

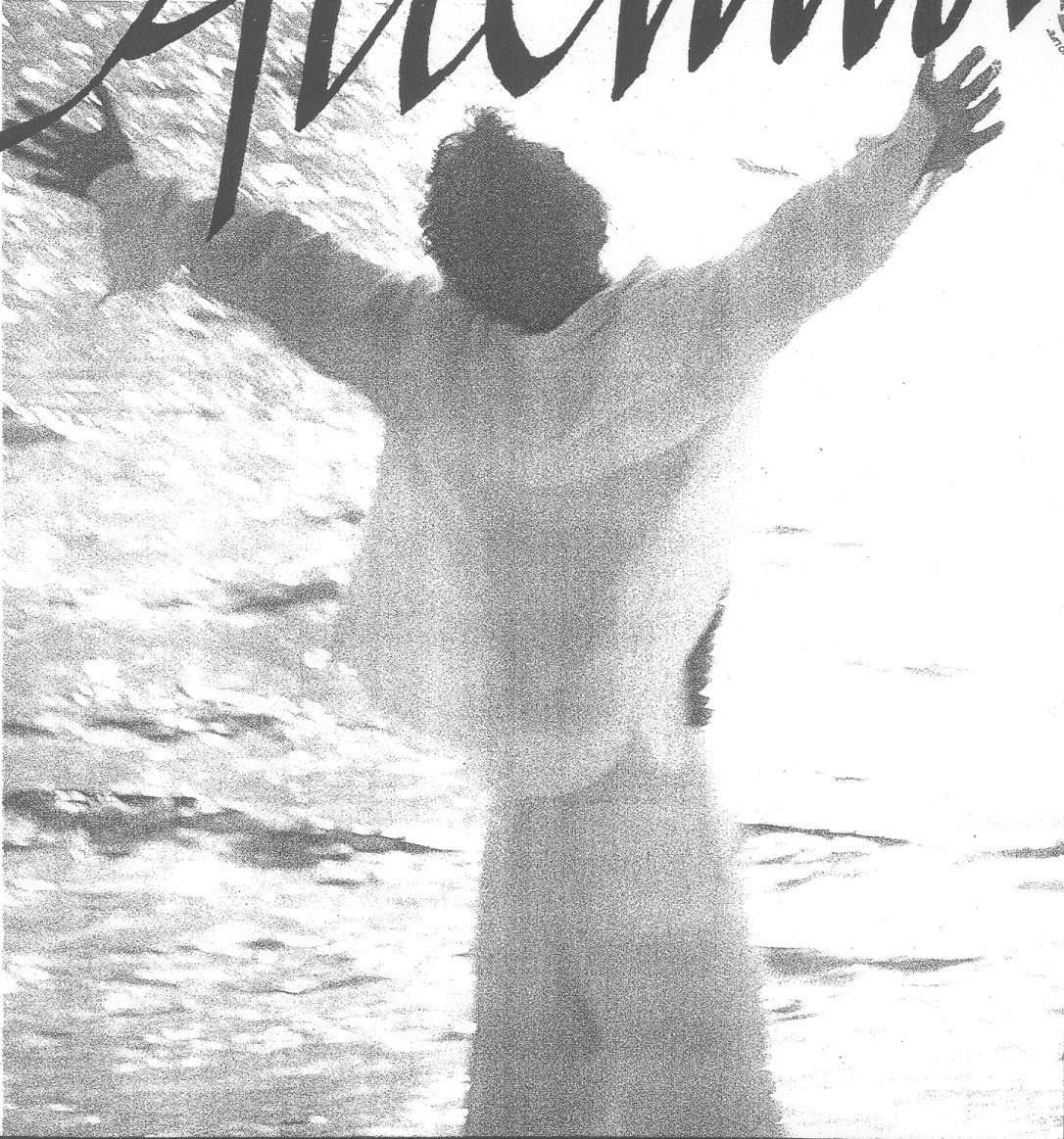
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2010

Alleluia!



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JOHN 5:5-6

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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.***

*indicates part-time staff

Dear Friends,

Mothers often used to be referred to as “homemakers”. Although it has become a less socially acceptable term, it has a lovely connotation — helping to create a space where a family can dwell, can be “at home.” One of my friends when we were classmates in the seminary, whose parents had moved out of state, used to come home with me on breaks with my Mom and Dad. One of the nicest things he used to say is that

“Nothing can be a better foundation for making a home than [love].”

we gave him that “at home” feeling. He is ordained now and that is still a feeling we cherish as life-long friends. Jesus tells us in the gospel today, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and the Father will love them, and we will come to *make our dwelling* with them.”

