Our Lord Jesus, Christ the King, November 25, 2012
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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment. Commun- nal Penance services are held occasionally during the year.

Sick and Home Bound
Call the Church Office to receive prayer/Eucharist from a priest, deacon or Minister of Care.

Baptism
Baptisms are usually celebrated 2-3 Sundays each month at a 12:30 p.m. service. On selected dates, Baptisms are celebrated at weekend Masses. Parents are required to attend an awareness and renewal evening prior to the Baptism. Call the Church Office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

Matrimony
A couple planning on being married at St. Thomas should contact the church six months in advance. One year is preferred. Either the bride or groom, or their parents, must be a registered parishioner for at least three months prior to calling to set a date.

Religious Education
Call the 630.305.6318 to register.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Any person wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or to join our Catholic community should call the church at 630.355.8980.

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

Sunday Nursery
Nursery care is available for your child age one (walking) to four at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. For more information call the church office.

Liturgy Schedule
Daily
(Monday — Friday)
Communion Service — 6:30 a.m.
Rosary — 8:10 a.m.
Mass — 8:30 a.m.

(Saturday)
Mass — 8:30 a.m.

Weekend
Saturday Vigil — 4:30 p.m.
Sunday — 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every first Friday, 9:00 — 9:30 a.m.
Today on this Last Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the great solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. History has seen enough of kings and rulers launching acts of aggression for control of more people, land, power and wealth. And so the title of today’s feast – Christ the King - may initially turn people off. Who needs another ruler!

But Jesus says to Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. When Pilate presses him, “then you are a king?” Jesus avoids the political implications in Pilate’s question and chooses instead to identify himself as one testifying to the truth. If Jesus has “loyal subjects,” if he is a king, it is because people have come to accept him as living and speaking the truth. People who speak and do as Jesus spoke and did, have, in fact, accepted his truth and are part of his kingdom.

Today’s feast then challenges us to consider: To whom or what do we give our allegiance? Who holds dominion over us? What are we living for; what energizes and gives meaning to our lives each day? At what altars do we burn incense and bend our knee in submission? What have we “enthroned” as our ruler….youth? money? career? addictions? What power holds sway over us?

Calling Christ “king” invites us to accept his way of responding to the world around us. There is a lot of fighting going on in the world right now…fighting over land, natural resources and property. If something has to be taken by force or by fear and intimidation, then such actions can’t be of Jesus’ kingdom. If we want to be servants of our king, if we want to spread his influence and rule, then we had better be acting the way he did – feeding the hungry, not robbing their lands or their resources; caring for the sick, not allowing more casualties from wars or aggressions; loving our enemies, not building “smart bombs’ to destroy them.

Jesus, the king, wins people over to his rule, not by force or intimidation. We see the truth in him and his ways and we choose to take his rule in our hearts and minds. And so, as we celebrate the Eucharist this day, at this royal banquet, let us ask our sovereign ruler, the One who gave himself for us, to once again pour out his life into ours. Through his Spirit, we ask for clarity to see his ways and the will to follow them!
Worship Commission—Liturgies & Music

**Book of Life**
There is a display in the St. Thomas narthex to remember the beloved departed. Parishioners will also find a book where they may enter names of deceased loved ones. All the names that are entered in this book will be prayed for in a special way during the month of November.

**At Home with the Word**
*At Home with the Word* books will be available for purchase on December 1 and 2 after all weekend Masses. The cost is $8. This book is a great tool for breaking open the Sunday Scriptures at home, helping readers to reflect further on God’s word and preparing to celebrate the Sunday Liturgy.

**Advent Taizé Prayer**
St. Thomas will have a Taizé style prayer service on Monday, December 3 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse. Come begin the Advent Season with this unique style of peace-filled, meditative prayer.

**Save the Date and Deck the (Church) Halls**
The St. Thomas Art and Environment Ministry will put up Christmas Trees on December 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m., and they need your help!

**Immaculate Conception**
Saturday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be one mass at 9:00 a.m. in the Church. This is a holy day of obligation (opportunity!) and is also the patronal feast of our country.

**Advent Reconciliation**
St. Thomas will have a Reconciliation Service, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. The opportunity for individual confessions with a Priest or to speak to a prayer partner will conclude the service.

