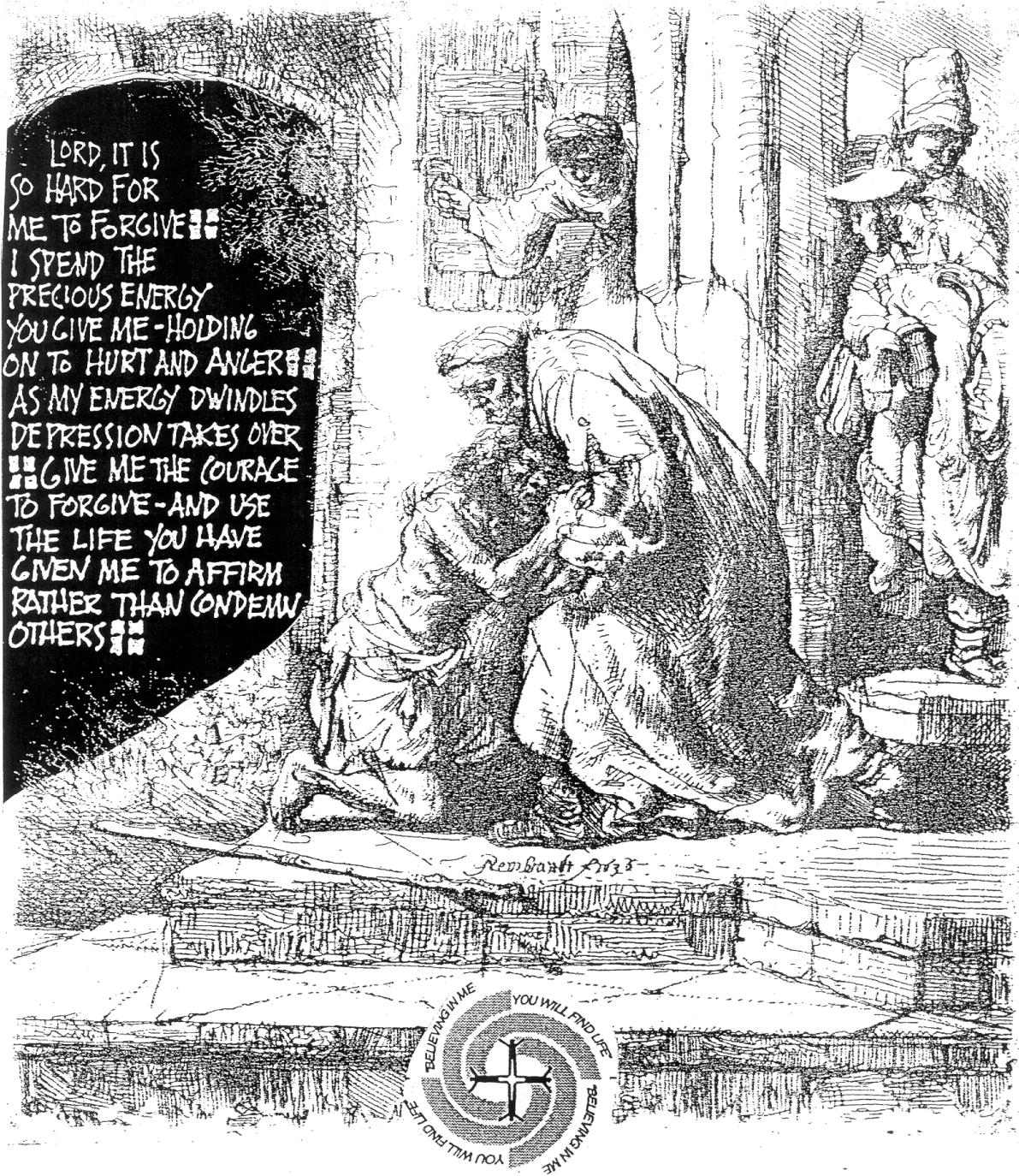


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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 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 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 (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.,
and 6:30 p.m.

***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
every first Friday, 9:00 — 9:30 a.m.***

Dear Friends,

Well, it's back to work for us as we finish the celebration of the Labor Day Holiday. What is the personal inner work you still have to do? We all have "inner" work to do, a spiritual "shadow boxing" with the self, boxing with our shadows, the stuff in us we find unacceptable and try to suppress.

Wow! That's what we see happening in the gospel today and what we are challenged to do in all the other readings, to rely on and trust God's actual mercy and understanding for us. St Paul confesses, as a humble sinner himself, what he says is completely trustworthy: "Christ Jesus come into the world to save sinners."