So it’s all about “homemaking”!

We are all called to be homemakers like God, to create a space in our hearts where others can dwell, to create in the world a space where all people can dwell in the heart of God, in peace and in love. It is then that we shall come to know the joy and peace which Jesus gives. He tells us, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” It is a peace and joy that can only come from dwelling in the heart of God.

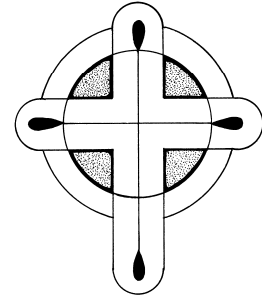
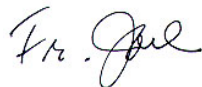
Jesus tells us in the gospel today: if we keep God’s Word, the word we heard last Sunday: “Love one another as I have loved you”, then the Father and Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will make their dwelling with and within us!

Nothing can be a better foundation for making a home than that. I am so grateful for a Mom who was that kind of homemaker, who made a home for us in her heart; who made a home for us in the heart of God. That’s what being a homemaker is all about.

And so today, we salute all the women in our lives who have helped make that kind of home for us, and for all who create a space in their hearts where we can have that “at home feeling”, where we can dwell in God, and God in us.

That is what Jesus came to do: “Live in my Word, dwell in my Word, let my Word dwell in you.” It is a love word. Let us speak that Word to each other. Happy Mothers Day to all the women in our parish that have made a place in their hearts for others!

At home with you in the Word and heart of Christ,



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2010

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

— Psalm 67:6

Welcome Guests and Visitors!

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

*Would you like to become a Parishioner?
Join us at during the Ministry Fair
after the following Masses:*

Sunday, May 23,
7:30, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.
in the Gathering Area.

Worship Commission

MOTHER'S DAY

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Mother's Day Blessing

*Good and Gracious God:
Bless all mothers who share this parish family
as much as their own.
Give them wisdom, to guide and nourish their children.
Give them humor, to stand in grace in all the moments
that feel more like a test.
Give them a sense of adventure, to see this life
through a different set of eyes.
Bless them with the patience of Job,
the wisdom of all the saints,
and the LOVE that we all feel in YOU.
May all mothers have the strength, the humility,
the laughter and love needed
to be your light in the lives of their children.
Grant them all the "right times":
to scold, to teach, to model, to hug, to cry,
to share in wonder, to be beacons of
Unconditional Love, to let go.
Give them a sense of Mission, Peace, Pride and Joy.
Continue to "hold them" in YOUR LOVE,
so that they may continue to hold their children
in your love and our faith in that love.*

Amen

— Kate Cuddy

Mother's Day Speakers

A huge thank you to the Mother's who spoke this weekend. Most of the women's talks will be available on line. Check out the St. Thomas website, www.stapostle.org, click on Parish News. The talks will not be available until Monday Morning.

4:30 Eileen Lane
7:30 Darlene Karales
9:00 Amy Elston
10:45 Sue Doenges
6:30 Sue Cornell-Ohl

Pentecost Taizé

There will be a Taizé Style Pentecost Prayer Monday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse. Please plan to come and experience this beautiful prayer, felt through the Taizé music.

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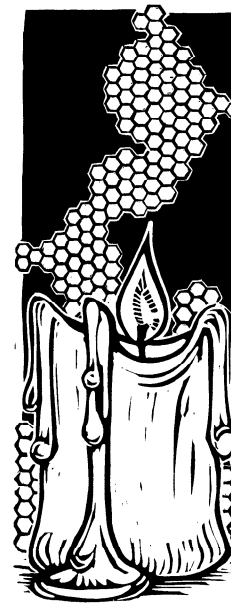
Eastertime is the 50-day-long season from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, May 22 this year. Throughout this time the paschal candle shines in church. This candle is an image of the risen body of Christ. It was kindled and consecrated with great ceremony on Easter Eve.

When people are baptized into the church, they are given candles lit from the paschal candle. They are told to keep their lamps burning brightly throughout their lives. At funerals the paschal candle shines on the dead, like a pillar of fire to guide them to the promised land.

A burning candle is a sign of self-sacrifice. It consumes itself in a blaze of glory. Traditionally, the church's candles are made from beeswax. A beehive is a symbol of the church, where everyone is called to work together for the common good.

Many households light a fine, fat candle every mealtime, and indeed, every time they gather to pray. It is a holy habit.

When you light a candle in prayer you might say, "Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light no darkness can extinguish." Or say the words proclaimed at the Easter Vigil, "Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!"



