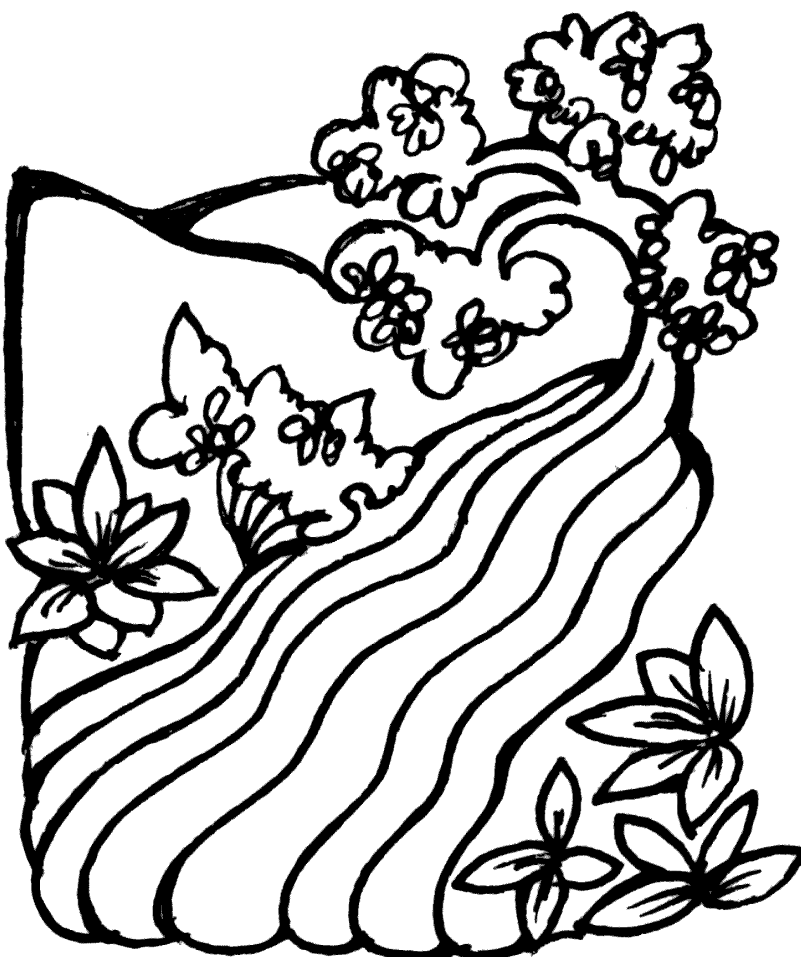


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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

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.

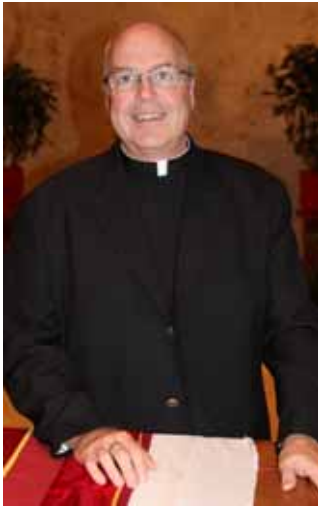
Weekend

Saturday Vigil — 4:30 p.m.

Sunday — 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.

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

*indicates part-time staff



From the Pastor's Desk...

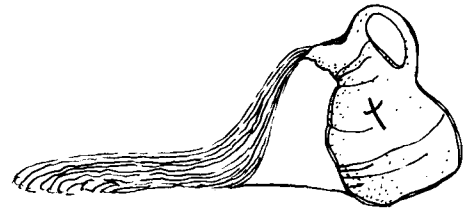
Today as we celebrate the liturgical rite that formalizes my June 20, 2012 appointment as your pastor (the 4th in the history of St. Thomas the Apostle Church), I can't help but reflect on the guiding spirituality of my pastoring at two other parishes these past 19 years, and indeed my entire 31 years of being a priest. Eleven days from now, we will observe a momentous event in church history... October 11, 2012 will mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. I invite you to our parish celebration of that event by attending a special prayer service that will be held on October 11 at 7:30 p.m. We will join with churches throughout the Diocese of Joliet ringing bells at 7:00 p.m. for 5 to 10 minutes to mark this anniversary as the world-wide church begins the "Year of Faith" proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI.