"God doesn't wait to start loving us until we change."

And so that is the attitude we have to begin today's liturgy with, the Penitent's Prayer: "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner." That simple confession and act of humility is the starting point for all spiritual growth and "inner work".

That's what we see in the gospel today, "Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus..." I have an image of

them, like me, leaning in and hanging on every word that Jesus is saying, something they really wanted and needed to hear, something they really liked that gave them hope and encouragement in the light of that hope.

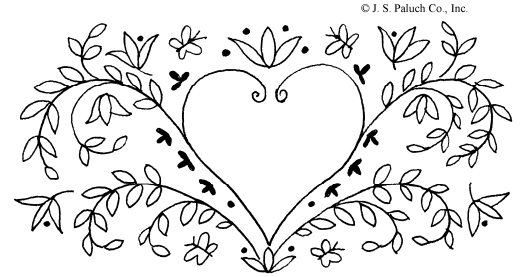
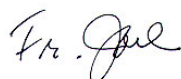
We aren't given what he actually told them, but surely the good news that *God doesn't wait to start loving us until we change, but that God, who is love and can only be love, loves us so we can change.* That would be consistent with the Good News of the whole gospel.

We are given what Jesus told the Pharisees and scribes who complained and said, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." He launches into parables about God's proactive initiative towards sinners, of the man with a hundred sheep who leaves the 99 to go out and look for the one lost sheep, and the woman who has ten coins and loses one and cleans the whole house looking for it, who both rejoice when what was lost had been found.

Jesus says: "In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." That is why we must begin our liturgy today with the sinners prayer! So that rejoicing can be our own! Those are the words they were hanging onto, which set them free from guilt and shame, that gave them hope and encouragement, and a way to grow and change.

Let us listen as they did to every word that comes from the mouth of Jesus...

In Christ's love,



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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2010

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

— Psalm 51:12

Worship Commission

Temple Keepers

I actually had the opportunity to sit down with Theresa Sheliga as she shared with me some of the jobs of the Temple Keepers. These people work on Mondays and Fridays, and other days as their schedule permits. Some jobs are difficult, some not- but all they do is necessary to keeping a clean, hospitable environment in our church, chapel, and sanctuary areas.

The St. Thomas Temple Keepers wipe down the pews with Murphy's oil soap, they clean and polish the ambo, lectern, altar, credence tables. One couple faithfully polishes the statue of Mary and the Crucifix in the hallway. Another crew of people straighten the hymnals, as well as pick up everything that gets left in the pews: worship aids, cheerios, crayons, pencils, bulletins, even lost glasses! One of these workers "takes on" the chapel as a single project.

As touching as it is to listen to Theresa talk about the loving work these people do, just yesterday I received an email from a parishioner who felt called to share her quiet observations of two of our most devoted workers. Here are snippets from her sharing:

Evaristo: "It was one Saturday morning when I saw this usually quiet and genuinely wonderful, easy-going man begin to prepare the Chapel for afternoon Mass. After some of his preparation, he chose a seat in the middle of the chapel and sat down before the altar with arms outstretched across the seats around him, as if embracing the family waiting there. Anyone who has met Evaristo knows he is quiet, very polite, respectful, and so peaceful. It was a delightful and refreshing surprise to me to see how alive he became before God in prayerful conversation with Him. His quiet grace reminds me of Jesus."

Theresa: "Her devotion is charming. She inspires others to heights of reverence for every detail. One morning I saw her reaching down to pick up a bit of fuzz from the carpet the cleaning crew had missed."

The woman witnessing said that as she watched Theresa, she saw and felt a parallel for trying to keep our hearts as clean and cared for as Theresa modeled for her. The woman continued, "Theresa's grace reminds me of the Martha/Mary parable." She spoke of the humility with which Theresa serves at our "dinner" party, the celebration of Mass and the Eucharist!

So folks, if you know any of our wonderful St. Thomas Temple Keepers: Marilyn Ferris, Cliff Chew, Madeline, Isabell, Carol and Leonard Wojowicz, Meli and Bud Maalorca, Martha Lopez, Jim and Ann Rioux, Jean Mckinley, Jan Arvin, Cathy Petriskey, Fatima Abraham, say THANK YOU!

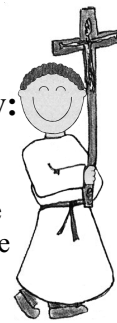
.....little things done with Great Love.

— Shared by Kate Cuddy

Opportunities for Ministry:

Altar Servers

We have completed training – but will run one more session for those who missed out. Contact Lori in the Liturgy office to join this ministry. Training will be in late September.



