of our global world.

Joliet Catholic Academy Hosts Open House

Joliet Catholic Academy is a college preparatory high school where students are inspired to grow in knowledge and faith. JCA challenges students to strive for academic excellence and more.

You can experience the JCA advantage first hand by attending Open House on **Sunday, November 23**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tours of the school will be available, highlighting various departments. Faculty, staff, and students will be on hand throughout the day to answer your questions. Information on academics, athletics, clubs and organizations will be available as well as financial aid information, Franciscan/Carmelite scholarship applications and much more.

For more information, contact JCA's Admissions and Financial Aid Office at (815) 741-0500 or admissions@jca-online.org.

FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER...

Harvest Sunday November 16

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!

Service Commission

Outreach & Social Justice

Companions Christmas Card Project

Each year, Companions sends out thousands of Christmas cards to incarcerated men and women. St. Thomas will again participate in this project. Please bring your cards to the decorated box you will find in the Gathering Area by November 21. Here are the guidelines:

- Sign one or more Christmas cards. We will use Companions return address
- Choose cards that represent a diverse population
- Add a message if you wish but please do not be preachy.
- Attach a first class postage stamp to each envelope. **Do Not seal.**
- **Do Not** use stickers, glue or tape on the cards or envelopes.
- **Do Not** enclose anything.

Thank You!

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Orders Due by Monday Noon!

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. 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). Orders with check payment are due in the box in the gathering area before 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 10.

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.



Harvest Sunday – Next Sunday

Benefits Three Food Pantries

Many parishioners will receive Harvest Sunday fliers on their doors this Sunday announcing the food collection by our St. Thomas youth next Sunday (November 16). The collection benefits our Care Pantry, the St. Nicholas Food Pantry, and the food pantry of the Sisters of Notre Dame (in Chicago). All pantries are experiencing more families in need. Please help as you can.

S.T.E.P. 2008 Results

The annual STEP (Steps Toward Eliminating Poverty) held at All Saints on October 26 was a great success. All six Naperville Catholic parishes participated. An estimated 500 people visited the exhibits and/or participated in the walk. The 7th graders at All Saints under the guidance of Mrs. Maria Kazlauskas designed a very meaningful and educational prayer service. Father Joel welcomed everyone. Deacon Andy from Catholic Relief Services traveled from Ohio to speak at the prayer service. The Feed My Starving Children station was a big hit. Big thank yous go to Dr. Sandy Renehan and All Saints for hosting the event, Bonnie Sullivan (from St. Thomas) for leading the planning/implementation of the event, and Liz Michalski for the St. Thomas mobilization.

Sleep Out Saturday Results

A big thank you to the sponsors and to our 52 sleepers and volunteers who braved 40-degree weather and a 3:00 a.m. downpour on Saturday night November 1. At least one cardboard box collapsed on its sleepers, leaving them soaking wet. The event greatly increased awareness of the struggles faced by homeless families in DuPage County. St. Thomas joined 70 other churches/organizations in the county for this event and were pleased to see more families and young teens participating, making this sacrifice on behalf of families who don't have a choice.

Special thanks to planning committee members Tom Smat, Kevin Pranaitis, Patrick O'Brien, and Brittany Reynolds. We also appreciated Kevin's spiritual leadership and the support/encouragement of Patti Dougherty, Corrine Seguin, Anne Schultz, Mike Ryder, and the Sunday 11/2 Mass presiders. Over \$3,000 was raised. Donations can still be turned in to the Outreach and Social Justice office. Checks should be made payable to "Bridge Communities".

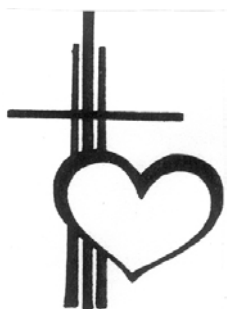
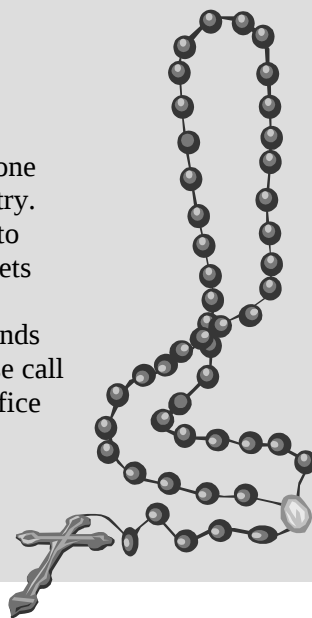
— St. Thomas Transitional Housing Ministry

