My eyes have seen your salvation

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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
(Mondays – Fridays)
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, and 11:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every first Friday, 9:00 — 5:00 p.m.
Today’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord doesn’t fall on a Sunday very frequently. I believe the next time it will fall on a Sunday will be in the year 2020. The feast has a varied history. At one time, it was considered the end of the Christmas season, coming 40 days after Christmas and celebrating an event from Luke’s infancy narrative. In its early days, it was called the “Meeting,” referring to Simeon and Anna meeting Jesus. Within recent memory (for some), it was named as a feast of the Blessed Virgin, the Purification of Mary. The calendar reform after Vatican II reclassified it as a feast of the Lord. It is also called Candlemass, from the blessing of candles on this day. Both its placement and its themes allow this feast to function as a kind of transition from Christmas to Easter. The feast celebrates an event from Jesus’ early life but the words of Simeon to Mary and the other readings at today’s Mass point us toward his death and resurrection.

But let’s focus on the two wonderful senior citizens we meet in today’s Gospel – Simeon and Anna. Simeon is described as “righteous and devout” and the Holy Spirit was upon him. Anna, we are told, was a widow in her 80’s “never leaving the temple”, worshipping night and day with fasting and prayer.

Senior citizens – where would we be without them!? They are the ones who come to Mass faithfully every Sunday and often during the week. They are the ones who read their prayer books at home. They are the ones who contribute, often more than they should, from what they have to live on to the various Church collections. St. Thomas the Apostle parish is blessed to have many such wisdom persons in our midst. There are over 1,500 registered parishioners who are 61 and older – 358 are older than 76. Often times we take our senior and elderly parishioners too much for granted and neglect them and their needs. Experts on aging tell us that what our parish Simeons and Annas need most are contact and involvement. Whether living at home or in a retirement community, or in a health care facility, loneliness can be the most painful of human emotions, and this is the particular pain of many of our senior citizens.

To alleviate this pain, I am very grateful to and thank the many parishioners who, through our pastoral care ministry, bring communion and cheerful visits to our homebound elderly parishioners. The elderly usually do not need preaching or spiritual instruction, they just need human contact, reassurance, and involvement to some degree in the life our parish community. In addition to many who are homebound, within the boundaries of St. Thomas there are six facilities we serve to meet the spiritual needs of our elderly. Our Pastoral Care ministry can always use more parishioners willing to bring the love and care of our parish community to our senior citizens. Contact Jan Olah, our Director of Pastoral Care if you would be interested in this ministry.

I also wish to recognize and thank the many senior citizens in our parish who are able to regularly participate in the life of the parish by sharing their time, talent, prayers and wisdom on various boards, committees, and by their involvement in so many of our ministries.

But more than anything, our seniors, like Simeon and Anna in today’s gospel give us an example of faith-filled patience in waiting and longing for the Lord’s promises to be fulfilled!
Worship Commission—Liturgy & Music

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - This Weekend, February 1/2

This weekend is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. In faithful observance of the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph present Jesus in the Temple to consecrate him to the Lord. There they met Simeon and Anna, for whom Temple worship was part of everyday life. God rewarded their fidelity by allowing them to see the one who was Savior and to hold him in their arms. The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on February 2, is also called Candlemas Day. According to Luke’s account of the Gospel, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah in the Temple and declared him “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel”. This sparked the tradition of blessing enough candles to last an entire year. This led to candle processions in churches and in the streets, which became known as “Candlemas”.

St. Thomas will be selling blessed candles after each Mass this weekend for $5/candle.

Altar Server Training

Altar Server training will be offered on Saturday, February 22 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the church. Come if you are a new server - or if you would like a “tune up” on the job. Contact Lori Culberson in the Liturgy Office for more information.

Wedding Workshop

The next music and liturgy workshop to help couples choose music and prepare their wedding mass or ceremony will be held Saturday, February 22, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Church. All couples who will be wed at St. Thomas must attend one of these workshops which are held several times throughout the year. After February 22, the next workshops are scheduled for April 5 and September 20. Contact Diane in the Main Office at 630.355.8980x101 or dmcqueen@stapostle.org to register.

Super Bowl Sunday - 6:00 p.m. Mass

Due to the Super Bowl, St. Thomas will celebrate the 6:00 p.m. Mass on February 2 in the Chapel.