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Presider's Schedule—May 15/16

4:30 Fr. Joel Fortier, Deacon Mike Barrett
7:30 Fr. Dolphe Arty, Deacon Chuck Lane
9:00 Fr. Pat Brennan
10:45 Fr. Bob Colaresi
6:30 Fr. Fritz Louis, Deacon Larry Kearney

There will be no 6:30 pm Mass on July 4

Pray For Our Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Lord God, not as the world gives
did Jesus give us peace.*

*Do not let our hearts be troubled or afraid,
but send upon all the baptized
the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
to remind us of all that Jesus said.
So may we keep your word
and be counted among those
with whom you make your home.*

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

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

for the sick...

Eleanor McNichols, wife of John
Patrick Rockowitz, son of Lynda
Tony Madonia & Bobby Lockwood,
nephews of Jenny Sirois
Martin Madonia, brother of Jenny Sirois
Patrick Cahill, son-in-law of Jenny Sirois
Chuck Meier, friend of Ruth & Pat Harrison
Roberto Flores, Sr., & Robert Flores, Jr.,
Father in-law & husband of Viola Flores
John Trimble, friend of Meg Braida & Dana Campbell

for the deceased...

Gladys Scrvatius, mother of Marcia Hartmann
Jim Race, uncle of Kim Duval
Sandra Scherer, friend of Carolyn & Russ Circo

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 10, 2010

8:30 †Fred Tuch, by Bill & Shirley Mann

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

8:30 †Michael Cavin, by Jackie Cavin
†William Woodward, by Susan & Larry
Kearney

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

8:30 †Owen Deneen, by Gerald Deneen Family
†Deceased Members of The Mazur Family,
by Bruce & Loretta Rejman

Thursday, May 13, 2010

8:30 Thanksgiving, by Amy DeGuzman

Friday, May 14, 2010

8:30 †Kathleen Rose Wachter, by Theodore Wachter

Saturday, May 15, 2010

4:30 †John Vesper, by Mark Vesper
†Greg Gerhart, by Lori & Van Culberson

Sunday, May 16, 2010

7:30 †Edward Diedrich, by Audrey Easton
†Uncle of Margaret Zaprzalki,
by Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry

9:00 Special Intention for Jack Eschmeyer,
by Dave & Karen Muthler

†Marilyn Kane, by Ed Kane

10:45 †Joe & Amy Aberer, by Susan

†Lillian Lasiewicz, by Mary Jane

6:30 †June Knox, by The Ferguson Family

†Raymond Mertens, by Jerry Tichy

Today's Readings

First Reading — The question of whether circumci-
sion is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you!
(Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city,
the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or*
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in
Jesus' name, will teach us everything
(John 14:23-29) *or John 17:20-26.*

Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tues: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

Wed: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Jn 16:12-15

Thurs: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 *or*
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for
Ascension) *or* Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Fri: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

Sun: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17,
20; Jn 17:20-26 *or* (for Ascension)
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23 *or*
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Faith and Spiritual Formation Commission



During the month of May, we give particular love and honor to Mary, Mother of the Church. The Rosary will be prayed each week at 7pm in the St. Thomas Chapel as follows:

Wednesday, May 5 **Wednesday, May 19**
Thursday, May 13 **Wednesday, May 26**

We will also celebrate Mary surrounding Mother's Day with these events:

Saturday, May 8

- 11am - The Journey of a Mother's Heart:
A labyrinth walk with Mary,
facilitated by Patti Essig
- 4pm - Rosary
- 5:30pm - May Crowning

Monday, May 10

- 7pm - Mother/Daughter Marian Tea, Lighthouse
Tickets \$8 per person
(available at the reception desk)

C.A.R.E. CORNER

In the first reading today, which took place around 20 years after Jesus' Crucifixion, the early Church leaders were wrestling with the minimum requirements which had to be met for someone to legitimately call themselves a Christian disciple. The decisions made by the elders with the guidance of the Holy Spirit brought peace of mind and heart to the community of believers. The passage from Revelation was written well after the destruction of the Temple (70 AD) and during a time of great persecution of Christians. This passage was intended to give its audience an eternal life vision and with that vision, great peace of mind and heart.

The Hebrew word "shalom" is often used in the same way we would use the words "hello" or "goodbye." But the "shalom" that Jesus expressed to His disciples in John's Gospel passage today meant so much more than that. The biblical understanding of shalom was one of being in total harmony with nature, with oneself, with others and with God. Jesus' expression of shalom or peace was a farewell gift to His disciples. In spite of the hardships and turmoil that life would ultimately hand them, if they experienced a sense of shalom, a real deep-seated peace, then they would know that Christ indeed was present with them and within them. In your daily life, do you experience the "shalom," the peace of Christ?