Pastoral Care

An Invitation:

St. Thomas has recently initiated a Rosary Ministry. Two different rosary versions, string and wire, are made and gifted as needed to residents at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Residences, to Ecuador and Haiti missions, and to prayerful St. Thomas Parishioners. All ages, all levels of skill, truly anyone with a desire for service can learn and participate in this ministry. Instruction will be provided. The Rosary Ministry invites you to join them and their youngest member, who is 8. The group meets Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the St. Thomas Gathering Space.

Liz Michalski is coordinating this special ministry and extends an *All Are Welcome* to serve here and make a difference. Please call and leave your name and phone number in the pastoral care office 630.355.8980x124. You will be contacted as soon as possible. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



*You are central
to our hearts.*



Pregnant? Confused? Need Help?
Please call Woman's Choice Services
630-261-9221

In the hospital or homebound?

Call the parish office 355-8980 and one of our parish nurses or ministers of care will visit, bring Eucharist or assist you with your needs!

Counseling Service:

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

Stewardship Commission

Sunday Reception Ministers Needed

Do you enjoy meeting and talking with fellow parishioners on Sunday mornings? Have the gift of Hospitality? If so, we have a need for additional Reception Ministers to staff the reception desk in the Gathering Area during the Sunday liturgies year around except for holiday weekends.

In this role, you would join the existing receptionists in a rotation, so that you would “work” every few weeks – depending upon the number of ministers who step forward – from about 8 a.m. to noon each time. The tasks include answering phones and answering in-person questions, or referring the questioners to those who can answer them, and keeping an eye on the security monitors. You can also help others solve problems with directions and insights, and get help from custodial staff when needed.

Training will be provided from one of the experienced reception ministers on a Sunday prior to your scheduled start date. For information, call Gerry Czerak weekdays at 355.8980x106 or gczerak@stapostle.org, or Pat Berkhout weeknights at 355.8980x119. To sign up, check box #951k in the Invitation to Ministry booklet or at our website at www.stapostle.org/ministries/administration/hospitality.

Stewardship... A Way of Life

Last Weekend's stewardship of financial gifts...

Weekly Sunday Offertory (week 18)	\$27,323
For 11/02/08	
Automatic Direct Debit	\$0
Mailed in & stock donations	\$3,127
Total for week	\$30,450

*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$611,437
Weekly Average 7/1/07 to date:	\$33,969
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,993,000
% of Annual Sunday Offertory Goal	30.68
Remaining for Fiscal Year	\$1,381,563

Diocesan Appeal Updated Results

Parish Appeal Goal:	\$148,768
Pledges Received:	120,218
% of Goal pledged to date:	80.8
Remaining amount to goal	\$28,550
Number of Donors:	679

Parish Pictorial Directory

Your help is needed!



Calling Twenty-fifth Anniversary Enthusiasts and all St. Thomas Parishioners

Volunteers are needed to assist with our St Thomas 2009 Pictorial Directory. During the months of December and January, **Life Touch** will be taking family/individual portraits for the parish directory. Volunteers will verify appointments at check-in and provide forms for to those coming for pictures. There will be two; 2 1/2 to 3 hour shifts each picture taking session during the months of December and January.

Please consider volunteering for ONE or more session(s). These sessions are great opportunities for welcoming and giving and getting to know your fellow parishioners better!

Call St. Thomas reception, 630.355.8980 to volunteer your time and talent.

Thank you for your consideration.
The Pictorial Directory Committee

SIGN UP AFTER MASS today... to get YOUR picture taken for the St. Thomas 25th Anniversary Pictorial Directory!

Parish Life Commission

50 *and Holding*
Mature Adults
Young at Heart

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

Thurs, Nov. 20, Horseshoe Casino \$20 includes transportation, luncheon & \$5 voucher. Leave STA 9:15 a.m. Leave Casino 3:30 p.m. Call Bill Mann for reservation 1.630.369.0095. Money due Nov 6 Checks payable to 50& Holding. Participation not limited to 50&Holding members

December Christmas Party at Cress Creek TBA!



