Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 13, 2014

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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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. Confessional 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 parishoner 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.
(Saturdays)
Mass — 8:00 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
every first Friday, 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

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630 355-8980 (Main Office) Visit us on the internet at www.stapostle.org
630 305-6318 (Religious Education)
630 355-0521 (Facsimile)
Here we are again – near the end of another Lenten journey. Palm Sunday today marks the beginning of Holy Week. And just what do the liturgies of Holy Week celebrate? If we think that Holy Week is only a re-enactment of the day Jesus instituted the eucharist, and the day he was crucified, and the day of his emergence from the tomb, we will have missed the point. History is not the central focus of Holy Week. Precisely because these faith-anchoring events are historical they cannot be repeated or “reenacted”. What these three days, the paschal triduum actually celebrate is mystery, not history; anamesis, not mimesis. The liturgies of Holy Week do not “take us back” to the upper room or the path to Calvary. Their ultimate purpose is not to retrace or relive the last hours of Jesus’ life, nor to catch a glimpse of him emerging from the tomb at Easter’s dawning. They celebrate not what once happened to Jesus but what is now happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. The liturgies of Holy Week celebrate God’s taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world’s life – a community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in the search for justice and peace.

I invite you to enter the mystery of Holy Week by your presence, participation and prayer in these special liturgies as we celebrate them at St. Thomas.

Palm (Passion) Sunday
April 13, 2014
God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.
— Philippians 2:9

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 Sunday, April 27 in the gym, with donuts anytime between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
**Worship Commission— Liturgy & Music**

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Monday, April 14**
7:30 p.m. - Taizé Prayer with RCIA presentation of the Lord’s Prayer

**Holy Thursday, April 17**
7:30 p.m. - Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper with Foot Washing and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight. Bring bread and wine to be blessed and gifted to another family.

**Good Friday, April 18**
3:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross. Includes dramatization, music, prayer, reflections and Veneration of the Cross
7:30 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord’s Passion. The liturgy of Good Friday with a dramatic retelling of the passion, veneration of the cross and Communion

**Holy Saturday, April 19**
12:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Foods
8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil. This is the pinnacle liturgy of the entire year with Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist for the Elect. Bring bells to ring and take home Easter water.

**Easter Sunday, April 20**
Masses at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. in the Church, as well as 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in the Gym.

**Holy Week Taizé**
St. Thomas will have Holy Week Taizé Prayer on Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse. Come center your heart to prepare to celebrate the Holy Week Liturgies.

**No 6:30 a.m. Communion Service April 21**
There will be NO 6:30 a.m. Communion Service on Easter Monday (April 21).

**A Prayer for Our Parish...**
On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross.
Hosanna! We cry.
Blessed are You who come in God’s name to save us.
Hosanna!
Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise.
Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light.
We need You, Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Hosanna!
Amen.

**Presider’s Schedule April 19/20**
8:00pm – Fr. Don McLaughlin (Presider), Fr. Dof Arty (Concelebrant), Deacon Larry Kearney
7:30am (Church) – Fr. Don McLaughlin
9:30am (Church) – Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld, Deacon Jim Breen
9:30am (Gym) – Fr. Matt Lorenz
11:30am (Church) – Fr. Dof Arty
11:30am (Gym) – Fr. Bob Colaresi

Schedule is subject to change. Changes are posted to the St. Thomas website www.stapostle.org
Pray for Our Parish:
The sick...
Mark Goralski, husband of Peggy
Becca Wiseman, daughter of Carol Ann Fisher
Carole Newmyer, wife of Jeff
Ann M euser
Beth Frystak
Anna Kissel, friend of Cindy Swanson
Joan Mckown, wife of Ted
Tawnie Ricketts, daughter of M ike & Kim
Michael Collins
Genevieve, mother of Gloria & Joe Caruso
David Servatius, brother of Marcia Hartmann

The deceased...
Mila Dejesus, sister of Evangelina & Josephina
Marianne Parker

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

U.S. Air Force
Staff Sgt. Brooke Sica
Lt. Joseph Zito
AB Jon Babiarz, Special Forces
Cpt Joseph Bennington (Reserve)

U.S. Army
Capt. Lynnea Jensen
Lt. Alanna Casey
Staff Sgt. A ron Simms
1st Lt. Chris Turley
PFC Sean Wesley
SPC Zachary Howell

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

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

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

Liturgv Schedule & Mass Intentions
Holy Week

Monday, April 14, 2014
(Monday of Holy Week)
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am † Emil D. Visc, Jr., by A l Adducci