Sound Engineers

We are looking for people 16 years of age or older who are willing to be trained on running the sound board. Help us make sure the Word of God is heard! Contact Jess in the Liturgy office.

Looking Ahead...

"*The Nicene Creed...say WHAT?*" gives us a chance to look deeply into the basics of our faith. Join this lively session in the Senior Center, Tues, Sept. 21.

St. Thomas Alive CD's, featuring John Angotti will be available for purchase in upcoming weeks for \$15. Take advantage of this great opportunity to purchase early Christmas presents!

Yesterday, Once More

Come and celebrate the 70's! From Flower Power, to Disco, to War Protests, to enduring Love Songs, we'll have it all!

The Music Ministry at St. Thomas will present their First Annual Cabaret in the St. Thomas Gym on October 29 at 7 p.m.

Come decked out in your best fringed leather, headbands and bell-bottoms. Munchies, libations, a raffle, and auctions will be offered in addition to the happening music. The price of admission will benefit the Music Ministry. More information will follow so be on the lookout! It'll be groovy, man!

Summertime...and the living was easy...

Did you enjoy your summer vacations? The Liturgy Office did too! Keep an eye out for upcoming articles about Lori's mission trip to Ecuador, Jess' ministry at her parent's church, Angie's new additions, and Kate's national conferences. We hope you had a summer filled with rich experiences!



Presider's Schedule—Sept 18/19

4:30	Fr. Dolphe Arty
7:30	Fr. Bob Colaresi
9:00	Fr. Joel Fortier
10:45	Fr. Joel Fortier
6:30	Fr. Pat Brennan

Pray For Our Parish

Gracious and Awesome God;

*Come and grace us with your presence.
Teach us to be your Holy Children,
loving and delighting in one another,
even when the stones in our road
make it difficult to see your Light.
Make us truly
loving instruments of your peace:
unafraid and unfettered.*

*Guide us and enfold us
in your love as we continue
on our journey of faith.
Help us to appreciate
the passage of time,
and to be living witnesses
to one another.*

Amen



Mass Intentions

Monday, September 13, 2010

8:30 †Terrance Caston, by The Gregus Family

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

8:30 †Joanna Young, by The Young Family
†Emil Hurt, by Ann & Jim Rioux

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

8:30 †Marilyn Kane, by Ed Kane

Thursday, September 16, 2010

8:30 †Barb Dederichs, by Carol Berenak

Friday, September 17, 2010

8:30 †Kent Williams, by 8:30 Mass Group
†Alphonse Behna, by Nadia Behna

Saturday, September 18, 2010

4:30 †Lillian Lasiewicz, by The Vukadinovic Family
†Anne Mattison, by Kate & Tom Kerestes

Sunday, September 19, 2010

7:30 For the People of St. Thomas
9:00 Jack Clark, by The Keenan Family
Barb Dederichs, by Marilyn & Dennis DeMeo
10:45 †Maria Torres, by The Ferguson Family
†Mary Segina, by Matt Burazin
6:30 †Barbara Merkowska, by mom
†Frank Kozlowski, by wife

for the sick...

Gene & Matthew Furibondo,
son & grandson of Nick & Fran;
Angela McNamara, aunt of Donna McNamara;
Joshua Krawczyk, son of Barbara

for the deceased...

Jennifer Chataigne, daughter of Carol Chataigne
Joseph Sierra, cousin of Frank Trujillo,
Gladys Behnke, sister of Karin Gabrick
and aunt of Diane Fitzgerald.
Joan Pojman, mother of Dave and Beth

for new St. Thomas parishioners...

Joseph Jones
Laura Johnson & Stephen McBride
The Karen Maxwell Family
The Posada Family
The Rickwalder Family
Robert Cox
The Ondrejka Family
The Asch Family
The Bellagamba Family
Karin Gabrick
James & Margaret Garrison
Jonathan & Colleen Nikiel
Kathleen Steder

Today's Readings

First Reading — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

Psalm — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

Gospel — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Tues: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Wed: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

Thurs: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Sun: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Faith and Spiritual Formation Commission

It's Back-to-School at the St. Thomas School of Prayer

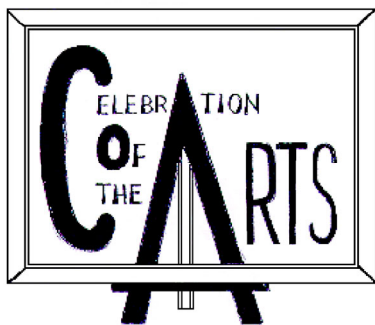
Come experience the Psalms in a multimedia way!
Join Chari Rosales in the Senior Center from 7:30-9pm this Monday, September 13 as the School of Prayer returns for a new season.