**Coming Soon….**
Dec 3, 7:30 p.m.
Advent Taize
Dec 9, 5:00 p.m.
Lessons & Carols
Dec 12, 7:00 p.m. – Advent Reconciliation
Dec 21, Wentz Hall – John Angotti Concert

**Presider’s Schedule December 1/2**
**Saturday**
4:30 pm, Fr. Dof Arty, Deacon Mike Barrett
**Sunday**
8:00 am, Fr. Don McLaughlin, Deacon Larry Kearney
9:30 am, Fr. Dof Arty
11:15 am, Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Pat Lennon
NO 6:00 PM MASS IN DECEMBER

*Schedule is subject to change.*
Pray For Our Parish

How wonderful a King, Lord God,
you have given us in Jesus your Son:
neither a monarch throned in splendor
nor a warrior bent on revenge,
but a shepherd who seeks and rescues the flock,
bringing them back, binding them up,
strengthening them and feeding them with justice.

Prepare us for the Day of Christ’s coming in glory,
by shaping our lives according to his teaching
that what we have done
for the least of his brothers and sisters
we have done for him,
the Christ who was,
who is, and who is to come,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.
Amen.

Please Pray for our Men and Women Serving in the Military
Our parish community would like to recognize and remember the following individuals in prayer:

U.S. Air Force
Staff Sgt. Brooke Sica       Lt. Joseph Zito
A1C Maxwell Dempsey         Joseph Michalowicz
AB Jon Babiarz, Special Forces

Air Force National Guard
Senior Airman Jacob Brancalone

U.S. Army
Lt. Alanna Casey            Cpt. Matthew Haselhorst
Staff Sgt. Aaron Simms      Sgt. William Stuart
PFC Sean Wesley             1st Lt. Chris Turley
SPC Eric Servatius          Matt Nelson
Warrant Officer Aviation Kyle Zimmerman

U.S. Marine Corps
Lt. Kevin Martin            John Osborne
Corporal Aaron Murphy       Jennifer Slown
Captain Brad Rothman
Lance Corporal Oliver Buckley
Lt. Colin Miller-Ratcliffes
Lance Corporal Tommy Balducci

U.S. Navy
AT3 Amanda Schlarman       SN Joel Curry
Ensignment Jason Coons      SR Jeffrey Bates
Alex Metzger                Airman Alex Dvorak

U.S. Coast Guard

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

Welcome… new St. Thomas Parishioners!
Tom & Lauren Evans
Kara McKeihan
Erin & Rick Weissenhofer
Jim & Nora Paul
The Troy Owens Family
The Don Meyer Family
Gary & Marilyn Bernath
The Paul Tromp Family
Carol & Dorothy Paperliello
The Ruppe Family
Jennifer & Lee DeDore
The Isaac Sepulveda Family
The Sherrin Family
The Rawson Family
The Pace Family
The Jose Lopez Family
The Wagester Family
The Quezada Family

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 26, 2012
8:30  Lorraine Boerger, by The Hummel Family

Tuesday, November 27 2012
8:30  For the Seminarians in the Diocese of Joliet

Wednesday, November 28, 2012
8:30  Special Intention for The Muthler Family

Thursday, November 29, 2012
8:30  †Leo Sochacki, by Ann Marie

Friday, November 30, 2012
8:30  †Thomas Paulford, by Mom & Dad

Saturday, December 1, 2012
8:30  For the Sisters of St. Patrick’s Residence
4:30  For the People of St. Thomas

Sunday, December 2, 2012
8:00  †Penney Braesel, by Budd & Mely Mallorca
     †Mary L. Stanton, by Patti Dougherty
9:30  †Betty Nagel, by Kathy Nagel
     †Art Nagel, by Kathy Nagel
11:15  †Melissa Dirksen Herrick, by George & Diane Dirksen
Faith and Formation Commission– Adult

Save the Date!
Fall Men’s Night

Friday, Nov 30, 6:00 p.m.
St. Thomas Lighthouse
A light meal will be served
Speaker:
Fr. Don McLaughlin

C.A.R.E. CORNER

Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Did you know the Jewish people also celebrated the Kingship of God in this Psalm in the Old Testament? Today we are recognizing Jesus as King, the One who speaks the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. What is your understanding of King?

Interested in joining the Church?

Are you someone, or do you know someone, who would like to explore joining the Catholic Church?