Tuesday, April 15, 2014
(Tuesday of Holy Week)
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am † Gene Walters &
The Churchill Family, by The Petersen Family

Wednesday, April 16, 2014
(Wednesday of Holy Week)
6:30am Communion Service
8:30am For a Blessed and Holy Tridium & Easter

Sunday, April 20, 2014
(Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord)
7:30am † Ernesto Lopez, by The Deguzman Family
9:30am † Dick Haynes, by Bob & Loretta Kurland
(Curch) † 1 erigueite M oons,
by V oices of Faith Choir
9:30 am For the People of St. Thomas
(Gym)
11:30am † Ralph Meerman
(Curch)
11:30am For All New Catholics Baptized this Weekend
(Gym)

Welcome New St. Thomas Parishioners...
The Clark Family
Tanya Peterson
The Strowe Family
The Piscopo Family
The Krogman Family
Tracy Blasiak
The Kraywinkle Family
The Mech Family
Ann Marie Bejemino
The Farbo Family
Hilda Torres Cabrera
The Gustafson Family
The Lozano Family
Kathleen Finn
Ashli Lagerhausen
Blake Self
Frances Real
Patricia Bernhold
The Grimaldi/ Hernandez Family
The Richards/Webber Family
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

“...why have you abandoned me?”

The 22nd Psalm was spoken by Jesus when he was dying on the cross. This was a common prayer used by the people in times of seeming catastrophe. As the Father did not abandon his Son, he will not abandon us. We, too, with God’s grace, can pass through the many “small deaths” in our lives and emerge into new life.

Adult Confirmation

Are you a Catholic over the age of 18 who would like to complete the sacraments of initiation? A series of sessions is being offered which will prepare you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from the bishop on Sunday, May 4. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays from April 8 through 29, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m., with a mini-retreat on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, April 27 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to register or would like more information, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 355.8980 x138 or crosales@stapostle.org.

Faith Matters

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) welcomes anyone who wishes to ask questions about the Catholic faith or who is actively seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ through his Church. This opportunity is available year-round, and meets you wherever you are on your life’s journey. For questions or more information, please contact Chari Rosales in the Adult Faith Formation Office at 630.355.8980 x138 or crosales@stapostle.org. ALL ARE WELCOME!

C.A.R.E. CORNER

So who wrote the Psalms and when were they written? Their composition took place over a period of nearly 1000 years, dating from the time of Moses (often dated around 1400 BC) to the Babylonian exile in 586 BC and beyond. Some of the Psalms were written during Israel’s wilderness wanderings as they left Egypt and headed to the Promised Land during the event we know as the Exodus. Others were written by Jews living in Israel or Judah. Still others were written while the Jews were being held captive in Babylon, which is modern day Iraq.

What exactly is a psalm? The traditional Hebrew title means “praises.” Many of the psalms are actually prayers. The title “Psalms” was first applied in the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) which is known as the Septuagint. That makes the Psalms a collection of liturgical pieces used in temple worship and for personal devotion. It is highly likely that a collection of psalms was already in circulation early in the period of Israel’s monarchy, at the time of David around the year 1000 BC. David then added to the collection.

Sophia’s Circle for Women

This is your invitation to “Celebrate Spirit – Behold the Divine Light Within!” Using sculpture, poetry, photography and music, Gail Meyer, LCSW (Spiritual Director and Counselor at Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center), offers women an opportunity to enjoy each others’ company and celebrate the fullness of what it is to be a woman.

The evening of Friday, May 2 begins at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments and continues till 9:00 p.m. A $10 fee is requested at the door. To register, contact Marge Coronado at 630.355.8980 x118 or mcoronado@stapostle.org. Come, bring a friend – and be enchanted!
The Top 12 Reasons to Consider a Catholic Education at All Saints Catholic Academy (10 wasn’t enough!)

12. We love uniforms: Never again will you worry about whether the Angry Birds shirt is clean. Uniforms are a time and money saver, and indicate it is time to focus on learning. Besides, is anything cuter than a child in a school uniform?

11. Your child will be able to discuss faith with their friends: While it is certainly nice to have friends with a variety of beliefs and ways of practicing beliefs; to grow in your faith, it is important to have friends share that journey with you.

10. A strong sense of community: We will know your student and your family when you become part of the All Saints family. We will partner with and share this important, once-in-a-lifetime journey with you.