These prayers – ever ancient, ever new – voice what it is to be fully human and to have a lively back-and-forth with God. Join your voice with the psalmist and see what happens!

Coming soon – Is God an Economist?

Want to liven up your morning? On the Tuesdays of October, Fr. Matt Lorenz will host a discussion group from 9:30-11am, probing Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth). Far from being a dry, dusty document, this pastoral addresses the challenges of being a global citizen in a global economy.

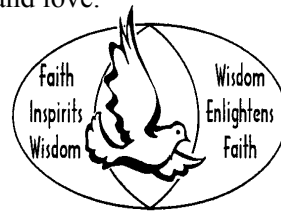


CALLING ALL ARTISTS...The Celebration of the Arts ministry of St. Thomas the Apostle invites artists to participate in the **13th Annual Fine Art and Craft Fair**. The event takes place **Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7** in the Ministry Center. Entry forms are in the rack outside of the church office. The deadline for registration is **September 24**, however space is allocated on a "first come first serve" basis so don't wait until the last minute to register. Call Don Castro 630.717.9354 or Chari Rosales at 630.355.8980 x138 for more information.

C.A.R.E. CORNER

Today's readings are connected by a very clear theme. In the first reading, we are reminded that shortly after God led the Israelites out of Egypt, they did a 180 and redirected their loyalty, worshipping a man-made object. In spite of their blatant rebellion, God relented and extended forgiveness. The second reading details Paul's past as a persecutor of Jesus' disciples and as a non-believer in Christ. But God extended Paul great mercy and grace, which turned his life around. Forgiveness can be very powerful.

The gospel reading of the prodigal son is a familiar story. But it is really God who is the prodigal, not the run-away son. For prodigal means extremely generous, lavish and extravagant. And Jesus' parable shows that it was the Father who was prodigal in the forgiveness and mercy shown to both sons. Though the younger son demanded a share of his father's estate and ultimately squandered it on a sinful lifestyle, the father welcomed him back with open arms and a joyful heart. And the father dealt patiently and compassionately with the elder son, who in his own sin of self-righteousness was unwilling to forgive his brother. Fortunately for all of us, we have a prodigal God; abundant in grace, steadfast in faith, lavish in mercy and love.



Religious Education

Parish Picnic

What an Awesome Picnic! Thanks to Sean and Fatima Moriarty and Ramon Zepeda (from St. Nicholas) it was a huge success! The food was fabulous, especially the authentic Mexican food from St. Nicholas Parish, our sister parish in Aurora. We also had traditional picnic fare of hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by the Knights of Columbus. The music was outstanding by "Within 4 Days, the band that won Naperville's Battle of the Band, with band member, parishioner Patrick Misdom. The DJ came from St. Nick's and was able to assist the band. The 50/50 was won by Tony Wycklendt, who then graciously returned his winnings to the parish. Thanks Tony! Natalie Reichel won the 4 Chicago Fire tickets. Congratulations Natalie!

This was such a success due to the many volunteers that came forward.

Ticket Sales were handled by Carol Ann Fisher, Phyllis Lucker, Melanie Aingers and Eleanor McNicholas with Cindy Rennie collecting tickets.

Games were organized by Donna Zielke, (Children's Games) Mary Ellen O'Rourke, (Egg Toss and Bingo), Bill Mann (Bingo) and Ron Davis (Dodge Ball). A special thank to Tom Dunn who stayed throughout the picnic to help with the children's games. Popcorn was popped all afternoon for us to enjoy by Bill Dougherty, Deborah DeRosa along with her daughter, Isabella.

St. Nicholas' parishioners served delicious fruit water, pina coladas, while helping us serve the beer, soda and water. The very artistic face painters were their Youth Group.

An extra special "Thank You" goes to the parishioners who helped with final set up Saturday night and to the St. Thomas staff who filled in with our last minute emergencies and clean up. Finally, this wouldn't have happened without all the volunteers who worked hourly shifts. You all are awesome!