A Prayer for Our Parish

Wonderful and Radiant God,
You are the source of everlasting light.
Your son, our beloved Lord
was presented in the temple forty days after his birth.
He was recognised by Simeon and Anna,
and welcomed as the promised Messiah.
May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus.
Give us eyes of faith,
to see your presence in the world.
Where fear closes our eyes, help us.
Where tears blind us, heal us.
Where busyness keeps us from noticing, slow us.
Where pride gets in the way, release us.
Set us free to see your love at work in the world. Amen

Due to the flu outbreak...

the precious blood will be discontinued at Mass beginning next week through February.

Presider’s Schedule February 8/9

4:30 pm - Fr. Dof Arty, Deacon Mike Barrett
8:00 am - Fr. Don McLaughlin
9:30 am - Fr. Don McLaughlin
11:15 am - Fr. Dof Arty, Deacon Pat Lennon
6:00 pm - Fr. Matt Lorenz

Schedule is subject to change. Changes are posted to the St. Thomas website www.stapostle.org
Pray for Our Parish:
The sick...
Brian Nagel, friend of Kevin & Sylvia Bauler
Toni Averbeck, sister-in-law of Barb & Vicki Russo
Barbara Alexander, cousin of Cheryl Marshall
Dennis Miller, husband of Sharron
Linda Polulis, mother of Patrick
Alexis Najera, granddaughter of Sharron & Dennis Miller

The deceased...
Marianne Fitzsimmons, sister of Joan Burke
Sr. Mary Dougherty, sister of Rita
Skip Brossard, friend of Leslie
Bob Riordan, brother-in-law of Lucille
LaVerne Salemi, mother of Pam Sidlo

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)

**Air Force National Guard**
Senior Airman Jacob Brancaleon

**U.S. Army**
Cpt. Lynnea Jensen
Lt. Alanna Casey
Staff Sgt. Aarón Simms
PFC Sean Wesley
Army Ranger Medic Jeremy See
Cpt. Matthew Haselhorst
Warrant Officer Aviation Kyle Zimmerman

**U.S. Marine Corps**
Cpt. Brad Rothman
Lt. Colin Miller-Ratcliffes
LCpl Brandyn Taglivia
LCpl Oliver Buckley
LCpl Tommy Baldacci
Col James Arthur Hogberg

**U.S. Navy**
Ensign Jason Coons
Alex Metzger
Airman Alex Dworak

**U.S. Coast Guard**
Call the parish office 630.355.8980 to include someone you love in the Military prayer list.

Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions
Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, February 3, 2014**
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am †Nancy Deppeler, by the Morales family
†Bernadette Hessling, by Judy & Tom Rossbach

**Tuesday, February 4, 2014**
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am †Aurelio Lopez, by the DeGuzman family
†David Wittry, by Helen Wittry

**Wednesday, February 5, 2014**
(St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr)
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am †Richard Haynes, by Bill Mann

**Thursday, February 6, 2014**
(St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs)
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am †Roger C. Inman, by Al Adducci
†Timothy Updike, by Mary Ellen O’Rourke

**Friday, February 7, 2014**
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am †Mike Sage, by M arlene Sage
†Helen Dolansky, by M arlene Sage

**Saturday, February 8, 2014**
(St. Jerome Emiliani)
(St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin, BVM)
8:30am †Mary Rhoads, by John
4:30pm Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Sylvia McLaughlin, by Fr. Don
†Phyllis Johnson, by Kathy Nagel

**Sunday, February 9, 2014**
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00am †Loudean Schmitt, by K ay Steele
†Hanscom family, by Gerry & Jackie Plourde
9:30am For the People of St. Thomas
11:15am †Sylvia M CLaughlin, by Fr. Don
†Phyllis Johnson, by Kathy Nagel
6:00pm †Letesilassie Yohannes & Gebre-Mariam Hadera, by Mimi
Jesus is presented as an infant in the Jerusalem Temple. Simeon, a holy man and elder of Israel, realizes he has seen the child that will bring salvation to the world. His canticle, (Nunc Dimittis in Latin) “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,” is a prayer repeated every night in the Liturgy of the Hours.

Save these Dates!

The Annual Men's Mass and Prayer Breakfast is Saturday morning, March 8.

St. Joseph’s Table
Save the Date - March 15, 2014

Continuing with tradition, St. Thomas will host a St. Joseph’s Table on Saturday, March 15. This celebration is a wonderful Italian tradition of opening our doors and hearts for the poor and hungry. The event is being planned now. All who are interested in helping out with this dinner, email St.JosephTable@yahoo.com. Join your St. Thomas family in honoring St. Joseph and supporting those in need in our area.