9. Vigorous academics: It is no secret that a Catholic education provides a structured, challenging and disciplined academic curriculum. Your All Saints student will be well prepared for the academic rigors that lie beyond their years as an All Saints Student. But even more important, our students learn and strive to become good, kind and selfless people; because ultimately, what good is a six figure salary if we are not helping our children get to heaven.

8. Children learn how to serve: Christ is the ultimate example. Students at All Saints are involved in service. Whatever they do or participate in, students learn to be others centered, not because of some vague notion of giving back and gratitude to some nameless entity; but, because we follow the One who showed us how to give and serve by giving His life.

7. Virtues taught here: Students learn that being Catholic isn’t just reciting prayers and receiving the sacraments, but to treat people as Christ would. Students should be behaving respectfully towards each other and their teachers. Students learn about the lives of the saints who exemplify these virtues that we all wish to live out in our own lives. Take a quick look at what our children are exposed to on television and through the media each day. We want our students to understand that much of what we see around us is not acceptable; and to stand up for what we believe as Catholic Christians.

6. When the saints come marching in, your child will recognize them: At All Saints Catholic Academy, you are surrounded by the saints. We pray that our students feel connected to generations of saints, find beauty in the Rosary and that they will grow to love the Blessed Mother. We pray that our students will fast and abstain and know why it matters, and realize the universal nature of our Church. Maybe their hearts will leap at the smell of incense, and they’ll instinctively genuflect when they enter a church. It is humbling to watch our students discover the richness of their faith tradition.

5. Keep God in the conversation: When God is a part of a student’s school day, God is always in the conversation. All Saints students make the connection between God and their everyday lives, allowing them to fully live their lives according to God’s will and plan.

4. Prayer, prayer, prayer: We begin and end our school days with prayer. We pray at school masses. We pray as we celebrate the sacraments. We pray before we eat. We pray before a test. We pray before our athletic contests and other extracurricular activities. For All Saints students and staff, our relationship with God is built through prayer, which permeates every part of our school day. It is as comfortable and natural as breathing, and is our comfort and our strength. Whether we come to God in prayer for our wants and our needs, to praise and give thanks, or in times of sadness or tragedy; we know that we can turn to our loving and gracious God in prayer.

3. We know we can’t do it alone: Every parent wants their child to have a personal and deep relationship with God. We want our children to grow to value their Catholic faith, and that they will treasure our Church. Of course, parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children. But children also learn from others that are not their parents. The extended All Saints school community can help to support, grow and reinforce your child’s Catholic identity.

2. Christmas will be about Christ’s birth: ........ and Easter will be about His Resurrection. Lent will be a time of penance; and Advent will be a time of preparation. Your child’s faith will be lived out in a sacred, not a secular way.

1. Christ is the reason: Be it known to all who enter All Saints Catholic Academy,
   That Christ is the reason for our school,
   The unseen but ever
   Present teacher in our classes,
   The model for our faculty
   The inspiration of our students.

What is my next step to find out more about All Saints Catholic Academy for my child(ren)?
Visit the All Saints website at www.ascacademy.org for a virtual tour, or call 630.961.6125 to schedule a visit, tour, or a shadow visit for your child.
First Communicants Church Visit—April 26
First Communicants have a church visit scheduled on Saturday, April 26 at either 8:30 –to10:00 or 10:30 to noon. Students will practice their songs, tour the church and practice receiving the Eucharist. Students are to meet their catechists /aides or a parent volunteer in the church’s narthex at their usual class time except for Tuesday classes which have been assigned below. Please note the session time is 15 minutes longer than usual. Questions may also be directed to the Religious Education Office, 630.305.6318 or email Patti Dougherty at pdougherty@stapostle.org.

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

Question of the Week...
How will you experience Holy Week?

5th Grade Peek-Ahead Pizza Party—April 25
Fifth graders who will be attending the 6th grade Religious Education Program are invited to the Peek-Ahead Pizza Party on Friday, April 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area at St. Thomas Ministry Center. They will hear all about the 6th grade R.E. program, getting input from Middle School students. Participants will then enjoy pizza before playing games for the rest of the time together. Parents interested in hearing about Middle School Faith Formation or in helping, are welcome to attend. Please RSVP with Patti Dougherty, 630.355.8980 x 109 or pdougherty@stapostle.org by Monday, April 21.

Liturgy of the Word with Children—Important Dates
On Easter Sunday, children will not have their own special Liturgy of the Word. It will resume on the following Sunday, April 27 at the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. masses. Please note that is the last Sunday of Liturgy of the Word with Children as the following weekends are devoted to First Eucharist and Mother’s Day.