A process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) opens that pathway. On three Monday nights – October 15, 29 and November 5 – from 7:30 to 8:30pm, inquiry sessions are open to all interested persons. This is a relaxed and open opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding Catholicism and explore all options available. No commitment is necessary at this time.

If you’d like to come, please contact Chari Rosales at 630.355.8980 x138 or crosales@stapostle.org. And please – spread the word!
Soul Searchers
Meet December 8

St. Thomas Soul Searchers will meet once a month to explore and discover truths in Simone Weil’s *Waiting for God*. Weil was a philosopher, political activist, and agnostic turned Christian mystic who died in 1943. This collection of her letters and essays offers her non-traditional views of Christianity. Weil said, “Love of God is pure when joy and suffering inspire an equal degree of gratitude.”

This month’s reading: Letters 5-6.

The next meeting of Soul Searchers is Saturday, December 8 from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. in the Rectory Basement. Contact Mary Maloney with questions at 630.355.8980. Come whenever your schedule allows and enjoy a thought provoking experience. All are welcome to attend this monthly discussion group.

The Winter Name of God
Monday, Dec 10
7:30—9:00 p.m.
St. Thomas Lighthouse

Labyrinth Prayer Walk
Are you longing for a quiet space and time away from all the hurry and stress of the holiday season? Are you hoping for some inner peace and sense of connection to God?

Come… walk the sacred path of the labyrinth and unwind, resting in the awareness and love of God. For more information, contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980 x138 or crosales@stapostle.org

Pancakes after Mass
Sunday, December 2!

St. Thomas the Apostle’s teens are hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, December 2 to support next summer's mission trips. A pancake breakfast will be served after the 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am masses. Enjoy delicious pancakes, scrumptious sausage, orange juice, fruit, and coffee. Yum…yum!

A free-will offering accepted at the door before or after your tasty meal. All of the proceeds will help purchase supplies and cover expenses for youth missions. Please plan on attending and getting to know your fellow St. Thomas family better at the table.

Evaristo Appreciation
Next Weekend

Evaristo Zarate was the custodian at St. Thomas for nearly seven years. In that time, he became friends with many parishioners. Next weekend, parishioners and staff will have the opportunity to express appreciation to Evaristo for his service and friendship in the St. Thomas community. He will be celebrated at the Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday morning Masses in the gym. There will be a basket for cards and well wishes.

There is no doubt that Evaristo was the best at his job. He always got his work done with the highest quality and it was done when it was supposed to be done. If a staff member or parishioner needed help, he would always stop what he was doing and cheerfully help. He had a very positive attitude and always had a smile for anyone he encountered. He was an excellent ambassador for St. Thomas.

Next Sunday is your opportunity to say THANKS!
Families: Take some time to discuss and reflect on the readings.

Question of the Week...
What names do I give Jesus?

Let’s go Christmas Caroling!
All are welcome to go Christmas Caroling on Friday evening, December 7. Participants will gather at St. Thomas at 6:30 p.m. to practice songs for 15 minutes before walking to St. Patrick’s Residence to sing carols. The group will then return to St. Thomas for hot chocolate and snacks. (If you are able, please bring a plate of goodies to share.) Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Song sheets will be provided. Contact Patti Dougherty 630.355.8980 x 109 or pdougherty@stapostle.org with questions.

Advent Sale December 1 and 2
Help your child prepare for the gift of Jesus with an Advent Calendar or Advent Wreath. On December 1 and 2, after masses, there will be an Advent / Christmas Sale in the Gathering Area. Items will be available to help your child prepare for Christmas.

Besides Advent calendars and wreaths, there will be books and other various items for sale. Don’t forget St. Nicholas Feast Day, celebrated December 6. Tradition holds that kids who leave their shoes out by the door before they go to sleep the night before, will wake up to shoes filled with small treats given by St. Nicholas! Stop by and take a look!

Santa at Donut Sunday
Santa will be at Donut Sunday on December 9. Parishioners, Rick and Gina Zimmermann will take pictures of your child/ren as in the past for you to purchase. Pictures will be available the following Sunday for pick up.

Of course you are welcome to bring your camera for pictures. Santa will be in the gym after the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 masses.

Advent: Waiting in Joyful Hope
You are invited to attend a parent workshop exploring ways to make Advent a meaningful time for your families. The workshop will be offered 4 times during the last half-hour of religious education sessions.

