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Sacrament of Reconciliation
Reconciliation is available Saturday, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m., in the Reconciliation Room of the Chapel. Our priests are available during the week by appointment. Communal Penance services are held occasionally during the year.

In the Hospital or 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 — 8:00, 9:30, and 11:15 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
every first Friday, 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We’re so glad you’re here and invite you to walk the path of faith with us. St. Thomas strives to provide a spiritual home where all are welcome, where the healing, reconciling, liberating love of God is shared by all. We believe the church is the sacrament of God’s saving presence in the world, join us!

From the Pastor’s Desk...

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church world-wide celebrates Divine Mercy. The devotion of Divine Mercy Sunday was proclaimed by St. John Paul II on April 30, 2000 with the canonization of Faustina Kowalska. Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), a Polish nun reported visions and visitations from Jesus and conversations with Him. She wrote in her diary that Jesus wanted all people to recognize His unfathomable mercy. The devotion includes receiving sacramental absolution (going to confession) and receiving the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday. So as not to duplicate the devotion at every parish because of the number of priests that would be needed at every parish to hear confessions, three of the Naperville parishes offer the Divine Mercy devotion today:

Sts. Peter & Paul
(12:30pm Mass / 1:30pm-3:30pm confessions)

St. Raphael
(2:00pm – 3:00pm confessions / 3:00pm Holy Hour)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
(3:00pm-4:00pm confessions / 4-5pm Devotions)

Divine Mercy is also on the mind of Pope Francis. On March 12 this year he announced a Jubilee Year of Mercy which will begin on December 8, 2015 (Immaculate Conception) and end on November 20, 2016 (Christ the King). Our Holy Father has said that mercy is another name for God. What is mercy? The word refers to benevolence, forgiveness and kindness. It is the disposition to do good to others. That is God’s disposition. And what is even more remarkable is that God’s mercy is not earned. We do absolutely nothing to deserve God’s mercy. If we did, it would no longer be mercy. We simply just ask for it.

The parable that Jesus tells in Matthew 18:21-35 captures the mercy of God. It’s the story of the servant who owed his master a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did his master homage and asked his master to be patient with him, promising to repay the debt. Moved with compassion, the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the debt. Now that is divine mercy! But there is a caveat. The servant who had his debt forgiven went out and demanded that a fellow servant who owed him a smaller amount than what he himself had owed, pay back the debt. This servant likewise could not immediately pay his debt, so he asked for mercy, but it was not forthcoming. The message is VERY clear. As God extends mercy, so too, out of gratitude for God’s mercy, we are to do the very same!

Blessed Easter Season!

Would you like to become a parishioner?

Join us THIS weekend, April 12 in the gym, with donuts anytime between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
30th Anniversary Concert
Save the date...

For St. Thomas’ 30th Anniversary Concert on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. Joining us for this special concert will be St. Thomas’ former Liturgy and Music Directors: Robert and Julie Frazier, Kate Cuddy, and Jess Allured. Jerry Sebold will be narrating the event which will take us through the years of St. Thomas through story and song. You won’t want to miss this!

A Prayer for Our Parish

Lord Jesus, you showed your apostle Thomas the wounds in your hands and side and called him to believe in you, as Lord and God.

Risen and present everywhere, bless those who have not seen and renew our world of doubt and weakened faith.

Bless us, Lord, with the love that flows from your wounds, Renew our faith and help us to grow so that we might believe more deeply in you. Amen.

What is the Purpose of the large Easter Candle?

The Easter Vigil begins in darkness as a symbol of Christ’s tomb, as well as of the multiple occasions when darkness enters our lives. The parish community, with unlit candles, gathers outside in the darkness around dry, dead wood that will soon be brought to life by a spark. The resulting flame dispels the darkness while symbolically affirming our resurrection belief. A tall, large, decorative candle is lit from the Easter fire, symbolizing the risen Christ, the light of the world. This Easter candle is the prominent Easter symbol of the risen Christ, of his Pasch or Pass-over from death to new life. As we process into church proclaiming Christ as our light, individual candles are lit from the Easter candle and we share Christ’s light with others. Once all have gathered with lit candles, the Exultet, a hymn of joy and praise to God for the gift of new life in Christ, is chanted. The Easter candle is prominently placed in the sanctuary as a constant reminder of the risen Christ and our undying hope for resurrection. The Easter candle is kept lit during all the liturgical celebrations of the Easter season’s great fifty days. After Pentecost, the Easter candle remains prominently displayed, but is lit only for baptisms and funerals, celebrations which significantly attune us to our constant hope for resurrected life in Christ, our light.