On April 27, 4th and 5th graders will be included in Liturgy of the Word with Children. They will meet in the Youth Center, next to the third grade room.

Living Stations
You are invited... to the moving and prayerful experience of Living Stations. Middle school students will reenact the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18, at 3:00 p.m. Join the St. Thomas faith community for this special time of prayer, reflection, song, and adoration of the cross.
High School News...

**LIFE Retreat Reunion Sunday** — There will be a reunion for anyone who attended the March high school LIFE Retreat from March 21-23. The reunion will be held in the Youth Center from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday April 13. Those enrolled in Sunday Spring Confirmation classes will have class immediately following the reunion. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with your fellow retreaters and team members, have some fun, and reignite your faith!

**Confirmation Liturgy Help Needed** — On the evening of May 8, over 90 high school students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. These courageous and faith-filled young people will be taking a crucial step in their lifelong journey of faith and they need your support! Help is needed in the following ways: altar servers, host greeters, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, reception set-up and clean-up, photography help, and most importantly your supportive prayer over these young people! They need your prayer now more than ever as they face new and more difficult challenges in their faith and take on the responsibility to live it out amidst all of life’s difficulty, pain, and struggle! Contact Brett Adams, the youth minister, if you would like to offer support in any way.

**Drive-Thru BBQ on May 10!**
Support this summer’s middle school mission trip to Davenport, Iowa, and get a delicious meal to go!

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 10, 4-6:30 pm

**WHERE:** St. Thomas Church parking lot

**MEALS:**
- **Two-meat entrée** (pork chop and/or quarter-chicken, two of one meat or one of each): $12
- **One-meat entrée** (pork chop or quarter chicken): $10
- **Kid’s meal** (hot dog): $5

**TICKETS:** Sold after masses on April 26-27 and May 3-4.

**MORE INFORMATION:** See bulletin insert in this weekend’s bulletin.

**Teens with Character**
The next St. Thomas Teens with Character meeting will take place on Monday, April 21, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., in the St. Thomas gym. 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!

**The Gift of Catechists and Volunteers**
We arrive at the end of another middle school religious education year. Middle school religious education at St. Thomas happens because of a dedicated group of catechists and volunteers.

These volunteers include our catechists: Nancy Trattner, Christina Coronado, Josh McCormack, Karen cElliott, Steve Purduski, Eva Thurman-K eup, Maureen O’er, Amy Duran, Darlene Dionne-Karales, Mary Szczap, Lorraine Katz, Christine Cast, Brooke Eber, Mary Rowda, John Kennedy, Steven Grumbine, Sharon M eyer, Lynn Waite, and Christine Ramirez. There are also several administrative helpers hall monitors, and substitute catechists who help to make each class session run smoothly. These volunteers are: Lourdes Chew, Cindy Newendyke, Gail Skowron, Wanda Fattes, Chris Baker, and Ann Clawson.

Thanks to all of these volunteers for sharing the gifts of their time and talent with St. Thomas middle school students.

**Feed My Starving Children Reserve Your Spot!**
Middle school students, families, and friends, come and volunteer at Feed My Starving Children (555 Exchange Court, Aurora) on Thursday, April 24, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. To reserve a spot, go to www.fmasc.org. Select ‘Volunteer Registration’ at the top of the page, and then click on ‘Permanent Site’ and ‘Join a Group’. Finally, enter the Join Code ‘380413’. If you have questions or would like further information contact Peggy Goralski at pgoralski@stapostle.org or 630.355.8980 ext. 123.
The St. Thomas Haiti Twinning Parish of Ste. Marie-Madeleine is enlarging a parish elementary school in the village of Duchity, Haiti. Next year there will be three grades, but the classroom for the third grade does not have a roof. The rest of the structure is there. In fact, the building has three classrooms in need of a roof.

The parents are paying ALL the operational costs for the school. They are making sacrifices and taking responsibility for their children’s education. We would like to “Raise the Roof” to empower their continued support of their children’s quality education.

Care Pantry Easter Ham Collection

THIS WEEKEND

St. Thomas will collect hams for the Care Pantry Easter this weekend (April 12-13) after ALL the Masses.

SPECIAL NOTE: This will be the first ham collection which includes the 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. So, if you forgot your ham in the morning, you can bring it at 6:00 pm!

As always, hams will be shared with St. Nicholas Parish and the Marie Wilkinson Pantry (where they are further distributed to other Aurora pantries).