Mon, Nov 26, 8-8:30 am, All Saints Cafeteria
Tues, Nov 27, 5:15-5:45 pm, Brookdale School LMC
Sat, Dec 1, 9:15-9:45 am, All Saints Cafeteria
Sat, Dec. 1, 11:15-11:45 am, All Saints Cafeteria

Patti Dougherty and Peggy Goralski will present a number of Advent ideas and activities during this time. No RSVP is necessary. Feel free to attend any session.

First Eucharist Preparation
Information regarding preparation for First Eucharist has been mailed to the parents of First Communicants. If you did not receive the registration form and the information concerning the parent enrichment session and family prayer services, please call the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office immediately at 630.305.6318. Children in first grade need to be in the Religious Education Program or attending All Saints Catholic Academy, to receive the sacrament in Second Grade. Contact the Faith Formation Office to register your First Grader in Religious Education if they are not enrolled at this time.

First Eucharist Parent Session
The final parent session is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas. If you missed the sessions in October or if it has been several years since the last session, please calendar this date. If you have questions or a conflict, contact Patti Dougherty pdougherty@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980 ext. 109.
Volunteers Needed for Care Pantry Christmas Party!

The Care Pantry Christmas Party will take place Saturday, December 8. Middle school students are needed to help to make this morning a wonderful experience for the Care Pantry families. Volunteers are needed as follows:

- **Fri, Dec. 7**, 4:30-6:00 pm, volunteers needed to help decorate and set up
- **Sat, Dec. 8**, 7:30 – 10:00 am, volunteers needed to greet guests, serve breakfast, and help children with activities
- **Sat, Dec. 8**, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, volunteers needed to greet guests, serve breakfast, help children with activities, and clean-up.

To volunteer, watch for information coming home from RE or contact Peggy Goralski (pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980, Ext. 123). In addition to middle school students, some adult volunteers are also needed.

Care Pantry Christmas Stockings

Middle school students, can you help by donating items to fill Care Pantry Christmas stockings? The following items are needed:
- **For boys**: gum/mints, stocking caps, socks, gloves
- **For girls**: lip gloss, hair twisties, nail polish, gum/mints, gloves, scarves

Donations can be brought to religious education class on December 1 or 3. You can also bring your donations to St. Thomas. If you have any questions, contact Peggy Goralski at 630.355.8980, Ext. 123 or pgoralski@stapostle.org.

Youth Minister’s Corner

Last week, I attended the National Honor Society induction ceremony at Naperville North. One of the qualifications of those high school students being inducted into National Honor Society is that they exhibit leadership. For many students, their leadership qualities were ‘proven’ because they held positions such as captain of the cross country team, president of the French Club, or first chair in the orchestra, etc. As he addressed these National Honor Society inductees, the principal, Kevin Pobst, challenged them to expand their view of leadership. Leading is not always being in front. It is sometimes being in the middle or being behind. Although he didn’t use these exact words, I like to think that what he was saying is that true leadership also shows itself in being a servant.

This weekend, the Church celebrates the feast of Christ the King. And, what did being a king mean for Christ? Well, for starters, his crown was made of thorns and his throne was the cross…the ultimate example of a servant leader. It is wonderful to aspire to positions of leadership. Schools, businesses, our Church, and the world need leaders. We also need those who are willing to serve. And when the path of leadership takes you down the path of service, realize that you are in very good company.

Blessings,
Peggy

March 20 Confirmation

Confirmation will take place Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m.
Please continue to pray for our confirmation candidates.

Important High School Faith Formation Dates

- **Nov 26**: Monday Confirmation classes meet at All Saints, 7:15 pm
- **Dec 2**: Sunday Confirmation classes meet at St. Thomas, 12:30 pm
- **Dec 3**: Monday Confirmation classes meet at All Saints, 7:15 pm
- **Dec 9**: Sunday Confirmation classes meet at St. Thomas, 12:30 pm
- **Dec 10**: Monday Confirmation classes meet at All Saints, 7:15 pm
- **Dec 16**: Sunday Confirmation classes meet at St. Thomas, 12:30 pm
- **Dec 16**: Journey Unplugged (optional opportunity for high school teens to gather), 7-8:30 pm
Coming Next Weekend …
Bethlehem Gifts