C.A.R.E. CORNER
featuring the
St. Thomas Parish Mission 2014

Please make time to attend the 2014 St. Thomas Parish Mission “Taste & See: A Banquet of Prayer” from March 24-26. Each week in this space a form of prayer will be highlighted. You will have the opportunity to participate in all of them during the mission.

Lectio Divina/Scripture... Every week at Mass we hear three Scripture passages read and at least one Psalm passage sung in response to those readings. Even if you've never formally studied Scripture, you are likely far more familiar with and knowledgeable of Scripture than you might think. Scripture is a collection of God’s love letters to us, God’s people. It’s sacred to us and important because it reveals the mind and heart of God. Scripture is a great venue for prayer. And the ancient prayer form known as Lectio Divina – “holy reading” – offers a way to pray with Scripture.

Sacred Scripture is not just a one way conversation in which God speaks and we listen. It’s an opportunity for a dialogue. So the format of Lectio Divina is set up to be an opportunity for dialogue with God – to hear God’s Word, to reflect on those words and to respond to God in prayer. Come to the Mission session on Lectio Divina and hear what God wants to say to you.

St. Joseph’s Table
St. Thomas Parish Mission
March 24 - 26, 2014
“Prayer: Journeying the Heart of God” is the focus of the Women’s Weekend to be held at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien from February 28 to March 2. Participate in an interactive weekend for women, by women, and discover how God prays in you and through you.

Cost of the weekend is $195 double or $250 single occupancy, with massages available for an additional fee. Register in the Gathering Area on February 8/9 and 15/16. For more information contact Linda at: lzimscout@wowway.com.

A Christmas Reprise
The Church’s celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the “official” end of the Christmas season. Today’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a “second Epiphany.”

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a “share” in our own “blood and flesh.” The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with “wisdom” and the “favor of God.”

The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

Parishioners who had their pictures taken for the parish directory, may pick up a completed directory at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Area.

St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Annual Free-Throw Contest
Start time: 6:30 pm on Saturday, February 8th
Where: All Saints Academy Gymnasium
Open to ALL Girls and Boys ages 9 - 14 years old
FREE OF CHARGE (No Entry Fee).
Register at the door
Girls' and Boys' Winners from each age group will be awarded an Official K of C Logo Basketball and advance to District Championship
For additional information contact Chris Ross, 312.405.5373
Families: Take some time to discuss and reflect on the readings.

**Question of the Week...**

How do you spread God’s light?

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**Scripture Safari Vacation Bible School**

Mark your calendars now for Scripture Safari, the St. Thomas Vacation Bible School, June 9 through 13. Registrations will be available in April in the Gathering Area and the Faith Formation Office. Scripture Safari is for children entering Kindergarten through fourth grade. Youth entering fifth grade or older may sign up to help as well as adults. Call the Faith Formation / Religious Education Office with questions .630.305.6318.

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**Family Mass with Third Graders**

All are welcome to come to the 4:30 Liturgy February 8 being prepared by 3rd grade Religious Education students. A simple reception – provided by these families – will follow. Students will participate in this liturgy as Lectors, Host Greeters, Gift Bearers and Song Leaders. The following third grade catechists, aides and grade level coordinator helped these youth participate fully in this special liturgy.

- Margaret Crowley
- Renee Culbertson
- Dawn Eber
- Amy Elston
- Lauren Guzman
- Adriana Hartmann
- Lauren Hulsey
- Kelly Miles

* Grade Level Coordinator

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**Reflection of a Catholic School Education**

The junior high students of All Saints were asked to write a reflection on their Catholic school education, and what it means to them personally. Brittany Zeuthen is an 8th grade student at All Saints, and is a member of St. Thomas the Apostle parish. She hopes to attend St. Francis High School next year. Brittany enjoys playing golf and volleyball, is an avid baker, and truly enjoys assisting in her parish’s religious education classes. Her essay follows:

> “What you are is God’s gift to you, what you become is your gift to God”, Hans Balthasar, a 20th century Swiss theologian and priest, once said. My Catholic education has helped to define who I am as a young person. I am aware of having a conscience, of aspects of social justice, and of the existence of a moral compass. I also strive to be others centered and prayerful. Coming to All Saints Catholic Academy allows me to be closer to God, to pray the Rosary, and to recognize that it is important to attend mass on Sundays. I have accomplished many things as a result of my faith, which include helping out in St. Thomas religious education classes that are held at All Saints on Saturday mornings, being a catechist helper, working at Feed My Starving Children, and donating clothes to a place that helps people who really need help. These are just a few examples. I have learned so much at All Saints. When I first came to All Saints, I did not know about Mary Magdalene, the difference between the Old and the New Testaments, or that there were different cycles in the Lectionary. Also, doing a Lectionary every Sunday has taught me more about the scriptures in the Bible. It also showed me that I should pay attention during mass more often. Having a Catholic education has revealed to me that I should be more faithful both inside and out, especially at school. I should show my love for God not just during class, but when I go to the store, when I go to play volleyball, and at home. Being others centered and prayerful will continue to be important because I may be able to help someone who may need my prayers. I too can pray and think of all of the opportunities that can come as a result of my faithfulness. I want to teach my children that faith is something good to have in your life. My two religion teachers, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Cernak, have helped me to realize that having a moral compass will help me to make good choices in life, and being aware of social justice will guide me to be concerned about other people. I have learned to be more patient, and to turn to God always. I have been inspired by Teresa of Avila’s words, “Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing.”
**Middle School Religious Education Class Schedule**

Middle school Religious Education classes will be in session on Monday, February 3 and Saturday, February 8.

**Teens with Character**

The next St. Thomas Teens with Character meeting will take place Sunday, February 9, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the St. Thomas gym. Dinner (pizza) will be served, so bring your appetite! The goals of Teens with Character are to have fun, build Christian fellowship, explore the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, experience service, grow in faith, and become Christian leaders. All middle school students are welcome! So that we are sure to have enough food, email Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org if you plan on attending.

**Grandparents Day at St. Pat’s**

Middle school students... spread some much-needed warmth and sunshine by volunteering at Grandparents Day at St. Patrick’s Residence on Saturday, February 15, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers should meet at St. Thomas and walk over to St. Pat’s together. At St. Pat’s, volunteers help the residents get to and from mass, serve coffee and cookies, and visit. Middle school students and friends are welcome.

**Find Out More About All Saints**

Please think about visiting All Saints on **Welcome Wednesdays**, which happens on all Wednesday mornings in February. On February 5, 12, 19 and 26, you are invited to celebrate mass at the school at 8:15 a.m. After mass, you will have the opportunity to visit a classroom from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and then to have a brief tour of the school. If you are interested in scheduling a visit, email Patty Bajek at pbajek@ascacademy.org. For more information about All Saints, call 630.961.6125, or visit the school website at www.ascacademy.org. All Saints is centrally located at 1155 Aurora Avenue in the heart of downtown Naperville.

**High School News...**

**Summer Missions**

High school summer mission trip applications are available. Trip dates and locations are not finalized, but those interested and feeling the call to serve this summer should apply for one or more of the following options: local (suburbs), local (in-state), national (out-of-state), or international trip. Applications should be turned in to the Youth Ministry Office by February 3.

**High School FMSC Packing on February 1**

High school teens and their families participated in a Feed My Starving Children food packing at the Aurora location (555 Exchange Ct. Aurora, IL 60504) on Saturday, February 1. Thank you to all who participated.

**Just5Days**

St. Thomas middle school students are going on a Just5Days service trip to Davenport, Iowa from June 16-20. You are invited! Just5Days is a 5-day experience of service, hands-on learning activities, prayer and liturgy, and community building designed for groups of middle school youth and their adult leaders. Middle schoolers are immersed in hands-on service to those in need as they learn about justice in engaging and exciting ways. Information and applications for the Davenport, Iowa Just5Days experience are available outside of Peggy Goralski’s office. The application deadline is March 1. If you would like to learn more, visit www.just5days.org. Or if you have questions or would like more information, contact Peggy at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980x123.
Last October, Bana A tassi and her daughter, Dania, from the Muslim Educational and Cultural Center (MECCA) provided a powerful witness on the plight of the Syrian people at the Masses last weekend. Since that time the war has continued.

Bhana is associated with the Syrian Orphans Organization that works with orphans in the refugee camps outside Syria. St. Thomas parishioners donated $1,700 to that organization as a result of Bhana’s visit.

Over our Christmas holidays, St. Thomas received a letter from Bhana, including a large brightly colored poster. In the letter Bhana thanks St. Thomas for supporting the Syrian orphans. She had recently returned from that region. The poster was painted by the orphans at a refugee camp in Turkey. The Arabic symbols mean “God bless your holidays”.

She asks for our continuing prayers for the Syrian people and for a peaceful end to the conflict.