This Easter season attune yourself to the rich symbolism of the Easter candle, asking Christ to be your constant light.

Thank You!

The Liturgy Office would like to recognize all of the Liturgical Ministers who put in so many extra hours of work to make our Lenten Season and Holy Week special. From the Musicians, to the Eucharistic Ministers, to Lectors, to Sacristans, to Altar Servers, to Host Greeters: Thank You! You bring alive the paschal mystery through your work in our church. Also, special thanks to the Art & Environment committee for their beautiful job of decorating the church during Holy Week. Their dedication helps us all to experience God’s love for us. You truly help to make Holy Week and Easter so special for all of us here at St. Thomas.

Presider’s Schedule April 18/19

Schedule is subject to change. Changes are posted to the St. Thomas website www stapole.org
4:30pm – Fr. Do f Arty, Deacon Mike Barrett
8:00am – Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld, Deacon Larry Kearney
9:30am – Fr. Bill Etheredge, Deacon Jim Breen
11:15am – Fr. Bill Etheredge, Deacon Pat Lennon
6:00pm – Fr. Do f Arty
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
- AB Jon Babiarz, Special Forces
- Cpt Joseph Bennington (Reserve)
- Technical Sgt. Shanna Crones

**Air Force National Guard**
- Senior Airman Jacob Brancaleon
- Major Eric H. Dolan

**U.S. Army**
- Cpt. Lynnea Jensen
- Cpt. Alanna Casey
- PFC Sean Wesley
- Army Ranger Medic Jeremy See
- Capt. Matthew Haselhorst
- Matt Nelson

**U.S. Marine Corps**
- Capt. Brad Rothman (Reserve)
- Lt. Col. Colin Miller-Ratcliffes
- LCpl Brandyn Tagliavia
- LCpl Oliver Buckley
- LCpl Tommy Baldacci
- Col James Arthur Hogberg

**U.S. Navy**
- Ensign Jason Coons
- Alex Metzger
- Airman Alexander Dworak
- SN Joel Curry
- STG SN Jeffrey Bates
- CMDR Brendan Curran

**Naval Reserve**
- CDR Lance Klosterman, M.D.

**U.S. Coast Guard**
- Capt. Mike Reilly
- Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Crones
- Cpt. Cody Kolar
- Capt. Kevin Martin

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

Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions
Second Sunday of Easter Sunday (Divine Mercy)

Monday, April 13, 2015
(Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr)
- 6:30 am Communion Service
- 8:30 am †Charlene Szumilas, by The Anderson & Tunney Families
  †Russell Rabiansky, by Family

Tuesday, April 14, 2015
- 6:30 am Communion Service
- 8:30 am †Anne Battisto, by Joseph Battisto
  †Emil D. Vische, Jr., by A IAdducci

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
- 6:30 am Communion Service
- 8:30 am †Jon Alekna IV, by Cindy & Sonny Conte & Family

Thursday, April 16, 2015
- 6:30 am Communion Service
- 8:30 am †Nicholas Wackel, by M r. & M rs. Berndl

Friday, April 17, 2015
- 6:30 am Communion Service
- 8:30 am Special Intention for Kriste Frank, by The Petersen Family

Saturday, April 18, 2015
- 4:30 pm Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter
  For the People of St. Thomas

Sunday, April 19, 2015
(Third Sunday of Easter)
- 8:00 am †Dionisio & Simeona Estoesta, by The M allorca Family
  †Ernesto Lopez, by Deguzman Family
- 9:30 am †Bill Bolger, by Family & Friends
  †Maurice Lawlor, by Bill M alone
- 11:15 am †Charles Urso, Sr., by The Urso Family
- 6:00 pm †Betty Reils, by Patti Dougherty

For the sick...
Ron Eternac, friend of Cindy & Jim Bezy
Rebecca Bolger, daughter-in-law of Peggy Bolger
Dennis Miller, husband of Sharron
Bill Mann
Larry Kielkak, husband of Mary
Ciel Moskal, aunt of Eileen Lane
Joe Lopez, friend of Gail Micheau
Patrick Rockowitz, son of Linda Palulisi
Faith and Formation Commission—Adult

Seek. Ask. Find.
The GOSPEL for the 1st and 21st Centuries
To prepare for next Sunday’s homily, read the Gospel several times during this week, and let your mind and spirit begin to nurture the seeds of God’s word.