The beautiful work of the artisans of Bethlehem Gifts will be on display at St. Thomas next weekend (December 1-2). Their works make wonderful gifts. Rosaries, crucifixes, nativities, figurines, last suppers, and more, hand made from the olive trees of Bethlehem and Jerusalem in the Holy Land, will be available for sale after all masses next weekend. You can also visit www.bethlehemgifts.com to see and perhaps order what you like.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa at Sts. Peter and Paul

Come to Sts. Peter and Paul Ministry Center on Saturday, December 1 and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast. Bring your camera and have your picture taken with Santa. All are welcome to attend, so invite a friend or two and make this one of your Holiday Traditions.

Sat, Dec 1, 7am until noon
Saints Peter & Paul Ministry Center

Adults: $6.50
Seniors: $4.00
Students 9-12: $4.00
Students K-8: $3.00
Preschoolers: FREE

The proceeds from this event benefit local food pantries.

Christmas Gifts for Care Pantry Children and Young women at Warrenville Youth Center

Each year at the St. Thomas Care Pantry Christmas Party, parents “shop” for Christmas gifts, donated by St. Thomas parishioners. While they are shopping, the kids are entertained by our St. Thomas middle school youth with crafts and games.

St. Thomas also provides a Christmas gift for the young women at the Warrenville Youth Center. The St. Thomas prison ministry delivers the presents with cookies and Christmas caroling.

Gift cards were handed out last weekend. If you did not pick up a card and would like to help, you can find the cards on the collection bins in the Narthex and Gathering Area. The card provides some information on the age of the child you would be helping and other guidelines to make certain there are gifts for the range of ages of the children. For children over 10, clothing is requested by Care Pantry families.

Please note that gifts (unwrapped, please) need to be placed in the bins by Thursday December 6. The Christmas Party is the following Saturday morning.

Blanket, Sleeping Bag, and Coat Drive for the Lakota People

During the next few weeks, St. Thomas will hold its fourth annual winter coat collection. New or gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens, blankets, and sleeping bags will be collected. This year, items will be sent to St. Thomas’ sister parish of St. Agnes located in Manderson, SD on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The first team to visit St. Agnes traveled to the reservation last December and can attest to how cold the winter is in Pine Ridge. Please know that the donations are needed and will be appreciated.

Containers for collection will be located in the Gathering Area from Saturday, November 24 to Sunday, December 30.

No items to donate but still interested in contributing? Make a donation to help defray shipping costs. Checks may be made to St. Thomas OSJ with Lakota Shipping in the memo section.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Thank You from Father Fritz

Father Fritz Louis was the first Pastor of St. Thomas’ Twinning parish in Haiti. He was also an Associate at St. Thomas for a couple of years. His father recently died and he sent the following message to the parishioners of St. Thomas

My dad was my hero. I lost my hero. Without my dad, my journey is already different. His love has made me what I am today. He was such a generous and compassionate dad. He did a great job. He did God’s work. He is with God.

Thank you for your support and prayers. May God keep each and everyone of you in very good health and bless you abundantly. 

Fr. Fritz Louis, csc
Haiti Twinning Christmas Card

Again this year throughout the Advent season, the St. Thomas Haiti Twinning Education Team is offering a Haitian Christmas card along with a picture of a Duchity student that you might send to your family and friends, perhaps in lieu of a gift. The gift of education to the children of Duchity is a gift that will last a lifetime. A donation of $50 is suggested, but any amount you are able to donate will be wonderful. A table will be in the Gathering Area the weekends of December 8/9 and 15/16. See next week’s bulletin for more information on Mission Team 49’s meetings with the parents of the three schools supported by St. Thomas.

Advent Social Justice Actions

There are many Outreach Justice opportunities during the Advent season — Care Pantry Christmas gifts, Duchity Education, Mitten Tree, Warrenville Correction Center Youth Gifts, Turkey/ham collection, etc. Consider taking two Social Justice actions this Advent, as a follow-up to the Solidarity focus weekend — related to human rights abuses in Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe Christian Alliance (ZCA) Prayer Card – The ZCA is fighting non-violently to end human rights abuses in their country. Sign a Solidarity Prayer Card that will be delivered to a member of the Zimbabwe Christian Alliance. Just knowing there are others in the world in solidarity with them gives them hope and fuel for their struggle. Prayer Cards are available in the Gathering Area.