St. Thomas Care Pantry Benefits from Ice Skating Outing

The Maverick Swim Team had an ice skating party. Is ice skating good training for swimming? Team members brought boxes of cereal to the event and selected St. Thomas Care Pantry to receive a portion of the collection. They delivered 50 boxes of cereal. Parishioner Andrew Eber is a member of the Mavericks.

Jobs Ministry Praise

The St. Thomas Jobs Ministry continues to provide high quality support, information, and networking for job seekers. Fr. Don received the email below.

Fr. Don, this past Friday I was asked to serve on a panel for the Job Ministry’s weekly meeting. I wanted you to know how impressed I was with the quality of the session. The staff that ran the meeting went out of their way to make sure everyone was taken care of and made to feel at ease during a very uncomfortable time in their lives.

As I mentioned during my presentation, during my career I was on the wrong side of three corporate buyouts and I know too well the psyche of being unemployed. I only wish such a support group was available when I was going through those horrible times in my life.

Leo Foley
Jewel and St. Thomas CARES

St. Thomas Cares provides emergency funds to area families in need. The funds donated come from the golf outing proceeds and other parishioner donations.

A phone call was received by the St. Thomas Outreach and Social Justice (OSJ) Office from a woman we will call Jewel. She was in need of car repairs to allow her to continue to work as a school bus monitor. She was receiving Social Security Disability for an illness that still allows her to work part time.

An agreement was reached to repair the car right away so she could continue to work, but with her contributing to the repair.

St. Thomas CARES paid for the car repairs ($450). After going over her financial situation, the OSJ Office found that her income just about equals her regular monthly expenses, so offered to pay the entire bill. Jewel insisted that she wanted to repay. In the end, a compromise was reached. St. Thomas CARES loaned Jewel $100 of the repair cost that she would repay as she was able. Jewel was very grateful.

Christmas Gift Cards For Tornado Relief

Normally during the Advent season, St. Thomas Cares asks for gift cards for Care Pantry families. This year there was a greater need — the families victimized by the tornadoes in Washington, IL and other nearby communities. Some 1,000 families lost their homes or had them seriously damaged. Doreen Shipman, the mother of parishioner Anne Claussen, is the principal of St. Patrick’s School in Washington, IL. Her home was severely damaged.

A total of $2,290 in gift cards was collected along with monetary donations totaling $4,270. The gift cards and funds were sent to the St. Patrick Church Tornado Relief Fund.

Respect Life

Pro-Life Weekend

The weekend of January 18/19 was Pro-Life weekend. Fr. Don gave the homily at all Masses. Below is an excerpt. For those that were not able to be at Mass, his full homily can be viewed on the website. Go to www.stapostle.org and type Pro-Life Homily in the Search Window.

Our Old Testament reading for today’s Mass from Isaiah certainly lends itself to preach a reality that should deepen our respect for and defense of human life from the moment of conception. Listen to these words of Isaiah from today’s reading... “Now the Lord has spoken who formed me from the womb to be his servant.”

In the Book of Jeremiah, the Lord even speaks more profoundly when he tells the prophet that “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; I appointed you.” Just think!... From the very moment of conception, God encrypts in each person a divine purpose for that person’s life here on earth. Therefore, from the moment of conception life has inherent dignity regardless of how that life will unfold.

After the Masses, Precious Feet” pins were offered for a donation to support the work of Waterleaf Women’s Center. Donations netted $880.
Joyful Again Retreat

Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men/Women

Beyond grieving there is new life! Feeling “stuck”? Need something to get you “over the hump”? Have you reached a “turning point” after your loss?

Come for a weekend especially designed to help you reflect on and recognize new direction for your life while still treasuring memories of your loved one.

Upcoming Programs
March 8 and 9
Held at Alvernia Manor
Lemont, IL (near Cog Hill)
Includes overnight, private room & meals

For more information and for other locations, contact us at Joyful Again! Widow Ministry
1.708.354.7211 or joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
(Please note our new e-mail address)
Website: www.joyfulagain.org
Early registration is encouraged.

Mark your calendars...
Consider giving the gift of life for a special someone or in memory of a special someone. This is the third drive in the parish’s four-drive effort to save 540 lives. The goal was not quite reached last drive, so...

LET’S DO IT THIS TIME!

Basic Requirements:
Must be at least 16 years old by the day of the blood drive to donate – No upper age limit.
Photo IDs are required for ALL donors.
Must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds.
Must be feeling healthy & well (no cold, flu or allergy symptoms)

If taking these medications:
Cholesterol Medication: may donate
Blood Pressure Medication: may donate
Thyroid Medication: may donate
Anti-depressants: may donate
Antibiotics: acceptable after last dose.
Must be symptom-free
Insulin: may donate (provided you’ve never taken a bovine-derived variety)

Remember each pint of blood donated saves TWO lives. Hope to see you on February 4!