I was 10 years old when the Council began and in 7th grade when the Council was concluded in 1965. While there are many of you who will remember those days and the exciting succeeding years of implementing the vision of church enumerated by the Council, there likewise are many of you for whom this event is "ancient" history. Of course as a seminary student in the late 1970's I read the 16 documents that resulted from those fascinating and exciting years of deliberation by nearly 2,500 of the world's bishops, not to mention multiple theological experts as well as observers from Orthodox and Protestant Christianity. Unlike previous councils in the church which enshrined inherited practices and beliefs, or corrected a heresy, the Second Vatican Council evaluated the church's inherited riches to discern how they were meeting the concerns of the present generation and this time in history. The Second Vatican Council allowed change to come to beliefs and practices, not simply for the sake of change, but because they had been examined, studied and understood to be more authentic to the nature and mission of the church.

Pope John XIII, elected pope on October 28, 1958 at age 77, shocked the cardinals when he announced his intention of convening an ecumenical council. His announcement was met with stunned silence! Why in the world was an ecumenical council needed? John's purpose for calling an ecumenical council centered on his vision of what it means to be church. His vision reflected his own personal style and pastoral approach with people, and he imagined a church that would incarnate and present that same style to all humanity. While others saw doom and despair, he saw possibility and promise. While others were ready to condemn, he was ready to forgive, reconcile and unite. While others saw God as selective and judgmental, he saw God as inclusive, compassionate and forgiving. There was a shift from seeing ministry as the exclusive domain of the ordained, to realizing it is linked to baptismal call and mission.

It is Blessed John XIII's vision that I humbly attempt to follow as a priest and pastor. As the documents of Vatican II are re-interpreted in our day, many sense our church leadership moving away from the spirit of Vatican II. Only time will tell where the Holy Spirit leads us, and I pray that the "new Pentecost" that Pope John XII ardently welcomed will continue in our church. In the meantime it remains a task for us today to be a church where "ALL ARE WELCOME!"

Fr. Tom



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30, 2012

*The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.*

— Psalm 19:8

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!

Would you like to become a Parishioner?

Join us in the gym for Welcome Sunday between 9:00 and 9:30 or 10:30 and 11:15 on Sunday, October 14!

Worship Commission—*Liturgy & Music*

Disabilities Mass at Holy Family

The 25th Annual Bishop's Mass with Persons with Disabilities will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 7 at Holy Family Parish: 600 Brook Forest Ave, Shorewood. A luncheon, provided by the Joliet Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, will follow. More information is available at www.dioceseofjoliet.org. Please RSVP to Mary Maloney 815.834.4064.

October Counts

Every year, the diocese asks each parish and mission to do a hand count of all those attending Mass on three weekends in October. October is chosen as there is no holiday or celebration that might take people away from their parish. The numbers for the three weekends are sent to the Diocese and the average of the three is taken to get the usual number actually attending Mass on a weekend at each parish. The Diocese then averages all the parishes together to see whether or not Mass attendance is increasing or decreasing each year.

Ringling of the Bells

50th Anniversary of Vatican II

St. Thomas church bells will ring on October 11, at 7:00 p.m., as a "First Night of Faith" to mark the opening of the Year of Faith, as well as to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II. October 11 served as both the date of the opening of Vatican II in 1962 and the promulgation of the Universal Catechism of the Catholic Church in 1992.

Following the ringing of the bells, there will be a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. This service will reflect the spirit of many of the changes that occurred during these important council meetings.

Silence During Liturgy

Silences during liturgies are not "empty" or rest times. Silence allows us to hear and respond better to the Good News of God's word and sacramental deeds and deepen our relationship with God and each other. Sometimes we can best hear God's Good News and a word of forgiveness in the pauses for silence between words, not in a multiplicity of words themselves. Silence helps us to recollect ourselves, meditate on God's word and actions and give God praise and thanksgiving in a most personal way.

At times the very structure of a particular element in the ritual calls for a pause in silence. (1) In the Penitential Act, those assembled should be given time to recollect themselves and surrender themselves to God's action. The community needs to consider those times when they can't hear God and ask for forgiveness. (2) After the invitation to pray at the collect or the prayer after Communion ("Let us pray..."), there should be a pause for the assembly to call to mind their intentions and pray.

Presider's Schedule October 6/7

Saturday

4:30 pm, Fr. Dof Arty

Sunday

8:00 am, Fr. Dof Arty

9:30 am, Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld, Deacon Larry Kearney

11:15 am, Fr. Bob Colaresi, Deacon Pat Lennon

6:00 pm, Fr. Matt Lorenz

Schedule is subject to change.

Annual Blessing of Pets THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, September 30

The annual pet blessing will take place Sunday, September 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the yard by the labyrinth. Bring your furry, finned, or flying friend for a prayer service and blessing in honor of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of Animals. All pets are welcome!