Letter to Oprah – How can a letter to Oprah help with human rights in Zimbabwe?

- Oprah has strong relationships in South Africa with President Jacob Zuma and others.
- President Zuma is influential in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), which has some leverage over what happens in Zimbabwe.
- The SADC has the authority to intercede and ensure that the upcoming Zimbabwe elections proceed fairly, which will make a huge difference.
- Therefore, write a letter to Oprah asking her to use her influence with President Zuma and the SADC to ensure fair elections in Zimbabwe.

Will the letters have any influence? Perhaps. With a little effort, perhaps something big will happen. Why not try? Letters to Oprah for your signature are available in the Gathering Area.
November 6 Blood Drive Exceeds Goal

A big thank you goes out to St. Thomas parishioners and the special guests who gave blood at the St. Thomas blood drive on November 6. You were awesome! There were 70 pints donated toward the 240 pint challenge. The parish is well on the way to breaking the 240 pint total. Let’s keep moving up! Remember it could be your loved one needing a transfusion. Let’s make sure that there is good supply of blood available.

Mark your calendar for the third drive in the 240 pint challenge, February 5, 2013.

Parish Nurse Note:
What you should know for the 2012-2013 Influenza Season

What should I do to prepare for flu season? CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccine each year. Getting a flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease. People with certain medical conditions including asthma, diabetes, and chronic lung disease; pregnant women; people 65 years and older; and people who live with or care for others who are high risk should be vaccinated.

Why do I need a flu vaccine every year? A flu vaccine is needed every year because flu viruses are constantly changing. It’s not unusual for new flu viruses to appear each year. The flu vaccine is formulated each year to keep up with the flu viruses as they change. Also, multiple studies conducted over different seasons and across vaccine types and influenza virus subtypes have shown that the body’s immunity to influenza viruses (acquired either through natural infection or vaccination) declines over time. Getting vaccinated each year provides the best protection against influenza throughout flu season.

When will flu activity begin and when will it peak? The timing of flu is very unpredictable and can vary from season to season. Flu activity most commonly in the U.S. in January or February. However, seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October and continue as late as May. The 2011-2012 season began late and was relatively mild compared with previous seasons. It is not possible to predict how the 2012-2013 season will be.

How long does a flu vaccine protect me? Multiple studies conducted over different seasons and across vaccine types and influenza virus subtypes have shown that the body’s immunity to influenza viruses (acquired either through natural infection or vaccination) declines over time. Getting vaccinated each year provides the best protection against influenza throughout flu season. It’s important to get a flu vaccine every year, even if you got vaccinated the season before and the viruses in the vaccine have not changed for the current season.

Where can I get a flu vaccine? Flu vaccines are offered in doctor’s offices, clinics, health departments, pharmacies and college health centers, as well as by many employers, and even in some schools. See below for Naperville locations.

1. Costco: Flu shots are given to members and non-members on a walk-in basis. Most insurance cards are accepted as is Medicare. Cost is $17.24 plus tax with a debit or approved credit card during Pharmacy hours. Phone: 630-328-2900

2. Dominick’s: Flu shots are given on a walk-in basis, during pharmacy hours, 9-9 Mon-thru-Fri. and 9-5 on Sat-Sun. Most insurance cards are accepted as is Medicare. Cost is $30.00 without insurance. Phone: 630-637-3835.

3. Walgreens: Flu shots are given on a walk-in basis, during pharmacy hours. Some insurance cards are accepted as is Medicare. Cost is $31.99 without insurance. Phone: 630-428-9171.

4. CVS: Flu shots are given on a walk-in basis every day during Pharmacy hours. Most insurance cards are accepted as is Medicare. Cost is $31.99 without insurance. Phone: 630-369-6103.

Reference: CDC.gov website

In the Hospital?

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

Coordinator of Justice and Peace
Office of Human Dignity
The Diocese of Joliet’s Office of Human Dignity is seeking a part-time un-benefited Coordinator of Justice and Peace. The Coordinator leads the office in assisting Catholics of the Joliet Diocese in knowing their faith and addressing such issues as poverty, faithful citizenship, human rights, immigration reform, domestic policy, peace, and care for Creation. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with a Masters Degree in Theology, Pastoral Ministry, or related field with a knowledge of the social doctrine of the Church. Must have five (5) years experience in diocesan and/or parish social justice ministry. To see the full job description, please visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofjoliet.org. Interested applicants meeting the necessary qualifications should email cover letter, resume and salary requirement to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Today’s Readings
First Reading — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).
Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).
Second Reading — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).
Gospel — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).