Men's Christian Fellowship Brats and Beer Night

The St. Thomas Men's Christian Fellowship Group will host the Annual Brats and Beer Night on May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse. The guest speaker will be Doug Delaney, who serves as Executive Assistant to the Bishop of Joliet, J. Peter Sartain.

All men of the parish are invited to come for an inspirational talk, good brats and good fellowship. Donation \$10.





Year of the Eucharist Choral Concert

Sunday, June 6, 2010, 4:00 PM

St. Raphael Parish
1215 Modaff Rd., Naperville

featuring the combined choirs of:

Our Lady of Mercy, St. Anne,
St. Joan of Arc, St. Margaret Mary,
St. Raphael, St. Scholastica,
St. Thomas the Apostle,
and the Simbang Gabi Choir

For more information contact Julie Frazier
630.355.4545 x119 or
jfrazier@st-raphael.com

"Swing for the Saints" Golf Outing

St. Thomas parishioners are invited to attend All Saints Catholic Academy's (ASCA) fourth annual golf outing on Friday, June 18, at 1:30 p.m. at Tamarack Golf Club, Route 59 and 111th Street, Naperville. All proceeds benefit the All Saints Catholic Academy Mustard Seed Scholarship Program. These proceeds will fund need-based scholarships and an endowment for the future.

The day includes 18 holes of golf with cart, welcome gift, box lunch, open bar following golf, dinner reception, raffle, and silent auction. Early bird registration cost is \$150 per golfer, if registered by May 22. After May 22, the cost is \$170 per golfer. Registration deadline is Friday, June 5.

The golf outing is the main fundraiser supporting the ASCA Scholarship Program. To obtain a registration brochure, go to the website at www.ascacademy.org or call All Saints Catholic Academy at 630.961.6125. Your support is much appreciated.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:

October 10 - 21, 2010

St. Thomas weekend associate, Fr. Bob Colaresi, is leading his 25th pilgrimage to our spiritual home and reflect on the scriptures. Five days in the Jerusalem area and four days in the Galilee to visit and pray at all the holy biblical sites. A powerful experience into the heart of Christianity, the life of Jesus and our Jewish heritage. For brochure and more information: Darlene, Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8433 Bailey Road, Darien, IL. 60561 ~ 630.969.4141

Second Annual Youth Mission Garage Sale!

St. Thomas the Apostle's teens going to Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Mississippi will host a fundraiser and they need your help. The youth are having a parish garage sale and are humbly asking for YOUR help to make this happen. Gently used items are needed for the sale. They will accept smaller items starting Monday May 22 and larger items the week of the sale (i.e. couches, etc). It is preferred that items be dropped off after 4:00 p.m. each day at the church in the Youth Center (Cabin). The garage sale will take place: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday June 4, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday June 5. Spread the word in your neighborhood and inner circles!



Religious Education

Scripture Safari Vacation Bible School



Mark your calendars now for Scripture Safari, our Vacation Bible School, June 14 – 18. Registrations are now available in the Gathering Area. Scripture Safari is for children entering Kindergarten through 4th grade. Youth entering 5th grade or older may sign up to help as well as adults. There are limited spots so please turn in the paperwork right away. Call the Faith Formation / Religious Education Office with questions (630) 305-6318.

Liturgy of the Word with Children Ended until September

Liturgy of the Word with Children has ended on Sundays until it resumes late September. Anyone interested in helping or being a leader in the future may volunteer by signing up during Ministry Sign-Up beginning May 22 and 23. Questions may be directed to Patti Dougherty, 355-8980 ext. 109

Mother/Daughter Marion Tea

This Mother's day treat your Mom (or the Mother in your life) to an elegant tea held in celebration of Mary, our Blessed Mother. All ages are welcome!

Enjoy tea, coffee or lemonade and a variety of beautiful pastries along with prayer and conversation.

Monday, May 10

7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse

Tickets are \$8 each, available at the reception desk after Sunday Masses, May 2 and 9, and during regular office hours. Limited tickets available.

Sponsored by St. Thomas' Mary's Way Ministry. Questions may be directed to Patti Dougherty 630.355.8980x109 or pdougherty@stapostle.org

"What a joy to remember that she is our Mother!

*Since she loves us and knows our weakness,
what have we to fear?"*

— Saint Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church

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

**May 9 Question
of the Week...**

Who has helped you with your faith?



Teens With Character (TWC): Quick Facts

Who: Any Middle School Students

What: Meetings, community service projects, fun!

Why: Serve others, practice leadership, and be a part of a Christian community of peers.

Looking Ahead...