Pray For Our Parish

*Christ Jesus,
Come and push aside
the walls we put up
that keep you far away;
come and confront our fear
and help us to follow you
with all that we have,
with all that we are,
with all that we hope to become.
Come now,
and free our hearts to let go
and let you dwell in us
and take us over,
so we may be new again,
for the first time.
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

Lt. Joseph Zito
Staff Sgt. Brooke Sica
Airman Maxwell Dempsey
AB Jon Babiarz, Special Forces

Air Force National Guard

Senior Airman Jacob Brancaleon

U.S. Army

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

U.S. Marine Corps

Lt. Kevin Martin
Corporal Aaron Murphy
Lance Corporal Oliver Buckley
Captain Brad Rothman
Lt. Colin Miller-Ratcliffes
Lance Corporal Tommy Balducci

U.S. Navy

AT3 Amanda Schlarman SR Joel Curry
Ensign Jason Coons SR Jeffrey Bates

U.S. Coast Guard

Call the parish office 630.355.8980 to include

For the sick...

Elizabeth Arce, wife of Osvaldo
Rick Humbert, husband of Becky
Kathy Nagel
Mary Lou Jardine, mother of Laura
Francis Lesiuk, mother of Valarie
Joan Masterson, mother of Diane
Roger Trend, husband of Gayle
Jen Kenter, granddaughter of Marion Schmitz
Nolan Kenter, great grandson of Marion Schmitz
Cheryl Richardson, friend of Marcia Hartman

For the deceased...

Maria Martinez, mother of Leticia Soto
Janet Jones & Deborah Seria,
aunt and friend of the Grove family
Bill Corrigan, father of Elizabeth TePoele

Mass Intentions

Monday, Oct 1, 2012

8:30 Special Intention for Sr. Margaret Williams,
by Ron & Elaine Smith
†Mary Mills, by Jim & Mary Jo Breen

Tuesday, Oct 2, 2012

8:30 †Jeanne Danhauer, by Richard & Dorothy Jaracz

Wednesday, Oct 3, 2012

8:30 †Fr. William Dolan, by Fr. Don
†Fr. Oswald Reimann, by Fr. Don

Thursday, Oct 4, 2012

8:30 For Protection of the World Environment

Friday, Oct 5, 2012

8:30 †Melissa Rosenow, by Laura

Saturday, Oct 6, 2012

8:30 World Missions
4:30 †Sue Culberson, by Nancy & Andy Cirno
†Dr. Jim McCorquodale, by Bill & Betty Sixsmith

Sunday, Oct 7, 2012

8:00 †Louriano & Gadissa Mallorca, by Children
9:30 For the People of St. Thomas
11:15 †The Donohoe & Moriarty Families,
by the Donohoe Family
6:00 †John Mahoney, by Barbara & Bill Walsh

Faith and Formation Commission– *Adult*

What's Eating You? What Are You Eating?

Living in today's fast-paced society means that most of us are under a lot of pressure, and the ways we deal with that can be life-affirming or destructive. Adolescents through adults are invited to a three-part workshop series presented by Samaritan Interfaith (Counseling.Consulting.Education), a St. Thomas prayer-partner agency, which will offer age-appropriate 'nourishment' for those who are searching for more constructive ways to manage stress, build meaningful relationships and affirm hope for the future.

First up, on Sunday, October 14 from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Lighthouse, is "Bread of Life: What's Eating You? What Are You Eating?" - learning to identify, cope with, and manage the stresses of modern life. Come ready to 'chew' on ideas to apply to our lives and our community. No one will be turned away, but please RSVP to Peggy Goralski (630.355.8980 x123 or pgoralski@stapostle.org) by October 11 so that adequate seating and refreshments can be prepared.

Coming up...

Part 2, Jan. 13: *Word of Love:* What are you listening to? What do you long to hear?

Part 3, Apr. 7: *Hope for All:* Where is hope when you need it the most? What is the most you hope for?

Sophia's Circle is back

Join Sophia's Circle, micro-retreats for women. Take some time to refresh your spirituality and your friendships. The next event, presented by local graphic designer Rachelle Hickey, is "Creative Journaling," on Friday, October 5, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse. No art or journaling experience is necessary for you to enjoy an evening of learning to create and enhance your own prayer journal with paint, papers, words, images and writing.

If you wish, bring copies of favorite quotes, prayers, images, magazines and scissors to use in your creation. Materials will also be provided. Reserve your place (and bring a friend!) by contacting Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980 x138 or crosales@stapostle.org. Cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door.