April 19—Luke 24:35-48
In this post-Resurrection story, two disciples are traveling from Jerusalem to the town of Emmaus, encountering a man whom they only recognize as Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Jesus opens their hearts and minds to the Scriptures. Do you have the desire to learn more about the Scriptures? There are opportunities for Bible Study here at St. Thomas as well as through the Diocese of Joliet. Learn and participate in these classes. They will enrich your life and transform your relationship with Jesus.

Sophia’s Circle Presents An Evening with St. Therese, the Little Flower
Sophia’s Circle invites all women to spend the evening of April 17, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., with St. Therese of Lisieux, as portrayed by Marcia Whitney-Schenck, who has a master’s degree in art history from the University of Chicago and has developed a multi-faceted portrayal of the beloved saint. Come and hear Therese’s story in her own words with photographs from her early life and her religious life. The life of St. Therese of Lisieux and her short autobiography has inspired people throughout the world. Be inspired—be a part of this special evening.
To register, email your name and phone number to Marge Coronado at mcoronado@stapostle.org or phone her at 630.355.8980 x138. A $10 fee is payable at the door.

You’re Invited
Open House
Risen Lord Catholic Cemetery
Saturday April 25, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Seminar at 11:00 am—Choosing a Sacred Place
Special 0% interest financing available and
$795 savings on complete in-ground burial packages, and
$395 financial savings on Columbarium packages and
$1000 savings on specific area of St. Anne Section
Available This weekend only!
Refreshments served—Stop by,
No Appointment Necessary!
New Cremation Columbarium Now in place

C.A.R.E. CORNER
Once again, Jack Shea offers this commentary. Perhaps it’s reasonable to ask the question of whether or not Jesus’ audience for this sermon even understood what He was saying. Was His perspective and His insight way beyond their comprehension? Yet Jesus continued to repeat the blessedness. He focused on divine truth. His truth contradicted what everyone saw happening on the surface. It contradicted common sense. When you think about the Beatitudes, they’re radical and certainly also paradoxical. We don’t typically consider those who are poor or meek or in mourning or being persecuted to be happy, favored or blessed. But what Jesus said was totally consistent with His other teachings. On the subjects of humility and non-retaliation, Jesus said to turn the other cheek (Matthew 5:39). Jesus said to give to the needy (Matt 6:2-3). Jesus taught to forgive and to be nonjudgmental (Matt 6:14 and 7:1). Jesus warned against clinging to earthly wealth (Matt 6:19 and 25). And Jesus said we must love our enemies (Matt 5:44). Paul saw things the same way, telling the Corinthians that God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise (1 Corinthians 1:27). The Beatitudes have been referred to as Jesus’ “core” values. They certainly reflect a lifestyle immersed in the Holy Spirit. Matthew 7:29 tells us Jesus taught as “one who had authority,” not like the teachers of the law. Jesus was someone whose life was unquestionably immersed in the Holy Spirit.
Welcome, New Catholics...

With great joy, the St. Thomas community, in union with the universal Church, witnessed seven people baptized during the Easter Vigil and join us now in full communion. We give thanks for their response to the Holy Spirit, and ask God’s blessings on each of them as they continue to grow in wisdom, worship, and service.

2015 Pilgrimages led by Fr. Bob


France, July 12 - 21, 2015: includes Lourdes, Lisieux, Alençon, Normandy Beaches, and Paris, following the life & spirituality of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Holy Land - November 1 - 12, 2015: The faith experience of a life-time. Includes Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, Way of the Cross, Western Wall, Bethlehem, Ein Karem, Zion Hill, Judean Desert, the Dead Sea, Masada, Qumran, Emmaus, Jaffa, Caesarea, Mount Carmel, the Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Mt. of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Tabgha, River Jordan, Mt. Tabor, Beit Shean, and so much more.

A flyer with more information is displayed by the parish main office. For more information and brochure, please contact Darlene, Carmelite Spiritual Center, 630-969-4141 or retreats@carmelitespiritualcenter.org
Families: Take some time to discuss and reflect on the readings.

Question of the Week...
When have you questioned or believed like St. Thomas?

Meet an Amazing Young Person... Isabella DeRosa

Isabella has grown up at St. Thomas. Over the years, she has been active in Youth Choir and has volunteered at Donut Sunday, the Care Pantry Christmas party, and has volunteered for Harvest Sunday by collecting food donations at Casey’s and Jewel. Recently, Isabella hiked for Hesed House to raise awareness of homelessness in our community. As a Girl Scout, Isabella helped to stock the Care Pantry’s cookie supply with over 60 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

Currently, Isabella is a new altar server and youth helper for Children’s Liturgy of the Word. She volunteers at Donut Sunday, sings in the Youth Choir, and collects clothes for the Lakota Indian tribe with her Girl Scout troop at All Saints Catholic Academy.