Interested parishioners in planning a picnic for next summer should contact Patti Dougherty at church 630.355.8980 ext. 109

Thank you to our Picnic Sponsors:

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Sessions Scheduled for Protecting God's Children

The "Protecting God's Children" Program is a very pro-active, positive, professional approach to preventing child sexual abuse. This Program is now part of diocesan policy to establish a "safe environment" for members of our parish. While "Protecting God's Children" sessions are primarily for all staff and volunteers, over 18, who work with children, they are also open to any parent or person from the parish who wishes to attend. Please note these dates and times scheduled at St. Thomas and if your ministry involves children in any way, please register by going to the web site: www.dioceseofjoliet.org. Click on Protecting Children, then halfway down that page, see Virtus Protecting God's Children Workshop Schedule. Register for a workshop at a time and location that works for you.

Upcoming Training Dates at St. Thomas the Apostle

Saturday, September 18 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Check in and refreshments will begin 15 minutes before the start of each session. Each training session will last the full three hours, so please arrive promptly. Questions may be directed to Patti Dougherty at 630.355.8980 ext. 109.*

Religious Education Calendar

2010 – 2011 Class dates for Religious Education are available on line.

Please see the St. Thomas web site: www.stapostle.org

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

Sept 12 Question of the Week...

How do I feel when I find something I've lost?

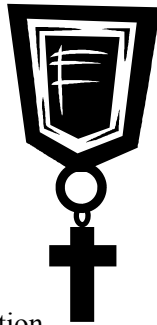
— Luke 15:1-32



Scouts: Interested in Earning Religious Medal?

Boy and Girl Scouts are invited to begin earning their religious medals. Boy Scouts should purchase the book from the Scout store while Girl Scouts purchase their book from our Diocese.

Contact Patti Dougherty at 630.355.8980 ext. 109 to register for this process or for more information, especially on how to get the Girl Scout book.



RAINBOWS is a group sharing sessions for the children dealing with the loss of a parent due to divorce, separation, or death. Since it is necessary for emotional healing to take place after a significant loss, the support group provides the grieving with an opportunity to share their feelings in an accepting and *confidential* environment led by trained, caring, and compassionate adults.

All sessions will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on Saturday mornings. We enroll children from K to 8th grade. RAINBOWS will begin on Saturday, September 25.

Adult volunteers who have undergone RAINBOWS training through our Diocese of Joliet, as well as participated in Protecting God's Children, will moderate the small groups of 3-5 children. Each session focuses on a specific topic related to the grieving process. Readings, journaling, and arts and crafts help the children share their experiences in a less "intimidating" format. There is no fee involved.

If you have children or know of children who would benefit from this wonderful program, or are interested in volunteering, please call Patti Dougherty, 355-8980 ext 109 or email pdougherty@stapostle.org.

Rainbows Needs Help

Rainbows, a program for grieving children, has a need for two additional adults to help on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 11:30 a.m. at church.

Training is provided on Saturday, September 18 from 9 – 3:30 at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. Sessions begin at St. Thomas on Saturday, September 25. If you would like more information, please call Patti Dougherty in the Religious Education Office, 630 305-6318 or email pdougherty@stapostle.org

23rd Annual Bishop's Mass for Persons with Special Needs

Come celebrate Mass together for those with special needs, their families and friends on Sunday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. at The Cathedral of St. Raymond, 604 N. Raynor Ave. in Joliet with a luncheon following. To RSVP for the luncheon or if you have questions, please call Mary Maloney at the Diocesan Religious Education Office at 1.815.834.4064.

Help Wanted ~ 3hrs, 5x a Year

Journey Discussion Leaders

A main thrust of our new program for Freshmen this year is the Journey Program, which is built around 5 main speaker events with parents. I need discussion group leaders who can attend these 5 events and then provide a group setting for the teens to talk for 15-20 minutes about what they heard following the presentations. Training will be required. Typically, they are on Sunday evenings, one is on a Saturday.

Pray. Discern. Then call and let's chat!
630.355.8980 x123 or ym@stapostle.org

Service Commission

Outreach & Social Justice



DUPAGE UNITED

We need your help - DuPage United Listening Action & Delegate Assembly

St. Thomas is a member of DuPage United, a non-partisan organization formed to address issues that concern members of its institutions. Your DuPage United Core Team is conducting a Listening Action to identify the issues that most concern the members of our institution. The results will be presented to local candidates running for DuPage County Board and state offices.

We need your help. Over the next two weekends, we will be asking for your input. What issues most concern you in our local area or in the state? Do you have a personal story related to an issue ... or are you aware of someone else's story?

The information we gather will be combined with information from other DuPage United institutions. The results will be presented at the DuPage United Delegate Assembly on October 7, 7:30 – 9:00 PM. The candidates for DuPage County Board Chairman will answer questions. Other local candidates for state offices will also be present. **You are invited.** Hold the date. More information on the Delegate Assembly to come ... stay tuned.