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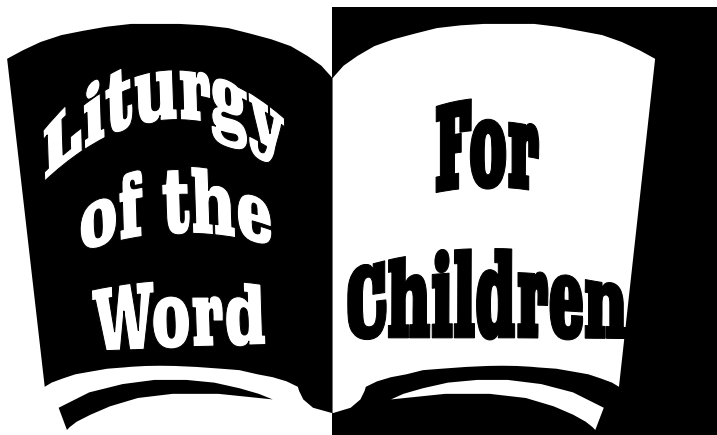
Did you know that Jesus was teaching his disciples a lesson on tolerance in this gospel? God works through others outside of our beliefs. Are we open to seeing God's work in other faiths?

C.A.R.E. CORNER

We are still working our way through the statements of the Apostles' Creed and we're just now getting to the really good part. Last week, we left Jesus in hell. But we know He didn't stay down for long, because many eye witnesses attested to what happened next: "ON THE THIRD DAY, HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD." The Resurrection is the Good News and the crowning truth of our faith. The fact that the tomb was found to be empty and that Jesus did not stay dead is what gives us hope in the promise of eternal life after physical death. The Risen Christ made numerous appearances to many people, which is also recorded throughout Scripture. The Resurrection is a major game changer.

The earliest Christians accepted the fact of Jesus' Resurrection without hesitation. Many early Christians were willing to die as martyrs rather than deny their faith in the resurrected Christ. They certainly would not have given their lives for something they didn't fully believe was of major significance. Plus, encounters with the risen Christ were responsible for tremendous transformations in the disciples of Jesus. For example, Peter did a 180, coming out of hiding to boldly preach the risen Christ in spite of the personal consequences for doing so. And Paul's encounter with the risen Christ changed his life forever, setting him on a life-long journey of mission and evangelization. Belief in the Resurrection remains a central tenet and a very critical dogma of our Christian faith.





This program resumed September 23, 2012 at 9:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Goal:

The children's Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass has the goal of helping children to participate more fully as members of the community gathered for worship. During the time of the regular Liturgy of the Word, the children are gathered separately to hear the Gospel story of the day proclaimed in language, activities, music and prayer appropriate to their age.

For Whom:

Liturgy of the Word for Children is for children in pre-kindergarten through grade 3 (children must be four years old and able to attend the group on their own). Pre-K, kindergarten, first and second grades meet in meeting rooms two through five off the Gathering Area, while third grade meets in the Cabin down the hall by the Resource Center. In addition, five times a year we have Liturgy of the Word for fourth and fifth graders, held in the rooms by the Cabin.

There is no registration for Liturgy of the Word for Children. Children of the above ages may attend either the 9:00 a.m. or the 10:45 a.m. Liturgies.

Procedure:

The children will be invited by the Presider to leave Church following the Opening Prayer when the assembly is seated for the Readings. Adult helpers will be present to direct them to the meeting rooms in the Ministry Center. We ask that parents not accompany the children beyond the Church doors.

Given the number of children and space available, additional persons make movement more difficult. The time the children have is limited, so we attempt to gather them in their groups as quickly as possible. Before Mass, it would be helpful to walk the child through the pattern. If

your child is still fearful, it would be better to wait until he/she is more comfortable after watching the process for a while. The children are brought back to church after the Prayers of the Faithful. At that time, please watch for your child, standing in your place if necessary to be seen. Adult helpers will always make certain each child finds his or her place.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to have your children hear the Word of God in a meaningful way. If you have any questions, please call Patti Dougherty 630.355.8980, ext. 109 or pdougherty@stapostle.org.



Faith and Formation Commission– *Youth*

Grades 3—8 Celebrate Saints

This year, religious education classes in grades three through eight will choose a saint to research as a class. By learning about a saint, students will have an example of how an ‘ordinary’ person lived a life of virtue. From there, students can reflect on how they might also embrace these characteristics in their everyday lives. Each class will create a poster display to be on display the weekend of October 27-28 for parishioners to view and celebrate.

In addition to classes researching saints, individual students, groups of siblings or friends, or family members are invited to choose a saint to research and to create a poster. These posters will also be included in the Celebration of Saints display. If you are interested in participating, contact Patti Dougherty (pdougherty@stapostle.org) or Peggy Goralski (pgoralski@stapostle.org) by October 14 to indicate which saint you will research and to obtain poster paper for the display.



News From All Saints Catholic Academy



Did You Know?