Isabella currently is living her faith by trying to be a servant leader.
Good Friday Living Stations
The following St. Thomas students were part of the Good Friday Living Stations prayer service:
Linda Ahr, Margaret Cotner, Alex Fernbach, Daniel Katz, Jeremiah Montiero, Joshua Montiero, Nick Reid, Dominic Rossi, Frank Rossi, Rosie Stone, and Emma Thurman-Keup.
Thank you so much for the many hours you put into practicing and making this service the prayerful experience that it is. The St. Thomas faith community is fortunate to have such faith-filled young people who are willing to share their gifts with the community.

Serving in the Name of St. Thomas
The St. Thomas Just5Days middle school mission trip team is looking forward to their week of service in St. Joseph, Michigan which will take place from July 6 through 10. Please keep this trip in your prayers... pray that their experience will be marked by joy and hope, that their service to those in need will be fruitful, and that they will grow in knowledge and faith through the experience. The team’s youth members include Abbey Borden, Jack Cook, Sophia Cook, Arianna Fritz, Kelly Harrington, Hope Nagai, Emily Nagy, Luisa Posada, Camryn Rodrigues, and Sara Swanson.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Please consider praying this blessing...

Dear Lord, We ask You to bless Your holy people who have participated in the Church’s efforts to help stop child sexual abuse. Open their hearts to Your call to be the “ears, eyes and voice of children and young people” everywhere. Give them the vision and grace needed to fulfill the special commitments that each of them has made to making their homes, churches, schools, and communities and world a safer place for God’s Children. Amen
Free Pizza and Movie Night
Sat, April 18
after the 4:30 p.m. Mass

Divided Families—Responding with Faith
A story about a wife, a husband, and a 600 mile fence
Come for free Pizza and view Divided Families, a documentary that explores the impact of current US immigration policies on Amy and Carlos, a young family from West Chicago, IL. Because Carlos was brought to the US illegally from Mexico as a child, they encounter severe penalties and barriers as they attempt to gain his resident status. Like thousands of families in this situation, they want to do the right thing, but there seems to be no path to follow.

Watch the story of their decade-long struggle, and learn how faith organizations across Chicago are working to keep families like theirs together. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration has stated: “The status quo of our current system causes much suffering among immigrants and their families and must end”.

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 15 to Anne Schultz at St. Thomas - 630.355.8980, x113 or aschultz@stapostle.org.

Haiti Education
Musical Fundraiser April 17
Tickets Available After Masses this Weekend!
Enjoy an evening of live music, refreshments, and good company to benefit Haiti Twinning Education. The event will be held on Friday, April 17 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the White Eagle Homeowners Club.
Music will be presented by The Chickadees, St. Thomas’ very own Jess Allured and Kathy Sander. They will sing a mix of folk, pop, Broadway, jazz, Christian, and Haitian music. It will be a fun evening!

When St. Thomas started its Twinning Relationship in Duchity, Haiti in 1999, there was one primary school with four classrooms for 550 students. Today the village has both public and private primary schools as well as a high school which provides education through Grade 13. There have been six high school graduation classes. Your support will help provide the continuation of an excellent education for the young people of Duchity.

Tickets ($25) available after Masses this weekend.
Tickets also sold at the door on April 17. If you have questions, contact Sally Meno at 630.778.0981 or sallymeno@gmail.com.

Easter Ham Drive Results
Although this year’s ham collection fell very short of the Easter Ham Drive goal of 800 hams, St. Thomas was able to meet the basic commitments they had made. Seven hundred sixty three hams were distributed (31 more than last year). Three hundred one hams were collected at the weekend Masses. With the monetary donations, an additional 370 hams were purchased.

St. Thomas Cares purchased an additional 80 hams. Ninety-six hams were provided to St. Thomas Care Pantry families, 50 to St Nicholas Pantry, and 617 to Marie Wilkinson’s Food Pantry in Aurora, where they were further distributed to other pantries and churches. A special thank you to those who volunteered for this ministry - handing out reminder cards and accepting donations at the truck during the weekend of Palm Sunday. Lorna Perry gets special thanks for coordinating the event. THANK YOU!
Life Advocacy Day
On Wednesday, April 15, the Diocese of Joliet Respect Life Ministry will send people to Springfield for Life Advocacy Day. They will meet with elected officials to speak out for the culture of life. The prayer and advocacy campaign is part of a larger effort by all the Dioceses in Illinois, and is coordinated by the Catholic Conference of Illinois.