May 22 - Dupage River Clean Up

June 9 - Hesed House Eye Clinic

June 25/26 - Relay for Life

Middle school students and families are welcome to any of these events. To RSVP for a service project or for any more information, contact **Brett Adams:** 630.355.8980x117 or badams@stapostle.org.

Attention Nature Enthusiasts!

Mark your calendars for the Du Page River Sweep during the morning of Saturday May 22, sponsored by the Du Page County Conservation Foundation. The "Sweep" is an effort to show respect for God's creation and clean up the DuPage River and other nature sites in our community. Individuals, couples, youth, and families are welcome to lend a helping hand. Participants will meet at St. Thomas to caravan. Interested? Have questions? Call Brett Adams 630.355.8980x117 or Brooke Kottkamp 630.978.1515.

Pancakes after Mass

Next Sunday May 16!

St. Thomas the Apostle's teens are going on mission this summer and are hosting a fundraiser next Sunday. There will be a pancake breakfast May 16th after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:45am masses (serving 8:00am-1pm). Enjoy delicious apple-cinnamon, plain or chocolate chip 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.

Thanks Offered on Behalf of Our St. Thomas Children

The Faith Formation/Religious Education Department would like to extend their heartfelt “Thank you” in appreciation to those who have served with the formation of our children’s faith and, especially those who helped with the celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Gratitude is extended to Kate Cuddy, our Liturgy and Music Director; Jess Allured, Assistant Director of Music; our choirs and musicians for their beautiful music; to Theresa Sheliga and other Sacristans; to Lori Culberson, our Greeters and Eucharistic Ministers; to the Altar Servers; Parents and the Children.

A special “Thank You” to our Pastor, Fr. Joel Fortier, Fr. Rodolphe Arty, our Associate, Fr. Fritz Louis, Fr. Bob Colaresi, (weekend assistant), Fr. Pat Brennan (Resident Priest); our Deacons: Will Worden, Chuck Lane, Jim Breen, Larry Kearney and Michael Barrett; Carolyn Guerrieri, our second Grade Coordinator; Nancy Cirimo and Marge Coronado, our Religious Education Assistants and to the following Catechists and Aides who have given of their time, love and a sharing of their faith to these First Communicants:

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| Kathy Bereman | Holly Julifs | Ruth Sheehan |
| Sheleagh Bishop | Missy Julifs | Marilyn Sullivan |
| Liz Bosworth | Julie Knox | Stefan tePoele |
| Elise Diner | Kelly Knox | Tami Wagener |
| Jessica Doucette | Kevin Knox | Lynn Waite |
| Antonella Erbacher | Sara Knox | Pat Werner |
| Wanda Fattes | Maureen Overman | Bernadette Young |
| Gendy Jaramillo | Mary Reynolds | Michael Yumping |
| Heather Julifs | Tricia Serna | Telly Yumping |

A very special thank you to our parishioner, Julie Wells, who wrote *A Communion Song* for our children.

What’s Your **BIG** Idea?

At the End-of-Year Party for the Middle School Religious Education program, students were challenged with the following question: *Imagine for a moment that you were in charge of the program and were looking ahead to next year...What would be your “big idea” that would make the program better than it has ever been before?*

The people have spoken and here are a few examples of what they came up with...

- Ski Trip!!!!!!
- Doughnuts for everyone
- Have more fun activities and group games
- Invite a celebrity to come
- Have lock-ins and retreats
- Travel to different kinds of churches
- Take a tour of our church
- More speakers...more life stories
- More interaction in the classes
- Make it more active, not just sitting down in a classroom
- More movie days or icebreakers
- I would have us do more things with our friends
- Go to Hawaii...Go to Rome...Go to Disney World!
- Go to a water park
- Go to Feed My Starving Children
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen in Chicago
- Mission trips to China...Haiti...India



Now that the kids have spoken, if you agree with any of their ideas or if you have your own ideas for next year and would like to share your input, please e-mail Brett Adams at badams@stapostle.org.

Service Commission

Outreach & Social Justice

May 1 - Immigration Reform Events

There were two local events held on May 1 in support of comprehensive immigration reform and acknowledging the contributions of immigrants to the community. Both events drew attention to some of the complex issues facing immigrants and the need for increased awareness and advocacy for improved immigration legislation. You can learn more at www.usccb.org

AURORA

Parishioners from St. Nicholas Parish in Aurora and St. Thomas took part in the *Aurora March for Peace and Justice* under a "Companions on the Journey" banner that included the names of both parishes. The march began at St. Nicholas Church with a blessing by local clergy and ended in McCullough Park.