In an effort to make classrooms at All Saints safe for children with allergies, we have worked hard to make classrooms **nut free**. All Saints has an ‘approved snack list’ that only allows individual servings of snacks to be brought into the classroom that are in their original packaging, confirmed to be nut free, and produced in a factory with a dedicated nut free production line. With the proper monitoring and controls in place, we can ensure that the classrooms are not accidentally contaminated, which could cause a life threatening reaction for a child. An additional by product of this policy is that many students are choosing fruits, vegetables and other nutritionally healthy alternatives for the energy that they need to do their very best work in school. We have a member of staff in our Health Office from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm to help students with medical needs.

Classroom Happenings

Our four year old Pre Kindergarten students attend school *every day* from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm at the St. Elizabeth Seton satellite campus. There are many firsts for our younger All Saints students. Pre Kindergarten students bring lunches to school just like the ‘older’ kids to break bread together. Pre K students started the school year learning how to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Students who attend the Pre Kindergarten program at St. Elizabeth Seton visit the Worship Center upstairs, the John Paul II Adoration Chapel and the outdoor Mary Prayer Garden, all of which students toured their first week of school. They all can make the Sign of the Cross, and have started working on their prayers such as the Our Father, the Angel of God, and their morning prayer which goes like this, *“Thank you God for this day. God above me, God beside me, Spirit within me, all three surround me.”*

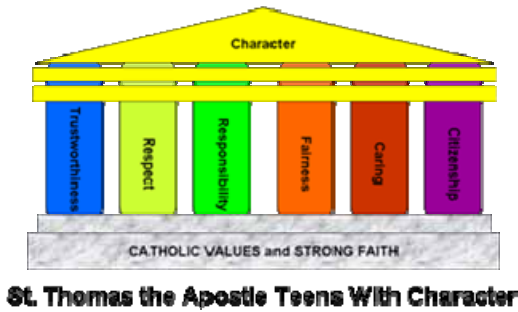
Why Catholic Education?

At All Saints Catholic Academy, the second of our belief statements is that *“Education is essentially a moral endeavor”*. Being a Catholic school means participating in pastoral ministry – devoting one’s life to shaping the minds and hearts of the children who have been entrusted to our care. Absent a moral framework, education is reduced to instruction. To the Catholic school teacher, education becomes a substantive, deliberate sharing of the wisdom and heritage *of our faith*. This is one of the perspectives that makes All Saints a very special school. It is important in Catholic schools, that students be recognized and treated as individuals. Since many Catholic schools, including All Saints, begin in preschool and progress through 8th grade, our teachers and staff are uniquely positioned to proactively assess, refine and enhance your child’s individual development day after day, year after year for as many as eleven consecutive years. This continuity of academic and moral development leads to an unparalleled understanding of your child and his or her unique needs.

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

Question of the Week...

How do you welcome those who are different from you?



Teens with Character is BACK!

St. Thomas Teens with Character is kicking off their first meeting of the year on **Monday, October 8, 7:15-8:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas gym**. The goals of Teens With Character are to have fun, build Christian fellowship, experience service, grow in faith, and become Christian leaders. All middle school students are welcome!

Seeing With The Eyes of Christ

Middle school students and their families are in for a treat this October 7 as they explore the topic of dignity and respect for the disenfranchised. Students and parents alike will be challenged to reflect on how they love and serve others. The guest speaker will share his powerful, life-changing experiences of life on the streets. Here is what others have said about this experience:



"In the ten years that I have been working in this ministry, it was by far the best presentation that we have ever had on any topic..." –**Sheila Stevenson, Director of Youth Ministry at St. Elizabeth Seton, Naperville**

"He made me want to cry. I found out that I misjudge people." –**Tara Hackett, 7th Grader**

So, mark your calendar! Plan to come October 7 for the 6 p.m. mass and the presentation immediately following. More information will be sent home through Religious Education classes.

Important High School Faith Formation Dates:

- Oct 1:** Monday fall Confirmation classes at All Saints, 7:15 pm
- Oct 7:** Sunday fall Confirmation classes at St. Thomas, 12:30 pm and 1:45 pm
- Oct 8:** Freshman retreat, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm
- Oct 14:** Sunday fall Confirmation classes at St. Thomas, 12:30 pm and 1:45 pm
- Oct 14:** Journey "Unplugged" Youth Nights, 7-8:30 pm at St. Thomas

This is the first of the optional youth sessions which allow another way for young people to connect with each other in a social, faith-filled, and welcoming atmosphere. Teens and friends are welcome!

- Oct 15:** Monday fall Confirmation classes at All Saints, 7:15 pm

Youth Ministry Corner

As I was unlocking the classrooms at All Saints for middle school religious education, I saw a poster which read "Live in such a way that those who know you, but don't know God will come to know God because they know you." As I reflected on that poster, I thought about all of the people who have helped me to know and understand a bit more about God.