Specific advocacy issues are identified below. Educate yourselves on the issues and take action by calling your state senator and representative. More information is available on the Catholic Conference of Illinois Website: www.ilcatholic.org

The Ultrasound Opportunity Act simply requires that a woman seeking an abortion, after 8 weeks gestation, be offered the opportunity to receive and view an ultrasound of her baby.

House Bill 4013 proposes to radically alter the government’s health policies by removing prohibitions on utilizing taxpayer money for elective abortions and allowing for taxpayer funded grants to organizations that refer, counsel for, and perform abortions.

The Illinois Healthcare Right of Conscience Act affirms and protects important constitutional freedoms. Healthcare professionals should not be forced to participate in medical procedures – such as abortion, sterilization or end-of-life care – that violate their values and beliefs. Unfortunately, the authors of Senate Bill 1564 do not agree.

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 7 is the 64th annual National Day of Prayer (established by Congress in 1952). This year’s theme is “Lord, Hear Our Cry” based on 1 Kings 8:28. The 21st annual DuPage County Observance will be May 7 from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. at the Naperville Municipal Center, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, IL 60540.

Various pastors and community leaders will lead prayer for the Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Marriages and Family, Churches, and America. Special music will be provided by Megan Hassinger. Attendance and parking are free. School-age children are welcome. Come and join your neighbors in lifting up the country to God. To learn more, visit the website at www.nationaldayofprayer.org.
**BE PREPARED TO SAVE A LIFE**

*American Heart Association*

**CPR & First Aid**

**Staying Alive: CPR Training**

Come learn how to save a life!

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm in the Cana Room.
The cost is $10 a person. (Cash Donation)
The course will be taught by Rose Grumbine.
Space is limited so sign up now.
To reserve a spot contact Felicia Lawlor at flawlor@stapostle.org or at 630.355.8980 x104.

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**BLUE CHIP MICHIGAN CITY**

**Seniors Trip**

**Thursday, May 7**

**RESERVATIONS NEEDED NOW!**

**Where:** Blue Chip Casino

**When:** Thursday, May 7

**Who:** 40 people needed

**Cost:** $25 includes bus trip and buffet

**R.S.V.P. to Tom Dederichs**

630.445.5331

1130 Laureli Circle, Naperville, IL 60540

Reservations needed as soon as possible.

Be in the St. Thomas parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on May 7.

Bus returns from Casino at 2:40 p.m.

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*Live Abundantly, Without Attachment (or... How to Tidy the Home)*

Join Deacon Joe Ferrari, PhD., and Sue Becker on Tues., April 21, from 7:30-9:30pm, as they explore a Christian perspective on how to live with abundance, but not attachment. Using the “Rich Young Man” and Catholic tradition, reflect on how to let go, to let God be the only source to hold onto. Then, learn practical ways to organize your life and your ‘stuff.’ Detach and de-clutter with humor and inspiration!

Joseph Ferrari, PhD., is a Professor of Psychology and “St. Vincent DePaul Distinguished Professor” at DePaul University, Chicago. Ordained in 2013 as a Permanent Deacon, he serves St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville. A productivity consultant, author and speaker, Sue Becker is a Certified Professional Organizer.

RSVPs are needed by April 17. To register, contact Marge Coronado at mcoronado@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980.118. A $10 donation is requested at the door. Presented by Wellspring, a ministry of Pastoral Care and Adult Faith Formation.
**Today’s Readings**

**First Reading** — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

**Readings for the Week**

- **Mon:** Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
- **Tues:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- **Wed:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- **Thurs:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- **Fri:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- **Sat:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- **Sun:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48


**Save These Dates!**

**30th Anniversary Concert**
May 1, 7:30 pm
Join your St. Thomas family to celebrate the history of St. Thomas in story and song.

**30th Anniversary Parish Dinner Dance**
Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Bobak’s Signature Room
6 pm – 7 pm Appetizers and Cash bar
7 pm – 11 pm Dinner and Dancing (Cash Bar)
Tickets on sale soon!