Readings for the Week
Mon:  Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
Tues:  Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
Wed:   Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
Fri:   Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Sat:   Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
Sun:   Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Religious Education Staff Assistant Position Available
St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, is seeking a part-time Religious Education Staff Assistant. Requirements: database experience; excellent written and verbal communication skills along with friendly and courteous manner. This position reports to the Directors of Religious Education and Youth Ministry and includes a variety of duties. Hours: Mon. through Wed., 9 - 5, Thurs., 9 - 1 with several weeks off during the summer. We are unable to offer benefits for this position.

Forward your resume with letter of interest to Arlene Serio, St. Margaret Mary Parish, 1450 Green Trails Dr. Naperville, IL 60540 or email arlene@smmp.com. Application deadline Nov. 30.

Harvest Sunday — By the Numbers
Over the past two weekends, St. Thomas participated in the Harvest Sunday food drive. Here are the results:

51 neighborhood routes
7500 Harvest Sunday flyers
83 store volunteers collecting at 2 stores
528 volunteers distributing flyers, collecting food, and sorting, packing and boxing the food
Over 2000 hours of volunteer time
2722 bags of food collected and boxed into 749 boxes
3 food pantries received the food collected

1,000,000 thanks to all who had a part in making this happen!
You are truly the hands and feet of Christ!
Sports Spotlight – All Saints’ boys and girls volleyball teams recently completed tournament play. Of the ten teams that ASCA fielded in grades 5 through 8 for the 2012 volleyball season, four teams made it to their respective championship games. ASCA’s girls 5A and 6B teams celebrated 2nd place; and the girls 7A and 7B teams both brought home big wins, and championship trophies to All Saints Catholic Academy. The girls 7A team has the distinction of completing their entire season as an undefeated team among all girls 7A teams.

**7A team members** and their home parishes include Julia Gallagher (St. Mary Immaculate), Olivia Gregus (STAP), Lillian Johnson (Our Lady of Mercy), Annie Lalonde (STAP), Elle Mlsna (SMMP), Victoria Phistry (St. Dominic), Alexis Potapczak (STAP), and Taylor VanEeckeren (SES). Coaches were Stephanie VanEeckeren and Suzanne Lalonde.

**7B team members** and their home parishes include Juliette Allemand (Holy Spirit), Bina Berliner (SES), Jessica Cordero (Our Lady of Mercy), Alyssa Gulli (STAP), Grace Klesel (STAP), Caitlin Stockley, Paulina Torres (Holy Spirit), and Brittany Zehethen (STAP). Coaches were Julie Doss-Potapczak and Maria Gulli.

**All Saints’ varsity football team** was triumphant in their championship game against St. Alexander. Varsity team members who are students at ASCA and their home parishes include James Arrich (SMMP), Austin Flanagan (Our Lady Gate of Heaven), Chris Garcia (St. Joseph), Stanely Hilger (SES), JC Kuppinger (SES), Tommy Mayor (SMMP), Evan Pugh (St. Francis of Assisi), Nathan Smilak (STAP), Quentin Stephens (SES), Conor Sullivan (Holy Spirit), Alek Thomas, Thomas Tillet (Our Lady of Mercy), Luke Turner (STAP), and Joe Wojciechowski (STAP).

Congratulations to All Saints fall athletes in volleyball, cross country and football. Your hard work and dedication have made your school and parish communities very proud of your effort, sportsmanship, and competitive successes. You can follow ASCA sports at www.ascasports.org.

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**All Saints Open Houses for 2013-2014 School Year**

**Sun, Jan 27:** 1 – 3 pm at ASCA Main Campus, 1155 Aurora Ave, Naperville (Preschool through Grade 8)

9 am to Noon at ASCA’s St. Elizabeth Seton satellite campus (Pre Kindergarten program only), 2220 Lisson Road, Naperville

**Wed, Jan 30:** 7 – 8:30 pm at the ASCA Main Campus, 1155 Aurora Avenue, Naperville
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