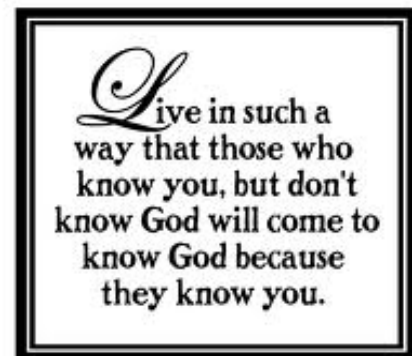
There's a middle school student who stood by a friend as he was going through a difficult experience, gently encouraging him to take the next step. Through that student, I learned of God's gentleness.

There's a high school student who radiates joy and always has a smile on her face. Through her, I am more convinced that God smiles...a lot!

There's the mother and son who have worked tirelessly in the Care Pantry garden, cultivating, weeding, and harvesting. Because of them, I can picture a God who is not bothered by the messiness of life and the long, slow process of growth.

There are so many others who reflect God to me. I feel blest to be a part of a faith community who strives to live in such a way that allows others to come to know God through your example. Thank you so much.

Blessings,
Peggy



Service Commission—*Outreach & Social Justice*



Haiti Twinning Duchity Education Fund

For the last two weekends, the Haiti Twinning Committee has been collecting donations for the Duchity Education Fund,

formerly called Sponsor-a-Child. To date, \$13,000 has been collected toward \$50,000 goal. Thanks to all who were able to help. The education funds will be used to:

- 1) Provide tuition support for families in need,
- 2) Subsidize school budget shortfalls, and
- 3) Provide capital improvements, like classrooms and a library-computer lab.

Pray for the people of Ste. Marie Madeleine and the continued growth of the St. Thomas twinning relationship as they move toward the goal of increased self-sufficiency and sustainable change in the village of Duchity.

A Letter from Father Don Kenny

St. Thomas is a member of Quito Barrio Outreach (www.QuitoBarrioOutreach.org) in support of Fr. Don Kenny's mission work in Quito, Ecuador. (Fr. Don is a prior St. Thomas Pastor.) Below is an excerpt from his latest letter (9/3/12). Visit www.stapostle.org to see the entire letter.

Dear friends:

Summer news: The medical mission came three days after the Marmion mission left. They don't sleep up in the barrio Rancho Alto, but right across the street in the second floor of the soup kitchen-clinic building. They saw many people, worked well with our clinic team here, used my treadmill, and talked with representatives of the Hospital José Obrero, of which the clinic is officially a branch. Dr. Colin Sumida and his friends brought and bought enough medicines to stock the clinic for another year.

It seems that we are now in new circumstances. Up till now the principal means of support for our work here has been my weekend mission appeals up there. So far I have made 35 such appeals in the Joliet Diocese, and these have been very successful. But since the economic crisis started three or four years ago, we receive considerably less money than we did previously. Another factor is that, because parishes have to meet their own needs first, pastors do not feel as free as they did before to let me make an appeal. I feel that I have just about exhausted weekend appeals in the diocese.

Let's look at the future. Usually when a foreign missionary comes into a Third World country he sets up things which help the people. Then, after he leaves and a native priest takes over, usually after two or three years the projects he has set up disappear. This is a constant experience for missionaries. But it doesn't have to happen this way. My dream is that we can continue to support the soup kitchen, clinic, education center, and daycare center, even after I leave, which I must do some time. I am 79.

This was the principal reason that we started the Quito Barrio Outreach: so that these projects continue after I leave. People with know-how have worked very hard for many hours to make sure that the foundation is officially legal and so can count as a charitable donation on one's income tax, and to put the foundation on the website. We hope to have our good works be supported more and more by contributions coming through the website.

Some tidbits: I have had many quincinieras (celebrations of a girl's 15th birthday,) and one marriage this summer. The young people put on a long blast in the barrio square, with many music groups, to celebrate again my tenth anniversary as a missionary, and also to end the summer.

I guess that's all the news for now. My health is good. I'll be home in October. Thanks for your love and support. Fr. Don

September Food Collection Next Weekend Oct 6 & 7

Items especially needed are:

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| ... Peanut Butter | ... Flour/Sugar |
| ... Jelly | ... Cake Mix/Jiffy Mix |
| ... Cookies | ... Stuffing Mix |
| ... Diapers | ... Mac & Cheese |
| ... Wipes | ... Bard of Bath Soap |

As part of your offering, please bring your gift of food to the altar when the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward.

If you can't bring food to Mass next weekend, bring it when convenient... just leave it outside the Outreach Office or in the Gathering Area.

Caring is thinking with your heart!

OCTOBER KIDSKARE

Ask if there is a chore you can do during the week - helping with meal preparation perhaps - to earn a **package of wipes** to bring to the altar when you come to church Saturday or Sunday.