**30th Anniversary Closing Mass and Reception**
Sunday, June 7, 2015
11:15 am Mass, Reception to follow
Sign up in May to bring food to our reception.
Want to sponsor our Dinner Dance and bring down our costs?
Forms available in the Main Office.

**Quarterly Summary of Sunday Giving**

In April you’ll receive a summary of your Sunday donations between January 1 and March 31, 2015. If you completed a commitment card during our “I Am St. Thomas” campaign last September, the giving update will provide information on your progress toward your giving goal. Please help us to continue to build the faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church through your generous support of the Sunday collection. We can’t do it without you!
**St. Thomas the Apostle Jobs Ministry**

**April Keynote Speaker**

**Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.**

"Leadership in Tough Times - Take It Personally!"

Interactive Workshop-Ray Stuchly

If you would like to address any of the following:

- Frustrated with today's hectic schedules?
- Concerned about spending too much time reacting?
- Would like to create more balance in your life?
- How are you impacted by the "Tyranny of the Urgent"?

Create a vivid mental image of your ideal future?

Please attend this interactive workshop to learn how to truly be EFFECTIVE in what you do.

Ray Stuchly is CEO with LMI Riverside. His workshops are interactive for maximum participation, leaving participants with proven tools that can be put to immediate use. Ray has 30 years of experience in executive and management positions. Ray was also responsible for development and training of a nationwide sales organization. He was a certified instructor in quality management and an instructor at DeVry University and the Keller Graduate School of Management. Ray enjoys public speaking and has facilitated over 500 workshops in the Midwest.

**Fri, Apr 10, 9:30 am:** “Liminality—the Time from Our Last Job to Our Next Career Position”, presented by Al Gustafson. Is it all about getting there or is it really about living the journey? Al is associated with the Career Transition Center (CTC) of Chicago (Old St. Pat’s). He has also been the leader of the retreat titled, “Finding Work Without Losing Heart”. Find the real purpose of your time during transition. This is a rare inward look at what transition is all about. Totally insightful.

**Fri, Apr 17, 9:30 am:** Jim Fergle presents “Slaying the Job Search Demons”. This presentation will identify elements of FEAR that hold job seekers back from attaining employment. Techniques will be shared to overcome the paralysis of FEAR and recharge your job search. Jim is currently the Manager of Employment Services at WorkNet DuPage Career Center and facilitates the Job Search Boot Camp workshops. He has gone through several career changes and job searches within a 5 year period and brings with him experiences and job seekers stories to reinforce key concepts. Don’t miss this one!

**Wed, Apr 22, 7:00 pm:** Speaker Night: See article above.

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**THE WEEK AHEAD...**

**Monday, Apr. 13**

- 4:15—5:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Church
- 6:00—9:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus, Lighthouse
- 7:00—9:00 p.m. Baptism Class, Cana

**Tuesday, Apr. 14**

- 10:00—11:00 a.m. Care Pantry, Gym
- 7:00—9:30 p.m. Adult Basketball, Gym
- 7:30—9:30 p.m. Voices of Faith, Church

**Wednesday, Apr. 15**

- 7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym
- 7:00—9:00 p.m. PLC, Cana
- 7:00—9:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul, Senior Center
- 7:00—8:00 p.m. Transitional Housing, Judea

**Thursday, Apr. 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—5:15 p.m. Jammers, Church
- 6:30—8:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cana
- 7:30—9:00 p.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center

**Friday, Apr. 17**

- 9:00—11:00 a.m. Friday Bible Study, Senior Center
- 9:15am-12:00 p.m. Jobs Ministry, Gym
- 6:30—8:30 p.m. 5th Grade R. E. Peek Ahead Pizza Party, Ministry Center
- 6:30—9:00 p.m. Sophia’s Circle, Lighthouse

**Saturday, Apr. 18**

- 8:30am-12:00 p.m. 1st Communicant Church Visit, Church
- 9:00—10:30 a.m. Men’s Saturday Sharing, Cana
- 4:00—7:00 p.m. RCIA, Senior Center
- 5:30—9:00 a.m. Outreach Movie Night, Lighthouse

**Sunday, Apr. 19**

- 8:00-am-1:00 p. m. Pancake Breakfast, Gym
- 9:30am-12:00 p. m. Liturgy of the Word for Children, Ministry Center
- 9:30am-12:30 p. m. Sunday Nursery
- 12:15—1:15 p.m. Adult Confirmation Class, Galilee
- 12:45—1:45 p. m. Baptisms, Church
- 4:30—5:30 p. m. Spring Confirmation Classes, Emmaus & Galilee
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