— *St. Thomas DuPage United Core Team (Don Derrow, Phil Meno, John Bagley, Mike Ryder)*

Final Earthquake Relief Funds Distributed

The total Haiti earthquake relief funds distributed by St. Thomas was \$113,792.12. The donations came from our parish, St. Thomas the Apostle – Long Beach Mississippi, and others that were aware of our strong commitment to Haiti. Thanks to all that were able to help. (See the St. Thomas website for the final Earthquake Relief Report.)

Below is a thank you from Father Exalant (Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Port-au-Prince) for the last funds we sent to his parish.

Thank you to all parishioners of Saint-Thomas who bring us in their heart and help us in the difficult moment. Our program was going to stop but now we are going continue by the grace of God and your help. We will give food to eat for more three hundred persons (childrens, youngs, adults) during all October and September.

— *Fr. Michel Exalant csc*

OKTOBERFEST

Upendo Village, Kenya, Africa

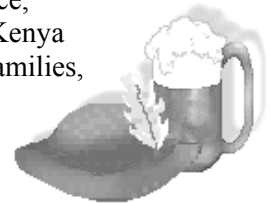
A few years ago, Sister Florence, who founded Upendo Village in Kenya to serve AIDS victims and their families, was very well received here at St. Thomas. St. Joan of Arc Parish has a long standing relationship with Upendo Village and sends mission trips there every year. They are hosting an Oktoberfest (in September!) to benefit Upendo Village.

Saturday, September 25

5:00 – 10:30 PM

St. Joan of Arc School Gym,
820 Division St., Lisle

Come and enjoy authentic German food, beer, wine, chocolate martinis & desserts with live music, dancing, and prizes.



**Beyond Repair:
True Stories of Illinois' Flawed Death Penalty
Wednesday, September 15th at 7pm
St. Margaret Mary Church
1409 Green Trails Drive, Naperville**

Hear directly from people touched by our state's death penalty system in *"Beyond Repair: True Stories of Illinois' Flawed Death Penalty"*. This live presentation will feature compelling testimony of men who were wrongfully convicted and later freed from Illinois' death row, like Randy Steidl of Charleston, Illinois, who was released in 2004 when evidence emerged that he had been framed after spending 17 years on death row. Family members of murder victims like Cathy Crino whose sister Stephanie was murdered in 1995, will also share their experience with the system after the death of their loved one.

Sponsored by the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty in partnership with St. Margaret Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle, SS. Peter and Paul and St. Raphael, this educational event will reveal stories of redemption, forgiveness, and betrayal from those personally affected by the death penalty. It is part of a two-week suburban speaking tour aimed at revisiting the issue of the death penalty ten years after the moratorium.

For more information, contact Liz Moran at 312.673.3880 or visit www.icadp.org.

**Wine Tasting to Support
Naperville CARES**

Our St. Thomas Saint Vincent de Paul Conference works closely with Naperville CARES to help people with emergency rent and utility needs.

WineStyles is hosting a wine tasting event for the benefit of Naperville CARES at its charming shop at the corner of Route 59 and 95th Street. Come anytime from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, September 26. Sample different wines that will make perfect accompaniments for autumn and holiday get-togethers. Taste your way through various wines paired with favorite cheeses and crackers.

To experience several new wines and support Naperville CARES, register in advance online for \$25 per person-www.napervillecares.org or check in at the door. Admission is tax-deductible.



**Waterleaf Women's Center
Holds Fall Festival for Life**

Waterleaf Women's Center in Aurora invites you to attend their "Fall Festival For Life" on Saturday, September 18 from 11am-9pm on the grounds of Marmion Abbey Farms, 850 Butterfield Rd, Aurora). The festival features hayrides, games, a huge 10-acre corn maze, a 1:00 visit by Ronald McDonald, delicious food, and more! Tickets are \$8 adults, \$5 ages 14 and under, \$25 max per family. For more information call 630.701.6270 or visit www.waterleafwc.org.

The center is approaching its one-year anniversary and has been successful in encouraging nearly 30 women to choose life for their child.

**Living the Challenge:
Differently Enabled,
Uniquely Called**

Church Women United invites you to the Human Rights Day celebration and retreat on Friday, September 24. The day will include workshops, Bible Study, a luncheon, and an ecumenical worship focused on the topic of disability awareness and inclusion. Cindi Swanson, St. Thomas parishioner and disability advocate, will be honored.