The goal for this year is 900 hams to meet the needs as known. (874 were collected last year) Please help if you are able. And if you are in need of help, contact the Outreach and Social Justice Office.
St. Thomas Letters Help

In February, St. Thomas parishioners were given the opportunity to sign a letter to Governor Quinn, asking for the restoration of $3 million to the state budget for Education of Homeless Education and $2 million for Homeless Prevention. On March 26, the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless announced the following:

"On March 26, we received a call from the governor’s office telling us that $3 million was included in the budget to help the 54,892 homeless students in Illinois stay in school. The victory is a result of all of us collecting and personally delivering 1,884 letters to the governor’s office and holding a prayer vigil at the Thompson Center. The next step for all of us is to make sure our state legislators do not negotiate the funds out of the budget!"

475 of the 1,884 letters were from St. Thomas.

St. Thomas Cares

Lori (not real name) is a single mother with a high school aged son diagnosed with a mental illness. She is undergoing cancer treatment and has not been able to work for some time. Her car was in danger of being repossessed with only 1 1/2 payments remaining. Lori’s family helped with a portion and St. Thomas paid the remaining amount. Being out under a car payment will make her difficult life a bit easier.

The annual St. Thomas Cares “Holes for Hope” Charity Golf Outing is the vehicle that allows St. Thomas Cares to help families and individuals like Lori bridge a gap and move forward with their lives.

This year’s golf outing is Monday, July 14, at the Cress Creek Country Club. Mark your calendar now! There are many ways you can help:

- Be an event sponsor (sponsor a hole).
- Donate an item for the silent or live auction.
- Gather a foursome for the outing or register as a single. (Early Bird price of $175 per golfer until May 15.)
- Attend the dinner – always a fun event! ($75 per person).

To register, pick up a brochure in the Narthex or Gathering Area.

Volunteers are especially needed to solicit silent auction items. If you can help, contact Mike 630.355.8980, mryder@stapostle.org) to receive the information you need.

SVDP Collection (Clothing & Other Items)

Spring Cleaning? Save those items you don’t use anymore for the St. Vincent de Paul Spring Clothing Drive. The collection truck will be in the St. Thomas parking lot on April 26 and 27. Clothing and home goods of all kinds are accepted – even non-working electronics/small appliances (recycled for parts) and ripped/torn clothing (sent to a secondary market). They will even take old bicycles, repair them and provide to the homeless for transportation.

Why should you save your castoffs for SVDP? Not only will you help the environment by keeping them from the landfill, but some items will be given a new life and provided, at no cost, to those who have little. The majority of your donations will be sold in the Joliet, Aurora, and West Chicago stores. Some of the money received is returned to the St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul ministry help parishioners and neighbors with rent and utilities.

Vincentians will be hand out bags next weekend so please take a couple home and return them full the weekend after Easter!

If you have furniture or large items to donate, call for a pick up: 630.231.4658 or email at saintvincentdonate@gmail.com
Mark your calendar!
The next St. Thomas the Apostle Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 6 from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Go on line to www.heartlandbc.org and register or call 630.355.8980 or simply walk in.
A goal was set to save 540 lives in the drives from August 2013 through May 2014. So far, 378 lives have been saved. What a wonderful accomplishment!
To reach goal, 81 pints of blood are needed this drive (162 lives).
Here are some comments from blood donors:
“Have you never really lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”
“I heard it hurts—it doesn’t hurt, but I would give until it hurts.”
“Thanks for making donating easy.”
“Hope you have as much fun with my blood as I did.”
“I saved 2 lives—what did you do?”
“I gave for those who can’t.”
“I gave a bloody good gift.”
“Every drop counts.”
“When you give, you also receive.”
“You have the power to save lives.”
Please consider giving the gift of life!

Still Procrastinating?
Don’t put it off!
Mark your calendar now!
Monday, April 28, 2014
7:30-9pm
In the Lighthouse

“What if I fail?” “I’m better under pressure.” There are all sorts of reasons people procrastinate. Contrary to conventional wisdom, chronic procrastination is not about poor time management, but about self-sabotaging tendencies that can prevent you from reaching your full potential. Come join our discussion with Joseph Ferrari, PhD, who has more than twenty years of scientific research on procrastination and learn what stops you from getting things done.

Joseph Ferrari, PhD, is a professor of psychology at DePaul University in Chicago and permanent deacon at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Deacon Joe is considered the international expert on the study of chronic procrastination. His book, Still Procrastinating? The No Regrets Guide to Getting It Done, is an international best seller and will be available for purchase at the event.