Save the date!

Join us New Years Eve
with John Angotti and
band...details and ticket
information coming soon!



Money Doesn't Grow on Trees

(but we hope to save both)

It's easy to be **GREEN**...and with your help St. Thomas can make a difference by **REDUCING** the amount of paper we use for printing and **SAVE** on mailing costs too!

Beginning with our annual Advent Bulletin, **YOU** will have three delivery options for seasonal publications:

- By email
- By snail mail
- Pick up a copy at Mass

Please let us know your choice by filling out and returning this coupon. **OR...** you can visit www.stapostle.org today and click on the words:

CLICK HERE TO SAVE TREES to get started.

☐ **YES**...sign me up for email delivery (please print clearly)

☐ I'll stick with the Post Office for now

☐ I'll pick up a copy at Mass

Name (please print):

Phone (we'll only call you if we need to confirm you email address!)

THANKS... for taking part in our **GREEN** initiative!

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.

Night of Networking Results

About 115 job seekers attended the October 23 Night of Networking. There were 150+ including 35-40 volunteers, many of whom were former Job Seekers returning to “give back”.

Friday November 14, 2008 at 9:30 am

Stuart Katz, director of marketing at LexisNexis, will explore “Winning Behavior During Transition. . . and Beyond.” With five transitions in 18 years Stuart has accumulated a wealth of knowledge on balancing the two sides of transition.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday, Nov. 10

9:00am-12:00 p.m.	Gathering Place Café, Gathering Area
4:15—5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir, Church
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Jr. High Catechist Meeting, Lighthouse & Youth Center
7:00—9:30 p.m.	New Wine, Senior Center
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Transitional Housing, Judea
7:30—10:00 p.m.	Men's Retreat Meeting, Rectory Basement

Tuesday, Nov. 11

8:00—8:45 a.m.	Wholistic Practices, Gym
10:00—11:00 a.m.	Care Pantry & Blood Pressure Screening, Lighthouse
9:00am-12:00 p.m.	Gathering Place Café, Gathering Area
7:00—8:30 p.m.	Care with God's Creation, Senior Center West
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Adult Basketball, Gym
7:15—8:45 p.m.	Men's Spirituality Group, Rectory Basement
7:30—9:00 p.m.	Lector Meeting, Lighthouse
7:30—9:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Church

Wednesday, Nov. 12

9:00am-12:00 p.m.	Gathering Place Café, Gathering Area
9:00—11:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Senior Center
9:30—11:30 a.m.	Catechist Formation, Judea
5:30—7:00 p.m.	Rosary Ministry, Gathering Area
:6:00—10:00 p.m.	ALPHA, Lighthouse
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Leadership Night, Ministry Center
7:00—9:30 p.m.	Coed Volleyball, Gym
7:30—9:00 p.m.	Pro-Life, Youth Center
7:30—9:30 p.m.	Sojourners Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, Nov. 13

9:00am-12:00 p.m.	Gathering Place Café, Gathering Area
6:00—7:00 p.m.	TREC Band, Church
6:30—9:00 p.m.	St. Thomas Teens with Character, Youth Center
7:00—9:00 p.m.	Baptism Meeting, Senior Center
7:00—9:00 p.m.	DuPage United Steering, Cana
7:30—9:30 p.m.	Genesis Rehearsal, Lighthouse
7:30—9:00 p.m.	Jubilate Rehearsal, Church

Friday, Nov. 14

9:30am-12:00 p.m.	Jobs Ministry, Gym
6:00—10:00 p.m.	Fall Men's Night, Lighthouse

Saturday, Nov. 15

8:30—11:45 a.m.	R.E. at All Saints Academy
9:00—10:30 a.m.	Men's Christian Fellowship, Senior Center
10:15—11:15 p.m.	Rainbows, Ministry Center
4:30—6:00 p.m.	Pictorial Directory Sign Up, Gathering Area

Sunday, Nov. 16

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
12:15—2:15 p.m.	RCIA, Senior Center
6:30 p.m.	Mass, Church