Thank You!

Exercise Your Right to Vote! Voter Registration at St. Thomas

Catholic Social Teaching states: *"We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable."* Participate in society and register to vote at St. Thomas.



October 6 and 7 in the Gathering Area.

Who may register to vote?

1. You must be a citizen of the United States.
2. You must be 18 years of age by Election Day (November 6, 2012).
3. You must be a resident of the precinct for 30 days prior to Election.

What Is Required To Register?

Information is provided under oath. Here's what is needed in the majority of situations:

1. Two forms of current identification, one of which shows place of residence. A utilities bill with current address is one acceptable form. The address cannot be a post office box or business.
2. All those registering must provide either a Social Security number or a current drivers license or state identification card.

To get information about early and absentee voting, additional information required to register, non-partisan election information, and links to polling place procedures and candidates' websites, visit the League of Women Voters website: www.lwvnaperville.org.



Care Pantry Cycle of Giving

A number of years ago, Evelyn occasionally received some food from the St. Thomas Care Pantry. Last week she brought seven bags of food for the pantry. She is now working at a food market as a cashier. She said she loves it and always wanted to work there. She told us she is giving back.



Saturday November 3, will be the Ninth Annual Sleep Out Saturday at St. Thomas the Apostle. Families, youth groups, and individuals are invited to collect pledges, make direct donations, and sleep out in boxes, tents, and cars on the lawns and lots of St. Thomas the Apostle. This is a county-wide event to raise awareness of the growing number of homeless families in our area and to raise funds to help these families make the transition back to self-sufficiency. A large county-wide rally will be held in Glen Ellyn followed by an interesting variety of spiritual and educational activities at St. Thomas. A portion of the funds will be returned to the St. Thomas Transitional Housing Ministry.

Green flyers and sign-up tables will be located in the Gathering Area the weekends of October 20-21 and October 27-28. For further information about Sleep Out Saturday or the work of the St. Thomas Transitional Housing Ministry, call facilitator Larry Drummond 973.953.2382. You can also visit www.sleepoutsaturday.org



National Life Chain, Sunday, Oct 7

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement (with non-graphic posters) of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

A local Life Chain will take place Sunday, October 7, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Naperville, Ogden Ave at Washington. Contact: JoAnne Mehon 630.357.6876.

Pastoral Care

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 who have 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 peaks in the U.S. in January or February. However, seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October and continue to occur 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 mild or severe the 2012-2013 season will be.

... How long does a flu vaccine protect me from getting the flu? 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. For everyone, 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 many locations, including 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 specific Naperville locations.

1. Costco: Flu shots are given to members and non-members on a walk-in basis. Most insurance cards are excepted 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. North Aurora Rd.

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. Raymond Dr.

and Ogden Ave. 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. 644 N Route 59.

Reference: CDC.gov website

FUN—FUN—FUN Senior Trip!

Where: Horseshoe Casino
When: Wednesday, Oct 10
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Stewardship Commission

Last Weekend's stewardship
of financial gifts...

Weekly Sunday Offertory

September 23, 2012

Sunday Collection Offering	\$18,480
Automatic Direct Debit	\$23,864
Mailed in & stock donations	\$2,984
Total for week	\$45,328

*Based on Collection Counters Reports

Fiscal Year (7/1 to 6/30) to date:	\$437,917
Weekly Average 7/1/10 to date:	\$33,686
Offertory Goal Year to Date	\$476,242
Over/short of goal to date:	(\$38,325)
Goal for Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/30	\$1,904,992
Remaining for Fiscal Year goal	\$1,467,075



Parish Picnic

What an awesome parish picnic! Thanks to the picnic chairs Mary Wright, Dennis DeMeo and Ramon Zepeda (from St. Nicholas, St. Thomas' sister parish in Aurora) it was a huge success. Who knew having it indoors could be so much fun! The food was fabulous, especially the authentic Mexican food from St. Nicholas Parish. In addition, there was traditional picnic fare of hot dogs, hamburgers and pulled pork from Texas Roadhouse. The yummy desserts were made by parishioners and went fast. Thanks to middle school youth who made Tropical Punch for us. This event was such a success due to the helping hands of the many, many volunteers that came forward to work it. Thank you all!