NAPERVILLE

St. Thomas was one of the sponsors of the *Day of the Immigrant* event in downtown Naperville. Following a short march, the group returned to Central Park for a rally with speakers, music, and food from a variety of cultures. The speakers celebrated the good that comes from our immigrant communities and called for comprehensive immigration reform that includes common sense workable solutions.



FMSC Mobile Pack at St. Thomas

PACK with US

Friday, May 28, Saturday, May 29, Sunday, May 30. Funds have been raised to pack 100,000 meals for Haiti. 370 volunteers are needed. Register after Mass: May 8-9 and May 15-16 (if openings)

Can't Pack? Donate ...

St Thomas pays for all ingredients. More meals can be packed if more funds are available. One volunteer packs about 235 meals (\$40 of ingredients at 17 cents per meal) Donations will be accepted after Masses May 8-9 & May 15-16

If you have questions or would like to assist please email dawneber@comcast.net

NorthWest Student Exchange

NorthWest Student Exchange (NWSE) is looking for host families for Catholic students for the 2010/11 school term/semester. Students would enjoy living with a family that has an interest in their culture. Often there is a possibility for a reciprocal exchange with American students. NWSE has students from South America, Mexico, Asia, Europe, and former Soviet Union countries. If you would like more information, contact Elaine at 773.979.4438 or visit www.nwse.com.

Father Joel Receives Pax Joliet Award

On Saturday evening, with 30 parishioners in support, Father Joel received a 2010 Pax Joliet Award from the Joliet Diocese Peace and Justice Office. The award is given for a long term commitment and action working for justice and peace.

In his acceptance, Father Joel recalled the examples his parents gave him that instilled in him a love for justice.

Throughout his priesthood, and even before, Father Joel took a leadership role and took actions, as noted in the introduction given at the award ceremony:

- In seminary, he organized the Conception Social Action Committee, lobbying for the passage of the Civil Rights Act.
- As an intern at Hopkins Park, he put a face on poverty and worked closely with the people of the area to improve their plight.
- While at St. Joe's in Addison, he led an interfaith initiative that resulted in the Addison Community Switchboard, a clearing house and referral service for those in need.
- He was involved in the decision at St. Raphael's to fund a parish office of Peace & Justice --- one of the first in the diocese.
- At St. Therese -an inner city Kankakee parish-he established the Lisieux Pastoral Center, initially working with the Black community and subsequently integrating the Hispanic community.
- At St. Isadore, he brought the large Hispanic community into the mainstream of parish life. He and other community leaders established the Northwest DuPage Walk-In Ministry – providing food and other resources. He took a leadership role in the formation of what is now DuPage United, made up of interfaith institutions working for the common good in DuPage County.
- He brought DuPage United to St. Thomas. He has truly enabled our five social justice ministries. Most recently, partnering with the largely Mexican St. Nicholas parish in Aurora, we embarked on a year long Migration/Immigration initiative.

Congratulations, Father Joel!

“Take 25”

May 25 is National Missing Children's Day. This day was first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, and has been observed by every administration since, with 2010 no exception. It was started as a reminder to renew efforts to reunite missing children with their families and to remember those who may still be missing.

This year, the Naperville Police Department will be joining many other communities nationwide with a new initiative called “Take 25.” This campaign, with a focus on prevention, will serve to heighten awareness about children's safety and will help make child protection a priority. The “Take 25” campaign encourages parents, guardians, and other adult role model, to spend 25 minutes within the month of May, talking to children about how to stay safe.

One of the goals of the Naperville Police Department is to educate the community regarding personal safety, in an effort to reduce victimization and promote the concept that crime prevention improves the quality of life for every community and every citizen.



Come visit Waterleaf Women's Center and get your car washed too!

Since opening in September, the counselors of Waterleaf Women's Center have saved 18 babies from abortion and have assisted 150+ clients.

They are hosting an Open House on Sunday, May 16 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. where you can meet members of the Waterleaf team and Heroic Media ... then drive across the street to Firestone where their Teen Advisory Board will wash your car!

(2849 E. New York St, Aurora (SW corner at Eola-next to Burger King)

Waterleaf is always looking for volunteers to help out at their office. If you are interested in volunteering for a Catholic non-for-profit, call 630.701.6270. Waterleaf has many different opportunities.



**Help save unborn lives!
OPEN HOUSE &
CAR WASH
Sunday, May 16
1-4 pm**

Pastoral Care

May is Mental Health Month

For the past 50 years May has been designated as mental health month. The magnitude of mental illness in the U.S. is staggering. According to the Surgeon General, one in every five Americans experiences a mental disorder in any given year, and half of all Americans have such disorders at some time in their lives. These illnesses of the brain can affect all of us, regardless of age, gender, economic status or ethnicity. Mental illness affects the mind, body and the spirit. It is a very real, common and treatable illness. Mental illnesses are far more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis.