Life Line Screening:

Save the Date

Life Line Screening will be here at St. Thomas the Apostle on Thursday, March 6, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for the potentially life saving tests. Refer to the flyer in next week’s bulletin to get more info about how you can sign up and possibly receive a discount. There is no time like the present to take action.

Resources
If you want a St. Thomas Minister of Care to visit while in the hospital, please call the Pastoral Care office 630.355.8980 x 124.

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

NAMI offers support for family members of individuals with mental illness.
Meets at St. Thomas the first and third Mondays of every month, except for holidays, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

A.E.D. Locations
Automatic External Defibrillator

1. Gathering Area
2. Church
3. Lighthouse Entrance Wall
4. Rectory Basement

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Today’s Readings

First Reading — There will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

Readings for the Week

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; M k 5:1-20
Tues: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; M k 5:21-43
Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; M k 6:1-6
Thurs: 1 K gs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; M k 6:7-13
Fri: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; M k 6:14-29
Sat: 1 K gs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; M k 6:30-34
Sun: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; M t 5:13-16

January weather has been unusually cold this year, and it appears to have taken a toll on Mass attendance and giving. We are presently below our goal, year-to-date. Can you make an extra gift to get us back on track?

Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith.

— William Arthur Ward (1921-94) American educator

Administrative Assistant – Diocese of Joliet

The Diocese of Joliet’s Development Office is seeking a full-time Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant is responsible for all administrative aspects of the Development Office and performs work necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the Department. This position also plays an important role by providing support and participation in special event activities. Must be able to handle and maintain confidential information. A minimum of three to five years’ experience in an administrative position is required. Knowledge of basic office management and organization is required. In addition to handling many different secretarial duties, must be able to prepare Excel spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations and develop a working knowledge of the Development Department database portfolio. Must be organized and able to prioritize work and meet deadlines with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision and have excellent verbal and written communications skills. Bilingual in Spanish and English a plus. To view a complete job description, check the Diocese of Joliet website at: www.dioceseofjoliet.org, under employment. Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications must submit a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.
### Administration Commission

**February Keynote Speaker**

**Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 pm:**

**The Job Hunter’s ‘Magic Bullet’ Interactive Workshop**

Jack Chapman will present a little-used Job Search technique. It's a "Magic Bullet" proven in current Ph.D. research to accelerate job search five times faster for 80% of job hunters.* It:

- works at all levels from Senior Executive to Mailroom Clerk;
- works for every industry, function title from Anesthesiologist to Zoologist;
- works as well or better in a tough economic climate;
- adaptable to focused or unfocused career change;
- Requires no extra expense or complicated training.
- takes only 1 hour to learn (right there in Jack’s workshop) and it will
- last throughout your career.

**COME AND EXPERIENCE “MAGIC”**

[*Published research citation provided at workshop.]*

Jack is the owner of Lucrative Careers Inc. From 30 years of career management practice, Jack has accumulated approaches and ideas that really work. Call it "Critical Knowledge". What it means to the job-getter is that it can cut job search time in half.

**Fri, Feb 7, 9:30 am: TBD**

**Fri, Feb 14, 9:30 am:** Joy Maguire-Dooley, M.S. will present "Have YOU Decided What YOU Want to be When YOU Grow UP?" This mini-workshop helps you take stock with finding work that you can be passionate about. It will help you get started on learning how you are wired to key in on those areas of your work passion. Joy is Director of Lisle Township Youth & Family Services and the author of "A Taste For Work" and co-hosts the radio show "Job Talk".

**Fri, Feb 21, 9:30 am:** Jeff Carroll presents "Career Revival or Survival...Road to Resilience". The marketplace has changed dramatically over the last 2-3 years and getting your next job will most likely not be in a straight line process. Rather than one career strategy, you might need, 2 or more going forward. Jeff is an executive coach and currently Director-Leadership Development in the College of Business at Northern Illinois University.

**Wed, Feb 26, 7:00 pm:** Speaker Night: Jack Chapman will present a little-used Job Search technique. It's a "Magic Bullet" proven in current Ph.D. research to accelerate job search 5 times faster for 80% of job hunters.* Want to accelerate your job search? Don't miss this interactive, deep, thought provoking method to give you the edge in your job search.

### THE WEEK AHEAD...

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