Stop making excuses and start transforming your life—right now!
Brought to you by Wellspring
RSVP to Rose Grumbine at rgrumbine@stapostle.org or 355-8980 x 140

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 Family Support Group
Important Update!
The NAMI DuPage Family Support Group, which is held the first and third Monday evening of each month, will now meet at a new location, beginning February 17:
Linden Oaks Outpatient Center, Room 207
1335 North Mill Street, Naperville
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Today’s Readings

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ’s passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:11-54).


Readings for the Week

- **Mon:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- **Tues:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- **Wed:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- **Thurs:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:1-22, 25, 27; Rev 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
- **Fri:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- **Sat:**
  - a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
  - b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11;
  - c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
  - d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2-4, 6-11, 13;
  - f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
  - g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bdc, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
  - h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Is 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
- **Sun:**
  - a) Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9
  - or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost.

Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), Jesuit founder

Sunday Nursery

The Sunday Nursery will be closed on Easter Sunday and for the summer starting Memorial Day weekend through August. However, volunteers interested in working either the 9:30 or 11:15 mass during the summer, should contact Patti Dougherty. The nursery is free to volunteers.

All nursery volunteers must complete the “Protecting God’s Children” workshop. This program is a very pro-active, positive, professional approach to preventing child sexual abuse. This program is now part of diocesan policy to establish a “safe environment” for members of our parish. Volunteers who have not taken this one-time workshop are required to do so at their earliest opportunity. Workshop dates are available online at www.dioceseofjoliet.org by clicking on “Protecting God’s Children”. Background checks are also required.

Please contact Patti Dougherty in the Faith Formation Office 630.355.8980 ext. 109 or pdougherty@stapostle.org if you would like information or are interested in volunteering in the nursery, either this summer or fall.

THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

— Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, The Roman Missal
Six Secrets to a More Powerful You gives you tools needed to release stress and align with your truth so you can live in peace and harmony with self. When alignment with truth is achieved, greater potential flows, dreams manifest and peace and balance are inevitable. Learn new skills, concepts and tools to help yourself and loved ones achieve a more powerful YOU!

**BY THE END OF THE SESSION YOU WILL:**

- Harness the energy you live in and be proactive with the knowledge of energy so that you can easily release what holds you back.
- Discover healthy boundaries and the importance of balance. Leave with the knowledge to own your boundaries so that daily stress can melt away for a more peaceful existence.
- Use honesty with self and create a winning attitude to maintain personal harmony and keep safe boundaries with others.
- Receive the knowledge to maintain high energy and establish integrity with self so that you can be in wellness and share that with others.
- Discover the power of harmonious thoughts and reflect on what you already have so that you can manifest your dreams in your perfect way.
- Create a blueprint to incorporate energy practice into daily life so that you can live in peace & harmony with self and watch dreams manifest.

**Kathy Regganie** is a successful mentor, coach and speaker. She helps individuals achieve the goals and dreams they have always desired. She does this by utilizing creative healing techniques and coaching so that greater success and fulfillment are achieved. The result is more freedom to live in a happier, healthier existence.

**Fri, Apr 18, GOOD FRIDAY: NO MEETING**

**Wed, Apr 23, 7:00 pm: **Speaker Night — see above article.

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**St. Thomas the Apostle Jobs Ministry**

**April Keynote Speaker**

**Wednesday, Apr 23, 7:00 p.m.**

"6 Secrets to a More Powerful YOU!"

**Interactive Workshop - Kathy Regganie**

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**THE WEEK AHEAD...**

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<td>Youth Choir, Church</td>
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<td>Knights of Columbus, Senior Center</td>
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<td>Transitional Housing, Cana</td>
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<td>Care Pantry &amp; Blood Pressure Screening, Gym</td>
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<td>Voices of Faith, Church</td>
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<td>Adult Confirmation Prep, Rectory Basement</td>
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**Thursday, Apr 17**

**Holy Thursday**

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<td>10:00am-12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Prayer Shawl Ministry, Cana</td>
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**Friday, Apr 18**

**Good Friday**

**All Offices Closed**

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<td>Jobs Ministry, Gym</td>
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<td>Stations of the Cross, Church</td>
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<td>Men’s Saturday Sharing, Cana</td>
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<td>8:30—11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Ensemble Rehearsal, Lighthouse</td>
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**Sunday, Apr 20**

**Easter Sunday**

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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 <rhronek@sbcglobal.net>, or Ben Willingham <Benwillingham11@gmail.com> for more info.

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