The National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health declares the first full week in May as National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week to increase the awareness of well-being of our nation's children and youth.

Source: Samaritan Interfaith

Research indicates that 65% of people with serious mental illness would like to talk about spiritual concerns with their therapist, and 35% do talk to their therapists about spiritual concerns.

Of those dealing with Serious Mental Illness:

- 80 % cope with their symptoms and daily problems through religion.
- 65% found religious coping helpful
- 30% say religion was their most important resource.

Clearly, there is a link between one's spirituality and positive health outcomes. We recognize the value of spirituality in the healing process. For every individual, family, or couple with whom we work, their quality of life increases and allows them to contribute more effectively to their family, their community, and to their work. Whether that is a father who is now able to be a better parent to his children, or a mother who has found ways to handle her stress rather than take it out on her family, the whole community benefits from stronger, healthier individuals. In each of these situations, an individual life going forward can be changed dramatically.

Source: Samaritan Interfaith

Breaking the Silence on "Mental Illness"... Bringing HOPE to Families

Would you like to learn more about mental illness? Sponsored by NAMI DuPage (The National Alliance on Mental Illness) this seminar will include information about mental illnesses and their impact on families and individuals. Come and learn more about these illnesses from people who have been there. Learn the facts, dispel the myths! Come to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1244 W Army Trail Road, Carol Stream, on Sunday, May 16; 6:00—8:00 p.m. To register call 630.483.3143, option 1 (Free will donation)



Area Parish Nurses Serve Up and Abundance of Gifts

Spirituality can provide an added dimension to healing. Ecumenical in nature, Parish Nursing is open to all denominations and works with churches to help improve health as well as create a healing ministry for the communities it serves.

The Parish Nurse concept grew out of the work of Granger Westburg, DD, a Lutheran minister and former hospital chaplain. He believed nurses were ideally suited to work with congregations in health promotion and disease prevention.

Parish Nurses have many roles including serving as a personal health counselor, health educator, referral source and facilitator. While the nurses do not provide "hands-on" care, the experienced registered nurses are persons of faith and possess skills in teaching and health counseling. They also have a vast knowledge of community resources.

Parish nurses help coordinate wellness programs, annual flu shot clinics, blood drives, blood pressure checks, teach CPR, and provide an integration of faith and health.

Parish Nurses help bridge the gap between health and religion, restoring a balance in people's lives. The health and well being of our community is being realized through outreach programs like parish nursing, thanks to CNS Home Health & Hospice.

Stewardship... A Way of Life

Last Weekend's stewardship of financial gifts...

Weekly Sunday Offertory

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| May 2, 2010 (week 44) | \$30,272 |
| Automatic Direct Debit | n/a |
| Mailed in & stock donations | \$1,961 |
| Total for week | \$32,233 |

*Based on Collection Counters Reports

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| Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date: | \$1,557,167 |
| Weekly Average 7/1/09 to date: | \$35,390 |
| Offertory Goal Year to Date | \$1,557,600 |
| Over/short of goal to date: | (\$433) |
| Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30 | \$1,840,800 |
| Remaining for Fiscal Year goal | \$283,633 |

2010 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet



This is a reminder to send your Appeal coupon with payment to the Diocesan Appeal Office by the 15th of each month. We meet our parish goal only when pledges have been fulfilled. We are One in the Body and Blood of the Lord. Grateful for the gift of the Eucharist, which strengthens us and renews us with grace, we thank you for supporting our brothers and sisters in need.



NEWS from... All Saints Catholic Academy

All Saints Academy (ASCA) Volleyball Coaching Opportunities Available Fall 2010

The ASCA Volleyball Program is in need of volunteers to fill as many as six coaching positions, grades 5 through 8. Practices are twice a week, August through early November with 1 or 2 games played on the weekends during that time.

Terri Boumans, a 3-time NCAA All-American and former member of the USA National Volleyball Team, will offer guidance and mentoring to coaches as well as hold a coaches clinic prior to the season.

All volunteer coaches must attend a Protecting God's Children session and have a background check. Interested? Contact Kurt Gregus at kgregus@wowway.com or 630.527.0071.

All Saints Catholic Academy School Board

There will be an opening on the ASCA school board beginning in June. Anyone interested in serving on the board, please send a note of interest and qualifications to Fr. Joel (jfortier@stapostle.org), by May 15. The school board meets once a month on the fourth Tuesday (except July). You do not need to have a child attending the school to be considered.