Additional thanks to these committee chairs and any spouses who helped or supported this event:

Ramon Zepeda from St. Nicholas - Tents and food	Karen Voakes – Raffles and 50/50
Judy Zeno – Signs and invitations	Darlene Dionne Karales – Game: Minute to Win it
Elizabeth Fisher - Volunteer caller	Mary Waldron – Children Games
Gina Howley - Prizes, Fire Truck, Photography	Mary Ellen & Richard O'Rourke & Brett Adams – Egg Toss
Carol Ann Fisher & Carolyn Chapas – Bingo, Bingo Prizes and Raffle Baskets	Bill Mann – Bingo
Sue Brigham - Tickets	Jose & Adrianna Abutistic - Pinata
Lorna Perry with son Angelo Perriwickel- Entertainment	Rose Grumbine – First Aide
Martha and John Jarboe – Set up and Take Down	Sean Moriarty – Entertainment and Food
Micki Casey – Desserts and Cake Walk	Jennifer Bryant - Drinks

We had some awesome entertainment! There was lively music from “Twist of Faith” whose outstanding musicians are from St. Thomas and a special thank you to Frank Trujillo for making picnic announcements. The Chalk Man, Shaun Hayes, whose inspiring art work is currently on display in the Lighthouse in the Ministry Center and finally, our own Puppet Ministry, led by Gendy Jaramillo and Liz Bosworth, gave us a great show! Thank you all once again.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses said, “Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!” (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalms — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19)

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

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Readings for the Week

Mon: Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

Tues: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wed: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62

Thurs: Jb 19:21-27; Lk 10:1-12

Fri: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16

Sat: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24

Sun: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Administration Commission

St. Thomas the Apostle

JOBS MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Wednesday, Sept 26, at 7:00 pm:

"Getting and Retaining Employee Referrals" Workshop

Robert Rosell will demonstrate the importance of having employee referrals as part of your current and future employment searches. We will first discuss how to find employee referrals using two virtually unknown free LinkedIn features, and then go over common elements to have in an introduction message to an employee referral. Finally, we will talk about what to say when you meet a potential Employee Referral. Robert Rosell's professional career has spanned more than twenty years across two careers. The first is IT where he went the route from programming through Senior Systems Analyst across multiple technologies and platforms.

When Robert joined Motorola in 2000, he moved into quality building Quality Management Systems (QMSs) from scratch for new technologies. Shortly after Robert got laid off in 2009, he joined IL workNet and became a Volunteer Team Leader there. He then helped contribute to the development and continual improvement regarding all content associated with the IL workNet program.

While continuing to work IL workNet, Robert developed a new workshop called "Getting and Retaining Employee Referrals" with a networking logo of Social Media Emotional Intelligence (SMEI). He then found his way back to IT with a focus on health care at Baxter in October by networking with his current manager more than one year ago. Robert did this by using the ER technique after previously landing earlier this year at Electromotive Diesel (EMD) (March 2010) using the same method. As he was leaving EMD to go to Baxter, Bob got two of his former managers at Motorola hired at EMD through being a referral for them.

Wed, Sept 26, 7 pm: Speaker Night: Robert Rosell will present "Getting and Retaining Employee Referrals". (See feature article above)

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 Bob Hronek <rhornek@sbcglobal.net>; or Ben Willingham <Benwillingham11@gmail.com>; for more info.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Monday, Oct. 1

4:15—5:15 p.m. Youth Choir, Church
7:00—9:30 p.m. Coed Volleyball, Gym
7:00—9:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds, Judea
7:00—8:30 p.m. NAMI, Youth Center
7:15—8:30 p.m. Middle School R.E. at All Saints Academy

Tuesday, Oct. 2

4:30—5:45 p.m. Elementary R.E. at Brookdale School
6:00—7:00 p.m. Choir Pot Luck, Lighthouse
7:00—9:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Lounge
7:00—9:00 p.m. Adult Basketball, Gym
7:00—9:00 p.m. Voices of Faith, Church

Wednesday, Oct. 3

6:30—9:30 p.m. Catholicism, Lighthouse
7:00—9:00 p.m. SVDP Meeting, Senior Center

Thursday, Oct. 4

9:15—11:15 a.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center
4:15—5:15 p.m. Jammers, Church
6:00—7:00 p.m. Journey Praise, Church
7:00—9:30 p.m. Genesis/Jubilate Rehearsals, Church
7:30—9:00 p.m. Spread the Word Bible Study, Senior Center
7:30—9:00 P.M. Dance Class, Gym

Friday, Oct. 5

9:00—11:30 am Bible Study, Senior Center
9:15—12:00 p.m. Jobs Ministry, Gym
6:30—9:00 p.m. Sophia's Circle, Lighthouse

Saturday, Oct. 6

8:45am-5:00 p.m. Marriage Prep Retreat Day, Lighthouse
9:00—10:30 a.m. Men's Saturday Sharing, Resource Center
9:00am-12:00 p.m. Fall Watercolor Class, Senior Center

Sunday, Oct. 7

7:30—10:30 a.m. RCIA, Senior Center
9:30am-12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children, Ministry Center
12:30—2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Galilee & Emmaus
7:00—8:30 p.m. Middle School Event, Church

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