**Friday, September 24
9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Knox Presbyterian Church**

For more information, contact Bonnie at 630.753.0853. To register, send a check-which must be received by September 20-in the amount of \$10 made out to C.W.U. and mail to: Pat Hinterlong, 8 S. 542 River Drive, Naperville, IL 60565

Pastoral Care

Donate Blood to Receive a Fleece Pullover and a Premium Zippo Candle Lighter...

*great for lighting candles, campfires, & grills!
Details below on how to receive gifts.*

St. Thomas the Apostle Blood Drive Tuesday, September 14 3:00—7:00 p.m., St. Thomas Gym

To make your appointment to donate, sign up at www.heartlandbc.org or call 630.355.8980.
PHOTO IDEA REQUIRED at time of donation.

Become a member of Heartland's Four Season's Club at www.heartlandbc.org. If this is your third donation in 2010, you can redeem your third season gift online for your Four Season membership at www.heartlandbc.org.

Donors will redeem gifts online through the new online store after the third and fourth donation in 2010.

Parish Nurse Notes

September is Leukemia and Lymphoma Awareness Month

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society reports that more than 900,000 people in the U. S. currently have some form of blood cancer, and more than 53,000 will die from one this year. That's the bad news. The good news is that improved therapies and stem cell transplantation have dramatically increased survival rates for most blood cancers.

Leukemia and lymphoma are two forms of blood cancer.

Leukemia starts in the bone marrow, where blood cells are made, and the cancer cells spread to the blood that circulates through the body in the arteries and veins.

Lymphoma starts in the lymphatic system, which drains waste-collection lymph from body tissue. Lymphoma may develop in many parts of the body, including the lymph nodes, spleen, bone marrow and blood.

Sometimes there are no warning signs or symptoms or symptoms will be similar to more common illnesses. The best advice for any person troubled by symptoms such as night sweats, swollen lymph nodes, unexplained weight loss, tiredness or shortness of breath is to see a healthcare provider.

For information about blood cancer and ways in which you can help, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society provides deep resources at www.lls.org

Source: David Wight



Expect Great Things!

Are you weary of the negative headlines that are all around us?


Come for a Wellspring workshop that will focus on God's abundance.

Friday, September 17, 7:30-9 pm

To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Rose Grumbine

355.8980x140 or

rgrumbine@stapostle.org



Do you want to be the healthiest you possible? The Wellness Project, sponsored by Parish Nursing, will hold an introductory session Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas Lighthouse. Come and learn more about this new program at St. Thomas.

Small groups will meet for a 60week session to launch a whole new way of being. For more information, contact Rose Grumbine 355.8980x140 or rgrumbine@stapostle.org.

Parish Life Commission

The Nursery is Open!

The nursery opened Sunday September 5 for the Sunday 9:00 and 10:45am masses. Children of walking age through the age three are permitted to utilize the nursery. Please come early to register your child or pass by my window and pick up a form. The fee is \$3 per child per Sunday.

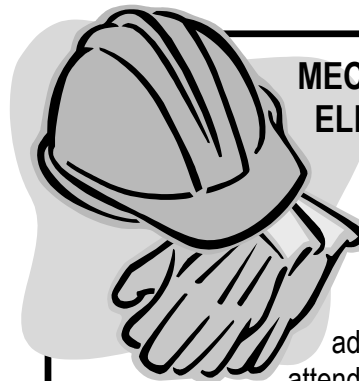


Parent volunteers are welcomed and encouraged to sign up to assist in the nursery. Volunteers are exempt from paying nursery fees. Deadline for signup 8/29. Contact me for details.

If you have a teen willing to volunteer their time and have fun with toddlers, sign them up too! It's a great way to gain experience while providing assistance.

Donations are *always* welcomed. If you have gently used, large area rugs, toys or anything that does not pose a choking hazard, please pass them along. See you soon...

Nursery Facilitator Ombretta Schutz
630-375-0516 or brettaschutz@yahoo.com



MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

The St. Thomas Building and Grounds Committee is seeking new members to serve as objective advisors. Committee volunteers attend monthly evening meetings and may be tapped to spearhead occasional special studies/projects. Mechanical, electrical engineers and other professionals experienced with commercial buildings are welcome to call Leanne Meyer-Smith 630.918.9291 for further information



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Stewardship... A Way of Life

Last Weekend's stewardship of financial gifts...