50 and Holding

Mature Adults
Young at Heart

Wed, May 5, 1:00 p.m. Lunch at Olive Garden—Meeting to follow. Call Barb Bigus with reservations 630.357.8958

Thurs, May 27, Horseshoe Casino Trip \$20 includes round trip bus, buffet lunch and a \$5 coupon. Bus leaves from church parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. All seniors are invited Call Bill Mann 1.630.369.0095. Money must be received by May 21

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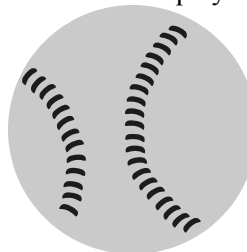
Women's Softball Team

Did you know St. Thomas has a women's softball team that plays in a Naperville Christian recreational softball league?

We are looking for players age 18 to 80 who would love to come out once a week for a night of softball and fellowship. All skill levels are welcome.

Games are played at Calvary Church on Rt. 59 on Tuesdays from mid May through July at 6:30 p.m.

If interested please contact Lindsay Grier at 630.319.6884 or Dawn Bausch at 630.965.4491.



Administration Commission

Jobs Ministry

Weekly Networking Meeting

Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

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

MAY PRESENTATION

Wednesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m.: Career management author **Brian Graham** (*Get Hired Fast!*), founder of CLH Consulting, and who has 20 years of corporate and consulting experience, will present *The Job Search in a Jobless Recovery: New Realities and Strategies for 2010*. He will discuss the current job market and the new realities and strategies for career survival in the tumultuous job market following the worst global recession since WWII. Among the topics covered will be:

- Why it is so difficult to get a job, why it isn't your fault, and what can be done about it.
- Where and how to find your next role
- Do the old techniques still work, and if so, how can I make them more effective

Be prepared for a lively interactive dialogue with a recruiting industry leader who has led division and corporate talent acquisition for ADP, Sprint, Sequent Computer Systems (now part of IBM), and global talent acquisition for Navistar International before founding a consultancy focusing on career management and corporate talent acquisition strategy consulting in 2009.

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.

Fri, May 14, 9:30 a.m.: **Small Business Panel Discussion** with **Ron Ewald**, President of The Brickkicker, **John Pettinger**, CEO of Brexis Courier, and **John Ball**, retired past President of HBIS Engineering. Is small business something that may be the right fit for you? Hear their experiences and then ask the questions to gain insight.

Fri, May 21, 9:30 a.m.: **Sima Dahl**, President, Parlay Communications, Ltd. will share her 20 years of experience as a marketing consultant and social media strategist, in her presentation, "**The Art of Networking in a Digital Age**". Learn about her Sway Factor™ system, the framework to make your online time effective, efficient, and profitable.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday, May 10

4:15—5:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Church
7:00—9:00 p.m. Baptism Class, Senior Center
7:00—8:30 p.m. Mother/Daughter Marion Tea, Lighthouse
7:00—9:00 p.m. Transitional Housing, Judea

Tuesday, May 11

10:00—11:00 a.m. Care Pantry & Blood Pressure, Lighthouse
7:00—9:00 p.m. Adult Basketball, Gym
7:00—9:30 p.m. Voices of Faith, Church
7:00—9:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Judea
7:00—8:00 p.m. RCIA Inquiry, Senior Center

Wednesday, May 12

4:15—5:15 p.m. Joyful Jammers, Church
7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym
7:00—9:30 p.m. Leadership Night, Ministry Center
7:00—9:00 p.m. Habitat for Humanity, Senior Center
7:30—8:30 p.m. Mississippi Youth Mission, Offsite

Thursday, May 13

6:00—7:15 p.m. Journey Praise, Church
7:30—9:30 p.m. Jubilate Rehearsal, Church

Friday, May 14

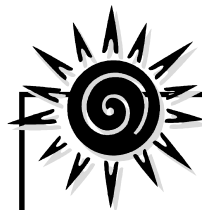
9:00—11:30 a.m. Bible Study, Senior Center
9:30am-12:00 p.m. Jobs Ministry, Gym

Saturday, May 15

8:30—11:30 a.m. Ensemble Rehearsal, Church
9:00—10:30 a.m. Men's Saturday Sharing, Senior Center West

Sunday, May 16

7:30—1:00 p.m. H. S. Pancake Breakfast, Gym
8:30—11:30 a.m. RCIA, Senior Center
12:00—1:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Preparation, Cana



Summer Office Hours

St. Thomas offices will close at Noon on Fridays during the summer (Memorial Day through Labor Day beginning May 28). The office also closes from 4:30 to 6:30 during the summer.