Weekly Sunday Offertory

Sept 5, 2010 (week 10)	\$21,641
Automatic Direct Debit	\$16,665
Mailed in & stock donations	\$6,948
Total for week	\$45,254

*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$333,743
Weekly Average 7/1/10 to date:	\$33,374
Offertory Goal Year to Date	\$357,390
Over/short of goal to date:	(\$23,647)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,858,400
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,524,657

Diocesan Appeal Updated Results

Parish Appeal Goal:	\$142,782
Pledges Received:	\$94,577
% of Goal pledged to date:	66.24
Remaining amount to goal	\$48,205
Number of Donors:	541

Administration Commission

Jobs Ministry

Weekly Networking Meeting

Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

(after the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy) Lighthouse

SEPT KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Wed, Sept 22, 7 p.m.: *Creating Connections with Confidence!* presented by *Jody Eriksen.*

From casual conversations to cold calls, the people to people approach to job search success is the most practical and powerful method of opening doors and creating meaningful opportunities. If the fine art and science of networking seems more like a nagging chore or just plain nightmare...this is the workshop for you! Career Coach Jody Eriksen of Career Support Services Corp. invites you to join her in this 2 hour session focused on how to put people at the center of your search strategy. Build your understanding, skills, and confidence in making "connections" with the solid tools and creative strategies you need to...

- Seek and find meaningful introductions
- Naturally connect and bring people to YOU
- Create easygoing scripts for your natural style
- Ease the anxiety of making that 'cold' call
- Turn info interviews into viable opportunities
- Overcome blocks to making people connections

As a certified Career Coach, workshop presenter, and motivational speaker throughout the Chicago land area, Jody offers jobseekers the creative twist and positive mix of customized career development support and practical solutions to their job search challenges. Leveraging her blended background in the psychology of personal development and business management, she has become known for her dynamic style in presenting original tools and techniques that promote the professional by empowering the personal side of the search. Learn more about Jody by visiting www.CareerSupportServicesCorp.com

Fri, Sept 10, 9:30 a.m.: **Steve Grosskopf**, founder and president of Gobie, Inc., a career services firm, presents "**Research**". This part of your job search has proven to be critical and can dramatically increase your desired results. While interest has grown in understanding the reason to incorporate research, little attention has been paid on how to do it most effectively. We will discuss best practices from varied sources to increase your ability to use research to make better informed job search decisions.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday, Sept. 13

4:15—5:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Church
7:00—8:30 p.m. Middle School R. E. Info. Night, Ministry Center
7:15—9:00 p.m. Transitional Housing, Judea
7:30—9:00 p.m. School of Prayer, Senior Center

Tuesday, Sept. 14

10:00—11:00 a.m. Care Pantry, Lighthouse
3:00—7:00 p.m. Blood Drive
4:30—5:45 p.m. R. E. Classes at Brookdale School
7:00—9:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Resource Center
7:00—9:00 p.m. Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, Sept. 15

9:00—10:30 a.m. ALPHA Express, Senior Center
7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym
6:00—10:00 p.m. ALPHA, Lighthouse
7:00—9:00 p.m. Leadership Night, Ministry Center
7:00—9:00 p.m. STEP, Galilee
7:30—9:00 p.m. Pro-Life, Judea

Thursday, Sept. 16

9:15—11:15 a.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center
10:00am-12:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cana
4:15—5:30 p.m. Jammers, Church
6:00—7:15 p.m. Journey Praise, Church
6:30—8:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cana
7:30—9:30 p.m. Genesis Rehearsal, Church
7:30—9:00 p.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center
7:30—9:30 p.m. Jubilate Rehearsal, Church

Friday, Sept. 17

9:00—11:30 a.m. Bible Study, Senior Center
9:15 am-12:00 p.m. Jobs Ministry, Gym
7:30—9:00 p.m. Wellspring Workshop, Lighthouse

Saturday, Sept. 18

8:30—11:30 a.m. Protecting God's Children, Lighthouse
8:30—11:45 a.m. R. E. Classes at All Saints Academy
9:00—10:30 a.m. Men's Saturday Sharing, Resource Center
9:00am-12:00 Art Class, Senior Center

Sunday, Sept. 19

8:00am-1:00 p.m. Pancake Breakfast, Gym
8:30am-1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening, Deacon's Office
12:30—1:30 p.m. Baptism, Church

Fri, Sept 17, 9:30 a.m.: **Nettie McFarlan Badgley**, a marketing communications specialist (formerly with Marriott Hotels, McDonald's, Nissan, Sara Lee, et. al.) will present "**Operation: Dream Job**". She will walk you through the "Popcorn Process" of marketing yourself to your dream job, including the top 10 ingredients to a solid marketing plan. Innovative, creative and dynamic!

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 Jim Breen at jimb4853@yahoo.com for more info.